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Fire it up...

An 82mm mortar team from the Romanian Army, 812th Infantry Battalion "Carpathians' Hawks" fires a mortar during a live-fire training during Operation Carpathians' Thunder Thursday in the Zabol province, where the unit is currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Kabul sites hit by Doha policy

By Sgt. W. Cullen James
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Operation Enduring Freedom components in Kabul are feeling the effects of a recent policy enacted by the Combined Forces Land Component Command at Camp Doha, Kuwait.

Starting Feb. 21, CFLCC implemented a plan to minimize the amount of unofficial voice and data usage.

Most units and component organizations in Afghanistan don't feel the pinch as bandwidth has tightened, but two organizations in Kabul feel all the restrictions of the policy.

The Combined Joint Civil-Military Op-

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Bagram guesthouse comforts visitors

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — There is not much to it. It's only a building with a few electric heaters, some cots and blankets.

But, the fact that this building is even here helps foster the relationship between Afghans and Americans.

The Bagram Air Base Guesthouse, better known by its nickname, the "Ronald McDonald House" is here for one simple reason — to provide Afghan guests a place to stay while they visit their loved ones

in the hospital here.

"The 48th Combat Support Hospital is probably one of the best hospitals in the country," said 1st Sgt. Stephen Casaceli, Base Operations, civil affairs team.

People suffering from life and limb threatening injuries and serious illnesses are flown here from places like Gardez and Konduz, where issues can't be properly tended due to limitations of supplies, education and facilities, he said.

The four-person civil affairs team not only takes care of is-

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An Afghan child and man peer through the window of a pickup truck on their way to visit and injured family member. Without the help of the Base Operations civil affairs team, family members would not have means of travel to the hospital or a place to stay, while visiting their loved ones.

World News (Compiled from CNN.com)

U.S. dismisses Chile's proposal

WASHINGTON — Even before it was formally presented to U.N. Security Council members, a Chilean compromise proposal on Iraq was dismissed by White House and State Department officials as a “nonstarter.”

“It’s an honest effort by people in New York to take U.S. ideas, British ideas and French ideas” and turn them into a proposal, but “it doesn’t seem to be a proposal [supported] by capitals,” a senior State Department official said.

“It’s like designing a horse [but] coming up with a camel,” he said.

Chilean President Ricardo Lagos announced Friday that his nation, one of the key undecided members of the Security Council, plans to present the proposal, which would give Iraq three weeks to meet five conditions similar to the British benchmarks that were circulated this week.

Police: Smart's cousin might have been target

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The suspects in the disappearance of Elizabeth Smart also might have attempted to abduct her favorite cousin a month later, authorities said Friday.

“I believe that we have solid information and solid leads that could connect the two households and the perpetrators to the two households together,” Salt Lake County Sheriff Aaron Kennard said.

He would not say whether authorities have physical or witness evidence, but he did say it came to light after the teenager was returned.

Authorities also are studying the manifesto that suspect Brian David Mitchell, 49, carried with him.

Feds consider adding level

WASHINGTON — U.S. government officials are discussing the current five-color terror threat alert system to determine whether a higher level of risk should be added before a possible war with Iraq, government sources tell CNN.

The debate is not over whether to add a new color, sources said. Instead, a slightly

higher warning level may be added within orange.

Currently the highest level of alert is for a “severe” risk of terrorist attack, indicated by the color red. Below red is orange, meaning a “high” risk of attack exists.

For now, each level of risk has its own color. Yellow, blue and green follow orange and stand for “elevated,” “guarded” and “low” risks of attack, respectively.

Moran steps down

WASHINGTON — Harshly criticized for saying pressure from the Jewish community was driving the push toward a possible war against Iraq, Rep. James Moran stepped down Friday as a House Democratic regional whip.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California issued a statement indicating she left Moran, D-Virginia, with little choice but to give up his leadership post.

“I have taken this action because Congressman Moran’s irresponsible remarks were a serious mistake,” Pelosi said in a statement. “As I said earlier this week, his comments were not only inappropriate, they were offensive and have no place in the Democratic Party.”

Student charged with hacking

AUSTIN, Texas — Authorities filed federal charges Friday against a 20-year-old student accused of hacking into a University of Texas computer system and stealing Social Security numbers and other personal information from more than 55,000 students, faculty and staff members.

Christopher Andrew Phillips, a computer science major at the Austin campus, was charged with unlawful access to a protected computer and unlawful use of a means of identification.

He turned himself in on Friday morning and was released without bail under orders not to use a computer without permission.

Police raid Milosevic ally's home

BELGRADE, Serbia — Anti-terrorist police moved Friday to demolish the headquarters of an underworld group linked to



Police enter a housing complex belonging to Spasojevic.

Slobodan Milosevic, as authorities accused allies of the former president of assassinating Serbia’s prime minister.

Zoran Djindjic, who was gunned down in Belgrade on Wednesday, played a key role in the overthrow of Milosevic, now on trial at the Hague for crimes against humanity.

Two bulldozers crushed concrete walls and smashed windows after masked policemen with bullet proof vests and machine guns raided a shopping mall and about a dozen edifices belonging to the shadowy gangland Zemun Clan.

The compound belongs to alleged crime boss Dusan Spasojevic, who the government says has links to former Yugoslav President Milosevic.

Man accused of drugging child

DETROIT, Mich. — Authorities charged a former Northwest Airlines flight attendant with assault for allegedly putting a prescription depressant in 19-month-old girl’s apple juice to stop her crying during an international flight.

Daniel Reed Cunningham, 33, also was charged Thursday with distributing a controlled substance on the August 25 flight from Amsterdam to Detroit.

He is expected to appear in court next week for his arraignment.

The girl’s mother, Beate Turner, told FBI special agent Terry Booth that Cunningham seemed upset when her daughter became restless and began squirming and crying on the flight. Cunningham offered to give the girl apple juice three times before Turner accepted, according to the agent’s affidavit. The girl suffered no serious injury.

AA life-changing for one soldier

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – He lost jobs, he lost his wife in a divorce, he lost a career in the active Army and he almost lost his son; these were the costs of his addictions, but he has begun to turn his life around.

“James” has been in Alcoholics Anonymous for 6 years. He is in the ninth step of the 12-step program.

“I didn’t realize I had a problem. One of my NCOs (non-commissioned officers) made the comment, ‘You sure are drinking a lot.’ That comment made me realize someone else saw a problem. That was the end of my denial. If the denial is not there, it makes it easier,” said James.

Before beginning AA, James saw his life going to shambles.

“I had a wife, a son and a career in the Army. The outside of me didn’t match the inside. The outside was great, but the inside wasn’t,” said James. “Basically, I destroyed everything I had. I was a closet addict. I’d drink more at home than out. I isolated myself a lot.”

Attending a meeting is the first step to recovery, according to James.

“The program works for any addiction, drugs, alcohol, sex, whatever it may be. The first thing is getting to a meeting. You have to recognize you have a problem.”

According to James, recognizing the problem is important, but people also need to realize they need help.

“You need to see a problem and realize you can’t do it alone. The people that help me are those who have come before me. Strength comes from trying to help others,” said James.

According to James, the biggest steps of the program are the fourth through the eighth.

In the fourth step you write down all the people you’ve hurt and how. The fifth step is sharing the list with someone, most often your sponsor. The sixth, seventh and eighth steps are to make amends. These can be direct or written.

“I had 45 people on my list including my son, wife, father, mother and other family. So far I’ve made about 15 amends. I don’t want to hurt people anymore,” said James. “Making amends is not about saying, ‘I’m sorry’ because I’ve said that before; it’s about saying ‘I was wrong.’ You try to take the step and leave it up to a higher power, in my mind, that is God.”

According to James, he never believed God cared about him until he became involved in AA.

“I saw it as God is there, I am here, He does his thing, and I do mine,” said James.

One misconception about AA bothers James.

“Some people think we are a big secret society, but we’re not. We’re more like a fellowship to talk to other people about what you are going through. It’s very organized,” said James.

In the program, the members have a sponsor. Before becoming a sponsor, a person must complete the program.

“One of our mottos is ‘The only way I can keep what I have is to give it away.’ This means the only way to stay sober is to give someone else sobriety,” said James.

Some people may think meetings here are

pointless, but James attests they are very important.

“Having meetings here allows us to talk about what’s going on with us. It keeps us from isolating ourselves,” said James. “It’s hard here because I can’t make many phone calls; I can’t talk to my sponsor so I have to talk to people with the same problems. It’s difficult to talk to

other people about it because they don’t understand.”

For James, the meetings are beneficial, but without them he can work his own program.

“I need the meetings, but if I don’t have them I work my own program. I pray, take time out in the day to clear my head, read AA literature and try to write things down to make them clear. If I don’t write them down, it’s like there is a BB in my head,” said James.

AA has been life-changing for James.

“I don’t have thoughts of suicide anymore. I’m always going to be an addict, but I don’t have to act like one anymore. I have a purpose now, a reason for being here,” said James. “My family is beginning to heal. My father has actually told me he is very proud

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AA meetings help servicemembers

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Alcoholics Anonymous is a voluntary 12-step program to help people recover from alcoholism. The only requirement of the program is the desire to stop drinking.

AA is a program of total abstinence. Members stay away from one drink, one day at a time.

Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings.

The program was founded in 1935 and currently has more than 2,000,000 members. This worldwide organization has more than 100,000 groups in 150 countries.

Meetings are Tuesdays and Thursdays at Combat Stress Control in the hospital at 1530Z.

For more information on AA visit CSC or call (318) 231-4639 or visit the AA website at www.aa.org.

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sues on base and goes out on daily missions, but also runs the guesthouse.

The team picks up guests from the building and takes them to the hospital where they are allowed a two-hour visit with the patient, said Casaceli.

When there aren't any guests in the building, the team makes sure the rooms are sanitary.

The unique building, appointed as a guesthouse in late Aug. 2002, has housed up to 12 people at one time and remains a successful facility, said Casaceli.

"We ensure they have food, clothing, shelter and water," he added.

To make the building a little cozier for guests who usually come from far away, civil affairs is currently improving the house.

For the future, they are going to build a day room in the building so guests can have a place to sit and eat just like in their own homes, said Casaceli.

"It definitely fosters good relations with people that live here in Afghanistan. It's a good thing."

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erations Task Force and International Security Assistance Forces-Military Liaison Team only have one dedicated data and voice link each through Camp Doha where the policy is in place, said Col. Bruce Condrey, Combined Joint Task Force-180 information systems director (CJ-6).

"This is a CFLCC policy, not a CJTF-180 policy. Most folks won't be very effected as we have built in redundancy," Condrey said.

Redundancy in voice and data means installations like Bagram have links to multiple sites for unclassified network access. "The only time we'll feel the effects are when the other links are overburdened," he explained.

The policy originated to balance the unofficial or morale, welfare and recreation usage of voice and data lines versus official use, Condrey explained. "Unofficial or MWR use of our data lines, troops sending e-mails, accounts for more than 30 percent of our network usage."



Visitors of the Bagram Air Base Guesthouse load up in a pick up truck that will take them to see their family members in the hospital. The guesthouse has been providing shelter, food and water for guests since its establishment in August 2002.

When unofficial usage begins to impact official use, restrictions are imposed.

There are three phases to the network minimization plan. Phase one is normal operations. Phase two cuts voice lines by 50 percent and certain unofficial Internet sites are blocked. During phase three morale calls are only permitted when an official Red Cross message has been received or other emergency authorization is granted; all unofficial websites are blocked.

"'Dot' mil, 'dot' org, 'dot' gov and 'dot' edu sites are the only four domains that are not restricted," said Condrey.

Under each phase, unit commanders and section leaders have a responsibility to police their organization's network usage. During phase one, soldiers can make morale calls for 10 minutes multiple times a week. Phase two phone use is once a week for 10 minutes. Morale use of the Internet during both phases should be kept to a minimum and conform to the Department of Defense's policies concerning "Web surfing."

"Because everyone is tied together, any-

Bagram to host Texas A & M "Muster"



Former Students of Texas A&M University will assemble at Bagram Air Base April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster in honor of all Texas Aggies who have passed away within the last year. The ceremony will begin at 1500Z at the Task Force Tiger, 229th Aviation Regiment, briefing tent (the tent is on the southern side of the hangar) in the Coalition Task Force-82 Compound. Texas Aggie Muster welcomes all former and current students, their families, and friends of Texas A&M University.

For more information, please contact Bagram muster chair Capt. Jim Moreno at (303) 640-3034, or by e-mail: morenojc@bragg.army.mil or ctf82-229avn-s2@ctf82-cjtf180.army.smil.mil.

thing anyone does on the network potentially effects everyone else," Condrey said. "We haven't imposed the policy here because we have other routes, but leaders should assist in keeping network usage down."

"All components are asked to balance and weight the importance of operational and MWR traffic. Make decisions at the component level — what kind of restrictions should you impose? If you run five morale phones instead of 15 then that's only five lines tied up for MWR use. These are the kind of decisions that subordinate commanders can make," Condrey said.

Although the Kabul organizations are currently under the CFLCC restrictions, Condrey said there are plans in place to give them the same network freedoms as the rest of OEF. "We're putting a large satellite terminal in Kabul to provide the military forces there multiple routes out of theater like we enjoy here at Bagram."

The system should be operational by the end of April.

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Afghanistan: Evolving between two worlds

Just my Opinion

U.S. Air Force Maj. Mary Swann
CJTF-180 PAO

The political, economic and military dynamics at play in Afghanistan are intriguing. In this war-torn location where the average per capita income is approximately \$153 per year, the country has been at war—internally or externally for 23 years. The average life span for adults is 46 years of age. Disease, hunger and poverty are as commonplace as the abandoned weapons systems that sit rusting in the surrounding fields. Bagram Air Base sits in a valley surrounded by breath-taking mountains. Years of drought have left this valley barren.

To trust or not to trust, may be the question on the minds of many Afghan people. They have been ravaged by Soviet, Taliban and al-Qaida forces. The Afghans resemble modern day figures from the Biblical book of Job; wondering daily what will happen next. Theirs is a culture besieged by polarizing forces in a time of unprecedented political tension.

The local villagers are understandably cautious as they watch the Combined Joint Task Force-180 coalition forces. CJTF-180, the newest in-resident power brokers, state they are “here to help.” They have modernized Bagram Air Base overnight so it contains minimal creature comforts that include unimaginable luxuries by any Afghan

standard. The coalition forces have cleared 1.4 million square meters of mine fields; adopted villages by bringing humanitarian assistance to impoverished locals; helped train the fledgling Afghan National Army, which now includes several thousand new soldiers; confiscated weapon caches of varying size, strength, and age; and facilitated the Afghan media.

Afghan regional leaders, in some circles known as “warlords”, still serve as a power base in the outlying areas of the country. These leaders, having seized power and retained management of their resources through all available means, provide protection for the citizens in exchange for “taxes.” Special Forces personnel seeking to locate terrorists know only too well the adaptive strategies the locals have perfected in order to survive 23 consecutive years of conflict and guerrilla warfare. Blend, adjust and adapt — like the chameleon sensing danger — the locals provide information that will satisfy the broker of the moment.

The solutions to these challenges and may be as multifaceted as the cultures that make up Afghanistan. Shoring up the government institutions under President Karzai, delivering humanitarian assistance, and continuing to root out terrorism will require leadership, vision and resources that meet the immediate needs of the people of Afghanistan while empowering them to evolve as an autonomous nation between two worlds.

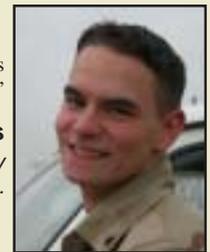
STREET TALK

What is your goal while deployed here?



“I want to keep in touch with family at home and I want to work out every day.”

1st Lt. Emily Eagan
293rd MP Co.,
Fort Stewart, Ga.



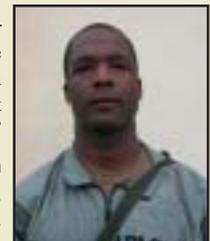
“I want to gain 20 pounds of muscle.”

Spc. Ryan Harris
1/231 Field Artillery
Fort Bragg, N.C.



“I want to lose weight and get more fit.”

Sgt. Bonnie Collins
C Det., 126th Finance Bn.
Fort Polk, La.



“I want to become a better leader. I want to take everything I learned in garrison and implement it in theater.”

Sgt. John Warren
364th Supply Co.
Fort Bragg, N.C.

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Red Cross offers variety of services to soldiers

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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — If you are ever looking for the American Red Cross office at Kandahar Air Field it's easy to find.

Just go in the terminal and look for a small crowd of soldiers drinking coffee and picking through bins filled with comfort items sent from people back home.

"People seem to appreciate the things we have out for them to take," said Elizabeth Schirk, one of the two ARC workers deployed

here, "The coffee seems to be a life line for many."

Schirk, whose mother and husband are both ARC workers, grew up around the organization and volunteered through high school and college.

Although many ARC personnel are volunteers there are some who work for the organization full time. "It can definitely be a career," said Schirk.

American Clara Barton learned of the International Red Cross during a trip to Europe and organized the ARC May 21, 1881.

"The number one mission is emergency communication," said

Schirk. Emergency communications include notices of deaths, illnesses and births back home.

Sherry Dutton of Castleton, Vt. has been with the ARC since 1988.

Dutton said it's not unusual for family members not to know what unit their service member is in.

"It's important that military members communicate to their families exactly what unit they are in," said Dutton. "We have two hours from receiving a message until we get it to the servicemember."

It's also important for us to get a response to the message we

have passed on," said Dutton. "Since someone is waiting to hear that they received the message on the other end, our job is not done until we complete the circle and send a message back to the servicemembers family."

"The morale here is very high," said Dutton. "It's interesting to talk with the soldiers and it gives you a perspective that you could only get by being here with them. What they do is very important."

"We have been getting a lot of good comments from servicemembers," said Schirk. "They come in and say 'thank you' and that's a good feeling."



Photo courtesy of the Safety Office

Afghan roads require a heightened sense of awareness to prevent accidents such as this from occurring.

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to see the change in me. I got more Christmas packages here than ever before. More people want to be around me now. They like me; they like what's happened."

James believes the best part of his recovery is seeing his son more often.

"I don't get to see my son much because of the things that happened, but things are getting better. When I go home I'm going to take my son to the beach and

have some fun," said James.

For members, the most important part of the program is the anonymity.

"The anonymity is very important. It allows people to fully express themselves without fear of retribution. These people are white collar, blue collar, doctors, clergy, military and professionals. This allows them to speak freely," said James. "I feel safe when I am there and can speak openly and honestly."

According to James, a person may give

Honor sacrifice with safety

By Maj William Mott
11th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Spc. Jason Disney and Sgt. Gene Vance are honored with memorial monuments and plaques along Disney Drive; lest we forget their ultimate sacrifice.

Next to mission accomplishment safety is a leader's primary concern.

Industries such as the Occupational Safety and Health Association and military doctrine concerning risk management and assessment give us the training and tools to save soldiers lives.

Our job is inherently dangerous. Aggressive, passive and occupational hazards lie everywhere in the form of enemy land mines, rockets, complacency, and dangerous jobs.

A memorial to fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines can be found on www.DefendAmerica.mil under the Fallen Warriors icon. Twenty two soldiers, two sailors, four airmen and two Marines have died in Afghanistan.

When new soldiers arrive in country, take the time to honor those gone before them and teach safety to spare sacrifice.

up their anonymity, but it is that individual's choice.

James encourages people to give AA a chance.

"At my first meeting my initial thought was, 'I'm home.' I didn't think there was anyone out there like me. I realized there was hope and I had a chance," said James. "I want people here to know there is a solution, there is hope. If they are doing something they don't like and they can't stop, give it a shot."

Briefcase, business suit to Army base, desert boots

By Pfc. Christina Carde
11th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — After a full day of pondering case details and counseling clients, an attorney leans back in his chair and allows his thoughts to drift off to another time. Memories of screaming National Football League fans cheering his team on, or the tragic day he pulled human remains from the World Trade Center rubble pass through his mind. Then suddenly, perhaps from a familiar voice or a blast from a land mine, causes Cpt. Robert McGovern, Combined Joint Task Force-180 to snap back into reality — Northeastern Afghanistan.

Playing the position of linebacker in the NFL or earning the position of Assistant District Attorney are things most people only dream about that McGovern has accomplished. However, he said the achievement he takes most pride in, is what he is doing right now.

McGovern started his Army career as a reservist, but was compelled to go on active duty after Sept. 11.

“I was on my way to work as usual the Tuesday morning of Sept. 11,” said McGovern. “My office was only a block away from the World Trade Centers so I saw everything that happened.”

Many people all over the U.S. were affected by the events of Sept. 11, but McGovern said it did more than affect him. It changed his life forever.

“Myself and my colleagues watched as the twin towers burned and could only think of the people we knew who worked there and if they were o.k.,” said McGovern. “We still didn’t know that what was happening was the result of a terrorist attack.”

For McGovern and many other New Yorkers, the day that followed was even more grim than the morning of the attack.

“A lot of my friends and co-workers had



Photo courtesy of Capt. Robert McGovern

President George W. Bush shakes the hand of Capt. Robert McGovern, attorney, at Ground Zero shortly after Sept. 11. McGovern assisted with the recovery process at Ground Zero shortly after the attack and now works for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Combined Joint Task Force-180.

wives, husbands and other relatives that worked in the towers who never came home,” said McGovern. “The next day I went down to Ground Zero and offered to help in any way I could.”

What McGovern saw that day would change his opinions on life, career and duty, indefinitely.

“All I could see was mountains of rubble lying all over,” said McGovern. “At the base of these mountains were assembly lines of hundreds of policemen, doctors, firemen and regular people like me, passing pieces of rubble and the occasional body-bag down the line.”

According to McGovern, passing pieces of buildings from one person to the next was the easy part of the job. Eventually, everyone had to take their turn digging through the rubble for human remains.

“On the last day that I helped with the recovery process, it was my turn to dig,” he said. “As I came to the front of the line, I saw

the remains of what was a complete human being. As difficult as it was, I had to pick it up, piece by piece and put it in the bag. That was the last straw for me.”

Shortly after, McGovern went on active duty and on his way to Afghanistan.

“Since I’ve been here, I have looked in the faces of the potential terrorists responsible for the death of that person I pulled out from beneath the trade center ruins just days after the attack,” said McGovern. “It’s good to see them facing justice behind bars.”

Even though McGovern is proud of the choice he made to defend his country, this is not exactly where he thought his career would take him.

“Ever since I was a child, I always wanted to play football,” said McGovern. “Right out of college I was drafted into the NFL for no other reason than sheer luck.”

During the next four years, McGovern

Chaplain's corner

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

Before any military expedition, the troops must be briefed. They must be rallied behind their cause, reminded of their objective, warned of their enemy's strength and position, and given final review of their own armaments.

Ephesians 6: 10-18 is Paul's great combat briefing for the royal army of God. He was writing this from a Roman prison where he spent 24 hours a day watching, listening to, and talking with members of the most honored military force in the Roman world. From the Praetorian guards to whom he was chained, this greatest of Christian warriors gleaned illustrations that would instruct and prepare his comrades in Christ for more than 2,000 years.

Call to Arms: *Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His Might.* Finally, from *loipos*, means "from now on," "for the duration." Paul is saying that from now

on the recipients of this letter are accountable for this information. Every time a believer hears the Word taught, he stands forever accountable to God for what he does with that information. What will we do with the information Paul gives us?

Objective: *Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.* Just as we say "All the Way," so to the Praetorian Guards said "Stand Firm." The aorist tense indicates that you put on the full armor at that point of time, or as we would say, "once and for all." Put on the armor of God, and don't ever take it off. Don't be moved.

Enemy Strength: *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against powers, against the world*



Chap. (Maj.) Marvin Luckie

forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places. Paul is ready to give us an idea of what it is we have to stand firm against. Our struggle, he says, is not against flesh and blood. "Struggle" is *pale*, which means individual confrontation, hand-to-hand combat. You may be able to give me a word of encouragement, but you cannot fight my fight. You are engaged in your own hand-to-hand struggle.

Arms Review: *Stand firm therefore, having girded you loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace...and the sword of the Spirit.* If you are going to stand in the face of the opposition, in the face of the enemies visible and invisible, physical and spiritual, you have to take up and be able to use your weaponry.

Come on by and let's talk about the challenges to us as believers to stand firm, use your weapons, and be mighty.

Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



Eminem doesn't care about an Oscar either

MTV — When Eminem said he was going to take time off this year, he meant it. That includes bagging on one of the biggest entertainment events of the year.

Em, nominated for an Oscar in the best song category for the massive "8 Mile" hit "Lose Yourself," will skip the Academy Awards on March 23, an Interscope spokesperson said.

The song is nominated alongside such heavy hitters as U2 ("The Hands That Built America") and Paul Simon ("Father and Daughter"), but Em is sticking with his plan to stay out of the public eye for a while

Biggie, Jam Master Jay, Left Eye honored at B.I.G. Night Out

NEW YORK — In a perfect world, the

Notorious B.I.G., Tupac Shakur, Big L, Big Pun, Aaliyah, Left Eye, Freaky Tah and Jam Master Jay would have all been with their mothers Tuesday night at the fifth annual B.I.G. Night Out. However, the harsh reality is that all the stars have passed on — most of them by violent means — leaving their families and friends to mourn.

Christina's new video is about empowerment

MTV — If you thought the "Dirrty" and "Beautiful" videos were a departure from Christina Aguilera's "Genie in a Bottle" days, wait until you see her "Fighter" clip.

"You're going to see her like I don't think she's been portrayed before," declared surre-

alist director Floria Sigismondi, best known for helming Marilyn Manson's clip for "The Beautiful People."

Sigismondi, who is working with Aguilera this week in Los Angeles, hesitated to reveal details of the treatment but said to expect her signature dark theatrics.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building, "Spy Game." Retiring CIA agent Nathan Muir recalls his training of Tom Bishop while working against agency politics to free him from his Chinese captors.



Tomorrow's movie will be "The Matrix."

Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



MJ's true legacy: Leaving it on the floor

ESPN — It is twilight in the reign. A month, maybe six weeks, and then it will be over for Michael Jordan. The itch has been most effectively scratched. Now the questions come in hushed tones: *Do you think he's tarnished his legacy? Was this comeback a failure?* They think they have their evidence now — because the Washington Wizards are struggling to hold onto the last playoff spot in the East, the Urkel of conferences — that Jordan's playing these last two years was one man's ego run amok, a display of personal hubris that put the franchise on hold.

I will acknowledge that I had some of these doubts myself, at the beginning.

But inside MCI Center, it's been a different story. For there are people who have waited, patiently — too patiently, in many ways — for the Wizards to show a pulse, a hint of professionalism, some pride, for Wes Unseld's sake. An entire generation has grown up in Washington with no knowledge that this was once one of the NBA's storied franchises, one that made the playoffs 12 straight seasons from the late '60s to early '80s and 18 of 20 seasons through the mid-'80s. The entire Bird-Magic-Isiah-Bulls era came and went with the Bullets/Wizards on the outside looking in, collective noses pressed against the window. While the league was resuscitated, and then thrived, Washington's franchise was a mudslide of mediocrity; even the hopes brought about by the joint arrival of Chris Webber and Juwan Howard flickered out quickly, destroyed by youthful mis-



Michael Jordan works as hard as ever getting his team to the playoffs.

takes and adult impatience, replaced by a half-empty building with people motivated only to boo the listless home team.

Jordan's arrival didn't make the Wizards into title contenders; this isn't a fairy tale. But first as an executive, and then as a player, he has restored some of the franchise's identity, the hard-won respect that men like Unseld and Elvin Hayes and Phil Chenier created. The Wizards will not win every night, but they will play hard. They will know what they're doing on the floor. They will not be embarrassingly outcoached. And, in Washington, they matter again. For the last two years, Abe Pollin's building has been sold out every night, and the crowds are loud, and knowledgeable, and grateful.

But it's just about over.

Harris breaks out of slump

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With the regular season winding down and first place in the Atlantic Division up for grabs, the New Jersey Nets are showing signs that their recent slump may be over.

Lucious Harris broke out of a two-month shooting slump with 24 points, and the first-place Nets won consecutive games for the first time since mid-February with a 90-75 win over the Boston Celtics on Thursday night.

"I think the last two games, we understood what's at stake," Jason Kidd said after his 13-point, 12-assist, eight-rebound performance.

"We put ourselves in this position. During the season you have your ups and downs. Now it's at the point where you can't have big downs."

The victory increased the Nets' lead in the Atlantic Division to two games over idle Philadelphia, and three games over Boston.

New Jersey will play the 76ers here Sunday and will face the Celtics on the road Tuesday as part of a stretch that could give the Nets some breathing room.



2002 NBA standings

Eastern Conference		Western Conference	
Atlantic		Midwest	
(2) New Jersey	40-25	(1) Dallas	48-16
(3) Philadelphia	37-26	(3) San Antonio	45-18
(5) Boston	37-28	(5) Minnesota	42-25
(7) Orlando	33-33	(6) Utah	37-27
Washington	31-33	Houston	33-30
Central		Pacific	
(1) Detroit	40-23	(2) Sacramento	45-20
(4s) Indiana	38-27	(4) Portland	42-22
(6) New Orleans	37-29	(7) L.A. Lakers	35-28
(8) Milwaukee	32-33	(8) Phoenix	34-30
Atlanta	26-39	Golden State	31-33



MCGOVERN, from Page B1

played linebacker for three different teams and even saw a playoff game.

"I played for the Chiefs, Steelers and Patriots for about four years," said McGovern. "I can still remember the rush that I felt every time I stepped on the field and heard the roar of the crowd. I still consider it the best time of my life."

After his four years of fame, it was time to choose another career path due to involuntary retirement from the NFL.

"I decided to become a lawyer," said McGovern. "I worked in a law firm in Newark, N.J., for about three years after I graduated from law school and then put in my application for assistant DA of Manhattan. Once again, luck smiled on me and I got the job."

Even though the business suit has now been substituted for a Desert Camouflage Uniform, McGovern still continues to practice law in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Cpt. McGovern heads up our fiscal law department. We depend on him as the principal attorney in charge of funding for the Afghan National Army," said Cpt. Erik Dodson, attorney, CJTF-180. "He is one of the most dedicated people to work and comradery that I've ever met. He knows how to keep things light and fun around the workplace. Truly a great American."

In a few months it will be time for McGovern to put down his weapon and once again pick up his briefcase as he returns to Manhattan.

"If I could, I would like to spend the rest of my career prosecuting terrorists who commit crimes against the U.S.," said McGovern. "As far as my career in the Army is concerned, I'm not infantry or Special Forces, but I use what I know to do my part in fighting the War on Terror."



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

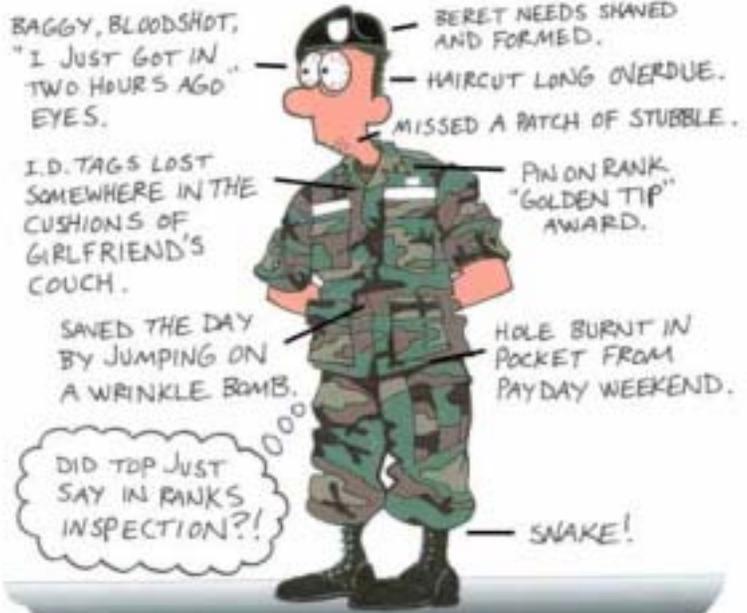
As an attorney for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Combined Joint Task Force-180, Capt. Robert McGovern counsels troops on legal matters and deals with fiscal law and funding for the Afghan National Army.

**Solution from Friday's Percussion Session
Crossword in the *Freedom Watch***

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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THIS MINI-POSTER IS DEDICATED TO ANYONE WHO HAS EVER HAD ONE OF THOSE DAYS



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
- ❖ 0530Z — Liturgical Protestant worship
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1400Z — Gospel service

Monday

- ❖ 0700Z — Roman Catholic Mass

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- ❖ 1430Z — Christian mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 0700Z — Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1330Z — Bible study
- ❖ 1600Z — Catholic praise team

Friday

- ❖ 0700Z — Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1330Z — Mentor's meeting
- ❖ 1400Z — Gospel Choir practice
- ❖ 1515Z — Roman Catholic Mass

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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- ❖ 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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- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 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



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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.