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A great man once said, "We must learn to live together as brothers, or we will perish together as fools."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke these words during his years of activism before he was assassinated on April 4, 1968. This Monday we honor the birth of a man dedicated to freedom and equality for all individuals, regardless of race, religion or status.

It is only fitting that we remember these words as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King here in Iraq, for our mission as U.S. Division - South has brought many new faces into our lives. Not only do we have a wide variety of Texans among us, but a number of others from across the nation and other units as well.

We have airmen, sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, civilian contractors, State Department personnel and foreign nationals from Iraq, Uganda, India, Turkey, Great Britain and countries from all over the world. We are all colors, all races, all religions, male and female.

If there is one thing Dr. King strove to teach us, it is that we are all one race, one family. Dr. King was a passionate Baptist minister; it was his faith in God that gave him the strength and courage to stand up for what he believed was right – the belief that our Creator does not see our differences; all He sees are His children, and all of His children are precious.


We can give speeches about equality to honor the great things Dr. King accomplished. We can hold events, like our 5k Fun Run, to spread the word about his message of hope, redemption and brotherhood for all.

Or, we can go out and live that message. Take the time to get to know our brothers and sisters from

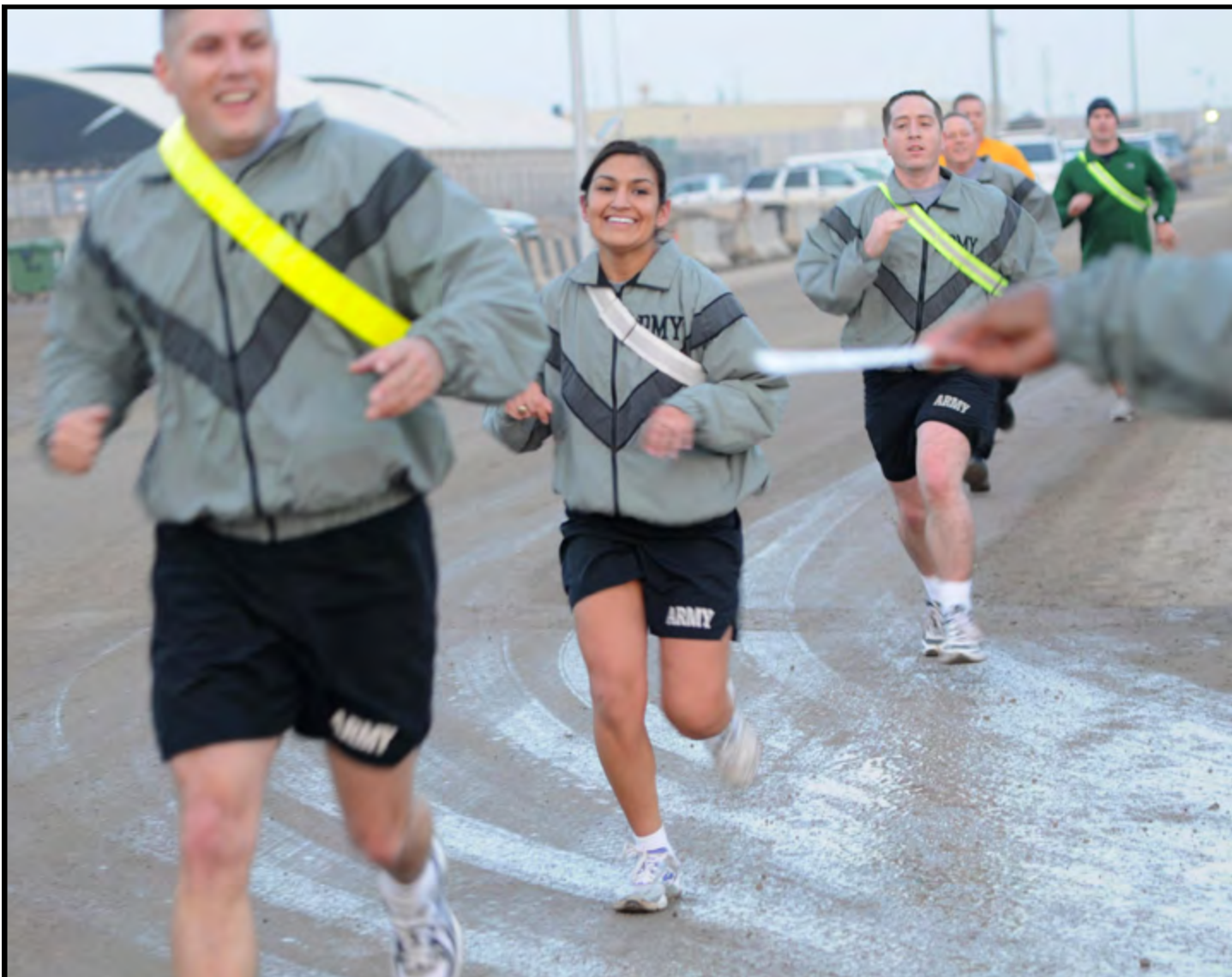


around our nation and around the world for the people they are, instead of just silently walking by. We Texans are the friendliest people in the world, so I challenge you to prove that by reaching out to those who share this world and our small piece of it.

Let us live here together as one family, for none of us are, or would like to be, fools.

Arrowhead! 

Jose M. Martinez
Sergeant Major
36th Inf. Div. CSM
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BASRAH, Iraq - Service members and Defense Department civilian personnel participate in a 5-kilometer run in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jan. 16 on Contingency Operating Base Basra. King was one of America's principal leaders for the civil rights movement in the mid 20th century. (Photo by Sgt. Raymond T. Quintanilla)

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Jett, Pickler rock out with USD-S Soldiers

Story and Photos by Sgt. Jeremy Spires
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To some, packing your bags, putting your life on hold and boarding a plane bound for Iraq may seem like something only a service member would do.

For country music star and American Idol contestant, Kellie Pickler, it is just a small sacrifice to show her appreciation for the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

"You all are here for most of the year, and some are here for 18 months at a time," said Pickler. "I am here for just a small part of the year, a week or two at the most. It's the least I can do to bring a little home to you guys."

The Albemarle, N.C., native performed a number of songs including her latest singles, "Makin' Me Fall in Love Again" and "Best Days of Your Life," which was co-written with Taylor Swift.

"(The performers) were awesome. Especially when you can tell that they are real," said 2nd Lt. Joshua Mixon, Programs Officer in Charge for United States Division-South, Human Relations and MWR Support. "They were not doing (the concert) because of their management contract or anything like that. They were doing it because they wanted to have a good time, and wanted us to have a good time."

"I have always had a great deal of respect for what you all do," said Pickler.



Kellie Pickler, country music star and American Idol contestant, performs during a USO-sponsored event Jan. 12 at the Resiliency Center on Contingency Operating Base Basra. She performed a number of her famous hits, including "Best Days of Your Life" and "Makin' Me Fall in Love Again."

"Having been here and having seen with my own eyes what you do, what you really do, and what you really stand for... I have an even greater respect. I have such a greater appreciation and understanding and I value so much what you all do, the sacrifices you make."

Pickler has been participating at events with the USO since 2007 and this marks her forth tour in Iraq. She shared the stage

with the legendary rock star Joan Jett, another veteran of numerous USO Tour's for the night's event.

Over the past 20 years, Jett has participated in more than 60 events for the military; some working alongside the USO and others by simply asking the commanding officer of an installation if she could perform and give something back to the service members. (Cont'd on Pg. 4)



Paparazzi, Texas-style! Service members and Defense Department employees came together at the Resiliency Center on Contingency Operating Base Basra to watch Kellie Pickler and Joan Jett perform a number of their musical hits. The concert was hosted by the USO and concluded with a meet-and-greet with the performers and service members.

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"I didn't start out with the USO," said Jett. "I did (performances) all sorts of ways, (sometimes) directly with the CO of a base where we were, and if we were close we would just call up and see if we could say hi."

From there she formed relationships with Armed Forces Network and finally the USO, she added.

Jett stated that she enjoys playing for service members because they are very respectful and a great Rock n' Roll audience, not to mention the fact that they "just get it."

She admitted that at one time in her life she was contemplating joining the military, and it's from that time she feels such a strong connection to the men and women in uniform.

"I think it's a combination of several things; my almost joining, meeting so many wonderful people and seeing their dedication. It is something to really respect and I do, and that's why I love to do these trips," she said.

While on stage at Contingency Operating Base Basra, Jett performed a number of her trademark songs for the audience of men and women, including "I Love Rock and Roll" and "Crimson and Clover."

The concert concluded with both performers coming on stage and being presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the command staff and service members of USD-S.

"I just want to thank them," said Mixon. "Thanks for allowing us to have a semi-normal night."



Above - Legendary Rock Star Joan Jett performs for Defense Department personnel and service members during a USO tour on Jan. 12. Jett performed a number of her hits, including "I Love Rock and Roll" and "Crimson and Clover." **Left** - Joan Jett and Kellie Pickler received Certificates of Appreciation for their performance at the Resiliency Center on Contingency Operating Base Basra.

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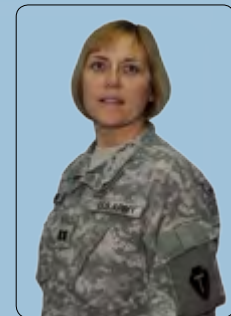
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Coming up this week:

Sunday, Jan. 16

**USO Volunteer
Appreciation Day**

Wednesday, Jan. 19

**Basrah Lecture
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1900-2000

Thursday, Jan. 20

**AAFES New Release
Movie Day**

1900-0200

Saturday, Jan. 22

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Night**

1600-2000

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Sometimes it takes a few days to get all the photos and video completed, so be patient. Our broadcast and print journalists load everything onto the shared drive once it is approved!

Want your family and friends to see just how awesome you look in full gear? They can find you on the internet!



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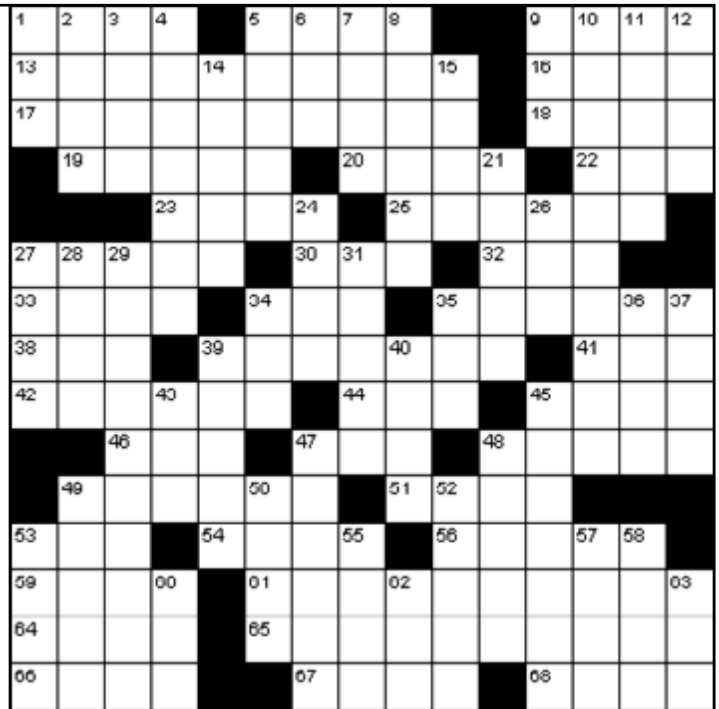
Just For Fun!

Across

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5 "... baked in ____"
9 Foil's kin
13 Proficiency
16 Paraphernalia
17 Not pertinent
18 Dinner scraps
19 Turkish governor
20 Chamber piece
22 Word of reproach
23 A bit
25 Add
27 Diplomatic doings
30 Choice of neckline
32 Craggy peak
33 Sanction
34 Moon-landing vehicle
35 Melon variety
38 Card game cry
39 Pernicious
41 Heavy measure
42 Duke of York
44 Make a mistake
45 Introduce to solid food
46 Vegas opener
47 ____ Angelico
48 Core group
49 Message container, maybe
51 Resting atop
53 Mythical monster
54 Bargain hunter's delight
56 German-born Surrealist
59 Capital of Azerbaijan
61 Abused

Down

- 64 Binary digits
65 Clavicle
66 Icelandic poetry collection
67 Guitar part
68 Lighten
1 Here, in France
2 Free ticket
3 Jane Austen classic
4 Former chess champ Boris
5 Elite squad
6 For each
7 "What's ____ for me?"
8 Monte Carlo game
9 Freudian factor
10 Pierced
11 Dine at home
12 Celtic tongue
14 Community spirit
15 Film director Kazan
21 Pertaining to eight
24 Balanced
26 Boxing wins
27 Draped garment
28 Analagous
29 Cut off from the sea
31 Mideast ruler
34 Jurisprudence
35 Kennel club reject
36 Tusked beast
37 One of the Brontes
39 Defeats
40 Mrs in Munich
43 Cagney epithet



- 45 Aspirer
47 Attacked
48 Kitchen gadget
49 Rancher's mark
50 Not clerical
52 Malaysian state
53 Double-reed instrument
55 Stylish magazine

- 57 Ancient portico
58 Sawbucks
60 Dos Passos trilogy
62 Gentle handling, initially
63 It makes ma mad?
*Look for the answers in next week's issue!

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Headquarters Snapshots: Who We Are.



2nd Lt. Joshua Mixon – The programs officer-in-charge with the 36th Infantry Division was put on active orders less than two weeks after being commissioned in August 2009.

A graduate from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Mixon majored in public relations with a minor in leadership and was a cadet in the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The Knoxville, Tenn., native enlisted in the Army National Guard in March 2006 and enjoys perusing novels for fun and is currently doubling-up his reading time with “The Prince of the Marshes” and “Unbroken.” Additionally, the Kappa Sigma fraternity brother feels the need for speed. With an average run time under five and half minutes per mile, he intends to run his first marathon while in Basrah.

Mixon is on his first deployment and said he is incredibly excited to deploy so soon after being commissioned. He hopes to gain an excellent knowledge base to further his career.

Sgt. 1st Class Jin Simonton – The executive administrator for the U.S. Division-South and 36th Infantry Division commander, Maj. Gen. Eddy M. Spurgin, is a native of Austin, Texas, who spent more than 17 years as an active guard reserve in the Air National Guard.

Simonton decided to cross branches into the Army National Guard in June 2008. She left the Air Force as a master sergeant and entered the Army for better opportunities in leadership development.

“The difference between the Army and Air Force is the Army relies heavily on their (noncommissioned officers) to do the job, puts them on the lead-position,” Simonton said. “The NCO has a major impact on the mission, on the day-to-day business.”

Simonton enjoys exercising in her spare time and bakes as a stress reliever. Although the opportunity to bake in Basra is near to nil, she said her experience in the command group has been great so far and looks forward to learning new things while in theater.



Spc. Melissa Morris – This Spring Branch, Texas native is an information management officer and driver for the 36th Inf. Div. Joint Visitors Bureau.

When not wearing her Army combat uniform, she can be found behind the steering wheel of an 18-wheeler truck hauling cargo to any of the 48 states and Canada, a job she has been doing for nine years.

Rolling solo across the nation, Morris delivers anything from tires to perishable goods and spends an average of 70 hours a week on the road, returning home once a month for weekend drill.

Although Morris is on familiar ground when it comes to working long and odd hours for JVB, she finds her new environment unique.

“Here, I am trying to learn to do my job in the JVB; it’s all new to me.”

Morris said. “Every day is different, depending on the events. (I’m doing) things I’ve never done and I’m learning as I go.”

Correct Crossfit

With 2nd Lt. Bau Phan

The “Burpee” is an exercise used to measure agility and coordination. It’s also known to make you want to puke.

It is one of the most simple, time and space efficient body-weight exercises known, and it works the chest, arms, front deltoids, thighs, hamstrings and abs.

This exercise is free and portable and needs no fancy machines, classes or memberships. You can do the burpee anywhere, including your cubicle, parking lot or your “CHU.”

1.



Begin at the position of “attention.”

2.



Drop into a squat with your hands on the ground, slightly forward and on the outside of your feet.

3.



Kick your feet back while lowering yourself into a push-up position.

4.



Perform a push-up with chest hitting the ground and a full arm extension at the top.



5.



Bring feet back to the squat position.

6.



Push vigorously off heels, extend hips and “hop” 6 - 12 inches into the air while clapping hands together above head.

Repeat from step one as many times as you think necessary!

United States Division-South



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Mid-Week Prayer with Chaplain Mays

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Basrah Chapel Bible Studies

Thursday
1900 - New Believers Bible Study
2000 - Bible Study Classes

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Sunday - COB Basrah Chapel

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1130 - Traditional Service
1400 - Gospel Service
1700 - Liturgical Protestant

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0900 - Sacrament Service

Roman Catholic

Saturday - COB Basrah Chapel

2000 - Rosary/Vigil Service

Sunday - COB Basrah Chapel

0830 - Catholic Service

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Sports & PT Safety

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- **Conduct of game (rules)**
- **Hazards in the area**
- **Playing within your personal limits & abilities**
- **Responsibility for your own personal safety**
- **Unsportsmanlike conduct not tolerated**

1. **Provide referees/coaches to observe & control organized sports to prevent injuries (Senior leaders)**
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3. **Provide time for & require stretching / warm-ups before events to prevent pulled muscles and strains**
4. **Conduct pre-game inspection of fields, courts & areas to remove hazards or mark them "off limits"**
5. **Ensure adequate lighting is available at night**
6. **Wear proper clothing & gear for your sport and conditions (i.e. court shoes, gloves, eye protection, reflective vests)**
7. **Ensure anyone injured gets medical treatment right away & report injuries to the your Chain of Command & unit Safety Officer/NCO**

Photo of the Week!



This photo is of Kellie Pickler in her “battle-rattle” as she prepares to depart Contingency Operating Base Basra Jan. 13, 2011. Thanks to Spc. Melissa Morris of the Joint Visitor Bureau for the photo! Granted, this week’s winner was an easy pick; Morris is the only one who sent us a photo. You can’t compete if you’re not running the race!

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