

1ST ARMORED DIVISION
AMERICA'S TANK DIVISION

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U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit trains 1AD soldiers for urban combat

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – To maintain an efficient and effective fighting force, soldiers never stop training. Even while conducting combat operations in a foreign land, soldiers must test and refine their fighting skills to stay one step ahead of their enemies on the battlefield.

With the lessons learned in Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, the U.S. Army has increased focus and changed its approach on marksmanship.

Soldiers from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit from Ft. Benning, Ga., are conducting classes for soldiers from the 1st Armored Division at ranges all over Baghdad. Classes that will prepare them for the type of combat they can expect in modern urban war.

“We are traveling around Baghdad at the request of 1AD, training their troops in what we call ‘high-performance shooting’ or ‘combat marksmanship under urban considerations,’” said Staff Sgt. Aaron Hampton, instructor with the service pistol section of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

Hampton and the other members of his team are veteran competition shooters who have harnessed their knowledge and experience into a three-day, intensive close-quarters-combat training, he said.

The purpose of the course, said Hampton, is to train soldiers on marksmanship from unconventional positions, such as entering a room or while driving.

“Our training starts where the Army’s basic rifle marksmanship leaves off,” Hampton said. “We want to take soldiers out of the foxholes and prone positions and teach them how to stand, move and shoot more effectively and efficiently.”

The class begins with classroom-style instruction focusing on safety and then progresses onto the basics of moving and shooting on foot as part of a team. Everything from the basic firing stance and holding the weapon, to evacuating a vehicle and communicating with teammates is covered in the training.

“We want to give our soldiers confidence. The last thing any soldier should have to worry about in an urban conflict is ‘Will my rounds hit the intended target?’” said Hampton. “This training is increasing soldier confidence, combat survivability and lethality on this urban battlefield.”

Perhaps most important aspect about the training is that it provides soldiers with techniques that are easily passed on to other soldiers.

“We have been able to package this training so it



Cavalry scouts with Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, practice fighting stances during a close-quarters combat marksmanship course at Camp Muleskinner in Baghdad Jan 29.

is manageable, and each soldier is able to walk away with tangible benefits and the ability to go out and train others in the unit,” said Hampton. “It is definitely a force multiplier.”

This was the marksmanship team’s fourth iteration of the course, and Hampton said the feedback has been positive. Nearly 100 comment cards were collected, and the instructors received only complaint: soldiers wished they had received the training long ago.

“The soldiers I brought out here with me said this is the best training they have received since they have been in the Army,” said Staff Sgt. Curtis George, section sergeant and tank commander with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment. “This is new, exciting and effective.”

George said missions in the past required a skill set that was new and unfamiliar to them. He said the close-quarters, dynamic-style marksmanship training they received during the high-performance shooting class will make them much more effective on the streets of Baghdad.

“Here in Iraq, we have had a lot of shooting on the move and a lot of raids where we enter rooms,” George said. “Even though the urban environment is still fairly new to the Army, that is where the new wars are, and that is where we need to learn how to fight.”

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News...

Bush Sends Congress a \$2.4 Trillion Budget

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush sent Congress a \$2.4 trillion election-year budget on Monday featuring big increases for defense and homeland security but also a record \$521 billion deficit. He blamed the soaring deficit on the 2001 recession and the costs of fighting a war on terrorism. "The reason we are where we are is because we went through a recession, we were attacked and we're fighting a war. Those are high hurdles for a budget and for a country to overcome," Bush told his Cabinet.

Bush to Consult Kay Before Iraq Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said he will order an independent investigation into intelligence failures in Iraq but will first consult with former chief weapons inspector David Kay. Trying to quiet mounting election-year criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike, the White House had indicated earlier that Bush would name an independent, bipartisan inquiry into the Iraq problem and gaps in other areas, such as secretive regimes like Iran and North Korea and stateless groups such as terrorists.

Kerry, Dean Spar Over Special Interests

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M (AP) - John Kerry and Howard Dean wrangled over the role of special interests in Kerry's Senate career as Democrats seeking their party's nomination for president lined up support in seven key states the day before the biggest test yet of the campaign. Kerry, the front-runner after victories in Iowa and New Hampshire, targeted all seven states while Dean, who was running behind Kerry in most polls, looked beyond the Tuesday elections for success. A total of 269 pledged delegates were at stake in Arizona, Delaware, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

Feds 'Outraged' by Halftime Show Mishap

NEW YORK (AP) - The chief federal regulator of broadcasting said Monday he is outraged by the Super Bowl halftime show which wound up with singer Justin Timberlake tearing off part of Janet Jackson's costume, exposing her breast. Timberlake blamed a "wardrobe malfunction," but Federal Communications Commission chief Michael Powell called it "a classless, crass and deplorable stunt."

Weather...

Groundhog Booed As He Sees His Shadow

By DAN NEPHIN, Associated Press Writer
PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) -- If you're tired of winter, Punxsutawney Phil had a message for you Monday - get used to it.

After a rap on an oak stump roused him from his home on Gobbler's Knob, the world's most famous furry forecaster "saw" his shadow this chilly Groundhog Day morning, which according to tradition means six more weeks of winter.

Phil even included a topical reference in his proclamation - to the capture of Saddam Hussein.

"I'm glad I live in this luxurious burrow on the knob, and not in a dirty, smelly, spider hole like a slob," said the proclamation read aloud by one of the organizers. "When I come out, I don't want to negotiate; but to just do my job and prognosticate."

The prediction drew boos from thousands who gathered in 17-degree weather for the 118th annual festivity run by the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.

The spirited crowd, some clad in furry groundhog hats or even full-length costumes, chanted "Phil! Phil! Phil!" after fireworks and a long night of rock music drew to an end and the hour of the ceremony neared.

Including Monday's prediction, the groundhog is reported to have seen his shadow 104 times since the tradition began in Punxsutawney. It is rooted in a German superstition that if a hibernating animal casts a shadow Feb. 2 - the Christian holiday of Candlemas - winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says spring will come early.

What Groundhog Day entails is a lot of revelry, although alcohol has been banned from Gobbler's Knob, the site just outside town where Punxsutawney Phil appears.

"We couldn't care less if he sees his shadow," said Bill Cooper, president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club. "It's a people holiday."

Punxsutawney Phil is perhaps the most watched on Groundhog Day, but he certainly isn't alone among marmot meteorologists. More than a dozen states celebrate the day with their own critters, including Dixie Dan in Mississippi, Buckeye Chuck in Ohio and Gen. Beauregard Lee in Georgia.

Even Pennsylvania has a competing ceremony. About 165 miles to the southeast, the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge of Quarryville has been forecasting with the animals since 1908.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

What Lies Within

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Safety Tips...

Ground level IED attacks may occur by attaching IED containers (IE plastic bags or boxes) to road structures such as guardrails, light posts, curbs, or the median.

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS		TODAY		00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		GROUNDHOG DAY		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	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	MONDAY NIGHT COUNTDOWN	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: SYRACUSE @ CONNECTICUT	ROCKET POWER : - SAFETY PATROL SAM	DRAGON TALES : - THE SERPENT'S TRAIL/ HEAD OVER HEELS	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - FOUR BALLED/ THE BOY WHO WOULD BE QUEEN	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00	PGA TOUR - FBR OPEN: FINAL ROUND		THE SIMPSONS : - THERE'S NO DISGRACE LIKE HOME	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	CNBC: THE NEWS	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - CLAIR'S CASE			04:30
05:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XI: MISSOURI @ KANSAS	J.A.G. : - HEART & SOUL	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			THE PRACTICE : - EYEWITNESS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00	BEST DAMN SPORTS SHOW PERIOD	HEADLINE NEWS	CELEBRITY PROFILES : - KEVIN SORBO	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - MWC: AIR FORCE @ UNLV	HEADLINE NEWS	THE LONG GRAY LINE		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		SESAME STREET		DISNEY'S PB&J OTTER : - DARE DUCK/ OTHERS OF THE WILD	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30				WHAT'S NEW SCOOBY DOO? : - LIGHTS! CAMERA! MAYHEM!		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	DRAGON TALES : - THE SERPENT'S TRAIL/ HEAD OVER HEELS		THAT'S SO RAVEN : - CAMPAIGN IN THE NECK	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	THE AMANDA SHOW		10:30
11:00	PBR BULL RIDING - GREENSBORO, NC	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - SAFETY PATROL SAM	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - FOUR BALLED/ THE BOY WHO WOULD BE QUEEN	HEADLINE NEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - THERE'S NO DISGRACE LIKE HOME	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30	NHL - TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING @ PHILADELPHIA FLYERS		THE COSBY SHOW : - CLAIR'S CASE	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			J.A.G. : - HEART & SOUL	SMALLVILLE : - FEVER	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE : - EYEWITNESS	SNOW DOGS	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00	SPORTSCENTER	TODAY	CELEBRITY PROFILES : - KEVIN SORBO		GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: ST.JOSEPHS @ VILLANOVA		THE LONG GRAY LINE	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		DISNEY'S PB&J OTTER : - DARE DUCK/ OTHERS OF THE WILD			HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		WHAT'S NEW SCOOBY DOO? : - LIGHTS! CAMERA! MAYHEM!			THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THAT'S SO RAVEN : - CAMPAIGN IN THE NECK			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	NBA FASTBREAK	THE AMANDA SHOW	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - SAFETY PATROL SAM	STARGATE		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - FOUR BALLED/ THE BOY WHO WOULD BE QUEEN			19:30
20:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: SYRACUSE @ CONNECTICUT	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - THERE'S NO DISGRACE LIKE HOME		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - CLAIR'S CASE			20:30
21:00		SMALLVILLE : - FEVER	J.A.G. : - HEART & SOUL	RETURN TO SNOWY RIVER	FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:15						21:15
22:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG 12: MISSOURI @ KANSAS	SNOW DOGS	THE PRACTICE : - EYEWITNESS		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00			CELEBRITY PROFILES : - KEVIN SORBO	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Feb. 3, 1953

COUSTEAU PUBLISHES *THE SILENT WORLD*

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On February 3, 1953, French oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau publishes his most famous and lasting work, *The Silent World*.

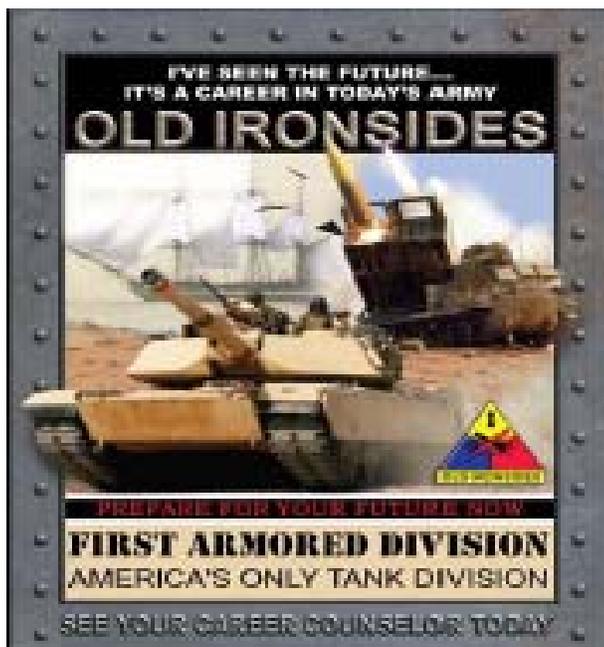
Born in Saint-André-de-Cubzac, France, in 1910, Cousteau was trained at the Brest Naval School. While serving in the French navy, he began his underwater explorations, filming shipwrecks and the underwater world of the Mediterranean Sea through a glass bowl. At the time, the only available system for underwater breathing involved a diver being tethered to the surface, and Cousteau sought to develop a self-contained device.

In 1943, with the aid of engineer Émile Gagnan, he designed the Aqua-Lung, the world's first self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (scuba). With the Aqua-Lung, the largely unexplored world lying beneath the ocean surface was open to Cousteau as never before. He developed underwater cameras and photography and was employed by the French navy to explore navy shipwrecks. In his free time, he explored ancient wrecks and studied underwater sea life.

In 1948, he published his first work, *Through 18 Meters of Water*, and in 1950 Lord Guinness, a British patron, bought him an old British minesweeper to use for his explorations. Cousteau converted the ship into an oceanographic vessel and christened it the *Calypso*. In 1953, he published *The Silent World*, written with Frédéric Dumas, and began work on a film version of the book with film director Louis Malle. Three years later, *The Silent World* was released to world acclaim. The film, which revealed to the public the hidden universe of tropical fish, whales, and walruses, won Best Documentary at the Academy Awards and the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival.

With the success of the film, Cousteau retired from the navy to devote himself to oceanography. He welcomed geologists, archaeologists, zoologists, environmentalists, and other scientists aboard the *Calypso* and led numerous excursions to the world's great bodies of water, from the Red Sea to the Amazon River. He headed the Conshelf Saturation Dive Program, in which men lived and worked for extended time periods at considerable depths along the continental shelves.

His many books include *The Living Sea* (1963), *Three Adventures: Galápagos, Titicaca, the Blue Holes* (1973), and *Jacques Cousteau: The Ocean World* (1985). He also produced several more award-winning films and scores of television documentaries about the ocean, making him a household name. He saw firsthand the damage done to the marine ecosystems by humans and was an outspoken and persuasive environmentalist. Cousteau died in 1997.



Reenlistment Bonus Still Available

The Army keeps rewarding soldiers with cash for reenlisting while deployed. Task Force 1st Armored Division soldiers with less than 10 years of service can earn from \$5,000 to \$10,000 when they reenlist.

Soldiers must reenlist for 36 months. Other factors that will determine the bonus amount include years of service and current pay grade.

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