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JSS Mutanabe handed over to Iraqi Army



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Thompson

Capt. Ali Abdual Zaharra Hussain, 4th Co., 3rd Bn, 32nd IA Bde., raises the symbolic key to JSS Mutanabe at a transfer ceremony May 28.

By Sgt. 1st Class Joe Thompson
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FOB DELTA – U.S. Forces handed over the responsibility of Joint Security Station Mutanabe in Wasit Province, Iraq, to the Iraqi Army in a ceremony May 28.

Capt. Adam Ropelewski, commander of Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, 41st Fires Brigade, signed over the JSS to Capt. Ali Abdual Zaharra Hussain, commander of 4th Company, 3rd Battalion, 32nd Iraqi Army Brigade.

"The U.S. Forces leaving this base are giving the opportunity to the Iraqi Forces and the 4th company to take their place and to take complete control

of this base which indicates a new era for the Iraqi Armed Forces," said Lt. Col. Majid, 3rd Bn., 32nd IA Bde. commander.

"This also indicates the strength of the Iraqi Army in fighting the terrorists and the people who cause harm to this country and we thank the American Forces for all their efforts at this base," added Majid.

The Soldiers of Btry. B took over control of the JSS in August 2008 after the Georgian Army pulled out of Iraq.

"Today, ten months later, we depart not as strangers but as brothers," said Lt. Col. Timothy Bush, 2nd Bn., 20th FA Regt., commander. "Through ten months of living together, training to-

gether and operating together, we are not two armies, but we are one team who have provided security and stability to the people of Badra district."

"We are leaving the JSS in accordance with the security agreement, but we will never step away from our friends and we will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you against our common enemies," Bush added.

The troops of 2nd Bn., 20th FA Regt. remain partners with Iraqi Security Forces at two other stations. Those are scheduled to be handed over within the next month.

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Passport required for Soldiers taking leave outside U.S.

Spc. Darryl Montgomery
MND-S



COB BASRA, Iraq – Not all deployed Soldiers prefer to go home when taking leave. Some opt to take advantage of their free round-trip flight by visiting other countries.

Soldiers who choose to do this, however, must ensure they have taken care of planning the trip in advance. This includes getting the proper documentation to travel.

Travel to some foreign countries can be achieved with only a military identification card and a copy of the Soldier's orders, said Spc. Jennifer Aga, Multi-National Division-South legal assistance noncommissioned officer-in-charge. Other countries require the traveler to have a valid U.S. passport.

Many countries require different documentation in addition to a passport, the Woodbury, Minn., native added. More information on this can be found at www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm.

The only place Soldiers can apply for a passport in Iraq at this time is the United States Embassy located in the International Zone in Baghdad, according to Capt. Catherine Laroque, MND-S chief of legal assistance. There is currently an effort underway to have a passport agency located in Basra.

When applying for a passport in person, Soldiers will need to provide primary evidence of United States

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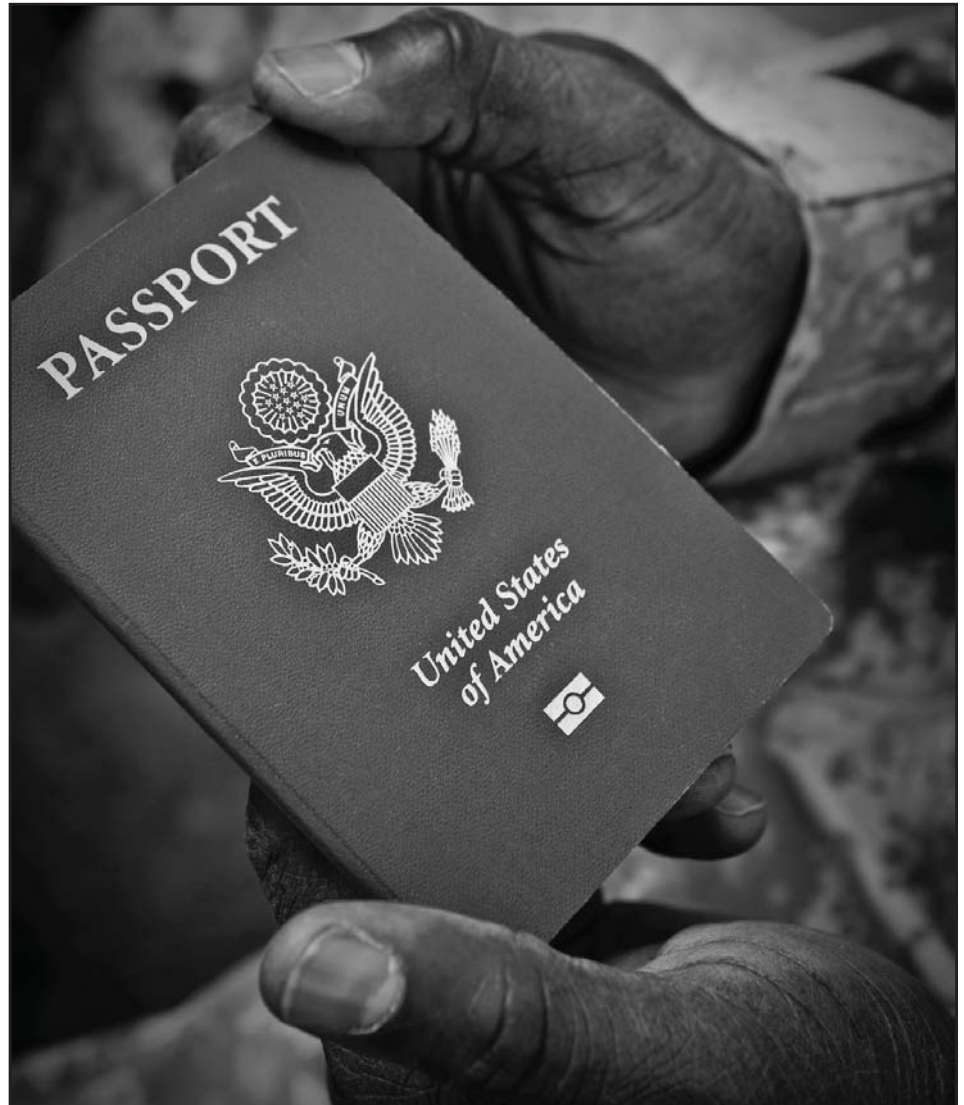


Photo by Spc. Tyler Maulding

A Soldier who received citizenship through naturalization holds his passport. The only place Soldiers can apply for a passport in Iraq is the United States Embassy located in the International Zone in Baghdad, according to Capt. Catherine Laroque, 34th Infantry Division, chief of legal assistance. Work is being done to get a passport agency located in Basra.

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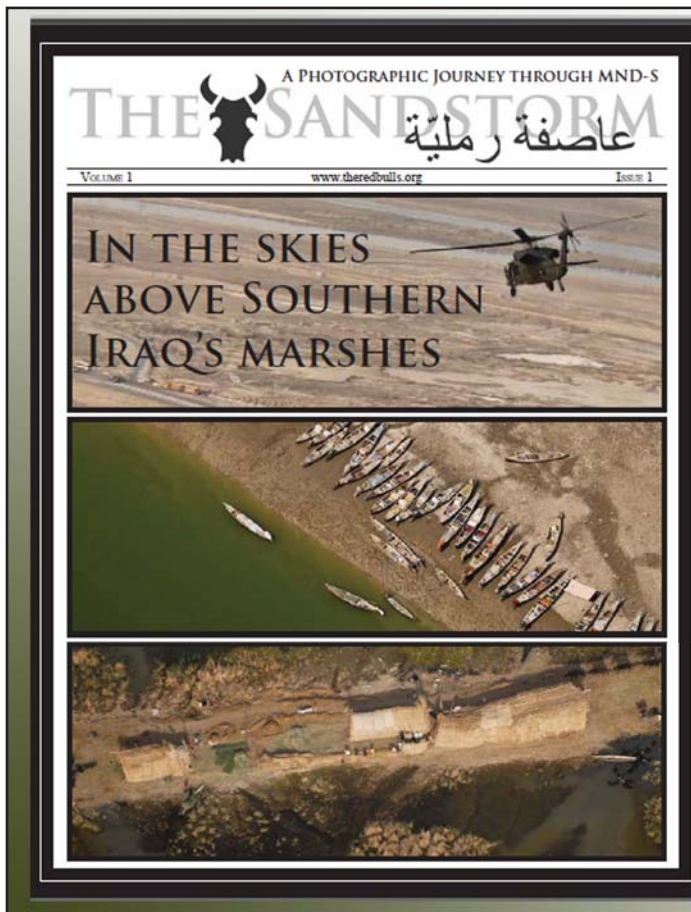
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citizenship, according to the U.S. State Department website, www.state.gov. This can include a previously issued, undamaged passport, a certified birth certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth, a U.S. Naturalization Certificate or a Certificate of Citizenship.

A certified birth certificate has a registrar's raised, embossed, impressed or multicolored seal, registrar's signature and the date the certificate was filed with the registrar's office, which must be within one year of birth, according to the website.

Soldiers will also need to have some form of acceptable identification. This can include a previously issued, undamaged passport, Naturalization

Certificate, valid driver's license, current government ID card or a current military ID card.

In addition to supplying proof of citizenship and identification, applicants must provide two identical color photographs that are two inches by two inches in size, said Laroque, a **Maplewood**, Minn., native.

The photos should be no older than six months, showing the current appearance of the applicant, according to the State Department website. The photo should be taken in normal street attire and include the full face of the subject with a white or off-white background.

Soldiers who are attempting to renew an expired passport have the option of doing so by mail if their current passport meets a few requirements set forth by the State Department, said Aga.

For the expired passport to be eligible for renewal, it must be undamaged and submitted with the application. It must have been issued after the age of 16 years, issued within the last 15 years, and issued in the applicant's current name unless a name change can be legally documented, Aga added.

To renew a passport by mail, applicants will need to fill out Form DS-82, which can be found on the State Department website.

In addition to mailing the form, applicants will need to include the proper documentation and photos along with the \$100 fee.

Obtaining a passport cannot be done through a power of attorney since the applicant must be there to sign the documentation, Aga said. Also, if an applicant is behind on child support, the application may be rejected.

If Soldiers need assistance with the process of applying for a passport, see the legal section for help.

HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHT

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headquartered in Maplewood, Minn.**

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Around the world in 34 seconds

World News:

LONDON - Millvina Dean, who as a baby was wrapped in a sack and lowered into a lifeboat in the frigid North Atlantic, died May 31, as the last survivor of the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic. She was 97 years old, and died in her sleep in Southampton, England, the city her family had tried to leave behind when it took the ship's ill-fated maiden voyage. It was the 98th anniversary of the launch of the ship that was billed as "practically unsinkable." She had been hospitalized with pneumonia last week but recovered and returned home. Dean was just over 2 months old when the Titanic hit an iceberg on the night of April 14, 1912. The ship sank in less than three hours. Dean was one of 706 people who survived. Her father was among the 1,517 who died.

U.S. News:

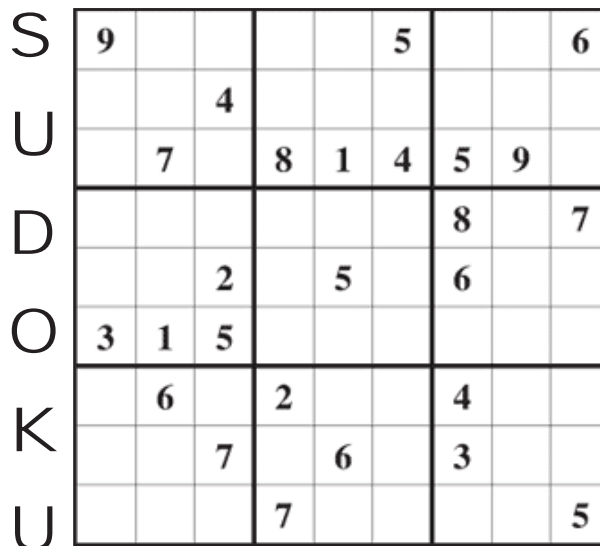
WICHITA, Kansas - Dr. George Tiller, who remained one of the nation's few providers of late-term abortions through decades of protests and attacks, was shot and killed May 31 in a church where he was serving as an usher. The gunman fled, but a 51-year-old suspect was arrested some 170 miles away in suburban Kansas City three hours after the shooting, Wichita Deputy Police Chief Tom Stolz said. Johnson County sheriff's spokesman Tom Erickson identified the man in custody as Scott Roeder, who has not been charged in the slaying. Long a focus of national anti-abortion groups, including a summer-long protest in 1991, Tiller was serving as an usher during Sunday morning services when he was shot in the foyer of Reformation Lutheran Church, Stolz said. Tiller's attorney, Dan Monnat, said Tiller's wife, Jeanne, was in the choir at the time. Stolz said all indications were that the man acted alone, although authorities were investigating whether he had any connection to anti-abortion groups.

Sports News:

DOVER, Del. - Jimmie Johnson nosed past Tony Stewart with two laps left in a thrilling battle to the finish and won the Sprint Cup Series race at Dover International Speedway. Johnson pushed Stewart over the final few laps May 31 and finally caught him with an outside pass. Johnson won his second race of the season and got his fourth career Cup victory at Dover. Johnson dominated most of the race and led 298 total laps after leading only 12 laps combined in the last six races. The three-time defending Cup champion had a slow pit stop with 36 laps left that dropped him from the lead. With crew chief Chad Knaus telling Johnson he would catch Stewart, Johnson pulled out his 42nd career win. He was followed by Stewart, Greg Biffle, Matt Kenseth and Kurt Busch. Stewart passed Jeff Gordon for the Cup points lead and became the first owner/driver to sit atop the standings since Alan Kulwicki in 1992. Gordon ran two laps down in his backup car most of the race and finished 26th.

Odd News:

ANDERSONVILLE, Tenn. - Deputies said a man who was caught wearing a woman's thong was charged with burglarizing a home. Chief Deputy Mark Lucas said deputies caught the 42-year-old man wearing only panties in an abandoned farm house. The officers followed his footprints from a nearby Andersonville home where a burglary had been reported. The man was charged with aggravated burglary, auto burglary and vandalism June 1 and was held on a \$65,000 bond in the Anderson County Detention Facility. The Knoxville News Sentinel reported the man was released from the same jail May 21 after being arrested in Norris for property crimes.



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The Basra

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Centermass - June 5, 7 - 9:30 p.m.

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Red Bull Riders - June 6, 8 -10 p.m.

Worship:

Daily Mass

Mon. - Fri., 8 p.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

Protestant Sunday

Contemporary Worship

10 a.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

General Protestant

11 a.m., DFAC 2 Chapel Room

Holy Communion-Protestant

11:30 a.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

Gospel Worship

2 p.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

Chapel Next Protestant

6:30 p.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

Contemporary Worship

7 p.m., DFAC 2 Chapel Room

Roman Catholic

Saturday Vigil - 8 p.m., DFAC 2 Chapel Room

Sunday Mass - 9:30 a.m., DFAC 2 Chapel Room

Sunday Mass - 8 p.m., DFAC 3 Chapel Room

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