

Giving thanks and appreciation...



Photo by Sgt. Johnny A. Thompson

Sen. Hillary Clinton, (D) New York, is greeted by Brig. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, Combined Joint Task Force-180, yesterday as she and Sen. Jack Reed, (D) Rhode Island, visited Bagram Air Base to have Thanksgiving dinner with U.S. troops and to thank them for their contributions to the war on terrorism.

3-6th Field Artillery adds the 'fire' to FB Catamount

Story and photo by Sgt. Greg Heath
4th Public Affairs Detachment

NURISTAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Almost immediately after rockets were fired at Fire Base Catamount on Wednesday, field artillerymen manning the 105 mm Howitzers were sending high explosive rounds down range in defense of the fire base.

This was one of the busier days for Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 10th Mountain Division since they and Btry. B had been air assaulted near the town of Namgalam more than three weeks ago along with the soldiers of 2nd Bn., 87th Infantry Regiment, in support of Operation Mountain Resolve.

Originally the field artillerymen's job was to provide indirect fire with 105 mm Howitzers and 125 mm mortars to protect infantry Soldiers movements in the eastern Afghan province of Nuristan during the onset of the operation, but now most of their missions are to suppress and

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Lessons learned in OEF help in Iraq

Story by G.W. Pomeroy
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Lessons learned in Operation Enduring Freedom have resulted in better patient care and better interoperability with other services during Operation Iraqi Freedom, said the Air Force surgeon general. He recently completed a 10-day tour visit to the OEF and OIF theaters.

“We learned a large number of lessons in OEF on how to better operate with special forces and with the Army and Navy, and all those have been turned into smoother actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom and the ongoing OEF,” said Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr.

“So from the perspective of the patient, there are fewer seams in the system from point of injury or illness to definitive health care,” Taylor said.

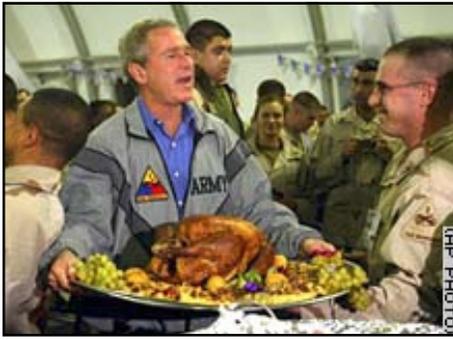
Additionally, there is a much better understanding in the Army of the Air Force's capability to move critical patients, and there is a much better understanding from special forces about how they fit into the system, Taylor said.

Air Force medical presence throughout the OIF theater includes five expeditionary medical systems, two aeromedical-evacuation squadrons with a substantial number of aeromedical-evacuation assets, air-evacuation liaison teams and aeromedical-staging facilities, Taylor said.

“Air Force medics on the ground and those performing aeromedical evacuations have been, and will remain, major factors

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



President Bush made a surprise Thanksgiving Day visit to U.S. troops in Iraq.

'It felt good,' GI says of Bush's unexpected visit to Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq – President Bush made an unannounced visit to Baghdad on Thursday to spend part of Thanksgiving Day with U.S. troops, surprising not only the soldiers but also virtually everyone else in the world, including some members of the Secret Service.

"I can't think of a finer group of folks to have dinner with," Bush told the troops.

His visit marked the first time a U.S. president had traveled to Iraq, and concern for Bush's safety kept the trip cloaked in secrecy.

It came amid persistent insurgent attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq — and less than a week after a cargo plane was struck by a missile and forced to land at the Baghdad airport.

Air Force One, with its lights turned off for security reasons, touched down at Baghdad International Airport at 5:31 p.m. (9:31 a.m. EST) and taxied to a remote corner of the airport.

Bush then went to a hangar where about 600 members of the 1st Armored Division and the 82nd Airborne Division had gathered.

The U.S. forces had been told that L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq, and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of coalition forces, would be attending the dinner.

As Bremer prepared to read a presidential proclamation to the troops, he said, "Let's see if we've got anybody more senior here who can read the president's Thanksgiving speech. Is there anybody back there who's more senior than I?"

Bush then emerged, misty-eyed and wearing a U.S. Army exercise jacket to a roaring ovation.

The shocked and elated soldiers jumped

to their feet, pumped their fists in the air, roared with delight, and grabbed their cameras to snap photographs.



A woman awaits treatment after she was injured in the market grenade attack.

Kashmir: 8 dead in new violence

SRINAGAR, Indian-controlled Kashmir – Violent insurgency has flared up in Indian-Kashmir with at least eight people killed in separate incidents despite a border cease-fire between Pakistan and India.

The dead include five suspected militants, two Indian police and a civilian, according to police sources.

Army guns were silent for a second day on Thursday after India accepted a Pakistani offer of a cease-fire along the Line of Control (LOC), which separates Kashmir into Indian and Pakistani divisions.

Though tit-for-tat shelling — which has been regular feature along the United Nations-drawn LOC since an insurgency began in 1989 — stopped when the cease-fire began on Wednesday, militants resisting New Delhi's rule in Indian-Kashmir have vowed to continue their fight.

In Thursday's violence, a civilian was killed in Srinagar's main market when insurgents launched grenades at Indian paramilitary forces, but missed their target, police said.

They hit a group of bystanders, killing one and injuring 10.

Indian security forces were searching for the suspected militants responsible for the attack, which happened at 12:30 p.m. (0700 GMT). Srinagar is the summer capital of India's Jammu and Kashmir state.

In the winter capital Jammu, three militants were killed in a gun battle with Indian security forces in Gool district.

Also in Jammu, a gun battle left two militants dead and an Indian paramilitary secu-

rity officer seriously injured in Doda.

In central Kashmir, suspected militants burst into the house of an off-duty Indian police officer, and shot him dead.

Also, suspected militants in southern Kashmir gunned down a member of a plain-clothes special police officer.

The 14-year insurgency in Indian-Kashmir has killed an estimated 30,000 to 60,000 people.

Taiwan vote risks China's wrath

TAIPEI, Taiwan – Taiwan's parliament has passed legislation allowing the island to hold referendums on sensitive issues such as changing its constitution or official name, despite repeated warnings from China.

Beijing has expressed fears the move could lead to a vote on independence, which would violate its "One China" policy, and warned of a "strong response."

Last week, Vice-Minister at China's Taiwan Affairs Office Wang Zaixi said Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian's pro-separatist activities had crossed Beijing's "red line," with the island running "the risk of triggering a war" with the mainland.

China insists self-ruled, democratic Taiwan is a renegade province, and must eventually unify, by force, if necessary.

Thousands sickened in early, severe flu season

(CNN) – Thousands of people have been sickened across the country with what health officials say is a severe strain of influenza in a season that started earlier than expected.

Colorado is one of the hardest-hit states. Four children there have died from the highly contagious respiratory virus.

"One of the reported deaths from flu this year was of a child with symptoms that were not consistent with the flu," said Dr. Ned Calonge, Colorado's chief medical officer.

Colorado has widespread flu activity, the health department said, and in the first three days of this week alone, more than 1,300 cases were reported.

Each year, more than 36,000 Americans die of complications from influenza, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Wolfowitz hosts pre-Thanksgiving feast to honor injured troops

Story by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz hosted a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the Pentagon Nov. 25 honoring almost 70 U.S. service members wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families and thanking them for their contributions to the war on terror.

Wolfowitz joined with top military and Defense Department officials and congressional representatives to extend appreciation to those he said “have been to war and faced its danger and borne its wounds.”

The dinner, held in the outermost “E” ring of the Pentagon in what is known as the Eisenhower Corridor, featured a virtual “who’s who” of guests, including Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Peter Schoomaker, chief of staff of the Army; Adm. Michael Mullen, vice chief of naval operations; Gen. Spider Nyland, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Michael Moseley, vice chief of staff of the Air Force. Also participating were Sen. John Warner, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Rep. Duncan Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

They mingled with the guests of honor – all patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. – and shared a festive turkey dinner prepared by the secretary of defense’s mess staff. The “President’s Own” U.S. Marine Corps band provided music.

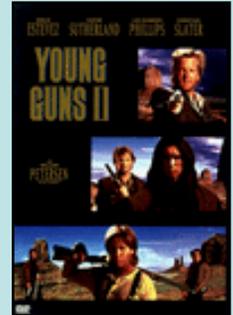
“There probably hasn’t been such a collection of heroes and patriots gathered here in the E ring since Dwight Eisenhower walked these corridors,” Wolfowitz told his guests. “You are American heroes who have been on the front lines in Afghanistan and Iraq, taking the battle to the enemy,” he said. “You are the reason that millions of Americans can travel safely and feast in prosperity on this Thanksgiving day . . . The liberties that we hold dear are secure because of you.”

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

“Young Guns II”

1530Z at the MWR Building:

Billy “The Kid” and his gang is wanted by the law, and when “Doc” Scurlock and Chavez are captured, Billy has to save them...



Tomorrow’s movie: “The Sum of All Fears”

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Partly Cloudy</i> H: 57F L: 25F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 57F L: 28F
Kandahar:	<i>Mostly Clear</i> H: 61F L: 34F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 61F L: 37F
Kabul:	<i>Haze</i> H: 59F L: 27F	<i>Haze</i> H: 59F L: 28F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Mostly Cloudy</i> H: 62F L: 32F	<i>Partly Cloudy</i> H: 57F L: 29F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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destroy any Anti Coalition Militant forces near Fire Base Catamount, according to Capt. James Huffman, Btry. B commander, 3rd Bn., 6th FA Regt.

Located hundreds of meters outside the perimeter of the firebase in a corn field, and far away from overhead cover, the field artillery camp were given a chance to show their durability over the past weeks.

When they first arrived in the freshly harvested cornfield they were immediately hit by a monsoon, Huffman said jokingly. "After three continuous days and nights of rain, our camp turned into a swamp," he said. "We were ankle deep in mud and soaking wet, but the guys drove on."

Although the weather showed no mercy, it wasn't enough to stop the big guns from firing.

"We're pretty much used to living it rough," said Staff Sgt. David Dixon, section chief for one of the 105 mm Howitzers, Btry. A, 3rd Bn., 6th FA Regt., about the nature and the necessity of having field artillery available at all times.

"Field artillery is the condition setter for any maneuver element," said Huffman, adding that before a ground unit moves it always makes sure that field artillery is in place to back it up. "We know in the worst of weather when aircraft can't fly and provide (fire support) we are who the infantry



Soldiers from Btry. A, 3-6 FA, 10th Mountain Division, perform checks on their 105 mm Howitzer within their small camp outside of Fire Base Catamount

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in operations Iraqi (Freedom) and Enduring Freedom," Taylor said.

There is little to change about the aeromedical evacuation system but its capability creates new opportunities balancing the medical "footprint" on the ground, Taylor said.

"At Army hospitals in Afghanistan and Iraq, you don't find a large number of Army casualties because the aeromedical system is so good (at moving) people — after essential care is accomplished — to higher levels of care," he said.

"This, in turn, keeps the hospitals clear for more casualties if and when the need arises," Taylor said.

"However, as we convert from force entry and combat operations and move to a longer-term presence, the (Air Force medical) presence on the ground will require some modifications," said Taylor, who served as the Air Force's forward surgeon in Operation Allied Force in Kosovo. He also molded Air Combat

Command's medical response in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, including OEF.

A typical EMEDS includes a staff of 25 to 85 and can provide expanded in-patient care for at-risk populations ranging in size from 500 to 5,000 people. Specific response specialists can be added to the basic EMEDS capabilities. These include roughly a dozen specialties ranging from agent detection and patient decontamination to preventive medicine and critical incident stress management.

"A lot of the EMEDS is for combat, high-speed operations, whereas now we're in for a longer haul," Taylor said. "You need surgeons for the emergency part, but it becomes more of a dental care, preventive medicine and primary-care operation after major combat ends."

According to Air Force statistics, through mid-October, Air Force surgeons had performed 217 surgeries in Iraq, or 3 percent of the 8,908 total admissions up to that point.

"We need to make sure we have the right balance of staff, including surgeons, orthopedics and anesthesiologists," Taylor said.

would turn to. Field artillery is the all-weather indirect fire asset."

Along with firing high explosive rounds in defense of the fire base, the artillerymen perform fire missions almost every night, lighting up the night sky for forward observers with illumination rounds.

Before landing in Namgalam, the field artillery batteries were previously working out of more permanent fire bases in Skhin and Asadabad, but for the many soldiers working out of the small concertina wire surrounded camp, this has been their most challenging mission yet.

"This is probably the most difficult thing I've done," said Pfc. John Pope, Btry. A, 3rd Bn., 6th FA Regt., and who previously worked out of the fire base in Skhin. "It's been a true Army experience. You've gotta be prepared to do this and if you aren't prepared then your going to be sucking; we just do what we signed up to do."

But no matter how difficult things got for the field artillerymen, one thing always manages to pick their spirits up.

When we get a fire mission everyone gets all hyped up and we come running up to the gun and shoot it," said Pope. "It's exhilarating fire one of these things. I came into the Army to blow stuff up and that's what I do, and this is one of the best pieces of equipment to do that with."

"They need one less of this and one more of that so we need to work ... to allow us to bring the capabilities they need for the longer term."

Taylor said that during his visit to the region, he encountered a lot of happy and "justifiably proud" troops.

"I let them know that all of us who aren't deployed over there are proud of their commitment and sacrifices, and we understand what it means to their families to be separated and in danger's way," he said.

He said that medical airmen told him that the training they received before they deployed was very important.

For the foreseeable future, Taylor said he believes the medical service officials will be faced with a significant expeditionary footprint forward.

"There is no doubt that the (medical service) is prepared, trained and experienced in supporting expeditionary operations," he said. "There is no one on the planet that can do what we do."



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from SI.com)

Detroit tramples over Green Bay to win

DETROIT – Brett Favre’s gambling style has helped him win three NFL MVP awards and plenty of games for Green Bay. It also cost the Packers a win Thursday.

Favre threw three interceptions and lost a fumble, and the Detroit Lions relied on Jason Hanson’s five field goals for a 22-14 victory, dealing the Packers’ playoff hopes a blow.

“I guessed wrong a couple times and I was just off a couple times,” Favre said. “That’s going to happen in this league. They just made the plays.”

Dre’ Bly made the most of them; intercepting two passes to negate scoring opportunities for Green Bay. Bly also forced a Javon Walker fumble, setting up Hanson’s go-ahead 49-yard field goal to make it 16-14 early in the fourth quarter.

The Lions (4-8) surpassed their victory totals from each of the past two seasons and extended their home winning streak to three games.

“I’m glad we had an opportunity to showcase our abilities in front of the world,” Bly said

The Packers (6-6) dropped 11/2 games behind the Minnesota Vikings, who play at St. Louis on Sunday. Green Bay had won three of its previous four games to get back in the division race.



Dre Bly was at the receiving end of two of Brett Favre’s three interceptions.

Fiedler carves up Cowboys in 1st start

IRVING, Texas – Jay Fiedler is back, and so are the Miami Dolphins’ playoff hopes. Fiedler was 14-of-17 with two touchdown passes and a scoring run before halftime, then threw for another score early in the second

half, sending the Dolphins past the Dallas Cowboys 40-21 on Thursday.

Chris Chambers had all three TD catches and Jason Taylor returned a fumble 32 yards for another score as the Dolphins scored their most points since getting 49 in the 2002 opener.

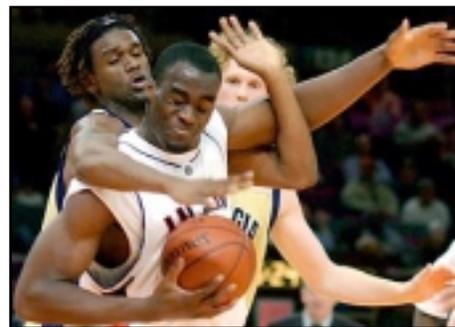
Taylor’s touchdown broke things open early in the second half, putting the Fiedler-to-Chambers connection on the backburner and letting Ricky Williams take over. The former University of Texas star finished with 104 yards, putting him over 1,000 for the season.

Fiedler threw only three times in the second half, completing two. He was 16-of-20 for 239 yards with no interceptions. Not bad for his first start since Oct. 19.

Fiedler had been out with a sprained left knee, then returned Sunday night, late in the third quarter against Washington with Miami trailing by 13. He guided the Dolphins to their biggest fourth-quarter comeback victory since 1980, then followed it with the impressive rout of the NFL’s top-rated defense.

Miami (8-4) is 1 1/2 games behind New England in the AFC East and 1 1/2 games ahead of Denver and Cincinnati for the conference’s final wild-card spot. The Dolphins have won three straight and are 5-1 on the road, the kind of momentum they need considering their history of disastrous Decembers and a schedule that could set them up for another: at New England a week from Sunday, then home against Philadelphia.

Georgia Tech stuns No. 1 ranked UConn



Emeka Okafor couldn’t carry the Huskies past the swarming Yellow Jackets.

NEW YORK – No. 1 no more.

Georgia Tech shrugged off Connecticut’s No. 1 ranking and took advantage of an ailing Emeka Okafor and some horrendous shooting by the Huskies for a stunning 77-61 victory Wednesday

night to reach the finals of the Preseason NIT.

The victory put the Yellow Jackets (4-0) in Friday night’s championship game against Texas Tech, which used a grueling defense to wear down Utah 65-54 in the first game of the doubleheader.

UConn shot just 37.9 percent on 25-for-66 from the floor and was even worse from the foul line, making just 10 of 30 attempts. They were 1-for-10 on 3-point attempts.

“We got (beat) physically and mentally,” coach Jim Calhoun said. “Georgia Tech handled us in every way. We took bad shots. We were not a tough team tonight. That’s something we’ve been known for for years. Toughness is fighting through a screen. Toughness is diving for loose balls. Toughness is making one more step to help a teammate.

Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

Saturday’s schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ COLL FB: Texas @ Texas A&M (live) 2030Z, 0100L
- ❖ NBA: Raptors @ Magic (live) 0100Z 0530L
- ❖ NBA: Spurs @ Lakers (live) 0330Z, 0800L
- ❖ COLL BB: Preseason NIT Championship (taped) 0800Z, 1230L
- ❖ COLL BB: Florida vs. Arizona (taped) 1100Z, 1530L
- ❖ COLL BB: Great Alaska Shootout – Semifinals (taped) 1300Z, 1730L
- ❖ COLL FB Pre game by Home Depot (live) 1530Z, 2000L
- ❖ COLL FB: Virginia @ Virginia Tech (live) 1800Z, 2230L

Sunday’s schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ COLL FB: Maryland @ Wake Forest (live) 2130Z, 0200L
- ❖ COLL FB Game Day Scoreboard by Suzuki (live) 0000Z, 0430L
- ❖ COLL FB: Notre Dame @ Stanford (live) 0100Z, 0530L
- ❖ COLL FB Scoreboard (taped) 0600Z, 1030L
- ❖ COLL FB: State Farm Bayou Classis Featuring The Battle of the Bands (taped) 0800Z, 1230L
- ❖ Golf: 2003 Skins Game (taped) 1300Z, 1730L
- ❖ Eagles @ Panthers (live) 1800Z, 2230L

Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

Live-fire training is needed for troops

(The Star Bulletin) – The 25th Infantry Division will resume live-fire training in Makua Valley starting Dec. 8, the Army announced yesterday.

But Malama Makua, the Waianae Coast group that has a settlement with the Army regarding use of the valley, has not yet approved the training.

The Army is proposing live-fire training on convoy operations, which is not included in an October 2001 settlement on what kinds of training the Army will conduct in the valley, said David Henkin, the EarthJustice attorney who represents Malama Makua.

Henkin called the Army's announcement of training operations yesterday "premature" but added that "we're working in good faith with them."

Live-fire training was banned in Makua Valley for three years, due to a Malama Makua lawsuit seeking an environmental impact statement on the cumulative effect of years of Army training in the 4,190-acre valley.

A month after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Malama Makua dismissed its lawsuit and reached agreement that the Army could resume limited live-fire training in the valley if it completed the detailed environmental study.

Fred Dodge, a member of the Malama Makua board of directors, said the group is "considering the total picture. We're not against the troops — they need training," but has questions about what the Army is proposing.

"The live-fire training will concentrate on convoy operations and is being conducted in support of the upcoming deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan," the Army said in a news release. "Army units stationed in Hawaii use the Makua Valley for live-fire training to gain and maintain combat proficiency while remaining sensitive to historical, cultural, archeological and environmental concerns."

Army spokeswoman Maj. Stacy Bathrick confirmed yesterday that the Army is in discussions with EarthJustice.

Bathrick said the Army's intent in putting out yesterday's release was to provide public notice for Waianae residents.

Details about how many soldiers will be involved, during what hours and using what weapons have not been decided, Bathrick said. She did say the proposed training would involve soldiers bound for Afghanistan in April.

"The convoy live-fire training is essential to ensure the soldiers are confident in the skills to react to enemy fire while on a convoy," Bathrick said. "One of the most frequent enemy encounters in Afghanistan occurs during convoy operations."

The proposed training would be the first in the valley since a July controlled burn went out of control, scorching 2,100 acres instead of the planned 500 acres.

Bathrick said additional training in the valley has not been scheduled beyond December and that the Army will have "appropriate ground and air firefighting support available while we conduct training in Makua Valley."

Choppers are vital to U.S. operations

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (*Christian Science Monitor*) – Flying with lights out, through narrow passes of the Hindu Kush mountains at elevations of up to 12,000 feet, the Apache pilot, Chief Warrant Officer James Reeves, had a lot on his mind.

It was Nov. 7, and one of the largest night air assaults by U.S. forces in Afghanistan was underway in what Chief Reeves and his fellow pilots consider some of the world's most treacherous terrain.

With a mass of aircraft unloading ground troops on steep, sometimes snow-covered slopes and protecting them from above, Reeves had to avoid collision in pitch darkness. He had to be alert for enemy attacks. And all the while, he had to pay keen attention to the limits of his aircraft and his body in the thin air, knowing the slightest slip could bring disaster.

"This is by far the most unforgiving, harsh environment we've been in," he says. "There's less room for error everywhere."

The work of Army and Marine aviators is as vital to US operations here as it is perilous - a fact underscored by a crash Sunday that killed five soldiers. More so than in Iraq, helicopters are a mainstay and a vulnerability of military operations in Afghanistan, a land-locked country with scarce paved roads, jutting mountain ranges, and a growing threat of Taliban and al Qaeda ambushes.

The crash outside Bagram Air Base is under investigation, with mechanical failure the suspected cause in spite of Taliban claims to have shot the craft down. The Army special operations MH-53 Pave Low helicopter was supporting the 10th Mountain Division infantry in Operation Mountain Resolve, now winding down in Afghanistan's northeast.

Despite the risks, helicopters are critical to move troops swiftly, provide firepower for ground patrols, and ferry supplies to remote forward bases.

Clearing Procedures for the M9 or M11 pistol

The first step in maintenance is to clear the weapon. This applies in all situations, not just after firing. Soldiers must always assume the weapon is loaded. To clear the pistol, perform the following procedures.

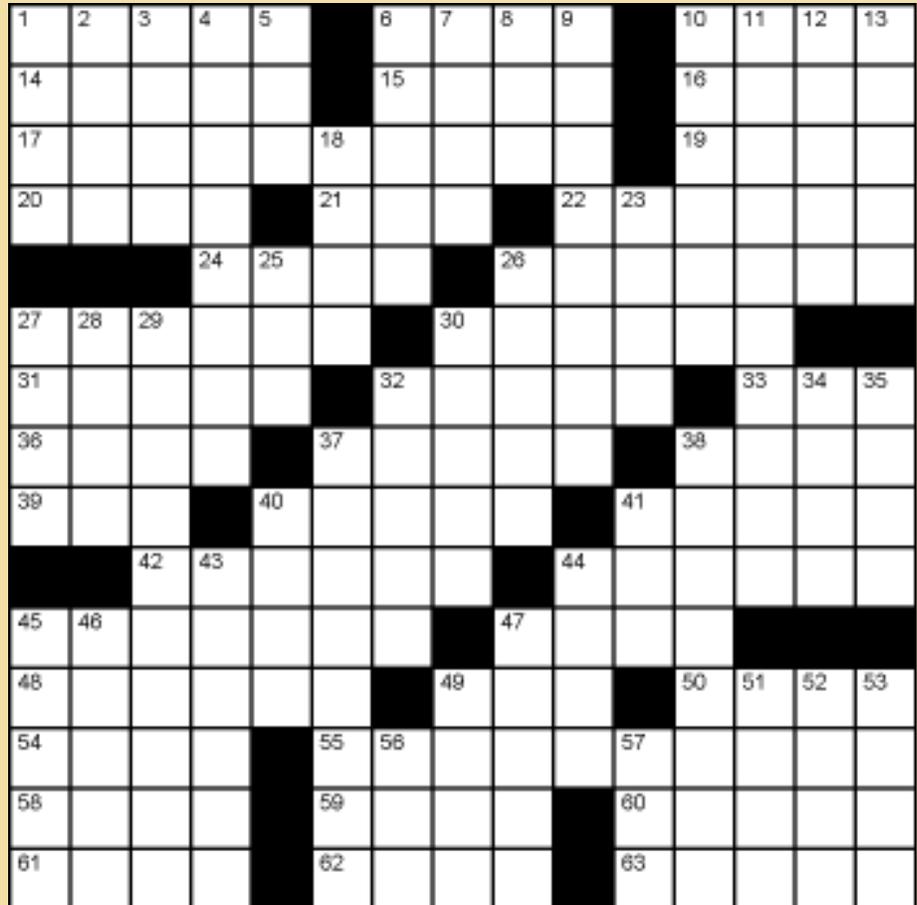
- a. Place the decocking/safety lever in the SAFE down position.
- b. Hold the pistol in the raised pistol position.
- c. Depress the magazine release button and remove the magazine from the pistol.
- d. Pull the slide to the rear and remove any chambered round.
- e. Push the slide stop up, locking the slide to the rear.
- f. Look into the chamber to ensure that it is empty.

Slippery crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

ACROSS

- 1 Place for vows
6 Go the distance
10 Counterfeit
14 Pro __ (perfunctory)
15 Cambodia's continent
16 __ breve (2/2 time, in music)
17 Long, crisp munchie
19 Sluggers' stats
20 Crystal ball gazer
21 Part of a royal flush
22 Epoch in which mammals arose
24 Novelist Hunter
26 Decorated the walls, in a way
27 Roof support
30 " __ young man" (Greeley's advice)
31 Ham it up
32 Eliot's Marner
33 Zeus or Thor
36 __ Beach, Florida
37 About to collapse
38 Sheltered inlet
39 Sleek plane
40 Classic toothpaste brand
41 Bridge expert Charles
42 Fielder's stat
44 Like a dirty-tricks campaign
45 Serves, at a restaurant
47 Wander about
48 __ band (variety-show act)
49 Spinning toy
50 Acting too hastily
54 Surrealist painter Joan
55 Tropical viper
58 PC bailout keys
59 Film director Kazan
60 Illinois city
61 Nair rival
62 Pop's Celine
63 Lots and lots



DOWN

- 1 Andrews, Langley, etc.: Abbr.
2 Folk history
3 Oak or elm
4 Almond-flavored liqueur
5 "Far out!"
6 Grow dark
7 M __ "mnemonic"
8 " __ 'em, Fido!"
9 Subtract
10 Marx Brothers films, e.g.
11 2000 also-ran
12 1988 Oscar winner Kevin
13 Slackened
18 Magi guide
23 Reveals, poetically
25 Two-finger sign
26 Oompah band tune
27 Guns, as an engine
28 Spy Aldrich __
29 City on Florida's Atlantic coast
30 Willie Mays was one
32 '70s teen idol Cassidy
34 Walkie-talkie word
35 Fender ding
37 Overindulged, in a way
38 Snowsuit, e.g.
40 Frank Capra's " __ Wonderful Life"
41 Bush, before becoming pres.
43 Most extreme
44 Deal with difficulty
45 Most Vassar grads
46 Ouzo flavoring
47 Tokyo trasher, in film
49 Crosby, Stills and Nash, e.g.
51 Poker pot primer
52 Flat boat
53 Cacklers
56 Inventor Whitney
57 __ Cruces, New Mexico

Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch