

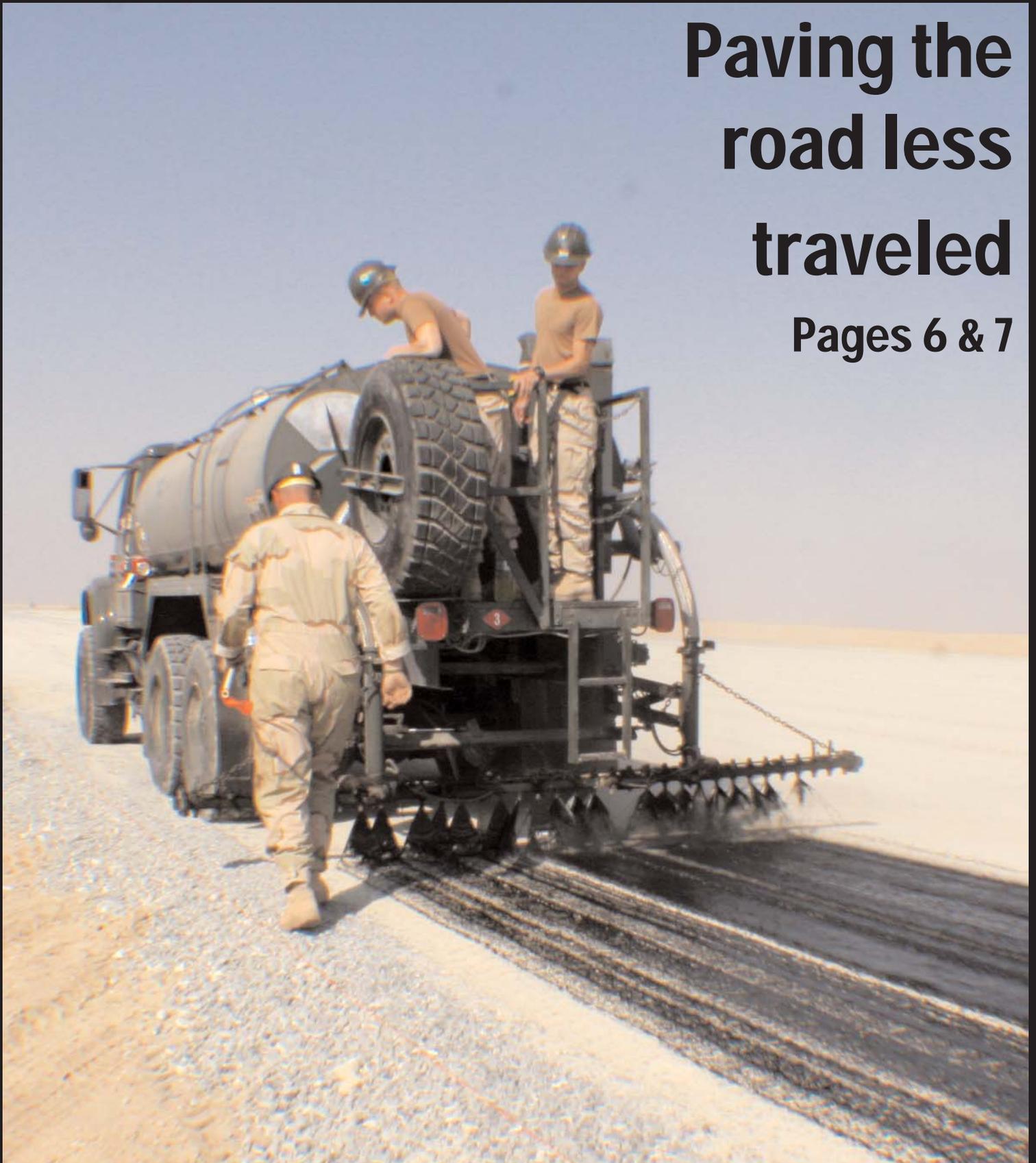
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Navy Seabees begin to pave a section of K-Crossing, which will become the new border for convoys entering and exiting Iraq.



Super teams are built on dedication, commitment

**Command Sgt. Maj.
Franklin G. Ashe**
Third U.S. Army/CFLCC/ARCENT
Command Sergeant Major

As most of you cheered for your favorite team in the Super Bowl, the Third Army team deserves to be cheered as it continues to do an outstanding job in Atlanta and in the Central Command area of responsibility.

Military and civilian personnel alike are going above and beyond as they carry out tasks in their respective fields.

Troops are remaining aware of their situation, incorporating safety into all aspects of what they do and paying attention to detail. As a result, we're on track to set a new record for the number of days that have gone by since our last negligent discharge. We also haven't had any tactical vehicle rollovers or accident-related fatalities in Kuwait this year.

Positive things like this don't happen by accident; they come

about because Soldiers and leaders are taking care of each other. Good things happen because we make them happen by looking out for our battle buddies and upholding the standards.

The results of our missions are nothing short of amazing. At any given time, Third Army is doing many big things, making a large impact and causing things to happen. I and the rest of the senior leadership notice and appreciate the effort put forth by our servicemembers on a daily basis to get the mission accomplished.

We need to bear in mind that this is a long-term war and to continue to be successful, we must stay focused and continue to take care of each other. It's a must that we keep operating as a team.

The military is a team-oriented organization and it requires all of us to work together to make things happen. The success of the military hinges on the drive

and dedication of the people that comprised it. It's not about weapons systems, tracking charts, radios or rifles. It's about the people who put all these things together to get the job done.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians who have lost their lives or have been wounded supporting the Global War on Terrorism remain a part of that team. We should remember their losses and acknowledge the sacrifices made by their families.

The troops who have passed on have not been lost in vain. They died supporting a cause and a team they believed in, and as part of that team we will honor their memories and their sacrifices by doing the right thing. Their spirit—the spirit of duty and determination, is with us as we push forward to accomplish our goals.

I want servicemembers to be proud of who they are and to take



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Franklin G. Ashe**

pride in their accomplishments in the military. It takes a great deal of discipline and fortitude to leave our loved ones behind to defend the ideals of our nation. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you. Continue to look out for each other and be safe as you accomplish the mission. **THIRD ... ALWAYS FIRST.**



Spc. Jonathan Montgomery

Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Division work as a team to clean vehicles at the Camp Arifjan washrack prior to redeploying.



Pfc. Joshua Ramey

Soldiers from 2nd BCT, 1st AD, prepare to enter and clear a room at the Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain training site.

Playing second string?

2nd BCT awaits call from bench

Spc. Michael R. Noggle
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

Awaiting call-up from Iraq, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, isn't wasting time sitting around at Camp Buehring.

With the possibility of being summoned at a moment's notice, the Germany-based unit continues to train and adapt to an environment to which they are not accustomed.

"It's a different environment here which makes it more realistic. This is the environment they can go into in Iraq," said Lt. Col. Richard Anderson, 2nd BCT, 1st AD, executive officer. "We get good training in Germany but this environment makes it more realistic for the Soldiers."

Currently, the unit is serving as a call-forward force to be sent to Iraq, Anderson explained. They could be called upon to deploy at any time, but in the meantime continue to train and prepare for Iraq.

"We've been out here training hard," said 1st Lt. Justin Philippi, Battery C, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery fire direction officer. "The Soldiers feel we've been pushing them too hard, but it's good, real-world training."

"The training has been more frequent than anywhere else," said Pfc. Anthony Smith, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn., 27th FA radio operator. "Other than this training, we've done some convoy live fire,

maintenance of vehicles and weapons ranges."

Prior to their arrival in Kuwait, Smith said he knew there would be a 50/50 chance on whether the unit would get into the fight.

"We weren't too sure as to what to expect," he said. "You have to come here with an open mind.... Right now we're on standby to go north; in the meantime we are here, doing what our mission calls for."

The Soldiers from Battery C are preparing for a battalion "Top Gun" competition in which units will compete in a field artillery contest in the future.

"The Top Gun determines the best in the battalion," Philippi said. "It consist of firing missions, uploading ammo, land navigation, written tests - things we use to evaluate the field artillery Soldiers."

Others within the brigade have been maintaining their Soldiering skills as well, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Jose A. Santos, 2nd BCT command sergeant major. Whether it's zeroing weapons, performing maintenance checks on vehicles or sitting in on military classes, the Soldiers are constantly on the move.

Since November, they have conducted training that would take other units close to a year to complete, he said. These Soldiers are ready to go to fight.

Santos said he remains optimistic there will be a mission for his brigade somewhere down the road.



Spc. Michael Noggle

A 2nd BCT howitzer awaits the word to fire at the Udairi Range.

"There's a possibility for anything," he said. "Today I can tell you we are not going anywhere and tomorrow might be a different story. We are ready for any course of action given to us."

While there is no word as to when the unit might see Iraq, Anderson tells his Soldiers to remain patient and feels as though there is a positive side to their deployment.

"Our unit being here has been a plus for the Iraqi theater operations," he said. "It shows that things are working.... The Iraqi security forces are taking over; they are doing what we envisioned them doing."

Running radar for servicemembers' safety

Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

Deployed servicemembers are usually concerned with safety regarding their weapon and being fired upon, but they should also be aware of vehicle safety.

"The bottom line is we're here to protect Soldiers and prevent injury and death due to traffic accidents," said Rick Ryan, provost marshal office, Base Support Battalion – North, provost marshal.

PMO began running radar on the outskirts of northern camps in late December to do this, Ryan said.

"We started after a large number of accidents and a couple fatalities," said Chief Petty Officer Doug Garner, Navy Law and Order Detachment operations chief. "We set up the traffic-enforcement plan to be out on the road and stop reckless driving."

The master of arms sailors set up with one vehicle shooting

radar and another farther up the road to stop those speeding. The first vehicle radios back with the speed and description of the speeding vehicle and the driver.

Having two vehicles serves two purposes: it allows the MAs to distinguish troops from Kuwaitis and it prevents a pursuit.

"Pursuit on these roads can be dangerous," Ryan said.

PMO is not just worried about MPs safety on the roads but are running radar for the safety of servicemembers.

"A lot of times people don't realize the safety issues because they're in the desert," said Petty Officer 1st Class Debra Miller, Law and Order Detachment patrol officer. "After we stop them, they realize there are safety issues in the desert, like there are on normal roads."

The conditions of the roads are another concern for driving recklessly.

"The roads outside base are not made for excessive speed,"



Spc. Debralee Crankshaw

Petty Officer 3rd Class Sean Chaney, Law and Order Det. patrolman, checks the speed of a passing vehicle by using a radar.

Garner said. "They're dirt roads cut out in the desert. People test their limits, and that's where we have accidents."

Garner went on to explain that the roads change daily because of the weather, people making their own paths and lack of clearly defined roads, which also causes safety hazards.

"Because of the roads and excessive speed, people get into single-car accidents that can be fatal and catastrophic," Ryan said.

Safety is the priority for the PMO, Garner and Ryan agreed. "We're not here to slam any-

one," Garner said. "We're looking for voluntary compliance to make sure everyone gets from point A to point B without anyone hurt or damage to government property."

PMO said that accidents and citations have decreased since they began the radar off base.

"I like to attribute it to people knowing we're out there," Ryan said. "We're trying to get voluntary compliance to follow the speed limit and, for the most part, we're seeing that."

"That doesn't mean we're coming back in," he added. "We're out there to stay."

Japan contingent rotates troops throughout theater

Spc. Janine Coogler
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

With more than 500 troops in Iraq, the Japanese contingent continues to make its mark with its non-combat humanitarian and reconstruction missions in Iraq as the 9th Support Group replaces the 8th Support Group.

The Japanese contingent's mission is to help rebuild infrastructure, purify water and provide medical relief, said Japanese

Capt. Takahiro Kawaguchi, Japanese 9th Support Group liaison officer.

Leaving Japan after being an artillery school instructor, Kawaguchi was given the task of maintaining the needs of all Japanese troops deploying and redeploying to and from Iraq, as well as assisting the Japanese embassy with diplomatic visits and higher-ranking officers.

Like the other soldiers in the 9th Support Group, Kawaguchi had the opportunity to work with some of the 8th Support Group

soldiers to learn the responsibilities of his job.

"I received the proper guidance of how to submit the proper paperwork and get permission to get into Army facilities," he said.

Before returning home, the 8th Support Group was honored with a farewell dinner Jan. 28 to congratulate its soldiers for a job well done.

During the dinner, Japanese soldiers were able to meet their ambassador and take several pictures with him.

Japanese Capt. Takahiro Kawaguchi The soldiers worked hard for six months making their contribution to the humanitarian aide in Iraq, Kawaguchi said.

The Japanese troops have built main roads, hospitals, public facilities and water supply facilities.

Although Japan does not need any extra training in Kuwait, its liaison officer must coordinate with Task Force Gator country officers so rotating troops have transportation and tents while in Kuwait.

Maj. Greg Willingham, TF Gator country

officer, traveled to the Japanese area of responsibility several times to meet with the leaders and find out any way TF Gator could assist the Japanese contingent.

"We work together to complete all the background work to make sure operations have what they need to transport equipment, provide quarters for troops and accomplish missions," Willingham said.

Because the Japanese contingent has a liaison officer in Kuwait, Willingham said it makes his job less stressful.

"They pretty much take care of everything, and I just help point them in the correct direction to achieve their goals," Willingham explained.

In an effort to help stabilize Iraq, the 9th Support Group headed to Iraq prepared to complete humanitarian and reconstruction missions.

Kawaguchi said he is proud to have the opportunity to help the Japanese contingent receive proper equipment, transportation and anything else needed to complete missions.

He added, "We believe the Iraq reconstruction will be a success."

Next stop: Iraq



Joint-service project paves way for warfighter

Spc. Robert Adams
Assistant Editor

What do you get when you ask Air Force designers, Army engineers and Navy Seabees to build a new border crossing into Iraq?

A 2.5 million square foot movement-control facility.

Also serving as a convoy security checkpoint, the facility will create a faster and safer route into the heart of the fight.

Once completed, the \$16.5 million Khabari Alawazem Crossing project, nicknamed K-Crossing, will replace the current military border crossing at Camp Navistar and will make the U.S. presence in Kuwait less visible.

Onsite Army and Navy units work side-by-side, sharing equipment and providing a different engineer aspect to the construction process.

The K-Crossing project began in October 2005 when the 844th Engineer Battalion and 63rd Engineer Company began clearing desert and building the surrounding berms.

"It's amazing that you can take the desert and turn it into a rest stop for Soldiers heading north into Iraq," said Seaman Richard Martin, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-3 builder.

Arriving in Kuwait after spending 45 days in Egypt supporting Operation Bright Star, 1st Platoon, 63rd Eng. Co. Soldiers took over all earth-moving work from the 844th Eng. Bn., which redeployed in November.

Their primary mission at K-Crossing deals with horizontal earthwork to include leveling, grading and excavating.

They are also cross-training on asphalt work with the Navy Seabees.

After a month on site, the 63rd Eng. Co. welcomed active-



Spc. Robert Adams

(Left to right) Petty Officer 2nd Class Jared Rutt and Seaman Richard Martin, NMCB-3 builders, float a concrete pad at K-Crossing Jan. 30.

duty Seabees from NMCB-3 and reserve Seabees from NMCB-21 to the K-Crossing project in November.

The Seabees' major activities include surveying, fine grading, pavement, conduit installation and concrete placement.

"Prior to the K-Crossing project, NMCB-3 was conducting convoy and construction missions in Iraq so we tapped into that recent experience," said Navy Lt. j.g. Sean Donohue, NMCB-3 Detachment Buehring operations officer, whose detachment has overall responsibility for the K-Crossing project.

NMCB-21, which is attached to NMCB-3, is comprised of construction trades journeymen, some with more than 20 years of union, industry and military construction experience.

"This project has a broader knowledge base than most projects you will find anywhere in military or private sector,"

Donohue added.

Though there have been cultural differences between the two services, each has had the opportunity to learn a lot from each other.

"The key is to not ignore those differences, but rather maximize what each entity brings to the table," Donohue said.

"The 63rd Eng. Co. worked in northern Kuwait several years ago and some of its noncommissioned officers know the soils and materials around here better than anyone," Donohue said. "Mission after mission, they get the job done and done right... I have come to rely on them heavily."

Since there are a variety of construction aspects to the project, many Soldiers and Seabees have gotten the chance to cross-train and learn from their leaders and fellow servicemembers.

"My Soldiers have all had the chance to use and become effi-



Spc. Robert Adams

Petty Officer 3rd Class Daurell Winchester, NMCB-3 utilitiesman, directs concrete mix over a metal grid Jan. 30.

cient on every piece of equipment here," said 1st Lt. Toby McIntire, 63rd Eng. Co., 1st pla-



Navy Chief David Barrett

Petty Officer 3rd Class Sanjay Prakash, NMCB-3 steel worker, ties together metal grating which is used to support a concrete pad.



Spc. Robert Adams

A bird's-eye view of K-Crossing shows equipment and completed road work at the project site Jan. 16.

toon leader. "Most Soldiers won't have the opportunity to do this, especially on a large-scale project."

"This is the first chance to enhance my operating skills. I get to come out and get on equipment every day," said Pfc. Kyle Flegel, 63rd Eng. Co. heavy equipment operator.

One Seabee said he has learned a great deal from his crew leader during this project.

"He has taught me everything from grading, sloping, form

working and leveling," Martin said. "On future projects I will be able to build small concrete pads and it will help out with my dream of building my own house."

The project leaders also understand the importance of getting the project done on time and to standard.

The Seabees have quality assurance specialists who perform daily quality control checks and safety reports.

In addition, Navy, Army and



Spc. Robert Adams

Spc. Carl Price, 63rd Eng. Co. crane operator, levels dirt with a bulldozer on the southbound side of the project Jan. 30.

Air Force engineer leaders hold weekly progress report meetings alongside Army Corps of Engineer representatives and civilian contractors working on the project. During these meetings they discuss and make field decisions.

"Though most of us would like to be fighting up north, we know that the best way to contribute to the war is right here at K-Crossing," said Petty Officer

1st Class Douglas Jumper, NMCB-21 equipment operator. "Troops have worked late at times to get the job done, without complaint, because they understand the importance of this project."

"Hopefully this will set the precedence of how business is done in the future," Jumper added. "K-Crossing will be a prototype for future border-crossing projects around the region."

First-line defense

Infantry unit keeps Victory secure

Spc. Robert Adams

Assistant Editor

Protecting Camp Victory is a large task, especially during the surge when an increase of redeploying troops is filtering through.

The job of protecting Victory, which can house approximately 17,500 troops during the surge, is held by Company B, 2nd Battalion, 128th Infantry Regiment, from Hartford and Oconomowoc, Wis.

Their security responsibilities include the entry control point, a roving patrol around the camp perimeter and a quick-reaction force.

At the ECP 2/128th Inf. Soldiers check identification, check lists and badges of every person entering or exiting the camp as well as conduct a thorough vehicle inspection.

They are searching for alcohol and drugs, potential weapons, other contraband and anything out of the ordinary.

Due to the threat of a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device Soldiers perform a thorough search of the inside and undercarriage of the vehicle checking for anything that looks suspicious.

"Nothing has gotten through since we have been here," said Pfc. Robert Formolo,

2/128 Inf. rifleman.

"Soldiers inside can feel safe," he said.

The Soldiers and their leadership aren't going to take any chances and are continuously training and changing their search tactics and procedures.

"We cross-train Soldiers on how to run every function of the inspection process," said Staff Sgt. Ricardo Buckley, 2/128th Inf. squad leader.

"I remind them to stay alert on a regular basis and we do battle drills once a week so no one gets too complacent," he said.

"I also rotate my Soldiers between the different jobs and change the way we perform tasks," Buckley added.

Soldiers also rotate out on roving patrols around Victory's perimeter.

The patrols look for suspicious vehicles, people and items outside of camp.

In addition the camp has towers observing roads and provides the first-line defense.

The camp's entrance road is designed so the towers can watch approaching vehicles for an extended period of time.

That way if anything happens no one will get hurt.

"If we slack on our job then we are letting our fellow Soldiers down," Formolo said.



Spc. Robert Adams

Spc. Joel Schneider, 2/128th Inf. saw-gunner, checks the undercarriage of a van for wires, obstruction or anything unusual.

Golden junk found

(Left) Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

(Right) Sgt. Jonathan M. Stack

The U.S. Army helped out the Kuwaitis by moving a junked tug-boat that was found to the shore. Once it was moved the Kuwaitis planned on using the tug-boat for scrap metal.



Brazilian jujitsu grabs hold of troops

Spc. Janine Coogler
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

In a scene similar to Basic Combat Training Army combative training class, servicemembers clinch their arms around their opponent's neck, slowing the flow of blood to the head.

Alternating playing the submissive opponent, more than 15 servicemembers took turns throwing, choking and mounting each other during a Brazilian jujitsu class Jan. 31 at the Zone 6 gym.

The Camp Arifjan Combat Jujitsu Club offers classes three times a week and incorporates a variety of martial arts. This hybrid form of martial arts mixes Brazilian jujitsu, elements of Judo, Muay Thai kickboxing, wrestling and U.S. Army combative training.

Although the club combines martial art forms, its main focus is Brazilian jujitsu, said Peter Quinones, the club's training assistant.

Brazilian jujitsu consists of three forms: sport, self-defense and vale tudo. In sport jujitsu students practice with rules favorable for competition. Self-defense jujitsu focuses on movements which will help a person get out of submission. Vale tudo, which is Portuguese for "everything goes," is a full-contact competition with limited rules.

The club's instructors focus their teaching on sport and self-defense jujitsu.

Keita Lyles, a club member, said she joined the club to put variety in her fitness schedule, learn new techniques and have some fun.

"I'm a rookie when it comes to all this, but back in Germany I took a few classes so I know a little of the basic concepts," Lyles explained.

The club members' skill levels vary, said Josenel Soto-Merced, training assistant.

Charlie Litchfield, a club member as well as an amateur martial artist, studies mixed martial arts, which incorporates stand-up fighting, kickboxing and ground game.

Litchfield said he appreciates being able to work on his ground game during his deployment.

"I was surprised to find out they offered this here," Litchfield said. "I sent for my equipment and have been coming to the classes since November."

From beginner to experienced fighters, the club finds ways to satisfy the needs of all its members, Quinones said.

Although there are experienced fighters in



Spc. Janine Coogler

During a jujitsu demonstration, Jason Eggleston positions his body in preparation to get out of submission position and mount his opponent, Peter Quinones.

the club the beginners do not feel left out.

The trainers take their time to teach the fundamentals such as the basic-choke and mount moves to the newcomers.

"I show the group different techniques to react in submission fighting," said Staff Sgt. Jason Eggleston, the club's instructor.

During instruction of mounting, Eggleston teaches club members how to get out of the submission

position from underneath the opponent. Step by step, he slowly explains and provides a visual demonstration for the members to watch.

"Each step is critical in positioning the opponent; it is not about strength, it's about leverage," he explained to the class.

Students are taught to redirect the attacker's force and use it to their advantage instead of resisting and struggling against the attack.

After several practices of different mounting techniques, Eggleston began instructing different techniques of choking.

Brazilian jujitsu has two types of chokes: blood and air. The blood choke, also known as the sleeper, slows down the flow of blood to the opponents head causing the opponent to pass out.

The air choke is a type of asphyxiation to the opponent.

During the class, safety is extremely important. Tapping is the universal signal to stop the jujitsu move. In addition to the tapping, members are asked to practice self and opponent awareness.

"Everyone knows their limits, so we tell them to tap out once they feel faint, don't try to see how long they can hold it," Soto-Merced said.

"And the person performing the technique should stop once submission is achieved, and not try to overdo the move," he said.

Club members are required to execute techniques in a slow, controlled manner. The proper form of movements is the main focus rather than the speed.

At the end of every class, club members are able to apply their lessons during six-minute sparring sessions.

"This is different because they are fighting unwilling partners," Eggleston explained. "Submission over the opponent is not a given."

Although the club can't award belts to participants, the practice will help, Quinones explained. If members decide to go to a jujitsu school when they return home, they will be more advanced than other students.

He added, "The club provides servicemembers with an opportunity to enjoy martial arts in a relaxed atmosphere, learn new techniques and have fun."

"Each step is critical in positioning the opponent, it is not about strength, it's about leverage."

Staff Sgt. Jason Eggleston

teaches club members how to get out of the submission

Army shares knowledge with Kuwait National Guard

Capt. Alejandro Gonzales
CFLCC Surgeon

As the sounds of gunfire bel-
lowed through the outdoor pavil-
ion, the senior medic called out
to his security element, "Prepare
to move the patient!"

The transporting of patients to
the casualty collection point by
the Kuwait National Guardsmen
marked the culminating events of
the four-day medical training
exercise.

The 343rd Ground Ambulance
Company, 1st Medical Brigade
took on the role of teaching the
Tactical Combat Casualty Care
Course to the Kuwait National
Guard Medical Company Dec.
11. This evolution of training,
which started Jan. 22, marked the
second of several rotations that
will be conducted in the coming
months.

Bob Pilipick, a retired infantry
lieutenant colonel and Combat
Service Support Command train-
ing consultant for the Kuwait
National Guard Division Support
Command, expressed an interest
in exchanging medical tech-
niques and procedures with the
United States Army on Oct. 16.
The Soldiers of the 343rd were
ready for the task.

In support of the Coalition

Forces Land Component
Command commander's intent to
strengthen the U.S. and Kuwaiti
relationship, the CFLCC Surgeon
section teamed up with the 343rd
to instruct the Kuwait medical
company personnel on advanced
medical techniques.

"This was a fantastic opportu-
nity to showcase the U.S. Army's
medical skill sets to our host
nation as well as establish a base-
line for a long-lasting relation-
ship with the Kuwaitis" said,
Capt. Miguel A. Marcos, 343rd
commander.

Current combat operations
required the Department of
Defense to establish mission-spe-
cific combat casualty care
requirements. These requirements
necessitated the implementation
of new and innovative casualty
response training methodologies
and equipment to aggressively
decrease preventable combat
death at the point of wounding.
These are the tenets taught to the
Kuwait National Guardsmen.
The students have different med-
ical specialties that range from
registered nurses to licensed
emergency medical technicians.

During the course the students
were given a day and a half of
instruction, which covers patient
assessment, care under fire, tacti-



Capt. Alejandro Gonzales

During the TC3 Course, Sgt. David Mijares coaches two Kuwaiti National Guard students on the proper placement of a tourniquet.

cal field care and combat evacua-
tion care techniques.

"One of the key themes we try
to stress to the student is that the
medic is a combat multiplier and
they need to destroy the enemy
before they move from care
under fire to tactical field care,"
said Sgt. Leonardo Mijares,
343rd instructor.

In the late morning on the sec-
ond day, the students conducted
practical exercises covering the
topics taught in the classroom
and went through scenario-based
lane training on the third day.

"We try to make things as
realistic as possible for the stu-
dents," said Staff Sgt. David M.
Crowley, 343rd instructor. "We
attempt to stress the students by
making it as real as possible and

we use recordings of gunfire and
multiple patients with multiple
wounds to meet this objective."

On the third day, the students
and instructors spent approxi-
mately two hours conducting an
information exchange about local
customs that deal specifically
with patients, military tactics and
advanced medical techniques and
procedures. On the fourth day
the instructors and students held
a small congratulatory ceremony.

CFLCC, along with its
assigned units, will continue to
support Kuwaiti requests for
assistance when it can to aid in
maintaining a unified relationship
with our host. Currently the
343rd is planning to teach four
more Tactical Combat Casualty
Care training rotations.

Lookin' good

Spc. Jonathan Montgomery

Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter
inspects more than 20 Sailors of the
Quarter Jan. 27 at Army Logistical Support
Area. Winter is the 74th secretary of the
Navy, sworn into office on Jan. 3. Winter
leads America's Navy and Marine Corps
team and is responsible for an annual
budget in excess of \$125 billion and almost
900,000 people.



Community

happenings for Feb. 8 through Feb. 15

Arifjan

Wednesday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center

Winter basketball league, through February 28

Thursday

Country Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Ballroom dance class, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Brazilian jujitsu, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

Friday

Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Saturday

Black History Jazz Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Basketball tournament, 3 vs. 3, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

Texas Hold 'em tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center

Hip-Hop, 7 p.m., Zone 1 food court

Brazilian jujitsu, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

Sunday

Old School/Reggae/Carribbean Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage

Monday

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Brazilian jujitsu, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

Tuesday

Ballroom dance class, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Wednesday

Country Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage

For more information call

Buehring

430-1205/1302

Wednesday

Halo tournament, 7 p.m., Palms

Weekly fun run, 10-k, 5:30 p.m., Hole-in-One Donut

Thursday

Pingpong tournament, 7 p.m., Events tent

Friday

Aerobics class, 7 p.m., Aerobics tent

Karaoke Night, 8 p.m., MWR stage

Saturday

Valentine's Dance, 9 p.m., Events tent

Sunday

Bingo, 7 p.m., Events tent

Monday

Hearts tournament, 7 p.m., Oasis

Aerobics class, 7 p.m., Aerobics tent

Tuesday

Aerobics class, 7 p.m., Aerobics tent

Coffee House, 8 p.m., Oasis

Wednesday

Texas Hold 'em tournament, 7 p.m., Oasis

Weekly fun run, 7.5 k, 5:30 p.m., Hole-in-One Donut

For more information call

Kuwait Naval Base

828-1340

Wednesday

Spades Double tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Thursday

Latin Dance Night, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Recreation Center

Friday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., MWR stage

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Recreation Center

Saturday

Yoga, 6 a.m., Aerobics Room

Tae Kwon Do, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room

Foosball Doubles tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Recreation Center

Sunday

Volleyball tournament, 6 vs. 6, noon,

Volleyball court

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Recreation Center

Monday

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Recreation Center

Tuesday

Latin Dance Night, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Recreation Center

Wednesday

Checkers tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

For more information call

Navistar

839-1063

Spearhead/SPOD

For information call 844-1137

Victory

For information call 825-1302

Wednesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., MWR dayroom

Black History art contest begins

1,000-pound Club contest, 3 p.m., Gym

Thursday

Volleyball tournament, 4 vs. 4, 3 p.m., MWR courts

Classic Rock and Country Night, 7 p.m., MFT

Friday

Texas Hold 'em tournament, 6 p.m., MWR dayroom

Flashback Fridays Dance, 9 p.m., MFT

Saturday

Kuwait City Tour, 8 a.m., Scientific Center and Kuwaiti Towers

Hip-Hop and R&B Night, 8:30 p.m., MFT

Sunday

Kuwait City Tour, 8 a.m., Al Kout Mall

Lincoln's Birthday four-mile relay, 3 p.m.,

Command Cell TOC

Monday

Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., MWR dayroom

Spades tournament, 6 p.m., MWR dayroom

Tuesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., MWR dayroom

Valentine's Day one-mile race, 3 p.m.,

Command Cell TOC

Wednesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., MWR dayroom

Black History art contest judging, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., MWR dayroom

Virginia

For more information call

823-1033

Wednesday

Uno Night, 7 p.m., Community Center

Thursday

Pool, 8-ball, 7 p.m., Community Center

Friday

Backgammon, 7 p.m., Community Center

Saturday

Flag football, 7 vs. 7, 5 p.m., Football field

Sunday

Old-school Jams, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

Monday

Checkers, 7 p.m., Community Center

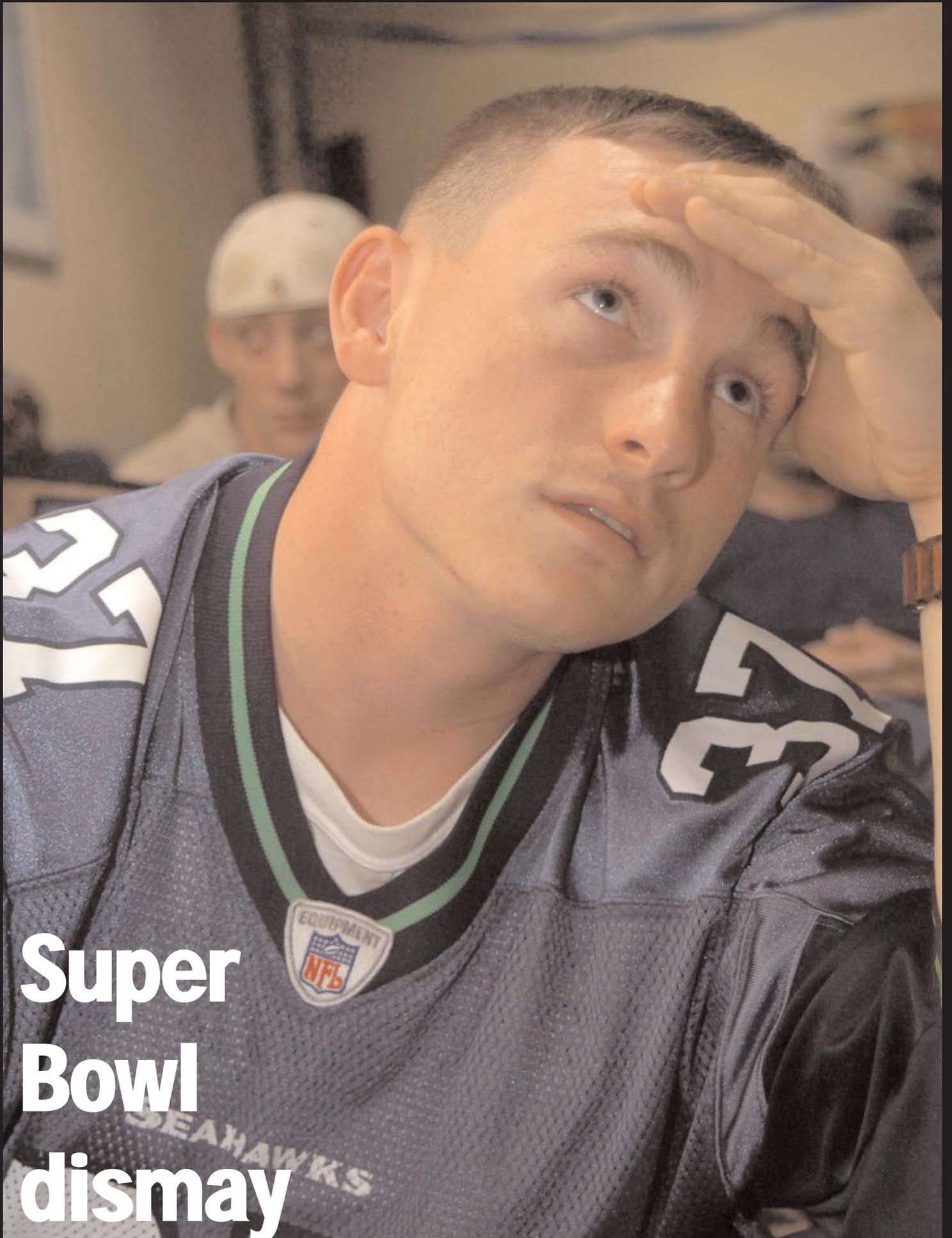
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Valentine's Day 5-k run, 4 p.m., Dusty Room

Bingo, 7 p.m., Community Center

Wednesday

Country Night, 8 p.m., Dusty Room



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