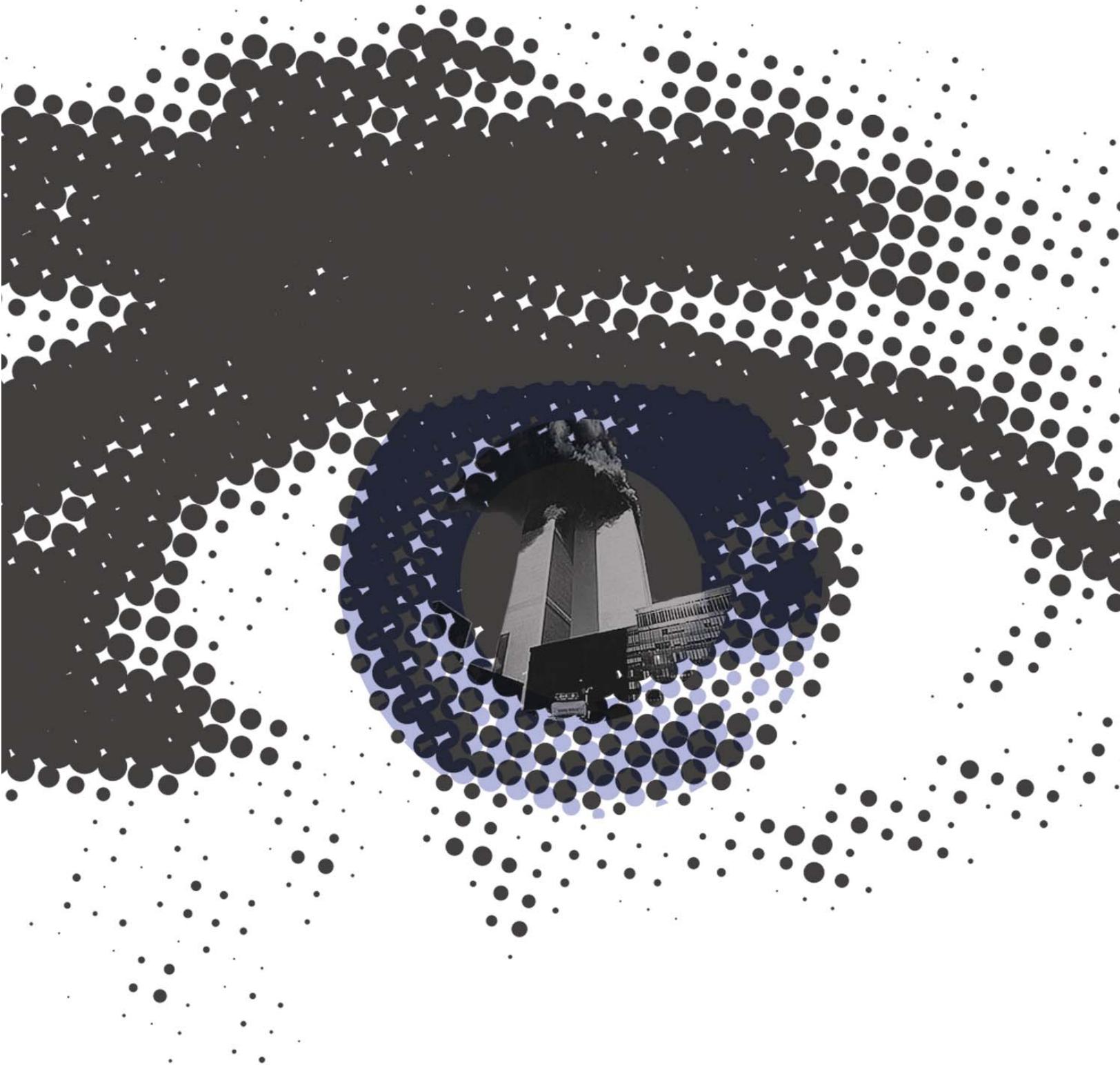
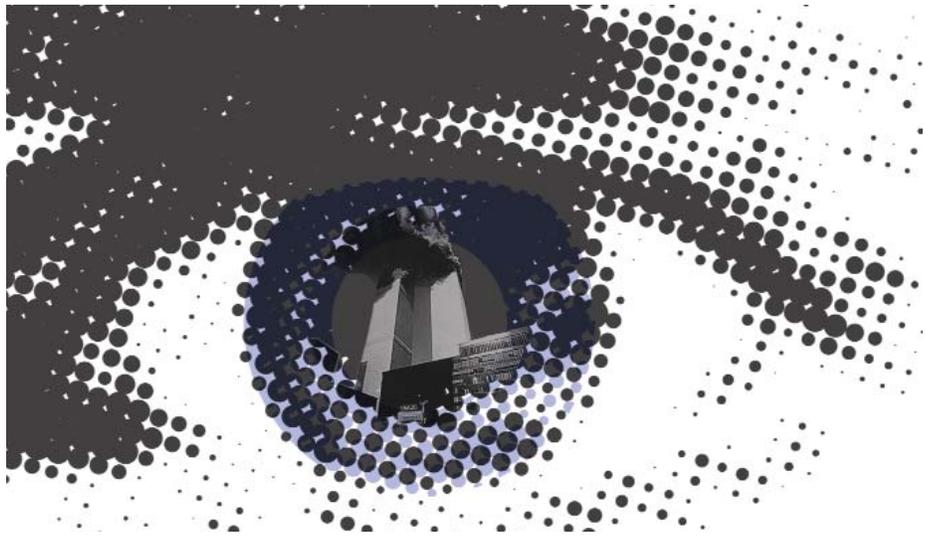


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Remembering why we're here

commentary by Spc. Curt Cashour

It's been said over and over. We live in a post Sept. 11 world. Perhaps no one should better understand this than the thousands of U.S. servicemembers deployed around the globe.

But in this high operational tempo, the long hours, time away from family and overall stress can sometimes get in the way of the big picture.

At least once a year, however, those in uniform are served with a vivid reminder of what this fight is all about.

This week, people around the world will observe the third anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. For most, it's a time to mourn the loss of the nearly 3,000 innocent Americans who died that day. For those of us in the terror-fighting business, it's also a time to refocus and put our sacrifices in perspective.

Need a little motivation? Take a stroll down memory lane.

Behind each innocent victim are stories of heartbreak and heroism. Daniel Afflito died in the attacks just one day before his wife discovered she was pregnant with their second child. Daniel Barkow had spent months with his wife Colleen overseeing the construction of their new home. Days before they were due to move into the house, Colleen was killed in the attacks, forcing Daniel to move in all alone.

Newlywed Melissa Harrington Hughes was another victim. Before her death, she managed to leave a final message for her

new husband. "Sean it's me," she told him. "I just wanted to let you know I love you and I'm stuck in this building in New York. There's a lot of smoke, and I just wanted to let you know I love you always."

How about the brave souls of United Airlines Flight 93? The passengers had learned of the World Trade Center attacks via cell-phone calls placed after hijackers had stormed the plane's cockpit. Realizing their fate, the doomed passengers voted to challenge the four hijackers on board. In doing so, they forced the plane down into the Pennsylvania countryside, rather than a target of the terrorists' choosing.

Contrast the victims' profiles in courage with the tales of the terrorists. Fueled by a hatred for our way of life, the mass murderers exploited the freedoms of our great country, living and working among us as they hatched their plan.

The night before the attacks, some of the terrorists read instructions reportedly from lead hijacker Mohamed Atta. They read in part, "You must make your knife sharp, and you must not discomfort your animal during the slaughter. Completely forget something called 'this life.' The time for play is over, and the serious time is upon us."

Think back to the day it happened. You probably remember precisely where you were and what you were doing.

After the initial feelings of shock and grief, you most likely thought of the horrendous consequences the United States would inflict

upon the perpetrators.

And inflict we did. With the help of the Northern Alliance and a coalition of international partners, we toppled the Taliban in a few months, stopping the biggest government supporter of Al Qaeda in its tracks.

While not involved with Sept. 11, Saddam Hussein had for years contributed to the instability of the Middle East, twice invading his neighbors and even using chemical weapons on his own people. It took the U.S.-led coalition a little more than a month to drive him and his "elite" Republican Guard from power.

Presently, Al Qaeda's leaders are on the run and Saddam sits in a jail cell. Despite these successes, the war on terrorism continues.

Many countries continue to harbor and support terrorists, and more still unknowingly provide them a home. These killers would like nothing more than to mount another attack on U.S. soil, and until we capture or kill them they will continue to plot against us. It is the reason we fight, and we will not stop until the job is done. Whether serving on the front lines in Iraq or Afghanistan, or any number of other places, this fact must remain foremost in the mind of every deployed servicemember.

It was Atta himself who reportedly said, "The time for play is over, and the serious time is upon us." Be proud that you have a chance to show the terrorists of the world the true meaning of his statement.

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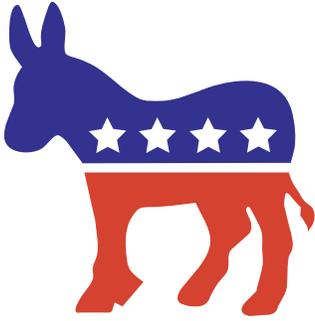
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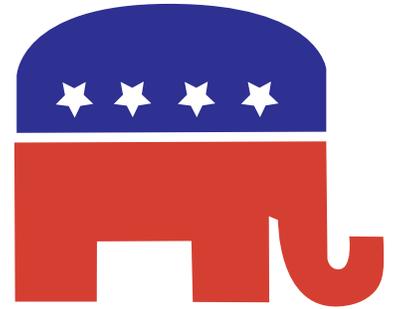
On the Cover Three years after the attacks of Sept. 11, Americans continue to analyze, relive and mourn the worst day of our generation.

Graphic illustration by Sgt. Matt Millham

Drawing party lines in 2004



To make sure your decision is an informed decision, Desert Voice has summed up the Democratic and Republican party platforms for the following issues:



Want to create a stable and secure environment in Iraq by internationalizing politically and militarily.

War in Iraq

Won congressional approval of \$87 billion for continued military operations and aid in Iraq and Afghanistan and plan to continue pushing for interim government to run country until it is replaced following national elections scheduled for January.

They propose cutting the deficit in half by repealing the Republican tax cuts for wealthier Americans.

Budget

\$521 billion deficit is projected for this year. Their budget plan for 2005 says annual deficits can be cut by half in five years. They will propose that Congress limit discretionary spending in programs outside defense and homeland security to a 0.5 percent increase next year.

Wish to repeal present administration tax cuts for Americans earning more than \$200,000 a year in order to pay for broad health care reform. Would retain the tax cuts for the middle class in an attempt to halve the record half-trillion dollar budget by the end of one four-year term, even while spending \$72 billion a year to extend health care to 27 million of the 40-plus million uninsured.

Taxes

Want to make tax cuts permanent, saying failure to do so would amount to a tax hike and threaten prospects for a robust economic recovery capable of generating new jobs.

Proposed program will insure 27 million extra Americans. Want to expand existing insurance system for federal employees to private citizens through tax credits and subsidies. Plan entails: 75 percent tax credit to help pay for insurance for unemployed; tax credits for small businesses and their employees for health insurance; people 55 to 64 could buy into federal employees' health plan; federal support to expand access to state-administered health insurance for children; and mandatory financing for veterans' health care. Overall cost is estimated at \$895 billion over 10 years.

Healthcare

Call for \$90 billion in spending from fiscal 2005 to 2014 to cover more than 2 million uninsured. Have won passage of prescription drug benefit for older Americans that will subsidize costs for low-income patients and encourage private insurance companies to offer coverage for the elderly willing to opt out of traditional Medicare. Cost of drug benefit and other Medicare changes are now estimated at \$534 billion over 10 years, up from \$395 billion. New plan offers tax-free medical savings accounts, which can be opened by people under 65 who meet certain conditions.

Oppose private-school vouchers. Plan to establish a \$3.2 billion community service plan for high school students that would qualify them for the equivalent of their states' four-year public college tuition if they perform two years of national service. Want to provide a tax credit for every year of college on the first \$4,000 paid in tuition. Credit would provide 100 percent of the first \$1,000 and 50 percent on the rest.

Education

Stout support for local control of education, yet promising to toughen federal standards that override local decision-making. Want to maintain consistent spending on education, which has jumped nearly 50 percent in the last four years.

Oppose partial privatization of Social Security. Would require companies switching to cheaper lump-sum pension plans to offer retiring workers the choice of staying with traditional company pension.

Social Security

Give younger workers the option of putting part of their payroll tax into personal retirement accounts, giving them a chance to make a higher return on that investment in return for smaller Social Security benefits.

Off to meet the wizard

41 years after getting wrangled into the Army, Chief Babel Soldiers on

story and photo by Spc. Brian Trapp

In 1964, LBJ had just taken over the presidency after Kennedy's assassination, the Army was doing their paperwork with typewriters, the draft was going on and a young man who would later become both a sergeant major and a chief warrant officer five enlisted in the Army.

Now, with 41 years of consecutive service between the Army Reserve and Active Reserve, Chief Warrant Officer George Babel has seen the Army, technology and society change during the last four decades. As these changes took place, he also saw how the Army retained its root principles and standards. He climbed the ranks all the way to sergeant major before crossing over to the warrant officer corps where he climbed to the top rank. At 58, he's almost old enough to be some young Soldiers' grandfather. You can see in his salt and pepper hair and stoic face his decades of experience. As the director of the Field Services Division, people come to him like he's the Wizard of Oz for personnel. Babel spends every day looking out for the Soldier.

Living through a tough experience is like putting metal in the fire, so you can temper it. You have to go through the bad times to strengthen it and build character

His senior year in high school, he had three years of junior ROTC behind him when "a crusty warrant officer" came down to his school making a lot of promises to the seniors if they joined his unit. "So I signed up before I even graduated. The promises turned out to be lies," Babel said.

It may sound old-fashioned, but from a man who has more character than a grizzled, one-eyed lumberjack, it's backed with the knowledge of experience. After going through trials of life as a Soldier and a leader, he's seen both good and bad. Babel has clearly come out a wiser

man.

"Living through a tough experience is like putting metal in the fire, so you can temper it. You have to go through the bad times to strengthen it and build character," he said.

He joined the Army Reserve as a radar repairman. After 11 months of radar school, he got back to the unit to find there was no radar equipment there. Babel ended up running field lines and manning switchboards. About three years later, the unit was deactivated, so he went to the quartermaster corps.

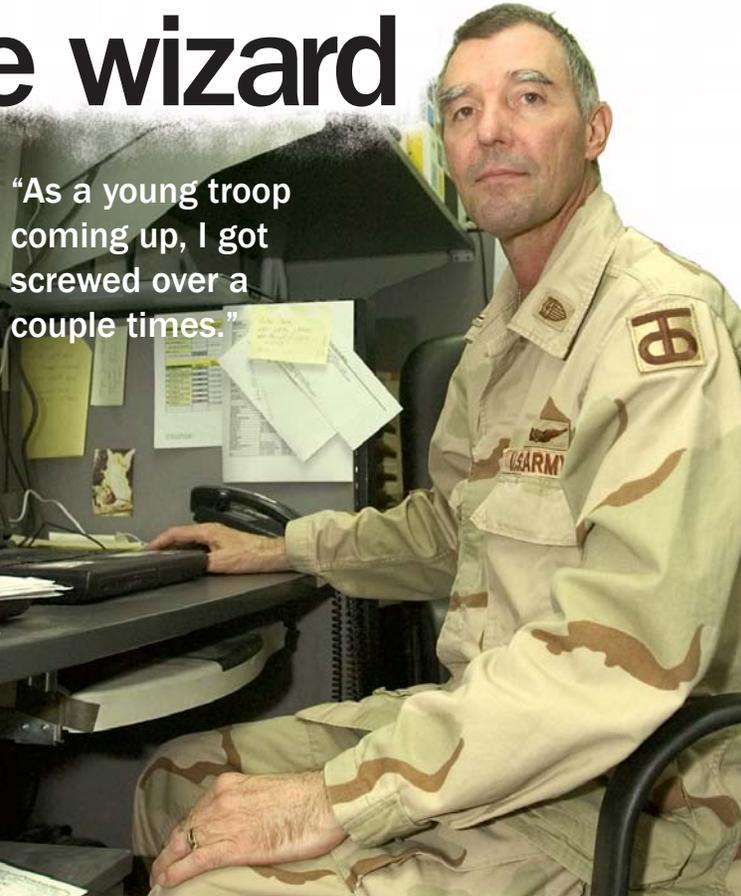
In all his years in the Army Reserve, Babel also worked in aviation electronics, communications and supply. He spent 15 years in the legal field as a legal noncommissioned officer and legal warrant, and now he's working in administration with the 348th Personnel Group as the director of the Field Services Division.

"As a young troop coming up, I got screwed over a couple times," Babel said. He seems to spend his days fighting to keep it from happening to any other Soldier. "Army says mis-

sion first, Soldier second. Here the Soldier is first. As long as I've been in the position to support the Soldier, they've always come first."

"He's the first person in every day, and the last to leave," said Sgt. Brandy McKinney, field services division noncommissioned officer in charge. "On Sundays, he comes in a little bit later in the morning, but I think he still wakes up the same time and just does a little laundry. Chief is a workaholic."

"The biggest thing," said Babel getting choked up, "is when a Soldier sends me a picture when they get promoted



"As a young troop coming up, I got screwed over a couple times."

after trying for 3 years."

"Any personnel action that needs to be accomplished, I can do it. I don't care who they belong to, what the issue is or who should be doing it," he said. "If someone comes here, we're going to solve the problem or hand them off to someone who can. My job is to help the Soldiers. I'm here like everyone else doing my job."

Babel made it through the enlisted ranks then the warrant officer ranks by learning over the passing of time and from his experiences that the standards and principles at the Army's core will always be there to guide Soldiers.

"The standards haven't really changed," said Babel. "They evolved like everything else. I think the Army has progressed as a society."

In his job he sees punitive actions against Soldiers who choose not to abide by the Army principles. "Here you have to live them every day," he said.

Following the guidelines is something that Babel said he stresses to the NCOs that he works with and mentors.

"Before I ask him a question, I have to research what the regulation says, because he knows

them all and can quote them. And he'll ask me, 'What does the regulation say,' said McKinney. "That's the way he keeps the standard."

"Standards are there for all of us to live by so we have a cohesive element to provide security for the nation," Babel said. "It's hard to focus on the mission when a unit is dealing with problems because someone's not maintaining the standard. When a unit is busy dealing with internal problems because someone isn't following the Army principles, it takes away from the mission. Down to the lowest private, as long as they're maintaining the standard they're helping support everyone above them," he said.

Even though he's been a Soldier for about 70 percent of his life, Babel was ready to hang up his uniform and enjoy a well deserved retirement, but the Army just couldn't let its steadfast Soldier go. He put in his retirement packet, and the Army rejected it and sent him to Kuwait. Now he expects to retire around December 2005. By then, he'll have 42 years in service. "By age and years in the military, I guess I'm senior to everyone," he said.

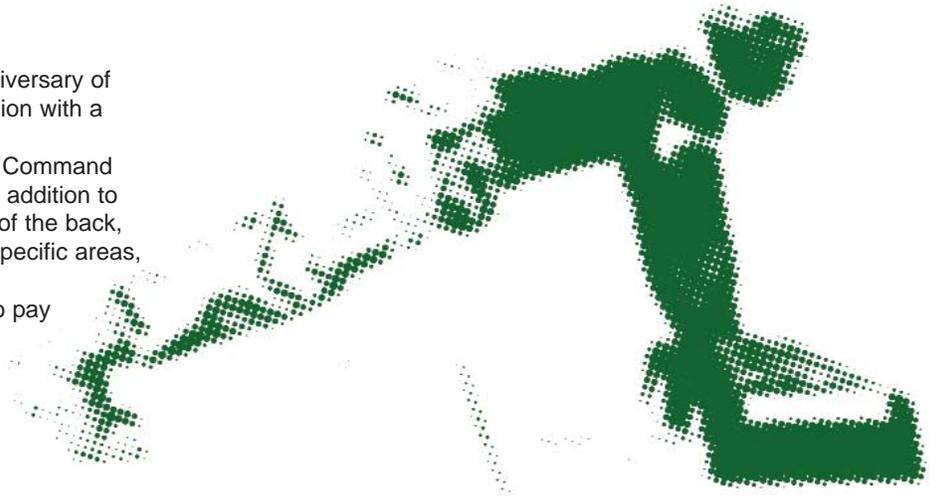
Max the pushups

story and photos by Curtis Cashour

Have you heard? This week marks the millionth anniversary of the pushup. We at Desert Voice are marking the occasion with a workout that's sure to improve your pushing prowess.

Below, Sgt. Geneo Graves of Atlanta's 335th Signal Command demonstrates six variations on the age-old exercise. In addition to working the primary pushup muscles, which are those of the back, chest, shoulders and triceps, each movement targets specific areas, Graves said.

As with any exercise, pushups require good form, so pay attention to the pictures.



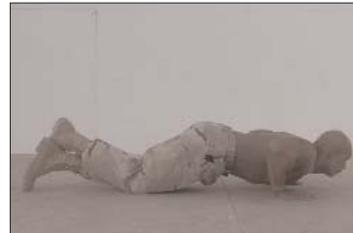
The Close Hand: Sometimes referred to as the Diamond, this one focuses on the triceps and the inner chest region, Graves said.



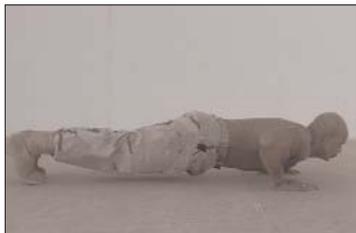
The Decline: This exercise works the upper chest muscles. The steeper the incline, the harder it will be to push.



The Incline: The incline does for the lower chest what the decline does for the upper chest. Once again, a steeper incline increases the difficulty.



On the Knees: This position is useful for achieving muscle failure. Going to your knees lessens the weight you have to push and makes it so you don't have to concentrate on your lower legs. Use it when you start to really feel the burn during any of the other variations, Graves said.



The Classic: The standard form of the pushup increases strength and endurance in the muscles of the back, chest, shoulders and triceps, Graves said.

For an extra boost on your fitness test, do 4 sets of 25 repetitions of this variation twice daily (morning and night) during the three weeks leading up to the test. The purpose is to build endurance, so don't worry about resting a day between the workouts, Graves said.



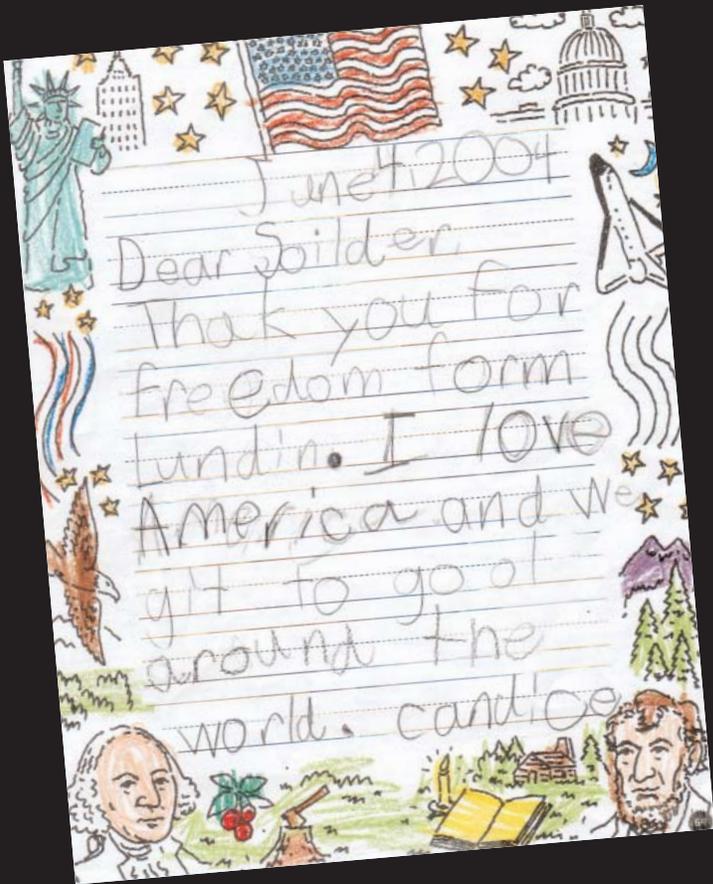
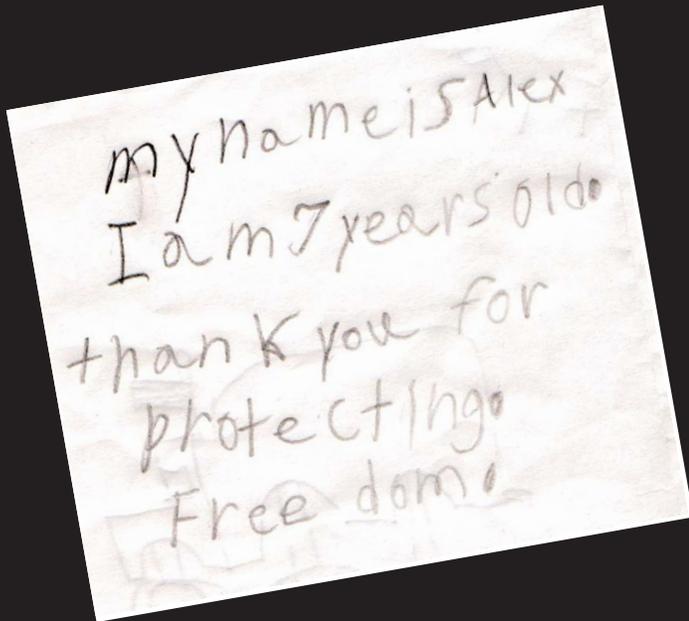
The Wide Arm: This movement targets the triceps and rear deltoids, or shoulders, Graves said.



Graves, a former fitness instructor for the Army's 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, works as a personal trainer when he's not deployed.

9/11: The reason we fight

Headlines from our past



World Trade Center destroyed, Pentagon hit

Sept. 12, 2001—The death toll is still unknown after the nation suffered its largest terrorist attack yesterday.

Terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center in New York using two hijacked California-bound planes from airports on the East coast. After the attack in New York, an American Airlines plane flying out of Dulles International Airport ripped through the Pentagon. A fourth hijacked jet was headed toward Washington before crashing 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

All 266 passengers aboard the planes were killed.

There were even more casualties in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Thousands of employees from the two sites of destruction are still unaccounted for. Also, hundreds of New York firefighters and police officers are presumed dead.

U.S., British strike al Qaeda

Oct. 7, 2001 – U.S. and British forces attacked targets in Afghanistan last night to bring down the Taliban terrorist group and suspected leader Osama bin Laden. The bombing comes about a month after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The strike started Sunday evening targeting Taliban military sites, airfields and energy facilities. Reports came in saying the sorties struck the heart of the southern city of Kandahar.

"More than two weeks ago, I gave Taliban leaders a series of clear and specific demands: Close terrorist training camps, hand over leaders of the al Qaeda network and return all foreign nationals, including American citizens unjustly detained in your country," President Bush said.

"None of these demands was met, and now, the Taliban will pay a price," Bush said.

UN weapons inspectors begin search for WMDs in Iraq

Nov. 22, 2004 BAGHDAD, Iraq – The atmosphere is tense as a U.N. weapons inspection team arrives to search for weapons of mass destruction.

A team of 30 weapons inspectors headed by Hans Blix arrived in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday. The team is expected to begin work Nov. 27 and reach full strength at the end of the year. The first report is scheduled for Jan. 27.

"We have come here for one single reason and that is because the world wants to have assurances that there are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq," Blix said from Saddam Hussein International Airport. "We are here to provide inspection, which is credible."

About four years ago the U.N. pulled out their last inspection team before the U.S. launched four days of air strikes called Operation Desert Fox after accusing Iraq of non-cooperation.

Bush administration pushes for action in Iraq

Feb. 6, 2003 — Secretary of State Colin Powell met Thursday with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about military action against Iraq.

Wednesday, Secretary of State Colin Powell insisted the U.N. Security Council take firmer action to ensure Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein disarm in accordance with the U.N. resolution.

China, France and Russia oppose military action against Iraq, and each holds a veto vote on the U.N. Security Council. They say U.N. weapons inspectors are making progress and should continue their work.

Citing Iraq's violation of a Nov. 8, 2002, U.N. resolution that authorized new arms inspections and laid out terms of compliance, the White House said it doesn't need U.N. support to mount an attack.

U.N. workers pull out of Baghdad ahead of war

March 18, 2003 – U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan ordered U.N. aid workers and weapons inspectors to leave Iraq to avoid the anticipated invasion from U.S.-led forces.

He said the oil-for-food program would be suspended as the staff administering it would leave Iraq. The oil-for-food program allows Iraq to sell oil under U.N. supervision and buy food, medicine and other supplies with the proceeds.

"We seem to be at the end of the road here," Annan told reporters. "I think almost every government and peoples around the world had hoped that this issue could be resolved peacefully." The weapons inspectors left their base camp taking with them the 15 kilograms of belongings they were allowed for the evacuation.

U.S. begins Iraq air campaign

March 19, 2003 – The first attacks of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" began with about 40 Tomahawk cruise missiles and attacks by F-117 stealth fighters bombing against a "target of opportunity" near Baghdad.

"On my orders, coalition forces have begun striking selected targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war," President Bush said in a 10:15 p.m. ET address to the nation.

About 300,000 troops, including British military personnel and more than 1,000 warplanes, were in the region, massed before the attack. The troop buildup has been commandeered from a command center headquartered in Qatar.

'We got him': Saddam captured

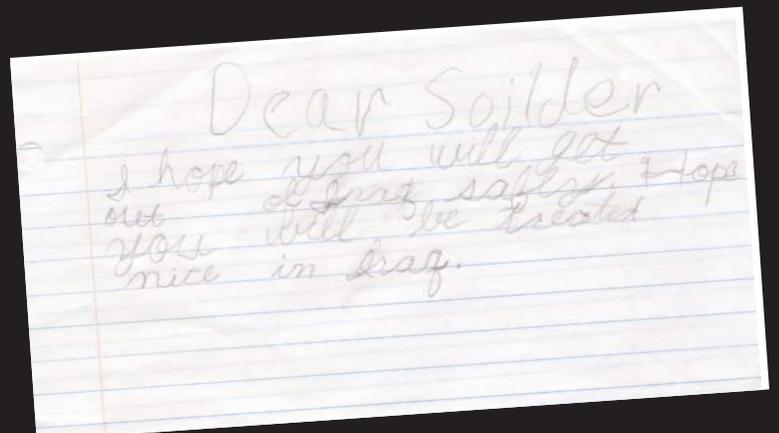
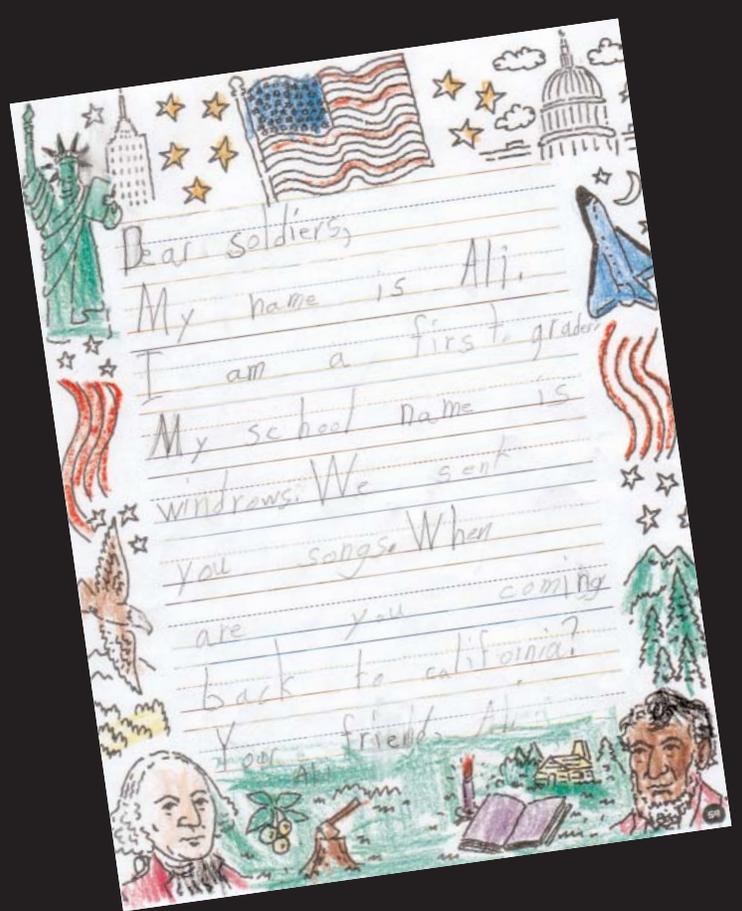
Dec. 14, 2003 – United States troops captured former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, pulling him out of a small hiding hole near a farm house in the Sunni triangle.

The U.S. administrator in Iraq, Paul Bremer, confirmed the arrest at a press conference in Baghdad: "Ladies and gentlemen, we got him. The tyrant is a prisoner." The commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, said Saddam put up no resistance and is cooperating with his captors. There were no injuries during the raid, and not a single shot was fired.

Iraq takes back reins of power

June 28, 2004 – Iraq's new government took power from the United States on Monday in a ceremony held two days before scheduled to avoid insurgent attacks.

"The Iraqi people have their country back," President Bush said. The hand-over ends a 14-month American occupation that has provoked resentment across Iraq and armed resistance in parts of the country.





Before the show goes on

Engineers pave the way for a television icon

story and photos by Sgt. Matt Millham



1 The empty space before the engineers began their work Sept. 1. **2** 448th Engineer Battalion Soldiers put a final layer of plywood on the ESPN stage in Building 511. **3** By the end of the day Sept. 1, the 448th had begun construction and would finish by Saturday. **4** One end of 511 continues to hold hundreds of bunks left over from the swell of troops from the changeover from Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 to 2. **5** Staff Sgt. Joseph Figueroa, a Reservist from Puerto Rico, drags a piece of the stage's frame across the concrete Friday as another 448th Soldier passes in the background.

Living on any of the camps in Kuwait, the thought that a TV show might be made about your life here is pretty far-fetched. But for weeks, Camp Arifjan, under the radar of the majority of even the camp's own residents, has been preparing for the arrival of one of America's most popular, longest running programs.

Until Sept. 1, even those involved in the planning hadn't really begun to see the fruits of their hours on the phone, in meetings and on e-mail. But then, things started to happen.

From the outside, Arifjan's building 511 is the same as any other warehouse in the row of same-looking warehouses in Zone 2. With the exception of a few hundred bunk beds pushed to one end, this particular warehouse was essentially a giant slab of concrete with a roof over it on the morning of Sept. 1.

But by 9 a.m., an assembly line had already been in full swing for almost an hour, churning out same-sized sections of 4x4-inch lumber for what will be, for a week starting Sept. 12, the stage for ESPN's Sports Center.

The empty space, originally a warehouse that housed M1-A1 Abrams tanks before it was converted to a gigantic, open-bay barracks on the eve of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was, over the course of about four days,

transformed by a handful of 448th Engineer Battalion Soldiers.

The battalion, a Reserve unit from Puerto Rico augmented by Reservists from around the United States, sent its Bravo Co. to take care of building the massive stage. At the head of the effort, Staff Sgt. Joseph Figueroa, a pro in the business of building sets for the film and television industry in his civilian life, brings to the game an expertise that the military had probably not thought it needed – at least until now.

This is one instance where the Army really cashed in on having the Reserves in the fight – not for their firepower, but for their extra-military experience. Outside the military, Figueroa runs, along with his wife, a company that builds sets for commercials and movies.

After moving to Puerto Rico from New York, Figueroa and some friends got into the stage and set building game when they started a business called The Prop Hunters. "All we wanted to do was props, but no one would give us work. So we started building stages and sets," he said. That was two decades ago. "Now what we do mostly is sets for commercials and for film," said Figueroa.

At 40 by 60 feet, the ESPN stage isn't the

biggest Figueroa has ever built. This work is old hat for him, and though the product may be new to the younger Soldiers, the majority of them are experienced carpenters, construction workers and designers back home.

"The talent we have is here," said Figueroa, pointing to the other Soldiers working on the project. "Without them, I'm just a lousy carpenter."

In a constant din of saws, screeching screws being driven into dry wood and the scraping of frames being dragged over concrete, the Soldiers of the 448th worked to finish the stage almost without a break.

"We're all psyched," said Spc. Steven Porter of Max Meadows, Va., about building the set for ESPN. "It makes us work that much harder. Knowing it's their first show (outside the United States) makes us all pretty excited about it."

Sgt. Nathan Hallman of Williamsport, Penn., who works in construction outside his military career, said he told his wife about ESPN coming to Arifjan. He and his fellows who worked on the stage have been told they can come to the show on a night of their choosing and, he said, even if he doesn't get on stage, he'll be waving in the background to his family back home, hoping they can get a glimpse of his life in Kuwait.

7,000 miles from Sturgis

Desert hog fest draws hundreds to Arifjan

story by Spc. Aimee Felix

It was a bad ride – decked out with skulls, an axe and a pitchfork. This customized hunk of heavy metal on wheels roared in, a Kuwaiti rider on its back.

The roar became a boom when the rumbling cough of 12 other Harley engines stormed in. They pulled in, parking side by side on a sandy football field, and the reflection of the desert sun on the polished chrome was blinding. The Kuwaiti biker got off his Heritage Springer to reveal a rugged leather-stitched seat. He revved up his engine as the thunderous back fire deafened everyone watching. Troops, toughing out the painful volume, stood close by to capture the spectacle in a photograph.

In this sandier version of Sturgis, South Dakota, the deejay shouted, in his Arabic accent, “We have it all, great food, great music, great games and great motorcycles for one great night.”

The Kuwait Harley Davidson Club, in cooperation with MWR, brought The Sturgis Festival to Camp Arifjan. Hussain Salmeen, owner of the Heritage Springer and co-founder of the club along with Khaled S. Al Sayer and Esam Alhouti, showed up with 10 American contractors, also members of the club, and their bikes.

The display of motorcycles and their blazing engines kicked off the evening’s events and kept the evening going with a little help from some good classic rock and great food and games. After a football toss competition, a HUMVEE-pull competition

tested the strength of quite a few Arifjan residents and workers. The goal was to be the one who pulled the HUMVEE the farthest using a rope while the vehicle was in neutral. The rowdy cheers never died down for the competitions that followed – an egg toss and a three-legged race.

“We ended up with a turnout of over 700 people,” said MWR Event Coordinator Rhea Sarver. It was Sarver’s idea to bring the Sturgis Harley Davidson festival to Camp Arifjan. She came up with the idea at Fuddruckers, where both she and the Kuwait Harley Davidson bikers eat breakfast every morning. She brought the idea up to the club members, and they were totally receptive to it. MWR was also game, said Sarver. “Of course they were OK with it – everybody loves a Harley,” she said.

“We’ll do anything that has to do with the troops, 100 percent” said Lee Mills, an American contractor and member of the Kuwait bike club. Despite the hour-long wait they endured under the early-evening sun at the inspection gate, Mills said “It was great to see how excited the Soldiers at the gate were to see the bikes.” As excited as Mills was to participate, he didn’t want to set his hopes up too high until they got the final OK from the ARCENT commander, which came 72 hours before the event started. Getting that OK to let the bikes on was the biggest difficulty the coordinators faced. When they finally got it, they were thrilled because they had been trying to bring this to Arifjan for two

years, but had gotten no approval because of the security level at the time. Finally this year, ARCENT commander Col. Brick T. Miller “allowed us to bring this glimpse of the U.S. to the Soldiers,” said Sarver.

Soldiers and American contractors faithfully wearing their Harley Davidson T-shirts seemed to all have at least two Harleys back home. “You know you’re a fan if you make sure you bring your Harley T-shirt on a deployment,” said MWR Coordinator Carranean Johnson.

A Harley enthusiast, 1st Lt. John Roe just arrived here with the 1st Infantry Division after a year up North. He has two Harleys back home. “This reminds me of how anxious I am to ride them,” he said.

“Man, this makes me wish I was home,” said William “Bill” Hollar, a contractor and Harley club member back home. Hollar also owns two Harleys.

His friend and coworker, Chris “Topper” Lowe is counting down the days before he goes home on vacation. “The day I get back, first thing I’m gonna do is pick mine up from the shop,” said Lowe, who’s looking forward to going home in nine days and riding his 1975 Ironhead Sportster. Lowe’s got three other bikes, but that one’s his “baby and showpiece,” he said.

In the winter, the Kuwait Harley Davidson club has up to 300 members, and Salmeen, Al Sayer and Alhouti hope to be able to have another rally in November showcasing many more bikes.



photos by Sgt. Matt Millham



1 Lined up on Arifjan’s running track, 13 motorcycles drew a crowd bigger than the camp’s biggest PT formation. **2** Kuwaiti Hussein Salmeen, owner of Kuwait’s first custom motorcycle shop, KWT Choppers, and co-founder of the country’s first Harley owners club, shows off his customized bike to Sgt. Oralia Lopez and Chief Warrant Officer Gloria Bagg, both of the 348th Personnel Group. **3** After dark, Salmeen showed off the flamethrower kit he installed on his bike. The deafening concussion of the explosion drew bike fans who asked him to start his bike up again so they could take pictures. “People love the flamethrower kit,” he said.

I got it at the PX

Deals so hot, you'll forget about the weather



\$3.65

Tillamook Country Smoker Old Fashioned Beef Steak Nuggets

Tillamook claims this is the beef that won the West – assuming the West could have been won by inanimate packaged meat chunks. Apparently the beef captured the hearts and minds of the region's residents with its take-no-prisoners, low-carb attitude emblazoned on the package.

\$7.59



Hair Mayonnaise

While most buy it for the way it makes your hair taste, the real reason to pick up this product is the Hair Mayonnaise history lesson printed on the back of the package. It seems a roughneck band of botanical extracts and herbs decided to join forces with hair treatment heavyweights whole-egg protein and olive oil in the interest of restoring and renewing dry and damaged hair the world over. No word on whether the producers are planning for new products such as Hair Ketchup or Hair Horseradish.

\$24.95



Local Back Pack

Plugged as a local buy, this Phish-inspired ruck was actually made in Saudi Arabia. With Phish broken up and Jerry Garcia a casualty of rock 'n' roll, this roomy satchel will have you flashing back to a much groovier time.

behooverly

We're going to save approximately \$47 million a year by switching to one-ply toilet paper

Have you seen that junk in the latrine CB? I mean, who do they think they're fooling?

I've already devised a solution.

saturation point of 1 ply
area to be wiped(y) = z

1 ply x 8(x) = # of rolls

Meet WipeCon one.

In & Around Our Community

Special and weekly events around Kuwait's U.S. military community for Sept. 8-15, 2004

Special Events: Arifjan

Wednesday

Arabic Cultural Night, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

Thursday

Musician Jam Session, 7 p.m. at the MWR stage

Friday

Hispanic Heritage Month Music Night, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

Troop Idol Contest, week 1, 7:30 p.m. at the MWR stage

Saturday

Sundae and a Movie, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

Hispanic Heritage Month 5K Run, 6 a.m. at the Zone 1 gym

Sunday

Poker Tournament, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

Wednesday

Jazz Night, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

Weekly Events: Arifjan

Wednesday

Arabic Language Classes, 6 p.m. at the MWR library

Aero Step 6 a.m., Ab Floor Workout 8 a.m., Aero Step 10 a.m., Upper and Lower Body Workout 1 p.m. at Zone 1 gym tent

High Impact Aerobics, 7 p.m. at Zone 2 gym tent

Thursday

Martial Arts, 7 p.m. Spinning Class, 6 p.m. at Zone 2 gym tent

Friday

High Impact Aerobics, 7 p.m. at Zone 2 gym tent
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m. at the pool

Saturday

Aero Step 6 a.m., Ab Floor Workout 8 a.m., Aero Step 10 a.m., Upper and Lower Body Workout 1 p.m., Aero Step 3 p.m. at Zone 1 gym tent
Martial Arts, 7 p.m. at Zone 2 gym tent
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m. at the pool

Sunday

Arabic Language Classes, 6 p.m. at the MWR library

Cardio Pump Kick Boxing 6 a.m., Upper and Lower Body Workout 8 a.m., Ab Floor Workout 10 a.m., Upper and Lower Body Workout 1 p.m., Cardio Pump Kick Boxing 3 p.m. at Zone 1 gym tent
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m. at the pool

Monday

Country Western Night, 7:30 p.m. at the MWR stage

Aero Step 6 a.m., Ab Floor Exercise 8 a.m., Aero Step 10 a.m., Upper and Lower Body Workout 1 p.m., Aero Step 3 p.m. at Zone 1 gym tent
High Impact Aerobics, 7 p.m. at Zone 2 gym tent
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m. at the pool

Tuesday

Beginning Arabic Language Class, 7 p.m. at Bldg. 508

Spa Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Zone 2 gym tent
Cardio Pump Kick Boxing 6 a.m., Upper and Lower Body Workout 8 a.m., Ab Floor Exercise 10 a.m., Upper and Lower Body Workout 1 p.m., Cardio Pump Kick Boxing 3 p.m. at Zone 1 gym tent
Martial Arts, 7 p.m. Spinning Class, 6 p.m. at Zone 2 gym tent

Special Events: Doha

Wednesday

Battle of the Rappers/Open Mic Night, 7 p.m. at Frosty's

Get to Know Kuwait Presentation, 7 p.m. at the Marble Palace

Saturday

Ping Pong Tournament, 7 p.m. at Frosty's

Tuesday

Backgammon Tournament, 7 p.m. at Frosty's

Wednesday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m. at Frosty's

Weekly Events: Doha

Friday

Country Dance Night, 7 p.m. at Frosty's

Sunday

Spa Day, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Marble Palace
Unit Feud, 7 p.m. at Frosty's

Monday

Unit Feud, 7 p.m. at Frosty's

Religious Services: Arifjan

Catholic Mass

Sunday, noon at the Zone 1 Chapel
Saturday, 5:30 p.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel

Contemporary Christian Services

Sunday, 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel

Traditional Christian Services

Sunday, 9 a.m. at the Zone 2 Chapel and 7 p.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel

General Protestant Services

Sunday, 8 a.m. at the Arlington Chapel and 10:30 a.m. at the Bldg. 6 Conf. Room

Gospel Worship

Sunday, 2:15 at the Post Theater

Saturday, 7 p.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel

Friday, 7 p.m. at the Camden DFAC

Episcopal/Lutheran

Saturday, 3 p.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday, 10 a.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel

Spanish Protestant Worship and Studies

Sunday, 11 a.m. at the Zone 2 Chapel and 2 p.m. at Arlington Chapel

Latter Day Saints

Sunday, 5:30 p.m. at the Zone 2 Chapel

POC Randall Palmar, 920-7328

Islam Jumu'ah

Friday, noon at the Zone 1 Chapel

Bible Studies

Sunday, 9 p.m. at the Zone 2 DFAC

Monday, 7 p.m. at Arlington Chapel

Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel, Room 13

Wednesday, 7 p.m. at Arlington Chapel

Wednesday, 8 p.m. at the Camden DFAC

Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel, Rooms 9 and 13

Saturday, 6 p.m. at the Zone 1 Chapel, Rm. 13

For more information call Zone 1 Chapel at DSN 430-1387

If in urgent need of a chaplain call cell# 754-3803

If you have an event you want listed in this section of the Desert Voice or that you think might make a good story, please contact the Desert Voice editor at: matthew.millham@arifjan.arcent.army.mil

New shuttle bus schedule

Departs Doha Stop 1 (Behind Bldg. 6 PAX tent)	Arrives Doha Stop 2 (Between Bldg. 28&31)	Departs Doha Stop 2	Arrives Arifjan	Departs Arifjan	Arrives Doha Stop 1
				0545	
		0545	0700	0715	0830
	0700	0715	0830	0845	1000
0845	0900	0915	1030	1045	1200
1015	1025	1040	1200	1300	1430
1300	1310	1325	1430	1445	1600
1445	1450	1505	1615	1630	1745
1615	1625	1640	1800	1900	2015
1900	1910	1925	2045	2100	2215
2030	2040	2055	2215	2230	2345
2230	2240	2300	0030		

Labor Day tribute to the Army Reserve and National Guard

by Capt. Belinda R. DeSaussure, CFLCC C1, Policy & Programs

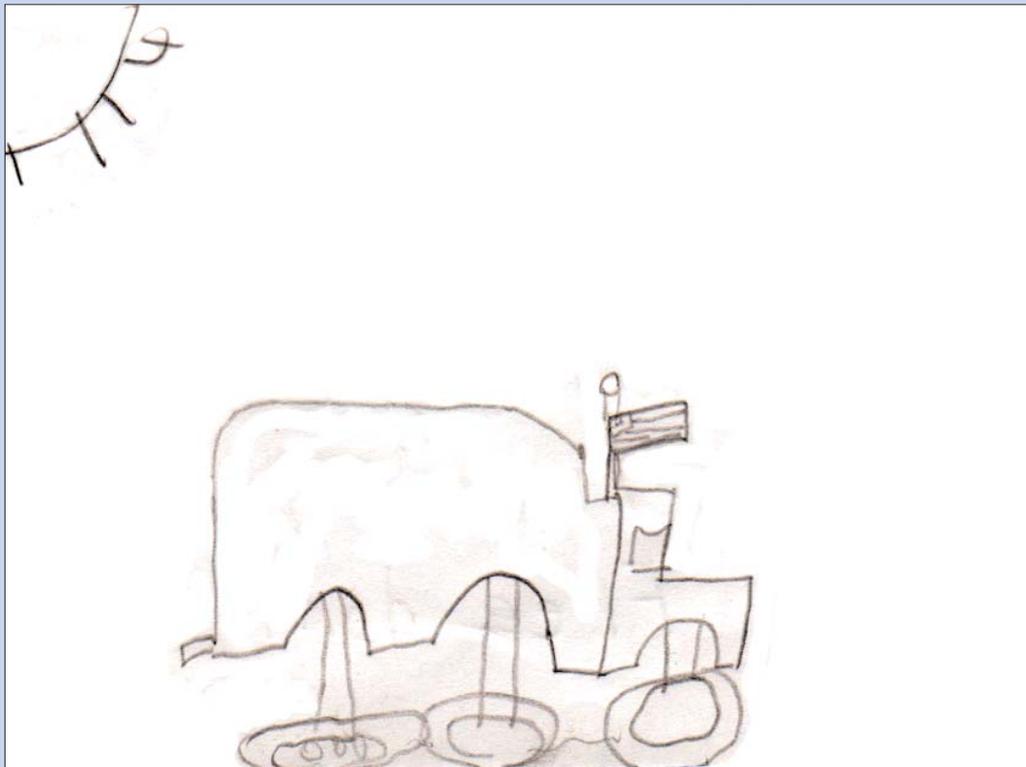
The military has a long history of Reservists serving in conflicts throughout the world to bring freedom to others. During these times, these Soldiers leave their families and civilian jobs, postpone postgraduate education and put their civilian lives on hold.

Since my arrival in Kuwait, I have encountered many active component Soldiers who have not worked with Reservists or Guardsmen and are uncertain of or devalue the talents that these standby troops bring to the force. By our recognition of Labor Day in the Central Command area of responsibility, America's military honors the Reservists and Guardsmen who contribute to combat, stability and

support operations throughout the world. To continue the protection of our nation today, the military must rely on mobilizing Reservists and Guardsmen to support overseas missions. It is the commitment, loyalty, and patriotism of the senior officers and noncommissioned officers in the Reserve and National Guard that encourages and is respected by our young men and women who are our future Reservists and Guardsmen.

Labor Day is defined as a day set aside for the special recognition of working people. Winston Churchill spoke the words, "The reservist is twice the citizen," and he gave the highest honor to Reservists and Guardsmen who volunteer to serve

our nation with their military and civilian skills. By serving our nation as Reservists and Guardsmen there are unpredictable consequences. However, the professionalism and fortitude of Reservists and Guardsmen is that we don't know when, but war and natural disasters are expected, and we still serve. Although we know it will shake up every aspect of our personal and professional life, and we don't know when, we still serve. Winston Churchill said, "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." To my fellow Army Reservists and comrades in the National Guard, we salute you on Labor Day for being "Twice the Citizen."



Picture from a card sent from the United States by a 7-year-old child identified only as Alex. (see page 6)

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