

Senior leaders review proposed Army PT test

Story and photos by Sgt. TJ Moller USF-I Public Affairs

More than 50 senior leaders participated in and gave feedback on the proposed Army Physical Readiness Test at Camp Victory, May 7.

The morning's event started with demonstrations of the preparation drills and exercises followed by the APRT events.

This was a great familiarization opportunity for all the senior noncommissioned officers to see what the Army is trying to implement, said Sgt. Maj Carlos Gomez, senior enlisted advisor, Task Force Dragon, United States Forces-Iraq.

Unlike the Army Physical Fitness Test, which has been used since 1980 and is scored on three events, the new test is comprised of five events and incorporates preparation drills. The new test includes a 60-yard shuttle run, rower, standing long jump, push-up and a 1.5-mile run.

According to the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School website, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command started pilot-testing the APRT in March at nine locations. Once complete, a thorough assessment of the pilot programs will help establish the new standards.

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The traditional boots, dog tags, M-16 rifle and kevlar is displayed during a memorial service hosted by the USF-I Joint Task Force Troy in honor of fallen explosive ordinance disposal technicians, in Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory, May 7.

Joint Task Force Troy honors fallen EOD techs

Story and photos by Spc. Charlene Apatang Mendiola USF-I Public Affairs

"What is it that would possess an individual to walk down range against an inanimate object that presents certain death at the slightest misstep, yet relishes the opportunity to exercise mastery of a situation where you can only get the opportunity to make a mistake once?"

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Chaplain's Corner

To pray, or not to pray: that is the question

By Chaplain (Col.) Terry W. Austin **Deputy USF-I Chaplain**

When is it time to pray? According to Ecclesiastes 3, everything has a season and a purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes describes situations and times that are good and bad, as well as times that are neither good nor bad.

Have you ever heard it said that life is not fair? I have heard it and have come to the conclusion that life is not about fair or unfair, it is simply about making the best out of the day with which you are confronted. I have discovered that each day builds upon the other and prepares me for the next day's challenges. Quite honestly there are some days where

life seems to beat me down, but then there are a lot of days where I seem to

Prayer is the communication we have with whomever

we call god, so pray.

I believe we should pray during good times. You know, when things are going good and you seem not to have any cares at all; that is a good

time to pray. If for no other reason, you want the good times to continue and you also want others to share the good times with you.

Bad times are also a good time to pray. There are days that just seem

bad to me and I cannot do much with them. It is especially important to me that I pray during bad days because I want them to improve. And

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This very moment is a good time to pray. It is always good to talk to God about your life and the things that affect it.

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asked Capt. Edward W. Eidson, commander of Joint Task Force Troy, United States Forces - Iraq, during his speech at a memorial service held in Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory, May 7. "The names you are about to hear are those brave individuals."

Service members from across Victory Base Complex sat listening in silence as the names of 90 fallen explosive ordinance disposal technicians were called out one by one.

The memorial ceremony is held once a year to honor fallen EOD technicians from World War II to present, said Chief Petty Officer Donald Trink, EOD technician with USF-I JTFT.

The USF-I EOD task force is comprised of members from four of the five major U.S. branches of service.

Service details of each branch stood sequentially in front of the traditional boots, dog tags, M-16 rifle and kevlar display, as they placed new dog-tag chains in honor of the EOD technicians who were killed in 2010.

After each branch added dog tags to the stack, a loud 'We remember' was recited and a four-count hand salute was presented by the representatives.

Since World War I, dog tags remain part of a uniform requirement for each Capt. Edward W. Eidson, commander of Joint Task Force Troy, United States Forces - Iraq, speaks to service members about the fallen explosive ordinance disposal technicians since World War II during a memorial service in Al Faw Palace, Camp service member. They are intended to

All the while, fellow EOD technicians stood tall and proud as the 25th Infantry Division Band played the solemn tune of "Taps."

help identify remains of a fallen service

member. The dog tag is a symbol of

service and personal sacrifice of the

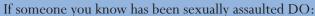
slain defenders.

"EOD technicians perform missions across the spectrum of conflict from destroying retro-grade ordinance to disarming booby traps in order to clear the way for advanced force elements," Eidson said.

"Our forces have served with distinction throughout every conflict and during which, members of our team paid a heavy price," he said. "Tonight we recognize the sacrifice of our brothers and sisters who have crossed the bar before us."

The selfless service and sacrifice of these individuals are exemplary amongst the countless others who serve today and in the past, said Eidson. Performing this ceremony every year is a way to remember the sacrifice of those in this trade.





- Be supportive and listen to them
- Communicate to your friend that he or she is not responsible for what happened
- Allow your friend to regain control by making his or her own decisions

If someone you know has been sexually assaulted DON'T:

- Attempt to seek revenge
- Make jokes
- Be angry with your friend
- Force them to talk and/or take control from them
- Ask your friend how they could "let this happen"
- Assume you understand how your friend feels
- Discuss the incident with others unless you have permission from your friend.

Call the USF-I Deployed Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (DSARC) at 485-5085 or 435-2235 for help. Army members should seek assistance with their Unit Victim Advocate (UVA) or DSARC.



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Servicemembers from Joint Task Force Troy, United States Forces -Iraq, render their salute honoring their fallen explosive ordinance disposal technicians, from World War II to present, during a memorial service hosted by the USF-I JTFT in Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory, May 7.

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It's an opportunity to give the senior enlisted Soldiers a time to evaluate the process and give honest feedback, both positive and negative, to those at TRADOC who are conducting the training, said Gomez.

The new test is designed to mirror tasks that may be demanded of Soldiers while on the battlefield, and paint a more accurate picture of a Soldier's physical capability.

Basic training and advanced individual training Soldiers are currently doing the exercises contained in the Army Physical Readiness Training program, and studies are showing that the new exercises have raised test scores under the old standard, said 1st Sgt. Garton Francis, first sergeant, Headquarters

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that these exercises work, he said.

More than two hours after the start
of the event, the Soldiers were given
the opportunity to voice their opinions



Master Sgt. Patrina Soto, senior enlisted advisor to the director of finance, United States Forces-Iraq, performs the standing long-jump during a test of the proposed Army Physical Readiness Test. Senior enlisted personnel participated in the APRT, to become familiar with the exercises and give feedback to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Camp Victory, Iraq, May 7.

about the new test during the after action review.

The preparation drills are more motivating, but will cause Soldiers to put more effort into the whole process, said

Warrant Officer Valencia A. Hollobaugh, property accounting technician, TF Dragon, USF-I . "I'm excited to see how it's going to turn out. I think the feedback from all the Soldiers and the

leaders is going to be good for the Army."

"I think overall the sergeants major and senior leaders enjoyed the experience," said Gomez. "It is definitely a different experience. There are a lot of cross-fit-type exercises, so it's going to take a while for us senior leaders to get out of our old habits and our old ways of thinking."

"It's a beautiful program," said Francis. "It exercises all the muscles of the body."

Regardless of the events in the APRT test, being physically fit is part of being a Soldier.

"It's a personal challenge to stay fit, and it's a personal responsibility as well as a responsibility of leaders," said Hollobaugh. "I advise Soldiers to take it upon themselves to be physically fit."



Sgt. Maj. Nicol R. Williams, senior enlisted advisor to the director of logistics, United States Forces-Iraq, performs the rower during a test of the proposed Army Physical Readiness Test.

Marine returns to Iraq for closure

Story and photos by Sgt. Joseph A. Vine USF-I Public Affairs

During the height of the war in Iraq, patrols, setting up checkpoints and vehicle searches were standard and occurred every day. Most of those ended without any type of conflict or casualties.

For Marine Cpl. Donny Daughenbaugh, during a vehicle search in Amadiya, Iraq, Oct. 12, 2004, ended with a medical evacuation to a surgical hospital.

During a routine vehicle search a red sedan sped ahead of Daughenbaugh and tried to run over one of his team members and, while doing so, the driver was hit by multiple gunshots. In the midst of chaos the driver reached down and pulled out an AK-47 and pointed it in Daughenbaugh's direction and opened fire.

"I saw a couple of flashes and I hit the deck," said Daughenbaugh. "I saw a couple more and it hit me. It felt like I was hit in the face by a baseball bat."

Daughenbaugh then blacked out and as he came to, he saw a puddle of blood

and as any good Marine would do, he pushed his M-16 out of the way.

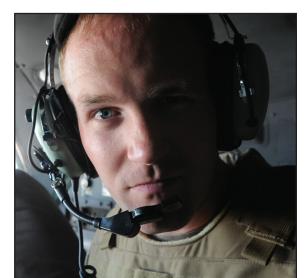
"As funny as it was, I did not want to get my blood on my rifle," he said.

Daughenbaugh tried to get a hold of his team to let them know he was injured, but no one could quite understand what he was saying.

"I radioed my team to let them know I was hit, but when I did, I sounded like I was 100 years old," said Daughenbaugh. "I just put my hand up in the air because I couldn't move."

Daughenbaugh was then medevaced out of the area.

"A Navy reserve neurosurgeon checked me out," said Daughenbaugh. "I remember seeing and feeling his finger go into my face and his thumb swirling around. He could feel it had broken my jaw, so they put me on a helicopter and took me to Baghdad where they put my face back together."



Retired Marine Cpl. Donny Daughenbaugh rides in the cockpit of an Air Force C-130. Daughenbaugh was one of the wounded warriors who participated in Operation Proper Exit IX and stepped back into Iraa, April 25.

Daughenbaugh was then transferred to the National Naval Medical Center - Bethesda, where the doctors decided to leave the bullet in his head. He had nerve damage and couldn't move the left side of his face for more than a year. He is still struggling to control the muscles in his tongue.

Despite his injuries, Daughenbaugh continues to work with troops as a retired Marine.

"Since 2005 I've been working for an organization that does financial aid and educational support for wounded troops," said Daughenbaugh. "Being around those guys is therapeutic in itself."

"Just being around combat wounded troops and knowing their stories makes me feel like the lucky one," he said. "It instills the spirit of not being able to quit. It's motivating and inspirational."

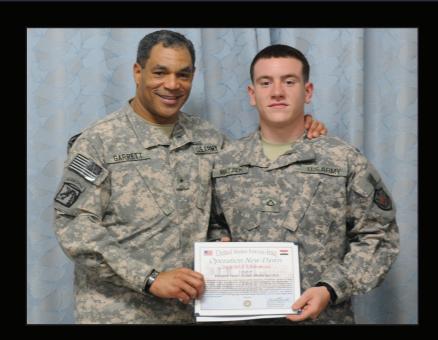
Daughenbaugh decided to make the trip back to Iraq one last time to help himself in the healing process. He participated in Operation Proper Exit IX and stepped onto Iraqi soil April 25 and walked out on his own terms on May 1.



Retired Marine Cpl. Donny Daughenbaugh fires an AK-47 assault rifle at a live-fire range with the Iraqi Special Operation Forces team on Victory Base Complex, Iraq, April 28.

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UNSUNG HERO



Pfc. Brian Matzek is recognized as this week's Unsung Hero and received a certificate of achievement from Brig. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, deputy chief of staff, United States Forces - Iraq, at Al Faw Palace, May 13.

Matzek received the certificate for his outstanding performance as a cable systems installermaintainer..

VICTORY VOICES

What does your spouse do that keeps you motivated thoughout deployment?



"My wife sends me care packages."

Pvt. 1st Class
Christopher Rodriguez
Intelligence Analyst
Co. B, HHB, XVIII Airborne Corps



"She sends me packages and videos of my newborn boy."

Cpl.
Scott Emerson
Team Leader

Co. B, 145 BSB



"He takes care of the homefront and kids; he's the real superhero."

Master Sgt.
Christine Schlipp

Administrative Clerk USF-I Command Group Secretary Joint Staff



"She takes care of the bills, children and always manages to smile and ask how my day was. She's amazing."

*Maj.*Joseph S. Johnson

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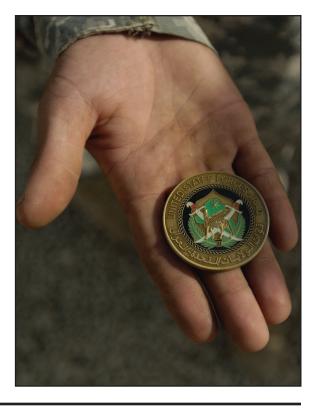


Sgt. Rocky, a military working dog with United States Division – Center, attacks Sgt. 1st Class Carey A. Ford, the MWD program manager for USD-C, during a military working dog demonstration after a 5-kilometer MWD Appreciation Run hosted by the 218th Medical Detachment, 262 Multifunctional Medical Battalion, 804th Medical Brigade, Camp Victory, Iraq, May 8. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. TJ Moller/USF-I PAO)



Command Sgt. Maj. Earl L. Rice, the senior enlisted advisor to the United States Forces - Iraq deputy commanding general for operations, speaks to Soldiers from the 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, during a visit to Kalsu, Iraq, May 10. Rice discussed various topics such as the new Army Physical Readiness Test, the new enlisted promotion system, as well as recognizing Soldiers for their hard work. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Paul Holston/USF-I PAO)

A Soldier from B"Bandit" Trp., 1st "Tiger" Sqdrn., 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, shows the coin that was presented to him by Command Sgt. Maj. Earl L. Rice, the senior enlisted advisor to the United States Forces - Iraq deputy commanding general for operations, during his visit to Kalsu, Iraq, May 10. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Paul Holston/USF-I PAO)



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Barracks tattoo: a life-altering decision

Story by Spc. Paul Holston **USF-I Public Affairs**

Tattoos are markings made by inserting indelible ink into the skin for artistic preferences as well as many other reasons. They are common among service members.

However, the hazards and effects of getting a barracks tattoo, tattoos that are created using homemade equipment instead of professional equipment, can not only affect a military career, it can also affect the rest of someone's life.

"You have service members who make their own tattoo machines or purchase professional-grade equipment," said Sgt. Maj. Vincent Bond, the chief medical noncommissioned officer for United States Forces - Iraq. "Needles are the main problem. When you're here in [Iraq] you don't have the proper supplies to clean your equipment."

Those who fail to fully clean their equipment because of the lack of cleaning supplies could spread serious infections as a result of the type of environment servicemembers are living in, Bond said.

Bond said diseases such as methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, hepatitis B and C, HIV/AIDS, herpes, chlamydia, fungal infections, chronic liver disease and liver out of the fight. cancer are some of the many that servicemembers can contract as a result of the unsanitary barracks tattoos.

"You put yourself at risk," said Bond. "We've had several infections here throughout Iraq. We understand people want to put ink on their body, however, this is not a controlled environment."

"You have a higher risk here in theater than back home in the states," said Maj. Stanford Lindquist, the chief of Force Health Protection. "Back in the states, tattoo parlors are licensed and inspected daily to ensure everything is safe and sanitized. Here however, there is no such thing because of the type of environment we live in."

Not only can barracks tattoos affect you, it could also impact those around you, as well as friends and family



Homemade equipment is virtually impossible to sterilize. Novice tattoo artists have frequently used the same equipment on several different people.

back home.

"It affects the overall readiness of the military," said

Bond said the consequences can take the servicemember

"When it's something that can become life-altering, it's not worth it," said Bond. "We never think about the after effects when we think about wanting something now, and because of that, we put ourselves at risk when it can be easily prevented."

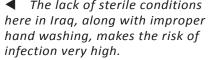
Lindquist said that when the effects come to light, it is most likely something you can't get rid of, and he encourages everyone, service members and civilians, to look out for each other.

"Save up your money and get a professional tattoo when you get home," said Bond. "It's as simple as that."

For more information on "barracks" tattoos, visit the USF-I Surgeon page: https://staff.forces.iraq.centcom. mil/sites/surg/Pages/Default.aspx



◀ The lack of sterile conditions hand washing, makes the risk of





Staff Sqt. Amaryllis Rivera, a unit supply sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 325th Military Intelligence gets her hair cut during Operation Shear Love, Camp Victory, Iraq, May 8. Rivera donated 13 of the 89 inches of hair that were donated to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that creates wigs for children with medical hair loss.

Operation Shear Love:

Troops donate long locks to children

Story and photos by Sgt. Joseph A. Vine **USF-I Public Affairs**

Troops on Victory Base Complex participated in Operation Shear Love, in which they donated their hair to Locks of Love, May 8.

Locks of Love is a not-for-profit organization that provides hair pieces to children with medical hair loss.

This is the first Locks of Love donation drive that has occurred in Iraq, said Tech. Sgt. Amber Hotzfeld, an intelligence analyst, Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Detachment – Iraq, and one of the organizers of the event who donated 11 inches of hair.

All of the troops, who each donated a minimum of 10 inches of hair for a total of almost eight feet, did so with their hearts going out to the children who need the hair more than they do.

According to Locks of Love, the program meets a need that goes beyond superficial beauty. They provide a service that can help children rebuild their self esteem and regain normalcy in their lives.

"My friend's daughter was diagnosed with a Stage-2 Wilms Tumor a year ago," said Hotzfeld. "She had her left kidney and a 10 cm tumor removed and went through 18 weeks of chemotherapy. She's doing great now and is cancer-free. I wanted to do this in her honor for being such a brave girl."

"I thought that this was a perfect way to support cancer research," said Spc. Teri Stadther, a badging specialist with Alpha Troop, 2-116 Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, who donated 10 inches of hair. "I hope that my hair will help a child find a bit

of joy and comfort in knowing that others are supporting and cheering for them. I plan on doing it again in the future."

"This the first time I've done anything like this," said Spc. Nicole Apontequiles, an administrative clerk, deputy commanding general of operations command action group, United States Forces - Iraq, who donated 15 inches of hair. "I was thinking about it for a long time, but didn't have the opportunity until now."

Hotzfeld said that due to logistics and the drawdown of forces, this is the only Operation Shear Love in which she will be able to organize and participate.

"Your hair means so much more to the kid who doesn't have hair than to you," she said.

"This is a beautiful cause," said Staff Sgt. Amaryllis Rivera,

a unit supply sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 325th Military Intelligence, who donated 13 inches of hair. "I really wish more people were willing to participate."

"I would encourage everybody to find a foundation that they care for, something that pulls at their heart and jump in with both feet," said Stadther. "It will bring you such pride knowing that for somebody else, your little act of kindness will bring them great joy. Plus, it's just hair, and you can grow yours back."



Nicole Apontequiles, adminstrative clerk, USF-I, holds the more than 15 inches of hair that she donated May

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Sgt. Kenneth Lewis (left-center), the prime power academy noncommissioned officer-in-charge and a controls engineer, Co. D., 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power), briefs the Iraqi students on safety and schedule for the day of hands-on training April 17 at the Ali Air Base power training facility in Iraq. The 30-day course covers academic and hands-on training, as well as three critical areas: operations, maintenance and electrical distribution.

Engineers teach Iraqi forces critical skills in power academy

Story and photos by Spc. Paul Holston USF-I Public Affairs

Electricity, an important resource, is a vital part of daily life.

Soldiers attached to the 20th Engineer Brigade (Prime Power), and Airmen, a part of Iraqi Training and Advisory Mission, have developed and conducted the first class of the prime power academy at the Ali Air Base power training facility with 34 Iraqi students from Iraqi army and air force.

"The power academy is a joint effort between the 20th Engineer Brigade, 249th Engineer Battalion, and Iraqi Training and Advisory Mission," said Sgt. Jessie Correia, a power line distribution specialist and power academy instructor, Co. D, 249th Eng. Bn. "The goal for this school is to get the students able to sustain themselves and their power."

"The Iraqis currently don't run power plants like this. They're only accustomed to running spot generators, so the whole concept of a power plant is a new concept to them," said Sgt. Kenneth Lewis, the power academy noncommissioned officer-in-charge and a controls engineer, Co. D, 249th Eng. Bn. "They don't have the abilities to do that, so we're trying to give them that baseline."

The academy is a 30-day course consisting of academic and hands-on training. Students

are instructed in three critical areas: operations, maintenance and electrical distribution

"The first two weeks of the class were all academics where we taught subjects such as electrical theory to basic engine operations and theory," said Lewis, a native of Williamsburg, Va. "We went on and taught them other topics like lock out, tag out, fire safety rescue, as well as [cardiopulmonary resuscitation]."

Correia, a native of Fall River, Mass., said that the students received very high scores during the testing of the classroom phase, and because of that they were ready to move forward to the field.

The class then moved on to the hands-on portion of the training, where students would partake in various training such as conducting preventive maintenance checks, repairs and services on generators as well as basic pole setting procedures.

"This training will able to provide a stable power for their bases to function as well as providing the foundation for all of Iraq because they'll be able to take out this training to the communities and other cities," said 2nd Lt. Tasia Tindle, operations officer-in-charge of ITAM Detachment 4, and a native of Shreve-port, La.

Sgt. William Davenport, a prime power production specialist and power academy instructor, Co. D, 249th Eng. Bn., based out of Camp Liberty, Iraq, jumped at the opportunity to participate in the class when his leadership asked if he wanted to stay in Iraq longer.

"I originally took part in the fact finding process with my leadership back in October-November when we were trying to figure out the best way to train qualified Iraqis to take over the power plants after U.S. forces leave Iraq. This power academy is the result of that," he said.

Davenport said the most beneficial part of this academy for him is teaching the safety portions.

"Working with and around energized, electrical devices is extremely dangerous," said Davenport, a native of Baltimore, Md. "Carelessness often leads to loss of life and or severe injuries especially at the high voltage level. I preach safety, safety, safety to the class on a daily basis because I want everyone to go home to their families at the end of the work day safe and in one piece."

When it came to the most challenging part of the academy, the language barrier became a common issue throughout.

"Trying to make sure we use the proper terminology and explain things in a way the entire class can understand is sometimes difficult and time consuming," said Davenport. "The students come from a variety of different backgrounds and skill



Sgt. Kenneth Lewis (right), the prime power academy noncommissioned officer-in-charge and a controls engineer, Co. D., 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power), along with a translator, teaches Iraqi students on conducting preventive maintenance checks on a generator as part of hands-on training April 17 at the Ali Air Base power training facility in Iraq.



Sgt. Jessie Correia (right), a power line distribution specialist and power academy instructor, Co. D, 249th Engineer Battalion, assists Iraqi students on basic pole setting procedures and communicating with the operator as part of hands-on training April 17 at the Ali Air Base power training facility in Iraq.

sets as well."

"I think that I can return home knowing ... that I've positively impacted the U.S. mission here and that I've helped the people of Iraq," said Davenport. "It feels good being able to share my ... knowledge knowing that these students will go out and be successful and also be able to teach and mentor others."

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Law enforcement professionals discuss mission focus

Story and photos by Sgt. TJ Moller USF-I Public Affairs

Law enforcement professionals from across Iraq came together at the deputy commanding general of detainee operations and provost marshal general's Senior Leaders Conference, Camp Victory, Iraq, May 4.

"The conference was an opportunity for all law enforcement professionals, both military and civilian, to come together and share successes and challenges that they have in the IJOA," said Maj. Robert Radwan, executive officer, DCG-DO/PMO, United States Forces-Iraq.

Criminal investigations, detainees operations, law enforcement professional programs, end of mission plans and accomplishments were among the many topics discussed throughout the day.

The quarterly conference hosted more than 50 attendees, many new since the last conference, and allowed them to meet one-on-one, share ideas and build relationships within their military police profession.

Breaks gave the opportunity for attendees to intermingle and introduce themselves to one another. The sidebar conversations

allowed for issues to be brought up and possible solutions found through the sharing of knowledge and contacts that the individual law enforcement professionals have, said Radwan.

"We are bringing everyone together so they do not feel that they are operating alone," said Lt. Col. Anita Greenlee, deputy chief of staff, provost marshal office, USF-I.

The cycling of personnel in and out of theater is the reality of the mission. Grasping a clear picture of what is going on throughout a whole country takes time and effort. Conferences afford staff the opportunity to get the big picture.

MPs play an important role in the overall mission, said Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen, DCG-DO/PMG, USF-I. Closing down the mission in Iraq is a historical event, he said.

Templates and historical information as to how to start decreasing troops while still keeping the mission focus have been created here, said McQueen. "I'm sure that the lessons that we've learned here will help with future operations."

The conference concluded with McQueen's closing comments reminding everyone that the threat is still there and that it is important to keep one eye on the threat while continuing on with the mission.



Maj. Christopher A. Heberer, director, Joint Expeditionary Forensic Facility III, 5th Criminal Investigation Division Battalion, briefs lab updates and the end-of-mission plan during the deputy commanding general for detainee operations and provost marshal general's Senior Leaders Conference, Camp Victory, May 4.