



STEEL SPIKE EXPRESS

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Celebrating Independence Day!



The Soldiers & the Officers of the 46th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) gather on our Nation's birthday to celebrate freedom, independence, and Soldier successes.



**Meet this Month's
"Soldier in
Focus"
SGT Dusenberry
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Commander's Observations



LTC Matthew Zajac
Battalion Commander
46th ECB (H)

Hello again to all the Family and Friends of the Steel Spike Battalion!

As I write this, several of you are enjoying the return of the first of our Steel Spike Soldiers - the advanced party that arrived at Fort Polk and the team soon to arrive at Fort Rucker. Their departure from Iraq has fired up all of us for the final push, and a busy time it will be! We continue to complete force protection and life support projects for our fellow Soldiers across Baghdad, and are busy packing equipment and preparing to receive the 101st Engineer Battalion team. The Rear Detachments are also ramping up their operations to prepare offices, arms rooms, barracks, and in short everything necessary to welcome the Battalion back to Fort Polk and Fort Rucker.

Everyone should be aware now that the Battalion will execute a unit-wide block leave period from 16 September thru 15 October. This time is provided to allow redeploying Soldiers and Families to reintegrate and to allow all of us to enjoy the opportunities and freedoms that our Nation has to offer. While I encourage everyone to take advantage of this time, I also recognize that children are still in school and travelling may be difficult. Thanksgiving and Christmas are also close, and while I will support Soldiers taking leave during these holiday periods, by that time the Battalion will be executing operations again.

Before closing, I'd like to formally recognize and thank Mrs. Kelly Stinnett for volunteering to serve as the Battalion Family Readiness Group Advisor. As you all know, our volunteers have been the base of our success in taking care of our Families over the last year, and their efforts have been solely from the heart.

Until the next, and final month's newsletter!

STEEL SPIKE – ONE TEAM!





CSM's View

Sadly, in the month of July the Battalion lost a great man: CW2 Rodney Jarvis.

To the Family of CW2 Jarvis: I just want to say how sorry I am for your loss and all of us are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

I first met Chief Jarvis three years ago, when he joined the Battalion in Ramahdi, Iraq. The Battalion had deployed without a Property Book Officer and he inherited some rather unique logistical situations to fix. Everyone who was there can remember how quickly he made an impact on the S4 shop and the morale of everyone in the headquarters.

Chief loved being a Soldier and he always made sure the Soldiers of the Battalion had everything they needed to be successful. The Battalion's memorial service was held in the largest building we have on the camp and it still was not big enough to seat everyone that attended; a true tribute to a great man.

Chief, you will not be forgotten!

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CSM Frank Thibodeau
BN CSM
46th ECB (H)

Chaplain's/ PA's Corner

Retreat Treat!

"Spartans Never Retreat!" However, it is still permissible to attend a Steel Spike Married Couples or Spike Singles Retreat.

We are currently firming up dates toward the end of November, and beginning of December after we get back to Ft. Polk. More information will flow through companies as it is available – we hope to see you there!

Supplementation: Healthy or Unhealthy?



CPT Jerry Wagner
BN Chaplain

I cannot begin to explain the good, bad, and ugly about supplements. What I can do is provide the reader with these two good links:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/ConsumerInformation/ucm110567.htm>
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/LabelingNutrition/LabelClaims/ucm111447.htm>

I ask that you do some reading prior to spending your hard earned money and subjecting yourselves to things that are potentially dangerous or unneeded. Remember that there is no magic powder that will replace hard work and a good diet.

It is my opinion that supplementation should be reserved for those who have reached their own natural ability through diet and training, and then should consist of only a good whey or egg protein and a multivitamin taken as directed.



CPT Troy Bidez
BN Physician's Assistant



HSC "SPARTANS"

Greetings Spartan Family and Friends,

We are now within our 14th month of the deployment. I must admit it's amazing to me and probably unconceivable to others that we have been away for so long. The deployment has taken many turns and during this time we have witnessed ever changing events as they occurred. We bared witness to: The election of a new US President; the signing of the Iraqi and Coalition Forces Security Agreement; The first successful Iraqi election; the shift of force strength to Afghanistan, and the moving of American Combat forces out of Iraqi cities. These events were monumental and will all hold a key place in history. The knowledge and experience gained here is noticeable within the Soldiers. Our Soldiers possess an ability to accomplish the mission that can only be matched by their eagerness to continue to learn. These two characteristics have compelled them to be successful throughout the deployment. The Soldiers who departed Fort Polk 13 months ago, answering our nations call and leaving their loved ones behind are different men and women today. You will notice when they exit the plane, how they walk a little taller with their heads held a little higher. Our Soldiers can be proud of all they have accomplished and endured.

As our redeployment date draws closer we continue to support every company within the Battalion. HSC is truly the heartbeat of the Battalion, playing a role in every mission assigned. When one think of redeploying and preparing for a transition with another unit one may imagine a less strenuous time. This is not so for the Spartan Team, in fact it's just the opposite. The Spartans are charged with supporting the Battalion in many areas. The workload of our Maintenance, Logistical and Personnel Sections has increased. The logistical sections of the company (S4, PBO and Supply) all play a key role in the successful transition at the company and Battalion level. Without their expertise and willingness to go the extra mile equipment couldn't be accounted for or managed, Storage containers wouldn't be allocated or shipped, and return flights would not be scheduled. These tasks require immense planning and coordinating, but they manage to do so without complication. The maintenance sections of the company (BMO, DSU and 2nd Shop), are charged with conducting Technical Inspections on every motorized piece of equipment, preparing equipment for the reset program, and continuing to provide daily maintenance support to all companies. Their know-how and attention to detail will provide our replacements with an operational maintenance fleet; allowing them to assume missions without pause.



CPT Kimberly Cowlin
HSC Commander



1SG Steven Hall
HSC First Sergeant

Lastly, our Personnel section (S1), is often overlooked for all they contribute. The section is comprised of only seven Soldiers. They are charged with managing areas that range from promotions, pay issues, evaluations, personnel accountability, emergency leaves, R&R leaves, passes and awards for a 700 Soldier plus Battalion.

For many units the redeployment process brings a sense of calm and may even serve as a break, but for the Spartans it signifies yet another moment which demands execution. Even though we are all eager to rejoin our families back stateside, we remain focused on the mission at hand as we facilitate this transition. On behalf of the Spartan's Command Team we would like to thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

1SG Hall

SPARTANS

Never Retreat!



SGT Savadyga loads a wheelchair onto a truck 19 June. The chairs were given to disabled children in Baghdad.



SPC Madden inspects a M16 rifle in the supply office. Madden is a "Soldier in Focus." Look for his & other Soldiers' write-ups in your local paper!



SGM Timothy Adam (left) and SPC Jacoba Vermeulen work to adjust a wheelchair for a disabled child, June 20, at JSS Beladiyat.



1LT Daniela Serban takes a photo after watching "Stephen Colbert" at Al Faw Palace, 26 June.



SSG Rogers (far right), demonstrates to Local National technicians the proper way to secure solar panels, while serving with Task Force Gold Forward.



The so-far undefeated Spartans Softball team take a photo before their first game in June.

Spartans!



ALPHA "GATORS"

"My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!" – Thomas Jefferson

Greetings, Gator Nation!



CPT Reyn Landreth
A CO Commander

We are in the homestretch (not to be confused with at the finish line), and I am thrilled to continue to report on the positive contributions your Gators are making to support the historic Security Agreement and the Brigade Combat Teams across Multi-National Division Baghdad. The First Platoon "Reapers" finished up with a mission that expanded living space at a Joint Security Station south of the Baghdad city limits. This project enabled the 30th HBCT to honor the Security Agreement and base Soldiers outside the city limits. The "Dirty Deuces" of Second Platoon broke ground on an ambitious project to increase logistical space at a Joint Security Station by adding nine new facilities (over 8,500 square feet total!), including a Dining Facility, a gym, food storage areas, and troop stores. The Earthmovers continued to maintain a frenzied pace by finishing a range in support of Special Operations Command, several route sanitation missions, and constructed a Helicopter Landing Zone for the 1-5 Calvary Regiment. The company continued to lean forward with partnering with our Iraqi Army counterparts by doing a combined construction mission with Soldiers from both the 6th Iraqi Army Engineer Regiment and the 9th Iraqi Army Division.

I am extremely excited to announce the sale of the Gator Deployment Tour T-shirt. The concept for the design was developed by our resident artist and spouse of our company Executive Officer, 1LT Jenny Cirillo. The front and back designs are shown to the left for reference). You can place your orders through Mrs. Lisa Otto via email at: aco46th@gmail.com. They're a steal at \$13/shirt so get your requests in as soon as possible so we can place the order!

I hope everyone had a happy 4th of July in the greatest country in the world! See you soon.

GATOR STRONG. GATOR PROUD!

-Gator 6



Hello Gator Family,

This month has started off with a fog-like dust storm that has engulfed everything, on top of the rising temperatures. This month has also opened a new page in history with the independence of the Iraqi people. To add to their independence, some Soldiers from 1st Platoon have been conducting a joint construction project with the Iraqi military and teaching them how to build buildings from the planning stage to completion. Training the Iraqi Engineers has been an ongoing mission for Alpha Company for several months now, and has led to the Iraqi Engineers taking over for themselves and constructing projects for the Iraqi communities.

We have had several Soldiers get promoted on the first of the month: PV2 Chad Copass and PV2 Christopher Zimla were promoted to Private First Class. PFC David Esker, PFC Andrew Layton, PFC Curtis Proby, PFC Allan Beck and PFC Jeremy Polipnick were all promoted to Specialist. SGT Cole Brewer was promoted to Staff Sergeant. We also had several Soldiers receive Certificates of Achievement for various projects. Congratulations to all of our promoted Soldiers and awardees!

As the time gets closer to closing this page in history for the "Gators", we are moving faster than we have moved the entire deployment. Platoons are inventorying, cleaning, packing, conducting firing ranges and continuing on with construction projects. Soldiers are counting down the days to turn over all responsibility to the incoming unit and to redeploy home.

I thought I would add some pictures of what you may find running around at night over here. This is a picture of a Camel Spider that was running around in front of the company office one night. Looks like something off of the "Alien" movies.

Thank you for the support and we will see you soon!

Respectfully,

1SG Tracy Jackson "Gator 7"



1SG Tracy Jackson
A CO First Sergeant



July 2009

Steel Spike Express

SGT Brewer is promoted to SSG on the 4th of July.



Alpha Company Soldiers build a test fire pit at the Rawandan Palace Complex.



Gators!

“Steel Spike” Soldiers Construct Joint Operations Center in Baghdad

The “Steel Spike” engineers are completing construction of a Joint Operations Center for both Iraqi and Coalition forces.

Soldiers from Company A, 46th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), 225th Engineer Brigade, attached to Multi-National Division—Baghdad, are nearly finished with work on the centralized workspace for Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment and the 11th Iraqi Army Headquarters.

“In order to be more hands-on, we must share everything including workspace,” stated Maj. Kevin Wallace, battalion executive officer. “Our workspace will mirror their workspace, even down to how many desks are in each office.”

Since the Security Agreement calls for closing of smaller combat outposts and joint security stations throughout Baghdad, engineers have been diligently working to create work and living spaces outside the city. Constructed in an abandoned warehouse hangar, the 4,300 square feet JOC will provide ample workspace for both staff sections that currently exist in two small offices.



Spc. Robert Shoults, carpentry/masonry specialist from Berkeley, Mo., uses a miter saw while constructing the Joint Operations Center at Joint Security Station Shield.

It will have 10 secured offices, a tiered conference room with computer workstations, and a combined working area for battle tracking.

“Every day the Iraqi General comes over asking if we need any help,” said Staff Sgt. Gary Butler, 46th ECB (H), a native of Dallas, the construction project non-commissioned officer in charge. “He even let us borrow his pressure washer and a few of his Soldiers to help clear the surface of debris and dirt before we began construction.”

Once completed, the facility will increase operational capabilities and integration with the Iraqi Army partners.

Joint facilities such as these are critical as the Iraqi Security Forces take the lead in securing peace and stability in Baghdad.

Story by: 1LT Kewanda Tate
Photos by: SSG Gary Butler

Right: Spc. Dale Webb, carpentry/masonry specialist from Ashland, Ohio, uses a nail gun to secure a top plate on the Joint Operations Center at Joint Security Station Shield.





BRAVO "BEAST"

Hello BEAST Families and friends!

Our Soldiers have been going an outstanding job here in Iraq. Over the past couple of months the command team has been echoing to our Soldiers "don't become complacent in our final months". Our focus has not changed! We are consistently spending countless hours planning, training, prepping, and executing at a high optempo. Needless to say nothing is being taken for granted. This month I would like to emphasize that Soldiers and Family members who have not already done so should start planning for their reunion. We have all been away from our love ones for an extended period of time. It's never too late to start conversing with our love ones about expectations, and if there have been any unexpected changes.

Our FRG and the Ft. Rucker Army Community Service (ACS) have been aggressively providing packets, briefings, and other information that may help rekindle relationships or eliminate any possible tribulation. I also want to look forward and highlight the fact upon redeploying our Soldiers will enter a potential risk period of being seriously injured or killed from accidents during their first months of returning. Please ensure that Soldiers and Families are planning their trips, activities, vacations, major purchases, and other activities responsibly.

As the commander of this elite team of Soldiers I am very proud of our accomplishments and dedication to excellence. Lastly, I would like to think everyone for their support. Our dedicated FRG volunteers, sponsors, and friends have all played a vital part in ensuring that we can maintain focus on our mission. Your actions never go unnoticed and we appreciate your unwavering support.

Feel free to visit our company website listed below for more pictures and monthly information.

www.bravo46en.com

**Lean Forward and Rock
Steady**

BEAST 6 & BEAST 7 OUT!



CPT Christopher Beal
B CO Commander



1SG Gregory Williams
B CO First Sergeant

The al-Hamza Center for the Disabled re-opened in Yarmouk, here, June 15, to the Iraqi public with the help of Coalition force's funding, elevating access to healthcare for a demographic that was once largely ignored by Saddam Hussein.

Dedicated CF Soldiers and Iraqi contractors spent about three months and \$192,000 to help renovate the building, which also serves as dentistry, pharmacy and radiology clinics, said the project manager for the clinic, Capt. Mandi Breyman, assigned to the 46th Engineer Battalion, attached to 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

"You couldn't recognize this facility three months ago," said the Republic, Ohio native, referring to the facility's state of disrepair.

The building was completely overhauled by hiring an Iraqi contractor to fix shattered windows, broken doors, busted water pipes and electrical wiring among other things, she added.

According to Breyman, the CF and Government of Iraq teamed up to hire local labor. Involving locals boosted the economy and provided the neighborhood with a sense of ownership of the clinic.

"Today we turn the facility over to the Ministry of Health. Iraqis have done everything here and it's theirs, we want them to take control over this facility," Breyman added before a large crowd of Iraqi doctors, patients and neighbors. "Iraqis own this project, now they need to keep it up. Take it as a gift, but take care of it."



CPT Mandi Breyman speaks at the al-Hamza Center in Baghdad.

One of the Iraqis, Nadia Ali Abulkarim, who will benefit from this gift, sat quietly by nodding her head from her wheelchair next to her daughter.

"I hope that this center will come to serve all disabled people and help all people like me," said Nadia after the ceremony. She also praised the humility of the American effort in recognizing the need for projects such as this.

"This is one of the best ways to help the handicapped," added Nadia, who is also a wheelchair fencing enthusiast. "Giving us the proper medicine, supplies and a clinic like this serves the whole Yarmouk area."

According to Nadia, before the fall of Saddam, the Iraqi Government wasn't very interested in taking care of its disabled population, so this is a step in the right direction.

"It improves relations with the community," said Lt. Col. Todd Auld, a civil military operations officer from Little Rock, Ark., assigned to 2nd BCT, 1st Inf. Div. "And these types of projects fill a gap in health care that is needed."

Not only will this clinic improve community relations, boost the Ministry of Health's resources and increase trust for the GoI, but it also makes Iraq safer for Soldiers in the area, added Auld.

"When you fill these essential services for a community, you isolate the enemy," said Auld after touring the large outpatient clinic with doctors. "People that might be sitting on the fence could be swayed either way and that improves the security situation down on the ground."

After the ceremony, CF, doctors, Iraqi Security Forces and local Iraqis enjoyed mingling together in a jovial atmosphere while a celebratory feast of local cuisine was provided inside one of the newly-renovated white tiled rooms.

As the crowd began to disperse and the doctors went back to work, Auld explained, "If you improve the overall quality of life, it improves security, increases services and makes them less likely to support the insurgents and more likely to support their government."

The simple renovation of a clinic can have an immediate impact on Iraqis such as Nadia, but can leave a lasting impression on all of Iraq by restoring faith in the government that supports and protects them.

**Story & Photos by:
SSG Mark Burrell
1ST CAV DIVISION PAO**

"Beasts!"
"Beasts!"



SGT Arrellano-Jones loads a wheelchair onto a truck 19 June. The chairs were distributed to disabled Iraqi children.



SGT Dixon preps an electrical panel box.



SPC Kleinheider & SPC Myers place footers for a Dining Facility.



277th EN CO "DIRT DEVILS"

"HOOAH!!!" Dirt Devil Family!

Happy Fourth of July, I hope everyone enjoys their birthday celebration for this great nation. We have been in Baghdad five months now and are still working multiple missions as well as completing all of our other daily tasks. All 151 Soldiers deployed with the 277th are actively engaged in their own individual portion of the mission. Not everything that happens over here are good things, but that is the balance of life. So naturally the same balance applies to the 151 lives we are living together here in Baghdad. It is very nice to continue completing actual missions because they make the time over here go by more quickly. I am still traveling to drop off and pick up our Soldiers at the different projects and seeing the improvements that our Soldiers have made for the quality of life of Soldiers on the smaller bases we work at. There is a definite sense of pride in the work that is done by the Soldiers on the project and for me as well. I am very proud of all the 277th Soldiers.

We are a little over halfway through our deployment, and we are working very hard to maintain the focus in all of our daily tasks that is required to keep everything we do as safe and controlled as possible. There is a tendency to lose focus on the small details after you have been involved in a process long enough to become very familiar. The term for this tendency is complacency, and the Dirt Devil Family in Baghdad is working very hard to prevent any complacency. This is a crucial focus for leaders at all levels in the company in order to allow every Soldier to safely return home at the end of this tour. If you think about how quickly the first half of this deployment has gone by, you will see that it will seem like no time at all before we are all home together again. I look forward to the 277th's return home, but I am maintaining my focus on the daily mission to avoid complacency and the unacceptable risk it produces.



CPT Gordon Robbins
277th EN CO Commander

Overall, the 277th deployed family is doing very well in their temporary home here in Baghdad. We will continue to do our best in all that we do, and keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Please keep all of the deployed Dirt Devils in your thoughts and prayers as well. I hope all is well where you are, and want to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Dirt Devil 6 Out.



1SG Antwann Rhodes
277th EN CO First
Sergeant

Hello Dirt Devil team,

I just want to say how proud I am of our Soldiers. They are doing outstanding work and also getting recognition for their hard work. Each platoon has been fully engaged with Engineer operations, continuing to lead the way for the Engineers and have already begun making a name for themselves!

We have completed so many projects and more have started the life improvement at the JSSs and COPs continue to get better, as the Soldiers continue to grow in their MOSs. Many units already know the name of the 277th and that is a direct reflection on our Soldiers. The Soldiers have done some tough missions and lived in some tough conditions, but every time I see them on project sites they are all smiles.

To date nine Soldiers have received the Army Achievement Medal and about 37 coins from various high level officials. Again be very proud of your Soldiers for they are Engineers. I could not have asked for a better unit to be the First Sergeant of, so continue spreading the word to everyone about your Soldiers. This deployment has brought out the best in a lot of my Soldiers and I continue to be amazed by them.

Until next month, God bless you and God bless the entire 277th family,

1SG Rhodes

July 2009

Steel Spike Express



The smooth-faced roller compacts the roadway on Strawberry Hill Road in Baghdad.



The Route Sanitation team cleans up the streets of Baghdad.



A heavy equipment operator drops gravel during road repairs on Camps Liberty/Victory.



277th Soldiers & other 46th Soldiers take a photo with famous college coaches during their tour of Iraq.



Support PLT Soldiers enjoy a break after a sniper screen mission.

"Dirt Devils"

TOP RIGHT: SGT James Bartholomae, SGT Marcos Delgado, and SPC. Moses Briseno, all from San Antonio, improve the method of installation by affixing the sniper screen to the fence prior to mounting on the brackets at Joint Security Station Tarmiyah, on the outskirts of northeast Baghdad June 27.



BOTTOM RIGHT: SGT James Bartholomae operates a 10k forklift while Sgt. Marcos Delgado, also from San Antonio, and SPC. John Crawson, a native of Grand Prairie, TX, who are nicknamed the "Wall Walkers," hang the sniper screen at Joint Security Station Tarmiyah June 27.



LEFT: SPC John Crawson, team leader, heavy equipment operator, installs brackets on top of a barrier wall June 27 at Joint Security Station Tarmiyah. The brackets being installed will support a fence and sniper screen, providing added security for personnel living at the base.

PHOTOS BY:
1LT Stuart Redus



SGT Arriola (HSC), is reenlisted by 1LT Riggio 7 July, for 3 more years of service!



In this photo with BG Monconduit & CSM Major, "Steel Spike" Soldiers became US Citizens on the 4th of July during a Naturalization Ceremony held at Al Faw Palace.



SPC Polite (B CO), Soldier of the Month (July), recites the "Soldier's Creed" July 4th.



CSM Thibodeau congratulates SSG Donelson (HSC), NCO of the month (July) on the 4th of July.



SPC Gerke (HSC): Soldier of the month (June), Soldier of the Qtr (July), and promoted to SPC in July.

46th Engineers In the News...

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1LT Janeene Yarber "Scoop Spike" Public Affairs Officer

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Steel Spike Birthdays & Fun

August

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| 1SG | HALL, STEVEN | 1-Aug |
| CPT | BOONE, KELLY | 1-Aug |
| SGT | GARCIA, XAVIER | 3-Aug |
| SPC | GERKE, SARAH | 3-Aug |
| SPC | BONES, ERIC | 3-Aug |
| SSG | BRANCH, RICHMOND | 4-Aug |
| PFC | WILLIAMS, MARKUS | 4-Aug |
| CPL | FERGUSON, ROBERTO | 5-Aug |
| PFC | LAYTON, ANDREW | 5-Aug |
| SGT | THOMAS, STEVEN | 6-Aug |
| SGT | PEURA, JASON | 6-Aug |
| SPC | CODY, CHRISTOPHER | 6-Aug |
| SPC | ROLLINGS, CHRISTOPHER | 7-Aug |
| PV2 | MCTEER, BRANDON | 7-Aug |
| PFC | KING, TIFFANY | 9-Aug |
| SGT | VERNON, KYLE | 9-Aug |
| SPC | ADAIR, CHARLES | 10-Aug |
| SGT | NAKHONEXAY, THAVONE | 11-Aug |
| PFC | HODGES, TALIB | 11-Aug |
| SGT | BAYE, AARON | 12-Aug |
| PFC | MOON, JACOB | 12-Aug |
| SPC | HICKEY, FRANCIS | 13-Aug |
| SGT | RODGERS, ROBERT | 13-Aug |
| 1SG | RHODES, ANTWANN | 14-Aug |
| WO1 | JELLISON, ANTHONY | 15-Aug |
| PFC | MILLER, NATHAN | 15-Aug |
| SPC | DITTMER, CURTIS | 15-Aug |
| SPC | RHODEN, DAVID | 15-Aug |
| SPC | FRANKLIN, ISAIAH | 16-Aug |
| SGT | MALLORY, COTY | 17-Aug |
| PV2 | MCCORKENDALE, DANIEL | 17-Aug |
| PFC | BONE, DUSTIN | 17-Aug |
| PFC | PEARCE, ADAM | 19-Aug |
| 1LT | CLEMENTS, STEPHEN | 19-Aug |
| SPC | UNDERWOOD, JOSEPH | 19-Aug |
| SPC | WILLSON, SETH | 20-Aug |
| SPC | THORNTON, KYLE | 21-Aug |
| PV2 | COLE, JONATHAN | 21-Aug |
| SPC | GRAY, AARON | 21-Aug |
| SPC | MARLER, TIMOTHY | 22-Aug |
| SSG | EDWARDS, DARIO | 23-Aug |
| PFC | HESTER, JACOB | 23-Aug |
| SPC | CAMPOS, JONATAN | 23-Aug |
| PFC | HOWARD, JOSHUA | 23-Aug |
| PFC | LAWSON, JAMES | 23-Aug |
| PV2 | ESKEW, KENNETH | 23-Aug |
| SPC | PRATT, CORY | 24-Aug |
| SGT | JONES, MARCUS | 24-Aug |
| SPC | ANDERSON, THOMAS | 24-Aug |
| SPC | DUVALL, RODNEY | 25-Aug |
| SPC | KYLE, GARY | 26-Aug |
| PFC | MURRAY, PATRICK | 26-Aug |
| PFC | DUTKIEWICZ, CASSANDRA | 27-Aug |
| SSG | DAVIS, DEDRICK | 28-Aug |
| SGT | CASSERLY, JEREMY | 28-Aug |
| SPC | VERMEULEN, JACOBA | 29-Aug |
| SSG | RICE, GARY | 31-Aug |
| SPC | VANOVER, JEREMY | 31-Aug |



46th & 225th Soldiers take a photo with stars from "The Unit," David Robinson, & Tommy Lasorda.



SPC Mata & other 46th Soldiers check out their autographed football mementos from the "College Football Coaches Tour."



Comedian Stephen Colbert brought his "Operation Iraqi Stephen: Going Commando" show to 46th ECB (H) Soldiers at Al Faw Palace.

Family Readiness Groups of the 46th ECB (H)

The attached photos are from our June 11 FRG meeting. The FRG linked up with Ft. Rucker ACS mobilization & deployment representative Curtis Williams to conduct "Spouse Battlemind Training."

The training will help Spouses face deployments with resilience and strength, allowing easier separations and smoother reunions while learning the key components to overcome setbacks and obstacles and maintaining positive thoughts during times of adversity.

The time leading up to a Soldier's arrival from deployment can be one filled with many emotions, apprehension and questions. The FRG's mission is to make sure our Bravo Beast family members are equipped with knowledge and resources that can be used during all phases of the return.

We had over 50+ family members attend this meeting. FRG is striving for 100% participation. If you are a loved one of a 46th Engineer and have not received the monthly FRG "Blue Star" newsletter or been contacted by an FRG Representative, it is imperative that you



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reconnect your family member by providing contact information or you (spouse, parent, friend) link into B CO program to be provided the expectations of reintegration and the valuable information including Welcome Home notification.

Make your own informed decisions. Missing a call for an FRG activity is one thing, but to miss information on the return of your service members is another. Help me leave NO FAMILY BEHIND!

Please contact me to be placed on the family contact roster. During the time of reunion we will need Family member's name, a 24hr number to be used for Soldier arrival notification, and an active email address for updates.

You may email your information or call me anytime.

B/46 EN FRG Leader
Treva Williams, A Blue Star Spouse.
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"Beasts"

SOLDIER IN FOCUS

Sgt. Richard Dusenberry, a 26 year old native of Orion, Ill., 46th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), 225th Engineer Brigade, leads a mobile electrical task force of nine electricians and carpenters. Their efforts bring power to Joint Security Stations and ensure that pre-existing electrical hazards are identified and corrected.

Dusenberry earned the highest score in the 46th ECB (H), while becoming certified in the Task Force Safe Course, a Multi-National Corps Iraq level electrical safety course, and has run over 100 football fields worth of electrical cable since his team's inception.

Sgt. Dusenberry supervised the upgrade of Joint Security Station Ur after an attack damaged several facilities, along with Soldier morale. His team wired eleven Containerized Housing Units, a dining facility, and a recreation building; returning operations capabilities and improving quality of life for the deployed Warriors of Task Force 1-6 Infantry.

During this effort, he and his team ran parallel runs of 4x240mm electrical cable, which weighs a staggering 64 pounds per foot, in full gear, in temperatures exceeding 120 degrees Fahrenheit. After completing one of the connections, one of the runs was severed under vehicle traffic, causing the entire run to be replaced. Sgt. Dusenberry kept his young team moving forward, fueling them with his "lead-from-the-front" attitude, mixed with a healthy dose of mid-West sarcasm.

Sgt. Dusenberry inspected and certified shower units at eight separate locations in less than 72 hours throughout MND-B. His efforts to properly ground each water heater, panel box, CHU frame and ensure the interior wiring met specifications, safeguarding Soldiers across the theater.

"The consequences of one, even minor misdiagnosis can make a bad day for the units on ground, so I remained seemingly nonplussed, steadfastly ensuring the safety of the maneuver units on the ground," stated Dusenberry.



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