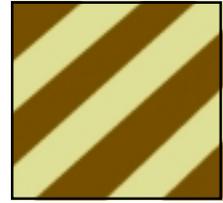


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## Forward



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## 3rd MPs round 'em up

### *Marne police train to tackle EPW issues*

**Spc. Katherine Robinson**  
50th PAD

On a cloudy Kuwaiti afternoon, a line of dirty, dejected looking prisoners wait on their knees, hands behind their heads, to be herded into trucks for transportation.



An EPW receives a numbered identification bracelet.

The guards keep a close eye and a rifle constantly trained on the prisoners as they load them in the truck and cart them off to be searched and searched again before finally receiving food, blankets, medical care and a place to sleep.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Battalion conducted internment and resettlement training Feb. 17 and 18 in preparation for possible future operations.

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## Move out! 203rd FSB strives to keep up with division's war zone needs

**Spc. Jacob Boyer**  
3ID (M) PAO

There are many things a task force of soldiers need to keep fighting – medical aid, vehicle maintenance and a multitude of other supplies.

If a task force moves quickly, its support needs to be able to keep up with its needs in a war zone.

The 203<sup>rd</sup> Forward Support Battalion ensures the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team gets all the support it needs when it is time to move out. The battalion held a field exercise Feb. 9-13 to make sure its soldiers were prepared to move the brigade support area rapidly if the brigade needs to move forward.

“Setting up and tearing down the BSA quickly is critical,” said Maj. Jim

Stanford, operations officer, 203<sup>rd</sup> FSB. “The brigade moves fast, and this is the most lethal division in the world. If we can’t keep up, then they come to a halt. They can’t continue to fight.”

The battalion consists of four companies. In addition to a headquarters element, there are three companies with

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Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

**Spc. Robert Bedford (right), a 3rd MP Bn. soldier from Winters, Texas, searches the bag of an “enemy prisoner of war,” played by Spc. Dustin Davis, a fellow MP, from Wichita, Kan., during the battalion’s internment and resettlement training Feb. 18 at Camp New York.**

# Perspectives

## A Soldier's Pride

*I was called to duty in a country far across the sea,  
 To stand the wall against terrorism, so all can be free.  
 I deal with the unknown, hot days and cold nights,  
 Living in the darkness, far away from all city lights.  
 I stand in the desert surrounded by sand,  
 Gazing off over the horizon, ready to fight in a  
 foreign land.  
 You ask why I am here, is the question addressed to me,  
 To protect any and all land that prays and wishes  
 for democracy.  
 I live for the opportunity to serve our country, during its  
 time of need,*

*A prayer to the Lord above to protect and guide me is  
 my only plea.  
 I am no one special, just a commoner's daughter or son,  
 So I joined the U.S. Army became an "Army of One."  
 I serve in a proud unit that stands out against the rest,  
 It is a unit with courage, pride and history, which truly  
 makes it the best.  
 If you cannot vision what I display, look at my left  
 shoulder and you shall see,  
 I am a proud member of the most prestigious unit of the  
 Army called 3<sup>rd</sup> ID.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Jay T. Sexton**  
**148<sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment**  
**Camp New York, Kuwait***

## Forward Voices

*What steps are your family taking to prepare for a possible terrorist attack in the States?*



*"We are talking to our families. My wife lives right near a military installation, so she's taking the necessary precautions there."*

**Lt. Col. Glenn Harp**  
**2nd Marine Exped. Bde.**  
**Fayetteville, N.C.**



*"We've already taken the normal precautions. We don't want to be paranoid because of something that might or might not happen."*

**Sgt. 1st Class Darryl Hall**  
**HHD, DIVARTY**  
**Philadelphia, Pa.**



*"My mom says she's just put her faith in the Lord."*

**Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Alexander**  
**HHD, Eng. Bde.**  
**Charleston, S.C.**



*"My wife and I are just keeping the faith and trusting in the Lord. You can't live life looking over your shoulder."*

**Spc. James Rowe**  
**103rd MI**  
**Herndon, Va.**

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# 1st time in theatre ...

## CBPS operates on threshold of future

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**  
50th PAD

3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers and Marines in Kuwait will soon be issued about 35 new shelter systems designed to keep medical personnel safe while they treat casualties in a chemical environment.

The six units to receive the system sent representatives to train with chemical biological protective shelter system instructors from Pennsylvania, Texas and Illinois.

The CBPS has been in production for almost 10 years, and this is the first time it will be used for a wartime mission, according to Sgt. 1st Class Delmar S. Kessler, senior CBPS instructor from the Pennsylvania National Guard, where much of the system's testing took place.

"We bypassed a lot of the (paper) portion of the training so we could focus on (hands on) training," he said. "We need to focus on the soldiers being properly trained on the equipment and being comfortable with operating under conventional, as well as NBC, conditions," he said.

"This is completely new. I think this

is the threshold of the future for the Army. This saves so much time, space and equipment. This system could be set up anywhere," said Spc. Joseph McGraw, a medic with the 26<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, who received CBPS training. The system is a lot more efficient than McGraw's "big-bulky expando van."

The system is safe to work in for 36 hours in a chemically or biologically contaminated area, according to McGraw, an Everett, Penn., native, and is easy to take down, move and set up again. A four-man crew can set up the CBPS in less than 30 minutes in MOPP 4, he said.

The key to keeping chemical or biological agents from entering the system is making sure the air pressure inside the tent is greater than outside, according to Kessler.

The system is attached to a HMMWV. In the mobile mode, the casualty is treated inside the HMMWV. In the static mode, an 18-by-18 foot tent is unrolled from the back of the HMMWV and pressurized. One tent can operate, or as many as seven can be connected, to make a complete bat-



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

**Sgt. Cesar Melara, a 26<sup>th</sup> FSB medic deflates the CBPS during training on Camp New York Feb. 17.**

talion aid station, Kessler said.

"We're really emphasizing NBC out here. We need to prepare for the worst – that's what we're training for," Kessler explained.

Sgt. Cesar Melara, a 26<sup>th</sup> FSB medic from Los Angeles who received training on the system, said, "It gives you a lot of comfort to get this brand-new equipment. Chances of survival are greater for any type of casualty."



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div. (Mech.) and Marines in Kuwait will be soon issued chemical biological protective shelter systems such as these two, which are set up at Camp New York.

# Blessed are the peacemakers...

## Papal Nuncio visits soldiers at Camp New York

**Spc. Jacob Boyer**  
3ID (M) PAO

The Vatican representative to the Arabian Peninsula emphasized selfless service during Mass at Camp New York Feb. 16.

Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, apostolic nuncio to Kuwait, Yemen, Qatar and Bahrain, and apostolic delegate for the Arabian Peninsula, told the assembled soldiers that they were called to do the things they do without conditions or preconceptions.

"I think (the visit) is a reminder to us all that our universal faith means we're home anywhere," said Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Heninger, 203<sup>rd</sup> Forward Support Battalion chaplain. "Even in the middle of the desert, we are at home as community of the faithful. He reminds us of the importance of God's love in the midst of our presence."

De Andrea, who represents more than 1.5 million Catholics in the region, drew his homily from Isaiah 6:8, a verse used by 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, which reads "Here am I Lord, send me." He said just as he gave himself to the church without reservation, soldiers volunteer their service to their country in the same manner.

"Use this place as a call to make peace," he said. "I accept Your plan of salvation and am willing to place myself in your hands. It is up to us to tell the good news."

De Andrea emphasized the impact the soldiers' presence has had on keeping the peace.

"Every minute the military has been here has been another minute of peace," he said.

"The message was very good, especially for his audience," said Capt. Jason Ferrill, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 64<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment security officer. "A lot of people are dealing with the possibility that we could go north, and he said it's okay to do what we're doing. He really



Spc. Jacob Boyer

**Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, apostolic delegate for the Arabian Peninsula, prays during a Mass held for soldiers at Camp New York.**

emphasized the military as keepers of the peace."

During the Mass, De Andrea confirmed 16 servicemembers as Catholics. Although confirmation is typically a one-year process, it was sped up for the soldiers deployed to Kuwait, said Marine Col. Rick Hunt, liaison to V Corps from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

De Andrea said Confirmation was a promise to step forward for the new

Catholics.

"We are more than just labels," De Andrea said. "The Sacrament of Confirmation means they are ready to assume the call in a more direct way."

"It was a very special experience," said Ferrill, a Biloxi, Miss., native. "Other than getting married, it was the most special religious experience I've ever been through."

Originally, the plan was for soldiers deployed here as part of 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade's rotation to have the opportunity to go to Kuwait City for one of De Andrea's Masses, said Chap. (Maj.) Patrick Ratigan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade chaplain and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.)'s senior Catholic chaplain.

"When we got here, I wanted to take everyone into the city, but with the threat level, it didn't work out," said Ratigan, a native of upstate New York. "So I asked the archbishop to come over here. We were tickled he accepted the invitation."

De Andrea said he enjoyed the visit, especially because of the special ties he has to the United States in general and particularly the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div. (Mech.). De Andrea spent 41 years of his life as a priest in the United States. He also grew up near Anzio, a place of significance to the division.

"I am very happy to be here," said De Andrea, who was named the titular archbishop of Anzio when he entered the Episcopacy.

"My ties are somewhat emotional since I spent so long in the U.S., and I can remember the soldiers coming to Italy when I was a boy," he added.

Ratigan said the archbishop's visit was "a wonderful expression of our unity and universality. We are one family.

"The Church is bigger than the camps," Ratigan said. "To have the archbishop here is a symbol of our communion with the larger church."

# PX – greater selection, less time

**Sgt. Craig Zentkovich**  
Associate Editor

We've all been there.

Standing for two hours in a line that seems to make little, if any, progress.

The end result – five minutes walking through two trailers, hoping the items you need are still on the shelves.

On Feb. 11, soldiers on Camp New York, Camp New Jersey and Camp Udairi got some relief with the opening of a new and improved Post Exchange.

The new structures, erected within the past month, offer three times the floor space of the original end-to-end trailer setup, according to Sgt. Lillian D. Jackson, Headquarters, and Headquarters Detachment, 703<sup>rd</sup> Main Support Battalion, Camp New York PX store manager and supervisor.

"We now have the capabilities to handle much more merchandise," she said. "In turn, that results in a better selection and ultimately a happier soldier."

With a larger store and an additional cash register, comes the ability to handle more soldiers in less time.

"Before (the new PX) opened, we were only able to take on 3-5 soldiers," Jackson, a Brooklyn, N. Y., native, said. "Now we can take upwards of 20 soldiers at a time."

The increase of space and influx of patrons have resulted in a greater need



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

## Soldiers stand in line at the checkout in the new PX on Camp New York.

for work force and security. Unfortunately, those haven't always been readily available, according to Jackson.

"It's been a little bit of a battle," Jackson said. "With the unit's cooperation, it becomes much easier for us to accomplish our mission – transporting goods from (storage), stocking individual items, checking customers at the register and, most importantly, security."

"On any given day, we may have two soldiers walking up and down aisles looking for would-be shoplifters. It's a shame we have to take those measures."

Jackson added, "Any soldier caught shoplifting will have their name and rank sent to Command Sgt. Maj. Kellman (3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.) command sergeant major), immediately."

One particular issue yet to be remedied from the PX's trailer days, is the

shortage of stock for many important and useful products.

The deciding factor of which camp gets what is determined by which manager draws stock from the warehouse at Camp Doha first.

"It's a first-come, first-served basis," Jackson said. "Unfortunately, the warehouse doesn't separate stock for each camp. It's a 'grab what you need and go' system. In turn, one camp may have particular types of razor blades and cigarettes, another may have none."

Apart from product shortages, soldiers have welcomed the new store with open arms.

"This is so much better (than the trailer)," said Staff Sgt. Derek Cooke, Engineer Brigade chaplain's assistant. "More selection, more room and less time in line. It's great."

## Practice makes perfect

Capt. Zachary Vann, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) assistant G-3 plans officer, lends a hand carrying sandbags during the set up of the Division Main headquarters at Camp New York Feb. 22. The DMAIN soldiers tore down the complex, loaded the equipment in vehicles and practiced convoy operations the night of Feb. 21. They then set up again the following day.

The purpose of training was to ensure the DMAIN could be moved quickly and efficiently.



Spc. Katherine Robinson

# DIVARTY brings



An M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System shoots a rocket downrange during the Division Artillery live-fire exercise Feb. 11 - 14 at Uda

Soldiers from B Btry., 1-10 FA, wash down an M109A6 Paladin 155mm self-propelled howitzer during a hasty decontamination at the Division Artillery live-fire exercise.



Pfc. Sean Miller, FAASV driver, Old town, Maine, returns ar

# Marne Thunder



**Spc. Adam Nuelken**  
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The ground at Udairi Range Complex shook, and thunder echoed through the sky as Division Artillery rained steel in the largest artillery live fire since the Gulf War.

Division Artillery launched a massive training exercise using more than 50 M109A6 Paladins and more than a dozen Multiple-Launch Rocket Systems Feb. 11 - 14.

The live fire was a time-on-target exercise where all the howitzers and launchers fired in a sequence to have their munitions hit the target at the same time.

According to the artillerymen, the TOT training is important because it increases readiness, accuracy and effectiveness of their fires.

“It gives everybody a chance to shoot together to see if we are really on time together. All the rounds should impact together,” said Staff Sgt. Antonio Hunt, section chief for A Btry., 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, and native of Washington, Ga. “Everybody gets coordinated.”

Capt. Richard Dunbar, commander of B Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 39<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (MLRS), from

Leland, Miss., added, “I think it’s paramount. The entire Division Artillery has to be synchronized to provide mass fires. A critical aspect of it is timeliness,” he said. “The main thing is the importance of readiness.”

The live-fire exercise was a four-phase process that included movements, communication and battalion exercises that led to the entire DIVARTY exercise that tested both the guns and electronic systems that are used in artillery.

“The exercise did several things,” said Maj. Bobbie Williams, Deputy Fire Support Coordinator for the Marne Division. “It was the first time in recent history where we were able to mass direct fires. That was a major accomplishment for the division.

“It gave us a chance to exercise our command, control, communication, computer and intelligence systems throughout the entire Division Artillery,” Williams said. “Our ability to validate our systems could communicate is monumental.”

The new field artillery software was a Department of Defense upgrade for all artillery systems, according to Williams. By all the systems being

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Photos by Spc. Adam Nuelken  
Udairi Range Complex.



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unused round to the FAASV.



**Illumination rounds lie in their cradles inside the M109A6 Paladin.**

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According to Master Sgt. Tony McGee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.) Provost Marshal operations sergeant, handling of enemy prisoners of war is one of the MP's main missions. "It consumes most of what we do," he explained.

The battalion set up a central collection point on Camp New York. The area was divided into several sections, exactly as they would be in a real-world situation, except on a significantly smaller scale, said McGee, a Florence, S.C., native.

The area included a central holding area, a segregated holding area divided by rank, a search area, inprocessing stations and barracks.

The MPs learned to transfer, maintain security, and account for prisoners, their belongings and their weapons.

If a war occurs, a large number of EPWs are expected, McGee said. "These guys' ability to handle that number and do it proficiently is extremely important. We've got to get (the prisoners) off the battlefield and protect them."

After a walk-through of the area and several briefings on the first day, the real training began on the Feb. 18. At forward collection points, the soldiers corralled prisoners, played by other MPs, searched them for weapons and took them to the central collection point in troop carriers.

The EPWs were searched again at the gate and moved into either the consolidated holding area or, if they needed medical attention, an aid station.

From there, another squad took the prisoners through inprocessing where they had their personal items inventoried and paperwork filled out. They re-



Spc. Katherine Robinson

**A line of simulated enemy soldiers, played by MPs, sit waiting to be transported to the central collection point during the training.**

ceived food, water and a blanket. They also received bracelets, with numbers that corresponded to their paperwork.

While some of their belongings were temporarily confiscated, the prisoners were allowed to keep badges of rank and nationality, religious literature and items of personal or sentimental nature.

Treating the EPWs correctly while handling them efficiently is very important, said Command Sgt. Maj. Charles D. Medley, 3<sup>rd</sup> MP Bn. command sergeant major, from Huntsville, Ala.

"One of the primary differences between the United States Army and many of our adversaries is that we treat EPWs with dignity and respect while maintain-

ing security," he said. Many enemy soldiers would rather be fed and housed by American MPs because they know they won't be mistreated, Medley added.

"We reinforce that with the MPs constantly," he said. "EPWs are soldiers, they're on the other side, but they're still human beings ... they will receive the same medical care as a U. S. Army soldier."

Sometimes enemy soldiers who surrender will cooperate because they're hungry and thirsty, said Pvt. 2 Ashley Hargett, an MP from Hutchinson, Kan. "I learned that some will resist and often that's because they're scared. You have to be aware of your surroundings."

Hargett said the training helped her know what to possibly expect.

"It's good training. It lets us know what we need to do and what we need to change," she said.

Though she's nervous about the prospect of having to put her training to use in a real-world situation, Hargett said she's not scared.

"I have a lot of confidence in my team," she said. "My team knows what they're doing. There's a lot of experience here."

The soldiers have the experience of many previous deployments to many different places, according to Medley, who said he shared Hargett's feelings of confidence.

"No other MP company in the United States has sent as many people to as many places (since Sept. 11, 2001) as the 3<sup>rd</sup> MP Battalion," he said.

"We're here to do a job, and when it's finished, we'll be glad to go home," he added. "I've had zero soldiers complain ... I couldn't be prouder."

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on the same software, they can fire more accurately and communicate better.

Before the DIVARTY TOT, the units went through fire support rehearsals and technical rehearsals. The fire support rehearsal tested communications, observers and reviewed target orders. The

technical rehearsal gave the crews a dry run where they tested commands, fire orders and targeting.

Should the division be called on for military action toward Iraq, mass fires may will be essential.

"You can kill more if you can mass

artillery," Williams said. "Your ability to mass artillery demonstrates your ability for violent fires on one area. The 3rd ID DIVARTY is prepared to execute the full spectrum of our missions, and DIVARTY will prosecute violently all missions requiring fire support."

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specific missions. A Company is responsible for making sure the brigade gets the supplies it needs. B Company takes care of the brigade's maintenance needs on everything ranging from night vision goggles to tracked vehicles. C Company provides brigade medical support.

The battalion, which includes more than 300 vehicles, conducted two daytime jumps and one at night during the exercise, said Stanford, a Bellevue, Neb., native. When n-hour, the time to get moving, came, tents went down, equipment was loaded and convoys were lined up before the battalion moved to its new location.

"Everybody has a list of the n-hour sequence," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ericka Williams, security officer, 203rd FSB. "We cut the signal lines, break down the wires, sterilize the fighting positions and pack all of the equipment."

Several reports, including one on non-capable vehicles and one on sensitive items, have to be made before the battalion can move out, said Williams, a Jacksonville, Ark., native. The convoy, arranged into serials, moves out in whatever formation suits the mission.

"Sometimes we have two serials that are four abreast, sometimes we have something different," she said. "We've tried a lot of different formations trying to find the best way to maneuver the BSA. It's mostly terrain dependent."

When the convoy reaches its location, the soldiers set everything back up, said Sgt. Shelton Johnson, B Co., 203rd FSB radio repair specialist. The soldiers go about their priorities of work, setting up security around the perimeter and getting the tents back up.

"We have to be up on our soldier skills," said Johnson, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native. "We need to do our job plus what it takes to survive out here. We're digging fighting positions, establishing communications with the BSA, keeping a good work/sleep schedule and handling whatever other tasks come our way. Things have to keep going. We can't stop."



Spc. Jacob Boyer

**Spc. David Brooks, a land combat missile systems repair systems specialist with B Co., 203rd FSB from Baltimore, digs a hasty fighting position as the battalion settles in at a new BSA.**

In addition to the jumps, the companies trained intensively during the exercise, said 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Michael Tyree, C Co., 203rd FSB first sergeant.

"We've been getting the guys up to speed," said Tyree, a Charleston, S.C., native. "For C Company, that means doing a lot of situational medical training: what to do for different injuries and what to do when you have to move ca-

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*Maj. Jim Stanford, operations officer, 203<sup>rd</sup> FSB.*

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sualties 50 kilometers from the ambulance exchange point."

Although the battalion was in Ku-

wait in November, many new faces came in before they returned, said Sgt. Thompson Quinton, A Co., 203rd FSB motor transportation operator. So many were learning how things worked for the first time.

"I've got a whole new crew, but they're great," the Warner Robbins, Ga., native said. "We've got a lot of motivated people who want to work ahead."

The soldiers understand the importance of repeated training.

"As much as some of us have been out here, it may seem redundant," Johnson said.

"But all this repetition can make it just like a routine drill. A championship boxer still has to train even though he knows how to box. He has to keep his skills sharp," he added.

The soldiers and their leadership understand the most critical part of their mission.

"Our biggest challenge is to keep up with the BCT," Stanford said. "They move fast, and we've got to pick up this monster and stay with them."

## Worship Schedule

### Camp New York

**Sun.** - 9 a.m. Catholic Mass  
10 a.m. Protestant  
Worship Service  
1 p.m. Latter Day  
Saints Service  
3 p.m. Gospel Service  
**Tues.** - 7:30 p.m. Latter Day  
Saints Institutes  
**Wed.** - 7 p.m. Bible Study  
**Fri.** - 7 p.m. Officer's  
Christian Fellowship

### Camp Pennsylvania

**Sun.** - 9 a.m. Catholic Mass  
10:30 a.m. Protestant  
Collective Service  
12 p.m. Gospel Service  
3 p.m. Latter Day  
Saints Service  
7 p.m. Protestant  
Collective Service  
**Fri.** - 12 p.m. Muslim Prayer  
Service

### Camp Udairi

**Sun.** - 9 a.m. Protestant  
Worship Service  
11 a.m. Catholic Mass

### Camp Virginia

**Sat.** - 4 p.m. Catholic Mass  
**Sun.** - 9 a.m. Protestant  
Worship Service  
11 a.m. Gospel Service  
2 p.m. Latter Day  
Saints Service

### Camp New Jersey

**Sun.** - 9:30 a.m. Holy  
Communion Service  
11 a.m. Protestant  
Worship Service  
1 p.m. Gospel service  
3 p.m. Catholic Mass  
7 p.m. Contemporary  
Christian service

# Spiritual Fitness

## Great joy in praising *Soldiers should stay faithful during difficulties*

**Chaplain Chris Edwards**  
26<sup>th</sup> FSB Camp Virginia

*"How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" – Psalms 137:4*

The psalmist asks a question in this passage because the people of God had been taken captive as war prisoners. It was a difficult time for the people of God who had lived through a great trial.

They had been disobedient to the will of God. As a consequence of their disobedience, they became enslaved by their Babylonian conquerors. The previous verses say:

*"How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"*

*Psalms 137:4*

"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the Zion songs."

Singing the praises of God in unfamiliar territory or difficult times can be a challenge. Like the people of Israel, we would rather be in our own church or place of worship.

Like the people of Israel, we would much rather be among our familiar friends and family with whom we share fellowship back home. Like the people of God here in this passage, we desire to worship in a temple where we know God is present and where we have seen God move in ways we are accustomed. We want to be in our own "Zion." We remember, and like the people of God, and want to never forget our praises of Zion!

When we are separated from our family,

faith community, and familiar surroundings we often feel as though we are captives in a strange land. And like the children of Israel, we sit down, weep, and think about "when."

We remember how it was, and long for our family, friends, and the faith community. And when things are different, we can easily become discouraged and sometimes fail to

see God at work. And as a result, we often hang up our harps on the willows in the midst thereof, and are carried away by our own disillusion.

The rivers of Babylon are not that far from our place of duty here in Kuwait. As we serve our country as soldiers in a strange land, let us not forget where we come from, but let us also not hang up our harps on the willows by the river. But, let us find great joy in singing, praising, and worshipping God.

Let us find great solace and strength in singing the great songs and hymns of Zion in a strange land.

"Mighty Fortress is our God!"— are the words of the familiar hymn penned by Luther. God is our mighty fortress. We can trust that God will take care of us, as well as our friends and families, as we look to God in faith. Let us find afresh and anew God's divine will as we serve our country, making new familiar friends and a new community of faith, in a strange land.

The unfamiliar is familiar to God who made all things. God is God of all the earth. By the rivers of Babylon, will we hang up our harps on the willows, or sing the praises of Zion in a strange land?

# GLOBAL NEWS



## Turkey suspends vote on U.S. troops

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - Turkey's prime minister on Monday ruled out a parliamentary vote to allow tens of thousands of U.S. combat troops on its territory until Turkish and U.S. officials agree on the conditions of the deployment.

Parliament had been expected to vote Tuesday, and Washington has warned Turkey that time is running out. A delay could

hamper U.S. plans to open a northern front in an Iraq war.

"We are not going to the parliament tomorrow (Tuesday)," Prime Minister Abdullah Gul told reporters in Brussels, Belgium. "We have some concerns on economic and political issues."

Gul also said Turkey will send troops into Iraq if a war breaks out to prevent an influx of Kurdish refugees from northern Iraq into his country. He urged the European Union to prepare large-scale humanitarian aid.

Gul said in the 1991 Gulf War to oust Iraq from Kuwait, "500,000 people came into Turkey in one night. We don't want that to happen again."



## U.S. may seek second U.N. resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration is mulling its next move in the showdown with Saddam Hussein, including a possible attempt to push a new United Nations resolution authorizing force against Iraq.

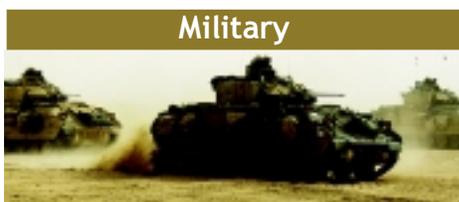
National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said Sunday it was becoming more obvious that the Iraqi president would not disarm voluntarily, and that the U.N. Security Council was letting him get away with it.

"The Security Council has to be an in-

strument of peace, but it has to be an instrument of peace that has teeth, or it is never going to be able to deal with the myriad difficult actors out there in international politics who intend to disturb that peace," Rice said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The White House had a long holiday weekend to weigh options after being rebuffed Friday as most members of the Security Council lined up behind France's call for more weapons inspections and against military action.

Rice said on "Fox News Sunday" that the administration may ask the council to take up a new resolution authorizing force against Iraq, although she said that wouldn't be necessary to take action to forcibly disarm Saddam.



## Army employee found guilty of fraud

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (ARNEWS) - A government employee was found guilty Jan. 24 of defrauding the Army of more than \$340,000.

Gilbert D. Benjamin, a computer specialist formally with the Army's Communications and Electronics Command, known as CECOM, at Fort Monmouth, N.J., was found guilty by a jury in U.S. federal court in Tren-

ton, N.J., on 68 counts of mail fraud and submitting false claims. He was arrested in March 2002 after being investigated by the Army's Criminal Investigation Command.

The CID's Major Fraud Procurement Unit took the lead investigating the case.

"I hope that this case provides a clear example to those who abuse their positions of trust and responsibility that we are looking for them and will hold violators accountable," said Special Agent Steven Mickelberg of CID's Major Fraud Procurement Unit. "The Army takes stewardship of the taxpayer's money seriously and doesn't tolerate those who don't."

# What's happenin'

## Camp New York

- DFAC - 6:30-9:30 a.m. breakfast  
5-7 p.m. dinner  
7-10 p.m. grab n' go
- Snack Bar - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- PX - 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Barber Shop - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Alterations - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- MWR/Gym - 24 hours
- DSN/ATT/Internet - 24 hrs.

## Camp Pennsylvania

- DFAC - 7-9 a.m. breakfast  
5-7 p.m. dinner  
7-10 p.m. grab n' go
- PX - 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Barber Shop - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- MWR - 9 a.m. - midnight
- Gym - 7 a.m. - midnight
- DSN/ATT/Internet - Coming soon

## Camp Udairi

- PX - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Gym - 24 hrs.
- DSN - 6 p.m. - 9 a.m.

## Camp Virginia

- DFAC - 7-9 a.m. breakfast  
5-7 p.m. dinner
- PX - 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Barber Shop - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Snack Shop - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- MWR - 24 hours
- Gym - 24 hours
- DSN/ATT/Internet - 24 hrs.

## Camp New Jersey

- DFAC - 6-9 a.m. breakfast  
5-7 p.m. dinner  
8-10 p.m. - grab n' go
- PX - 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Barber Shop - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- MWR - 24 hours
- Gym - 24 hours
- DSN/ATT/Internet - 24 hrs.

# Marne Scoreboard

## NCAA Basketball

### Women ESPN/USA Today Top 25

Feb. 17

(2) Duke 83, Wake Forest 41

Feb. 18

No games scheduled.

Feb. 19

(1) UConn 81, Miami 60  
(5) Kansas St. 66, Mississippi 56  
(9) Texas Tech 59, Okla. 48  
(11) Texas 75, Colorado 55  
(12) Miss St. 72, (14) Arkansas 59  
(20) Villanova 51, Georgetown 37  
(21) Green Bay 85, Y'town St. 64  
(22) B.C. 68, Seton Hall 58  
(23) Rutgers 69, St. John's 38

Thursday

(2) Duke 97, (6) UNC 63  
(3) Tennessee 87, (16) Georgia 60  
(4) LSU 83, Mississippi 67  
(7) La. Tech 80, Rice 63  
(8) Stanford 63, USC 55  
(10) Purdue 65, Michigan St. 60  
(13) Penn State 75, Michigan 61  
(17) Minnesota 77, Iowa 60  
(18) Santa Barbara 82, Cal Poly 43  
Oregon St. 100, 25 Washington 86

Men

### ESPN/USA Today Top 25

Feb. 17

(4) Texas 77, Texas Tech 65

(7) Florida 77, New Orleans 48

Feb. 18

(9) Pitt 82, Georgetown 67  
(10) Notre Dame 56, W. Virginia 55  
(15) Illinois 70, Michigan St. 40  
(17) Syracuse 66, St. John's 60  
(22) Missouri 67, Nebraska 50

(24) Georgia 74, Alabama 69  
Feb. 19

(2) Kentucky 66, Arkansas 50  
Memphis 80, (3) Louisville 73  
(5) Okla. 64, (16) Okla. St. 48  
(6) Kansas 94, Colorado 87  
(8) Duke 75, (13) Maryland 70  
(14) Xavier 93, La Salle 71  
(18) Creighton 77, Indiana St. 54  
(19) Mississippi St. 63, Auburn 46  
Michigan 78, (23) Purdue 67  
(24) UConn 87, Rutgers 70

Thursday

(11) Wake Forest 90, Ga. Tech 67  
(12) Marquette 75, Charlotte 67  
UCLA 76, (20) Cal 75  
(21) Stanford 73, USC 67

## NHL

Feb. 17

St. Louis 5, Calgary 3  
Atlanta 4, Buffalo 3 (OT)  
Ottawa 3, NY Rangers 2  
Tampa Bay 3, Washington 1  
Nashville 5, Boston 1  
Colorado 5, Chicago 4  
Los Angeles 3, San Jose 2  
NY Islanders 2, Anaheim 2

Feb. 18

New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 2  
Vancouver 4, Detroit 3 (OT)  
Florida 3, Montreal 0  
Pittsburgh 4, Edmonton 3 (OT)  
Toronto 4, Carolina 3  
Phoenix 5, Columbus 2

Feb. 19

Buffalo 2, Montreal 1 (OT)  
Boston 1, Carolina 1  
Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0  
Ottawa 5, New Jersey 3  
NY Rangers 4, Minnesota 2  
Calgary 1, Dallas 1  
NY Islanders 3, San Jose 0

Anaheim 2, Columbus 0  
Thursday

Florida 4, Ottawa 3  
Toronto 6, Washington 2  
Detroit 6, Edmonton 2  
Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 0  
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 2  
Vancouver 4, St. Louis 2  
Nashville 4, Calgary 1  
Phoenix 2, Chicago 1

Friday

Los Angeles 4, Buffalo 1  
Tampa Bay 2, Carolina 2  
NY Islanders 4, Colorado 1  
New Jersey 3, Boston 2  
Phoenix 2, Dallas 2  
San Jose 6, Columbus 0  
NY Rangers 6, Anaheim 2

## NBA

Feb. 17

Toronto at Washington - ppd.  
Detroit 93, Miami 62  
Utah 109, Minnesota 97  
Portland 99, New York 91

Feb. 18

Chicago 107, Cleveland 101  
Orlando 99, New Orleans 94  
New Jersey 84, Miami 79  
Memphis 108, Indiana 103  
Dallas 105, Atlanta 79  
San Antonio 101, Denver 76  
Sacramento 102, Milwaukee 93  
Boston 125, Golden State 117  
LA Lakers 106, Houston 99

Feb. 19

Detroit 89, Toronto 84  
New Orleans 87, Washington 75  
Minnesota 85, Denver 77  
Houston 107, Phoenix 89  
LA Lakers 93, Utah 87  
Philadelphia 110, Chicago 82  
Portland 125, Golden State 98

Seattle 103, New York 94  
LA Clippers 110, Milwaukee 104

Thursday

New Jersey 98, Indiana 91  
Dallas 95, San Antonio 87  
Sacramento 105, Boston 83

Friday

Orlando 110, Chicago 96  
Washington 89, New Jersey 86  
Toronto 92, Phoenix 89  
Philadelphia 119, Cleveland 99  
Dallas 100, Houston 85  
Minnesota 103, Detroit 96  
New Orleans 125, Memphis 123  
Golden State 111, New York 107  
LA Lakers 92, Portland 84  
Seattle 88, Milwaukee 58

## Winston Cup

Feb. 16

Daytona 500

Daytona Speedway, Fla.  
Official Results

1. Michael Waltrip
2. Kurt Busch
3. Jimmie Johnson
4. Kevin Harvick
5. Mark Martin

## PGA

Feb. 13-16

Buick Invitational  
Torrey Pines Golf Course  
La Jolla, Calif.

Official Results

Par 288

1. Tiger Woods -16
2. Carl Pettersson -12
3. Brad Faxon -11
4. Briny Baird -10
- Arron Oberholser -10
- Phil Mickelson -10

## Ballplayer death raises ephedrine questions

Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos called on major league baseball to ban ephedrine, a stimulant that may have contributed to the death of pitcher Steve Bechler.

Bechler, an Orioles pitching prospect, died Feb. 17, a day after he was unable to complete a workout. Xenadrine, which contains ephedrine, was found in his locker.

Ephedra is banned by the NFL, the NCAA and IOC but not by major league baseball. The Food and Drug Administration has reports of at least 100 deaths linked to the supplement.

## James games lose money

A spokesman for Time Warner Cable said high school basketball player LeBron James' 10 pay-per-view games for St. Vincent-St. Mary High School did not lead to profits. Losses for the broadcasts could surpass \$30,000 after the final game is broadcast Sunday.

## Riley returns to Oregon St.

Mike Riley was introduced as head coach of Oregon State for the second time Thursday, four years after leaving the Beavers for the NFL.

Riley coached the Beavers from 1997 to 1998 before leaving to coach the San Diego Chargers.

## IOC to investigate Iraq

The International Olympic Committee has given approval for a formal investigation into the torture of athletes in Iraq — with the cryptic warning that it cannot prevent any harm that may come to athletes who serve as witnesses. The move could lead to the removal of Uday Hussein, Saddam's son, as the top sports official in Iraq.

## Man to play LPGA event

Former Canadian Tour Order of Merit winner Brian Kontak confirmed Feb. 18 that he will attempt to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open, the biggest event on the LPGA's calendar this year.