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## IA trains to improve maintenance, logistics



Photo by 1st Lt. Nate Ramsey

Soldiers from 5th Bn., 82nd FA Regt., 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div. review vehicle operations with troops from the Iraqi Army 41st Bde., 10th Div. at FOB Hunter recently.

By 1st Lt. Nate Ramsey  
4TH BCT, 1ST CAV. DIV.



**FOB HUNTER** – One of the biggest challenges the Iraqi Army faces is the shortage of repair parts in its supply system. Soldiers assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry

Division “Black Dragons” spent the last two months teaching their Iraqi counterparts the process of preventive maintenance and ordering replacement parts here.

“The key was to develop a training plan that could convey the importance of operator-level preventive maintenance along with higher levels of re-

pairing vehicles and ordering parts,” said Maj. David McCulley, 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment executive officer from Springdale, Ark.

A large portion of the training was focused on repairing the 41st Iraqi Army Brigade’s vehicles.

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# MAINTENANCE

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The Iraqi and American mechanics also used the time to discuss trouble-shooting techniques, which ensures the Iraqis are ordering the right replacement parts for their vehicles.

Soldiers received hands-on drivers' training, which included how to properly use an operator's manual and properly request necessary repair parts. The Black Dragon mechanics worked under the guidance of Sgt. 1st Class James Parker, the unit's Iraqi Army maintenance advisor from Urbana, Ohio.

Parker and his training team were able to develop a plan

to work within the existing Iraqi Army logistics system.

They conducted weekly meetings with each battalion's maintenance officer to discuss the process of requisitioning parts and troubleshooting vehicles.

"Basically, I wanted the maintenance supervisors to understand that if they troubleshoot the vehicles before ordering the parts, it can save them time and resources when it comes to repairing the vehicles," he said.

"These mechanics have a lot of knowledge on how to fix the vehicles. They just needed some help identifying the parts with deficiencies."

As the Iraqi Army improves its logistics, it stands even closer to solidifying itself as an independent force.



Photo by Spc. Rebekah Lampman

Spc. Matthew Atwood, a vehicle mechanic assigned to 5th Bn., 82nd FA Regt., 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., from Bailey, Miss., shows a Soldier from the Iraqi Army's 41st Bde., 10th Div., what to look for under a Humvee at FOB Hunter recently.

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# Micro-grant helps start Iraqi vet clinic

**SGT. 1ST CLASS JOE THOMPSON**  
41ST FB



FOB DELTA – Economic growth for small businesses is hard enough to accomplish in an established free-market such as the United States, let alone a new democracy getting on its feet.

One of the tools available for small business owners in Iraq is the micro-grant, which a local veterinarian in Numaniyah is using to get his clinic up and running.

"I am grateful for this opportunity and am thankful to the Coalition forces for the chance to get my clinic running so I can help the people of Numaniyah," said Ahmed Salman Nimma. He received a payment of 5 million Iraqi Dinars from the 41st Fires Brigade's project purchasing officer.

"The micro-grants serve to build the economy as well as to help out the small businessmen that are out there," said 1st Lt. Stephanie Christopher, 41st Fires Bde., PPO. "Most of the commerce out there is small businesses,

and the micro-grant is there to help build on that."

According to Christopher, the micro-grant process is similar to applying for a loan. Information validation is the responsibility of the civil affairs section at the battalion level, before the paperwork gets to the PPO.

"My role is to receive the information from the commanders, put the packet together, make sure it complies with the regulations, forward it and then it is presented to the brigade commander for approval," said Sgt. 1st Class Alvin Carter, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, civil affairs noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Once it is authorized and approved, the brigade civil affairs office takes it from there."

Although the process and paperwork is a little complicated, a micro-grant can really jumpstart a small business. In the case of Amhed, the money will be used for major pieces of equipment to get his vet clinic started.

"With the micro-grant he is able to buy big, expensive pieces of equipment such as centrifuges, microscopes, vac-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Thompson  
**Veterinarian Ahmed Salman Nimma signs and finalizes the paperwork for a 5 million Iraqi Dinar micro-grant for his vet clinic in Numaniyah recently.**

cination guns, nitrogen coolers, vaccines, micro-centrifuges and an artificial insemination gun, all to help get his vet clinic started," said Christopher, of Plattsmouth, Neb.

"He was very grateful and this should be a big help," said Carter, of Laughton, Okla. "It will be enough money to take care of everything he asks for."

# COMING SOON

# THE RED BULL REPORT



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## Staff Section Round-up

# IG Corner: *Dependent Support*

Nonsupport of family members is one of the most common complaints we see as IGs. There are a variety of reasons that nonsupport happens, but the Soldier is still responsible to provide support for eligible dependents. Here are a few of the more common questions we are asked in regards to nonsupport and the answers to them. If you have any further questions regarding support of dependents, you can contact your local IG team or your servicing SJA.

## Q. WHAT REGULATION COVERS SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS?

A. Army Regulation 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody, and Paternity, effective 29 October 2003, sets forth the Department of the Army's policy, responsibilities, and procedures on financial support of family members, child custody and visitation, paternity, and compliance with court orders regarding these and related matters.

## Q. WHAT IS A SOLDIER'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE REGULATION?

A. A Soldier's obligation includes:

- a) Providing adequate and timely support for family members.
- b) Complying with separation agreements, court orders and judicial orders or decrees.
- c) Providing DEERS/Tricare enrollment and dependent ID Cards for family members.

## Q. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT SOLDIERS ARE INFORMED OF THE ARMY

## POLICY ON SUPPORT OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND ENFORCING IT?

A. Commanders are responsible for ensuring that Soldiers know about the policy and comply with it.

## Q. IF A SOLDIER FAILS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS, WHAT ACTION CAN BE TAKEN?

A. The commander can consider:

- a) Making it a part of the Soldier's permanent record.
- b) Denial of reenlistment.
- c) Punitive or other administrative action including elimination from the service.
- d) A criminal charge under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

## Q. IF THE SOLDIER FAILS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS, CAN THE ARMY DEDUCT MONEY FROM THE SOLDIER'S PAY?

A. No. The Army has no legal authority to deduct money from a Soldier's pay without his consent unless garnishment or involuntary allotment has been ordered by a civilian court.

## Q. HOW DOES THE COMMANDER DETERMINE ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS?

A. The Army requires that Soldiers comply with any court-ordered support. In the absence of a court order or written agreement and until such an order or agreement is obtained, the Army has established minimum interim support measures for single and multiple family units.

This support is payable no later than the 1st of every month for the previous

month. This support must also be prorated if the Soldier is required to pay support for a partial month. The payment may be made by allotment, direct deposit, money order, check or cash so long as it arrives no later than the 1st of the month. Any such money order or check that is mailed must be mailed directly to the recipient and must be post-marked no later than the 1st of the month.

## Q. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SUPPORT OWED IF THERE IS NO COURT ORDER OR SEPARATION AGREEMENT? WHERE CAN I FIND IT?

A. The Soldier will provide support of an amount equal to his/her Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) entitlements at the "with dependents" rate. This rate is the BAH-II rate, which is a standard rate the Army determines regardless of where the soldier resides. Current BAH-II rates can be found at: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/pdc-archive/bah/bah2/2009-Non-Locality-BAH-Rates.pdf>

## Q. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SUPPORT THAT A SOLDIER MUST PROVIDE IF HIS/HER SPOUSE LIVES ON POST IN GOVERNMENT HOUSING?

A. In the absence of a court order, AR 608-99 does not require support to be paid if the family is residing in on-post government quarters.

Thanks,  
Your IG team.



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# Headline Round-up

## World News:

**HONG KONG** — May 14, China stepped up the search for people who came into contact with the mainland's two confirmed swine flu patients, as Belgium became the latest European nation hit by the virus. Authorities in the Chinese capital Beijing and eastern Shandong province were looking for plane and train travellers who had come into contact with a 19-year-old student who on May 13 was confirmed to have the A(H1N1) virus. China, criticised for its handling of the SARS crisis six years ago, has reacted aggressively to prevent a major outbreak in the world's most populous nation of swine flu, which so far has killed more than 60 in the Americas. The World Health Organization said on May 13 more than 5,700 cases had been reported in 30 nations. More than half of them, including three fatalities, were in the United States.

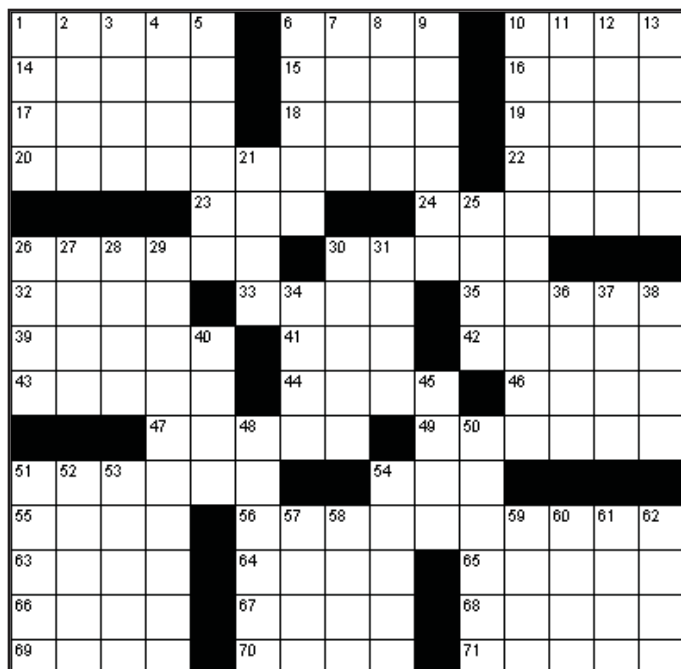
## Crossword

### ACROSS

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| 1. Turns over the earth | 23. Mountain pass  | 43. Not a winner    | 55. Horse color   |
| 6. As a result          | 24. Tell on        | 44. Computer        | 56. Not gifted    |
| 10. Circle fragments    | 26. Watercraft     | symbol              | 63. Backside      |
| 14. Cowboy sport        | 30. Attached to a  | 46. Colored part of | 64. Marsh plant   |
| 15. Hindu princess      | collar             | an eye              | 65. Awaken        |
| 16. Midday              | 32. False god      | 47. A quick blow    | 66. Makes lace    |
| 17. Bay window          | 33. Elk or caribou | 49. A movement      | 67. Verbal        |
| 18. Wings               | 35. Flower feature | upward              | 68. Country       |
| 19. A river in Spain    | 39. Supplemented   | 51. Drink           | 69. Visual organs |
| 20. Given to lying      | 41. Dowel          | 54. Fifty-two in    | 70. Memo          |
| 22. Fly high            | 42. Tend a fire    | Roman numerals      | 71. Cancel        |

### DOWN

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| 1. Formal school   | 7. Angelic headgear | 11. Android         | 28. Mats of grass     |
| ball               | 8. A Central        | 12. They form reefs | 29. Drowsiness        |
| 2. Old stories     | American sloth      | 13. Sleep sound     | 30. Bloodsucking      |
| 3. Chief Norse god | 9. Afternoon        | 21. Frigid          | worm                  |
| 4. Noxious plant   | snooze              | 25. Cobras          | 31. Therefore         |
| 5. Comfort         | 10. Given before    | 26. Medicine bottle | 34. Majestic          |
| 6. Hiker's path    | surgery             | 27. Cocoyam         | 36. Ripped            |
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|                    |                     |                     | 38. In order that not |
|                    |                     |                     | 40. Defeat            |
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|                    |                     |                     | 45. Wood fastener     |
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|                    |                     |                     | 50. A range of        |
|                    |                     |                     | mountains             |
|                    |                     |                     | 51. Angered           |
|                    |                     |                     | 52. Eel               |
|                    |                     |                     | 53. Sew together      |
|                    |                     |                     | loosely               |
|                    |                     |                     | 54. Soup server       |
|                    |                     |                     | 57. A Roman           |
|                    |                     |                     | emperor               |
|                    |                     |                     | 58. Nipple            |
|                    |                     |                     | 59. Person, place or  |
|                    |                     |                     | thing                 |
|                    |                     |                     | 60. Veer              |
|                    |                     |                     | 61. Jacob's brother   |
|                    |                     |                     | 62. Hollow            |



## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### DFAC 1 Worship

Sunday

Roman Catholic Mass, UK

led @ 9:30 a.m.

General Protestant @ 11 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saint @ 2 p.m.

General Protestant @

6:30 p.m.

### DFAC 3 Worship

Sunday

Gospel Worship @ 2 p.m.

### DFAC 4 Worship

Monday - Saturday

Daily Mass @ 8 p.m.

Sunday

Protestant Contemporary

Worship @ 10 a.m.

Holy communion, Protestant

(UK) @ 11:30 a.m.

Roman Catholic Mass, UK

led @ 8:30 p.m.

### MWR Stage

May 15

Rock on Dude, 34th ID Band

@ 7 p.m.

May 16

Basra Idol @ 6 p.m.

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### Camp Alpha Gym

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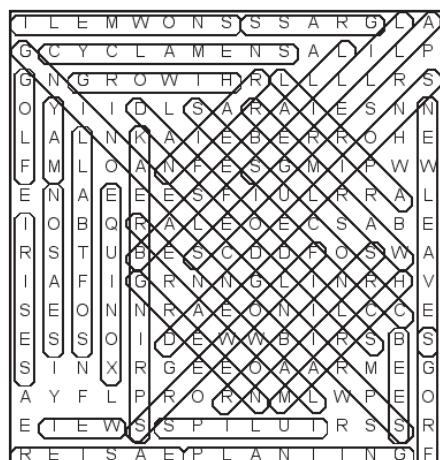
### Camp Charlie Gym

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## Solutions

Monday, May 11



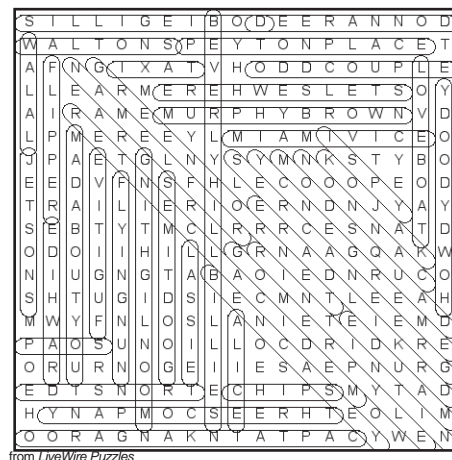
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Tuesday, May 12

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Wednesday, May 13



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Thursday, May 14

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Friday, May 15

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