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## Air Force Security Force keeps IZ safe and secure

by Capt. Geoff Legler, JASG-C Office of Public Affairs

In a combat zone, such as Baghdad, Iraq, all branches of the U.S. military are expected to contribute to the war fight and give 100 percent day in and day out. The men and women of the Joint Area Support Group-Central's Detachment 4, 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, are no different. But what is different about these intrepid war fighters is their role as the police force for Baghdad's International Zone.

The 732nd, locally known as the IZ Police, is comprised of nearly 50 U.S. Air Force Security Force Airmen. The Airmen, ranging in age from 18 to nearly 40, are responsible for the safety and security of more than 30,000 people who live and work in the five square kilometer zone.

Many of their duties, such as traffic law enforcement and criminal investigation, mirror those of police officers in the States. But, other duties like responding to rocket impact sites and arresting

Much of this time is spent conducting presence patrols, which entails driving the streets of the IZ to let both friend and foe know that the police are never far away. They also perform foot patrols

the local population and occasionally play a little soccer with the neighborhood children.

The IZ Police saw a dramatic upturn in their workload beginning on Easter Sunday when insurgent elements in Sadr City began firing rockets at the IZ. The attacks continued unabated for more than six weeks. After each of the attacks, members of the IZ Police responded to the points of impact to assess damage and insure that there were no casualties.

"Some people think we're nuts, which I guess in some sense we are, but when the C-RAM alarm goes off we hit a duck and cover bunker and once the explosions stop we are back in our vehicles and off again," said Lt. Col. Paul Cairney, of Colorado

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Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs

**Airman 1st Class Joseph Donahue (left) and Airman 1st Class Brian Baird (right) question a driver at a traffic control point in the IZ.**

suspected terrorists are not seen as typical police activities back home.

Detachment 4's Airmen patrol the IZ 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

in some of the IZ's apartment complexes. This work is very rewarding for many of the Airmen as it gives them the opportunity to interact with

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BRIGADIER GENERAL

# ★ MYLES L. DEERING ★

Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Memorial Day here in the IZ. The great magnitude of the day seemed even greater as we paid tribute to the sacrifices of our fellow countrymen from right here in Baghdad. As we took a break from our normal duties in the



mission. Thank you to all who were involved with the ceremony. It was perfect!

As the days, weeks and months keep rolling by in Iraq, I want each of you to do a personal inventory of what it is you have left to do. My question to you is, “how

difference doesn’t require that you have high rank, the most prestigious job or receive overwhelming media attention for your actions. Instead, it simply requires you to look for opportunities around you. This can be something as simple as handing out candy or toys to children or learning a few more words in Arabic in order to better communicate with the Iraqi people. Overall, this may require more effort on your part, but the result of your actions will be a positive lasting impact on the people you have influenced and a sense of personal accomplishment.

Thanks for all of your efforts to the JASG, and continue to stay focused on the mission at hand. Always Forward!

“ALWAYS FORWARD”  
BG Myles L. Deering

are you going to leave your indelible mark on this country or its citizens?” Each of you has an awesome responsibility and that responsibility comes with an important benefit. That benefit is the ability to accomplish something that will have a lasting impact on those you choose to influence through your work or through your life.

Regardless of your rank or job here, you have the ability to accomplish great things. Making a positive

Here we are one more month into our mission. I would first like to thank all of you for the outstanding job you did last month. A Command Sergeant Major couldn’t ask for a better group of warriors.



I would just like to encourage you to keep up the fight, stay hydrated and stay positive.

You are getting better all the time, as you learn your jobs and incorporate your own personal ideas and ingenuity. I am confident that we are going to leave Iraq a

an extremely diverse culture, do not forget the power of networking and relationships.

Again, it is only going to get hotter and more uncomfortable. Therefore, before you begin to take your frustrations out on your fellow warriors or other coalition allies remember that you may need them in your fox hole someday.

“ALWAYS FORWARD”  
CSM J. Dean Bridges

Now, I know summer has come into full swing, and it’s only going to get more and more uncomfortable. Therefore,

better place than we found it. Also, since you are living and working in

The Command Sergeant Major

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR



# DEAN BRIDGES





# CHAPLAIN (COLONEL) JACK BYAS



How important are the things we do for other people? We may think, what we do is so small and unimportant. Truth is, we may never fully know how much of an impact we have on the lives of people.

There is a story of a young salesman who was down on his luck. He had no money left and was about to give up. He was so hungry, he thought at the next house he would ask for a meal. He rang the doorbell and a beautiful young girl answered the door. The salesman was so shy that he could only ask for a drink of



water. The girl thought he looked hungry and so when he asked for a glass of water, she came back with a glass of milk.

He drank the milk slowly and when finished he thanked her and left. His faith in God and man was made stronger by this kindness. Years passed and the young woman became critically ill.

The disease baffled the local doctors. She was sent to the city to see some specialist. One of the doctors heard her name mentioned and took a personal interest in the case. He did everything that he could to help

her. Finally, she was better and was able to go home. As she dressed to go home she worried about the bill. How was she going to be able to pay for the doctors and the hospital?

The doctor who had taken an interest in her case asked that the bill come to him before she received it. When she received the bill she opened it slowly. To her surprise she found the words "paid in full with a glass of milk." The young man she had given the milk to had become a great doctor. She had forgotten him but he had never forgotten her and her kindness.

We may forget what we do for people but they will never forget an act of kindness that we do for them.

## Worship and Bible study times and locations

### Protestant Worship Schedule

**Sunday**  
1030

General Christian Worship

1815  
Contemporary  
Protestant Worship

### Ecumenical Worship Schedule

**Friday**  
1830  
Jewish Shabbat

**Saturday**  
1000  
Orthodox Worship Service

**Sunday**  
1200

Episcopal/Lutheran/Anglican

1400  
Latter Day Saints

2000  
Spanish Latter Day Saints  
@ Chapel Annex

2000  
Church of Christ  
@ Embassy RM# S-214B

### Bible Study Opportunities

**Monday**  
1930  
Women's Bible Study @  
Embassy Annex RM# S-214B

**Tuesday**  
2015

Topical Bible Study  
@ Embassy Annex Chapel

**Wednesday**  
2000  
Bible Study  
@ Embassy RM# S-111

**Thursday**  
1900  
Men's Fellowship  
@ Embassy RM# M-109

**Friday**  
1730  
Topical Bible Study  
@ Embassy RM# M-109





# Coalition members assemble donated wheelchairs for Iraqis

by Lt. Col. Rhonda McGuire, JASG-C Office of Public Affairs

‘Transforming lives through the gift of mobility’ runs across the website of the Free Wheel Chair Mission. Joint Area Support Group service members and coalition members volunteered to assist the National Iraqi Assistance Center (NIAC) with assembly of over 100 wheelchairs. The donated wheelchairs will be given to a waiting list of Iraqis from around the country. “We have a waiting list of over 100 patients who have filled out the paperwork – many have cerebral palsy, downs syndrome or are paraplegics,” said CJ Jessup, deputy director of NIAC.

The wheelchairs use a lawn chair and mountain bike wheels as part of the design. The design’s approach was to use components that are manufactured in high volume for other products. The wheelchairs are shipped in kits and can be as-

sembled in any country by someone with little training. The directions use pictures so people who cannot read English can easily assemble them.

“It is great to be a part of something that will directly impact someone’s life,” said Lt.Col. Rhonda McGuire, JASG. Over 326,000 wheelchairs have been distributed to date around the world. Each chair costs roughly \$50 dollars to produce.

“It was quite a different experience putting these wheelchairs together. It really tried my mechanical abilities. But it was worth it for the cause of helping people,” said Spec. Leslie Goble.

The NIAC is located in the International Zone next to the Al-Rasheed Hotel. NIAC provides five main services to local Iraqis: medical treatment coordination, employment, coordination with non-govern-



Photo by Spc. Leslie Goble, JASG-C Public Affairs

Members of several coalition forces stationed within the International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq, pose behind wheelchairs they had assembled. They came together on May 23, to assemble the wheelchairs for Iraqis who do not otherwise have access to them.

mental organizations who donate supplies, compensation assistance for loss or damage and detainee information for family members detained by Coalition Forces. The office works with international organizations and government agencies worldwide to coordinate desperately needed medical treatment. In the past year the staff has enabled many patients to receive life-saving and life-changing procedures. “There are 51 children receiving medical care around the world in countries like Turkey, Holland, Netherlands, and Italy and all over the United States,” said CJ Jessup. Commander Jessup has sent out 216 children during his deployment in Iraq.



Photo by Spc. Leslie Goble, JASG Public Affairs

Volunteers spent most of the day assembling the wheelchair kits which were designed to be inexpensive to produce, while being durable and functional on Iraqi streets and sidewalks.

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# Gulf Region Division conducts mass casualty exercise

A real world explosion helped kick off a Mass Casualty Exercise at FOB Freedom compound. The unidentified explosion sent personnel scurrying into a dining facility. Explosions are a part of daily life in the International Zone. Beyond normal chaos one can expect fires, wounded bodies and damage throughout a compound. Conducting mass casualty exercises occurs several

times a year to prepare first responders and volunteers to act quickly and efficiently to save lives.

"The situation simulated the dining facility being hit by a rocket," said Lt. Col. Steven Chambers, officer in charge for the event. The effort involved 20 volunteer responders, Aegis Security Company, civilians and joint service members. Several civilians also role-played casualties with various types of injuries. Each role-player carried a laminated photo of an injury; the guard force determined immediate needs with the injured, assessed damage and reported the situation for the exercise.

Role players and first responders were evaluated with a



*Photo by Sgt Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs*

**Chief Master Sgt. Michael Berg is assessed by an AEGIS security officer during the mass casualty exercise. These types of exercises help prepare both the Servicemembers and the emergency responders for real world situations.**

checklist of items. The key players were security contractors from Aegis Defense Services Ltd. Mick Regan, Deputy Guard has more than 22 years experience with the British Infantry. "We work with the four C's – confirm, clear, cordon and control," said Regan. The British based company brings

stretchers and first aid kits which are inspected on a regular basis. Litter teams are pre-identified in the compound and all personnel receive the same medical treatment and privileges. Many military service members are also trained in first aid and as combat life savers.

Six weeks of planning went into the MASCAL event for the compound. Capt. Danny Golden, Freedom Compound mayor, worked as an observer controller for the exercise. Golden, a Desert Storm veteran, says, "We now depend upon contractors to provide a service, such as first responders. Although many of us are trained in first aid, we need to keep practicing these skills in a joint environment."



*Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs*

**Members of the British security firm AEGIS (far right) prepare to assess casualties during the MASCAL exercise. The "casualties" act as if they are injured and hold pictures of their notional wounds.**





# Thunderbird Soldier is nationally ranked fighter

by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG-C Office of Public Affairs

The 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team has many talented Soldiers with diverse backgrounds. Among those Soldiers is one exceptionally gifted in modern Army combatives who hopes to one day fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship, better known as the UFC.

Sgt. Robert Pineiro, of Chouteau, Okla., was introduced to defensive tactics by a fellow Thunderbird during his first tour to Iraq in 2004. During that deployment, he was with Headquarters Company, 120th Engineers, Oklahoma Army National Guard, as a signal support system specialist. Pineiro says "I started training in Iraq and I fell in love with the sport, it really is easy to learn, anyone can do it." Pineiro began his training by practicing three to four hours a night for three months. He is such a good fighter that he was recently featured on the Military Channel

in a program highlighting modern Army combatives.

As he continued to make improvements and developed his fighting skills he began to look for a new gym. "I was looking for a place I could learn." He finally made his decision to train with Tulsa's Top Team owned

by Josh Clopton. "If you want to get better you train with people better than you." Before his first fight he trained for six months with Matt Wiman an Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter.

Pineiro's first professional fight ended in 20 seconds when he dislocated his opponent's shoulder as he slammed him to the mat. Pineiro says "I have such great corner guys all experienced in fighting, they calmed me down and I was ready to go." In professional mixed martial arts competition Pineiro has three wins and zero losses.

Pineiro decided to participate in the Modern Army Combatives course held at the Oklahoma National Guard's Regional Training Institute in Oklahoma City. He excelled in his training finishing the course as a level two honor graduate. His military instructor told him about a tournament held at Ft. Benning, GA. The fighters in the compe-



Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs

**Sgt. Robert Pineiro grapples with a fellow Soldier during a mixed martial arts class. Pineiro is currently ranked fourth in the world in Army combatives.**

tition included active duty, reserve and National Guard Soldiers. Pineiro and his instructor decided to organize a team and compete.

When Pineiro arrived at the competition he had seven fights in a two day period. Pineiro says "It was an extremely good experience; I had a lot of fun there." Pineiro finished fourth in his weight class. The Soldier who defeated him actually did so twice during the tournament. "He was a great fighter but I honestly think I can beat the guy, it just wasn't my day," said Pineiro.

Pineiro is currently deployed to the International Zone in Baghdad, Iraq, with Headquarters Company, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma Army National Guard, as a member of Brig. Gen. Myles Deering's personal security detail. In the evenings, while off duty, he is the instructor of a mixed martial arts class four days a week and participates in a Muay Thai class three nights a week. Pineiro says "I get better everyday." For anyone thinking of facing him in the ring that is cause for concern.



Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs

**Sgt. Robert Pineiro instructs two fellow Service-members in proper Army combatives techniques during a mixed martial arts class in the IZ.**



# JASG-C commemorates Memorial Day, pays tribute to fallen

by Spc. Leslie Goble, JASG-C Office of Public Affairs

On May 26, 2008, Americans fired up grills, watched the Indy 500 and went to lakes everywhere. But in the U.S. Embassy annex, Baghdad, Iraq, the day served as a reminder of all the thousands of American Servicemembers who have lost their lives serving our country in battle.

Over the years it seems that Memorial Day has lost its meaning. This day is meant to remember those who died defending our freedoms; for many Americans it is simply a day to have a barbecue or go to the lake and party.

Memorial Day should be a day for all Americans to reflect on the sacrifices of those who came before us and gave their lives so that we might live free. Here is a brief Memorial Day history lesson.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day and was a day to decorate the graves of the fallen Soldiers of the Civil War. The first Decoration Day was held on May 5, 1868, and was organized by the head of an organization of Union veterans known as the

Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

During the first celebration of Decoration Day a speech was given at Arlington National Cemetery by General James Garfield, after which 5,000 volunteers helped decorate more than 20,000 graves of Soldiers who lost their lives during the civil war.

Decoration Day was first recognized as Memorial Day in 1966. In 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday and has been celebrated on the last Monday in May ever since.

This Memorial Day the Joint Area Support Group-Central held a memorial ceremony on the front lawn of the Embassy annex.

The ceremony began with the presentation of colors and the singing of the National Anthem by Capt. Jeremy Bolyard.

"I think Capt. Bolyard's singing was beautiful," said Spc. Shea Weise.

Following the singing of the National Anthem, Chaplain (Col.) Jackie Byas led the assembled Servicemembers and civilians in an opening prayer.

The first speaker was U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker.



Photo by Capt. Geoff Legler, JASG Public Affairs  
Maj. Gen. Mark Zamzow, deputy director of Strategic Effects for Multi-National Forces-Iraq, addresses the assembled guests at the Memorial Day ceremony.

er. Crocker began his speech with a short list of normal Memorial Day activities back in the States. Then on a more serious note Crocker talked about what our Armed Forces are enduring in Iraq and Afghanistan on a daily basis in order to keep Americans safe. Crocker said, "They celebrate the benefits of freedom – here we mark the cost of freedom."

As he spoke with solemn grace, Crocker talked about the sacrifices that Servicemembers are making every day here in Iraq. It is not in vain though; Iraq is becoming freer every day.

Crocker said, "We are a nation

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Photo by Capt. Geoff Legler, JASG Public Affairs  
U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Ryan Crocker, speaks about the value and cost of freedom and how Americans are willing to give their lives to protect it.





## IZ Police

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Springs, Colo., commander of Detachment 4. “We can’t wait for the all clear because for all we know somebody is injured and we need to get out to them as quickly as possible.”

During the increased rocket attacks every member of the IZ Police was out investigating rocket impact sites and conducting patrols to include their personnel specialist, Tech Sgt. Misty Kilgore.

Before arriving in Iraq, Kilgore, of Ohatchee, Ala., participated in the 21 day post-mobilization security force training block with many of the Security Force Airmen she is serving with here. She also took part in combat lifesaver training.

After the attacks began, Kilgore told her commander, Lt. Col. Cairney, that she wanted to go out and help the Security Force Airmen in whatever way she could. Since she had successfully completed the post-mobilization training and the combat lifesaver course, Cairney agreed to let her go out.

On one occasion, Kilgore and several IZ Police officers responded to a report of an enemy spotter in one of the buildings in the IZ. Kilgore and the officers entered the building and began clearing it room by room. After an extensive search they came up empty handed, but it was still an exhilarating experience for Kilgore.

“To have the opportunity gear up and be a part of the team was absolutely phenomenal for me and I was very thankful and honored that they trusted me enough to take me into the building with them,” said Kilgore.

Although, the Security Force has a large number of experienced NCOs

and Officers, many of their Airmen are young and relatively inexperienced.

The Security Force’s Non-commission Officer in Charge, Senior Master Sgt. Clayton Christiansen, of Osage, Iowa, recognized and addressed this issue during their post-mobilization training period.



Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs  
**Amn. Ryan Doyle hands out candy to Iraqi children near the 215 apartments.**

“I told the young Airmen, many of whom have less than a year in the Air Force, to listen to the experience that is here within the NCO corps,” said Christiansen. He knew the NCOs would teach the younger Airman what they needed to know to do the job and get back home safely.

Christiansen did not view the young Airmen’s inexperience as being a completely bad thing however. Because of their lack of experience he and his NCOs had an opportunity to shape the Airman the way they wanted.

“The appeal of having a young team is that they adapt quickly,

their minds are just taking in everything. We give them the training, but when they are out there they are making their own decisions,” said Christiansen.

Another problem faced by the IZ Police is the lack of EMT and fire/rescue support in the IZ. Because of this, Security Force personnel are often the first and only responders to traffic accidents and rocket impact sites. It is not uncommon for them to find people with serious injuries needing immediate care.

“We participated in the Army’s combat lifesaver course when we first got here and that was one of the best things we have done. Almost every one of our people has had to patch up somebody else,” said Cairney.

Shortly after arriving in the IZ, Airman 1st Class Joseph Donahue, of Charlestown, Ind., and his partner, Airman 1st Class Durwood Cates, of Waco, Texas, had their first opportunity to use their combat lifesaver skills. The Airmen responded to a report of an accidental shooting. Once on the scene, they realized that an Iraqi civilian had accidentally shot himself in the leg.

“We pulled the man from his car and immediately applied a tourniquet to his leg,” said Donahue. “We then removed his pants and looked for secondary wounds, bandaged him up and started an IV.” Thanks to their combat lifesaver training, the man survived his injury.

Several months later, Airman 1st Class Brian Baird, of Showlow, Ariz., responded to a rocket impact site with several other Security Force Airmen. As they looked for injured persons, Baird found a British Soldier with a deep cut on the

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# Lieutenant Brent Weece

by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG-C Office of Public Affairs



If you have spent any time in the Joint Area Support Group-Central you know that humor is a necessity in the office. The Command Directorate has its own comic relief officer in 1st Lt. Brent Weece. He is very good at keeping the laughs coming with his highly comedic sense of humor and endless references to “The Office”, a television show on NBC starring Steve Carrel as Michael Scott.

“I really look up to Michael; I try to model my own leadership style after his,” Weece says jokingly,

Keeping morale high in the workplace isn’t the only area in which Weece excels. He is also on top of his game as the Aide-de-Camp for Brig. Gen. Myles Deering, commander of the JASG-C.

As the Aide-de-Camp, Weece is responsible for scheduling all activities, meetings and transportation for Deering. He works diligently behind the scenes to insure that the day to day operations of the JASG-C and its leader are on time and on target. When asked about his recent success Weece says wittily, “We haven’t lost any of his (Deering’s) socks or T-shirts yet.”

Weece completed his first two

years of college in his hometown of Miami, Okla., at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. After finishing his sophomore year he transferred to Oklahoma State University in 2003.

While at OSU Weece joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps, or ROTC, and immediately showed an aptitude for leadership. He graduated from OSU in 2005 with a Bachelors



Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs

Degree in Marketing and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Weece has two older brothers and an older sister. Both of his brothers are also Army officers. Weece says, “My most gratifying moment in the military was when my brother, Capt. Adam Weece, administered my oath of office while he was serving in Iraq via video chat from Logistical Support Area (LSA) Anaconda.”

After graduation and receiving his commission, Weece was assigned

to Troop E, 145th Cavalry, 45th Infantry Brigade, as a Scout Platoon Leader.

During his free time, Weece enjoys reading about military history and watching his favorite TV series on DVD. “Most of my free time lately has been spent watching M\*A\*S\*H with my roommate. We just finished up season four; I hated to see Henry Blake go.” He also spends a great deal of his time finishing up his nine remaining hours of graduate school to receive his Master’s degree in Business Administration.

Weece enjoys traveling and has visited 17 countries in South America and Europe in the past 14 years. While on leave he and his wife, Emily, are planning to meet in Germany for a two week vacation.

All joking aside, it is no coincidence Weece was selected to be the Aide-de-Camp. He distinguished himself as a Scout Platoon Leader and is extremely proficient at his current job. He is a valued asset to the JASG-C and the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. We can all count on the leadership and professionalism displayed by this Soldier you should know.

## Memorial Day

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of values and no value is higher than the value of freedom and we are ready as Americans to sacrifice our lives for that value not only for ourselves but for others around the world.” After Crocker made his closing comments, the second and final speaker, Maj. Gen. Mark Zamzow, was introduced to the audience.

Zamzow is the deputy director of Strategic Effects for Multi-National Forces-Iraq. During his address, Zamzow commented on the rich heritage of the American military saying, “This generation of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen follow an unbroken line of good, courageous and unfaltering heroes who have never let our country down.”

“We remember our fallen with

dignity and the deepest respect, for we know our Nation and indeed the world would be different had it not been for their profound commitment and sacrifice,” said Zamzow.

Following Zamzow’s comments, Chaplain Byas closed the ceremony with a final prayer, asking God to watch over the men and women of the Coalition Forces and to return them home safely when their missions are complete.





## Sergeant Jake Turner

by Spc. Leslie Goble, JASG-C Office of Public Affairs



If you don't know Sgt. Jake Turner then you will by the end of this article. He has served in several active duty and National Guard units and is currently assigned to the Joint Area Support Group-Central's Human Resources Management (HRM).

Turner grew up in Holdenville, Okla. He has an older brother, older sister and a twin sister. When he graduated from high school, his brother had already begun college and his twin sister was going to begin in the fall. Turner decided that he did not want to burden his parents with a third child in college and decided to join the U.S. Army to earn money for college. "I didn't want my parents paying for three kids to go to college," Turner said.

In the fall of 1998 Turner left home for basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Knox, Ky.

After graduating from AIT as a Cavalry Scout, Turner was assigned to Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor's, located in Schweinfurt, Germany. His primary duties while assigned to the "Steel Tigers" were as a driver and gunner in a light cavalry platoon. While assigned to the 77th, Turner earned his silver spurs after successfully completing a "spur run" with the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry.

In June of 1999, he deployed with the "Steel Tigers" to Kosovo, in support of Task Force Falcon. Turner and his unit spent the next seven months conducting peace keeping missions throughout the country.

Turner spent two years with the 77th before being reassigned to Headquarters Company, 3rd squad-

ron, 8th Cavalry, at Fort Hood, Texas. While assigned to the 8th Cav, he deployed to Kuwait as a gunner in a light cavalry platoon. Turner served in Kuwait from April through August of 2001 in support of Operation Intrinsic Action.

After the deployment Turner and his unit returned to Fort Hood where he stayed until leaving active duty in March of 2002.



Photo by Spc. Leslie Goble, JASG Public Affairs

Turner decided it was time to pursue his college education. He had heard about the Oklahoma Army National Guard's Tuition Fee Waiver Program and decided to join the National Guard and attend Northeastern State University. He spent the next two years in Tahlequah, Okla., majoring in Business and participated in the Reserve Officer Training Program (ROTC) program at Northeastern State.

Upon entering the Oklahoma Army National Guard, Turner was assigned as an administrative clerk at Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) in Oklahoma City. He served at JFHQ until September of 2007 when he was mobilized with Headquarters Company, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) in

support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Turner is currently serving as a Human Resource Specialist with the JASG-C's HRM office. His duties include Officer Evaluation Report (OER) Manager, Field Ordering Official (FOO) and official mail certifying authority. He also tracks the strength and accountability of the unit through a daily Joint Personnel Status Report (JPERSTAT).

Back home in Oklahoma, Turner has been an Oil and Gas Landman for Jackfork Land, Inc. since May of 2004. Turner's job requires him to travel to various court houses in Oklahoma and Arkansas to verify who owns the mineral rights to land being surveyed for development.

In his spare time Turner likes to hit the greens at the golf course or go hunting and fishing. He is known as an outstanding hunter back in Holdenville. He once killed a buck that was later referred to by the locals as, "The things legends are made of." He also enjoys hog hunting with his friends in eastern Hughes County.

Turner is also an avid sports fan. His favorite sport is football and his favorite football team is the University of Oklahoma. He goes to nearly every home game and has attended several OU-Texas games. "It's the biggest rivalry in college football," said Turner.

Once Turner returns home he will have plenty of time to look for more even legendary bucks and cheer his favorite football team on to victory. But, until then he will continue doing his job in the HRM office and he will continue to be a Soldier you should know.





# Security Integration Office balances security with access

by Maj. Doug Merritt, JASG-C Security Integration Office

Convenience versus security. That is the most common issue that the Joint Area Support Group-Central's Security Directorate has to face on a daily basis. For this task, the security directorate turns to their security integration office, which is tasked with balancing the existing policies, security requirements, tactical and strategic operational needs for access within the IZ against the access needs of the Government of Iraq, MNF-I, MNSTC-I, and Chief of Mission. In short, we work within the gray areas to resolve conflict between the established rules and procedures and the needs of specific missions within the IZ.

We all have experienced the frustrating delays, checks and more checks when transitioning through the IZ. We in the Security integration office take it as a complement that our tenants feel secure enough to complain about the inconvenience of our security measures. Security Integration is a zero defect job. One mistake is all it takes for the enemy to take advantage and cause considerable harm.

The security integration office has operational control over a large portion of the Triple Canopy Peruvian guard force within the IZ. This guard force has repeatedly demonstrated their professionalism and dedication to our tenants. During the recent rocket attacks, each day the Peruvians (the "Amigos") stood their posts without fail and made sure that security never faltered in any way.

Each time you pass one of these guards, I ask that you keep in mind they have demonstrated their dedi-

cation to our security under hazardous and arduous conditions and are a long way from their families as well. They diligently execute the orders of the JASG-C Commander and the Chief of Mission regarding access to our sites. One guard recently saved a civilian contractor from drowning in the pool by diving in fully equipped and pulling him to safety. This is not an unusual occurrence. On more than one occasion during the recent rocket attacks, the guards physically covered both Soldiers and civilians with their own bodies to protect them. These facts are something I encourage all of us to consider the next time we are frustrated with the guards because we are trying to get someone into the Embassy or onto one of the FOBs and the Amigos are holding us to the security policies that they have been ordered to follow. Personal inconvenience is never a valid reason to justify lowering the security for everyone else who lives within the IZ.

Since the 45th's arrival in the IZ in February, we have worked with the Department of State Regional Security Office in the management of this guard force. By working closely together we have been able to ensure that during multiple VIP visits the Security Directorate ensured the safe transition of those VIP's throughout the IZ. We have had the privilege of protecting the Vice President, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, Senator John McCain, the Chief and Deputy Chief of Mission for Iraq, the leadership of Coalition Forces, along with leaders from various countries

allied with and including our Iraqi partners. We oversaw the security for multiple events at the historic Al-Rasheed hotel that have had as many as 3,000 visitors per day.

Sgt. William West is the Security Integration Operations NCO. He has been a very integral part of the load testing and repair of the famous 14th of July Bridge. He made sure that the Iraqi Engineers from Baghdad University were able to get into the IZ without issue and personally oversaw the load test on the bridge. He again oversaw the repairs that were just completed. Almost daily he directly coordinates with the guard force at the Council of Representatives to personally make sure that security at the COR remains as proactive as is possible. When there has been a conflict at a checkpoint, West has been very responsive at resolving the conflict and ensuring that the JASG-C Commander's command policies are adhered to by IZ occupants.

Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Rogers is the Security Integrations Weapons Policy NCO. Rogers has implemented a robust weapons inspection program focused upon removing unlawful weapons and explosives from the IZ. His job is to inspect and verify that every contractor within the IZ that keeps an arms room is in compliance at all times with MNF-I orders. During his first 30 days as the Weapons Policy NCO, Rogers led an investigation regarding illegal arming by a contractor that resulted in the seizure of 80 illegal weapons and one grenade within the IZ. These policies have been the subject

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# JASG-C working with Iraqi officials to demolish buildings

by Lt. Col. Rhonda McGuire, JASG-C Office of Public Affairs

Members of the Joint Area Support Group-Central (JASG-C) are seeking Government of Iraq (GoI) approval of demolition projects in the International Zone. There are many properties that are unusable in their current state. One has only to walk around the International Zone to see the large number of bombed out buildings. Not only are these buildings environmentally and structurally unsafe, but they also pose a significant health hazard to anyone who works or lives in them for a long period of time.

The JASG-C installations team has presented a demolition plan to the Government of Iraq that will provide immediate employment for 1,000 local Iraqis. Once complete, these demolition projects will create safe, usable land that is ready for future development by Iraqis and their business partners.

Land is at a premium in Baghdad and property values continue to climb. The Government of Iraq and the U.S. must agree on a joint plan. "We must listen to what the Iraqis want and encourage them to take ownership and get something done," said Capt. Roy Banes, Director of Real Property.

Funding of the demolition projects is currently being worked out. American and Iraqi officials are



Photo by Lt. Col. Rhonda McGuire, JASG Public Affairs  
**Maj. Kris Evans and Capt. Wes Glisson stand in the bomb damaged former Baathist Party headquarters building in the International Zone. The two are part of Basing and Urban Planning for the IZ. The servicemembers are part of the JASG-C team that is working with the Government of Iraq on demolition of IZ properties.**

working together to reach an agreement. "It is not legal for the military to fund because no military construction will take place," said Lt.Col. Louis Gibson, Basing Plans Officer. The projects do not fill any Department of Defense or Department of State initiatives.

The government of Iraq has indicated that they may want to preserve some of the palaces and government

building which were bombed during the U.S. invasion.

"We want to preserve architectural symbols in Iraq such as the Zakura building on FOB Honor; it may be the next office of the Prime Minister and the buildings next to it for the Council of Ministers," said Dr. Mawafek Al-Kurmanji, director of Real Estate for the Government of Iraq. Preserving buildings in the International Zone is important to Iraqis. "We will take the

professors and Baghdad University and their advice about what should happen to buildings," said Iraqi civil engineer Al- Hussain, who deals with ownership of land in the International Zone.

In March the GoI was presented with the Master Plan for the International Zone. The Secretary General of the GoI took a helicopter tour of the IZ properties scheduled for demolition to view structural

damage. The Iraqis want to use much of the International Zone Consolidation Master Plan which includes designs, hotels, malls, hospitals and tourism on the river, stated Al-Kurmanji.

"It is necessary to have Americans by our side for buildings, design and security. Iraqi officials would like help in development, American

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Photo by Lt. Col. Rhonda McGuire, JASG Public Affairs  
**Capt. Terry Hale and 1st Lt. Jared Mock stand beside environmental waste in the International Zone. Hale conducts baseline environmental surveys on all properties in the IZ.**



# Border crossing made easier with new passport card

by Staff Sgt. Doug Collins, JASG-C Office of the Judge Advocate General

The U.S. Department of State has created a new travel document called the "Passport Card." The card will facilitate entry and expedite document processing at U.S. land and sea ports-of-entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. The card may not be used to travel by air. It will otherwise carry the rights and privileges of the U.S. Passport book and will be adjudicated to the exact same standards.

The passport card is a wallet-sized card issued by the Department of State in response to the needs of communities for a less expensive and more portable alternative to the traditional passport book.

The card contains a vicinity-read radio frequency identification (RFID) chip. With this technology, Customs and Border Protection inspectors will be able to access photographs and other biographical information stored in secure government databases before the traveler reaches the inspection station.

The card itself does not contain personal information written into the chip. The RFID chip allows Customs and Border Patrol officers,

in advance of the traveler's arrival at the inspection booth, to quickly access information on the traveler without impeding traffic flow.



In addition, they foresee that multiple cards can be read at a distance and simultaneously, allowing an entire car of people to be processed at once.

If you already have a passport book, then you may apply for a passport card as a renewal using

Form DS-82. First time applicants for a U.S. Passport should apply for a passport card using Form DS-11. The website listed below has internet links to each form and the availability of a Form Wizard in order to assist in completing the forms. Renewals are \$20 and first time applicants should plan to pay \$45 for adult cards and \$35 for children.

Applications for the passport card using Form DS-11 should include two photos, evidence of citizenship, the application fee for the passport card and the execution fee. Applicants for the passport card using Form DS-82 should include two photos, a fully valid passport issued within the last fifteen years and the passport card application fee.

Should service members need their signature notarized on either form, they may bring the completed form to the JASG-C Legal Office during working hours. Remember that the forms cannot be signed ahead of time. You must wait and sign the form in the presence of the notary.

The information provided above was obtained from the Bureau of Consular Affairs. If you would like to obtain additional information please check out the following webpage: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt\\_card/ppt\\_card\\_3926.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt_card/ppt_card_3926.html)



# Freedom Compound offers great shopping and food

by Capt. Danny E. Golden, Jr., Freedom Compound Mayoral Cell

Freedom Compound is one of the five International Zone FOBs managed by the Joint Area Support Group-Central. It provides workspace and living quarters for over 1,200 personnel and is managed by Capt. Danny E. Golden, Jr. and Command Sergeant Major Clinton Sturdevant, III.



Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs  
**The coffee shop at Freedom Compound offers a variety of coffees, teas, juices and pastries.**

The Mayoral Cell at Freedom Compound interacts with a huge customer base and a variety of organizations. These organizations include Gulf Regional Division (GRD), Energy Fusion Cell (EFC), Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Finance, National Investment Com-

mission (NIC) to name a few. The FOB also supports a large number of contractors to include AEGIS, FLUOR and Stanley Baker Hill. The Mayoral Cell focus on customer service and creating positive relationship with these organizations in order to accomplish their missions.

The Freedom Compound Mayor Cell team helps tenants and organization on the FOB with processing compound badges; tower, villa and billeting serviceability oversight; interaction with program managers; administrating contracting officer; assuaging customer complaints; facilitating meetings; negotiating occupancy requirements; strategic planning and implementation; force protection evaluation; and representing the United States Army.

Freedom Compound also sponsors various vendors on the compound. These vendors sell a wide range of goods to include rugs, souvenirs, food and coffee. In the last month the Freedom Compound Coffee shop opened. This coffee shop sells a wide variety of beverages

and pastries. There is also a new rug shop specializing in handmade Qum silk rugs. The recently opened Iraqi cafeteria is a great place to eat lunch and sample some delicious local cuisine.

The Iraqi cafeteria is host to a painting of the 99 names of God.



Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs  
**The 99 names of God are displayed on the wall of the Iraqi Cafe at Freedom Compound.**

It was said to be a gift to Saddam Hussein and is predominately featured in the cafeteria.

If you have some free time, stop by Freedom Compound and visit our shops and eateries . . . you won't be sorry you did.

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right side of his face from his temple to the middle of his cheek.

"I grabbed a bottle of water, poured it on his face to clean the area and packed the wound," said Baird. "I got the bleeding stopped and bandaged him up for transport to the hospital."

The current security force, which arrived in Baghdad in late January, will complete their six month tour in July. Once their deployment is over

they will redeploy to their home bases and resume their duties securing U.S. Air Force bases around the world.

Most of the Airmen in the Security Force detachment will never have another experience like they have had here in Baghdad.

"When we go back to our home bases, we will be just another Airman guarding a gate and that is going to be a big change from saving lives and kicking down doors," said Baird.





# Fleet Management keeps the JASG-C on the road

by Spc. Leslie Goble, JASG-C Office of Public Affairs

The Support Operations Directorate is responsible for a wide range of activities in the International Zone. They oversee billeting, manage five FOBS and take care of the computer needs for nearly 200 Servicemembers. But, one of their most critical functions is oversight of the up-armored and non-tactical vehicle fleet for the JASG-C and the Department of State through the Fleet Management Office.

The fleet management team is made up of Sgt. Jason Foster, of Tulsa; Staff Sgt. Derrick Clayton, of Sapulpa, Okla.; and Master Sgt. Tony Chappell, of Del City. These three men are in charge of the up keep and accountability of more than 440 vehicles.

They must ensure the readiness of the JASG-C's vehicles, to include those used by the International Zone (IZ) Police and by the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and his subordinates.

In order to keep on top of the accountability and maintenance of all the vehicles, each non-tactical vehicle must be brought to the fleet management office once a month to be inspected and re-dispatched for the next month. Up-armored vehicles have to be inspected and re-dispatched twice a month because of the additional strain the armor plating and bullet proof windows put on the chassis, drive train and suspension.

If a vehicle is a week late for its dispatch or is not driven for several weeks Sgt. Foster must find the vehicle and bring it back to the fleet management area. Due to his duties as a reposessor; Foster's is known as

the "Repo Man".

"If a vehicle is over a week late, I have to find it and make sure it is still in the area," said Foster. "A missing vehicle may lead to security problems."

Usually it takes Foster less than a day to locate a vehicle in the four square mile IZ, but occasionally it may take him two to three days.

In addition to repossessing vehicles, Foster is also charged with ensuring that the transportation needs of the Ambassador and his staff are met. To accomplish this task he must review

depending on the mission requirements for a particular vehicle.

The Director of Fleet Management for KBR is Master Sgt. Chappell. He works to ensure that Foster and Clayton have all the resources they need to do their jobs. Chappell is also the Contractor Officer Training Representative, which requires him to conduct monthly inspections of local fleet maintenance facilities. In a month he completes an average of four inspections.

One location he inspects regularly is the maintenance shop that handles the light vehicle maintenance for vehicles dispatched through the fleet management office. Chappell makes sure the mechanics are following the Statement of Work (SOW) which outlines the maintenance shop's responsibilities. He also makes sure they know what the contracts and policies they work under require of them.

Chappell takes all the information he collects during his shop visits and sends it to the Defense Contracting Management Agency (DCMA). "Basically we are the eyes and ears for the DCMA," said Chappell.

For more than four months, this three man team has done an excellent job managing the JASG-C's vehicle fleet. Maintaining and accounting for vehicles ranging in size from the tiny Nissan Sunny to up-armored SUVs, they have managed to keep the JASG-C, Department of State and the IZ Police on the roads of the IZ. But, they warn you not to be late on a dispatch or you might have to deal with the "Repo Man".



Photo by Sgt. Shawn Riley, JASG Public Affairs  
Staff Sgt. Derrick Clayton, Master Sgt. Tony Chappell and Sgt. Jason Foster (left to right) stand with one of the more than 440 vehicles for which they are responsible.

requests for new or additional vehicles and monitor the dispatch status of all the Chief of Mission vehicles.

Staff Sgt. Clayton's primary duty is to make certain that all parts and accessories purchased for the vehicles are properly paid for and that the government is not price gouged in the process. Clayton, a.k.a. "Money Man", oversees the purchase process of each spark plug, new tire, lamp, etc.

Clayton reviews five to six repair estimates a day and determines the priority in which parts will be ordered

# Pacesetters conduct census at al Qadisiyah apartments

by 1st Lt. Ashlea Cleveland, Task Force 3-29

After the fall of Saddam's regime, many families fled from what has now become the International Zone, but soon returned to their homes after they felt the area was safe. However, there was a group of Iraqis who refused to leave despite life endangerment at the time. They took over the abandoned houses, villas and apartments by force despite never having been residents in the area.

This group of Iraqis, dubbed by Saddam as "al Hawasim" (meaning "looters" or "thieves"), were legally removed from the properties during the initial phases of the 2003 IZ rebuilding projects, allowing the original residents to return peacefully to begin rebuilding their lives from the rubble and dust ridden floors of their homes.

One of the most infamous of these villas taken by force after the fall of Saddam is the al Qadisiyah, better known as the "215 Apartments" located in the heart of the IZ, Baghdad.

The al Qadisiyah complex has 750 apartments with nearly just as many families residing there with their children who are distributed amongst seven different schools throughout and surrounding the IZ.

The complex houses a health clinic, markets and shops for food, clothes, electronic materials, hairdressers and barbers, bakeries, cafes and restaurants. It provides the residents all of life's essential amenities, preventing them from having to go outside the International Zone.

As Soldiers from Battery A, Task Force 3-29 enter the complex to



Photo provided by Task Force 3-29  
**Pvt. David Jones interacts with some of the children that live in the 215 Apartment complex during a population census mission conducted at the end of May.**

conduct a population census in the residential area of Qadisiyah, Iraqi children playing in the courtyards are automatically drawn to the Soldiers like magnets to steel. With a mission to be completed, the Pacesetters take a few minutes to indulge in the much appreciated welcome



Photo provided by Task Force 3-29  
**A Soldier from Battery A is greeted by an Iraqi teenage boy in one of the courtyards within the 215 Apartment complex. Many of the residence of the complex say the presents of the Pacesetters makes them feel safe.**

by the children and then begin their census mission.

When conducting these population censuses, Soldiers go to each of the eight floors of the complex, going apartment to apartment, knocking on doors and asking the residents to show their IZ badges and identification.

Zone residents must carry identification badges on them at all times. Any nonresidents and unescorted personnel are immediately removed. In 2007, escort violations made up the majority of IZ infractions with over 1,350 escort violations being logged during that year alone.

With the majority of the complex's residents being from Iraqi parliament and cabinet (also based in the IZ), the mission of ensuring only authorized personnel live in the apartments becomes an even more essential mission for the Pacesetters and for the security of the growing government of Iraq.

"We are here to ensure the safety of the Iraqi people," says Sgt. 1st Class Craig Collins, Battery A Platoon Sergeant in charge of the 215 complex population census. "Our very presence in 215 is a plus for the residents of the entire IZ seeing as the only markets in the IZ are located in the 215 complex."

How do the 215 residents feel about this census? "The general attitude of the residents' ranges from friendly to indifferent," says Collins. "Most are very friendly and approach Soldiers and some just don't seem to care." All in all, residents appreciate the presence of the Pacesetters, stating that it makes their families feel safe at home.



# Memorial Day 2008



Remembering those who  
gave all for our freedom



ALTHOUGH NO  
SCULPTURED MARBLE  
SHOULD RISE TO THEIR  
MEMORY, NOR ENGRAVED  
STONE BEAR RECORD OF  
THEIR DEEDS, YET WILL  
THEIR REMEMBRANCE BE  
AS LASTING AS THE LAND  
THEY HONORED.  
--- DANIEL WEBSTER



THEY FELL, BUT O ER  
THEIR GLORIOUS GRAVE  
FLOATS FREE THE BANNER  
OF THE CAUSE THEY DIED  
TO SAVE.  
---FRANCIS CRAWFORD



IT DOESN'T TAKE A HERO TO ORDER MEN  
INTO BATTLE. IT TAKES A HERO TO BE ONE  
OF THOSE MEN WHO GOES INTO BATTLE.  
---GEN. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF





## Promotions



2nd Lt. Jared Mock  
Promoted to  
1st Lieutenant



Lt. Col. Paul Cairney  
Bronze Star  
Medal



Tech. Sgt.  
Stephanie Pickering  
Joint Service  
Commendation & Army  
Achievement Medals



Spc. Terrace Rose  
Joint Service  
Achievement Medal



Staff Sgt. John Jensen  
Joint Service  
Commendation Medal



Senior Airman  
Perry Mobley  
Joint Service  
Commendation Medal



Airman 1st Class  
Delroy Wilson  
Army Commendation  
Medal



Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Chevaris Jennett  
Joint Service  
Achievement Medal



Capt. Shane Riley  
Company Grade  
Officer of the Month



Sgt. Shawn Hill  
NCO of the Month



Airman 1st Class  
Kehaulani Hendrickson  
Enlisted Airman  
of the Month



Staff Sgt.  
Stephen Roberts  
NCO of the Quarter



Airman 1st Class  
Durward Cates  
Enlisted Airman  
of the Quarter



Sgt. Mitchell,  
Staff Sgt. Roberts,  
Sgt. Hill, Staff Sgt. Acosta  
Certificates of  
Appreciation





# JASG-C Birthdays March 15th to April 14th

Staff Sgt. Derrick Clayton  
Support Operations  
June 16th

Chief Warrant Office Danny Kendrick  
Support Operations  
June 21st

Lt. Cmdr. Dan Rochford  
Installations  
July 5th

Spc. Phillip Ybarra  
Security  
June 19th

Capt. Teanna Twilley  
IZ Badge Office  
June 29th

Sgt. Michael Foster  
Support Operations  
July 7th

Master Sgt. Paul McElveen  
Human Resource Management  
June 20th

Capt. Billy Allen  
Installations  
June 29th

Staff Sgt. Brian Enright  
Installations  
July 13th

Staff Sgt. Mark Auld  
IZ Badge Office  
June 21st

Staff Sgt. Richard Taylor  
IZ Badge Office  
July 4th

Spc. Jennifer Oliver  
Support Operations/DOIM  
July 13th

## Building Demolition

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counselors are everywhere working side by side with advisors... we need them," said Al-Kurmanji.

In addition to demolition projects; there are significant environmental challenges in the International Zone. "Everything from munitions to trash,

sewage to hazardous materials; these things leave their mark on the country," said Capt. Terry Hale, IZ Environmental Officer. Hale is responsible for document-

ing the environmental problems on each property that will eventually be developed or turned back over to the Government of Iraq.

"The primary goal of transition

of property is to leave it 'clean and green' and in no worse condition than prior to U.S. or Coalition habitation," said Hale.

Many properties have petroleum and hazardous materials spills, asbestos containing material, ozone depleting chemicals and burn pits which must be addressed prior to property

turn over.

Maj. Kris Evans, director of urban planning, has worked on an International Zone infrastructure proposal that would bring community services to the area. The

survey and recommendations include: utilities, electricity, water, sewer and roads for the International Zone.

"Whoever provides basic services is who the people of Iraq will provide

allegiance too," said Evans. There are ideas of how to move forward such as preparing the International Zone to become an International District in the heart of Baghdad. "We have ideas of how to move forward – Iraqis must put their twist on it to go forward," said Evans.

## Security Integration

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of much debate back home.

Rogers also ensures that the security badge and vehicle placard needs of FOB Blackhawk are met in addition to his primary duties. Both West and Rogers have also trooped the line during VIP visits and special events to check and double check security. We in the security integration office will continue to apply common sense to resolve conflicts within the IZ so that our tenants will remain safe and able to perform their duties. Remember, personal inconvenience is never an excuse to lower security.



*Photo by Lt. Col. Rhonda McGuire, JASG Public Affairs*  
**Dr. Mawafek Al-Kurmanji, director of real estate for the Government of Iraq, Capt. Roy Banes and Mr. Al-Hussain, Iraqi civil engineer (left to right) meet regularly to work on plans for property in the International Zone.**