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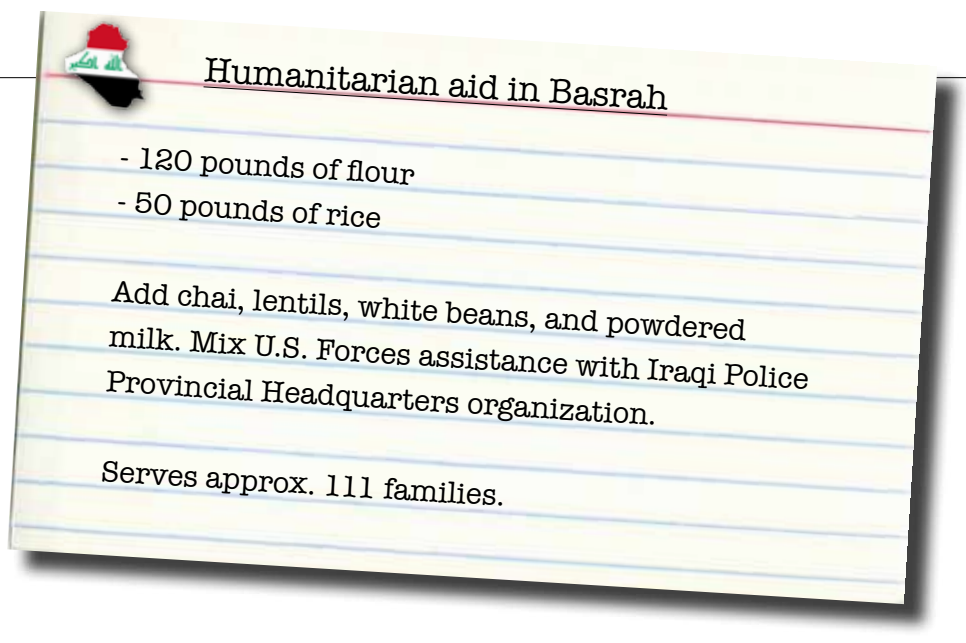
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Recipe for Success

How one U.S. Army unit teamed up with the local Iraqi Police to provide food for hundreds



By 1st Lt. James Breneman
1st Bn., 12 Cav. Regt., 3rd AAB, 1st Cav. Div.

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE BASRAH, Iraq – For the last three weeks, elements of the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and the Basrah Iraqi Community Police Department have been packaging parcels of food to give out to families in the southern Iraq city of Basrah.

Members of Stability Transition Team “Enforcer” worked with leadership from the Basrah Police Department to identify 111 families in the area in need of the sustenance.

The food drive was organized by the Iraqi Police Provincial Headquarters and the stability transition team to promote and improve the community policing program, as well as strengthen ties with the local community.

Lt. Col. Ra’fa, Deputy Chief of Community Policing and Media said, “These are some of the poorest families in

Basrah, and they are extremely thankful for the food. During the week we often get families begging at the police station and we tell them to come back for the scheduled food drop.”

Using funds allocated under the Commander’s Emergency Relief Program (CERP), the brigade purchased several non-perishable food items including a 120-pound bag of flour, a 50-pound bag of rice and other food items like chai, lentils, white beans, and powdered milk. This was enough food to fill 250-pound bags to give to the 111 families, with 256 bags remaining to be distributed over a six-week period. One bag of food can feed a family of four for a month.

The food was handed out at the Basrah Police Headquarters, in downtown Basrah. Soldiers from C. Co., 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt. were on site to help with the preparations and handing out the food.

2nd Lt. Jay Twitty, the fire support officer for C. Co., said, “This is a great opportunity to help the people of Iraq and I am proud to be part of the process.”



2nd Lt. Jay Twitty of, Springfield, Mo., and a member of the Basrah Iraqi Police Force prepare a bag of food for distribution.

Photo by Capt. Patrick McElroy



Brig. Gen. Stephen Sanders, U.S. Division-South commanding general for support, pins Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Shaun Sharp of Memphis, Tenn., with the Army Commendation Medal for his service while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

Photo by Sgt. David Bryant

36th Inf. Div. bids “fair winds and following seas” to Sailors

By Sgt. David Bryant
36th Inf. Div., USD-S PAO

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE BASRA, Iraq – The U.S. Division-South, 36th Infantry Division finance section bid farewell to three Sailors March 15 as they prepared to redeploy to their state-side units.

Capt. Jimmy C. Horst, division budget officer, presented Petty Officer 2nd Class Shaun Sharp, of Memphis, Tenn., Seaman Matthew Prince of Highland, N.Y., and Seaman Bryant Ortiz of Fontana, Calif., with what he said was a gift unique to the division’s budget office – a humorous photo with the faces of the departing Sailors superimposed on it.

“This is my second time working with the Army, and I really like it,” said Sharp, a budget and contracting yeoman who will return to Navy Reserve Component Command Mid-Atlantic, headquartered in Norfolk, Va. “I’m really going to miss these guys. Like with any deployment, you are going to miss the people you work with. You kind of want to stay and see the mission completed and have everyone come home together.”

Sharp added that the Texas Guardsmen are probably the best

budget team he has ever worked with. “I love these guys; they are good people.”

Each of the Sailors was presented with Army Commendation Medals for exceptional service during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn later that day by Brig. Gen. Stephen Sanders, 36th Inf. Div commanding general of support.

“The Sailors trained the incoming Texas Soldiers on all ongoing projects in southern Iraq, to include all the computer programs used to track them,” said Sgt. 1st Class Billy R. Richardson, special programs noncommissioned officer in charge.

“They mean a lot to this section and we have accomplished so much because of them,” said Richardson, a native of Midland, Texas, who currently resides in Round Rock, Texas. “Sharp’s name is literally fitting; he really knows what he’s doing...”

In fact, Richardson added, Sharp said he enjoyed working with the Army so much he plans to leave the Navy and come back into the Army as a budget officer.

“It’s a small Army and I think it would be awesome to run into him again as an Army officer,” Richardson said. “If I could have more people working for me, I would hope they would be like them.” ▼



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Shadow run in Iraq for Austin 10k Capitol Run

By Sgt. Thomas Kappus
305th MPAD, USD-S PAO

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE BASRA, Iraq – A physical training formation at 6:30 a.m. on an Army base is not unusual; during a deployment, it's a rare sight. But on Mar. 27, service members and civilians gathered in the early morning hours to participate in a 10K run organized by the 36th Infantry Division.

This 10K held here was a shadow run to coincide with an event held back in Austin on the same day.

Staff Sgt. Luis Barron, technology noncommissioned officer assigned to the 36th Inf. Div. Special Troops Battalion, came in first with a finish time of 40 minutes, 39 seconds. Chief Warrant Officer Lisa Buckley, property book officer,

was the first female finisher with a time of 42 minutes, 34 seconds.

"Every year the city of Austin holds a capitol 10k run", said chief warrant officer Christy Clements, a human resources technician for the 36th Inf. Div. and one of the organizers for the run. "Since the majority of us are from the great state of Texas and within the city limits of Austin itself, we decided to be co-participants in this year's race and run alongside our brothers and sisters back home."

The run was open to anyone currently at Basra and had no official registration before the event. Fun runs like this are common for deployment zones as it gives service members the opportunity to not only get some exercise, but also to build morale.

"It's good for your physical fitness and

I always enjoy running," said Lt. Col. Paul Hains, the 36th Inf. Div. space operations officer from Houston, Texas. "I run a lot on deployments since it breaks up the monotony."

The turnout was greater than expected; averaging over a hundred participants per event, especially considering that the runs are completely voluntary and the runners could have just as easily stayed in bed to catch up on their sleep before starting their next work shift.

Participation in the runs also directly supports the physical pillar of the Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program.

Due to the mission tempo, it isn't very often that organized fun run events can be scheduled. On COB Basra, it has averaged out to about one run a month with varying distances. ▼



Service members break from the starting line in the early morning in a 10K shadow run on Contingency Operating Base Basra in honor of the Statesman Capitol 10K held in Austin, Texas on March 27.

Photo by Sgt. Thomas Kappus

By Staff Sgt. Garrett Ralston
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment PAO

BABIL, Iraq – In support of Women's History Month, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment hosted an all female comedy troupe on Contingency Operating Site Kalsu, March 14.

The show featured six comediennes and a vocalist who are currently touring Kuwait and Iraq, providing laughs and entertainment in support of deployed Soldiers.

The shows organizer, Brooks Jackson-Colyar, visited Iraq in December with her husband, himself a comedian, and saw an opportunity to show support for the troops.

"I was so overwhelmed during my previous trip here," said Colyar. "I had an idea to do an all female show and was asked to put it together for Women's History Month. I rounded up all my girls, and we couldn't wait to get here."

The show, titled "It's Not That Time of the Month," was held on an outdoor stage where Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians filled three large bleachers to watch the show. Most of the nearby standing room filled up just before the first entertainer took the stage.

Within seconds of the shows beginning, laughter and clapping abounded, hushing only for short periods between jokes.

Colyar said the show has been a life changing experience for the ladies, not just a comedy show.

"I thought the show was hilarious," said Tanya Thompson, the Human Terrain Team leader on Kalsu. "It was a great way to bring all the Soldiers together and just laugh. And these women came to a place they know is dangerous and put on a performance. That says a lot about the courage and tenacity of women."

Those present were also treated to a rendition of Bette Midler's "Wind Beneath My Wings," sung by vocalist Dionna Nichelle, a member of the group.

The comics were motivated and proud to come as a team in support of women's history.

"Women are mothers, sisters, co-workers, professionals, and Soldiers," said Sara Contreras, a comic in the troupe, from Los Angeles. "We want the men to understand that we're all on the same team here, and we can do it all." 🍷



Why so serious?

Comedy show puts a smile on troops' faces

Comedienne Nikki Carr performs on an outdoor stage on Contingency Operating Site Kalsu Monday. Carr, one of six comics in an all female comedy troupe, came to Kalsu to bring entertainment to service members and to show support for Women's History Month.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Garrett Ralston



Soldiers listen to the jokes of comic April Macie at an outdoor stage on Contingency Operating Site Kalsu Monday. Macie's performance received non-stop laughter and applause from the servicemembers at the show. The show was put on in support of deployed service members as well as Women's History Month.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Garrett Ralston

Street BEAT

What would you like to see more of in the Dining Facilities and why?



Spc. Francis Mendoza, administrative specialist, 36th Inf. Div. Special Troops Battalion, Temple, Texas

I would like to see servers in the DFAC. Like waiters and waitresses. That would be great.



Spc. Mandaline Hollenback, sustainment clerk, 36th Inf. Div. Special Troops Battalion, Cleburne, Texas

More variety. I seem to always end up getting the same old thing every day.



Spc. Alvaro Garcia, field artillery tactical data systems specialist, 36th Inf. Div. Special Troops Battalion, El Paso, Texas

I'd like to have more Chinese food in the DFAC. Mexican food is good too.



Sgt. Janice Woods, supply sergeant, East Hanover, S.C.

My favorite food is Chinese food. I'd really like to see more of it served in the DFAC.



Capt. Michael Saucedo, logistics officer, 36th Inf. Div. Special Troops Battalion, San Antonio, Texas

I'd like to see more of the band. I appreciate having live music in the DFAC.

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Thursday

1900 - New Believers Bible Study

2000 - Bible Study Classes

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Sunday

COB Basra Chapel

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1130 - Traditional Service

1400 - Gospel Service

1700 - Liturgical Protestant

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Saturday

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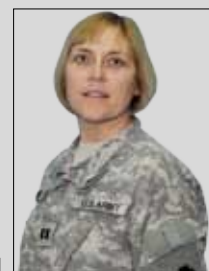
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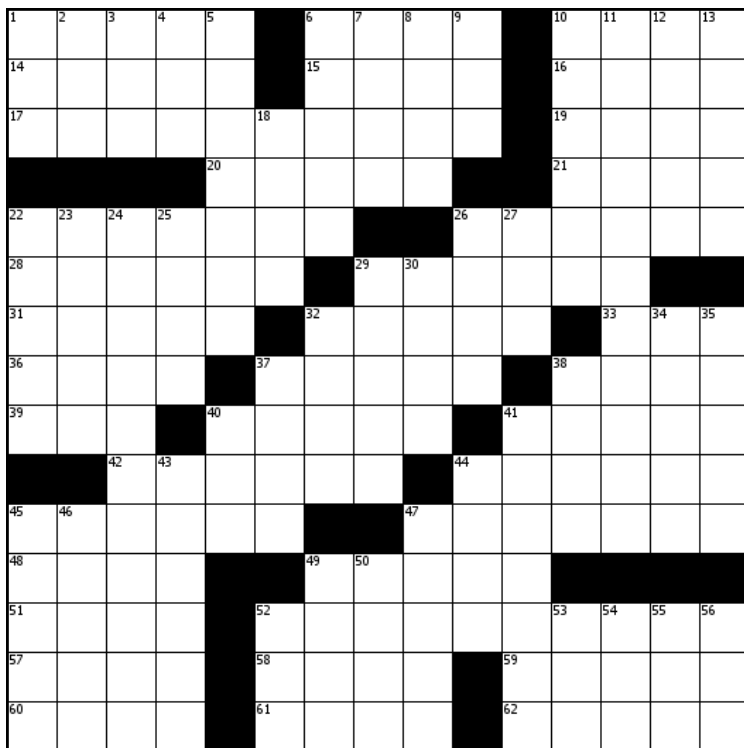
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Across

1. Midshipman's counterpart
6. Equivalent
10. Bailiwick
14. Close, poetically
15. Austen novel made into a movie
16. Time divisions
17. Boot camp arrival
19. Paint remover
20. Like eyes, at a sad movie
21. A malarial fever
22. "Julia" portrayer
26. Restraining rope
28. Ready to sail
29. Bug's antenna
31. Places for oars
32. Form component
33. Water you can walk on
36. Analogous
37. Secures with cables
38. Gulf in the news
39. Modern Clay
40. Kind of cabinet
41. Echo, e.g.
42. Parts of the family
44. Loath
45. Lake Huron port
47. Consecrated
48. Beat a path
49. Eddie of the sportswear chain
51. Justice's garb
52. Where shots are heard
57. Girlfriend in Grenoble
58. Type of history
59. Fugard's "A Lesson From ____"
60. Pixie stick
61. Is mistaken
62. Red-spotted creatures

Down

1. Word with box, sports or cable
2. Literary miscellany
3. Drop content
4. Something to bend on a human
5. Earth movers?
6. Iceberg to an ocean liner
7. Ratite birds
8. Disembogue
9. Tattle
10. Poke holes in, perhaps
11. Theodore Roosevelt's group
12. Come as a consequence
13. Fall flower
18. Unfriendly
22. Lily type
23. Bubbling on the range
24. Doo-wop hit
25. Tool shed item
26. Adder's column
27. Man in a lodge
29. Penguin perches
30. Post a gain
32. Word with china or spur
34. Fire starter
35. Ran its course
37. Easily cleaved mineral
38. Father of Fear and Panic
40. Party souvenir
41. Exceeded limits
43. "You don't say!"
44. Toward the sheltered side
45. Horse stall sighting
46. It stimulates a sense
47. Jordan's team
49. 100 Ethiopian cents
50. A distant point
52. Caviar, literally
53. Publican's serving
54. Then partner
55. Grasp
56. Back-and-forth curve

Sudoku

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Photo of the Week



Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Pfc. Ryan Jones, a medic with B Co., 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division conducted medical training with Sgt. Rashad Sherif, a medic with Co. 41, Military Transportation Regiment, 10th Iraqi Army Division March 24. Jones said the training will enable Sherif to teach his comrades new medical techniques in the future. "If we can take two or three knowledgeable medics and make them instructors, they can turn around and train the whole base after we're gone," he said. Here, Jones demonstrates the placement of a chest needle decompression.

Think your photos are good enough for the Photo of the Week? Send them in! Just e-mail us your photo in a high-quality format, along with your full name and rank and a description of what your photo is about and when it was taken. Remember to include full name, rank and job title of each person in your photo. We look forward to seeing what you can do.

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