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TF 1 AD unit representatives complete first-ever EO leaders' course



Students completing the Task Force 1st Armored Division's Equal Opportunity Leaders Course tackle the end of course examination. The weeklong course took place last week on Baghdad International Airport.

Story and photo by Spc. Jeannie Kinville, 1 AD PAO
Baghdad, Iraq -- The students were focused and ready for their final examination. This was the make or break point for soldiers from around Task Force 1st Armored Division participating in the first Equal Opportunity Leaders Course held at Baghdad International Airport.

All 29 students participating in the weeklong course were certified as Equal Opportunity Leaders in what was a "very demanding and extensive course in an already trying war zone," said Sgt 1st Class Lucia Cantu, an EO adviser with Task Force 1st AD and an instructor for the course.

"They all did so well on the exam," she said "I'm so proud of them."

"Our goal is to have EO representatives in each unit" said Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Pippen, Task Force 1st AD Senior EO adviser. "The best proactive step in implementing EO is through education."

He organized the course to ensure all Task Force units had an EOL representative.

Pippen enlisted the help of other EOA's throughout 1AD and from 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment to help teach the course.

"I had three soldiers in this class and I felt I should help 1AD instruct this," said Master Sgt. Tim Millsap, 3rd Brigade Combat Team EOA.

Pippen said getting the course together took coordination and permission from commanders for EOA's to leave their normal duties to come teach.

"The course is normally two weeks for a total of 80 training hours, but it was compressed into one week," said Millsap.

Students underwent various practical exercises, two quizzes, a presentation and a final exam before receiving their Certificate of Training for the EOLC.

EO is a commander's program and they select a noncommissioned officer as their representative for the EOLC to help with EO issues and training for the unit.

"Our main objective is to certify NCOs as EOL's to represent commanders," said Millsap. "They help commanders create a positive EO climate in their units. They are the EO subject matter experts in the unit."

These subject matters include issues on race, religion, gender, national origin and color, said Pippen.

"Without a doubt, the Army's greatest concept is its drive for diversity," said Pippen.

But with this comes the proper way for people to communicate without discrimination or harassment.

"The dynamics of EOLC is designed for people to put aside their attitudes, beliefs and values when dealing with others. We call it baggage," said Pippen.

Soldiers learn the basic roles of being an EOL such as where to find EO information, how to fulfill training requirements and conduct monthly reports, said Millsap.

"The best part was the facilitation portion, just watching them conduct classes at unit level," said Millsap.

The EOL is designed to handle issues at the lowest level possible, said Pippen.

Handling incidents at this level can help soldiers in situations that otherwise could turn into lengthy and trying grievances.

"A lot of incidents go unreported," said Sgt. Elondious D. Rose, a supply NCO assigned to Company E, 123rd Main Support Battalion. "I think now they will report them because I'm approachable and appeal to everybody."

Pippen emphasizes that no one should stay silent about complaints they have. Any incident that goes unreported can turn into a major problem later on.

"We need to focus on Army policies and not let incidents happen without reporting them," said Rose.

"When I talk to the students, they tell me EO is definitely needed in their units," Pippen said. "More so out here (during deployment) because we are around each other 24/7."

"I think it's a good position to have," said Rose. "I'll be able to help soldiers."

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News...

Jerusalem Bus Bomber Kills 10, Injures 50

JERUSALEM (AP) - A Palestinian suicide bomber detonated a bag of explosives on a crowded Jerusalem bus outside Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's residence Thursday, killing 10 passengers and wounding 50 bystanders in the deadliest attack in four months. The blast sent body parts flying into nearby houses. Shaken survivors crawled out of broken bus windows. A chunk of the bus' roof landed on top of a two-story building.

Israeli, Hezbollah Prisoner Swap Finished

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - A long-awaited prisoner swap between Israel and the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah was completed Thursday, with the arrivals of more than 24 Arabs in Beirut and an Israeli businessman and three soldiers' remains in Tel Aviv. Earlier, Israel freed more than 400 Palestinian prisoners to jubilant relatives waiting for them in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The welcoming crowd cheered and praised Hezbollah - Israeli's arch enemy and listed by the United States as a terror group.

Judge Postpones Stewart Witness Testimony

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal judge Thursday postponed the testimony of the government's star witness against Martha Stewart after defense attorneys accused prosecutors of withholding information about the circumstances of the stock sale at the heart of the case. The judge postponed the testimony after Richard Strassberg, the lawyer for broker Peter Bacanovic, said doubts were raised by a 2002 FBI statement given by Jeremiah Gutman, the former lawyer of Douglas Faneuil, the star witness.

Dean Skips Airing Ads in 7 Primary States

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Howard Dean will not air ads in any of the seven states holding elections next week. With his money and momentum depleted, Dean decided to save his ad money for the Feb. 7 elections in Michigan and Washington state and, 10 days later, the primary in Wisconsin.

New Rules: Telemarketers Must Display IDs

WASHINGTON (AP) - If you have Caller ID you'll now know when a telemarketer is trying to reach you. Federal Trade Commission regulations requiring telemarketing firms to identify themselves take effect Thursday.

Sports...

Super Bowl Serves As Worldwide Curiosity

By BOB BAUM, AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) -- The Chinese hadn't arrived yet, but dozens of other foreign journalists had already gathered for a party at the massive Galleria shopping mall, where a band called "Plastic Farm Animals" and several young ice skaters provided entertainment.

The Super Bowl, perhaps the most American of all sporting events, is a worldwide curiosity, chronicled by some 400 members of the international media gathered here this week. In the wee hours of Monday in Europe, and after daybreak in Asia, television sets will be tuned in for a live broadcast of the game.

"Not many people know what is going on on the field," said Akira Kuboshima, editor of Japan's American Football Magazine. "But still they can be excited to watch the battle between the teams."

Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme had two stints in Europe. The first time he was a backup to yet-to-be-famous Kurt Warner, who went on to lead St. Louis to the Super Bowl four years ago. The second time he helped Frankfurt win the World Bowl.

"I think we are just the most underdeveloped position in the game," Delhomme said. "That's why NFL Europe is important. You go over and play. You get game experience."

The NFL makes a concerted international marketing effort, with the "American Bowl" played every season in Japan and NFL Europe exposing the game to thousands on the continent.

Sunday's game will be beamed to a potential audience estimated by the NFL at 1 billion in 229 countries and territories. It will be broadcast in 21 languages, including Arabic, Cantonese, Icelandic, Russian, Serbian and Thai.

Fourteen television and radio stations from 10 countries will broadcast the game on-site including, for the first time, a crew from China. Philadelphia Eagles tight end Chad Lewis, who speaks fluent Mandarin, will be the color analyst.

Not that the NFL is taking the world by storm. "Football, outside the United States, is played with a round ball, covered with black and white squares, and kicked by players in shorts and high socks.

Many international sports fans find American football to be tedious, with all the stoppages in play interspersed by a few seconds of action.

"It's getting popular more and more, but not like baseball or sumo or soccer," said Hiroshi Ikezawa, associate editor of The Japan Times, attending his 11th Super Bowl. "Only a few people play it and a few watch it. They say it's too complicated, with too many rules."

Still, two Japanese television stations have 50 people apiece at the Super Bowl. Their live telecasts will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, Japanese time.

Even if the Super Bowl itself is confusing, or a bore, there still are entertainment perks like the pre-game festivities and the halftime extravaganza.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Character

Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, be without the strategy.

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	GOLDI : - THE STUFF OF DREAMS	TODAY		00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			AIR FORCE TV NEWS	00:30
01:00			MASTERPIECE THEATER: - OTHELLO		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NBA - NEW JERSEY NETS @ ORLANDO MAGIC	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: MARYLAND @ WAKE FOREST	ROCKET POWER : - FALL & RISE OF SAM	TELETUBBIES : - HANDY HANDS	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - TIM VISIBLE/ THAT OL' BLACK MAGIC	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - HOMER'S ODYSSEY	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	CNBC: THE NEWS	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - VANESSA'S NEW CLASS			04:30
05:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: FLORIDA STATE @ DUKE	CHARMED : - BABY'S FIRST DEMON	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30	NBA - SACRAMENTO KINGS @ SAN ANTONIO SPURS					05:30
06:00			THE X-FILES : - BEYOND THE SEA	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SAVAGE SEAS : - THE DEEP	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - CRUSH	CALILOU : - FOOD-A-LICIOUS	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	NFL LIVE			THE WEEKENDERS : - THE MOST DANGEROUS WEEKEND/CHARITY CASE		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	TELETUBBIES : - HANDY HANDS	IRON CHEF : - CHOCOLATE APPLE/SAKAI VS FUYUKO KONDO	AS TOLD BY GINGER	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		MY LIFE AS A TEENAGE ROBOT (TV-7): - IT CAME FROM NEXT DOOR/PEST CONTROL		10:30
11:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - FALL & RISE OF SAM	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - TIM VISIBLE/ THAT OL' BLACK MAGIC	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINAL		THE SIMPSONS : - HOMER'S ODYSSEY	ESPNEWS	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - VANESSA'S NEW CLASS	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			CHARMED : - BABY'S FIRST DEMON	THAT 70'S SHOW : - WHEN THE LEVEE BREAKS	MSNBC	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30				MEET MY FOLKS		13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	THE X-FILES : - BEYOND THE SEA			14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00	NHL - NY ISLANDERS @ BOSTON BRUINS	TODAY	SAVAGE SEAS : - THE DEEP	24 : - DAY 2: 11:00 P.M. - 12:00 MIDNIGHT	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			THE LIFE OF MAMMALS	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	CALILOU : - FOOD-A-LICIOUS	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - CRUSH		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		THE WEEKENDERS : - THE MOST DANGEROUS WEEKEND/CHARITY CASE		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	AS TOLD BY GINGER	IRON CHEF : - CHOCOLATE APPLE/SAKAI VS FUYUKO KONDO		THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		MY LIFE AS A TEENAGE ROBOT (TV-7): - IT CAME FROM NEXT DOOR/PEST CONTROL		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - FALL & RISE OF SAM	BIG DADDY		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - TIM VISIBLE/ THAT OL' BLACK MAGIC			19:30
20:00	INSIDE THE NFL	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - HOMER'S ODYSSEY		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - VANESSA'S NEW CLASS			20:30
20:45				THE MONEY PIT		20:45
21:00	SPORTSCENTER	THAT 70'S SHOW : - WHEN THE LEVEE BREAKS	CHARMED : - BABY'S FIRST DEMON		MSNBC	21:00
21:15						21:15
21:30		MEET MY FOLKS				21:30
22:00	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - MEN'S SEMIFINAL MATCH #2		THE X-FILES : - BEYOND THE SEA			22:00
22:30				CINEMA SECRETS : - EXPLOSIVE EFFECTS		22:30
23:00		24 : - DAY 2: 11:00 P.M. - 12:00 MIDNIGHT	SAVAGE SEAS : - THE DEEP	TODAY	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30					INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Jan. 30, 1968

Tet Offensive begins

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) -- At dawn on the first day of the Tet holiday truce, Viet Cong forces--supported by large numbers of North Vietnamese troops--launch the largest and best coordinated offensive of the war, driving into the center of South Vietnam's seven largest cities and attacking 30 provincial capitals from the Delta to the DMZ.

Among the cities taken during the first four days of the offensive were Hue, Dalat, Kontum, and Quang Tri; in the north, all five provincial capitals were overrun. At the same time, enemy forces shelled numerous Allied airfields and bases. In Saigon, a 19-man Viet Cong suicide squad seized the U.S. Embassy and held it for six hours until an assault force of U.S. paratroopers landed by helicopter on the building's roof and routed them. Nearly 1,000 Viet Cong were believed to have infiltrated Saigon, and it took a week of intense fighting by an estimated 11,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops to dislodge them.

By February 10, the offensive was largely crushed, but with heavy casualties on both sides. The former Imperial capital of Hue took almost a month of savage house-to-house combat to regain. Efforts to assess the offensive's impact began well before the fighting ended. On February 2, President Johnson announced that the Viet Cong had suffered complete military defeat. General Westmoreland echoed that appraisal four days later in a statement declaring that Allied forces had killed more enemy troops in the previous seven days than the United States had lost in the entire war.

Militarily, Tet was decidedly an Allied victory, but psychologically and politically, it was a disaster. The offensive was a crushing military defeat for the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese, but the size and scope of the communist attacks caught the American and South Vietnamese allies by surprise. The early reporting of a smashing communist victory went largely uncorrected in the media and led to a psychological victory for the communists. The heavy U.S. and South Vietnamese casualties incurred during the offensive, coupled with the disillusionment over the earlier overly optimistic reports of progress in the war, accelerated the growing disenchantment with President Johnson's conduct of the war. Johnson, frustrated with his inability to reach a solution in Vietnam, announced on March 31, 1968, that he would neither seek nor accept the nomination of his party for re-election.



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Ping Pong	1600
NCAA 2004	1800



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Competition

