



News briefs

U.S. troops under fire

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — U.S. Special Forces in Khowst came under fire from eight personnel dressed in civilian clothes carrying AK-47s and light machine guns Thursday. The team requested close air support. The AH-64 Apache helicopters that responded to the engagement fired 30 rounds of 30mm ammunition and 14 rockets. An investigation is underway. In a separate incident Thursday, U.S. Special Forces in Deh Rawod encountered small arms fire from two men armed with AK-47s. One enemy was killed and the other escaped. Task Force Panther conducted multiple air assaults and infiltrated four different objectives northeast of Khowst. The operations concluded early Friday. It was conducted to deny enemy forces the ability to reestablish sanctuary in the vicinity. The Paratroopers brought five men in for questioning and destroyed weapons and ammunition on the various objectives.

USMC celebrate 227th birthday

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — “Tonight, we gather to celebrate our birth; we celebrate this evening along with Marines, families and friends in every clime and place,” wrote Lt. Col. James A. Dixon, commander of Marine Attack Squadron 513, in a letter to his soldiers.

“For 227 years, today, we have been on guard around the globe. Our presence tonight is a testament to our country’s desire to see a Corps that is combat ready and forward deployed in support of the nation’s defense.”

On Oct. 21, 1921, Maj. Edwin McClellan, officer in charge, his-

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Photo by Spc. Ann Marie Schult, XVIII Airborne Corps
The oldest Marine present, Chief Warrant Officer Bryon F. Overton, receives his ceremonial cake from the commander of Marine Attack Squadron 513, Lt. Col. James Dixon.

Marines have a ‘ball’ in Bagram AB

By Capt. Alayne Cramer
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Gunnery Sgt. John A. Ubaldi was disheartened because he could not celebrate the Marine Corps’ birthday the traditional way, but he

fixed that problem.

About 350 Coalition members from Combined Joint Task Force - 180 spent several hours eating, dancing and having a good time at the North Dining Facility on Bagram Air Base to commemorate the U.S. Marine Corps’ 227th Birth-

day Sunday night.

Ubaldi, the combined joint training message noncommissioned officer, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, was a member of the three-Marine team who planned

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Poles commemorate independence day on base

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In the second half of the 18th Century, the Polish state was weak-

ened because of internal disputes. Poland, divided into three partitions (1772, 1793 and 1795) between Russia, Prussia and Austria, vanished from the

map for 123 years. Poles never accepted that. There are numerous dates that are associated with Polish blood in that time. Polish soldiers

fought in Kościuszko (1794), Napoleon campaign (1807-1813), November Uprising (1830), the Revolution

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torical section, Headquarters Marine Corps, sent a memo to Commandant Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune suggesting the original Marine birthday be declared a Marine Corps holiday and be celebrated. He also recommended there be a dinner in Washington to commemorate the event with members of the Marine Corps, Army and the Navy along with descendants of the Revolution present.

On Nov. 1, 1921, Lejeune issued a Marine Corps order that summarized the history, mission and tradition of the Corps. He also directed it be read on Nov. 10 every year in honor of the birthday.

“Tonight, we should hold our heads high and reflect on those that have come before us and unhesitatingly stepped into harms’ way,” Dixon wrote. “If not for the heroic and countless missions that the nightmares have accumulated over our enemies, many of our brothers in arms would have perished.

“Even today, although our missions return with ordnance, let there be no doubt our enemies’ knowledge of our presence and the respect for our readiness and tenacity makes them reluctant to engage against the ground forces in this country,” he wrote.

The legacy of the 513th is laid down in blood throughout the world, Dixon wrote.

“Esprit de Corps is built upon events like these,” he



Photos by Spc. Ann Marie Schult, XVIII Airborne Corps

Coalition members sit down to enjoy a meal together in honor of the Marine Corps’ 227th Birthday, held here on Sunday.

wrote. “We are a ‘band of brothers,’ ‘soldiers of the sea.’ We are called ‘Teufel Hunden’ or Devil Dogs. This name, placed upon us in the battle of Verdun and Bellueau Wood, was given out of respect for our tenacity and ability to overcome adversity.”

The names of distinction are earned by today’s Marines with their eternal spirit, which passed from generation to generation within the Corps.

As with most birthday celebrations, cake is part of the festivities. Traditionally, the first piece of the cake is given to the oldest Marine and the second to the youngest.

“We will remain vigilant tonight and for years to come,” Dixon wrote. “For until our country and its allies can rest in the knowledge that freedom has been obtained for all people in this world, we will remain on guard 24 hours a day.”

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the first Bagram Marine Corps ball. Ubaldi started coordinating with Sgt. Maj. Daniel Jackson, VMA 513, and Master Sgt. Ricardo Sanders, the senior enlisted representative for the Joint Personnel Reception Center.

Resourcing logistical requirements for a ball in a combat zone was not an easy task, said Sanders. He had to be creative and traveled to Kabul where he found all the decorations and found a bakery to make the cake. He even traveled to Incirlik, Turkey, to purchase the paper plates, bowls and the commemorative coins placed at each place setting. Sanders said he wanted the coins to remind attendees why U.S. forces are deployed here.

Although the ball was informal, traditional rituals like the posting of the col-



Gunnery Sgt. Christopher A. Chesley salutes the playing of the National Anthem.

ors and the cake-cutting ceremony could not be compromised. The guest of honor, Maj. Gen. John R. Vines, Coalition Task Force - 82 commander, along with the oldest Marine, Chief Warrant Officer Bryon F. Overton, and the youngest Marine, Pfc. Jeriel M. Attmore cut the cake. The youngest Marine signifies the future of

the Corps while the oldest Marine signifies the continuation of the Corps.

“Our birthday is a big deal to us and being in Afghanistan celebrating our birthday, to me it’s a bonus,” Sanders said. “I think it would be a sin for a Marine not to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday.”

HIND SIGHT

1919

The first two-minutes' silence was observed in Britain to commemorate those who died in the Great War.

1921

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery was dedicated.

1922

Canada's Vernon McKenzie urges to fight U.S. propaganda with taxes on U.S. magazines.

1938

Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" was performed for the first time by singer Kate Smith.

1953

The polio virus was identified and photographed for the first time in Cambridge, Mass.

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of 1848, January Uprising (1863) and February revolution of 1905. Even though they were not strong enough to defeat the conquerors using firearms, they fought with their patriotic spirit. They developed Polish education, science and culture.

World War I revived Polish hopes. And indeed, the outcome of the war was favorable. With Germany and Austria defeated, and Russia engulfed in a revolution, on Nov. 11, 1918, Poland declared independence.

The borders of the new republic were established in the course of the ensuing Polish-Bolshevik war (1919-1920), Wielkopolska Uprising (1918) and three Silesian Uprisings (1919-1921).

Polish soldiers had the motto "GOD, HONOUR, HOMELAND," written down on their battle banners, during those years. Today, as it was years ago, Polish soldiers swear an oath of allegiance to the banners and to Poland.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Monster's Ball" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be "High Crimes," showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Rain</i> H: 57F L: 40F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 57F L: 37F
Kandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 70F L: 45F	<i>Haze</i> H: 72F L: 48F
Kabul:	<i>Rain</i> H: 59F L: 40F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 61F L: 37F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 69F L: 39F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 70F L: 40F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

2002 National Football League standings

American Football Conference

East

(2)Miami	5-3	.625
(6)Buffalo	5-4	.556
N.England	5-4	.556
N.Y. Jets	3-5	.375

North

(3)Pittsburgh	5-3-1	.556
Baltimore	4-5	.444
Cleveland	4-5	.444
Cincinnati	1-8	.111

South

(4)Tennessee	5-4	.556
Indianapolis	5-4	.556
Jacksonville	4-5	.444
Houston	2-7	.222

West

(1)Denver	6-2	.750
(5)San Diego	6-3	.667
Oakland	4-4	.500
Kansas City	4-5	.444



National Football Conference

East

(4) Philadelphia	6-3	.667
N.Y. Giants	5-4	.556
Washington	4-5	.444
Dallas	3-6	.333

North

(1) Green Bay	8-1	.889
Detroit	3-6	.333
Minnesota	2-7	.222
Chicago	2-7	.222

South

(2) Tampa Bay	7-2	.778
(5) N.Orleans	7-2	.778
(6) Atlanta	5-3-1	.556
Carolina	3-6	.333

West

(3) San Francisco	7-2	.750
St. Louis	4-5	.444
Arizona	4-5	.444
Seattle	3-6	.333

Sunday night NFL scores: Week 10

Green Bay 40, Detroit 14
 Tennessee 17, Houston 10
 St. Louis 28, San Diego 24
 N.Y. Giants 27, Minnesota 20
 Indianapolis 35, Philadelphia 13
 Atlanta 34, Pittsburgh 34 (tie)
 New Orleans 34, Carolina 24
 Baltimore 38, Cincinnati 27
 Jacksonville 26, Washington 7
 Seattle 27, Arizona 6
 San Francisco 17, Kansas City 13
 New England 33, Chicago 30

Monday's game

Oakland at Denver



First tie in five years has a bit of everything

PITTSBURGH— No Pittsburgh quarterback ever played a better game than Tommy Maddox did Sunday. And no Atlanta quarterback ever played a better fourth quarter than Michael Vick. Vick rallied Atlanta from 17 points down in the fourth quarter, and the Falcons withstood Maddox's franchise-record 473 yards passing to tie Pittsburgh 34-34 Sunday. It was the NFL's first tie in five years, and only the 16th in league history. The Steelers piled up a Rams-like 645 yards as Maddox and receiver Plaxico Burress each set club yardage records, yet still couldn't help their team win. Maddox was 28-of-41 and easily broke Bobby Layne's 1958 team record of 409 yards. Burress made nine catches for 253 yards and two touchdowns, but Pittsburgh couldn't hold a 34-17 lead. Maddox was selected by Denver and went to the Giants when Reeves coached there, but Maddox's career faded until this season.

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Finally, Miami gets respect

Miami is back at No. 1, and this time it's unanimous. The Hurricanes regained the top spot in *The Associated Press* media poll on Sunday, a week after a 25-point victory over Rutgers saw them drop to No. 2 behind Oklahoma. With the Sooners losing to Texas A&M 30-26 and Miami overpowering Tennessee 26-3 on Saturday, the Hurricanes (9-0) received all 74 first-place votes and 1,850 points from the sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel. Miami was No. 1 for a record 21 straight polls before being unseated by Oklahoma. For the first time this season, though, the Hurricanes made a clean sweep of the votes. Ohio State (11-0), the only other unbeaten major-college team, moved up to No. 2 from No. 3 after its 10-6 win over Purdue. The Buckeyes totaled 1,771 points. Washington State (9-1) made a big jump to No. 3 from No. 5 after a 32-21 win over Oregon, while Oklahoma (8-1) and Texas (9-1) were tied at No. 4 and Iowa (10-1) was No. 6. The four-one loss teams are separated by just 32 points. Miami remained No. 1 in the *USA Today/ESPN* coaches poll, followed by Ohio State, Texas, Washington State, Iowa and Oklahoma.

Election 2002

Americans cast votes Tuesday in the 2002 midterm elections for candidates seeking seats in the Senate, House of Representatives and state governors' mansions. This year, 34 of the 100 Senate seats were up for grabs, along with all 435 seats in the House and 26 state governorships. Here are winners of some of the key Senate and Governor races.



SENATE:

U.S. senators — two from each of the 50 states — serve six-year terms. Elections occur in even-numbered years, staggered such that roughly one-third of the Senate is up for re-election at a given time.

<i>State</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Party affiliation</i>
Alabama	Sessions	REP
Alaska	Stevens	REP
Arkansas	Pryor	DEM
Colorado	Allard	REP
Delaware	Biden	DEM
Georgia	Chambliss	REP
Idaho	Craig	REP
Illinois	Durbin	DEM
Iowa	Harkin	DEM
Kansas	Roberts	REP
Kentucky	McConnell	REP
Louisiana	(Dec. 7 runoff)	
Maine	Collins	REP
Massachusetts	Kerry	DEM
Michigan	Levin	DEM
Minnesota	Coleman	REP
Mississippi	Cochman	REP
Missouri	Talent	REP
Montana	Baucus	DEM
Nebraska	Hagel	REP
New Hampshire	Sununu	REP
New Jersey	Lautenberg	DEM
New Mexico	Domenici	REP
North Carolina	Dole	REP
Oklahoma	Inhofe	REP
Oregon	Smith	REP
Rhode Island	Reed	DEM
South Carolina	Graham	REP
South Dakota	Daschle	DEM
Tennessee	Alexander	REP
Texas	Cornyn	REP
Virginia	Warner	REP
West Virginia	Rockefeller	DEM
Wyoming	Enzi	REP

STATE GOVERNORS:

<i>State</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Party affiliation</i>
Alabama	Riley	REP
Arkansas	Huckabee	REP
Alaska	Murkowski	REP
California	Davis	DEM
Connecticut	Rowland	REP
Florida	Bush	REP
Georgia	Perdue	REP
Hawaii	Lingle	REP
Iowa	Vilsack	DEM
Illinois	Blagojevich	DEM
Kansas	Sebelius	DEM
Maryland	Ehrlich	REP
Michigan	Granholt	DEM
Massachusetts	Romney	REP
Maine	Baldacci	DEM
New Hampshire	Benson	REP
New York	Pataki	REP
Ohio	Taft	REP
Pennsylvania	Randell	DEM
Rhode Island	Carcieri	REP
South Carolina	Sanford	REP
Tennessee	Bredesen	DEM
Texas	Perry	REP
Vermont	Douglas	REP
Wisconsin	Doyle	DEM
Wyoming	Freudenthal	DEM

“How’d I do on the rifle range, first sergeant?”



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Laugh Support

On Veterans Day ...

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WASHINGTON — Up until the 1960s veterans groups used the red poppy as the symbol of Veterans Day. In Great Britain, it still is.

The symbol comes from a poem written by a Canadian doctor John M. McCrae in 1915:

*In Flanders fields the
poppies blow*

*Between the crosses,
row on row,*

*That mark our place;
and in the sky*

*The larks, still
bravely singing, fly*

*Scarce heard amid
the guns below.*

We are the Dead.
Short days ago

*We lived, felt dawn,
saw sunset glow,*

*Loved and were
loved, and now we lie*

In Flanders fields.

McCrae tended to the first victims of a German chemical attack on the British line at the Belgian town of Ypres during World War I. The fields of Flanders, where some of the most horrific battles occurred, are now dotted with cemeteries filled with the war dead. If you fly across France and Belgium, you can still see the remains of the trench systems of the war.

The Great War of 1914 to 1918, called the first modern global conflict, was an enormous divide

for the world. Millions of soldiers, sailors and airmen died in the conflict. Millions more civilians were also killed or died of disease. It truly was a world war. Men fought in Turkey, the Balkans, East Africa and the Middle East as well as in Russia and France. The war caused the Russian czar to fall and allowed Vladimir Lenin to build what would become the Soviet Union.

On Nov. 11, 1918, that war came to an end. At 11 a.m. the shooting stopped. A war that saw 20,000 British "Tommys" die in 20 minutes at the Battle of the Somme in 1916, was over. The war that saw 1,384,000 French "poilus" die, ended in the trenches that extended from Switzerland to the Belgian coast. Americans, who joined the war in 1917, lost more than 100,000 soldiers in the fighting.

The Germans had signed an armistice with the allies and to the generations of The Great War, Nov. 11 remains Armistice Day. For decades, veterans sold paper poppies to raise money for memorials and for the families of those who died in the war.

But The Great War was not, as President Woodrow Wilson hoped, "the war to end all wars." World War II rose from its ashes, and millions more died to stop the mad dreams of dictators from 1939 to 1945. The U.S.

Congress changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all veterans after more blood was spilled during the Korean conflict to halt aggression.

Congress moved Veterans Day, along with most other federal holidays, to be celebrated on the closest Monday to the traditional date. But soon Congress reversed itself on Veterans Day because of public pressure to honor the powerful symbolism of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Along with two world wars and Korea, Americans and their allies have fought and died in Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and other places.

Today, the United States' armed forces confront enemies around the world. U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen defend freedom on station wherever, whenever they are called. Those serving today are ensuring that they do not ignore the final verse of McCrae's poem:

*Take up our quarrel
with the foe:*

*To you from falling
hands we throw*

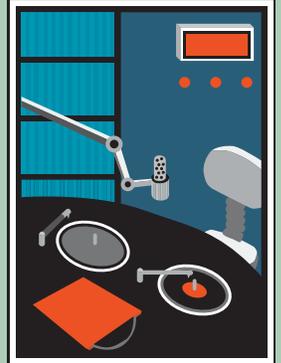
*The torch; be yours to
hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with
us who die*

*We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow*

In Flanders fields.

Armed Forces Network Radio Stations



National Press Radio
105.7 FM

Power Rock (music & news)
107.5 FM

AFN Europe (news, talk radio & music)
103.1 FM

Something to think about ...

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❖ Be bigger than 130 inches in

length and width for Space Available Mail and Military Postal Service.

❖ Be bigger than 108 inches in length and width for Priority Mail.

