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Lt. Col. Cameron Cantlon, right, commander of 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Burnette, unroll the squadron colors during a transfer of authority ceremony at Contingency Operating Base Delta June 15. The "Saber" squadron took command of the base from 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Photo by Sgt. David A. Bryant

Stepping up to the plate

Saber Squadrons transfer authority of COB Delta

By Sgt. David A. Bryant

36th Inf. Div., USD-S Public Affairs

AL KUT, Iraq – The 6th “Saber” Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment formally took command of Contingency Operating Base Delta from 2nd “Sabre” Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment June 15 during a transfer of authority ceremony at the base dining facility.

Lt. Col. Cameron Cantlon, 6th Squadron commander, accepted command of the base, located in the Wasit Province of southern Iraq, from Lt. Col. J. Bryan Mullins, 2nd Squadron commander. Maj. Gen. Eddy M. Spurgin, commander of U.S. Division-South, Col. Reginald E. Allen, 3rd ACR commander, and local military and civilian leadership attended the ceremony.

“On behalf of our Saber Squadron, I’d like to say thank you to the Soldiers of Sabre Squadron, 3rd ACR. All of you have done an excellent job here in Wasit Province, continuing the great history of those who preceded you, and we hope to do the same thing,” said Cantlon. “To our Iraqi partners, we look forward to working with you in the coming months. You should expect the utmost professionalism and discipline from our Soldiers.”

“To our extended family here on COB Delta, I’d like to thank you for your dedicated reception and the professional conduct you exhibit every day,” he added. “Together, we must ensure that our final actions honor the years of sacrifice made by our comrades, the Iraqi Security Forces, and most importantly, our families back home.”

Mullins, who will redeploy with his unit to Fort Hood, Texas, spoke highly of the people of Wasit Province and of the Iraqi military and political leaders. He praised his Soldiers for their efforts in building relations with their Iraqi counterparts.

“Across the board we’ve forged strong relationships ... We have trained together, fought together, and had fun together. I’ll miss the leaders from across the province,” Mullins said. “Most of Sabre Squadron is moving to take on a new challenge, and I thank the squadron for its hard work, dedication and diligence over the last three quarters. Saber Six-Nine, good luck and please watch over our attached troopers and friends in Wasit Province.” ♥



Soldiers from Thunder Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, pay their respects to Pfc. Matthew J. England during a memorial service at Contingency Operating Site Endeavor June 13. England, of Gainesville, Mo., was killed by an improvised explosive device June 8 while conducting patrols. He is survived by his parents, Daniel England and Pamela Hengen.

Photo by Sgt. David A. Bryant

3rd ACR Soldiers Remember Fallen Brother

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NAJAF, Iraq – Soldiers from around U.S. Forces-Iraq gathered together at Contingency Operating Site Endeavor June 13 for an emotional ceremony honoring the life and memory of a fallen brother from 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Pfc. Matthew J. England, a tank crewman serving as a driver with Maddog Company, 3rd “Thunder” Squadron, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, was killed by enemy actions when an improvised explosive device detonated by his vehicle June 8. His parents, Daniel England and Pamela Hengen, survive the 22-year-old native of Gainesville, Mo.

England graduated from Lutie High School in 2008 and joined the Army a year later, completing basic training and advanced individual training as a tank crewman at Fort Knox, Ky. He was then assigned to 3rd ACR at Fort Hood, Texas

and deployed to southern Iraq for Operation New Dawn.

His senior leaders spoke highly of England’s skills, noting that such a high-caliber Soldier will be greatly missed by his fellow Soldiers.

“England was an unbelievable trooper. He was a smart guy who didn’t have to

show you that he was smart,” said Lt. Col. Scott R. Gerber, squadron commander. “At a very young age, Matt was the man many of us wished we could become.”

England’s awards include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge and Combat Spurs. ♣



Members of Pfc. Matthew J. England’s leadership wait their turn to speak at a memorial service for the tank crewman June 13. England, of Gainesville, Mo., was killed by an improvised explosive device June 8 while conducting patrols.

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Policing the old-fashioned way

By Maj. William Mott

STT, 12th. Cav. Regt., 3rd AAB, 1st Cav. Div.

BASRAH, Iraq – How would modern-day American law enforcement fare without the Internet? It would probably be like the Old West. Well, that is what the Iraqi police department of 23,000 officers is facing today. Just eight years after being torn apart by war, it is now a fledgling department facing numerous growth issues from budget to logistics to basic education of its young war-torn force.

The Stability Transition Team Enforcer, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division works with more than 18 counterparts from the rank of major to major general to advise and assist the final stages of modernizing the Basrah Provincial Department of Police and its Ministry of Interior Directorates.

The MOI compound, in the heart of Basrah, consists of more than eight separate buildings. It is a self-sustaining compound that houses multiple functions such as vehicle maintenance, several detention centers, a 9,000-man emergency response force, and a joint coordinating center for all

Iraqi Security Forces in Basrah.

Capitalizing from the hard-won successes of the previous STT, the compound is at a higher level thanks to the equally hard work of STT Enforcer. Change is ever constant in the military and it is the same for the police.

Working through a recently appointed police chief and new National Intelligence Information Agency, building a solid relationship with the previous chief and director has not hindered Team Enforcer.

“We have come to be a managerial catalyst for the PDoP (Provincial Department of Police) through these recent changes, ensuring progress in the face of change,” said STT Commander Lt. Col. Gregory Stokes.

Stokes is the commander of STT Enforcer, charged with the advise-and-assist mission to the Basrah Police force and the MOI directorates stationed there. His team consists of three officers: Maj. William Mott and Maj. Kevin Kreie are assigned specific MOI counterparts, and Maj. Luis Cruz is the Basrah Operations Center liaison officer, managing U.S. convoys throughout Basrah to ISF Key Leader Engagements.

KLEs are the fact-finding and intelligence-sharing meetings that drive the progress of the Operation New Dawn advise-and-assist mission. Their reports are shared up to battalion and brigade level to the intelligence, operations and commanders’ offices, allowing a full spectrum push on the success of each project.

“Our key projects with the MOI compound are crime-lab construction, upgrade of the K-9 police program, integration training for the newly arrived police chief, riot training with the Iraqi Army, and budget-priority alignment and distribution.” Stokes said.

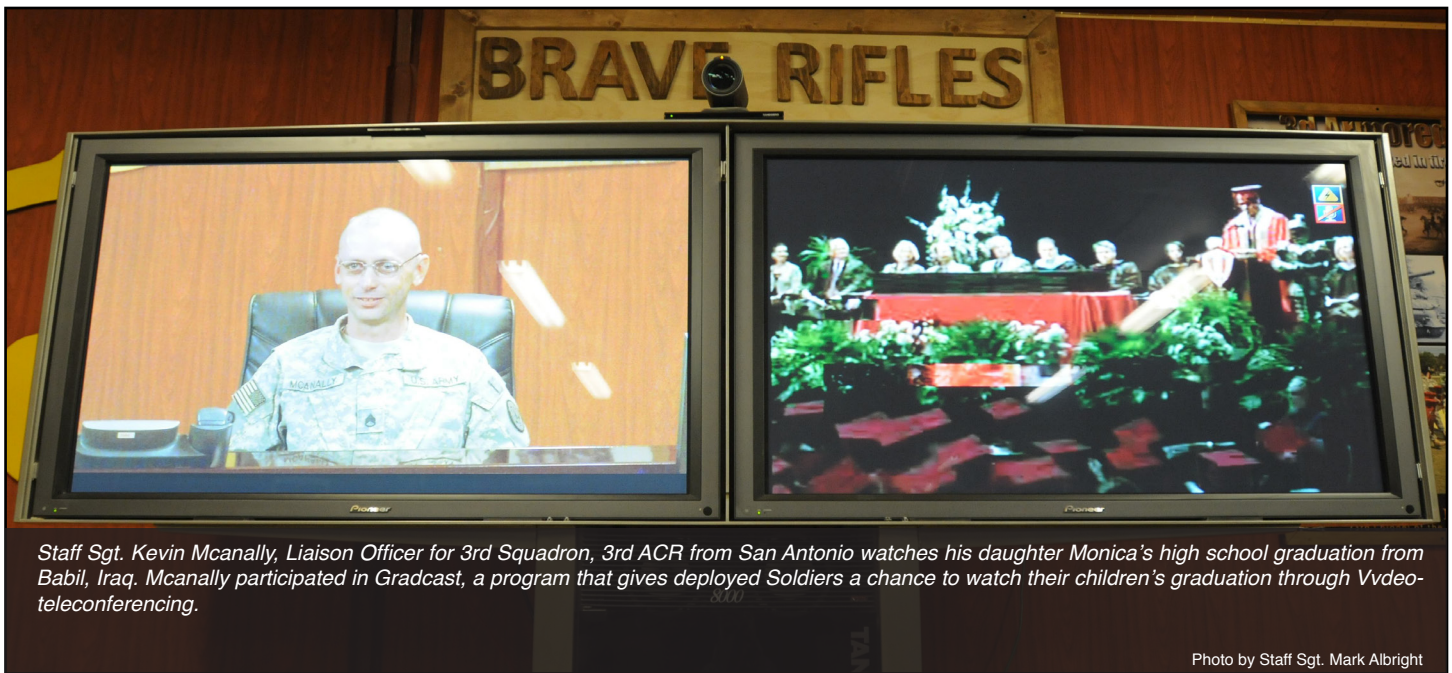
Training and education have become the two critical needs of the police force as Operation Iraqi Freedom transitioned into OND and the advise-and-assist mission.

After years of war, Iraq lacked senior leadership and a trained force. The meticulous process of rebuilding the ISF is the mission of the STTs working throughout Iraq. Bringing Iraq out of its transitional period and making them a sovereign world-player capable of defending its borders and protecting its citizens is the goal of the U.S. STTs. ♥



Lt. Col. Gregory Stokes, the STT Enforcer, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division commander watches on as Iraqi Security Forces conduct training.

U.S. Army Photo



Witnessing a new phase of life

Deployed 3rd ACR Soldier attends daughter's graduation from Iraq

By Staff Sgt. Mark Albright
3rd ACR Public Affairs Office

BABIL, Iraq – Soldiers often sacrifice important family events and ceremonies while deployed in support of Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom. Years ago, these Soldiers would have settled for photographs sent by their family, but not anymore.

3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Soldiers had a chance to watch their sons and daughters graduate from high schools in the Killeen area through a video teleconference, set up with the assistance of the Killeen and Copperas Cove school districts and the 3rd ACR communications section.

"I heard about the VTC from friends and leaders who had their daughters or sons graduate while they were deployed. So I looked into participating when it was time for my daughter's graduation," said Staff Sgt. Kevin McAnally, liaison officer for 3rd Squadron, 3rd ACR from San Antonio. "Just having this opportunity is great. It's the next best thing to actually being there."

McAnally's daughter, Monica, graduated from Harker Heights High School June 3 while he watched, by himself, from a conference room in Iraq.

His daughter has been an "Army brat" her whole life. She knows the ups and downs of having a father serving in the military.

"I don't like that my dad has to be deployed. This is his fourth deployment, and it's been hard not having him here because he missed out on so much of our lives," said Monica. "Knowing that my dad was able to watch me graduate from Iraq made me so happy. Before I found out that he would be able to watch me graduate, I was so upset. I was really happy that I was able to see him too as I was crossing the stage."

McAnally has served almost twenty years in the Army and will be retiring soon. This is his fourth, and final, deployment and was

happy to be able watch the ceremony.

"She was 14 when Iraq first started, and I have been over here every other year since, so I have missed quite a bit," said McAnally.

Other Soldiers participated in the video teleconference event during the beginning of June. All were able to see their children be part of a ceremony signifying the beginning of their adult lives and opening a world of possibilities for the future.

Monica has plans for hers.

"My plans for the future are to go to Central Texas College for two years, then transfer to a four-year university. I'm not sure what I'm going to major in just yet. I plan to minor in Spanish," said Monica.

These next steps in his daughter's future McAnally will be there to witness. ♥



Staff Sgt. Kevin McAnally laughs at a joke during his daughter's high school graduation. McAnally attended his daughter's graduation from Babil, Iraq through video-teleconferencing.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Albright

"We are the Soldiers of the 36th..."

CPT HORACE ALLEN

Contracting/SUS Planner



Name: Allen, Horace
Primary Military Specialty: Contracting Officer
Secondary Military Specialty: None
Hometown: Tallahassee, FL

Grade: O-3

Allen has been in the military for ten years and has his wife and family waiting for him to return from his deployment to southern Iraq. Allen considers himself a cigar aficionado and has collected various-sized humidors for his CHU. When not huffing and puffing on a stogie, Allen can be found huffing and puffing around the basketball court by the USO.

Allen finds that every day in the Army is a good one. He said that it is all about "being able to help write history every day that I've been in the Army."

SSG JESSICA FIGURA

Administration NCO



Name: Figura, Jessica
Primary Military Specialty: Administrative Clerk
Secondary Military Specialty: None
Hometown: Newfane, NY

Grade: E-6

Figura has been in the National Guard for eight years, half of that in Texas, where her boyfriend and 6-year-old son reside. She considers herself the "outdoors" type and enjoys hiking, fishing, camping and parasailing.

Mobilizing for hurricane duty during hurricanes Ike, Gustov, Dean and Dolly has had the greatest impact on Figura. "We helped evacuate the border towns, taking care of people who didn't have a car, the elderly or those who just couldn't afford to leave," she said. "We got them out and sent them to San Antonio and tracked them through FEMA."

SPC KYLE NARCISSE

Paralegal Specialist



Name: Narcisse, Kyle
Primary Military Specialty: Paralegal Specialist
Secondary Military Specialty: None
Hometown: Round Rock, TX

Grade: E-4

Narcisse served for three years on active duty in the Army before joining the National Guard, and has served three more since then. The paralegal has a bachelor's degree in political science from Baylor University and is only two credits shy of earning his master's. In his spare time, Narcisse is learning how to play the Spanish guitar.

This deployment has probably been his most memorable experience, said Narcisse. "Being in a combat environment and witnessing how life is out here has been a great experience," he said. "It's been neat seeing the Iraqi culture, meeting the Iraqi people and getting to see how they live."

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Wednesday at 1200

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1900 - New Believers Bible Study

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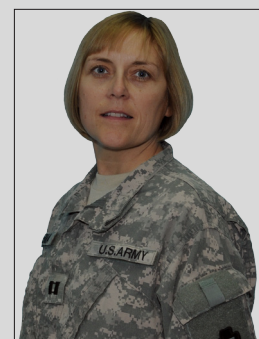
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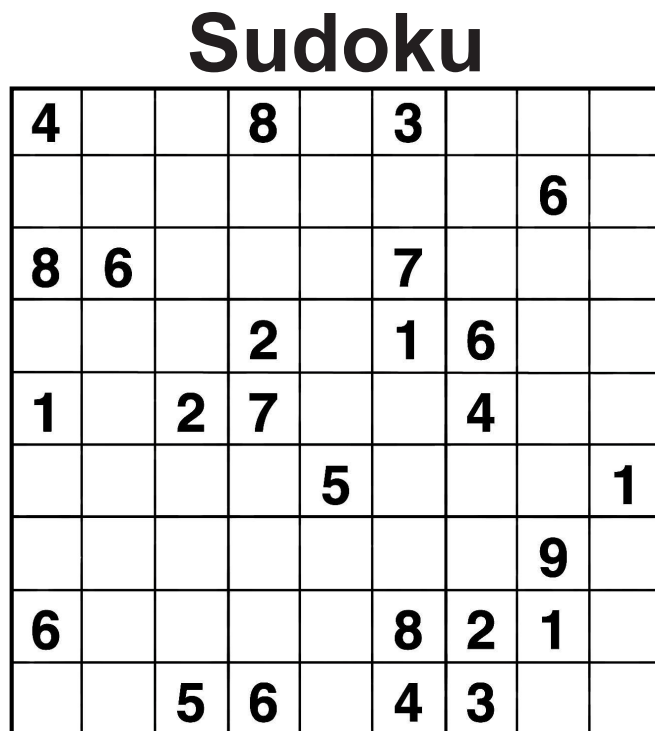
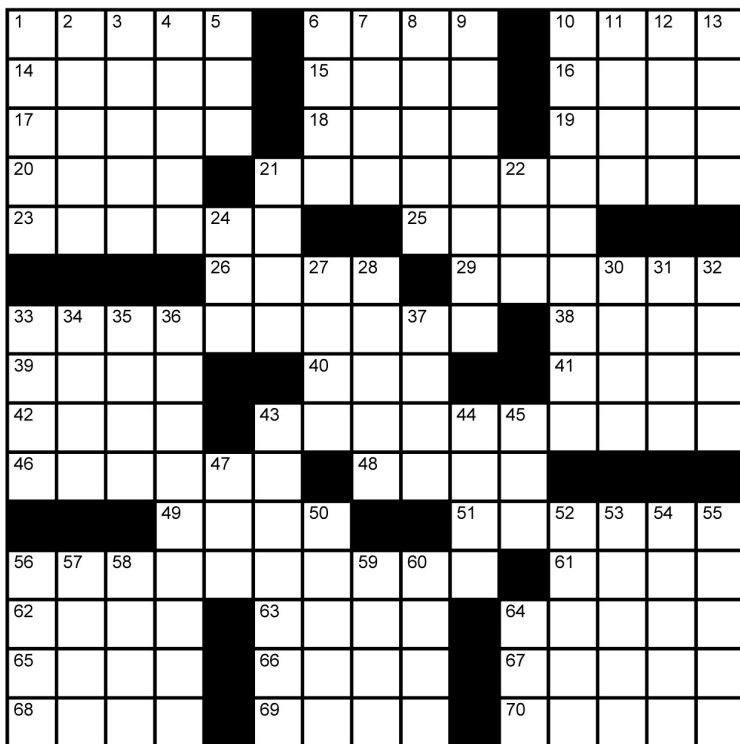
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Across

1. Where the mouth is
6. Offend
10. Exit, often
14. 1975 Tony winner for Best Play
15. Hydrox rival
16. Alike, to André
17. Military brass?
18. Big screen name
19. Attend
20. They might require overtime
21. Theater usher's need
23. Stretch out
25. Jettison
26. See 53-Down
29. Protestant Reformation figure
33. Daily Planet chief
38. Harass
39. Skin cream ingredient
40. Suffix with Samson
41. Sea moss constituent
42. Ticket sales
43. "Anything Goes" composer
46. Alchemic mixture
48. Actor Jannings
49. Jewish month
51. Mailing supplies
56. Ox or pig
61. "There oughta be ____!"
62. "The Time Machine" people
63. Wrinkled, as a brow
64. Pernod flavoring
65. Aware of
66. Abstainer's opposite
67. Felt compassion (for)
68. Capitol topper
69. Clinton cabinet member Federico
70. Word that can follow the end of 21-, 33-, 43- or 56-Across

Down

1. Reasons to look for a shark?
2. Fit out
3. German gun
4. City on the Arkansas River
5. Enzyme suffix
6. Drudgery
7. "The Joy of Cooking" author Rombauer
8. Lavish meal
9. Front place?
10. Record holder
11. Eager
12. Standardized test topic
13. Represent graphically
21. Go smoothly
22. Baton Rouge sch.
24. Ironic
27. Home for Ulysses G. Grant
28. Championship
30. Sword part
31. Better chance
32. Bring up
33. Web site unit
34. Lod Airport carrier
35. French roast
36. Take another look at
37. Abound (with)
43. Get started
44. Tiresome one
45. Plug or play ending
47. Panhandle state: Abbr.
50. Dentist's request
52. Baccarat call
53. With 26-Across, 1912 Nobel Peace Prize winner
54. Emits coherent light
55. Garbo, by birth
56. More than a tiff
57. Food in a can
58. Freedom
59. Demeanor
60. Gillette product
64. "Won-der-ful!"



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Photo of the Week



Photo by Sgt. David A. Bryant

An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle launches at Contingency Operating Base Kalsu June 12 as a demonstration of the aircraft's capabilities for Maj. Gen. Eddy M. Spurgin, commander of the 36th Infantry Division and U.S. Division-South for Operation New Dawn.

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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