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Can Do Soldiers sweep JRTC

Spc. Ben Brody
2nd Bde.

FORT POLK, La. — Soldiers from A and C Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, in collaboration with role-playing Iraqi National Guard troops, swept through a town at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk Sept. 25 and rid the town of at least 30 "insurgents."

Later that morning, coalition forces and civil affairs Soldiers attached to the unit distributed food, water and fuel to Sadiq's residents. Sadiq is a complex of buildings, some as large as three stories, that is used for force-on-force training.

"Sadiq East is a known trouble spot for militants," said A Co. Commander Capt. Josh Davis to his men before the mission. "We're going to capture known weapons caches, destroy their logistical assets and crush the insurgency tonight. They know we're coming. Get ready for the fight of your lives."

The infantrymen took



Spc. Ben Brody

Soldiers from A Co., 3/15 Inf. rush a "casualty" to an armored ambulance for medical evacuation Sept. 25 at JRTC. The unit participated in intensive urban combat training during their month at Fort Polk. Fourth Brigade will travel to JRTC this month.

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Service member honored for 40 years of service

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
1st Bde.

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Infantry Division commander, honored Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jose Gabriel Negron-Cruz, Division Support Command property book officer, with a plaque Oct. 7 commemorating the 40th anniversary of Negron-Cruz's service to the Army.

Negron-Cruz joined the Army as an infantryman Oct. 7, 1964. He served three tours in Vietnam.

Negron-Cruz received a direct appointment to warrant officer on Nov. 30, 1978. He has been a property book officer ever since.

During his career, Negron-Cruz has been a property book officer at the battalion, brigade, group, division and installation levels.

Negron-Cruz received a baccalaureate degree in liberal arts from New York University of South New York in 1996. He is fluent in Portuguese, Italian, Spanish and English.

"I am very proud of my service to the Army," Negron Cruz said. "I have had many great mentors throughout my career and I'd like to think that I have been a good mentor to others."

Negron-Cruz said he had a few close calls during his tours in Vietnam, and that those years were the most difficult of his service.

During his career Negron Cruz has been awarded a Bronze Star Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals and two Army Achievement Medals.

Also present at the ceremony were warrant officers who had just been promoted.

Webster shook hands with them and gave them a coin.

"He always speaks the truth," Webster said.

He added, "Anytime I need to know something critical, he is there. It is kind of like waking up and wading through a fog. He is the light that shines through. When I ask him a question, all baloney set aside, he will tell the truth."



CW5 Jose Gabriel Negron-Cruz receives an award in appreciation of 40 years of service to the Army from Maj. Gen. William G. Webster.

Army makes progress on IRR mobilization

Sgt. Reeba Critser
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than 1,100 Soldiers in the Individual Ready Reserve have reported to duty since the Army received its mobilization authority four months ago.

"The plan discussed in June is working," said Brig. Gen. Sean J. Byrne, director of military personnel policy, G-1, at a Pentagon press conference Oct. 1.

According to that plan, IRR Soldiers receive notice by Western Union mailgrams and have at least 30 days from the time they receive the orders to report. The earliest report date was Aug. 31. Byrne said the Soldiers will serve in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

The Army's goal is to have up to 4,402 on duty by March.

The 1,143 IRR Soldiers who have reported so far are mobilized to one of five posts:

- Fort Jackson, S.C.
- Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
- Fort Sill, Okla.
- Fort Knox, Ky.
- Fort Benning, Ga.

While there, they get their clothing issue and military equipment, receive training in common tasks, and they may go on to another post for MOS-specific refreshers before they're assigned to a Reserve, National Guard or active-duty unit.

By the time they're done with training, "they will be indistinguishable from the active-duty Soldiers they are serving with," Byrne said.

Of the almost 4,000 IRR Soldiers who currently have been issued orders, about half have report dates in October or later.

One of the challenges lies with Soldiers who need delays or exemptions. The Army is working one-on-one with 400 Soldiers whose report dates have passed to resolve their issues, officials said.

As of Sept. 28, only 1,374 of those who have orders have requested a delay or exemption. Of those, the Army has approved 373 and disapproved only 16.

Primary reasons that IRR Soldiers request delays or exemptions, officials said, include:

- medical problems
- higher education attendance
- family care problems
- financial hardships.

"IRR is different from active duty," Byrne said. "We know and understand that. That's why we're working with them individually. We're amenable based on their individual needs. We'll defer the date as needed."

Another challenge lays in finding the IRR Soldier. Human Resources Command-St. Louis is still attempting to contact about 200 Soldiers whose report dates have passed.

"We make every effort to track them down," said Robert H. Smiley, principal assistant for training, readiness and mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and

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34 days until new homes open



Courtesy Photo

New homes in Liberty Woods are nearly complete for Soldier and family occupancy.

Dianne Borges
GMH Military Housing

The first newly built homes in Liberty Woods will be ready for occupancy in 34 days for junior-enlisted families on Fort Stewart.

For months residents have seen the work and watched the progress of GMH Military Housing and its partners, The Benham Companies and Centex Construction Company, as

part of the Residential Communities Initiative.

The land was cleared, foundations poured, walls framed and interiors finished, creating the first new family housing community at Stewart in years.

Boasting three and four bedrooms, modern kitchens, extra storage areas and garages, these homes are a must see. All residents will be able to take a look in just 34 days.

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Training prepares 1/3 Avn. for open road

Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Hq. Cmd.

Soldiers in Hunter Army Airfield's 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment took to the streets to conduct combat driver lane training Oct. 6.

The exercise, which took place on the stretch of Perimeter Road that Hunter Soldiers know as the two-mile-run area, consisted of a convoy whose primary objective was to react to an ambush.

"What we're doing is preparing for Iraq by training a rapid response attack team," said Maj. Cory Mendenhall, 1/3's battalion operations officer. "Our goal is to train a dedicated, expert RRAT for convoy security."

Mendenhall said about half of the Soldiers on the team were not veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom 1. He added that the training was concentrated on the non-commissioned officers and leaders who would be taking the unit to its upcoming OIF rotation, although Soldiers of all ranks were participating in the exercise.

The team enacted several scenarios during the training, including reaction to improvised explosive devices, near and far ambushes and roadblocks.

Several Soldiers in the unit took the role of the "enemy," and did their best to keep the convoy from reaching its destination intact, using simulated artillery and firing blanks at the vehicles, drivers and passengers.

The Soldiers who played "terrorists" said they could benefit quite a bit from their part in the training.

"You can learn how the enemy attacks," said Spc. Joshua Miller, B Co., 1/3 Avn. "You learn to always keep your eye out and look 360 degrees around the perimeter and not just straight ahead."

Pvt. Joshua Bark, one of the Soldiers on the RRAT, said the training was "challenging."

"Things can get very hectic (during an ambush)," he said. "You've got to keep your eye out."

This exercise was the first of its kind for the battalion, Mendenhall said.

"I think it's an eye-opening experience," he added. "We're trying to create the most realistic situation to what we experienced in Iraq."

"We're taking our most hooah guys for this team," Mendenhall said. "We're training experts in their craft."



(Above) Pfc. Michael Robinson, 1/3 Avn. Bn., returns fire from his vehicle during a simulated ambush. (Left) Pvt. Geary W. Lasley, 1/3 Avn. Bn., pulls security in a herring-bone vehicle formation during training.



(Above) Spc. Brian Miller, a 1/3 Avn. Soldier, pulls security in a herring-bone vehicle formation. (Below) Role-playing terrorists attempt to distract 1/3 Avn. drivers in a convoy.



Photos by Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Pfc. Jeb Ragsdale, 1/3 Avn. Bn. Soldier, keeps his eye out for "terrorists" during his unit's convoy security training on Hunter's Perimeter Road Oct. 6.

2nd Inf. Div. brigade launches 'Operation Bulldog' in Ramadi

Sgt. 1st Class Brian C. Sutton

Army News Service

RAMADI, Iraq — Soldiers who deployed to Iraq from Korea a month ago began a sweeping operation in Ar-Ramadi Sept. 30 to deny anti-coalition forces safe haven, round up suspected anti-coalition leaders, and find weapons caches.

This is the third brigade-level operation in as many weeks, officials said, with the goal of increasing the security environment for the residents of Ar-Ramadi by keeping enemy forces on the run.

'Not another Fallujah'

"We will not abandon Iraqi cities and see them suffer the same fate as Fallujah," said Warrant Officer Christopher B. Wallitsch, targeting officer for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. "We are determined to maintain our foothold in this city and drive out those who choose to disrupt peace and stability here."

This operation closely follows Operation Longhorn, last week's operation that officials said was successful in routing insurgents and criminal fighters in the city. This operation, named Operation Bulldog, netted 75 anti-coalition fighters, as well as scores of ammunition, weapons systems, maps, and commu-

nications equipment.

"This brigade combat team will remain relentless in its pursuit of fighters in this city who are targeting the peaceful residents to instill fear within them," said Wallitsch. "We will not stand for that and we are taking every measure necessary to deny those fighters a safe haven from which to operate."

Marines, Iraqis fighting joint effort

The units fighting on the ground continue to work with Iraqi and multinational forces to bring peace to Ramadi, officials said.

"We can't do it alone," said Wallitsch. "It will take a consistent, coordinated effort between all friendly forces in the area to improve the safety and security of Ramadi."

The 2nd Brigade Combat team, although an Army unit, is assigned to the 1st Marine Division at Camp Blue Diamond, Iraq, and is augmented with a Marine infantry battalion.

2ID brigade being restationed

The 2nd BCT deployed from the Republic of Korea in August to replace 1st Infantry Division, which was operating in the Ramadi area for one year.

The Army recently announced the 2nd BCT will not return to its home station of Korea after its tour in Iraq is finished in one year. Instead, the brigade will be restationed at Fort Carson, Colo.



Sgt. 1st Class Brian C. Sutton

Sgt. Dustin Peregrin of 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment and Marine Sgt. Christopher Gimello of 4th Civil Affairs Group, log in the serial number from a captured AK-47 assault rifle in Ramadi, Iraq Sept. 30 during Operation Bulldog.

Operation Crayon provides supplies to local schools

Chaplain (Maj.) Beth Echols

CENTCOM

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARRIOR, Iraq — It looked like any other convoy briefing on a Monday morning but this convoy carried an atmosphere of added anticipation. The mission began back in the early summer when the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division announced its participation in Operation Crayon.

Operation Crayon is a program that was initiated by the military as a means to supply local schools with pencils, crayons, papers and other materials necessary to teach children. The Army was already heavily involved in projects to renovate school buildings but there was still a need for the

basics. The 2nd BCT, 25th ID joined with the Air Force to meet the supply demand for the upcoming 2004 school year.

Airmen, Soldiers, families and friends donated all the supplies for the project. The 225th Forward Support Battalion began supporting Operation Crayon full speed ahead. The 225th FSB devised a friendly contest amongst its companies to see which company could raise the most supplies for Operation Crayon.

The doctors, nurses and staff of the 874th Forward Surgical Team "Wildcats," launched a serious attack and donated over 700 pairs of scissors for the cause. Not to be outdone, Headquarters, 225th FSB, led by Sgt. 1st Class Leonard Buie bought all the glue off the shelves of the Kirkuk Post

Exchange in order to contribute to the cause.

Churches from New York, Alabama, and Washington to name a few, sent boxes of crayons each attached with a note of appreciation and hope. The Family Readiness Groups from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii spent weekends collecting donations in front of the Post Exchange; furthermore, the 225th FSB received donations from the Trinity Lutheran School in Wahiawa, HI, which many 2nd BCT Soldiers children attend.

It wasn't long before the Post Office was overflowing with school supplies and a new sorting area was required. Through the efforts of Chief Randall Reynolds, of Task Force 2-11 Field Artillery, and Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Etterbeek, 2nd BCT Chaplain, Airmen, Soldiers

and civilians transformed an old dining facility into the Operation Crayon Warehouse.

Personnel representing nearly every unit on Kirkuk Airbase conducted sorting parties every Friday during their limited personal time to sort and package donations. More than 4,000 bags of school supplies were packaged for distribution. The camaraderie of sorting crayons, pencils, scissors and glue was only surpassed by the anticipation of meeting the Iraqi school children to whom Soldiers had previously only been able to wave to from fast moving vehicles.

As service members gathered for the convoy briefing for Operation Crayon they were all eager to arrive at the Elementary School in the Task Force 2-11 battle space. Upon arriving in the Dibbis area of operations,

Soldiers and Airmen were greeted at the school by the overwhelming enthusiasm of 100 Iraqi children, who only through the best efforts of their teachers, were able to maintain discipline.

Among the attendees for this most anticipated event were the Iraqi Police, which provided security outside the school and the local Mayor. Immediately, Soldiers were transformed from the weariness of months in the desert to young men and women eager to lend a hand. Spc. Cedric Leday of the HQ&A, 3rd Platoon "Rough Riders" stated, "This is a good thing for the kids. The kids are going wild in there."

Command Sgt. Maj. Janet Herring who had participated in Operation Crayon the day before commented that "it was the expression on the kids' faces that made all the difference."

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Lane Down Range

Crying won't change things

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane
1st Bde.

There are many different ways to view the current stop loss/stop movement situation. As with any situation, I try to have a positive outlook. I believe there is only one way to look at things like stop loss/stop movement.

I am in no way a puring-ho insensitive kind of Soldier, but I really feel that if you don't try to make the best out of a bad situation, you will drown yourself in sorrow. If you join the Army, you should come in with the full understanding that you are there to serve the needs of the Army, and not the other way around. I know many Soldiers who are subjected to stop loss/stop movement feel like they are getting the shaft, but I know many of us have had similar gripes about just about everything that happens in

the Army. How many of us have been to sick call and waited for hours? Almost everything you do in the Army involves hurrying up and then waiting. There are a few Soldiers who sit there and complain about what is going on, but the majority of us just drive on.

I like to compare it to having a pain. Either you sit around and complain about it or you do one of two things. You see someone about stopping the pain, or you just accept it and go on with your day. If you think you can change something do it or hush up and stop making the rest of our lives miserable.

I know the majority of Soldiers who are going to get caught up in stop loss/stop

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movement don't like it. If you do any research, you will find out that some Soldiers have gone to court over the issue. You can fight the decisions being made about your life, or you can just sit around and cry about it.

There is a saying my father told me so many time I should have it tattooed on my forehead. Go with the flow.

I realize that many Soldiers have already seen combat, did their time and want to go home and begin a different life. Stop loss/Stop movement is not made for the benefit of the individual Soldier. It is made so that veterans can remain a part of a team and help teach green Soldiers how to stay alive in combat. A sim-

ple mistake can get you killed in theater. I would much rather use my knowledge to bring us all back. I believe that all of us should come home.

Any Soldier who has been in the Army long enough should feel a sense of responsibility as a leader. That is what we need during war, solid competent leaders.

Stop loss/stop movement is just as bad as physical training, waiting in line at the troop medical clinic or trying to get your new gear issued at the central issue facility. If you could change it, you would, but you can't. So why complain about it? I understand and empathize with everyone caught up in stop loss/stop movement, but I will deal with it just like everyone going over there. I will do my best and remember my training, and hopefully come back with all my friends.

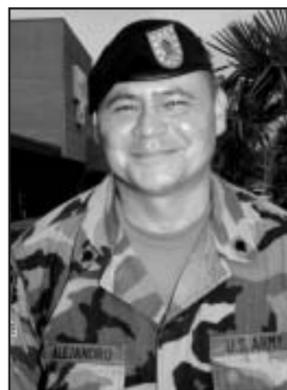
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Readers respond to the question: Is it important for deployed Soldiers to receive mail and why?"

"When Soldiers are away from their families on deployment, mail is a good way for them to keep in touch with the US and loved ones back home."

Spc. George Alejandro
3/69 Armor



"It's important for Soldiers to get mail. It helps put a smile on your face because it's always good to hear from home."

James Strickland
Retired Master Sergeant

"Yes, mail is important, you never know when something has gone on back home that you need to know about."

Pvt. Elliot Gite
1/41 FA



"Mail is good because it helps me keep in contact and not feel so apart from my husband."

Jordan Smith
Military spouse

"Yes, of course mail is important because it's the way you keep in touch with people back home, which keeps your morale up."

Col. James Parker
DENTAC



"Getting mail is good, it boosts you up and lets you know people are thinking about you."

Sgt. Nicholas L. Braddock
260th QM Bn.

Be it Porsche or Pinto ... Don't touch a Soldier's ride

Pfc. Ricardo Branch
Associate Editor

When I come home to the barracks after work and take off my boots and lay my uniform to rest from an evening on the Marne Express, I sometimes find myself reflecting on how my day went.

The good and the bad experiences I have just make me want to find some normalcy in my Army life.

Too often in the past few months, however, I've had to deal with more bad than good experiences.

When is enough, really enough? They say that there are often two easy ways to get a person's attention: mess with his heart, or attack his pride.

Lately it seems my pride in the form of my truck has been taking the "abuse," for me.

Now anyone can say whatever they want to me; just don't ever touch my ride. That makes it personal.

It may not be a Porsche, but it isn't a Pinto either.

I value my truck like my money. It's an investment that's with me for a while and deserves to be treated and well cared for.

Unfortunately — Commentary — can spoil the bunch.

other people don't share this same belief and have a blatant disregard for my personal property.

My truck was keyed in the parking lot of the barracks while I was away and that seriously bothers me in more ways than one.

No one should have to worry about their vehicle sitting alone in the parking lot outside of his barracks.

Damage to someone else's property behind their back is cowardly and to me personally, one of the lowest, vilest forms of victimizing possible.

We are in the Army. We are supposed to be grownups here. So leave this childish behavior where it belongs with irresponsible delinquents better suited behind bars.

It's funny sometimes to think about how there is such animosity towards people even in the Army; I guess I was just a little bit naive.

Although, hardly everyone falls into the above category; there are always just a few "bad apples" that

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I have had the privilege of meeting some great people in my time thus far, but it's always the bad ones that I remember the most.

Now I've spoken to the military police again in less than a month, and I'm just curious, who dislikes a fellow Soldier enough to leave a gash from the front headlight to the rear backlight?

That is what I call a hate crime. It's certainly not the first or the last which struck a nerve for me.

Remember the act of vandalism on the bulldog statue "Rocky?" For lack of a better word I was as pissed off as I am now.

I do have one small comfort for anyone out there who's getting beat with the short end of the stick: what goes around comes around.

Eventually people who find pleasure in acts of vandalism will mess up, get caught and get their just punishment and the Army will be a better place when they are finally weeded out.

To those that served to make me angry, mission accomplished. You made it personal. I hope you get caught.

BUSTER'S BATTERY

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO CALL OURSELVES THIS WEEK? WE'VE BEEN "THE GREAT ISLAMIC ARMY OF REVENGE" FOR A FORTNIGHT. WE USED THAT ONE THE LAST TIME WE BOMBED A SCHOOL. WHAT ABOUT "THE COMMANDOS OF MOHAMMED?"

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three casualties during the operation, all of whom were evacuated via armored ambulance to waiting medics.

After the smoke cleared, as dawn began to creep through the fog, Soldiers searched the town, finding weapons caches, bomb-making material and anti-coalition propaganda.

"We found weapons, smoke grenades, money, explosives, stuff to build (improvised explosive devices) in the town," said Sgt. Felix Olivo, A Co. weapons squad leader. "We took down a lot of radical propaganda too. Now the situation has changed — we're going to provide humanitarian

assistance for the people here."

Near Sadiq's police station, ING troops and U.S. Soldiers set up an area where villagers could bring water or fuel cans to be filled. Sadiq's residents were also offered military rations from Soldiers and hot food from a non-governmental relief agency.

As Soldiers from 315th Psychological Operations Company broadcast a message in Arabic, Kurdish and English that relief supplies were available, villagers filtered in, happily handing troops 10-gallon water jugs to fill.

Davis met with Sadiq's deputy mayor during the distribution, and

explained the situation as he saw it.

"The town was out of your control last night," Davis said. "We got rid of all your insurgents - about 30 of them. Now we're giving you food and water, and the town is yours again. If the town gets out of your control again and I have to come back, next time I'll stay. We want this to be a peaceful town, run by Iraqis."

Davis said the training was solid and that his men are ready to deploy.

"We've got the unit functioning at a very high level right now after all this training," Davis said after the mission. "We're going to maintain that level until we deploy."



Spc. Ben Brody

Soldiers and role-playing ING troops distribute food and water in Sadiq at JRTC.

IRR

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Reserve Affairs. "Some Soldiers have moved three or four times since they got out of active duty."

The Army is still accepting volunteers from the IRR. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Smiley said the Army had 10,000 Soldiers, including many IRR members, volunteer to return to active duty, "but only 1,100 fit the bill" for the Army's needs.

The Army still needs Soldiers in MOSs that include transportation, administration, food service, petroleum supply, various maintenance positions, construction and logistics.

Smiley said the Army is "looking at a similar dip in the IRR pool next year."

As of Sept. 29, 114,000 Soldiers are in the IRR.



Sgt. Reeba Critser

Brig. Gen. Sean J. Byrne (third from left), director of military personnel policy, personnel, and Robert H. Smiley (second from right), principal assistant for training, readiness and mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, talk to reporters about the IRR mobilization process Oct. 1 at a Pentagon press conference.

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Ready, Sir!



Ssg Joseph P. Collins, Jr.

Specialist Robert Hollett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, stands ready with his M249 SAW during a patrol in Qalat, Oct. 9. The patrol was conducted to support the Afghanistan National Election. 2/35 Infantry is in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

On-post utilities to change

Gary Sheftick

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Some families in new privatized housing on Army installations may notice technicians reading their utility meters beginning this month.

The meters are being read to determine an average monthly consumption rate for electricity, gas and heating oil, officials said.

Eventually, military families living in privatized housing on post will become responsible for their utilities, said Don Spigelmyer, director of the Residential Communities Initiative, which has privatized housing at 12 Army installations.

The utility billing will probably take place in 2006 after average consumption rates are computed and Soldiers have had a year of "mock" bills that reflect their usage, Spigelmyer said. When actual billing begins, those families that use less than the average rate will earn a rebate, he said, and those who use more will need to pay the difference.

"If you conserve, you can save money," said Ivan Bolden, RCI program manager for policy.

Families in the new and renovated privatized housing at six installations will start receiving "mock" utility bills early next year, Bolden said. These mock bills will only help residents track their use of energy, Bolden explained, and will not involve any payment for the first year.

Along with the mock bills, families will also receive monthly energy tips and training on how to be more "energy efficient."

Under the one-year mock billing program, residents will have the chance to see how much energy they're using and make improvements, if necessary, before they become responsible for consumption, Bolden said.

Installations participating in the mock billing program include: Fort Carson, Colo.;

Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; and Fort Campbell, Ky.

Under RCI, a portion of Soldiers' Basic Allowance for Housing is used as payment for utilities. Beginning in 2006, Soldiers in privatized housing who use less than the average amount of utilities will be rewarded with rebates once their energy conservation exceeds a savings of \$50.

Those who go over their average will be billed when the outstanding balance reaches \$50. If a Soldier and his or her family use utilities in a conscientious manner, their BAH should cover all costs — rent and utilities — in privatized housing, Spigelmyer said.

DoD established the policy to conserve energy and track usage, said Rhonda Hayes, deputy director of the Army's RCI program. In the future, she said all of the military services will hold residents in privatized housing responsible for their utility usage.

"They felt the only way to bring about conservation was to make the user responsible," Hayes said, adding that there would be no incentive otherwise.

Just like the off-post person is responsible (for utilities), the person living on post will be responsible too," Bolden said.

The majority of old quarters are not individually metered, Bolden said, so it would be difficult to gauge usage or bill residents.

Under the RCI program, more than 37,000 family housing units at a dozen installations have been turned over to private developers. The companies manage the housing and collect rent through Soldiers' Basic Allowance for Housing. In return, the companies promise to maintain and renovate existing homes and build new housing.

"It's all about providing quality housing for the Soldiers and their families and using energy in a wise manner," Bolden said.

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Soldiers maintain security on streets of Samarra

Sgt. W. Wayne Marlow

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SAMARRA, Iraq — Soldiers with B Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry walk through the streets, accompanied by two gun trucks. During the mission, time is made to speak with members of a youth soccer team and buy ice cream cones for grateful children.

Company leaders speak with merchants offering everything from watermelon to hubcaps. Virtually every resident stops and stares at the passing throng, most of them smiling and waving. After an hour on patrol, the Soldiers turn and head back to their forward operating base.

The situation would be unremarkable if not for the location. Less than two weeks prior, anti-Iraq forces controlled Samarra and most of the residents stayed inside out of fear.

"We couldn't have walked through this area a week ago without being shot up with RPGs," said 1st Lt. Greg Longo, a B Co., 1/14 platoon leader from Calumet, Mich.

But one impressive offensive and a hundred dead insurgents later, the streets of Samarra have been reclaimed. Daily missions by 1/14 help maintain security and help win over the residents.

"We're winning over those folks that may have been borderline before," Longo said. "It's night and day as far as their reception toward us now and before."

Sgt. Anthony San Luis, a B Co., 1/14 team leader from Dededo, Guam, noted that barely a week prior to this patrol, Samarra

residents were in fear of the Soldiers. After the main thrust of Operation Baton Rouge ended, Soldiers went scouring for remaining insurgents and many of the residents misunderstood the U.S. intent.

"When we were going into their houses, they thought we were going to kill everybody," San Luis said. "We explained that we were just there to get the bad guys. We started passing out candy, playing with the kids. When they realized we're not there to hurt, but to help, you could see the relief."

Now, the Soldiers are welcomed.

"You see a big difference. They're happy, giving us the thumbs-up, like in other places where we've established ourselves. It makes me really happy that I can help these people. This is a big step in changing how things are in Iraq," San Luis said.

Private 1st Class Jim Torres, a squad automatic weapon gunner from Tacoma, Wash., said the security and the claims payments doled out by the U.S. have made a huge difference.

"The people seem to be a lot more receptive to us," he said. "We get up, do a patrol in the morning and talk with the people, see how they're doing, and ask if they've seen any insurgents. Once the fighting was done, the normal population started coming back. I feel good about coming in and making the people better off."

Torres noted that Iraqi National Guard members are also helping keep the new-found peace. "It looks like they've got it under control," he said admiringly. Spc. Robert King said he gets a lift from being able to make things safer for the people of

Samarra.

"We know the average Iraqi hates terrorists as much as we do," said King, a B Co., 1-14 grenadier from Denver. "It's better here now, and the people are coming back. The little kids are happy to see us. We're just going out, talking to the people, handing out money to those with claims. We're changing from fighting to winning hearts and minds."

Besides bringing safety to the streets, there's also the matter of rebuilding the dilapidated city. That's where the civil affairs teams come in.

Local contractors are now bringing electricity and water to Samarra, providing supplies to schools and hospitals, and cleaning up streets, mosques, and playgrounds. The contractors provide updates to the 415th Civil Affairs unit on their progress and also bring up any needs.

"We also meet with the mayor and see what his needs are," said Lt. Col. Kirk Fernetz, a 415th Civil Affairs commander from Lancaster, Penn.

"We have lots of different projects, from life-sustaining ones to recreation," Fernetz said. "We want to get the city back to normal."

The office also handles claims, including cars crushed by tanks.

"People come if they have any damages," Fernetz said. "If everything is legitimate, we give them payment right on the spot."

With projects on tap for schools, hospitals, roads, and mosques, about the only thing not seen in Samarra these days are the insurgents.



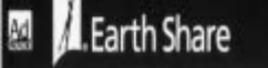
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A 1/14 Inf. Soldier chats with a young Samarra soccer player. Daily missions by the unit help maintain security and win over the city's residents.

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Artillery Soldiers accomplish it all while in Iraq

Spc. Gretel Sharpee

139th MPAD

The United States Army and its Soldiers remain the strongest fighting force in the world due to its flexibility to accommodate a changing battlefield. Nowhere is this flexibility more apparent than in field artillery units that are currently deployed overseas, like the 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), who is making FOB Endurance their last stop before they redeploy to the states.

The 1/37th, out of Fort Lewis, Wash., has spent the last 10 months serving in Iraq in three key locations — Samarra, Mosul and Qayarah — in operations that involved more than artillery efforts. They are one of the many artillery units that have been challenged to adapt to a battlefield that may not require their artillery skills, but does require their excellent Soldiering skills.

Deployed to Iraq in November of 2003, the 1/37th began their deployment in Samarra doing exactly what they are trained to do by “putting lead down range.” While based in Samarra, these artillery Soldiers conducted fire missions against anti-Iraqi forces who were launching mortars against Multinational Forces Soldiers stationed in the area. The 1/37th is able to boast an average time on target of less than 10 minutes, which for an artilleryman in a combat zone is an accomplishment where speed and accuracy is important in saving the lives of the Soldiers operating around them.

“The proudest moment for an artillery commander is when there are mortar rounds coming in and while everyone runs for bunkers, your Soldiers are running into position to initiate counter fire,” said Capt. Dave Kenney, Headquarters Support Battery executive officer. “We saw our Soldiers do that in Samarra, and we saw them rise to the challenge of every mission since then ... that is a credit to each individual Soldier in this battalion.”

While in Samarra, they demonstrated their skills on their weapon of choice, a M198 Howitzer gun system, it was then that they began to realize that their mission would be much broader than serving as

artillery Soldiers.

During their five-week stay in the city within the Sunni Triangle, C Battery, 1/37th Soldiers were also tasked with constructing and maintaining a detention holding facility for anti-Iraqi forces that were captured in the area by other elements of the 3rd Brigade.

When the battalion and elements of 3rd Brigade moved to Mosul, the largest and most densely populated city in northern Iraq, to take over operations from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), it became quickly apparent that artillery fire was not going to be the best course of action to fight the enemy in the urban terrain in and around Mosul.

Adapting to their new operations that had changed from a counter mortar mission to a security and stability operation, Soldiers of the 1/37th were responsible for providing security patrols and visits in two districts and 10 sub-districts in the Ninevah Province.

“It was nice to work within the villages in the Ninevah Province,” said Sgt. Christopher Primrose, fire direction center operator in A Battery, 1/37th. “It gave me a chance to get out and see the people that live here, that we are, in a way working for.”

The 1/37th remained a valuable force in the area, providing security and stability operations on the city streets as well as on the military operating bases in and around Mosul. They conducted convoy escort operations, moving elements of Multinational Forces throughout the area of operation safely.

In the five months the Battalion spent operating out of FOB Marez and FOB Freedom in the city of Mosul, they conducted five cordon and knock operations resulting in the detention of numerous detainees and the confiscation of several weapons and munitions. Several of these operations were conducted in partnership with the developing Iraqi National Guard and Iraqi Police, who are crucial to Iraq's independent security operations.

Joint operations with the ING and IP elements included providing convoy security for fuel trucks. The Soldiers escorted 75,000 Turkish fuel trucks transporting fuel valued at \$1 billion that was distributed throughout



Gretel Sharpee

(Right) Capt. Dave Kenney, Headquarter Support Battalion platoon leader, 1/37 Field Artillery, prepares to send a squad in to clear the objective during a training exercise at Forward Operating Base Endurance. The HSB platoon, made up of meteorologists, radar operators, and other support effort Soldiers, has formed a movement team that operates as a stand-by force during Task Force Minutes field operations.

northern Iraq. Oil is Iraq's most valuable export, making the security of these fuel trucks a critical element for Iraq's fledgling economy. Months and billions of dollars could have been lost in the progression of Iraq's economy if the 1/37th, IP and ING hadn't provided security.

Because the 1/37th continued to demonstrate flexibility and adaptability, they were again called upon to take on a mission that was far from what their artillery training had prepared them for.

They moved to Qayarah in June, about 120 miles south of Mosul, changing their location to FOB Endurance, but never changing the mission of providing security and stability to the area.

In addition to providing security to the Qayarah area, the 1/37th was also tasked to train Iraqi National Guard soldiers. Once the ING soldiers graduated from their five-week initial training, they participated in the cordon and search operations that the 1/37th continued to conduct in the surrounding

area.

Soldiers in the 1/37th taught the ING everything from searching techniques to basic leadership and soldiering skills. This ongoing training is the next step in securing the future of Iraq's security forces.

“We have had to adapt to new tasks in our mission over here,” said Sgt. Trevor Kinzel, Field Artillery Surveyor, HSB, 1/37th. “But this mission will go on after we leave here too, which is where the Iraqi soldiers come in.”

All of the Soldiers in the 1/37th have done what needs to be done to complete the mission since they arrived in Iraq 10 months ago. It is this dedication that has brought them together resulting in mission accomplishment.

“I am very proud of my Soldiers,” said Lt Col. Steve Sliwa, 1/37th battalion commander. “They have stayed flexible during our ever-changing mission and have shown they are capable and prepared to do whatever the mission requires them to do.”

New team arrives to help with recruitment

Spc. Al Barrus

122nd MPAD

BAGHDAD — While Iraqi police applicants lined up outside Camp Hawk for screening Oct. 3, the newly deployed Soldiers of the 414th Civil Affairs Battalion from Utica, N.Y., got the chance to experience their area of operations and learn more about the people of Baghdad.

Since the 425th CA, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, will be heading home soon, they are integrating the 414th into civil military operations. The 414th has been in country for two weeks, and this event gave them the opportunity to get familiar with working with the Iraqi people.

"This is an outstanding mission for us to be doing with the new (CA) team," said Capt. Marc Chung, a 425th team leader. "We have already taken them on some patrols to see some projects, but this is what it's all about: working with the Iraqi people and working with the [neighborhood councils]."

Spc. Justin Cardoza of the 425th CA sets up the literacy screening station at the Iraqi police recruiting outside Camp Hawk Oct. 3. As Cardoza's unit prepares to re-deploy back to the U.S., they are helping integrate their replacements, the 414th CA, into their operations during this event.

When the teams arrived at the recruitment area, the veteran team set up stations and showed the newcomers the ropes. "You can see right now a lot of my guys are

hanging back," Chung said. "We have the new guys ... learning their part at the processing stations and have them taking over."

As the new Soldiers gained some know-how of the event and environment, hopeful Iraqi men stood in line waiting to take tests in order to be accepted into Iraqi police basic training.

"All the men here have been given a recommendation by their [neighborhood councils], which shows they have been somewhat screened for fitness and literacy," said 425th Spc. Justin Cardoza. "Here we have them take the [physical training] test consisting of push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, and 100-meter dash."

The next station would test Arabic literacy, then they would be given a physical exam and urinalysis, Cardoza said. The final step is a background screening, after which they are given a letter of acceptance and orders to report back to Camp Hawk.

It was a tough time for many of the applicants. During these recruitments, only about 40 percent pass to go on to police school in Jordan. For those who fail, it's another day they go without work. But for some, becoming an Iraqi policeman is more than just a job.

"I have always wanted to serve my country and protect my family and fellow Iraqis from the terrorists that threaten us everyday," said Husam Hamadi, a graduate of Baghdad University. "I think serving in the Iraqi police as an officer is the best way for me to do this."

It's citizens like these that give the 414th's soldiers the motivation to help make a better life for the people in Baghdad, Chung said. "It's not only important for the 414th to take over, but to also make improvements over time in not only events like these, but the civil affairs mission as a whole."

Chung said they do not want to have to turn away Iraqis who want to help protect their country. "If the applicants do get rejected for any reason, we would like to have contractors standing by with jobs available," Chung said.

"It's something that just helps get them into the system, and we don't have to turn patriotic Iraqi people away. That's something I would like to do, but since we are leaving soon, the 414th can cover down on it."

Because of the standard set by the 425th, it will be a difficult task, said Staff Sgt. Patrick Cummings, a 414th team sergeant. On the other hand, he said he feels that his team is well-trained for the streets of Baghdad. "Most all of my team has already done a deployment in Afghanistan," he said.

"We know that Iraq is a whole different place, but I think we have enough ground laid down so we can be situationally aware in our new sector. We just hope we can live up to the bar that our predecessors have set in [civil military operations]. They have done an outstanding job here with the projects going on, and Captain Chung is giving us advice to keep raising that bar."



Spc. Al Barrus

A hopeful Iraqi police applicant gives his all during the fitness test. The Field-expedient recruiting depot just outside Camp Hawk included a pull-up bar placed across two Humvee turrets.

Cummings admits that it will be a rigorous mission, especially with a new battalion taking over their sector. The changeover will require his team to pass on civil affairs knowledge to a new battalion, but his team is confident.

"We aren't going to try and set the world on fire," Cummings said. "We're just going to try and keep reliable and consistent CMO throughout the sector."

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Stewart

Commissary Council

The Stewart Commissary Council, which provides the Commissary manager with customer insights, will hold its quarterly meeting Oct. 27, 9 a.m. at the Stewart Commissary. The council encourages all authorized patrons to attend.

Beauty Shop Murder Mystery

Enlisted Spouses' Club invites you to participate in fun, food, door prizes and "A Social to Die For", Friday, at Club Stewart. The event is adults only and the cost is \$10. Come dressed in outrageous wigs, era clothing or as a celebrity. For more information contact Jennifer Hatcher at 876-1272 or email jbhatcher@comcast.net.

Make a Difference Day

Volunteers are need for the annual Make a Difference Day and Community Block Party, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a great opportunity for family volunteering and clean housing area playgrounds. For more information call Vickie Wiginton, 767-5058.

Women's Conference

MWR and ACS is sponsoring their Annual Women's Conference — "Take Action", Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Club

Stewart. Conference is open to the public and free. The conference has classes such as: Women's Beauty Tips, Strong Women for Life, Investments, Hot Monogamy and Bedroom Conversations and Cooking.

Golf Scramble

The golf scramble is being held at Taylors Creek Golf Course, Saturday, 1 p.m. shotgun. Members' fee is \$20 and non members \$25.

Become a Teacher

Visit the Army Education Center, Bldg. 130, Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m. for a Troops/Spouse to Teachers brief or call 767-8331 for more information.

Special Olympic Games

Volunteers are needed for the 2004 Winter games at Marne and Stewart Lanes, Dec. 3.

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Hunter

Women's Conference

MWR and ACS is sponsoring their Annual Women's Conference — "Take Action", Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunter Club. Conference is open to the public and free. The conference offers classes such as: Resourcing Employment Opportunities, Women's Beauty Tips, Strong Women for Life, Investments, Hot Monogamy and Bedroom Conversations and Cooking.

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Southside Arms of Comfort is designed to support military families by scheduling events and activities and providing fun ways to help you through times of separation and hardship.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Southside Assembly of God, 401 Tibet Ave., Savannah. For more information, call Esther Vargas at 961-6530/656-0667.

Make a Difference Day

Volunteers are need for the annual Make a Difference Day and Community Block Party, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

One of the projects is to clean up the housing area playgrounds. This is a great opportunity for family volunteering. For more information call Vickie Wiginton, 767-5058.

Soldier/Family Day With God

The Catholic communities of Ft. Stewart and Hunter are sponsoring this event Nov. 14. This is a pre-deployment opportunity for Soldiers and families to join together in worship, social activities and fun.

Mass will be at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Savannah, social gathering for singles and couples following mass, a youth ministry event for teens, and activities for children all in the DeSoto Hilton. At 6 p.m. there is a candle light prayer service in Madison Square to conclude the event.

Winn /Tuttle

Veterinary Walk-in Clinic

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic is having a walk-in clinic for vaccines only on a first come first serve basis.

For the safety of everyone cats must be in a carrier and dogs must be on a leash. For more information call 767-4194/2842.

Full Service PX Pharmacy

The full service Satellite PX Pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

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EDIS

The Educational and Development Intervention Services is now located next to the main pharmacy in Winn. Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call EDIS for a free screening. For more information, call 370-6370.

TRICARE Phone Numbers

For general health care information, you can call the Humana Military Audio Library at 1-877-217-7946.

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The PX Satellite Pharmacy is now open for full service business. Patients may fill new prescriptions and refill prescriptions here 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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9 a.m. Air Force News	7 p.m. Navy News
9:30 a.m. Navy News	10 p.m. MARNE REPORT
11:30 a.m. Army Newswatch	11 p.m. Army Newswatch
	Midnight MARNE REPORT

Courts-Martial

The following cases were tried by special courts-martial or general courts martial at Fort Stewart with the following results:

Special Courts-Martial

United States v. Sgt. Tobin Stinson, HHT, 3/7 Cavalry, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 6, the military judge found Sgt. Stinson guilty of cocaine use and dereliction of duty. The military judge sentenced Sgt. Stinson to: be confined for 45 days and bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Staff Sgt. Eddie G. Bell, B Company, USAG Mobilization Hold Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 7, the military judge found Staff Sgt. Bell guilty of absent without leave (2 counts), failure to report (2 counts) and use of cocaine. The military judge sentenced Staff Sgt. Bell to: be confined for 6 months, a bad-con-

duct discharge and reduced to the grade of E-1.

General Courts-Martial

United States v. Pfc. Ryan L. Williams, U.S. Dental Activity, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Sept. 30, the military judge found Pfc. Williams guilty of use of marijuana and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Williams to: be confined for 4 years, total forfeiture of pay and allowances and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Spc. Teresa L. Bryant, USAG Mobilization Hold Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Oct. 6, the military judge found Spc. Bryant guilty of conspiracy to steal mail, stealing mail, and absent without leave. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Spc. Bryant to: be confined for 2 years, total forfeiture of pay and allowances, reduction to E-1 and a bad-conduct discharge.

POLICE REPORTS



- **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, no insurance, speeding 52/40
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male
- **Charge:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, separate unit
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, laying drag
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charge:** Reckless driving
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of amphetamines
- **Location:** Myrtle Beach, S. C.

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Myrtle Beach, S. C.

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Fleeing the scene of a traffic accident, driving on suspended license
- **Location:** Walthourville

- **Subject:** Major, 36-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charge:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Assault consummated with a battery, failure to obey a general order, drunk and disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charge:** Assault consummated by a battery
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, Div. Spt. Bde.
- **Charges:** Drunken driving, no driver's license on person
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
- **Charge:** Drunken driving
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old female, separate unit
- **Charges:** Simple battery, obstruction of law enforcement officer
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
- **Charge:** Driving on suspended license
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Drunk and disorderly
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 38-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by a battery, damage to private property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 39-year-old male
- **Charge:** Larceny of government property
- **Location:** Jesup

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old male, separate unit
- **Charges:** Disorderly conduct, obstruction of justice, pedestrian soliciting rides or business
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 25-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to wear safety belt
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving too fast for conditions
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
- **Charge:** Disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Div. Spt. Bde.
- **Charge:** Indecent assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year-old female, Div. Spt. Bde.
- **Charge:** Failure to obey lawful order or regulation
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Possession of open container while operating a vehicle, driving under the influence, speeding 59/40
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 60/40
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate unit
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, driving while license suspended, no insurance, failure to wear seatbelt
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Criminal attempt - entering auto, criminal damage to property — second degree
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Assault consummated

- by a battery, indecent public acts
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, no insurance
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Drunken driving, resisting apprehension, fleeing the scene of a traffic accident, driving while license suspended, no proof of insurance
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, Fires Bde.
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Violation of probation
- **Location:** Cochran

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 33-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Simple battery, cruelty to children
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Failure to obey lawful order, driving while license suspended, expired tags
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old female, Avn. Bde.
- **Charge:** Aggravated assault on a police officer
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Failure to obey lawful order, obstruction of court order
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

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Capt. Jacob Lilly

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Q: Sir, I'm thinking about becoming an organ donor. What can you tell me about the process and whether I'm eligible?

A: All 50 states have laws that allow individuals to donate their organs upon their death. The decision to donate your organs after death is an individual choice that should be made after careful consideration and consultation with loved ones. However, it is important to remember that these donated organs and living tissue save many lives every day as there are thousands of people on waiting lists at any one time to receive organs. Approximately 300 new transplant candidates are added to the waiting list each month. Many of these people's only hope at living rests in some anonymous donor who can never be properly thanked for their generous gift. Organs that can be donated include corneas, hearts and heart valves, lungs, kidneys, skin, livers, bone and bone marrow, tendons, ligaments, and connective tissue,

pancreases and intestines.

Once you have decided to donate, there are many different ways to express your intent to donate your organs. The most common is on your state driver's license. Also organ donor cards are available in almost all military hospitals. Many people memorialize their desire to donate their organs in their living will or in a sworn affidavit. The most essential step however is to let your family and loved ones know that you intend to be an organ donor if you can. In the end, they will frequently be asked by the doctors as to what your intent was and their opinion will matter.

Q: If I choose to donate, does this mean that the docs will just let me die so they can use my organs?

A: Many people are concerned that if they choose to donate their organs, less effort will be made to save them as the doctors will be more eager to use their organs then to keep that person alive. This is patently false. Organ and tissue donation is considered only after all possible efforts have been

made to save the patient's life. The patient's death must be certified under very strict medical guidelines. The members of the transplant team cannot be involved in certifying the patient's death; that must be done by the original medical team trying to save the patient.

Q: If I die and my organs are used for transplant, can I say who gets them?

A: No, the recipients of donated organs are identified through the computer matching system of the United Network for Organ Sharing. Criteria considered include urgency of need, length of time of the waiting list, compatibility of blood type, tissue matching and body size. The system for selecting recipients of tissue is less structured but many of the same factors are used. This system was set up nationally to ensure the fairest process in the use of donated organs. To give an organ is to give the gift of life to someone without hope without that organ and many hours of agonizing thought were put into developing this system.

Retirees end with almost 200 years in service

Jennifer Wingfield

Managing Editor

The monthly retirement ceremony held Sept. 30 at Club Stewart consisted of Soldiers retiring with 197 years of combined active duty service in the Army.

Col. Thomas G. Horning, dental activities commander, was the keynote speaker. He noted that the retirees present were "involved in the first wave of the all-volunteer Army."

Sgt. 1st Class Sadoc Nobles, 3rd Infantry Division Band drum major, provided the final salute to the retirees as the band played Auld Lang Syne.

All attendees received a retirement flag, presented on behalf of the Secretary of the Army, a retirement pin, and appropriate medals. If interested in participating in your retirement ceremony, please contact the installation ceremonies office, 767-5061/3151.

Retirees in the ceremony included:

Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Michael E. Lockey, retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 30 years

Sgt. 1st Class Deloris Monroe-McLaurin, retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years

Sgt. 1st Class Henry Harris, retiring in Hephzibah, Ga., 24 years

Sgt. 1st Class Faith M. Young, retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 21 years

Sgt. 1st Class James L. Doering, retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years

Sgt. 1st Class Irvin Pope, Jr., retiring in Stockbridge, Ga., 22 years

Staff Sgt. Herbert Brooks, retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years

Staff Sgt. Benito A. Rodriguez, retiring in Hinesville, Ga., 20 years

Staff Sgt. Marc Brandt, retiring in Lake Zurich, Ill., 20 years

3rd ID NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE Oct. 17 through Nov. 17

The program is hosted by Fires Brigade, Nov. 17, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cottrell Field. This is for all Soldiers, family members and civilians. Features will include a lodge (teepee) with artifacts, an encampment with different types of tents and lodges, drum making demonstration, dancing and story telling for your enjoyment.



For more information contact Sgt. 1st Class, Lynn P. Banks Sr at 767-8547

Inclement weather site will be Jordan Gym.





Spc. Kristopher Joseph

Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division stand in formation during the dedication of a memorial to division Soldiers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, in Wiesbaden, Germany, Oct. 7.

1st Armored Division back in Germany

Sgt. Gregory Withrow

Army News Service

WIESBADEN, Germany — After a 15-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2,500 Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division rallied for a day-long welcome home ceremony Oct. 7.

The Soldiers, representing every unit of the 1st Armored Div. in Germany, marched across Wiesbaden Army Airfield in time to the pounding drums of the division band in celebration of their return to home station.

"Thank you for your dedicated service to our country," said Daniel R. Coats, U.S. ambassador to Germany. "You responded to the call of duty at the most difficult time. On behalf of the U.S. embassy and the American citizens living in Germany, welcome home."

However, the joy of those who had returned safely was tempered with the remem-

brance of the division Soldiers who gave their lives during OIF.

"You have helped make the world a safer place. We can never thank you enough for what you did. We rejoice in this moment, but also remember your fellow Soldiers who fell," Coats said.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz echoed the ambassador's remarks and praised the division's steadfast resolve.

"You fought bravely in battle. Your courage and skill were still needed, and you answered the call," said Wolfowitz. "Over and over again, the 1st Armored Division showed everyone what right looks like. The U.S. citizens and people of the new, free Iraq, thank you."

Wolfowitz thanked those who had sacrificed in order to provide the force behind Iraq's newfound freedom.

"To the families, we can't

thank you enough. To the wounded Soldiers, no words are adequate to express our gratitude," said Wolfowitz.

In a more solemn ceremony earlier in the day on Minue Parade Field, a monument was dedicated to division Soldiers who gave their lives during OIF.

During his remarks at that ceremony, Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, the division commander, said while it was important to bring the division's troops from units across Germany to welcome them home from a difficult and dangerous mission, the real significance for their gathering was found in the tribute to their fallen comrades.

The day's events, which attracted a crowd of more than 4,000, also included displays of division equipment; food and refreshments; amusement rides; a concert by country music band Sawyer Brown, and a fireworks display.

Soldier gets 30 years for raping captain

By Sgt. John Neville

Army News Service

FORT KNOX, Ky. — An Ohio National Guardsman, Sgt. Daniel Lee, was sentenced to 30 years behind bars at a Fort Knox court-martial Oct. 1, for the October 2003 rape of a commissioned officer in a post barracks.

Lee, an Army cook from Cleveland, pleaded guilty to raping the woman, a captain, at knife point in her room. He also pleaded

guilty to three lesser charges.

Lee refused his right to a jury trial, leaving his fate instead in the hands of the presiding judge, Lt. Col. Richard Anderson.

Lee, who was living on the same floor as the victim during their tours of duty at Knox, told the judge that a few hours prior to the assault, he had noticed the woman's door was slightly ajar on his way to Rocker II, a post nightclub located off

Brave Rifles Road.

Upon returning from the club, Lee said he saw that the woman's door was still ajar. He walked back to his room, picked up his pocket knife, stopped by the (command of quarters) desk for a few minutes, and then headed to the captain's room. The victim was asleep when Lee entered.

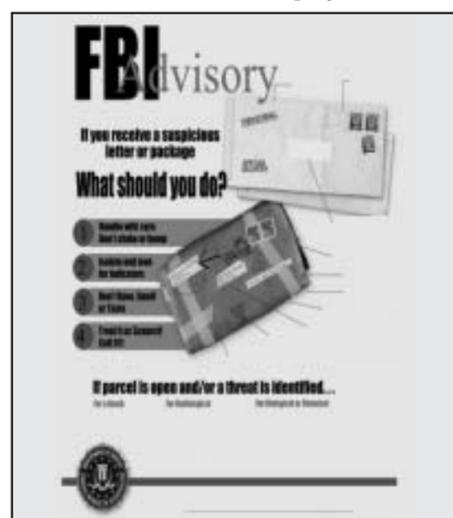
In 30 pages of testimony that he read aloud in court, Lee admitted to

threatening the woman's life.

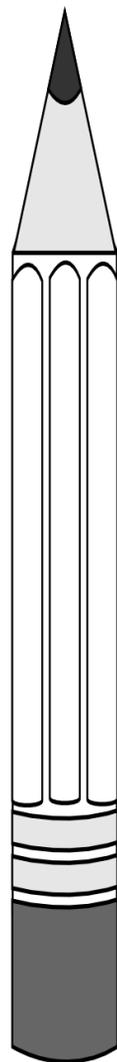
"I will kill you if you scream," Lee said he told her.

The victim, who was four months pregnant with her third child when Lee raped her, testified during the sentencing phase of the trial.

"I couldn't close my eyes," she said of the emotional horror she has suffered since the rape. "I would relive the entire experience."



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Missile defense technology to further breast cancer research

Debra Valine

Army News Service

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's Technical Center is investigating whether or not missile defense technology can be used to improve mammogram imagery.

At the 7th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference Aug. 18 in Huntsville, Colo., Craig Shriver from the Clinical Breast Care Project at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., told attendees that missile defense technology and breast cancer research terminology are surprisingly similar and that early results in the investigation look promising.

"When given a reading of 'abnormal,' mammography has an error rate of more than 80 percent in predicting cancer accurately," Shriver said. Up to 15 percent of known cancers are not seen on mammograms. Up to 80 percent of abnormalities that "need biopsy" are not cancer. "This means that a million people are going through surgeries or procedures to find the 200,000 with cancer. These 'unnecessary' biopsies when there is no cancer will cost the health care system \$4.2 billion. Even so, mammograms are the best tool we have right now. Therefore, we must do everything possible to improve mammography."

Working with SMDC, Shriver hopes to improve specificity in mammograms. Surgeons need more information to advise patients on what action to take to combat the disease.

"Mammograms will not do it alone," Shriver said. "When a woman decides to

have a lumpectomy and radiation for cancer treatment, the cancer can come back in the same breast. In fact there is a 12 to 15 percent chance that it will because we cannot know if we are getting all of it out."

Using missile defense algorithms to analyze mammograms, Shriver believes surgeons can see how big and what shape the cancer is and use that information to improve planning for breast cancer surgery when the breast is to be spared.

"I discovered in (the very first) conversations with Jess Granone (director, SMDC's Technical Center) that similar algorithms are used for missile defense," Shriver said. "These algorithms (for breast cancer) work by classifying spots and identifying areas of interest in a background of 'clutter'... similar to analysis of mammograms as well as our work in separating and identifying protein molecules from breast cancer patients — the computer doesn't care if the data it is analyzing represents protein molecules or missiles."

The team investigating this possible spin-off of missile defense technology includes Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Windber Research Institute, and SMDC. The SMDC team is comprised of Pete Kirkland, Kevin Nash, Lee Ray, an

electronics engineer in the Technical Center, and Granone. Dr. Robert Smith, a Huntsville radiologist, is donating his time to the effort as well. He is providing information on what radiologists look for when screening mammograms. That information is helpful when developing the algorithms.

"We have developed the detection and discrimination algorithms, but we still have to test them on many mammograms," said Kirkland, a senior research scientist with the Technical Center. "We can detect anomalies; however discriminating cancerous from a non-cancerous (tissue) is the big issue."

Kirkland said the team is working three specific tasks: using imaging devices to distinguish between cancerous and non-cancerous anomalies; using 2-D gel protein expression to determine early if a person might have cancer; and taking clinical and lifestyle data from Walter Reed and Vital Solutions in Huntsville to develop a Response Surface Model to predict the probability of patients getting cancer.

"We are working with Jeffrey Zelickson, president of Vital Solutions, Inc., to develop a data base that will be used to train the Response Surface Model to predict the probability that a patient will get cancer," Kirkland said. The model being developed would likely be used for

prediction in a clinical setting.

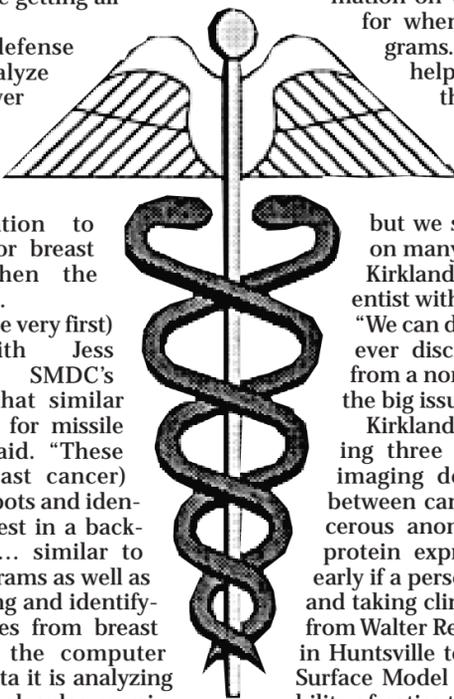
"We do not know if we got lucky on the first few things," said Nash, an electronics engineer in the Technical Center who is also working on the project. "We think our approach is solid, but we do not want to make any claims until we test it against a big data set."

"We are doing all of this in-house and it's in addition to our regular duties," Kirkland said. "It's not our primary job, but we expect payoffs for missile defense as well. If we can detect anomalies in the breast, maybe we could use the same method for missile defense to discriminate against targets in clutter. It is a very similar problem."

The researchers are hoping to know whether or not this approach will work by January 2005. The final determination of the usefulness of this approach will be determined by the medical community and not by engineers.

"We have to decide whether we can do anything with this or not," Kirkland said. "We have more than 1,000 mammograms that we are processing. I think once we process most of those, we will have an answer."

"We are cautious because we have to be right," Kirkland said. "Whatever we do must have greater than a 90 percent probability of success. A radiologist would use this tool to help them make a diagnosis; it will not take the place of the radiologist. That is why Dr. Smith's involvement is so important to us. We have to present the data to a radiologist in a way that he can use, not the way we would normally use it."



CENTCOM News

Iraq prime minister visits Samarra

SAMARRAH, Iraq — Iraq's Prime Minister, Ayad Allawi, visited Samarra Oct. 11 to meet with officials and discuss the rebuilding process of the city.

Allawi flew in a UH60 Blackhawk helicopter to Forward Operating Base Brassfield-Mora, before convoying into the city to meet with city officials and local leaders. The prime minister was also scheduled to visit the Golden Mosque and an Iraqi police station.

Accompanying Allawi on his visit was 1st Infantry Division Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver Brig. Gen. John Morgan, 2nd Brigade Combat Team Commander Col. Randal Dragon and Salah Ad Din Province Governor Hamid Hammud.

Samarra is rebuilding following damage incurred during recent military operations in the area.

Police trainers facilitate Iraqi equipment exchange effort

BAGRAM — A shipment of standard-issue police gear was distributed in the past week to Iraqi Police Service officers in Irbil as part of a newly founded police gear exchange program initiated by Multinational Security Transition Command - Iraq police advisors helping the Iraqi government to train, mentor, and equip its police forces.

The program - still in the early establishment stages - delivered riot helmets, ballistic vests, batons, flex cuffs, protective masks, various office supplies, an evidence kit, and duty belts complete with various keepers, holsters, clips, and pouches.

The equipment was donated by the Los Angeles School Police Department as part of an exchange program intended to link police stations in America with sister stations in Iraq.

Originated by U.S. Army Maj. Daniel E. Fricke, an Army Reservist from the department called up for duty in Iraq and currently serving with the Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq's Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, the program is in the process of expanding and ultimately intended to include stations throughout the United States. Fricke, the regional police academy liaison officer for the training team here, hopes to build the exchange into a bigger program, both in his role in Iraq and after returning to America.

Fricke said he would like to eventually include more than just equipment support. "What I am trying to accomplish," Fricke said, "is to develop a program for police departments back home to provide equipment, exchange investigative techniques ... and hopefully in the future [a regular] exchange program."

Los Angeles School Police Department officers collected the gear on their own in addition to paying all shipping costs. Another shipment from the department is being compiled and should include investigative equipment print kits, tape, print dust, and cameras.

Fricke indicated that two additional police departments in the United States have committed to similar donations.

The program is not an official Civilian Police Assistance Training Team initiative at this point.

Iraqi police service to graduate largest class ever

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi Police Service will graduate 1,137 police recruits from a police basic training course at the Jordan International Police Training Center in Amman, Jordan, Thursday, as the single largest graduation of Iraqi officers from the country's basic training course.

Since establishing the formal training requirements for police recruits at the center, approximately 5,700 officers from eight prior iterations have completed training at the school.

The eight-week training program - divided into separate general policing and operational policing components - runs recruits through intensive basic police education in modern policing methods. Instructors from the Multinational Security Transition Command's Civilian Police Assistance Training Team come from 16 different

countries.

The Civilian Police Assistance Training Team is specifically tasked with assisting the Iraqi government to train, mentor, and equip its civil security forces.

Graduating officers will return for duty in Iraq to various station assignments throughout the country.

Precision strike destroys Zarqawi location

FALLUJAH — A center for Abu Musab al Zarqawi terrorist meetings was destroyed today following a successful precision strike.

Multi-National Force-Iraq struck a known Zarqawi location in central Fallujah at 12:01 a.m. Oct. 12. Following the engagement, secondary explosions were reported, indicating the strong likelihood of weapons caches and explosive devices.

Terrorists frequently planned operations from this location. Plans included targeting Iraqi governmental leadership, Iraqi Security Forces, coalition forces and innocent Iraqi citizens.

The location had been under the terrorist organization's control for more than a year and innocent civilians knowingly stayed

Zarqawi continues to pose a threat to the safety and stability of Fallujah and Iraq. In order to gain more media attention and sway public opinion, Zarqawi has increasingly used suicide bombings, mortar attacks, shootings, kidnappings and beheadings that have claimed hundreds of lives in Iraq in recent months.

Those beheaded by Zarqawi-led terrorists include American businessman, Nicholas Berg, a Korean translator, Kim

Sun-II, British civil engineer Kenneth Bigley and U.S. civil engineers Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley.

The Zarqawi terrorist organization also took credit for the bombings that took the lives of over 30 Iraqi children on Sept. 30.

Insurgents use mosques for attacks

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, Iraq — In recent weeks, First Marine Division units conducting security operations in support of Iraqi Security Forces have noticed more insurgent activity in and around the mosques of Ramadi.

The October 8 incident, in which Marines observed four men videotape the destruction of a Red Crescent Society building and run into a mosque, is just the latest in a rash of instances involving Anti-Iraqi Forces operating in and around mosques. Insurgents are known to take advantage of the protected status normally conferred upon such cultural structures.

On Oct. 4, Marines found a large weapons cache in a field next to a mosque in Musayyib, Northern Babil Province. The cache included 82-mm and 60-mm mortar rounds, several complete mortar systems, RPG launchers and rounds, grenades, detonating devices, AK-47's, cell phones, detonation cord, and a radio transmitter.

Also on October 4, an Iraqi National Guard compound took an indirect fire attack from a mosque near Al Karmah. A Marine patrol observed several mortar rounds being fired from the mosque.

The Marines provided a cordon around the mosque, and ING soldiers entered and found two men. One of the men tested positive for gunpowder residue and was detained. The indirect fire attack on the ING compound injured two Iraqi civilians.

Finally, on Oct. 11, at approximately 4 p.m., Marines and ING members began receiving small arms fire from the Sharqi Mosque in Hit. Insurgents fired accurate and sustained small arms fire that escalated to heavy machine gun and indirect fire during the three-hour firefight at the mosque. Marines exchanged proportionate and accurate small arms and machine gun fire until insurgents began firing mortars. At that time, Marine aviation was used to deliver precision-guided munitions to target the threat.

The First Marine Division respects the religious and cultural significance represented by mosques. However, when insurgents violate the sanctity of the mosque by using the structure for military purposes, the site loses its protective status.



Millions vote in Afghan elections

Master Sgt. Terry Anderson

Army News Service

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Millions got their first taste of democracy in Afghanistan's first-ever direct presidential elections Oct. 9.

The desire to vote was so strong, Afghans in the Panjao district began to line up four hours before the polling center was scheduled to open, with a foot of snow on the ground.

"The Taliban burned my house, they

kicked us out of (town)," said Madame Gul in the village of Raban. "Now I have freedom. I'm standing in front of you and voting. Of course my life has been changed."

Despite the inclement weather and threats of spectacular attacks by insurgents, voter turn out was extremely high.

"A week ago I would have said our primary concern would have been attacks on the election process itself," said Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander of Combined Joint Task Force 76 at Bagram

Air Field. "Because of the tremendous courage of United Nations elections officials and the willingness to cooperate with Afghan security forces and the Coalition, we overcame that challenge. The Afghan security forces working with the Coalition pre-empted insurgent attacks on Afghans going to the polls."

Afghan National Army troops, along with Afghan National Police, provided security at the 4,780 polling centers throughout Afghanistan. Coalition troops from Combined Joint Task Force 76 were

on standby, ready to react to any attack by insurgents. But for the most part, the attacks never came.

"We showed (the insurgents) a little bit different set today than we have shown any other day because today's mission is to specifically secure the elections," Olson said. "We've maintained more capable and plentiful reserves to react to anything today."

The Joint Electoral Management Body, a U.N.-Afghan organization, was in charge of administering the electoral process. The JEMB ensured many safeguards were in place to prevent voter fraud.

First, the JEMB officials would mark the thumb of each voter with indelible ink, and then would punch a hole in their voting registration card. Reports from a few polling stations early in the day said the indelible ink was washing off too easily, creating allegations of voter fraud.

Afghan officials then called for the formation of an independent commission to investigate irregularities in the voting process. The 15 presidential candidates opposing interim Afghan President Hamid Karzai said they would boycott the results of the election.

Following a meeting with U.N. representative Jean Arnault and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad, top challenger Yunus Qanooni said he would accept the findings of the electoral commission. Despite a few bumps in the road to democracy, Olson says the elections are the first of many steps to a safe and secure Afghanistan.

"If you talk to Soldiers of CJTF-76, they'll tell you that our top priority are these elections," Olson said. "They understand that there is a link between free elections in Afghanistan and a secure and stable environment here. A secure and stable environment here means no sanctuary or safe haven for terrorism in Afghanistan. The elections were a huge success."

As Madame Gul left the polling center in Raban, she had a simple, basic message about democracy.

"We want freedom, we would like to live in peace," Gul said. "We don't want anybody to take our life away from us, we want to be free. This is my message to the people of America."



Courtesy photo

Afghan men wait patiently in line at the polling center in the village of Raban, north of Bagram Air Field on October 9th during Afghanistan's first democratic presidential elections.