

# Iraqis learn computer, sewing skills

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BAGHDAD — The relationship among citizens of the Jamiya neighborhood and their local leaders took a step forward at the Jamiya Tribal Support Council in northwest Baghdad, Aug 25.

The council worked with Soldiers from 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad and the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion to open up the council hall to train young Iraqis basic computer and sewing skills.

“These classes are beneficial because it gives women and computer users the skills necessary to obtain jobs and to succeed in the economy,” said Capt. Paul Nieves, a native of Puerto Rico, with the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion. “Dr. Amal, the head of the Thagalaya Strategic Study Center Islamic Foundation for Women and Children, conceived this idea in order to help advance women in the local community.”

The TSSCIFWC understood that Iraqis with more education have less of a chance to turn to insurgency.



Photo by 1st Lt. Charles Donley, 2nd HBCT

Iraqi women learn to professionally sew at the Jamiya Tribal Support Council Aug. 25. Members of the council worked with Soldiers from the 5th Squadron, 4th Cav. Regt., 2nd HBCT, 1st Inf. Div., to set up classes that teach computer technology and professional sewing.



Photo by 1st Lt. Charles Donley, 2nd HBCT

An Iraqi student learns basic computer skills at the Jamiya Tribal Support Council in northwest Baghdad Aug. 25. Soldiers from the 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, helped set up the course, which teaches about 20 people per class.

“These classes are a great chance to help women, especially the widowed and less fortunate,” said Sheikh Majid of the Jamiya Tribal Support Council.

Women who showed up to the course learned professional sewing skills, which could help start a business.

“The sewing classes last two hours every day for a two week course and accommodate 40 local women. After the graduation, the women are given a sewing machine to help them get started.”

To help Iraqi computer users get started, the Soldiers and the council put together a computer class that focuses on Microsoft products.

“The computer classes accommodate 20 people per class. In these classes, young people learn the basics of Windows and Microsoft Office, focusing on Word and PowerPoint,” said Majid. “These computer classes are key in preparing young people to suc-

ceed in college.”

The project is intended to be 10 weeks long and educate 200 women on sewing and 100 young people in computer technology.

The Soldiers and the community leaders plan on expanding the program to better benefit the people of northwest Baghdad.

“This project was a great opportunity to work jointly with the community leaders of Jamiya. Both U.S. forces and the Jamiya Tribal Support Council desire to expand the project in order to positively affect more people,” said Capt. Thomas Wilson, a native of LeClaire, Iowa, 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt. “Sheikh Majid, the Tribal Support Council, and other community leaders took the lead on this project and are a perfect example of Iraqis unselfishly working together in order to make Iraq a better place.”

# Pro golfers chip in for Soldiers morale

Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan, MND-B PAO



Golf pros, from left, Becky Lucidi, Carl Paulson and Mike Sposa show off their skills to Soldiers of the 30th HBCT at FOB Falcon, Iraq, Aug. 19. The three, along with LPGA golfer Jill McGill, visited the base as part of their "Fairways 2 Greens" tour in Iraq.



Head down, ball up. Staff Sgt. Orscoe Moore from Hope Mills, N.C., a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team of Fayetteville, N.C, practices his chip shot under the instruction of professional golfer Becky Lucidi at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Iraq, Aug. 19. Lucidi and golfers Jill McGill, Mike Sposa and Carl Paulson were in Iraq as part of the "Fairways 2 Greens" tour.



BAGHDAD — Spc. Cassie Lemacas, of Southern Pines, N.C., a personal security detail Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, chips towards a 6-inch target nearly 20 yards away at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Iraq, Aug. 19, making a hole-in-one. Lemacas took part in a visit by professional golfers Becky Lucidi, Jill McGill, Mike Sposa and Carl Paulson as part of their "Fairways 2 Greens" tour.

# Memphis Egypt High School friends reunite

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BAGHDAD — Traveling two very different roads after high school led to the same place, thousands of miles away from home, for Memphis Egypt High School graduates 1st Lt. Cameron Burrell, Class of 1994 and 1st Sgt. Antwann Rhodes, Class of 1993.

As members of not only different units, but even different Army components, the two Soldiers received quite a surprise in March 2009 after arriving here.

Burrell's Reserve unit, the 277th Engineer Company from San Antonio, Texas, had just arrived at Camp Liberty and was receiving a briefing from their higher command, the 46th Engineer Combat Battalion, (Heavy), 225th Engineer Brigade, when Burrell saw a face he remembered from 15 years ago.

"When we touched ground over here in March, he was giving one of our in-briefs. He looked familiar so I walked up and asked who he was," said Burrell. "I hadn't seen him since '93."

Since that time, the two have not only had the chance to catch up on mutual friends from high school, but after a turn of events, the two actually got the chance to work very closely together.

Rhodes was the operations noncommissioned officer, but was moved into the first sergeant position in the 277th Eng. Co., where Burrell served as the executive officer.

Now, the two work with each other running the engineer company.

"It was basically a shock (seeing Burrell) because for the first time in my career, I

linked up with an individual I went to high school with and we were able to work together in the same atmosphere," Rhodes said. "So it was a great feeling, especially now, being over at the 277th as the first sergeant. I get to work hand-in-hand with the company's [executive officer]."

Both men talked extensively about performing their mission with someone from the same background, upbringing and network of friends and family.

"Knowing our area, coming from the same background, we related to each other very well. The work atmosphere is great," said Rhodes.

Not only has Burrell and Rhodes' friendship grown, it has had a ripple effect on mutual friends and family members learning of each other and their common connection.

"We've caught up on a lot of things. Our families don't know each other that well but we know a lot of the same people. I've told my parents about him, he has done the same. Our relationship has definitely grown," Burrell said.

For 15 years, the roads traveled by both Soldiers were very different, but each led to becoming engineers. Now, after meeting up and working with each other, the two have talked about going into business with each other after the military back in Memphis.

"We've talked about linking up in the next couple of years and maybe completing some business construction work together since we are in the same hometown," Burrell said.

Rhodes added, "We are in uniform now, but I wouldn't

be surprised if in a few years we are in business suits completing construction deals together back in Memphis."

For the two Memphites, they have found an unexpected friendship and stress outlet in each other that has made their time in Iraq easier.

"It's like a brother I never had," Rhodes explained. "If you are having a bad day, you can lean on each other for a smile each and every day.

This is setting the groundwork for a long lasting relationship. It's just amazing, it's a one in a million shot and here he is."



Photo by Sgt. Rebekah Malone, 225th Eng. Bde. PAO

1st Lt. Cameron Burrell (left) and 1st Sgt. Antwann Rhodes (right), both originally from Memphis, Tenn., reunited after 15 years in Camp Liberty, Iraq. The 277th Engineer Company, 46th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), 225th Engineer Brigade Soldiers attended Memphis Egypt High School, but had not seen each other since 1993 when Rhodes left for active duty.

## On This Day In Military History

1990 — A defiant Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declared in a television interview that America could not defeat Iraq, saying, "I do not beg before anyone."



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1991 — In a stunning blow to the Soviet Communist Party, the Supreme Soviet legislature voted to suspend the activities of the organization and freeze its bank accounts because of the party's role in the failed coup.

1992 — The U.N. Security Council agreed to send 3,000 more relief troops to Somalia to guard food shipments.

2003 — Six nations trying to defuse a standoff over North Korea's nuclear program ended their talks in Beijing with an agreement to keep talking.

2003 — In Najaf, Iraq, a massive car bomb exploded at the Imam Ali mosque during prayers, killing Mohammed Bakir al-Hakim, one of Iraq's most important Shiite clerics, and 124 other people. Two Iraqis and two Saudis were caught soon after.

2004 — In Afghanistan an explosion tore through the office of DynCorp., an American defense contractor, in the heart of Kabul, killing 12 people, including 3 Americans.

2004 — Saboteurs blew up a pipeline in southern Iraq in the latest attack. Al-Sadr called on his followers to lay down arms and get involved in politics.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Norris can get Black-jack with just one card.

## MND-B Pic of the day!

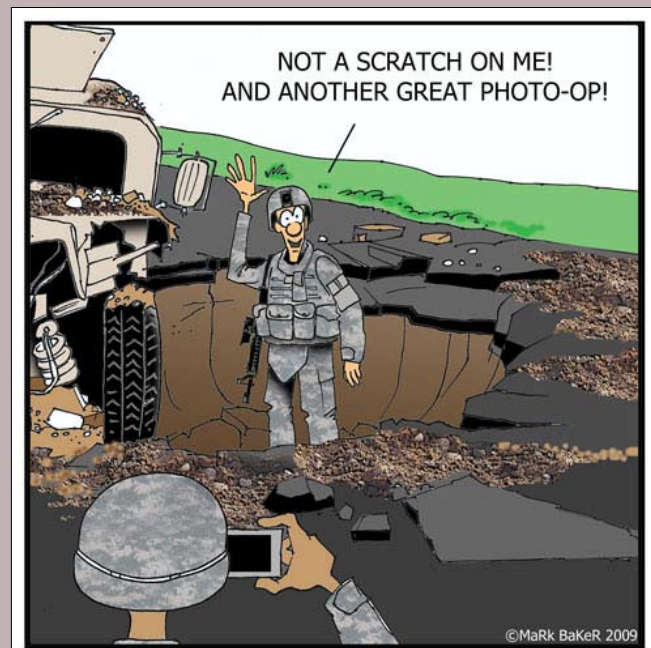


Photo by Albino Mendoza, 55th Combat Camera Co

SALMAN PAK, Iraq — Lt. Gen. Charles Jacoby (left), the commanding general of Multi-National Corps – Iraq, speaks to an Iraqi army officer during a visit to the Arch of Ctesiphon, Aug. 13, in Salman Pak, Iraq. The visit by the three-star general was in order to get a better understand of the area of operations in which the Panther brigade currently operates in.

## Pvt. Murphy

by Mark Baker



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## Quote For Today

“A young man who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living. Today’s military rejects includetomorrow’s hard-core unemployed.”  
 — John Kennedy, 1917-1963  
 35th President of the U.S.

### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



**Today**  
111° F | 80° F



**Tomorrow**  
105° F | 82° F



**Monday**  
105° F | 82° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

**How many pointers were there on the first clocks with hands--made in the 14th century?**

Last Issue's Answer: Chromium

## Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

### MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today’s Cav Round-Up # 143 was produced by Sgt Erik Fardette, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

The August 28 newscast includes the following two stories:

1. Keeping deployed Soldiers healthy.

The Army offers a level two treatment center with three doctors, two providers and two physician assistants. The facility can deal with anything that a full fledged family physician can deal with. The facility also has a lab, a pharmacy the also has optical care in addition to vision and audiology.

2. Beating the dust.

The desert can be pretty bad and could cause brown out. Engineers scarify the area the area, pack it, wet the area pack it again and apply rhino snot to beat the dust.

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## Trigger’s Teasers

1		4		8	6	5
			5		3	1
8	2	1			4	
	3	6		9		7
		8	7	5	4	
2		3		9	1	
	4			2	5	8
6	8		9			
5	7	1		3		2

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

### Yesterday’s Answers

2	7	9	3	5	8	6	1	4
8	3	6	4	9	1	7	2	5
4	5	1	7	6	2	3	9	8
5	4	8	2	3	7	1	6	9
9	6	7	5	1	4	2	8	3
3	1	2	9	8	6	4	5	7
7	8	4	1	2	9	5	3	6
6	2	5	8	7	3	9	4	1
1	9	3	6	4	5	8	7	2



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