

## School refurbishment brightens future

**By Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell**  
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BAGHDAD — Children laughed and talked excitedly throughout the re-opening ceremony of the Zuhair Bin Abysulma Primary School in the Zaidon area of western Baghdad, Oct. 15.

The \$67,000 refurbishment project was a joint effort between U.S. troops and the local government that came to fruition after three months of hard work, said Navy Lt. Ross Simpson, a civil affairs officer, from Dalton, Ga.

The project included cleaning up debris, painting the building, adding electricity and fixing the plumbing for the 128 local area children that attend the school, explained Simpson, who is assigned to the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion.

“Before, the school was dark; it had lots of trash and even broken glass. Now it’s brighter and the students are much happier, have more energy and have pride in their building, which adds to their willingness to learn.”

According to Simpson, the Nassir Wa Salem area council and U.S. force from 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division worked closely to rebuild the one-story schoolhouse and provide desks and chairs for the faculty and students to foster a better learning environment.

“This is a very important day and we feel very happy because everything has changed,” explained the school’s headmaster, Kalid Ahmed. “Now students are

more willing to show up to school.”

According to Kalid, one of the most important renovations was the bathrooms. In the past, the students didn’t have proper facilities, making the school an uncomfortable place to spend the school year.

“Whenever students are happy and comfortable, it is easier for the teacher to teach the students,” continued Kalid. “I feel excellent today because we know that U.S. forces are good people and want to take care of us, the children and the school.”

During the visit, the troops also donated backpacks to each one of the eager students who were quick to smile and shake hands with everyone.

“What we’re trying to do here is to help these kids become the future leaders of Iraq,” said Simpson as children proudly showed each other their backpacks.

The ceremony also included members of the Ministry of Education that were pleased to be involved in such an undertaking.

According to Simpson, this was the fifth project completed in the area in the past four months.

Lincolnshire, Ill., native, Lt. Col. Rick Heyward, the commander of 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Regiment, 4th SBCT, 2nd Inf. Div. applauded the hard work and cooperation of U.S. Forces and local government officials.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell

They seemed pretty stoked to see us right when we pulled up,” said Pvt. Vince Dalseg, a mortarman from Union, Wash., assigned to Company C, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, as he talked and interacted with children during a ceremony to re-open a refurbished primary school in Zaidon, western Baghdad, Oct. 15.

# Joint aviators train IA air assaults

**Photos by Sgt. Travis Zielinski,**  
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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — An MI-17 Hip helicopter (left) from the Iraqi Air Force and a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, drop off Soldiers from the 34th Iraqi Army Brigade, 9th IA Division, during a joint air assault training mission, here, Oct. 17



Soldiers from the 34th Iraqi Army Brigade, 9th IA Division, stay low and take defensive positions after being air inserted into a simulated battlefield by an MI-17 Hip helicopter (right) from the Iraqi air force and a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, during a joint training mission, here, Oct. 17



Not only did the Soldiers of the 34th Iraqi Army Brigade, 9th IA Division practice aerial insertions from their Iraqi Air Force helicopters, they also honed their skills jumping in and out of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, during a joint training mission, here, Oct. 17.

# Wounded warrior reunited with comrades

**By Sgt. Mary Phillips**

30th HBCT PAO

BAGHDAD — The room was silent, and would occasionally erupt into laughter at a funny story as reunited brothers in arm swapped stories.

Retired 1st Lt. Edwin Salau, of New Bern, N.C., who served as a platoon leader with Company C, 120th Combined Arms Battalion "Tuskhogs", 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team in 2004 only had one thing to say.

"Hi, I'm Ed. I'm a Tuskhog."

Salau, who lost part of his left leg in a rocket propelled grenade attack when his patrol was ambushed in Nov. 2004, was one of eight Soldiers and a Marine who stopped at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Oct. 13, as part of Operation Proper Exit.

Founded by the Laurel, Md. based group, Troops First, the program is designed to bring wounded troops back to Iraq with the hopes of gaining psychological closure. This is the first time a program of this kind has been attempted while combat is still taking place. Military officials have supported the program since its inception.

In addition to the troops who live at Falcon, a group of Soldiers who served with Salau in 2004 came from FOB Mahmudiyah to reconnect with their leader, friend and former comrade.

Soldiers laughed, and told stories from their last deployment and exchanged handshakes and hugs.

"You don't know how much this means to me; that with everything you're doing and everything you've gotta do,

and all the deadlines you've got today, you set them aside to come out and see me. That means a lot to me and I know it means a lot to the Soldiers and the Marine with me."

This trip with Operation Proper Exit helped Salau gain some closure after his experience the last time he was in Iraq.

"I felt a sense of pride, being back in Iraq with the Soldiers I led in 2004," said Salau. "The North Carolina National Guard is like a big family, and I hated that I was not able to return to Iraq with my brothers this time. I also hated that I left them in Iraq in 2004. So, I felt a very selfish need to show them that I could walk off the battlefield on my terms. This time when I left them, the enemy did not have a vote."

Not only do the wounded

benefit from returning to Iraq, the Soldiers who served with them do to.

"It provides closure," said Nashville, N.C. native, Maj. Wes Morrison, executive officer, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 120th CAB. Morrison was Salau's company commander in 2004. "I saw him get on the medivac helicopter that day he was injured, and I was able to be there to see him get off the helicopter at Falcon, walking towards me."

Salau presented an American Flag to Morrison, and requested that the current 120th CAB Soldiers fly this flag over a free Iraq.

"In '04, we Tuskhogs were dreaming about that. It's just to honor all those who sweat, bleed, and died to make that happen."

Salau was very thankful for the opportunity to return to Iraq and believes strongly in the program that is helping many Soldiers, like him, find peace.

"I think Operation Proper Exit is very important because U.S. service members who have bled for Iraq deserve to see, first hand, all the progress being made as this mission is being accomplished.

Additionally, it provides Soldiers an opportunity to find closure."

"The Iraqi commanding general of the Iraqi Army Brigade, which defends the area where I was shot, shook my hand and told me he, and his family, will always remember my sacrifice and my efforts to free his country.

That statement meant my injury, and that my friends' injuries and deaths have not been in vain. I was able to see it first-hand."



Photo by Sgt. Mary Phillips,

Retired 1st Lt. Edwin Salau, (standing) talks with Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Falcon as part of Operation Proper Exit, Oct. 13. Salau served with the 120th Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team and lost part of his left leg when his patrol was attacked in Nov. 2004.

## On This Day In History

October 19, 1982

### The fall of an automotive star

John DeLorean began his automotive career with Packard in the 1950s, and was recruited to Pontiac in 1959. A rising star at Pontiac, DeLorean pioneered the successful GTO and Grand Prix, and by the late 1960s had risen to the top position in a company that was behind only Chevrolet and Ford in sales. In 1970, DeLorean was moved to manage the Chevrolet Division, and by 1973 Chevy was selling a record 3,000,000 cars and trucks, with DeLorean seeming a top candidate for General Motors' (GM) next presidency. But in late-1973, he walked away from his \$650,000 job at GM, boasting he was "going to show them how to build cars." After raising nearly \$200 million in financing, DeLorean formed the DeLorean Motor Company in 1974, and constructed a car factory in Northern Ireland. Interest in DeLorean's sleek and futuristic DMC-12 car was high, but by the early 1980s the company was in serious financial trouble. Failing to find additional investors, the proud DeLorean became involved in racketeering and drug trafficking in a desperate attempt to save his beleaguered company. On this day in 1982, after being caught on film during an FBI sting operation trying to broker a \$24 million cocaine deal, DeLorean was arrested on charges of drug trafficking and money laundering. But two years later a federal jury ruled that he was a victim of entrapment, and DeLorean was acquitted of all charges. Nevertheless, the debacle ruined his credibility, and John DeLorean's fall from the top of the automotive industry was complete. He died from a stroke at the age of 80, on March 19, 2005.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



### DID YOU KNOW?

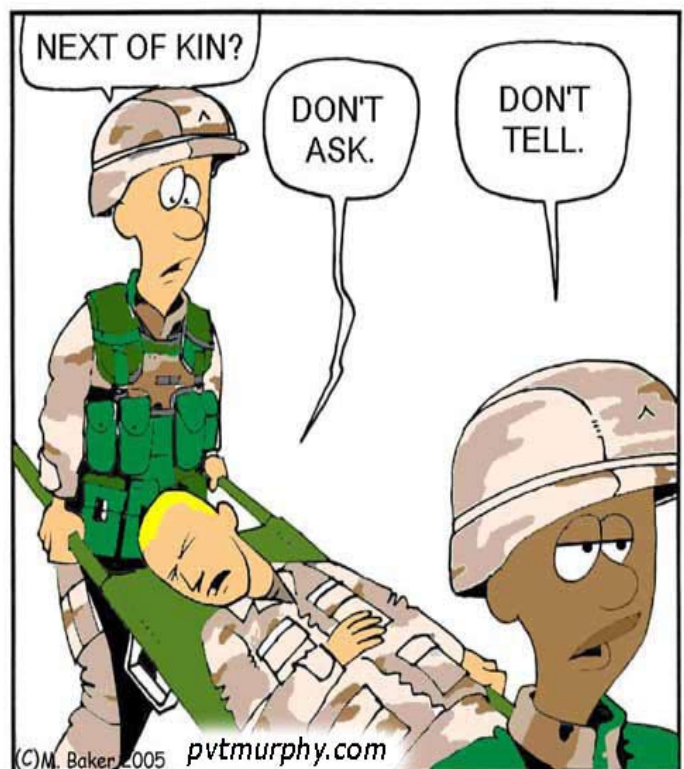
You know how they say if you die in your dream then you will die in real life? In actuality, if you dream of death then Chuck Norris will find you and kill you.

## MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth, 4th SBCT PAO, 2nd Inf. Div

BAGHDAD – Capt. Matthew Neal (left), a physical therapist with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, reenlists his older brother, Sgt. 1st Class Philip Neal, the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division's legal team noncommissioned officer-in-charge, indefinitely at al-Faw palace, here, Oct.13.



## Quote For Today

"You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm"

— Colette —

## Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



**Today**  
96° F | 69° F



**Tomorrow**  
87° F | 62° F



**Wednesday**  
91° F | 66° F

## TRIVIA TIME!!

According to the results of a very recent Gallup poll on cigarette smoking, what percentage of adults in this country still smoke cigarettes? Is it closer to 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% or 50%?

Last Issue's Answer: CHOCOLATE DRINK

# 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 # 164 was produced by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Soldiers of the 1472 Civil Affairs Company bring food and goodwill to Iraqi families to help celebrate the end of Ramadan. SGT Stephanie Logue, Multi-National Division - Baghdad, PAO.

Food was given to some of the families in rural Baghdad to celebrate the end of fasting.

2. Soldiers of C Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Recon-

naissance Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and the Iraqi Federal Police deliver much needed water filters to families in the village of al-Tameem.

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

## Trigger's Teasers

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

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



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