





U.S. Soldiers of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade provide hands on Aerial Quick Reactionary Force (AQRf) training on a UH-60 Blackhawk to U.S. Soldiers assigned to 1st Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment on the Contingency Operating Base Speicher's flight line and northern Aerial training site in Iraq, May 16, 2010. The training enables 1/28th Infantry Battalion to be better prepared for threats to the Balad area with aerial movement and support.

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U.S. Army Spc. Zachary Madison, Ammo Team Chief "Gun 2" Team, Alpha Battery, 1st Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, sets the fuses preparing the shells for firing during an artillery live fire qualification range on Memorial Range, COB Speicher, Iraq May 21, 2010. Although the wartime activities of Operation Iraqi Freedom are complete, 2/32 Field Artillery requires qualification ranges to keep the fire team's accuracy and timing at it's best.





U.S. Army Pfc. Mark Ayers, "Gun 3" Team, Alpha Battery, 1st Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, watches spent brass hit the ground and stands ready to dispose of it during an artillery live fire qualification range on Memorial Range, COB Speicher, Iraq May 21, 2010. Although the wartime activities of Operation Iraqi Freedom are complete, 2/32 Field Artillery requires qualification ranges to keep the fire team's accuracy and timing at it's best.

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U.S. Army Maj. Eric Aguila, a surgeon assigned to 2-1 Cavalry Squadron, holds a prosthetic leg as part of his class to introduce medical personnel to amputation and prosthetics at a local hospital in Abu Ghraib, Baghdad, Iraq May 25, 2010. The squadron gave the class in support of Operation Medical Alliance.





A U.S. Soldier from 3rd Platoon, Aztec Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division photographs the iris of an Iraqi in Taji, Iraq, May 21, 2010. The platoon was verifying the identity of Iraqis selected to receive money for an agricultural project.

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An Iraqi woman speaks to U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Samuel Ward, from Jefferson, Mo., attached to the Guardians Maneuver Element, 17th Fires Brigade at the Basra bus and taxi station in Basra, Iraq, May 23, 2010. The U.S. Soldiers conducted a joint presence patrol with Iraqi Police to collect information on the city's security.





Chai tea is served at a meeting with Sheiks and representatives from the Environmental Provincial Reconstruction Team at a demonstration farm in Taji, Iraq, May 23, 2010. Over 20 Sheiks attended the meeting that was held to explain the economical benefits of using new technology in agriculture.

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U.S. Soldiers from 17th Fires Brigade make their way up the Ziggurat of Ur, Iraq near Contingency Operating Base Adder, May 18, 2010. The Ziggurat was constructed as a place of worship in the 21st century B.C. and today after more than 4,000 years it is one of the most well-preserved structures of the Neo-Sumerian city of Ur.

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U.S. Army Spc. Britney Frazier and Cpl. Dale Comella, combat medics assigned to the Guardians Maneuver Element, 17th Fires Brigade, treat Spc. Samantha Ciaramitaro, who was suffering from the extreme heat while visiting the Ziggurat of Ur, near Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq May 18, 2010. Ciaramitaro was quickly given two intravenous therapy, also known as IV and safely returned to duty.

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U.S. Soldiers from 1-68 Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, along with Iraqi soldiers from the 14th Iraqi Army Commandos conduct a patrol brief in Basra, Iraq, May 21, 2010. The joint patrol was conducted to gather information on security within the city.

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