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Fire safety, everyone's responsibility

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – As the troop population continues to grow, so will the size of the tent cities throughout Bagram. As a result of the size and proximity of the living areas, fire safety is the primary concern.

It is the fire safety office's task to help increase the safety of soldiers, in case of a fire.

"Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill, commander of the Combined Joint Task Force-180, decided that the purchase of large fire extinguishers for each living space would help minimize the danger to soldiers in case of a fire," said Sgt. 1st Class Danny Maybin, safety noncommissioned officer in charge, CJTF-180.

"However, the extinguishers are not designed to eliminate fires completely but only to help the fire department in suppressing them," said Maybin. "If there is a fire in Quad A, we will not use the fire extinguishers to put out that fire but rather to keep the fire from spreading to the other quads."

In addition to having the fire extinguishers in each living area, there will also be a team of individuals trained on how to use them.

According to Maybin, indi-

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Photo by Sgt. W. Cullen James

Ambulatory care...

Medics from Task Force-44 load an "injured" soldier, into an ambulance during a mass casualty exercise Friday. Soldiers assigned and attached to Headquarters and Headquarters, Combined Joint Task Force-180 played the injured allowing the medical personnel to practice their mass emergency procedures. For more on the exercise, see Page A4.

Anger management assists coping

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – "I had an anger problem. I'd be mad all day long. It was usually a lot of little things that shouldn't have made me angry. I didn't want to end up losing rank or end up in jail," said Pfc. Rhonda Moles, Apache mechanic, 3rd Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, an attendant of the Anger Management class here.

This class is given Tuesdays at 0830Z and Fridays at 0930Z to anyone who would like to attend.

"The purpose of the class is to build cohesion between people that have similar problems. Basically we get them to recognize things that trigger those problems or things that seem to flare them up. We also teach them coping mechanisms, not

to avoid the situation, but to deal with the situation," said Sgt. Christina Vogel, mental health specialist, 1835th Medical Detachment, Denver, Colo.

The average class size is 12, including self-referral and command-referral patients.

"A lot of them, after the command referrals are done, keep coming because they build a bond with the people they are in the group with," said Vogel. "It gives them a place where they can come and talk about their problems and everybody in the group understands. They don't get criticized, they don't get laughed at or made fun of for the things they do. It gives them a security they don't have normally."

The class uses exercises from an anger work-

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)

U.N. report reinforces Security Council divisions

UNITED NATIONS — The chief U.N. weapons inspectors' reports Friday gave the divided Security Council members more ammunition to bolster their opposing positions on whether Iraq is cooperating with efforts to verify its disarmament or should face "serious consequences."

In their third progress report since U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441 was passed in November, inspectors told the council they had not found any weapons of mass destruction, but they urged Iraq to be more cooperative.

Hans Blix, executive chairman of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, and Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said they were still investigating and had not ruled out the possibility that Iraq does possess chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

After the presentations, France, China and Russia suggested giving the inspectors more time, and the United States, Britain and Spain said Iraq was not complying with Resolution 1441.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell later said the reports led to "a good, spirited debate" among council members, but said Iraq was running out of time to fully comply with inspections.

American, Colombian executed near plane wreckage

BOGOTA, Colombia — The executed bodies of two people who had been aboard a U.S. government plane that crashed in southern Colombia have been found a mile from the incinerated craft, U.S. officials said Friday.

The dead men were identified as Janis Thomas, an American who was shot once in the neck, and Sgt. Luis Alcides Cruz, a member of the Colombian army who was shot once in the chest, said a spokesman for Colombia's attorney general.

They had been with three other Americans aboard a Cessna 208 that suffered mechanical problems and crashed Thursday

morning deep in territory controlled by leftist rebels from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

The five appear to have survived the crash, in which the plane incinerated, but the two were later killed, the U.S. officials said.

A separate report from the Colombian attorney general said the bodies bore signs of gunshot wounds.

The three other people who were aboard the Cessna are unaccounted for. Two of them appear to have been captured by FARC rebels, the officials said.

The fate of the fifth was unknown.

The Cessna was contracted by the U.S. Defense Department, officials of the U.S. Southern Command told CNN.

It had been on an intelligence mission en route from the capital to Florencia, in Colombia's Caqueta Department, a region known to harbor FARC guerrillas, when it suffered mechanical problems and crash landed, the Colombian armed forces said in a statement.

Anti-war demonstrations begin

LONDON — Hundreds of thousands of people have started to fill streets across the globe in opposition to military action against Iraq.

The Australian city of Melbourne kicked off the global series of weekend demonstrations that will eventually spread to 600 towns and cities stretching from Antarctica to Reykjavik, Iceland.

Marches are being held from the Pacific islands to Europe, and from New York to California, where protests are expected to recall



Anti-war protesters in the Philippines burn a mock U.S. missile.

demonstrations against the Vietnam War.

The biggest protests are planned for Europe, with, according to police, 500,000 expected in London and 100,000 across Germany.

In Paris, France, the organizers told Reuters that they expect a turnout of 50,000, and, according to London's Guardian newspaper, Barcelona, Spain, could match London with a 500,000-strong protest.

With opposition to military action remaining stubbornly high in Britain, Prime Minister Tony Blair's ready enlistment in U.S. President George W. Bush's "coalition of the willing" against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has put Blair in collision with European heavyweights France and Germany.

The Australian government has joined Britain and the United States in committing troops to a possible war, but that alignment has not gone down well with the Australian public.

In several European cities Thursday, demonstrators protested U.S. policies and possible war with Iraq.

Bagram prayer breakfast

The Task Force-44 Medical chaplaincy is hosting a prayer breakfast Monday at the North Dining Facility from 0130-0230Z.

The speaker for the event Brig. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, and Chap. (Col.) Richard Rogers, Combined Joint Task Force-180 chaplain, will offer the pastoral prayer. Special music will be provided by the Gospel Congregation Choir.

Col. Alan Beitler, commander, 48th Combat Support Hospital, the Jewish Lay Leader for Bagram, will read from the Old Testament. Republic of Korea Col. Kookhan Kim, ROK hospital commander, will do a reading from the New Testament.

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viduals are chosen based on how long they have been in country. Someone who is just beginning their tour will be selected as opposed to someone leaving.

Once the individuals are chosen, training will be given according to a memorandum of instruction created by the fire chief on how to correctly use the extinguishers. The training is expected to begin next week.

Even though many tents and offices already have their own fire extinguishers, these particular ones are different.

“These extinguishers sit on wheels and are approximately 140 pounds containing 50 pounds of dry chemical powder,” said Maybin. “They are designed to help suppress a larger volume of flames than the standard extinguisher.”

In case of a fire, these extin-

guishers are located throughout the base camp and there are more to come.

“We currently have 40 extinguishers located throughout Bagram and there are 65 more on order,” said Maybin. “We assess how many extinguishers are needed and how many are allotted to each living space by the size of the living space and the dense population in that particular area.”

Although these extinguishers have been ordered as an extra safety precaution, Maybin said there are things soldiers can do themselves to keep the extinguishers from ever being used.

“Most fires are caused by soldiers doing hazardous things such as smoking in the tents, using unauthorized heaters, or having too many things plugged into an electrical outlet,” he said. “Soldiers need to be aware of



The new \$800 fire extinguishers placed throughout Bagram's tent cities, are designed to put out a wider range of flames in case of fire in the living areas. The total cost of all the extinguishers was over \$30,000.

how many appliances they have plugged in and what they have that can easily burn. Something as simple as unplugging all electrical equipment before leaving the tent can prevent a widespread fire.”

Even though there will be safety teams in place with the training to operate the extinguishers, Maybin said fire safety

is every soldier's responsibility.

“Even though the fire safety teams will be the primary operators of the extinguishers, preventing and suppressing a fire is every soldier's duty. If there are no trained personnel around to use the extinguisher, soldiers should take it upon themselves to suppress the fire.”

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out book. It begins with what anger is, how to recognize it and then moves on to coping skills and how to deal with it. Finally, it escalates toward controlling the anger.

“Sometimes the class seems like kindergarten, with things like time-outs, but it all works,” said Moles.

Vogel believes the class is beneficial to anyone who takes it, but it is their choice.

“I can't guarantee when they leave, everyone is going to be anger-free, but I've given them the tools, it's up to them if they chose to use them,” said Vogel.

According to Vogel, people's opinions about the anger management class is filled with misconceptions.

“A common misconception people have is that to attend this class you must be excessively angry — hitting people, throwing things — and that's not true. When anger starts affecting your occupational, interpersonal and leisure activities, that is when you have a problem,” said Vogel.

“It also tends to be misconstrued that anger management teaches you to avoid the

situation and it doesn't. It helps you deal and cope with the situation,” she added.

Anger management classes are given in the United States, but differ from the class given here.

“There is a big difference between the class here and in the States. We are using a self-help book. In the States, they can control them, admit them as an inpatient. We don't have that ability here; we have to make it like a self-help class,” said Vogel.

“Another difference is, I am here 24-hours a day. In the States, they would only be able to see the people in the class and talk about their problems once or twice a week. If something happens and they have to come see me, I am here. I think that gives them more of a sense of security. They know I'm going to be here to help them,” she added.

Stress plays a role in anger, and in a deployed situation the stress increases, according to Vogel.

“Anger has a lot to with stress and while I don't see this as a stressful environment, it can be for other people. If you miss your family, if you miss your friends, if things are

going wrong at home — this can be a very stressful place. I think being confined and dealing with the same people 24-hours a day for six months to a year is enough to make anyone stressed out,” said Vogel.

Vogel believes this class is an asset to the military and the soldiers who attend.

“Anger has a tendency to ruin people's careers. It is not the best solution to chapter a soldier out because they can't control their anger. The Army has spent a lot of money to train them. It is better to make these programs available and teach them control,” said Vogel.

After soldiers have attended the class a while Vogel said there is a difference.

At first, the soldiers are upset, depressed and angry. Over time, through the course, they start smiling more. They are not having as many problems. When they do have a problem, they take action to solve it, she explained.

“With certain soldiers you see a complete 180 and you wonder where they would have been if they hadn't gotten in the class or they hadn't gotten help from some other means,” she added.



A St. Valentine's Day MASCAL



Photos by Sgt. W. Cullen James

Above: *Spc. Bryan Kinsey, Task Force-44 medic, assists the "injured" Andy Finnerty, director, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.* **Right:** *Pfc. Chris Russell, Sgt. Hilda Lerma, both medics from Task Force-44, Pfc. Christopher Paras, supply, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Combined Joint Task Force-180, and Spc. Karry James, CJTF-180 combat lifesaver, carry the "injured" Maj. William Mott, commander, 11th Public Affairs Detachment, to their ambulance.*



By Sgt. W. Cullen James
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Mines explode. Rifles crack. Sinew snaps. Bones break. Flesh tears. It's agony. It's gore. And for those pretending to have these injuries, it can be kind of fun.

Task Force-44 medics got a taste of responding to massive trauma Friday during a mass casualty exercise.

"The process is what's important," said Col. Alan Beitler, Bagram hospital commander.

"That's why we do these exercises. Once you have the process down, you know you can react," he explained.

React is what the TF-44 medics did upon receiving the call. Minutes after the casualties were in place, the ambulance arrived on scene and the three medics immediately began triage on the "injured."

There was however one thing Beitler

felt could have gone better with the response.

"One thing I wanted to incorporate, but didn't get to happen, was to have a nurse with the initial responders," he said.

The responders had issues as well. "When we got the call, the numbers kept fluctuating. When we arrived on scene there were nine casualties, not four," said Sgt. Hilda Lerma, initial response medic, during the exercise after-action review.

"The numbers fluctuating is going to happen in real life," said Beitler. "That's why a nurse is good to have on scene. While the medics are taking care of the injured, the nurse can keep track of the whole situation."

"We don't do (these exercises) to torture you. We do it for practice so you can stay vigilant," said Beitler.

"It helps remind you to stay focused and remember your role," he added. "Our real concern is that during our months remaining here is that something like this will really happen."



Above: *Sgt. Hilda Lerma bandages 1st Sgt. Leonard Houser's, first sergeant, HHC, CJTF-180, head after a "gun-shot wound."* **Below:** *Spc. Karry James provides immediate care to Spc. Richard Robinson, broadcast journalist, 11th PAD.*



FREEDOM'S VOICES

Public enemy number one

Just my Opinion

1st Lt. Christopher Vick
Joint Visitor's Bureau



Like most people in mainstream America you probably recognize song titles like "Fight the Power," "Can't trust it," and "Shut 'em down." Ever wonder how Public Enemy came up with their image? Ever thought about what inspired those politically charged lyrics? Public Enemy modeled its image after a civil rights political Party founded after the death of Malcolm X — the Black Panther Party.

The Black Panther Party was founded in 1966 by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale in the wake of the death of civil rights leader Malcolm X. These young men where fueled by the call for racial equality. Like Malcolm X, the Black Panther Party was formed to help fight the struggle for racial equality for African-Americans in the United States. Newton and Seale, both residents of Oakland, Calif. decided they needed to enter the struggle by forming a political Party. Their Party established a 10-point platform that preached revolution was acceptable if it achieved racial equality and freedom from oppression.

Revolution doesn't sound good. Until you understand the means by which they were trying to achieve these goals.

The Black Panthers set out to create social programs that would help alleviate the poverty in the African-American community of Oakland and become politically active in the civil rights movement. Many social out-reach programs can trace their histories back to the social programs initiated by the Black Panther Party.

The most feared FBI director in the history of the United States, J. Edgar Hoover, labeled the Black Panther Party as being communist; with an agenda to overthrow the U.S. government. Hoover said that the Black Panther Party represented "The greatest threat to the internal security of the U.S."

That was not the case at all since the Black Panther Party was working within government institutions established by the U.S. Constitution. They believed in civil disobedience, desegregation and preached African-American pride.

Today, the embattled Black Panther Party, also called the original Black Panther Party, has managed to get politicians elected to local government seats in Oakland. Bobby Seale has even decided to run for office in his hometown to ensure that programs are developed to help revitalize the African-American community.

The Black Panther Party has been portrayed in the media as and constant

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STREET TALK

Who is your Valentine and what did you do for them on Valentine's Day?

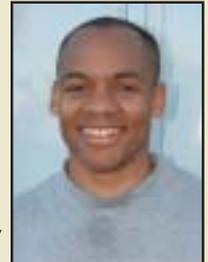


"My wife Yadira is my Valentine. Our first year anniversary was Feb. 12. I sent her a card and chocolates and I emailed her to let her know how much I love her."

Spc. Isaac Villareal
HHC, 82nd ABN DIV

"My wife of 11 years, Tracey. I planned ahead. Before I left, I gave my daughter, Lauren, a card and a set of white gold heart earrings to give to my wife for Valentine's Day."

Capt. Duane Fairfax
C-1, 82nd ABN DIV



"My husband Tom has been my valentine for seven years. I sent him a card and because he likes Snoopy, I sent him a collectible Snoopy."

Spc. Jolean Colvin
229th AVN Regiment

"My valentine love is Deshandra Miller. We've been married 8 months. I sent her two cards and flowers and I'm having a friend check on her to make sure she's OK."

Spc. Tarique Miller
A Co., 82nd Sig. Bn.



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H.P. Newton Foundation honors Black Panthers

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The Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation is a community-based, non-profit research, education, and advocacy center dedicated to fostering progressive social change. By preserving the history of multicultural activism and community self-determination, by educating the public about this history's continued relevance, and by creating a crucible for practicing ongoing progressive change, guided by the writings and teachings of Huey P. Newton, the Foundation seeks to empower all people, but especially urban youth, to be builders of a true global community.

The Foundation was founded in 1993 in Oakland, California, by David Hilliard and Fredrika Newton. Its purpose is to honor the legacy of Black Panther Party co-founder Huey P. Newton, effecting progressive social change by teaching practical lessons of community service. Beginning in the 1960s, the Black Panther Party pioneered free social service programs that now are in the mainstream of American life. The Party's Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, operated with Oakland's Children's Hospital, was among the nation's first sickle cell testing programs, and inspired the federal government's initial funding of sickle cell research. Its Free Breakfast Program served as a model for such children's programs nationwide. The Foundation is committed to enhancing community awareness of these and other contributions that have served the needs of America's most disempowered citizens. These contributions are the basis for the work that remains to be done to build a meaningful, inclusive society for all.

The Foundation has just completed a new book, *The Huey P. Newton Reader*, which can be purchased at Amazon.

In addition, the Foundation has finished collaborating with the making of the film, *The Huey P. Newton Story*. Read about it at PBS.org.

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menace to society; constantly being in court because of civil disobedience and down-right criminal behavior. The statistic that you might not have heard is that the Black Panther Party won 95 percent of the cases filed against them by the various law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

Today, the Black Panther Party is back in court, using the court system to fight for the removal of the Black Panther name from a new political party calling itself the New Black Panther Party. The New



Bobby Seale, Chairman and co-founder of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Hutton Memorial Park, Oakland, California, August 25, 1968.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. In light of all the accomplishments made by African-Americans, every day this month the *Freedom Watch* will highlight an individual.

Lloyd Augustus Hall, chemist

Born: 6/20/1894 **Birthplace:** Elgin, Ill.

Lloyd Augustus Hall's work in chemistry revolutionized the meatpacking industry.

Before accepting a position as chief chemist and director of research at Griffith Laboratories in Chicago in 1925, the Elgin, Illinois native and Northwestern University graduate held several chemist positions.

It was at Griffith, however, that Hall gained his reputation — his research led to improved curing salts, which led to improved meat preservation. He also discovered a method for sterilizing spices, which had applications in other fields.

Hall's methods are today used to sterilize medicine, medical supplies, and cosmetics. In addition, Hall patented a method that dramatically cut the amount of time necessary to cure meats.

Instead of a six-day to fifteen-day period, meats could be cured in hours. His research resulted in more than 100 patents in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada. Recognized for his work, Hall was the first African American elected to the National Board of Directors of the American Institute of Chemists.

After his retirement in 1959, he spent six months in Indonesia as a consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. In addition, President John F. Kennedy appointed Hall to the American Food for Peace Council, on which he served from 1962 to 1964.

Died: 1/2/71



Black Panther Party preaches not equality for all races but a hatred for diversity. The New Black Panther Party was founded by a documented anti-Semite, Khalid Muhammed. Although being an American allows freedom of speech, this kind is not the message the original Black Panther Party was about. The Black Panther Party was about "love of black people, not hatred of whites." The Black Panther Party is not a communist, socialist or racist group. It continues to struggle to be recognized as a political entity striving to achieve greater equality among all the races, and promoting social programs to help the African-American community.

Legal Assistance answers tax Q and As

From the CJTF-180
Legal Assistance Office

The Tax filing season is upon us. Once a week from now until the 15th of April there will be a Question and Answer column in the Freedom Watch addressing some commonly asked tax questions. Everyone who has served some time in a combat zone has a Combat Zone filing extension giving them at least 180 days beyond 15 April 03 to file their federal income tax return. The specifics of this rule are described below. However, even if you have the extension, you will eventually have to file your taxes. Some of the questions and answers that will appear in this column will address deployment related tax issues arising when you eventually file. Also, remember, if you have any questions on tax matters you can stop by the legal assistance office located in Motel 6.

If you have served in a combat zone your deadline for filing taxes with the IRS is extended for 180 days after the last day you are in a combat zone. In addition to the 180 days, your deadline is further extended by the number of days you were in the combat zone during the filing period, which is 1 January to 15 April. If you entered the combat zone before the beginning of the filing period (January 1, 2003), which most of us have, and you remain through 15 April 03 your deadline is extended by a period of time equal to the entire filing period. (i.e. Jan. 1 through April 15, 105 days).

This week's questions are:

Q: Does the extension for filing and paying federal individual income taxes apply to unearned income from investments?

A: Yes. The extensions apply without regard to the source of your income.

Q: Do the deadline extension provisions apply only to members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in the combat zone?

A: No. The deadline extension provisions also apply to individuals serving in the combat zone in support of the U.S. Armed Forces, such as Red Cross personnel, accredited correspondents, and civilian personnel acting under the direction of the U.S. Armed Forces in support of those forces.

In addition, members of the U.S. Armed Forces who perform military service in an area outside the combat zone qualify for the suspension of time provisions if their service is in direct support of military operations in the combat zone, and they receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger as certified by the Department of Defense. See SJA website for designated countries with special pay.

Q: I am a member of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in the combat zone. Do the deadline extension provisions apply to my spouse who is in the United States?

A: Yes. The deadline extension provisions apply not only to members serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (or individuals serving in support thereof) in the combat zone, but to their spouses as well, with two exceptions. First, if you are hospitalized in the United States as a result of injuries received while serving in the combat zone, the deadline extension provisions would not apply to your spouse. Second, the deadline extension provisions for your spouse do not apply for any tax year beginning more than two years after the date of the termination of the combat zone designation.

Bush pushes threat integration center, praises intel pros

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The United States is winning the war on terrorism, in part, because intelligence efforts span the federal bureaucracy and link to the world.

President Bush praised efforts by the CIA and FBI during a speech at FBI headquarters today. Bush pointed out that the FBI alone has 1,800 agents devoted to counterterrorism activities.

“All our successes in the war on terror depend on the ability of our intelligence and law enforcement agencies to work in common purpose,” Bush said. “In order to better protect our homeland, our intelligence agencies must coexist like they never had before. In order to hunt the terrorists down one by one, our intelligence agencies must

cooperate fully with agencies overseas. Under the leadership of (CIA) Director (George) Tenet and (FBI Director Bob) Mueller, the CIA and the FBI have improved their communications and cooperation.”

The president spoke about the new Terrorist Threat Integration Center that he first mentioned in his State of the Union address, saying it marks another crucial advance in meeting 21st century threats. “This joint effort across many departments of our government will integrate and analyze all terrorist threat information collected domestically and abroad in a single location,” Bush said.

He said the center will develop a comprehensive picture of terrorist activity. When it is fully operational, it will house a database of known and suspected terrorists that officials across the country will be able to access and act upon, he said.

In addition to the CIA and FBI, the Defense Department and the new Department of Homeland Security will be among those staffing the center and analyzing the data.

Bush said protecting the homeland is the first goal, and intelligence is at the heart of protecting America.

Using advanced technology, the center will be able to provide that database to local law enforcement personnel. Terrorist attacks may be thwarted in the course of a simple traffic stop.

But the war on terror isn't only defensive. Americans must go into other areas and hunt down terrorists, Bush said. “This war requires us to understand that terror is broader than one international network, that these terrorist networks have got connections — in some cases, to countries run by outlaw dictators,” he said.

Make way for 'King Pritchett'

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – As the dust settles in an Afghan village outside Bagram Air Base, eager local eyes peer through the cloud of dirt anxiously waiting to see who exits the military convoy. Then, in the midst of dozens of villagers and desert uniforms, the tall, slim figure of Col. Christopher Pritchett, Bagram Air Base commander, appears in the crowd. With smiles of relief and hands over grateful hearts, the town elders welcome the arrival of “King Pritchett.”

Shortly after Pritchett’s arrival to the air base in April 2001, Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill, Combined Joint Task Force-180 commander,

assigned Pritchett 600 square kilometers outside the air base for the purpose of expanding the perimeter.

According to Sayed Habib Abedi, Pritchett’s interpreter, that was the best thing McNeill could have done.

“In the 10 months Col. Pritchett has been here, he has increased the area of operation from 600 sq. kilometers to 1,800 just from his wise and friendly interaction with the locals,” said Abedi. “I don’t think there is a better man for the job.”

Even with the vast perimeter expansion in a short period of time, Pritchett said it took a lot of coaxing and persuasion to gain the locals’ trust.

“When I first arrived, the Afghan locals

and military alike were very wary and apprehensive,” said Pritchett. “After so many years of war, they didn’t know what to make of us and were constantly looking for the differences between us and the Soviets.”

“Within my first three days on Bagram, I had my first encounter with an Afghan,” he said. “It was the general of the Afghan Air Force at the time. We had dinner together and I’ve been interacting with them ever since.”

According to Pritchett, once the locals learned to trust the U.S. presence here, they became very open and willing to get along with the troops. Getting along with each other however, was a different story.

“Aside from almost three decades of war with the Soviet and Taliban forces, there was also a lot of rivalry between local tribes and villages,” said Pritchett. “Certain tribes such as the Pashtun and Tajik were very eager to get along with us but very hesitant to work with each other.”

To help the locals cooperate more inside their own sects, Pritchett started a campaign that would soon lead to his widespread fame throughout Afghanistan.

“Anytime I would go into a local village I would stress the importance of combined strength among the different tribes and the need to work together for unified peace and prosperity in Afghanistan,” said Pritchett. “I always tried to convince the influential leaders such as elders, warlords and generals that there is strength in numbers and if they came together, their people would follow.”

Within a matter of months, the news about Pritchett’s campaign message spread throughout the villages and more people would invite him to come and speak.

“It was like a chain reaction,” said



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

Col. Christopher P. Pritchett, Bagram Air Base commander, and his interpreter, Sayed Habib Abedi, commend the elders of Bagram and surrounding villages on unifying as a people to help rebuild their communities. This has been one of Pritchett's main objectives since his arrival in Afghanistan in April 2002.

Chaplain's corner

By Chap. (Maj.) Marvin Luckie
CTF-82 Chaplain

The first military discipline a new recruit learns is how to march. In Philippians 3:16 Paul uses another military term that the Philippians believers would certainly have understood. *Stoicheo* was used by the Roman army for the precision marching that took a body of soldiers from place to place. The new recruit had to learn to follow the

voice of the one calling cadence and to move in unison with other soldiers. The recruit did not, of course, know where he was going. But he listened to the call of someone who did know where the troops needed to be and how to get them



Chap. (Maj.)
Marvin Luckie

there in the fastest and most efficient way.

The new Christian, like the new soldier, has no idea where he is going in life or how to get there. But God provides pastor-teachers who do understand the goals and objectives of God has for every one of His children. The believer's first task is to listen to instruction and learn to march.

Come and join us as we dig a little deeper into objective, attitude, and patterns as we 'walk-march' in faith.

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Pritchett. "Each village would refer me to the next village and so on and so forth. Eventually I made so many friends that there were few places I could go that I didn't feel safe."

In conjunction with his message of organization and unity, Pritchett also brought whatever assistance the U.S. could offer.

"I realized that without resources, the people would not be very interested in unifying," said Pritchett. "For that reason, part of the campaign was to have the villages meet together to decide what was most needed in their towns. In turn, I promised them the U.S. would give them the most help realistically possible."

"These people have high hopes but low expectations," he said.

"If they asked for a bridge or a school and we could only supply them with wells or school supplies they were just as grateful," he added.

After about eight months of speaking with thousands of locals on unity and peace, Pritchett's hard work started to pay off.

Elders from villages all over Afghanistan, Pashtun and Tajik alike, gathered at the Bagram Mayor's office Jan. 2 to begin, the Shafaq Organization, the first ever humanitarian organization completely run and funded by the people of Afghanistan.

Pritchett said the key to the success of the campaign was total and complete honesty.

"I never visited a village without returning, never made a promise I couldn't keep and never gave the people false hope," said Pritchett. "I always told them the U.S. would help where we could, but their continued



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

Col. Christopher Pritchett, Bagram Air Base commander, talks to his interpreter, Sayed Habib Abedi about upcoming events. Pritchett and Abedi have worked together in the past year visiting many villages all over Afghanistan.

prosperity depended solely on their ability to unify their own funds and leadership to sustain once the U.S. is gone."

With less than two months remaining for Pritchett in Afghanistan, Abedi said VIPs from all over Afghanistan want to meet the man now known as "King Pritchett" by the Afghan people.

"Before Col. Pritchett leaves he will visit with former president of Afghanistan, Majdidde and Sima Summer, current presidential candidate against President Karzai.

He will also meet with an Afghan general in Kohi Safi where over 4,000 people want to meet him," said Abedi.

"He has been invited to villages, homes of elders and anywhere else people could

gather just to hear his wisdom," said Abedi. "He was even invited to speak inside a mosque in one of the villages, which is something that has never happened to any foreigner here before and probably won't again once Pritchett leaves. That is how much these people honor and respect this man."

Abedi said the day Pritchett returns home will be one of the saddest days for the villages of Afghanistan since before his arrival.

"No one has ever done for these people what Col. Pritchett has done," said Abedi. "To the people of Afghanistan he is not only the voice of the U.S. Army, but the voice of the American people and of President George Bush. To them, he is no longer a foreigner but a brother."

Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Jamison's 32 lead Warriors to win

TORONTO — Antawn Jamison scored 32 points and Jason Richardson added 25 as the Golden State Warriors won their third straight road game with a 118-114 overtime victory over the Toronto Raptors on Friday night.

The Warriors led by three with 8.6 seconds left in regulation, but Gilbert Arenas fouled Toronto's Voshon Lenard as Lenard attempted an off-balance 3-pointer.

Lenard then made all three of his free throws to tie it with 2.5 seconds left.

Arenas had six of his 15 points in overtime, including four free throws in the final 20 seconds to seal the victory.

Earl Boykins had 13 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter for the Warriors, who also beat Atlanta and New York on their trip. Golden State concludes its trip on Sunday against Minnesota.

Lenard went 9-for-9 from the line and finished with 26 points for the Raptors, who had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Boykins made two free throws to give Golden State a 100-93 lead with 18.8 seconds remaining in regulation.



Antawn Jamison, right, has better stats than Vince Carter this season.

Toronto's Morris Peterson followed with a 3-pointer, but Richardson made one of two free throws with 14.5 seconds left.

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Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



50 Cent slams into albums chart with record-breaking debut LP

In less than a week, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* has turned 50 Cent into a cash cow for his record label.

Get Rich or Die Tryin' will be the top-selling album on next week's *Billboard* albums chart, moving in excess of 872,000 copies, according to SoundScan figures released Wednesday (February 12). With the tremendous total, the LP is the best-selling debut album since SoundScan started its tracking system in May 1991. Only Snoop Dogg's 1993 debut, *Doggystyle*, comes close, with more than 802,000 copies sold in its first week.

The Queens MC sold more copies of his debut LP last week than all the other top 10 albums combined; and 50's one-week tally is the largest since Shania Twain moved more than 874,000 copies of *Up!* in November.

Even more remarkable is the fact the volume was attained in a shortened sales cycle. Although 50's album was released five days early to combat bootlegging, it's questionable whether having the extra two days would have increased his total, since many retail outlets reported the album sold out after the first couple of days on the shelves.

Eminem, 'NSYNC, Clash tribute added to Grammys

Eminem, 'NSYNC, and Sheryl Crow with Lenny Kravitz have been added to the list of performers for the 45th annual Grammy Awards.

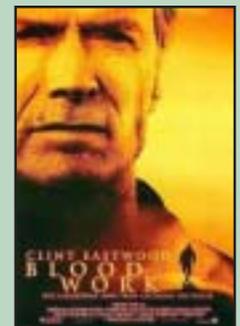
Although details of his performance are not known, if previous awards show perfor-

mances are any indication, the set from the Detroit rapper with five Grammy nominations should be special. At the 43rd annual Grammys, Eminem delivered "Stan" as a duet with Elton John. Six months earlier, he was surrounded by throngs of Shady clones for "The Real Slim Shady" at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

2000 hrs. at the MWR building "Blood Work." Still recovering from a heart transplant, a retired FBI profiler returns to service when his own blood analysis offers clues to the identity of a serial killer.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Young Guns II."



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Peterson followed with another open 3-pointer, cutting the lead to two with 9.3 seconds remaining.

Richardson then made his first free throw attempt before missing the second.

Kemp reinstated after violating NBA's anti-drug policy

PHILADELPHIA — Shawn Kemp was reinstated by the NBA on Friday, three days after he was suspended without pay for violating the league's anti-drug policy for the third time.

Kemp sat out Orlando's 92-83 victory over New Jersey on Tuesday, then a 98-88 loss to Detroit on Thursday. He sat out Friday night's game against Philadelphia but was expected to play Sunday.

Kemp, 33, told coach Doc Rivers that the suspension was because he missed a drug test, not because he had failed a test.

"It came out of left field. (But) I kind of knew he didn't fail it just by the way he talked to you on the phone," Rivers said before Friday's game. "You just didn't know what to think. You are scared when a guy misses a test. Was he trying to dodge the test? No, he just missed the test."

Solution from Saturday's MLK, Jr. Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

(Courtesy of infoplease.com)



2002 NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

- (2) New Jersey 35-17
- (4) Boston 29-22
- (6) Philadelphia 27-24
- (8) Washington 25-27
- Orlando 25-28

Central

- (1) Indiana 37-15
- (3) Detroit 34-16
- (5) Milwaukee 27-23
- (7) New Orleans 27-26
- Atlanta 19-33



Western Conference

Midwest

- (1) Dallas 39-12
- (3) San Antonio 34-16
- (5) Minnesota 32-20
- (6) Utah 31-21
- Houston 27-24

Pacific

- (2) Sacramento 35-17
- (4) Portland 32-18
- (7) Phoenix 29-22
- (8) L.A. Lakers 26-23
- Golden State 24-27



By Mark Baker

Pvt. Murphy's Law

Kandahar chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

Monday

- ❖ 1130Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel choir practice

Tuesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice

Bagram chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

Monday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers

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- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

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- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

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- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice
- ❖ 1500Z — Rosary and prayers

K2 chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0330Z — Liturgical service
- ❖ 0430Z, 1200Z — General protestant service
- ❖ 0600Z — Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1300Z — Latter Day Saints

Monday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

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- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Midweek Praise service

Thursday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

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- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

Saturday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1200Z — Roman Catholic Mass

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chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0630Z — Nondenominational service

Tuesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Catholic service (every other Tuesday)

Wednesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study



	Bagram	K2	Kabul	KAF
Weather	Today  Hi — 46F Lo — 31F	 Hi — 51F Lo — 36F	 Hi — 41F Lo — 28F	 Hi — 63F Lo — 46F
	Friday  Hi — 41F Lo — 28F	 Hi — 45F Lo — 30F	 Hi — 39F Lo — 28F	 Hi — 63F Lo — 42F
	Monday  Hi — 41F Lo — 28F	 Hi — 40F Lo — 20F	 Hi — 37F Lo — 27F	 Hi — 59F Lo — 37F

KMTC chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0430Z — Protestant Service
- ❖ 0530Z — Roman Catholic Mass/Eucharist
- ❖ 0630Z — Latter Day Saints
- ❖ 1630Z — Protestant Service

Wednesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible Study

Friday

- ❖ 1530Z — Thank God It's Friday fellowship and singing

All events are held in FOB195 Chapel/Conference Room area.