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17th Fires Brigade assumes command in Basra

By 1st Lt. Chris Dunphy
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COB BASRA – Col. Steven L. Bullimore accepted command of U.S. military operations in Basra Province from Col. Butch Kievenaar in a transfer of authority ceremony on Contingency Operating Base Basra Aug. 27.

Bullimore serves as commander of 17th Fires Brigade, an artillery brigade based at Fort Lewis, Wash., while Kievenaar commands the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. The 2nd BCT returns to its home station at Fort Carson, Colo. after 12 months in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After the invocation by 2nd BCT Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John L. Kallerson, the casing of the 2nd BCT's guidon and the uncasing of the incoming command's colors, distinguished visitor Brig. Gen. David J. Elicerio, deputy commanding general of operations, Multi-National Division - South, approached the podium and spoke of the two brigade's achievements and proud lineage.

"It is an honor to stand before two such distinguished formations for today's transfer of authority," he said. "From the trenches of World War I to the beaches of Normandy in World War II and on to the jungles of Vietnam, each of our units has served the nation with honor. Now, as we write the final chapters of this great effort, you will be long remembered by the Iraqi people as bringing peace and lasting stability."

Elicerio spoke about 2nd BCT's close relationships with their Basra counterparts in the 14th Iraqi Army Division and their long-sustained efforts in coordinating provincial security with the Iraqi Police and Department of Border Enforcement.



Photo by Spc. Maurice A. Galloway

Col. Steven L. Bullimore, commander, 17th Fires Brigade, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph E. Santos, 17th FB senior enlisted leader, uncasing their brigade's colors during a transfer of authority ceremony on Contingency Operating Base Basra Aug. 27.

He also expressed the division's confidence in the 17th FB's ability to con-

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— Col. Steven L. Bullimore
Commander, 17th Fires Brigade

cial Reconstruction Team in promoting economic growth and ensuring regional stability.

"I look to the Thunderbolts to provide unique leadership and mentorship in order to further security and establish more collaborative practices throughout Basra," Elicerio said. "I am confident that you will model successful partnerships."

After remarks by Elicerio and Kievenaar, Bullimore took the opportunity to thank the 2nd BCT leadership for their guidance and assistance as the 17th FB prepared for command.

"It is a privilege to accept this mis-

tinue the important partnership with local Basra leadership and the Provin-

563rd MP Co. wraps up Train the Trainer session

By Pfc. Bethany L. Little
172nd Inf. Bde.



PB HUSAYNIYAH – Soldiers of the 563rd Military Police Company finished training members of the Iraqi Police and Army on a session of the Iraqi Security Forces Train the Trainer program on Patrol Base Husayniyah recently.

The Train the Trainer program helps teach Iraqi Security Forces the skills to instruct necessary tasks required of an effective police officer or Soldier.

Providing security is an essential part of conducting operations in Iraq. The skills they are learning can be passed on to the lowest level and enhance the readiness of the Iraqi forces.

“We’re teaching them things like unarmed self defense, personnel searches and vehicle searches to help better protect themselves and the Iraqi citizens,” said Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Worthy, operations noncommissioned officer, 33rd Iraqi Army Brigade Military Transition Team, 172nd Infantry Brigade and native of Yakima, Wash.

A MiTT is a group of Soldiers brought together to provide the necessary training for national security forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This Train the Trainer program is in its fourth installment since the transfer of authority with the previous 33rd Iraqi Army Brigade Military Transition Team seven months ago.

“We’re teaching them so that they will be able to pass along their new found knowledge in non-tactical and tactical skills to their Soldiers,” said Maj. John K. Thiessten, Combat Advisor, 33rd I.A. Bde. MiTT, 172nd Inf. Bde.

The primary focus of the Train the Trainer program is to train the noncommissioned officer corps of the Iraqi Army and Police.

“The Iraqi Army is officer driven right now and we want to change that,” said Worthy, a native of Brownwood, Texas. “By strengthening and professionalizing their NCO corps, they are able to teach their Soldiers and continue to grow as an army without us.”

The MiTT team will continue to train the Iraqi Security Forces with more sessions of the Train the Trainer program.

For more of Pfc. Little’s stories, visit:

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Photo by Pfc. Bethany L. Little

Two Iraqi Security Force members practice personnel searches during the last day of the Train the Trainer program at Patrol Base Husayniyah recently. The Train the Trainer program was set up through the 33rd Iraqi Army Brigade Military Transition Team, 172nd Infantry Brigade.

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ISF benefit from medics training

By 2nd Lt. Juan Torres Jr.
4th BCT, 1st Armd. Div.



FOB HUNTER —Soldiers and non-commissioned officers of 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment Task Force “Saber” partnered with Iraqi Security Forces to conduct advanced medical training in southern Maysan province.

Elements from the Majaar al Kabir District Police and 1st Battalion, 41st Iraqi Army Brigade participated in combat lifesaver training led by Task Force “Saber” medics, military police and border transition team members.

“This training will save lives, both Iraqi and quite possibly U.S.,” said 1st Lt. Keith Chiro, a platoon leader from New Orleans assigned to 2nd Platoon, 57th Military Police Company.

Chiro said the hands-on focus of the training bridges the language gap, resulting in better understanding of medical techniques.

The CLS course consisted of lectures and practical exercises which focused on various techniques practiced by U.S. forces including casualty evaluation, tourniquet application, airway clearing, blunt trauma treatment, splinting, hot and cold weather injury recognition and treatment, intravenous management and shock treatment.

As with any medically orientated class, the largest feeling of anxiety stemmed from the application of IV needles. For most, this was their first experience applying and receiving an IV.

Detailed instructions and demonstrations built confidence and trust resulting in numerous Saber medics serving as patients.

ISF trainees demonstrated their

medical proficiency in a culminating exercise overseen by the Majaar al Kabir Iraqi Police deputy commander and the 1st Bn., 41st Bde. commander.

Certificates of achievement presented by ISF leaders along with members of Task Force Saber concluded the training.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better group to work with,” said Spc. Allen Steele, a medic from Hartsville, S.C. assigned to 2nd Platoon, 57th MP Co. “In depth questions proved how interested they were in learning about more advanced medical training.”

According to instructors, throughout the week ISF displayed the skills and commitment leading to a flawless performance on the final day of instruction.

In preparation for the training, leaders of both the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police met with Saber leadership to discuss training needs and interests. Squadron leaders presented a diverse

listing of courses centered on broadening ISF capabilities.

“This training was only the beginning of our partnership,” said Steele. The Squadron’s next step is to plan for “train the trainer” style classes in the future.

Advise and assist partnerships like these pave



Photo by Sgt. Victor Correa

An Iraqi Army trainee eases a breathing tube into border transition team member, Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Stutz, during a practical exercise as a part of the combat lifesavers course held on Forward Operating Base Hunter. The breathing tube provides a secondary airway for a patient whose natural airway may be obstructed due to injury. The border transition team is attached to 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment and advises and assists the Iraq Department of Border Enforcement in rural Maysan province.

the way for ISF success. Graduates will now be able to treat anything from routine to life-threatening medical conditions with confidence, benefiting the people of southern Maysan province.

Additionally, improvements of training facilities, including the planned construction of a Joint Training Center located on Forward Operating Base Hunter, will facilitate increased capacity and further opportunities for large-scale training events.

As requests for training continue, Task Force Saber is prepared to provide dedicated instructors ready to offer in-depth and capacity building courses.

For more of 2nd Lt. Torres’ stories, visit:
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HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHT

A CNN poll released in October 2007 ranked New Orleans first in eight categories, behind only New York City, which ranked first in 15. According to the poll, New Orleans is the best U.S. city for live music, cocktail hours, flea markets, antique shopping, nightlife, “wild weekends,” “girlfriend getaways” and cheap food.

Principles of Ramadan ...

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sion hand-off with the Warhorse Brigade," he said. "We appreciate the time and effort you and your leaders have expended to ensure we clearly understand the mission and what your team has accomplished to get to this point in the very southern tip of Iraq."

Bullimore also pledged his brigade's readiness and enthusiasm in working with Basra Province's Iraqi leadership in the months ahead.

"The Thunderbolt Brigade is excited to have the opportunity to work with these great leaders for the security and prosperity of the Iraqi people," he said. "Our Soldiers have trained hard to prepare for this and they are fully capable of accomplishing this mission. We stand ready in partnership with our Iraqi brothers."



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Photo by Spc. Samantha Ciaramitaro

Col. Butch Kievenaar, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Frederick Thompson, senior enlisted leader of 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. prepare to case their brigade colors during the transfer of authority ceremony with the 17th Fires Brigade at Contingency Operating Base Basra Aug. 27.

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RED BULL CHAPEL

not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way... To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds." (Daniel 1:8, 17)

Daniel had received a new name, was submitted to a foreign educational curriculum and perhaps even had his gender erased. And yet, Daniel believed in and devoted himself to his God and what he knew to be true. Even though Daniel was a prisoner, exiled to Babylon after God allowed the Israelites to be overtaken by King Nebuchadnezzar, he did not allow his circumstances to sway his loyalty to his God. God richly blessed Daniel and his friends because of their faithfulness and loyalty to Him, even in the most trying of times.

We have now surpassed the halfway point of our deployment here in Iraq. Many are getting tired. Some are dealing with issues back home that have arisen because

By Chap. (Lt. Col.) Thomas Behling
MND-S Deputy Chaplain



One of our Army values is loyalty. Loyalty is to bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other Soldiers. Army Field Manual 7-21.13, The Soldier's Guide, defines loyalty: "Bearing true faith and allegiance is a matter of believing in and devoting yourself to something or someone."

In the book of Daniel we read: "But Daniel resolved

of the stress of the deployment. Others are starting to get on each other's nerves. For some, their job has become routine. They have figured out what they are supposed to be doing and have become proficient at it. Complacency sets in.

Many times we find ourselves in circumstances where our loyalty may be challenged, and we are frustrated because things aren't working out the way we had planned or anticipated. Maybe we are even tempted to take the easy way instead of the right way. We want to lower the standard just to get it done or we don't want to deal with an issue at all. Let us not succumb to these temptations, but rather remain loyal to what we know is right and what we have sworn an oath to: the Constitution, the Army, our unit and our fellow soldiers.

The Soldier's Guide gives us some practical steps to accomplish this:

- 1) Put obligations in correct order: the Constitution, the Army, the unit and finally, self.
- 2) Show faithfulness to unit and comrades by finishing all tasks with them.
- 3) Carry out tough orders without expressing personal criticism.
- 4) Defend soldiers against unfair treatment from outside or above.

We have a significant and historic mission here in Iraq. It requires all of us to do the right thing every time. It is imperative that we maintain the standards in all we do. Our mission depends on it, and so may your life!

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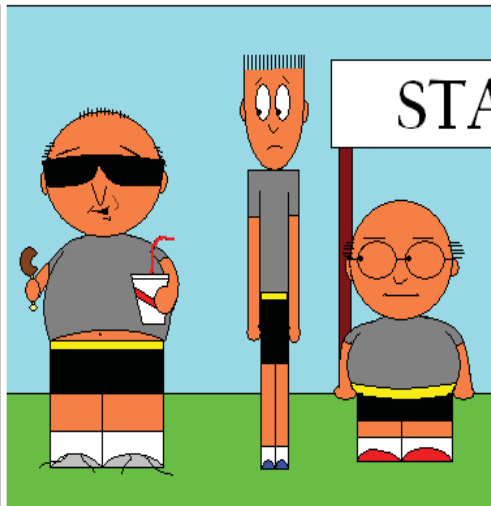
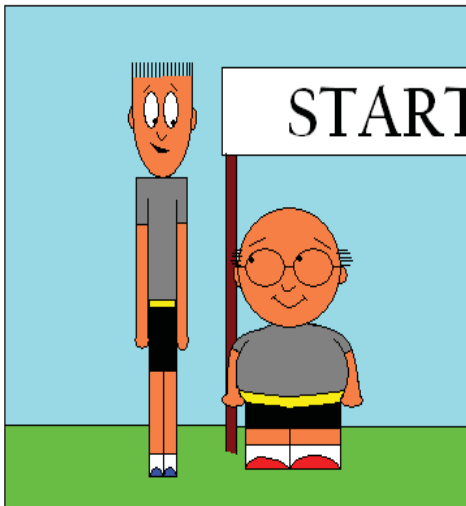
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Corn on the Cob

By Capt. Daniel Cape

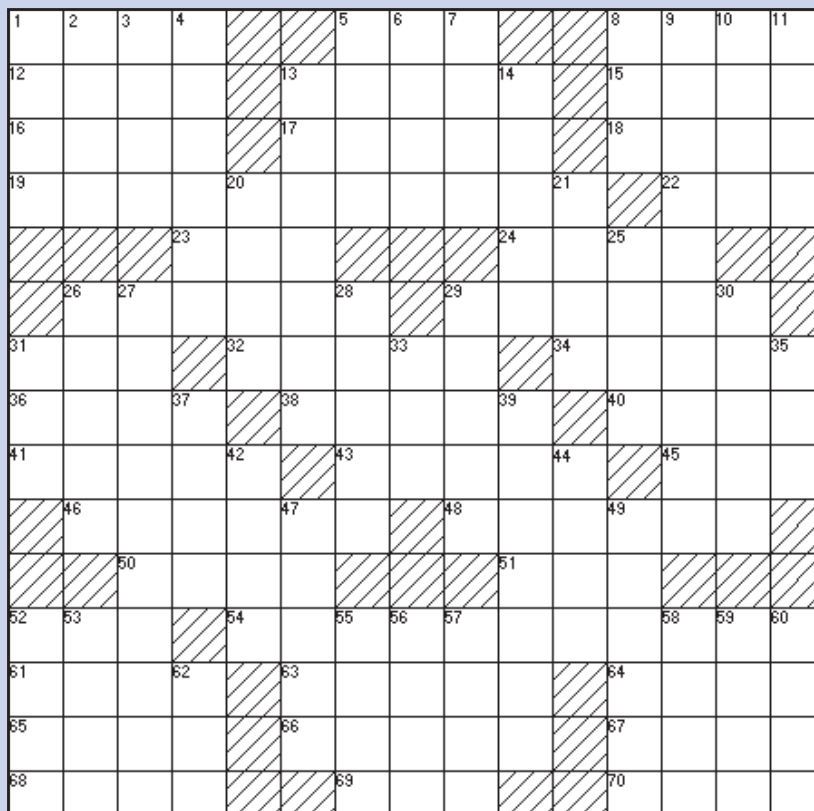


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I'm really excited about this race man, we've been training for months...hey, where's the team captain?

Chomp
chomp Hey guys, change of plans alright.
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at the finish line Chomp chomp don't worry, you'll be fine.

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Across

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| 1. Con game | 29. Refrain | 52. Blvd. |
| 5. Stitch | 31. Female sheep | 54. Mind-over-matter |
| 8. Faucets | 32. Evoke | 61. Declare untrue |
| 12. Vagabond | 34. SSSS | 63. A woman of refinement |
| 13. Storage area | 36. A daring exploit | 64. Meal in a shell |
| 15. Gawk at | 38. Paraguayan tea | 65. Numbered cubes |
| 16. Winged | 40. An indefinite period | 66. Ancient Roman magistrate |
| 17. Really bad | 41. Outfit | 67. Detail |
| 18. Arch type | 43. Fastening with laces | 68. Killed |
| 19. An outstanding achievement | 45. Choose | 69. French for "Summer" |
| 22. Blame | 46. They fly planes | 70. Formally surrender |
| 23. Gorilla | 48. Dictator | |
| 24. Hobbling | 50. Whip | |
| 26. Magazine feature | 51. Twitch | |

Down

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| 1. Fraud | of events | 39. Whenever |
| 2. Coke or Pepsi | 20. Sword | 42. Stake |
| 3. Fabrics made from goat hair | 21. Lack of difficulty | 44. Smile |
| 4. Masonry plaster | 25. Fog | 47. Subject |
| 5. Cease | 26. Push a broom | 49. Vinegary |
| 6. Decorative case | 27. Any epidemic disease | 52. Tallies |
| 7. Sage | 28. Songs for two | 53. Obscure |
| 8. As well | 29. Not a credit | 55. Stow, as cargo |
| 9. Hostility | 30. Lure | 56. Modify written material |
| 10. Supplication | 31. Comes from a hen | 57. Curly cabbage |
| 11. Leak slowly | 33. Bowl | 58. Fill to excess |
| 13. Prior to a specified time | 35. Collection | 59. Chilled |
| 14. A periodically repeated sequence | 37. An ancient Toltec city in central Mexico | 60. Several |
| | | 62. A type of ever-green shrub |

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BAGHDAD – Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the scion of a revered clerical family who channeled rising Shiite Muslim power after the fall of Saddam Hussein to become one of Iraq's most powerful politicians, died Aug. 26 in Iran, the country that was long his powerful ally. He was 59. The calm, soft-spoken al-Hakim, who died of lung cancer, was a kingmaker in Iraq's politics, working behind the scenes as the head of the country's biggest Shiite political party. But for many in Iraq's Shiite majority, he was more than that — a symbol of their community's victory and seizure of power after decades of oppression under Saddam's Sunni-led regime. Al-Hakim's family led a Shiite rebel group against Saddam's rule from their exile in Iran, where he lived for 20 years, building close ties with Iranian leaders.



CHARLESTON, W.Va. – At least 1,200 veterans across the country have been mistakenly told by the Veterans Administration that they suffer from a fatal neurological disease. One of the leaders of a Gulf War veterans group says panicked veterans from Alabama, Florida, Kansas, North Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming have contacted the group about the error. Denise Nichols, the vice president of the National Gulf War Resource Center, says the VA is blaming a coding error for the mistake. Letters dated Aug. 12 were intended to notify veterans who have Lou Gehrig's disease of disability benefits available to them. Calls to the VA were not immediately returned Aug. 24. Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS, is a rapidly progressive disease that attacks the nerve cells responsible for controlling voluntary muscles.



PHOENIX – The NHL is offering about \$140 million to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes in U.S. Bankruptcy Court and would avoid a sticky issue still facing the case by accepting the existing lease to play in Glendale. The league announced on Aug. 25 that it was submitting a bid but did not reveal the size of the offer until Aug. 26. The other bidder that would keep the team in Arizona, Ice Edge Holdings, did not include a figure in its bid, but its CEO Anthony LeBlanc said the partnership will offer up to \$150 million. However, the Ice Edge bid is contingent on reaching a new lease agreement with Glendale, something LeBlanc said must happen by the end of next week to keep the offer viable. Neither offer would assume the \$8 million per year coaching contract of Wayne Gretzky, nor provide any money to Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes. NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly did not respond to an e-mail asking if Gretzky would be replaced or his contract simply renegotiated. LeBlanc said his company wants to keep Gretzky in any capacity, especially as coach, and would seek to negotiate a new contract.



SNOWMASS, Colo. – A bear that wandered into an in-ground skateboard park and got stuck was rescued when officials lowered a ladder so it could climb out. The bear was discovered Tuesday morning in the Colorado resort town of Snowmass, according to KUSA-TV. Officials say it apparently was in the park all night, and couldn't get out because of the steep concrete sides. Workers from the Parks and Recreation Department lowered a long ladder. The bear eventually climbed the ladder and wandered away. No injuries were reported to people or the bear. Bear sightings have been common this summer in the Colorado mountains. Authorities are pressing residents not to leave out food or trash that attract bears. Most bears are trapped and relocated after encounters with humans. More aggressive bears are shot.