

Warrior Academy gives IA options

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BAGHDAD — The training and advisory role that the U.S. military has undertaken with Iraqi Security Forces is paying off on the streets of Baghdad.

Classroom instruction and hands on, realistic training scenarios re-enforce the battle tested techniques once joint patrols leave the confines of joint security stations. For American instructors, these foot patrol act as a culminating exercise.

“Patrolling side-by-side with the [Iraqi Army] helps show them the way we do things,” said Moore, Okla. Native, Cpl. Christopher Cannon, basic rifle marksmanship instructor. “We aren’t

forcing the way we do things on them, but it helps show them that there are other options to consider.”

Warrior Academy students from JSS Ur, conducted a foot patrol, Oct. 20, after receiving classes from the Soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

“This class is really good for our Soldiers,” said Capt. Moammer, the executive officer for the 2nd Battalion 44th Brigade Iraqi Army Division. “They are training and gaining experience from the U.S. Soldiers. The U.S. Soldiers know what they are doing, they have done this before, and

my Soldiers respect that.”

The Warrior Academy is a three day course which teaches basic rifle marksmanship, weapon handling and safety, basic tactical movements, first aid, and combat patrolling. Combat patrols are built into the curriculum to give the Iraqi Soldiers a chance to use the skills they have learned.

“The Warrior Academy is designed to help the Soldiers from the 2-44th IA Division with basic soldiering skills, that way they can teach them to their Soldiers,” said San Antonio native,

Staff Sgt. Marzo Rosas. He hopes that training events like these will make the Iraqi Security Forces more efficient and less de-

pendent on the Americans.

“I feel the patrol is one of the most important parts of the training,” said Moammer. “We use the patrol movements, searching techniques and everything else we have learned up to this point. We can see what we need to work on and improve ourselves.”

Throughout the patrol the IA stopped several vehicles and searched them. The patrol is organized so that individuals and teams have separate tasks like searching vehicles or passengers.

“We wanted them to feel in control of the patrol, this was their patrol,” said Saipan native, Staff Sgt. Benito Santos.

As the IA led the way through the gates, they maneuvered around multiple obstacles; large mud puddles, rocks, traffic and children.

“They respected the civilians,” said Santos. “This will help them build better relations with them, and earn trust from most of them.”

After the patrol was over and they had returned to JSS Ur, the instructors sat the IA Soldiers in the classroom and started discussing what happened during the patrol.

They split the class into two groups and each team was required to determine three negative and positive actions performed during the patrol.

“Discussing what you did during your patrol helps you for the next time you are out there,” Santos told the students. “It will better stick in your mind.”

“We want the IA to become more stable,” explains Rosas.



Photo by Pfc. Bailey Jester

Moore, Okla. native, Cpl. Christopher Cannon (left), a basic rifle marksmanship instructor, pulls security with one of the Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 44th Brigade, Iraqi Army Division while on patrol in Baghdad, Oct. 20.

Air. Cav spearheads joint air assault

Photos by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB, 1st Cav. Div



CAMP TAJI, An Iraqi Air Force MI-17 Hip helicopter departs after dropping off IA Soldiers, here, Oct. 22. The air assault demonstration featured IqAF capabilities coupled with their IA customers



As an American AH-64D Apache attack helicopter hovers in the background, Soldiers from the 34th Iraqi Army Brigade stand in formation following an air assault exercise designed to show the strength of Iraqi air-ground intergration, here, Oct.22.



A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from 3rd Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, approaches a simulated battlefield during a joint mission between U.S. Army, Iraqi Army and Iraqi Air Force partners, Oct. 22. The demonstration was a combined air assault between American and Iraq Air Force to show senior Iraqi leaders the benefits of air-ground integration

The illusionist of Baghdad

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BAGHDAD — The practiced art of misdirection, sleight of hand and nimble fingers may conjure up visions of carnival side shows—or politicians, depending on your level of cynicism.

This particular set of skills, however, distinguishes one 1st Cavalry Division trooper from his fellow Soldiers.

Spc. Jose Barrientos, a Bradley mechanic with D Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, has a particular talent. He is an illusionist.

Born in Michoacan, Mexico, but now from San Diego, he has performed magic most of his life. His interest in the craft started at a very young age.

“When I was five, my uncle took me to the circus in Mexico. There were all these tents set up but I don’t know what was in most of them because when he took me to the magician’s tent, which was the first one; I didn’t want to leave,” he said. “That blew me away – it was almost like an obsession. That was all I wanted for birthday presents after that.”

As soon as he learned his first illusion, he began absorbing as much as he could of the tricks of the trade. He also began performing for friends. But the going was rough.

“Every trick that I had when I was little were famous tricks that you could find in any magic store, so I ran into a lot of people who knew the tricks and I had a lot of negative experiences with people because of it,” he said with a shrug. “From there, I made it

my mission to start developing my own illusions.”

Barrientos started watching other magicians and figuring out their illusions in his early teens. His strong background in magic allowed him to pick out the elements of a trick and see how they were done. He began developing his own illusions based on the things he had seen and people began to become interested.

One of his newer tricks is called “Stigmata”. A person picks a card from an ordinary deck and puts it back in.

“Then they grab onto my wrist and they think of the card and when they let go, you see ... it almost appears scratched on my wrist whatever card they picked,” he said with an air of mystery. “I did it for my pastor back home and he sat me down and said, ‘Hey, wait a second, what’s going on here?’ I teased him a little and said, ‘I don’t know, it just started happening.’”

The illusions in Barrientos’ arsenal have grown in both number and skill. He can now put a card through a glass pane, burn a dollar bill and reform it, and make a deck of cards move without touching it. His skill with magic has led the Iraqi Federal Police who share Joint Security Station Istaqlal with him, to call him the genie.

“The thing is they don’t have a lot of street magicians because in their culture there are people who claim to legitimately have powers, especially in superstitious countries,” he explained. “They think that I have genies with me that help me do my tricks.”

Wherever his powers lie, Barrientos has become quite



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popular on JSS Istaqlal, here. People come from all over the base to see him perform and are constantly amazed.

“What I love about magic is that you can kind of reach out and touch people with it,” he said. “You can bend the rules of the universe for just a moment and everybody goes into that place in their mind where anything is possible. It

disarms people right away – it’s a great icebreaker.”

Whether his tricks are just really good illusions or if he has mystical genies at his beck and call, Barrientos continues to be an asset to his unit and to the Army.

He provides a little magic to liven up the humdrum and put smiles on Iraqi and U.S. faces.

On This Day In History

New York City subway opens

At 2:35 on the afternoon of October 27, 1904, New York City Mayor George McClellan takes the controls on the inaugural run of the city's innovative new rapid transit system: the subway.

While London boasts the world's oldest underground train network (opened in 1863) and Boston built the first subway in the United States in 1897, the New York City subway soon became the largest American system. The first line, operated by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company (IRT), traveled 9.1 miles through 28 stations. Running from City Hall in lower Manhattan to Grand Central Terminal in midtown, and then heading west along 42nd Street to Times Square, the line finished by zipping north, all the way to 145th Street and Broadway in Harlem. On opening day, Mayor McClellan so enjoyed his stint as engineer that he stayed at the controls all the way from City Hall to 103rd Street.

At 7 p.m. that evening, the subway opened to the general public, and more than 100,000 people paid a nickel each to take their first ride under Manhattan. IRT service expanded to the Bronx in 1905, to Brooklyn in 1908 and to Queens in 1915. Since 1968, the subway has been controlled by the Metropolitan Transport Authority (MTA). The system now has 26 lines and 468 stations in operation; the longest line, the 8th Avenue "A" Express train, stretches more than 32 miles, from the northern tip of Manhattan to the far southeast corner of Queens.

Every day, some 4.5 million passengers take the subway in New York. With the exception of the PATH train connecting New York with New Jersey and some parts of Chicago's elevated train system, New York's subway is the only rapid transit system in the world that runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No matter how crowded or dirty, the subway is one New York City institution few New Yorkers--or tourists--could do without.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Norris invented Kentucky Fried Chicken's famous secret recipe, with eleven herbs and spices. But nobody ever mentions the twelfth ingredient: Fear.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Joshua Risner, MND-B

BAGHDAD – Staff Sgt. Michael Waddell (center), from Lakeland, Fla., observes the form of Iraqi Federal Policemen during training at Joint Security Station Istaqal, here, Oct. 21.



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Quote For Today

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination"

— Tommy Lasorda —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
96° F | 69° F



Tomorrow
87° F | 62° F



Thursday
91° F | 66° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

Which person hosted almost 300 NBC TV specials, but no regular series, over the course of his career?

Last Issue's Answer: ARISTOCRACY

Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

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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 # 184 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the fol-

lowing stories:

1. U.S. forces are seeing first steps taken to leaving Iraq. Story by SGT Erik Fardette, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

While there is still a little over a year left, troops are starting the moving out process.

2. 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers team up with the ePRT and Civil Affairs

to make up a new Project Working Group. The group is working to rebuild areas north of Baghdad.

The focus for the group is to come up with ideas that would help the citizens in Baghdad.

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Check out more news at the 1st Cavalry Division's homepage:

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

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6	3			4		1		
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