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Runners celebrate birthday of civil rights leader

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BAGHDAD – “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” wrote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in a letter to his fellow clergymen as he sat in a Birmingham, Ala., jail cell during the spring of 1963.

Forty-seven years later, King’s observation still rings true – especially to the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and civilians stationed in Baghdad who recently accepted the challenge of running 6.2 miles.

The Martin Luther King Jr., 10k Holiday Run, conducted on the anniversary of King’s birth date, Jan. 15, was sponsored and organized by the U.S. Division—Center Equal Opportunity office, in conjunction with Soldiers of 16th Engineer Brigade. The division Morale, Welfare and Recreation office and United Service Organizations also lent a hand, said Lt. Col. Jane Lengel, the equal opportunity representative for 16th Engineer Brigade, U.S. Division—Center.

The purpose of the



Service members from all branches of the military and civilians run side-by-side during the Martin Luther King Jr., 10k Holiday Run conducted on the anniversary of King’s birthday at Camp Liberty, Jan. 15.

run was to recognize the contributions made by King by celebrating his birthday in a manner that is familiar to military members.

“It helps us focus on the true contribution of Dr. King,” said Lengel. “It gives everyone an opportunity to celebrate our diversity as individuals and as a military team.”

“We’re celebrating the dreams and legacy of Dr. King by bringing everyone together for one purpose,” said Capt. Summer Favors, a Columbus, Ohio, native,

assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Eng. Bde., U.S. Division—Center.

Others saw the run as a means for team building.

“Running pulls us all together,” said 1st Sgt. Michael Strate, the senior noncommissioned officer assigned to Battery F, 26th Field Artillery Regiment, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Division. “It also gives everyone a sense of accomplishment.”

The run began at 7

a.m., with more than 450 participants.

Each Soldier who completed the run earned a commemorative T-shirt. The T-shirt was imprinted with a rendering of King and inscribed with a quote from his Nobel Prize acceptance speech; one that holds significance to service members and civilians in Baghdad, today:

“I believe that even amidst today’s mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow.”

Joint Humanitarian mission spreads joy and warmth to 100 Iraqi families

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YUSIFIYAH, Iraq – One hundred families in the Yusifiyah area, southwest of Baghdad, benefited as U.S. and Iraqi soldiers targeted their villages during a humanitarian aid mission, Jan. 3.

Soldiers of Company A, 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, and the 1472nd Civil Affairs Team attached to the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team and Iraqi Army 17th Division Soldiers, disbursed blankets, quilts, kerosene heaters, children's clothing, school supplies and pre-packaged bags of food donated from U.S. charitable organizations.

The Commander's Emergency Relief Fund was used to purchase items

distributed in the Hasa-meet, Setoah and Zobai regions; the most deprived segment of A Troops' area of operations. The villages hurt agriculturally mainly because they are not located on main routes or near water sources.

"Heaters and blankets were purchased through the brigade [commander's emergency relief fund]," said civil affairs officer 1st Lt. Adam Stickley, of Leeton, Mo. "Beyond Orders and the Hugs Foundation sent in items for this drop, along with private donations from citizens of West Virginia."

Beyond Orders is an organization developed by a group of U.S. veterans from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. They setup a web site for U.S. service members to request spe-



YUSIFIYAH, Iraq – A Troop Commander Capt. Mark Houck, of 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, carries a blanket to an Iraqi family in a village southwest of Baghdad during a humanitarian mission, Jan. 3. A Troop Soldiers and 17th Division Iraqi Army Soldiers disbursed heaters, quilts, blankets, children's clothing, school supplies and bags of food to the people in the most deprived sector of its area of operations. Donations came from the Hugs Foundation, Beyond Orders and from private donors and organizations in West Virginia, where the National Guard squadron is based.

cific items needed in the Iraqi communities in their area of operations.

The Web site posts requests from Soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, matching them with private donors, to include individuals and organizations who pledge to send items for needy people in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Hugs Foundation campaigns for donations to fund deliveries of care packages containing cooling scarves, homemade goods, toiletries and snacks to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The Hugs Foundation sent us some games, toys

and about 50 quilts made by retired ladies," said Stickley. "Beyond Orders sent most of the children's clothes disbursed."

"They were excited and actually pretty well organized as we gave out the supplies," said civil affairs team member Staff Sgt. Michael Hawf, of St. Louis.

"Giving the children clothing and seeing the expressions of joy as they receive something that they need and can use is rewarding," said Hawf. "It's absolutely amazing that we are able to make an impact on people's lives."



Civil affairs team member Staff Sgt. Michael Hawf, of St. Louis, Mo., takes a moment to give a child a toy in a village southwest of Baghdad during a humanitarian mission.

This day in history

Scott reaches the South Pole

After a two-month ordeal, the expedition of British explorer Robert Falcon Scott arrives at the South Pole only to find that Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, had preceded them by just over a month. Disappointed, the exhaust-

ed explorers prepared for a long and difficult journey back to their base camp.

Scott, a British naval officer, began his first Antarctic expedition in 1901 aboard the Discovery. During three years of exploration, he discovered the Edward VII Peninsula, surveyed the coast of

Victoria Land--which were both areas of Antarctica on the Ross Sea--and led limited expeditions into the continent itself. In 1911, Scott and Amundsen began an undeclared race to the South Pole.

Sailing his ship into Antarctica's Bay of Whales, Amundsen set up base camp 60 miles closer to the pole than Scott.

In October, both explorers set off; Amundsen using sleigh dogs and Scott employing Siberian motor sledges, Siberian ponies, and dogs.

On December 14, 1911, Amundsen's expedition won the race to the pole. Encountering good weather on their return trip, they safely reached their base camp in late January.

Scott's expedition was less fortunate. The motor sleds soon broke down, the ponies had to be shot, and the dog teams were sent back as Scott and four companions continued on foot.

On Jan. 18, they reached the pole only to find that Amundsen had preceded them by over

a month. Weather on the return journey was exceptionally bad, two members perished, and Scott and the other two survivors were trapped in their tent by a storm only 11 miles from their base camp.

Scott wrote a final entry in his diary in late March.

The frozen bodies of he and his two compatriots were recovered eight months later.



Robert Scott's Expedition reached the South Pole Jan 18, 1912.

Camp Liberty MWR Calendar

Calendar events start at 2000

<p>Monday Texas Hold'em</p> <p>18</p>  <p>Keri Noble at noon Camp Victory main stage</p> <p>Also at 1900 Camp Slayer's Lion's Den MWR</p>	<p>Tuesday Spades</p> <p>19</p>  <p>Keri Noble at noon East Liberty's Raider DFAC</p> <p>Also at 1900 Sather Air Base Movie Tent</p>	<p>Wednesday Karaoke & Ping Pong</p> <p>20</p>  	<p>Thursday Salsa Night</p> <p>21</p> 	<p>Friday Dominoes and R&B night</p> <p>22</p> 
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MAHMUDIYAH, Iraq – Soldiers from Commanders Battalion, 17th Division, yell a cadence as they run down the streets of Camp Deason during a parade to celebrate the 89th Anniversary of the Iraqi Army Jan. 8. The event was organized as a tribute to the division, its supporters and its growth since the new army was established in 2004.

Weather

Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
75° F 59° F	69° F 73° F	71° F 55° F	71° F 50° F	71° F 50° F



Quote of the Day

“Never do anything when you are with temper, for you will do everything wrong.”

-Balstar Gracian-

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