

## 4-27 FA MOUTs up for continued missions in Iraq

Story and photos by Spc. Jeanine Kinville 1AD PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq--- Soldiers in Battery C, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, have been making Baghdad safer by patrolling the streets and conducting raids for the past year.

However the battalion, headquartered at Baghdad International Airport, is now preparing for a new mission.

"This new mission is completely different," said 1st Lt. Eric Hallgren, a platoon leader with C, 4-27 FA. "We will be patrolling areas to catch people putting (improvised explosive devices) on the roads. These roads include main and alternate supply routes that Soldiers and civilians frequently use."

Leaders within the battery have started military operations in urban terrain training to teach their Soldiers on patrolling and raiding techniques by conducting mock cordon and search operations.

"We keep training to become better Soldiers," said Hallgren. "We put the Soldiers in different scenarios to better



**Spc. Matthew Ninteman, Staff Sgt. Raymond Young and Spc. James Sword get ready to raid a house during a recent training exercise with C Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment.**

prepare ourselves for the real battle. You never know what's going to happen when you go out."

The artillery Soldiers have been conducting this training nightly for the several weeks.

"Repetition is the key to confidence," said Hallgren. "As we do things more often, we can train new Soldiers and retrain other Soldiers. Training establishes confidence in yourself and your fellow battle buddy."

When the platoon is in an assigned sector, they conduct patrols in the area. The battalion assigns targets based on information obtained from several sources including local Iraqis who want to help build a safer and more secure community.

"Our primary targets are 'fundlers' of attacks on Americans and Coalition forces," said Hallgren.

When Soldiers prepare to dismount to begin a cordon and search operation, radio communications keeps them in touch with their platoon leader while he and another team secure the perimeter.

"I monitor the radio and all communications," said Spc. Robert Scott, a cannon crewmember with C, 4-27 FA. "I call up situational reports to the

commander in situations like enemy attacks, casualties, and loss of positions."

Once squads are in position, they dismount to begin the cordon and search.

"We set up security around the first house while the search team clears the house," said Spc. Michael Powell, a cannon crewmember, of one training exercise. "My team's mission is going into the training village to get the target."

When a target is detained, he is searched for contraband which could include weapons, Saddam Hussein paraphernalia, IED-building supplies and rocket-propelled grenades. The contraband is then turned over to military police.

"Every illegal weapon we find is one less casualty of an American Soldier or Iraqi," said Hallgren.

With this training, Hallgren is very confident his troops will be ready for the missions ahead of them.

"I have the utmost confidence that when I go out, I can depend on the guy to my left and my right," said Hallgren. "No matter when happens, the mission will always get accomplished."



**Staff Sgt. Timothy Goldstein, a section chief in C Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, detains an "opposing force" during a mock raid at a training site on Baghdad International Airport.**

**Quote of the Day...**

*"No man can think clearly when his fists are clenched."*

**George Jean Nathan**

**Chaplain's Thought for the Day...**

**A Bit of Humor goes a Long Way**

Left on a sinking ship were the captain and three sailors. The captain spoke first. "Men, this business about a captain going down with his ship is nonsense. There's a three-man life raft on board and I'm going to be on it. To see who will come with me, I will ask you each one question.

The one who can't answer will stay behind. Here's the first question: What unsinkable ship went down when it hit an iceberg?" The first sailor answered, "The Titanic, sir." "On to the next question: How many people perished?" The second sailor said, "One thousand five hundred and seventeen, sir." "Now for the third question," and the captain turned to sailor number three. "What were their names?"

Steve Templeton in Woodmen of the World Magazine.

**Today in History...**

**1862: Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks), Virginia**

Confederate forces strike Union troops in the Peninsular campaign. During May 1862, the Army of the Potomac, under the command of George B. McClellan, slowly advanced up the James Peninsula after sailing down the Chesapeake Bay by boat. Confederate commander Joseph Johnston had been cautiously backing his troops up the peninsula in the face of the larger Union force, giving ground until he was in the Richmond perimeter. When the Rebels had backed up to the capital, Johnston sought an opportunity to attack McClellan and halt his advance.

That chance came when McClellan's forces were straddling the Chickahominy River. The swampy ground around the river was difficult to maneuver, and the river was now a raging torrent from the spring rains. A major storm on May 31 threatened to cut the only bridge links between the two wings of the Union army.

Johnston attacked one of McClellan's corps south of the river in a promising assault. The plan called for three divisions to hammer the Federal corps from three sides, but the inexperienced Confederates were delayed and confused. By the time the attack came, McClellan had time to muster reinforcements and drive the Rebels back.

The battle had two important consequences. McClellan was horrified by the sight of his dead and wounded soldiers, and became much more cautious and timid in battle—actions that would eventually doom the campaign. And since Johnston was wounded during the battle's first day, Robert E. Lee replaced him.

**Oddly Enough...**

**Man Charged With Eating Bogus Check**

BARTLETT, N.H. (AP) - A man suspected of trying to cash a bogus check ate the evidence as Bartlett police officers moved in, and they suspect he's been victimizing people all over the state.

Howard Felch of Manchester, 40, is accused of trying to cash stolen checks at three banks on Tuesday. At the third, officers were waiting, but say he ate a check and deposit slip when he realized he had been spotted. Police say they found a second check on Felch.

He's charged with identity fraud, attempted theft and destruction of evidence for eating the check and deposit slip. Meanwhile, Felch was arraigned Thursday in Manchester on 10 charges of theft and forgery for allegedly cashing bogus checks there.



# For your Information...



## Memorial Day MWR Event Timeline

31 MAY 04

0600-0700 5K RUN (IN FRONT OF 4<sup>TH</sup> BDE HANGAR)  
0700-0800 MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER BREAKFAST AT BOB HOPE DFAC  
0900-UTC 4 ON 4 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT (CIRCUS TENT AREA)  
0900-1700 BAZAAR W/ VENDORS AT MWR CARDIO TENT  
1000-UTC HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT (CIRCUS TENT AREA)  
1100-UTC 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (CIRCUS TENT)  
1130-1500 1AD BAND PERFORMANCE (CIRCUS TENT)  
1130-1830 DJ (CIRCUS TENT)  
1130-1400 BBQ OUTSIDE BOB HOPE DFAC  
1200-2200 "IRON SOLDIER" MOVIE MARATHON (MWR REC TENT)  
1200-1400 PING PONG TOURNAMENT (MWR REC TENT)  
1400-1600 POOL TOURNAMENT (MWR REC TENT)  
1600-1830 BBQ OUTSIDE BOB HOPE DFAC  
1600-1800 SPADES TOURNAMENT (MWR REC TENT)  
1800-2000 PLAYSTATION 2 TOURNAMENT (MWR REC TENT)  
2000-2100 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY (4TH BDE, HANGAR #1)  
2000-2200 FOOSBALL TOURNAMENT (MWR REC TENT)



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The following are upcoming Presidential and State Primaries:

**May:** Indiana, North Carolina, Nebraska, West Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Idaho

**June:** Alabama, New Mexico, South Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Carolina, Virginia, Utah

**July:** Georgia, Oklahoma

**August:** Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Colorado, Connecticut, Wyoming, Alaska, Florida

**September:** Guam, Arizona, Nevada, Delaware, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Hawaii, Louisiana

**November:** American Samoa, **2004 GENERAL ELECTION (NOVEMBER 2)**

\*\*Unit VAO's can direct questions to the Division VAO, CPT Morgan, at DNVT 551-0311\*\*

## 1AD campaigning for Iron Soldiers to help their own

**Story by Sgt. Christopher Stanis, 1AD PAO**  
BAGHDAD, Iraq – Task Force 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division is running an Army Emergency Relief campaign through June 25 to heighten Soldiers' awareness of the program.

Through the donations this private nonprofit organization provides assistance to active duty Soldiers, retirees and family members.

"This is the Army's own organization that's sole mission is to help soldiers and their dependents," said Capt. Allison Morgan, TF

1AD AER campaign manager. "It provides assistance ... in emergency or hardship situations."

AER provides assistance for food, rent or utilities; emergency transportation and vehicle repair; funeral expenses; medical and dental expenses; and personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen; as well as gives undergraduate-level education scholarships, based

primarily on financial need, to children of soldiers.

Though units around the Army only hold one campaign a year, Soldiers can make donations at any time, noted Morgan.

The goal with the task force's campaign is 100 percent contact – meaning every soldier is given the opportunity to donate. This is done through unit and section campaign representatives.

Soldiers can donate via cash check or allotment with a minimum donation of one dollar, and 97 cents out of every dollar goes to the funds.

"You don't have to be a contributor to take advantage of the assistance," Morgan said, adding, "(But) even if you never need it you're still helping other Soldiers."

For more information on AER, Soldiers can contact their unit representatives, reference the program's Army Regulation 930-4, or go to [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).



myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: MONDAY, MAY 31, 2004				As of: Sunday, May 30, 2004 6:26:09 PM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00				ESPNEWS	TIM RUSSERT	0:00
0:30				ESPNEWS		0:30
1:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - TIGER BY THE TAIL	SESAME STREET	FOX REPORT	1:00
1:30		SEINFELD (TV14): - THE CIGAR STORE INDIAN	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - FOOLS IN APRIL / NEPTUNE'S SPATULA			1:30
2:00		NBA - PLAYOFFS - EASTERN CONF. FINALS GM 5: DETROIT PISTONS @ INDIANA PACERS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART'S INNER CHILD	DORA THE EXPLORER (TVY): - MEET DIEGO	THIS WEEK	2:00
2:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - ALL THE WAY	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		2:30
3:00			JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	48 HOURS	3:00
4:00	ESPNEWS			THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	60 MINUTES	4:00
4:30	SPORTSCENTER	AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - THERE'S NO DISGRACE LIKE HOME			4:30
5:00		MEET THE PRESS	MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - ROCK CRAWLER	HEADLINE NEWS	CNN PRESENTS	5:00
5:30				JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		5:30
6:00	NBA FASTBREAK	HEADLINE NEWS	THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - MARKED FOR DEATH	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	6:00
6:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		6:25
6:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	ESPNEWS				6:30
7:00		SESAME STREET	BULLETS OVER BROADWAY		CNN SUNDAY NIGHT	7:00
7:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		7:13
7:30	SPORTSCENTER					7:30
8:00		DORA THE EXPLORER (TVY): - MEET DIEGO		LILO & STITCH: THE ANIMATED SERIES (TVG): - ELASTICO	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	8:00
8:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TVY7): - WEREGARURUMON'S DINER		8:30
9:00	CHAMPIONS TOUR - SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: FINAL ROUND	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - TIGER BY THE TAIL	I SPY (TVY): - A MUMBLE MONSTER MYSTERY/CECE'S SPECIAL SCRAP BOOK	BELTWAY BOYS	9:00
9:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - FOOLS IN APRIL / NEPTUNE'S SPATULA	EVEN STEVENS (TVG): - DEVIL MOUNTAIN	FOX NEWS WATCH	9:30
9:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				9:46
10:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART'S INNER CHILD	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	BULLS & BEARS	10:00
10:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - ALL THE WAY	HEADLINE NEWS	CAVUTO ON BUSINESS	10:30
10:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				10:35
11:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT		15TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT	ESPNEWS	60 MINUTES	11:00
11:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				11:17
11:30				PACIFIC REPORT		11:30
12:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS		PEARL HARBOR	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	12:00
12:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	WORLD WAR II - TRIBUTE TO A GENERATION			12:30
13:00		TODAY	MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - ROCK CRAWLER		GOOD MORNING AMERICA	13:00
13:30	FRENCH OPEN TENNIS - TODAY AT THE FRENCH OPEN					13:30
14:00			THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - MARKED FOR DEATH			14:00
15:00	SPORTS SPECIAL - LACROSSE - NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS: PRINCETON VS NAVY	LILO & STITCH: THE ANIMATED SERIES (TVG): - ELASTICO	BULLETS OVER BROADWAY		HEADLINE NEWS	15:00
15:30		DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TVY7): - WEREGARURUMON'S DINER		PACIFIC REPORT	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	15:30
16:00		I SPY (TVY): - A MUMBLE MONSTER MYSTERY/CECE'S SPECIAL SCRAP BOOK		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	THE EARLY SHOW	16:00
16:30		EVEN STEVENS (TVG): - DEVIL MOUNTAIN				16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - TIGER BY THE TAIL	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		17:00
17:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - FOOLS IN APRIL / NEPTUNE'S SPATULA			17:30
18:00		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART'S INNER CHILD	THE FIFTH ELEMENT	FOX NEWS LIVE	18:00
18:30	NBA FASTBREAK	HEADLINE NEWS	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - ALL THE WAY			18:30
19:00	MLB - BALTIMORE ORIOLES @ BOSTON RED SOX	PEARL HARBOR	15TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT		60 MINUTES	19:00
20:00					FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:15				ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU		20:15
20:30			WORLD WAR II - TRIBUTE TO A GENERATION			20:30
21:00			MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - ROCK CRAWLER		HEADLINE NEWS	21:00
21:30					INSIDE POLITICS	21:30
22:00	MLB - MILWAUKEE BREWERS @ LOS ANGELES DODGERS		THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - MARKED FOR DEATH	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		22:00
22:30		HEADLINE NEWS		HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	22:30
23:00		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	BULLETS OVER BROADWAY	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE	23:00