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Illustration by Sgt. Matt Millham

# Say aloha to Doha

story and photo by Spc. Curt Cashour

You've heard the rumors for months, and now the massive task of closing the southern portion of Camp Doha has become a reality. In a Dec. 28 meeting at Camp Arifjan, officials from various entities participating in the move met to finalize plans for some of the first tasks related to disbursing Doha's assets and units throughout Kuwait's other U.S. military camps.

Originally opened by the Army after Operation Desert Storm as the focal point of operations related to the defense of Kuwait, the camp has for years served as the headquarters for Army Forces Central Command—Kuwait and the hub of U.S. armed forces in Kuwait.

Since its inception, Doha has grown from a small, two-warehouse complex to a nearly 500-acre collection of U.S. military and contractor assets and units. The goal of the move is to reposition the camp's assets out of the Kuwait City area, according to Col. Brick T. Miller, commander of Area Support Group—Kuwait. Doha is located about 20 miles west of Kuwait City.

Highlights of the move's first projects include:

- Construction of a direct support maintenance facility at Camp Buehring, complete with a warehouse full of maintenance bays and office space. The facility will replace the direct support maintenance complex at Doha and is tentatively scheduled for completion in April 2005.
- Construction of a Class VII yard for battle-damaged equipment at Buehring tentatively scheduled for completion in April 2005.
- New direct support level small arms maintenance facilities at Arifjan and Buehring tentatively scheduled for completion in April 2005.

Nearly all of Doha's functions will be moved by August 2006. After that, only a small crew will remain to complete building clearing operations and other tasks before Doha is given back to the Kuwaitis, Miller said.

Between now and 2006 a number of important changes will take place at Kuwait's U.S. military camps, Miller said, adding that the installations that will grow the most as a result of the closure are Camps Arifjan and Buehring as well as Ali Al Salem Air Base.

The Aerial Port of Debarkation as well as the Rapid Fielding Initiative program will move to Ali Al Salem Air Base. To accommodate the APOD operation, Salem will also get more structures to house service-



This maintenance shed at Camp Buehring is part of a wave of construction projects that will take place on Kuwait's U.S. military camps between now and April in preparation for the closure of Camp Doha.

members transiting through, Miller said.

In addition to the new projects listed earlier, Buehring will begin stocking Mobile Integrated Laser Engagement Systems and other training aides. Keeping those items at Buehring makes sense because of the camp's proximity to Udairi Range, Miller said, adding that the camp will inherit some of Doha's Training Support Center, Morale Welfare and Recreation, and Directorate of Public Works assets as well.

With its construction funded by the Kuwaiti government, Camp Arifjan was built for the express purpose of taking on most of Doha's units and equipment after the Doha closure, and will therefore receive the majority of assets, including MWR, general support and depot level maintenance, supply activities, transportation motor pool and directorate of logistics functions. These assets will trickle into the camp as space-making initiatives — such as the effort to eliminate the tents and move troops out of warehouses in Zone II — and construction projects are completed. As of right now, Arifjan's construction is about 70 percent complete. The project will reach 100 percent in 2007, Miller said.

Plans to close Doha and relocate most of its assets to Arifjan have been in the works for years. Operation Iraqi Freedom, however, brought about a need to alter the original plan, said Lt. Col. Thomas Mikolins, base camp engineer for ASG-Kuwait.

"The problem with the war starting is that there are a lot of war-support functions [on Arifjan] that aren't related to Doha," Mikolins, said.

Because OIF support contingents in Kuwait won't be permanent, Mikolins said he is focusing his efforts on identifying OIF-related elements at Arifjan and moving them out of hardened structures to make room for the more permanent, garrison-like functions arriving from Doha.

Many people have trouble making a distinction between the garrison-like functions

for the defense of Kuwait and those having to do with OIF and Operation Enduring Freedom, Miller said. Prior to OIF, all U.S. military assets in Kuwait were staffed and maintained by American military personnel under a defense cooperative agreement signed after Desert Storm. OIF support functions and camps have been temporarily integrated into the mix to support the war effort, but the enduring mission for the United States is the defense of Kuwait.

While he says the future of OIF operations in Kuwait depends a lot on how Iraq's Jan. 30 elections go, Mikolins envisions that, over time, some of the war-support functions — elements of Combat Equipment Battalion—Kuwait, Coalition Forces Land Component Command and the 377th Theater Support Command — will move north, while reducing their presence in Kuwait.

Because so many units and functions are housed at Doha, the effects of its closing will extend beyond the borders of Kuwait, according to Maj. William Ryan, a Doha operations officer.

"Closing this installation affects just about every command in theater," he said.

Ryan has spent much of the seven months he's been involved with the project identifying units and functions at Doha and scouting potential spots for their relocation, but as he explained, it hasn't been an easy task. The camp hosts units and functions from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines as well as a number of different contracting entities.

Many of the elements are interdependent, so one of the biggest challenges will be managing the effects of relocating these assets while at the same time keeping normal operations running smoothly, Ryan said.

Miller agreed. "We still have to make sure we're taking care of Soldiers. We're dedicated to giving Soldiers the highest quality of life that we can," he said.

# A new lease on life

story by Spc. Brian Trapp

A graveyard of destroyed and burned-out vehicles and equipment, some still with shrapnel embedded in their sides, sits in a corner of Camp Arifjan. Acres of twisted hulks of metal sit waiting to be harvested by scavengers who pull out engines, axles and tons of other parts to be used by the heavily-taxed vehicles still rolling in theater.

Camp Arifjan's Class VII Retrograde Yard is filled with about 1,700 vehicles and more than 2,000 class VII items like compressors and generators. Much like a car junkyard in the United States, useable parts are stripped from the equipment, and the leftover scrap metal is sold. The process saves millions of taxpayer's dollars by putting the useable parts into the system so that the military doesn't have to buy new ones.

"We're trying to mine some gems from this pile of rubbish," said Lt. Col. Cliff Hoppman, support operations officer with the 43rd Area Support Group. "It's easier to find an engine, refurbish and rebuild it, rather than the Army buying a new one."

The yard has been in use since before the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and it has grown in size over the past two years. The Army has been slowly harvesting parts from the equipment since the yard began, but recently the mission picked up with a combined effort between KBR and the Army. About 120 people have been working together on the job to get through the surplus of equipment.

The salvage effort is working on an agenda, moving through the acres of equipment starting with the Humvees. The primary goal is to remedy the shortage of mechanical components in inventory. Larger vehicles will follow, like tracked vehicles and Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks, said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Favazza, yard noncommissioned officer in charge, who has worked in the yard for about a month.

On the Humvees, major assemblies such as the transmission, engine, differential and wheel assembly are pulled from the vehicles, Favazza said.

"We're going through a lot of acetylene here." The scavenging teams torch through



photos by Lt. Col. Cliff Hoppman

**Above:** Workers with the Class VII Retrograde yard move a Humvee that has been stripped of useful parts. **Left:** Soldiers use a crane to help them strip parts from a destroyed truck. Parts torn from vehicles here are either refurbished or rebuilt and put back into the supply system to be reused.



the mounting points where the sought-after pieces are attached. "Anything that's still connected when we pull out the engine

usually breaks off. It doesn't have to be neat," he said.

About eight to 10 items are pulled from each vehicle. That adds up to \$9,000 worth of parts for one Humvee.

The approximately 40 people on the job responsible for actually pulling parts out of vehicles strip roughly 11 to 14 vehicles per day, but just one HEMTT takes more than one day of work. The task becomes more arduous because to easily access the axles, the vehicle has to be tipped over before the axles can be removed.

Since October the U.S. military has saved about \$3.7 million by using the refurbished and rebuilt parts instead of purchasing new ones. They've also received more than \$4,500 for the 120 tons of scrap metal that are left over after the vehicles are stripped down.

Depending on condition, some parts can be rebuilt by a forward repair activity in theater, Hoppman said. It's not an exact science. If 10 engines are pulled, maybe six can be rebuilt because of unseen damage rendering them useless.

"If they see a major problem, like a crack in the engine, they don't pull it out." Others are pushed back to repair shops in the United States to get rebuilt.

The yard seems to accumulate more vehicles and equipment every day as trucks bring in the used-up and battle-scarred equipment.

"When you move forward, you use up tracks, tires and equipment," said Lt. Col. Robert White, support operations officer with the 377th Theater Support Command, who added that he thinks no one had an idea of what space the yard required at the time it was built. The destroyed equipment was sent back to Camp Arifjan's retro yard, and that caused to grow.

White said he thinks the amount of destroyed equipment in the yard will decrease, but the yard won't go away entirely. "Every day the Army operates you're going to have retrograde," White said.

Regardless of how much equipment is coming in, the reason it is in the yard is sobering. Football fields worth of what would ideally be empty desert hold these empty, war-torn skeletons of battle, which are harvested for what good they have left.

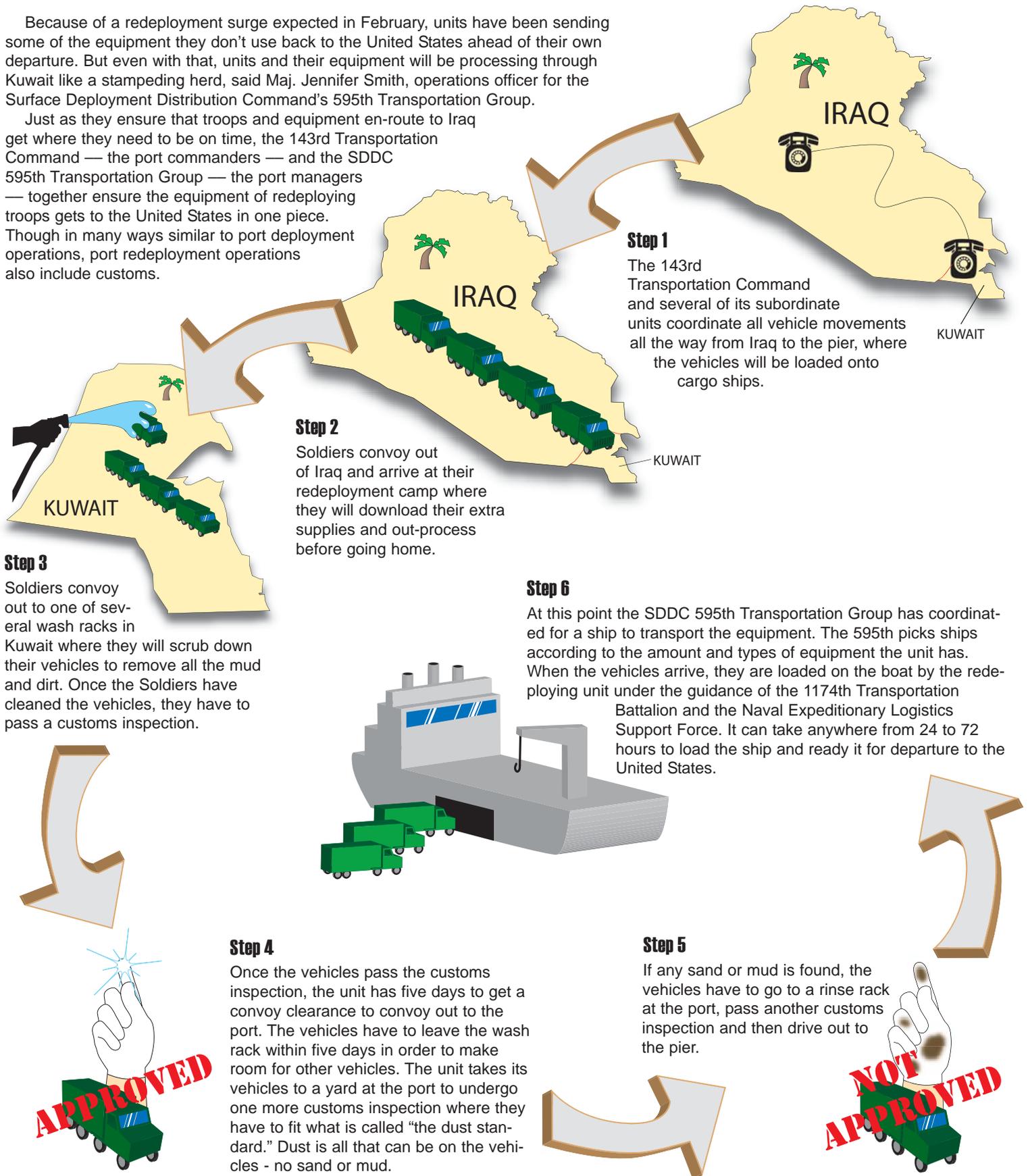
"The sad part is, in many cases, Soldiers were injured or killed in these vehicles," Hoppman said.

# Port redeployment operations

by Spc. Aimee Felix, illustrations by Sgt. Matt Millham

Because of a redeployment surge expected in February, units have been sending some of the equipment they don't use back to the United States ahead of their own departure. But even with that, units and their equipment will be processing through Kuwait like a stampeding herd, said Maj. Jennifer Smith, operations officer for the Surface Deployment Distribution Command's 595th Transportation Group.

Just as they ensure that troops and equipment en-route to Iraq get where they need to be on time, the 143rd Transportation Command — the port commanders — and the SDDC 595th Transportation Group — the port managers — together ensure the equipment of redeploying troops gets to the United States in one piece. Though in many ways similar to port deployment operations, port redeployment operations also include customs.





# KILLER CONVOYS

story and photos by Spc. Curt Cashour

Convoy security. It's been an issue of concern for military planners since the blitzkrieg to Baghdad in 2003. But as anti-Iraqi insurgents plot new ways to attack our primary method of transportation in Iraq, Soldiers in Kuwait are hard at work finding new ways to safely maneuver through the terrorist resistance.

Members of the 1st Battalion, 102nd Field Artillery conducted a convoy live fire exercise Jan. 5 at Udairi Range, Kuwait. An integral piece of the whirlwind of exercises servicemembers must complete before heading into Iraq, the training gave 1-102nd Soldiers a taste of what might await them north of the Kuwaiti border.

Before making their way through the convoy lane, 55 Soldiers from the unit's 3rd platoon and Headquarters, Headquarters Battery lined their vehicles up at the range's staging area. Chatting as they wolfed down meals ready to eat, the troops readied themselves for the 11.4 km journey through the mock city.

Minutes later, the vehicles were off, twisting their way through the course's narrow, winding roads and shot up cars. In some places, dilapidated buildings and portraits of harmless-

looking civilians lined the sides of the road.

More often than not, the faux civilians were flanked by pop-up targets, which prompted steady streams of gunfire from the

Soldiers of the 1-102nd, a National Guard unit headquartered in Quincy, Mass. Each target provoked a cacophony of gunfire that rang out from the 15-or-so Humvees and five-ton trucks participating in the convoy.



Top: The Soldier on the right checks the roadside for enemy activity while the other troops listen as the convoy commander barks out instructions.

Above: A 1-102nd Soldier pulls security during a stop in the unit's Jan. 5 convoy live fire exercise at Udairi Range.

**“Nobody slept on the ground because they’re scared of the critters.” — Sgt. Kevin Tucker Jr.**

Obviously, the convoy course was meant to simulate an environment similar to the dangerous back roads and village streets of Iraq, but as insurgent tactics and battle landscapes have evolved in the war-torn country, so has the course, which has been modified five times since its inception, said a range official who declined to give his name. The official works for MPRI, a company that employs more than 100 retired Special Forces and combat-related service members who facilitate training at Udairi Range.

The convoy training is part of a three-day crash course that also includes instruction in close quarters marksmanship, shooting weapons from vehicles, rules of engagement and convoy leadership. To eliminate the need to convoy back and forth from their temporary home at Camp Virginia, 1-102nd members spent the entire training period at the range, sleeping in MPRI's classroom tents, on cots or on top of their vehicles, said Sgt. Kevin Tucker Jr., a 39-year-old mechanic with the unit's headquarters battery.

"Nobody slept on the ground because they're scared of the critters," he said.

Although many 1-102nd members said they were ready to get the deployment over with so they could get back home to their

Sekhri, 26.

Even though the MP-type mission is a world away from the field artillery function 1-102nd Soldiers normally fill, most troops found the MP training they received at Dix to be a fun challenge that reminded them of a simpler time in their military careers, Sekhri said.

"It's like we had to go through basic and [advanced individual training] again," he said.

The exercise culminated with a complex ambush scenario that involved a mock rocket propelled grenade attack and a casualty. The Soldiers had to place the casualty onto a litter and load the litter into a Humvee. At the same time, others on the convoy stopped to pull security. Once the convoy cleared the course, the Soldiers let off a smoke grenade to signal for a medical evacuation helicopter.

After the convoy, the group crammed into one of the classroom tents they had slept in the night before for an after action review led by an MPRI official who had observed the exercise. Aside from a few mistakes, the team performed well, according to the official, who asked the group to provide him with periodic



Exercise participants maneuvered their way through a mock village of old buildings, broken-down vehicles, pop-up targets and portraits of civilians.

**"It's like we had to go through basic and [advanced individual training] again." — 2nd Lt. Sachin Sekhri**



Left to right: A disabled vehicle and a mock casualty were two of the variables the 1-102nd Soldiers had to contend with during the training.

families, Tucker's deployment will be made a bit easier by the fact that his brother, 36-year-old headquarters mechanic Sgt. Brian Tucker is along for the trip.

Activated in October, the Soldiers underwent extensive training at Fort Dix, N.J., before arriving in Kuwait Dec. 30. The training focused on the military police techniques and tactics the Soldiers will need to complete their Operation Iraqi Freedom mission, which will have the company-sized element dealing with detainees north of Baghdad, Iraq, said 3rd Platoon Leader 2nd Lt. Sachin

updates on what they encounter in Iraq so he can apply their lessons learned to future training sessions.

The Soldiers filed out, visibly relieved to be done with the training. Only Sgt. 1st Class Tom Groulx, the 33-year-old 3rd platoon sergeant, and the MPRI official remained.

"I'm worried about my guys," he said in the concerned tone of voice someone might use when talking about their children.

"From what I saw today, your guys will do fine," said the MPRI official.

# Meet the Poles

story and photo by Spc. Aimee Felix

After five months in Divanyah, Iraq, a 28-man Polish support group arrived in Kuwait Dec. 28 to process 4,100 deploying and redeploying Polish soldiers.

The support group, at Camp Virginia for the last month of its six-month deployment, will out-process the third rotation of Polish troops coming from Iraq and in-process the 1,700 replacement troops who are scheduled to be in Iraq early this month.

Regardless of the workload that comes with this mission, though, the group is glad to be in Kuwait where they are safe and welcome, said Chief Warrant Officer Pawel Mazur, the logistics officer in charge of deployment operations for Polish troops transiting through Kuwait.

The support group is divided in two groups, Mazur explained. One group supports deploying troops, and the other supports redeploying troops. The deployment operations side of the house coordinated with the command cell at Camp Virginia to ensure the fourth rotation had tents for their overnight stay in Kuwait. They also ensured the rotation had a flight to Iraq, ammunition, flak vests and helmets. They coordinated with Multinational Division Central-South in Divanyah, Iraq, where the troops will be stationed, to ensure the troops would have housing in Iraq and anything else they needed, said Mazur.

On the redeploying end other facets, like customs, come in to play. Chief Warrant Officer Pawel Konarski was one of six military police officers in the support group. They were there to ensure that Polish troops didn't bring anything to Poland that violates Polish customs laws. Konarski joked that he was also in Kuwait to make sure no Polish troops in the support group or among the deploying and redeploying rotation went to Kuwait City. "I maintain the discipline here," he said smiling.

A couple of items Konarski mentioned travelers are not allowed to travel to Poland with include more than 100 ml of perfume and anything considered an Iraqi artifact. Civilian archaeologists working for the Polish army in the ruins of Babylon, an ancient ruin site in Iraq, make sure that redeploying Polish troops don't even make it to Kuwait with artifacts.

Konarski recalled that the ruins made his time in Iraq interesting, but not interesting enough to turn down this support mission in Kuwait, he said. Konarski, who has a wife and an 8-year-old daughter he's anxious to go home to, said he likes that being in



Chief Warrant Officer Pawel Mazur sits at a computer in his makeshift office at Camp Virginia Jan. 4.

Kuwait increases his chances of coming home alive. His family is also anxious to see him, he said, especially after hearing in the news that, in what is considered one of the least volatile areas in Iraq, the third rotation of Polish troops lost 10 soldiers.

Mazur added that while their living accommodations in Iraq were better, nothing is more comfortable than the sense of safety they have in Kuwait. Mazur was most grateful for the way the Kuwaiti people looked at him and treated him and his troops. For Mazur it was refreshing not to be the target, he said. He felt similarly at ease during his second-to-last deployment, which was a two-year peacekeeping mission in Lebanon.

Another thing the support group likes about being in Kuwait as compared to MNDCS, which is under Polish command, is that here the Polish are around American troops. "And maybe being around us will make them realize we are not Russian," said Mazur, alluding to the many times he's stood in the chow line answering the question 'what part of Russia are you from?'

"I don't know why, but Polish people love Americans though," Konarski joked immediately after Mazur finished his story.

Konarski said Poles are supportive of their troops even though they don't necessarily agree with the motives for the war. "Maybe it's because of American support during World War II," he said.

Regardless of Polish sentiment and the unfortunate loss of troops in their last rotation, Polish participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom will continue at least until the end of 2005, and the Polish troops are glad for it, said Konarski.

## Polish facts

Poland is the ninth biggest country in Europe, and it shares frontiers with seven countries: Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Germany.

Although Poland is often referred to as part of Eastern Europe, geographically Poland is actually in the very center of Europe.

Poland's capitals have been Gniezno, Poznan, Krakow and Warsaw. Lublin has twice served as Poland's temporary capital, after both the First and Second World Wars.

Tea and Vodka are the preferred beverages in Poland. Poles love to drink, often late into the night, and then they'll typically have interesting and lively conversations about politics and other controversial social concerns.

Composer Frederic Chopin was from Poland. Since 1927, one of the most prestigious competitions in the world, the Chopin International Piano Competition, has been held every five years in Warsaw, the capital of Poland.

The most important day in a Polish person's life is their name day. It is the day of observance for the patron saint after which the person was named. It's considered more important than a birthday.

The Polish eat four meals a day: an early breakfast, a lighter second breakfast, a substantial lunch taken after work and a small supper before bed.

In the tradition of the extended family, close family friends in Poland are frequently called aunts and uncles, and, in everyday language, cousins are referred to as brothers and sisters.

# Mass transit at Arifjan?

by Sgt. Matt Millham

Though it's rapidly growing into the heart of Camp Arifjan, Zone 6 has long been the suburb on the outskirts of the sprawling camp. Lacking a PX or a proper gym of their own, Zone 6 residents have had to rely on buses to get to Zones 1 and 2 for almost everything but chow.

Beginning Jan. 3, however, a number of drastic changes to Arifjan's bus service went into effect to respond to the growing demand for mass transit on the camp. The most significant changes are the addition of two more buses and the implementation of a beefed-up schedule.

"We just want to make the service reliable," said Lt. Col. Curtis Sower, bus czar for the 143rd Transportation Command. "[Area Support Group]-Kuwait, the mayor's cell in Zone 6, the sergeant majors and bus operations have had a collaborative effort in establishing the new bus system."

Under the new Arifjan bus system, there are two routes: red and blue. The only real difference between the two routes is that they run in opposite directions, said Sower.

"This way a Soldier can actually go from his tent area to the PX on his way out and catch the other route on the way back, so he doesn't have to make a full loop."

There are three buses on each route, and they are spaced roughly 15 minutes apart. The three buses on each route start

from three different start points so that the buses keep their 15-minute intervals. One of the start points is at the dining facility in Zone 6, a second is at the Internet café in Zone 6 and the third is on Abram's Loop behind Building 505 in Zone 2.

Along the route are 12 stops, though the number of stops could increase, said Sower. "You put in the bus stop, our bus will stop," he said.

Some troops have been frustrated with the fact that the drivers wait at the start points, and Sower stressed that troops need to be patient with the third country national bus drivers because they are just doing what they are told to do by bus operations. "They have instructions to at least stop at every stop and to wait at their start point," said Sower.

The entire loop takes about 45 minutes to complete, but the buses occasionally finish their runs in less time. "If they get back to their start point early, they will wait there until their next scheduled departure," he said.

The new bus system acknowledges that Zone 6 will soon house the majority of facilities for troops living on Camp Arifjan. One of the big changes that has some troops up in arms is the loss of the stop near the Zone 2 PX. The addition of a stop on Patton Boulevard adjacent to the ASG-Kuwait headquarters building, also known as the Doha bus stop, is nearly as convenient. And, because the Zone 2 PX is moving out,

bus operations won't have to remake the bus schedule to compensate for the loss of a stop later in the year.

Comments, recommendations and complaints about the bus service need to be taken through troops' chain of command or the mayor's cell in Zone 6, said Sower, adding that "there are some bugs that we are working out, so just be patient."

**The 12 stops on the Arifjan bus routes are (start points are highlighted):**

- On Abram's Loop at the north end of Building 505
- The wash rack in Zone 2
- Zone 6 at the corner of Arizona and California
- Zone 6 Internet café
- Zone 6 at the corner of Iowa and California
- Zone 6 tents A
- Zone 6 tents B
- Zone 6 at the corner of Hawkeye and S. Carolina
- Zone 6 Dining Facility
- Zone 1 food court
- Zone 1 TMC
- Doha bus stop

The buses run from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily and leave from the start points every 45 minutes except during scheduled breaks. Buses depart at the following times: 5 a.m., 5:45 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 8 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 8 p.m., 8:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10:15 p.m., 11 p.m.

Schedules, including break times, can be found on the buses and at bus stops.

# It's tax time Soldiers

by Spc. Curtis Cashour

Its tax time again; a time to bask in all the tax incentives and benefits for those of us in the military. W-2s will be available at <https://mypay.dfas.mil> starting Jan. 14, and those serving in Kuwait can get their taxes done for free from Jan. 15 until late March.

At Camp Arifjan, a tax assistance center will open Jan. 15 in the Zone 1 PX, next to the Red Cross. Servicemembers and government employees can visit the center on a walk-in basis to get help filing their federal returns. The primary focus of the tax center will be federal returns, but tax center staff will try to assist with state taxes as well, said Sgt. Erica Jimenez, tax center noncommissioned officer in charge.

The tax center will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. In order to receive help, there are a number of documents you need to bring to the center. They include: military or government identifi-

cation, social security numbers of all dependents, a bank account number and routing number for direct deposit, power of attorney from your spouse, W-2 forms, 1099 forms (if applicable), mortgage interest statements and investment income.

If you can't get to Arifjan between now and late March, don't worry. Deployed servicemembers are automatically granted at least 180 days from the time they leave a combat zone to file their taxes. If that's not enough, you might qualify for more extensions depending on the timeframe in which your deployment took place. Call your legal assistance office for more information. Important numbers:

Tax Assistance Center: 430-1217, 430-1218  
Legal Assistance Offices:  
Camp Virginia: 430-6301; Kuwaiti Naval Base: 430-5053; SPOD: 430-7149; Camp Buehring: 430-7354; Camp Victory: 964-7581 (Cell); Camp Navistar: 430-7147; Camp Doha: 430-2111

## Safety Corner

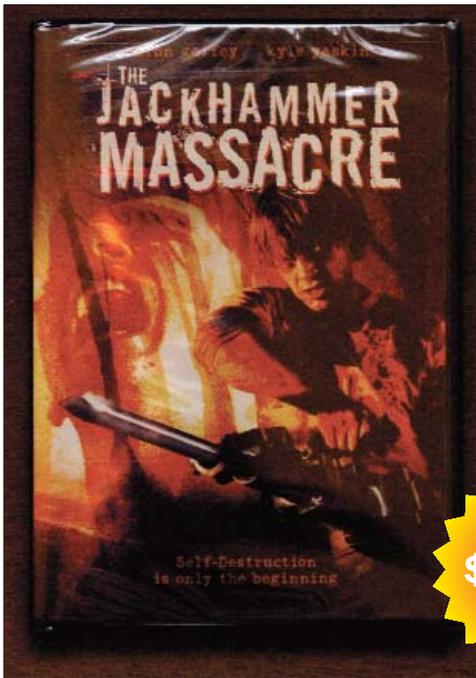
### Driving safety

Try to maintain a safety cushion by using a good following distance while driving. Do this by using the two-second rule. When the vehicle in front of you passes a fixed object, such as a light pole, begin counting down the seconds until your vehicle reaches the same object. If you counted at least two full seconds, your distance is good enough to react to hazards. Add two seconds for every hindering factor, such as a wet road or sandstorm. In the case of a breakdown, pull off the road as far as you safely can. Exit from the side of the vehicle that is away from traffic (usually the passenger side), and stay away from the road. Call the number on your memo, and give your location. DO NOT attempt to fix the vehicle while on the road. For more information contact the 377th TSC Safety Cell's Maj. Phelps at 430-6113 or 1st Lt. Surgi at 430-5414.

# I got it at the PX

You can't say no to prices so low!

by Spc. Curt Cashour



**\$14.95**

## "The Jackhammer Massacre" DVD

Jackhammer tells the story of Jack Magnus, a jackhammer-wielding maniac on a killing rampage. Magnus was a successful business man until his repeated drug abuse made him lose his job and sent him into a substance-induced psychosis. Apparently, he did so many drugs he began to think jackhammers were effective instruments of death. Had he been sober, he probably would have just bought a gun.

## Elements Pencil Pillows

There's nothing wrong with the product. Pencil Pillows work great. But if you can't bring yourself to write a sentence without the aid of one of these, you might want to reconsider this whole military thing given the current operational tempo.



**\$0.90**

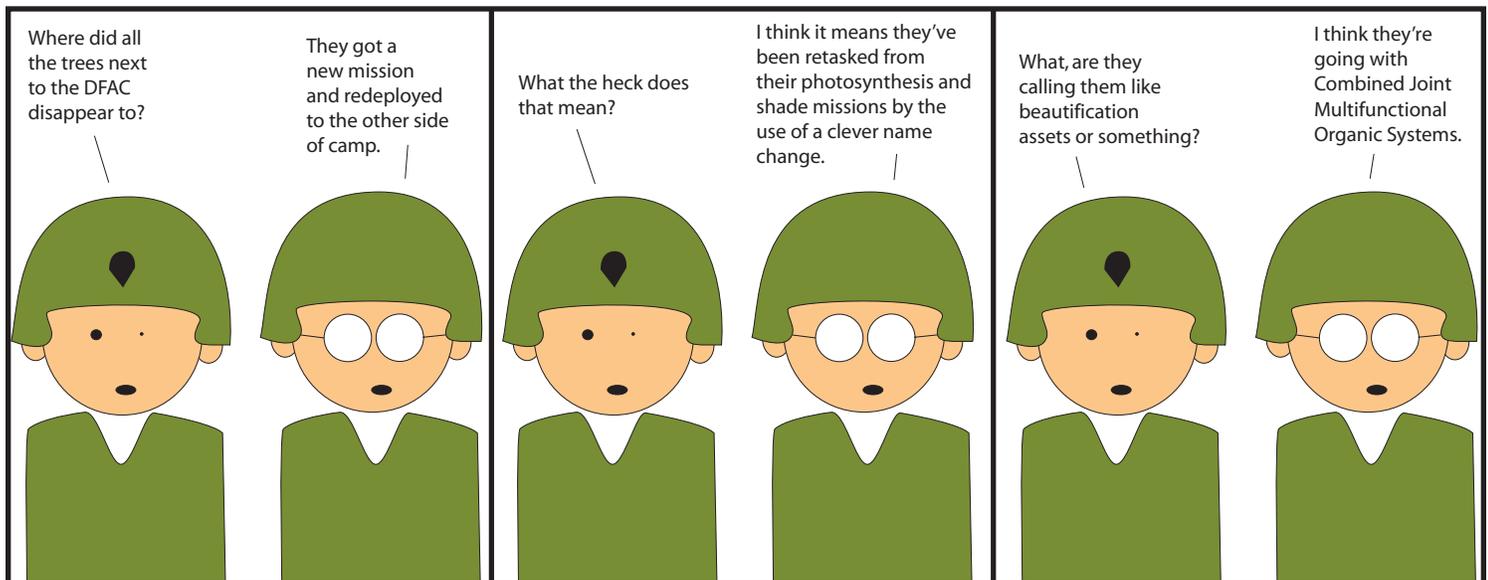


**\$9.95**

## Proctor Silex Easy Slice electric knife

We still haven't figured out why the plastic knives they have in the dining facility keep breaking. Either the food is too tough or the knives are too weak. Either way, this product solves the problem.

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# Community

## happenings for Jan. 12 through Jan. 19

### Arifjan

#### Wednesday

Hip Hop Night, 7 p.m., Community Center  
Country Western Night, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 MWR area  
Combat Kick Boxing 5:30 a.m., Power Stretching 8 a.m., Bench/Step Workout 10 a.m., Body Pump Workout 1 p.m., High/Low Aerobics, 7 p.m., Zone 1 gym tent  
Aerobics, 6 p.m., Zone 6 gym tent  
Aerobics, 7 p.m., Zone 2 gym tent

#### Thursday

Spinning Class, 5:30 p.m., Zone 2 gym tent  
Country Music Night, 7 p.m., Community Center  
Open Mic Night, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 MWR area  
Karate Class, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 MWR area

#### Friday

Open Mic Night, 7:30 p.m., MWR stage  
Outdoor theater night, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6  
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool  
Aerobics, 6 p.m., Zone 6 MWR tent  
Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Community Center  
Step Aerobics, 7 p.m., Zone 1 gym tent  
Aerobics, 7 p.m., Zone 2 gym tent

#### Saturday

Persian Carpet Seminar, 7 p.m., gym tent  
R&B night, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 MWR tent  
Country Western Night, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 MWR tent  
Combat Kick Boxing 5:30 a.m., Power Stretching 8 a.m., Bench/Step Workout 10 a.m., Body Pump Workout 1 p.m., Combat Kick Boxing 3 p.m., Zone 1 gym tent  
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool

#### Sunday

NFL, AFC, NFC Wildcard playoffs, 12:30 a.m., Community Center  
NFL, AFC, NFC Wildcard playoffs, 4 a.m., Community Center  
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool  
Bench/Step Workout 5:30 a.m., Super Abs 8 a.m., Power Stretching 10 a.m., Body Pump Workout 1 p.m., Bench/Step Workout 3 p.m., Zone 1 gym tent

#### Monday

Martin Luther King Birthday Presentation, 7 p.m. at the Community Center  
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool  
Combat Kick Boxing 5:30 a.m., Power Stretching 8 a.m., Bench/Step Workout 10 a.m., Body Pump Workout 1 p.m., Combat Kick Boxing 3 p.m., Zone 1 gym tent  
Aerobics, 6 p.m., Zone 6 gym tent

#### Tuesday

Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool  
Bench/Step Workout 5:30 a.m., Super Abs 8 a.m., Power Stretching 10 a.m., Body Pump Workout 1 p.m., Bench/Step Workout 3 p.m., Zone 1 gym tent  
Chess Tournament, 7 p.m., Community Center

#### Wednesday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Community Center  
Combat Kick Boxing 5:30 a.m., Power Stretching 8 a.m., Bench/Step Workout 10 a.m., Body Pump Workout 1 p.m., High/Low Aerobics, 7 p.m., Zone 1 gym tent

For more information call 430-1202

### Buehring

#### Thursday

Bingo, 7 p.m., tent 1

#### Saturday

Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., MWR area

#### Sunday

Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., MWR area

#### Monday

Pushup/Situp Competition, 7 p.m., gym

#### Tuesday

Talent show, 7 p.m., tent 1

For more information call 828-1340

### Doha

#### Wednesday

Racquetball signups begin, Fitness Center  
Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Frosty's

#### Thursday

Over 40 Basketball league signups, Fitness Center

#### Saturday

Foosball Tournament, 7 p.m. Frosty's

#### Sunday

NFL Playoffs AFC Div. Game, 12:30 a.m., Frosty's  
NFL Playoffs AFC Div. Game, 4 a.m., Frosty's

#### Monday

MLK Day 5K, 6 a.m., flagpoles

#### Tuesday

Spades Tournament, 7 p.m., Frosty's

#### Wednesday

Ladie's Night, 7 p.m., Frosty's  
Over 40 Basketball signups cutoff, Fitness Center

For more information call 438-5637

### Kuwaiti Naval Base

#### Wednesday

Foosball Tournament, 7 p.m., new gym  
Self Defense 1, 6 p.m., aerobics room

#### Thursday

Texas Hold'em Poker, 7 p.m., new gym  
Techno Dance, 7:30 p.m., old temp. gym tent

#### Friday

Bowling, 4 p.m., bowling alley  
Latin Dance, 7 p.m., old temp. gym tent  
Basketball Tournament, 8 p.m., Kuwaiti gym

#### Saturday

Tennis Tournament, 4 p.m., side of Kuwaiti gym  
Ping Pong Tournament, 6 p.m., new gym  
Softball, 6 p.m., next to soccer field  
R&B Dance, 7 p.m., old temp. gym tent

#### Sunday

Ultimate Football, noon, Kuwaiti soccer field  
Flag Football, 2 p.m., Kuwaiti soccer field  
Self Defense 2, 7:30 p.m., aerobics room  
NFL, 9 p.m., 12 a.m., gym/MWR tent

#### Monday

Marine Corp Martial Arts, 1 p.m., TMC  
Darts Tournament, 6 p.m., gym  
Chess/Spades/Checkers/Dominoes, 6 p.m., gym  
Bowling, 7 p.m., bowling alley

#### Tuesday

PS2 Tournament, 5 p.m., new gym  
Self Defense 1, 6 p.m., aerobics room  
Chess/Spades/Checkers/Dominoes, 6 p.m., gym  
Self Defense 2, 7:30 p.m., aerobics room  
Country Western Dance, 8 p.m., old temp. gym tent

#### Wednesday

Self Defense 1, 6 p.m., aerobics room  
Foosball Tournament, 7 p.m., new gym

For more information call 839-1009

### Navistar

#### Wednesday

Organizational Day, all day, outside MWR tents

#### Saturday

Ping Pong Tournament, 3 p.m., Recreation Tent

#### Monday

Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., MWR area

For more information call 844-1138

### Spearhead/SPOD

#### Friday

SPOD social dance, 9 p.m. to midnight, DFAC

#### Monday

MLK Diversity 5K, 6 a.m., front of C2 building

For more information call 825-1302

### Victory

#### Friday

"Comics on Duty" tour, 7:30 p.m., PX area

#### Monday

Spa Day, 10 a.m., MWR tent

For more information call 823-1033

### Virginia

#### Wednesday

Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Thursday

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Friday

Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Saturday

Horseshoe Tournament 3 p.m., MWR tent

#### Sunday

Billiards 2-on-2 Tournament, 6 p.m., MWR tent

#### Monday

Movie Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Tuesday

Jeopardy Night or Unit Feud 6:30 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Wednesday

Billiards-Singles Tournament, 6 p.m., MWR tent

For more information call 832-1045

## Doha/Ali Al Salem Bus Schedule

Departs AAS	Arrives Doha	Departs Doha	Arrives AAS
		0615	0745
		0815	0945
0800	0930	0945	1115
1000	1130	1245	1415
1130	1300	1415	1545
1430	1600	1615	1745
1600	1730	1745	1915
1800	1930	1945	2115
1930	2100	2115	2245
2130	2300	0015	0145
2300	0030	0145	0315
0200	0330	0445	0615
0330	0500		
0630	0800		

## Doha/Arifjan Shuttle Schedule

Departs Doha Stop 1*	Arrives Doha Stop 2*	Departs Doha Stop 2*	Arrives Arifjan	Departs Arifjan	Arrives Doha
				0545	
	0700	0715	0830	0845	1000
1015	1025	1040	1200	1300	1430
1445	1450	1505	1615	1630	1745
1900	1910	1925	2045		

\* Stop 1 is behind the Building 6 PAX Tent

Stop 2 is between Buildings 28 and 31

# A thought from a Soldier

by Sgt. Gregory A. DiLeonardo,  
Headquarters Service Battery 2nd Battalion, 146th Field Artillery

I am not a hero. A patriot of sorts, perhaps, but certainly not a hero.

Those who we would refer to as "heroes" have given much more than I, for I have done only my duty as a Soldier.

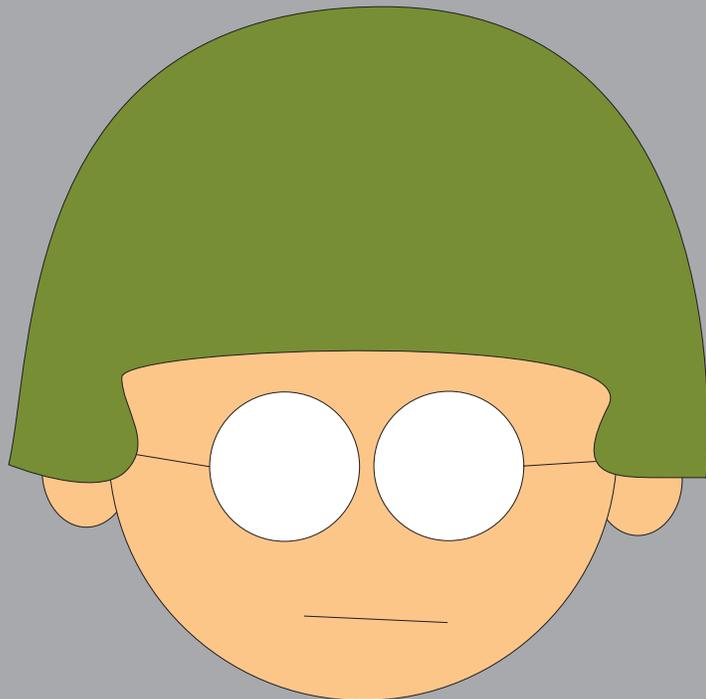
We should not be hasty as to whom we label as such so as not to lessen the true spirit of what those deserving have done and or sacrificed.

In this day we are so quick to pass out the title as if it were an easily attainable goal for which one might strive. But the truth is most are nothing more than I, a man or woman doing his or her duty in accordance with what we believe is right. Should he or she do so as a Soldier, police officer, fireman or otherwise, I believe us to be one in the same.

Those deserving to be hailed as heroes have gone far above the calls of their duties. Some going so far as to pay the ultimate price by giving their lives in the name of what they believe, not in the interest of the title but simply for the fulfillment of a mission and a greater sense of duty.

So let us not shorten the lengths to which those deserving have gone and cheapen the true meaning of being a hero by using the term like a common label for all those who serve in whatever capacity.

Instead let us revere those deserving of such a title and maintain the honor of what it is to be a true hero.



by Lt. Col. Michael Verrett, CFLCC container manager, CFLCC C4

## The way home

by Spc. Stephen Dye,  
209th Personnel Service Detachment

Every day  
I give thanks and pray  
That we will find the way  
Someday

Cold winds blow  
The sands that do not know  
The green that lives behind  
In time

We've been here  
For almost a whole year  
And all we want to do  
Is go home

So I get up every day  
I give thanks and pray  
I dream of the way  
To my home.

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