

*Sunday, January 18, 2004*

## Company keeping free phone bank open

Story and photo by Spc. Jeanine Kinville, 1AD PAO  
Baghdad, Iraq -- Due to overwhelming demand, MCI has extended free phone calls for soldiers at the company's Baghdad International Airport phone bank until February.

"The use of the phone center was extended because of soldiers emailing MCI to say thank you," said James S. Strom, program manager for MCI government markets in Vienna, Va.

MCI originally introduced the calling center in December so soldiers would be able to phone home for the holidays.

Free phone calls home during the holiday season were a part of their way of bringing comfort for the troops, Strom said.

"When you can't be home for the holidays, a phone call can lift your spirits and ease your mind," said Jerry Edgerton, senior vice president of MCI Government Markets. "MCI is proud to help bring families together this holiday season, especially for the service men and women defending our country."

Soldiers from Task Force 1st Armored Division were happy to use the free phone service.

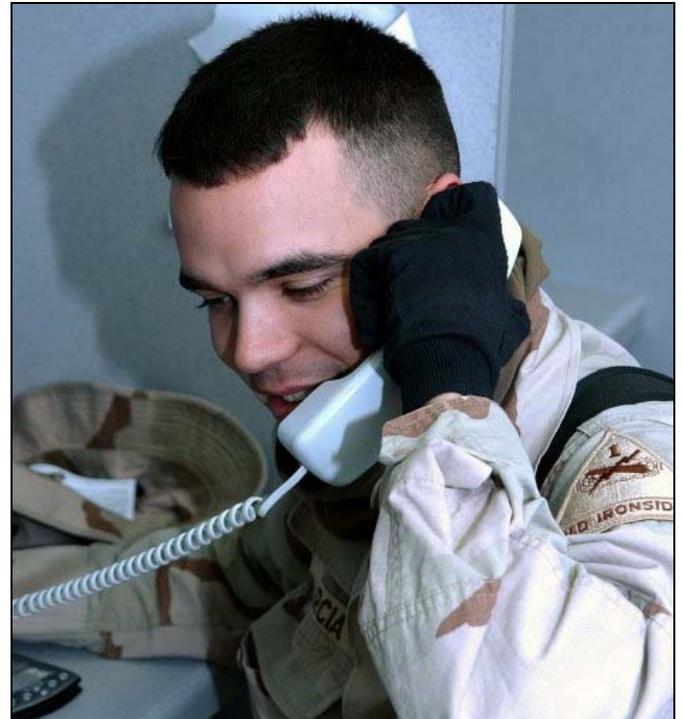
"I think it is a great opportunity for soldiers to get a chance to reach their family members back home for the holiday season," said Spc. Ruben Garcia, a medic assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Division. "It lets me get a chance to get away from everything that's going on out here, even if it's only for 10 minutes."

Strom, a former U.S. Army communications specialist, arrived in Baghdad May 2003 to help build the MCI cellular phone network for the U.S. government.

"It took three days to set up the calling center," said Strom. "The hardest part was pulling the trailer over from our office. A lot of people were involved in making it happen."

Those three days also included setting up microwave and satellite links before connecting to the MCI network.

"The clarity is just as good as talking on



**Spc. Ruben Garcia, a medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Division, uses MCI's free phone center to talk to his family.**

a phone back in the States," said Garcia.

According to Strom, soldiers here have been very thankful for MCI's support.

"It means a lot to them. We get 'thank you's' from the troops all the time," said Strom.

"I wish it were here permanently, the quality is excellent," said Garcia. "I appreciate the service MCI is providing for the soldiers. They care for the soldiers more than making a buck."

Since the opening in December, more than 12,000 troops have been through the calling center, said Strom.

The 24-hour phone center is located in the BIAP Post Exchange parking lot.

It is open to anyone interested in getting in touch with their family and friends back in the States.

# The Old Ironsides Report *January 18, 2004*

## *News...*

### **Bush Pushing Agenda in State of the Union**

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush says his State of the Union address will insist his administration is successfully confronting the nation's problems, while laying out an agenda focused on guiding the economy to even better times and aggressively waging the war on terror.

"We will continue to confront the challenges of our time, and we will continue to make America a more secure, more prosperous and more hopeful place," Bush said as he gave a stripped-down preview of his Tuesday night speech in his weekly radio address Saturday.

### **Pakistan's Leader Heckled During Speech**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf was heckled Saturday by lawmakers shouting for him to quit office as he made his first-ever speech to Parliament since seizing power in a military coup more than four years ago.

Opposition legislators chanted "Go Musharraf, go Musharraf" and "Friends of dictators are traitors" as soon as Musharraf took the podium. They kept up the cry throughout his 40-minute speech. The noise worsened as Musharraf's supporters countered by thumping on tables in a show of applause.

### **Muslims Protest Head-Scarf Ban in France**

PARIS (AP) - Shouting "The veil is my choice," hundreds of people marched in Paris on Saturday as part of global protests against the French government's plan to ban Muslim headscarves in schools.

Muslims from all over France took part in the Paris rally, which drew at least 3,000 people. Many of the protesters were women wearing a headscarf or "hijab," and bearded men in robes.

### **Spirit Takes Microscopic Images of Mars**

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - On the surface of Mars, 300 million miles from earthlings, NASA's robotic rover Spirit extended its arms for the first time to snap extraordinary close-ups of the planet's rust-colored soil. The images showed features nearly as small as the diameter of a human hair.

#### *Chaplain's thought for the day...*

### **If God Bids Me Fly, I Will Trust Him for the Wings**

Whenever the Lord assigns us a difficult task, He gives us what we need to carry it out. John Wesley wrote, "Among the many difficulties of our early ministry, my brother Charles often said, 'If the Lord would give me wings, I'd fly.' I used to answer, 'If God bids me fly, I will trust Him for the wings.'"

Our Daily Bread

## *SPORTS...*

### **FIFA President Calls for Skimpy Uniforms**

LONDON (AP) -- Here's a fashion tip sure to make female soccer players uncomfortable: The sport's chief suggests they slip into something a little tighter on the field.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said women should consider wearing more revealing uniforms, such as skimpy shorts, to bring more attention to the game. At least one top player called the advice "ridiculous" and "irresponsible."

Blatter said women's soccer needs different sponsors from the men's game and should try to attract fashion and cosmetics companies by featuring "more feminine uniforms."

"Tighter shorts, for example," Blatter told the Swiss newspaper SonntagsBlick. "In volleyball the women also wear other uniforms than the men. Pretty women are playing football today. Excuse me for saying that."

Brandi Chastain created the signature moment at the 1999 Women's World Cup when she removed her shirt to reveal a sports bra, celebrating her winning kick in the U.S. victory over China in the title game.

She said Blatter should direct his energy to develop the game.

"Anyone who thinks that a uniform will draw people to the game is severely off base," Chastain said. "The game of football itself is what brings people to the stadium, not what the players are wearing. He should continue to focus on the development of the women's game rather than trying to sexualize it."

Julie Foudy, co-captain of the U.S. national team, suggested other ways Blatter could improve women's soccer.

"Instead of talking about tight shorts, FIFA should be focusing on increasing its support for the women's game by instituting another world championship for youth women, pushing federations around the world to support their women's programs, or giving prize money to teams in the Women's World Cup," she said.

The suggestion by Blatter raises an issue that has confronted women's sports - particularly tennis and golf - for some time. Do the players need to draw on their sex appeal to make their game more appealing to a mostly male audience, or should their athletic achievements stand on their own?

England goalkeeper Pauline Cope called Blatter's advice "typical of a bloke."

"To say we should play football in hot pants is plain ridiculous," she said. "It's completely irresponsible for a man in a powerful position to make comments like this."

FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said Friday that Blatter never mentioned the word "hot pants."

"The remarks were by no means meant to be offensive - not at all," Herren said. "Whatever he said, it was more a general remark, 'Let's take a look at that.' But it's not the ultimate recipe to salvage the women's game because he went on to say women's football has established itself and it has a future."

Swiss captain Evelyn Zimmermann and Norwegian players Lise Klaveness and Solveig Gulbrandsen also spurned Blatter's fashion tip.

"You can't compare us with volleyball players and, apart from everything else, those shorts are uncomfortable," Zimmermann said.

Klaveness said soccer is about sport, not sex. "If the crowd only wants to come and watch models then they should go and buy a copy of Playboy," she said.

Added Gulbrandsen: "If I wanted to wear a bikini, I would have chosen to play beach volleyball."

Marianne Spacey, manager of the London team Fulham Ladies, said Blatter's comments should be taken seriously because of his position, but some of her players were amused.

"It does surprise me because people might actually listen because he's such a powerful person in the game of football," Spacey said. "For people in the women's game, it's caused uproar and it provided a few chuckles in training, that's for sure."

# The Old Ironsides Report

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2004			As of: Saturday, January 17, 2004 9:37:09 PM			
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: CONNECTICUT @ NORTH CAROLINA		THE DIVISION : - WHAT SHARP TEETH YOU HAVE	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - ITS IN MY SPIRIT	FOX NEWS LIVE	00:00
00:30				CORAL RIDGE HOUR : - NEEDED: NEEDED: GODLY FATHERS		00:30
01:00			LOVE AFFAIR	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - DAVID AND BATHSHEBA	FOX NEWS LIVE	01:00
01:30				CAFE VIDEO : - CLASSIC VIDEOS		01:30
02:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: SYRACUSE @ NOTRE DAME	ESPNEWS		WISHBONE : - SNIFFING THE GAUNTLET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30				SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - BEST OF ELMO	MCLAUGHLIN GROUP	02:30
03:00		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - JENNIFER ANISTON/BLACKEYED PEAS	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - WHERE'S IAM?	HEADLINE NEWS	CAPITAL GANG	03:00
03:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS	ARMY NEWSWATCH		03:30
04:00	PGA TOUR - SONY OPEN: THIRD ROUND (JIP)		MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - 2004 HULA BOWL	WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW	04:00
04:30		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD	REAL VIDEOS : - JARS OF CLAY		HEADLINE NEWS	04:30
05:00			THE SIMPSONS : - AND MAGGIE MAKES THREE		PEOPLE IN THE NEWS	05:00
05:30		THE ENTERTAINERS	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE			05:30
06:00			EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - NO ROLL		CNN SATURDAY NIGHT	06:00
06:30	ESPNEWS	AMERICAN ATHLETE	THE KING OF QUEENS : - DARK MEET			06:30
07:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - WCC: ST. MARY'S @ GONZAGA	HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN DREAMS : - PAST IMPERFECT	MOTORWEEK	DATeline INTERNATIONAL	07:00
07:30		HOOR OF POWER - THE POSITIVE POWER OF ONE QUESTION		D2: D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS		07:30
08:00		CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - ITS IN MY SPIRIT	M*A*S*H : - LAST LAUGH		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		CORAL RIDGE HOUR : - NEEDED: NEEDED: GODLY FATHERS	THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - HI THERE, SPORTS FANS			08:30
09:00	NBA FASTBREAK	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - DAVID AND BATHSHEBA	FAMILY TIES : - FOOL FOR LOVE		AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	09:00
09:30	ESPNEWS	CAFE VIDEO : - CLASSIC VIDEOS	THE COSBY SHOW : - IT COMES AND IT GOES	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	WISHBONE : - SNIFFING THE GAUNTLET	CHIPS : - CRACK-UP	WWE SMACKDOWN!	BELTWAY BOYS	10:00
10:30		SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - BEST OF ELMO			FOX NEWS WATCH	10:30
11:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: KANSAS @ TEXAS A&M	D2: D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - WHERE'S IAM?	ANDROMEDA : - TWILIGHT OF THE IDOLS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:00
11:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	11:30
12:00			MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	HEADLINE NEWS	THE CHRIS MATTHEWS SHOW	12:00
12:30			REAL VIDEOS : - JARS OF CLAY	ESPNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	MOTORWEEK	THE SIMPSONS : - AND MAGGIE MAKES THREE	JUDGING AMY : - THE FROZEN ZONE	AFRTS NEWSCENTER: NEWSCENTER: COMMISSIONS	13:00
13:30		EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE		HEADLINE NEWS	13:30
14:00	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - NO ROLL	SHARING THE SECRET	CNN PRESENTS	14:00
14:30	NHL - SAN JOSE SHARKS @ COLORADO AVALANCHE	ARMY NEWSWATCH	THE KING OF QUEENS : - DARK MEET			14:30
15:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: MICHIGAN @ MICHIGAN STATE	AMERICAN DREAMS : - PAST IMPERFECT		FOX & FRIENDS	15:00
16:00			M*A*S*H : - LAST LAUGH	HEADLINE NEWS	FOX & FRIENDS	16:00
16:30			THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - HI THERE, SPORTS FANS	SEINFELD : - THE MOVIE		16:30
17:00	ESPNEWS	SPORTSCENTER	FAMILY TIES : - FOOL FOR LOVE	MEET THE PRESS	CBS NEWS SUNDAY MORNING	17:00
17:30	NFL LIVE		THE COSBY SHOW : - IT COMES AND IT GOES			17:30
18:00	THE SPORTS REPORTERS	WWE SMACKDOWN!	CHIPS : - CRACK-UP	AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		18:00
18:30	SPORTSCENTER			ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	FACE THE NATION	18:30
19:00	INSIDE THE NFL	ANDROMEDA : - TWILIGHT OF THE IDOLS	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - WHERE'S IAM?		HEADLINE NEWS	19:00
19:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS	ESPNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	19:30
20:00	ESPNEWS	MOTORCYCLE RACING - 2004 THQ WORLD SUPERCROSS GP (125CC) ANAHEIM	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	SPORTSCENTER	LATE EDITION W/ WOLF BLITZER	20:00
20:30	NBA - SAN ANTONIO SPURS @ BOSTON CELTICS		REAL VIDEOS : - JARS OF CLAY			20:30
21:00		MOTORCYCLE RACING - 2004 THQ WORLD SUPERCROSS GP (250CC) ANAHEIM	THE SIMPSONS : - AND MAGGIE MAKES THREE	NBA FASTBREAK		21:00
21:30			MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE	ESPNEWS		21:30
22:00		THE NFL TODAY	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - NO ROLL	THE NFL TODAY	FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30			THE KING OF QUEENS : - DARK MEET			22:30
23:00	ESPNEWS	NFL - AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	AMERICAN DREAMS : - PAST IMPERFECT	NFL - AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	FOX NEWS LIVE	23:00
23:30	USA SOCCER - DENMARK @ USA					23:30

*Today in history...* Jan. 18, 1778

## **COOK DISCOVERS HAWAII:**

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On January 18, 1778, the English explorer Captain James Cook becomes the first European to site the Hawaiian Islands when he sails past the island of Oahu. Two days later, he landed at Waimea on the island of Kauai and named the island group the Sandwich Islands, in honor of John Montague, who was the earl of Sandwich and one his patrons.

In 1768, Cook, a surveyor in the Royal Navy, was commissioned a lieutenant in command of the H.M.S. *Endeavor* and led an expedition that took scientists to Tahiti to chart the course of the planet Venus. In 1771, he returned to England, having explored the coast of New Zealand and Australia and circumnavigated the globe.

Beginning in 1772, he commanded a major mission to the South Pacific and during the next three years explored the Antarctic region, charted the New Hebrides, and discovered New Caledonia. In 1776, he sailed from England again as commander of the H.M.S. *Resolution* and *Discovery* and in 1778 made his first visit to the Hawaiian Islands.

Cook and his crew were welcomed by the Hawaiians, who were fascinated by the Europeans' ships and their use of iron. Cook provisioned his ships by trading the metal, and his sailors traded iron nails for sex.

The ships then made a brief stop at Ni'ihau and headed north to look for the western end of a northwest passage from the North Atlantic to the Pacific. Almost one year later, Cook's two ships returned to the Hawaiian Islands and found a safe harbor in Hawaii's Kealakekua Bay.

It is suspected that the Hawaiians attached religious significance to the first stay of the Europeans on their islands. In Cook's second visit, there was no question of this phenomenon. Kealakekua Bay was considered the sacred harbor of Lono, the fertility god of the Hawaiians, and at the time of Cook's arrival the locals were engaged in a festival dedicated to Lono. Cook and his compatriots were welcomed as gods and for the next month exploited the Hawaiians' good will.

After one of the crewmembers died, exposing the Europeans as mere mortals, relations became strained. On February 4, 1779, the British ships sailed from Kealakekua Bay, but rough seas damaged the foremast of the *Resolution*, and after only a week at sea the expedition was forced to return to Hawaii.

The Hawaiians greeted Cook and his men by hurling rocks; they then stole a small cutter vessel from the *Discovery*. Negotiations with King Kalaniopuu for the return of the cutter collapsed after a lesser Hawaiian chief was shot to death and a mob of Hawaiians descended on Cook's party. The captain and his men fired on the angry Hawaiians, but they were soon overwhelmed, and only a few managed to escape to the safety of the *Resolution*. Captain Cook himself was killed by the mob. A few days later, the Englishmen retaliated by firing their cannons and muskets at the shore, killing some 30 Hawaiians. The *Resolution* and *Discovery* eventually returned to England.