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## IP receive tactical training from Thunder Horse



Photo by Pfc. Terence Ewings

Iraqi Policemen from the Muthana Tactical Security Unit in southern Iraq practice room-clearing procedures taught by the 2nd Bn., 12 Cav. Regt., 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., near COB Adder recently. The 2nd Bn., 12th Cav. Regt., Soldiers taught the policemen advanced troop-leading procedures during a two-week training event.

**PFC. TERENCE EWINGS**  
4TH BCT, 1ST CAV. DIV.



**COB ADDER** – Six Iraqi policemen were tactically positioned outside the home of suspected criminals, preparing to burst into the structure during a room-clearing training exercise recently.

The class, taught by Soldiers of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Combat Support Center Cedar near the base here, was part of an ongoing partnership with

the Muthanna Province's Tactical Security Unit in southern Iraq.

"This training has helped my (people) get vital situational training from experienced leaders," said Capt. Majid, the company commander of the TSU policemen.

During the two-week training, the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, also called the Thunder Horse Battalion, instructed the policemen in combat life-saver techniques and react to contact, escalation-of-force, reflexive fire and

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# New district IP headquarters opens in Diwaniya



Photo by Spc. Liane Carrell

The Qada District IP commander cuts the ribbon during the opening ceremony for the new police headquarters in the city of Diwaniya recently.

**SGT. RODNEY FOLIENTE**  
2ND BCT, 4TH INF. DIV.



**CAMP ECHO** – The Qada Districts police headquarters opened in the city of Diwaniya recently.

Local citizens, contractors, Iraqi Police and Soldiers from the 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, and the 110th

Military Police Company celebrated the headquarters opening ceremony.

"They went from sharing an office to operating out of their own building," said 1st Lt. David Faulkner, 2nd Platoon Leader, 110th MP Co., attached to 2nd BCT.

Faulkner works with eight stations encompassing two districts of Diwaniya.

"It allows better facilities for Iraqi Police to focus on their training in a

more conducive environment and allows a shorter distance of travel for each of the outlying stations," said Faulkner.

The central location also allows the headquarters better command and control, as well as coordinating the collective police force in the entire district.

The headquarters was built by Iraqi contractors and workers with coordination through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Iraqi government.

The 2nd BCT began a working relationship with all the local Iraqi Security Forces after their arrival in September to Diwaniya, and the 110th MP Co. has been working with the IP for several months.

"Overall, we're advancing in our relations with them to further professionalize the Iraqi Police force," said Faulkner, a Detroit resident. "It's a great opportunity to share our ideas of policing to enhance their way of doing things."

"It's been a learning experience on both sides," added Sgt. William Teal, team leader, 2nd Plt., 110th MP Co., and police transition team leader for two of the stations in the district.

He says the overall experience has been rewarding for the IPs, the MPs and for himself personally.

"Our mission with the IPs is to help them better their system," said Teal, a Nashville, Tenn. resident. "I'm here to help the country better itself and help the country stand on its own two feet."

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# Romanian 'Red Scorpions' assume authority from 'White Sharks'

MAJ. CHAD CARROLL  
4TH BCT, 1ST CAV. DIV.



**COB ADDER** – The Romanian Army's 26th Infantry Battalion 'Red Scorpions,' assumed authority from the 341st Infantry Battalion, 'White Sharks,' at Camp Dracula here recently.

"The White Sharks have set a very high standard, one we will maintain and, of course, try to better," said Lt. Col. Toma, the incoming commander of the 26th Inf. Bn. "We will be great partners (with U.S. and Iraqi forces) and the relations between us will prove that we are a team that can accomplish any kind of mission."

The 341st Inf. Bn. completed a six-month deployment in Iraq that began in September. The Red Scorpions are



Photo by Maj. Chad Carroll

Romanian soldiers from the 26th Infantry Battalion 'Red Scorpions' participate in a transfer of authority ceremony with the 341st Infantry Battalion 'White Sharks' at Contingency Operating Base Adder recently.



Photo by Maj. Chad Carroll

Romanian Soldiers from the 26th Infantry Battalion 'Red Scorpions' march by the reviewing stand during a ceremony marking the transfer of authority from the 341st Infantry Battalion at Contingency Operating Base Adder recently.

also scheduled for a six-month rotation.

"You had many great accomplishments over the last six months and made huge positive impacts both for the Iraqi people and toward the success of the Coalition Forces," said Lt. Col. Mark Nelson, deputy commander of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and a native Orem, Utah. "Simply put, this is a great day for Romania, a great day for the Iraqi Security Forces in Southern Iraq and a great day for the Iraqi people."

Located on Contingency Operating Base Adder near Nasiriyah, the 26th Inf. Bn. will conduct missions in the Dhi Qar province working with the 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., Long Knife Brigade. The 26th Inf. Bn. will conduct similar missions to those performed by the 341st Inf. Bn., to include convoy and key infrastructure security.

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room clearance procedures.

The American Soldiers said the IPs "rose to the occasion" during the training by quickly picking up the advanced skills and enhancing their ability to provide security.

"The Iraqis were focused and approached every obstacle

like it was as important as the last," said Capt. Mike Flynn, a Thunder Horse company commander from Cleveland. "We challenged the IPs and their leadership to be more involved, and it was interesting to see how they worked through it. Their emphasis on providing and maintaining security was impressive."

The Thunder Horse Battalion will continue working with the Iraqi Security Forces and challenging their partners in improving their established military system.

# Headline Round-up

## U.S. News:

WASHINGTON - Looking for happiness — it's family-friendly communities for some, tropical paradise or the rugged West for others. A survey of Americans' well-being, conducted by Gallup in partnership with Healthways and America's Health Insurance Plans, gives high marks to Utah, which boasts lots of outdoor recreation for its youthful population. Speaking of outdoor recreation, the islands of Hawaii took second place and Wyoming was third in the poll that rated such variables as mental, physical and economic health. But fun outdoors obviously wasn't the only criteria — "wild, wonderful" West Virginia was ranked last among the states. The Bluegrass State of Kentucky was 49th, with Mississippi 48th on the list. In general, highest well-being scores came from states in the West while the lowest were concentrated in the South. The happiest congressional districts were some of the wealthiest, while the lowest scores came in some of the poorest.

## Science News:

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Seven astronauts raced to the international space station aboard space shuttle Discovery on Monday, while NASA debated whether the orbiting outpost will need to move aside to dodge a piece of space junk. Space station astronauts had a close call last week with a small piece of orbiting junk that passed nearby, and NASA said Monday that a piece of a Russian satellite could come within about half a mile of the station early Tuesday. NASA will decide later Monday whether to fire the space station's engines to nudge the complex out of the path of the debris.

## Odd News:

HUDSON, Ohio - A woman's postcard bearing greetings from Montana has finally arrived in northeastern Ohio — 47 years later. Insurance agent Dave Conn opened his post office box in the community of Hudson last week and found the mailing sent from Helena, Mont., in 1962. It was sent to Marion White, the previous renter of the box, who had died in 1988. The writer signed the postcard "Fran" and mentioned having "had a marvelous time in Montana." After asking around, Conn says he determined the card must have come from White's well-traveled friend Frances Murphey, a long-time reporter at the Akron Beacon Journal. She died in 1998 at age 75. U.S. Postal Service spokesman Victor Dubina says the postcard may have been stuck in equipment or lost behind a mail chute.

## Quote of the Day

*"No other figure is so human, friendly, and lovable as St. Patrick - who was an Irishman only by adoption."  
- Stephen Gwynn*



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## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Lions Den

Madden '09 @ 7:30 p.m.

Spades @ 8 p.m.

### Fishbowl Gym

March 27

Relay for Life HOPE Ceremony  
@ 8 p.m.

March 28

Cancer awareness 5K/10K walk  
run. Free t-shirt and  
continental breakfast. Race  
begins @ 7 a.m.

April 11

Pirate's Cove Run 5K/10K.

Registration begins @ 7 a.m.,

race begins @ w8 a.m.

T-shirts awarded to top

finishers.

### Babylon Theater

March 17

Fire Warden Class @ 1 p.m.

Fire Extinguisher Class @ 2 p.m.

Flash of Genius @ 4 p.m.

Transporter 3 @ 7 p.m.

Seven Pounds @ 9:30 p.m.

March 20

Town Hall Meeting @ 1 p.m.

### Freedom Chapel

Sundays

Protestant (Traditional) @ 10  
a.m.

Roman Catholic Mass @ 12 p.m.

LDS service @ 2 p.m.

Eastern Orthodox @ 4 p.m.

Protestant (Contemporary) @ 12  
p.m.

Mondays

A History of Christianity @  
7 p.m.

Tuesdays

God & the Military @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Guitar Lessons @ 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Catholic Choir practice @ 5:30  
p.m.

Fridays

Catholic hour @ 6:30 p.m.