



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

(Compiled from CNN.com)

Coalition planes hit sites in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Coalition aircraft patrolling Iraq's southern "no-fly" zone attacked several military targets Wednesday in response to hostile actions. U.S. Central Command said the strikes followed ground fire from Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and also were in response to Iraq's moving surface-to-air missiles to a region prohibited by a U.N. mandate. The missile batteries had been relocated below the border of the southern "no-fly" zone imposed on Iraq. Coalition aircraft, including U.S. Navy F-18E Super Hornets, used precision-guided weapons to target two surface-to-air missile systems and a command and control communications facility about 6:30 a.m., ET. The missile systems were near Al Kut, Iraq, about 100 miles southeast of Baghdad, and the command-and-control facility was near Tallil, about 160 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Tax forms to be available online

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Finance and Accounting Service is putting pay information at the fingertips of the military community.

Beginning in January, the 2002 W2 tax forms will be available online through DFAS' myPay system.

A personal identification number is needed to access personal accounts. Service members, retirees and civilian em-

ployees who do not remember receiving their PIN or do not remember the number can go to www.dfas.mil, and click on myPay, which is under the "Money Matters" heading.

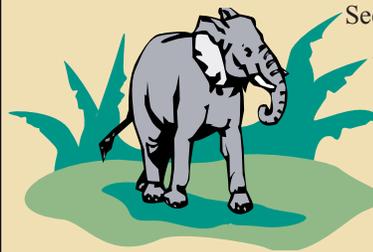
Due to security reasons PINs are mailed to the recipients, and it could take from three to seven days to get the number after the request has been made, said Catherine Ferguson, a DFAS spokeswoman.

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2002 Election results



| | House | Senate | Governor |
|-------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Republicans | 226 | 51 | 24 |
| Democrats | 204 | 46 | 21 |



See Monday's *Freedom Watch* for more coverage of the 2002 election.

Fair prices can elude careless shoppers

Story & photo by Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson
28th Public Affairs Detachment

KABUL, Afghanistan — "How much?" a young soldier asks as he inspects a vintage-looking musket.

"\$150," the shopkeeper replies.

Should the soldier accept the price? If not, how does he get the shopkeeper to reduce it?

Haggling for a good price can be a source of enjoyment for some, but a real task for others. The latter is what Hameed Sarrwery used to depend on.

Sarrwery, a translator at the Kabul Military Training Center, is a former shopkeeper in Kabul. He explained

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Maj. Robert checks the quality of a rug at a shop on Chicken Street before negotiating a price.

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that vendors at bazaars and shops on Kabul's Chicken Street sometimes quote high prices to Americans because they believe soldiers have a lot of money.

"Five dollars for the Afghan people is a lot, but for Americans, \$5 is not a lot," he said. "So if something costs \$5, they'll say \$20. If you say \$8, they'll give it to you for \$8."

Sarrwery said many of

the items Afghan shopkeepers sell come from Pakistan, where one American dollar is worth 60 Pakistani rupies. That same dollar is also worth 60,000 Afghans.

He explained that no price in an Afghan shop is certain and that the first price given should never be accepted.

Maj. Robert, a civil affairs officer at KMTC, added that this same principle applies when purchasing items for the govern-

ment.

"When you're using U.S. funds, it's almost fraudulent to not try to get the best deal," he said.

For personal shopping, Sarrwery said it is sometimes better to shop at a bazaar rather than a shop. Vendors at bazaars are under guidelines such as no fighting and giving fair prices.

So when a buyer wants an item that the store doesn't have, the shop-

keeper will go next door and buy it from another shop. But aside from watching for high prices, shoppers must also be careful of fake merchandise. Some knives, for instance, may be copies made in Pakistan. The same goes for other items, such as jewelry, coins or muskets.

To avoid losing money, potential buyers should research the items before going shopping.

Even armed with this knowledge, Sarrwery said

buyers should still beware. He explained that some shopkeepers divide their merchandise into two parts and try to convince the buyer that one set is no good, while trying to push the other set that is usually more expensive.

So does the soldier accept the price of the musket? No. Through patient negotiation and the willingness to walk away, he leaves the shop with a musket that cost him \$100.

ANA training continues at KMTC

Story & photo by Staff Sgt.

Rhonda M. Lawson

28th Public Affairs Detachment

KABUL, Afghanistan — Twenty years of war have taken a toll on the Kabul Military Training Center.

Buildings bombed by the Taliban and later by U.S. airstrikes have been placed off-limits. Classroom walls shout anti-American propaganda. Each night comes with the threat of an enemy rocket launch.

But despite the conditions, people from all over the country are coming here, striving to become a member of the new Afghan National Army. In the past seven months, the academy has graduated three battalions, with the 4th preparing to join the ranks later this month. The 5th Battalion of the Afghan National Army has begun basic rifle marksmanship and potential soldiers are

already signing up for the 6th BANA.

"We were asked by the interim government to come here and establish a professional military," said Sgt. 1st Class Mark, a Special Forces soldier and 5th BANA instructor. For security reasons, U.S. Special Forces soldiers are referred to only by rank and first name.

"The concept is like any other concept: A professional military will help bring stability to this country. With stability, you have economic growth," Mark said.

The ANA is the first of its kind in Afghanistan. The all-volunteer force undergoes an intense 10-week training program that includes weapons training, infantry tactics and classroom instruction.

For the first few weeks of training, Afghan cadre, with the assistance of U.S. and French trainers,



A 5th BANA trainee lines up his sight picture with his target.

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Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Heist" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building. Tomorrow's movie will be "Harry Potter," showing at the same time.



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are the primary instructors. Later, they take on specialty training, similar to U.S. Advanced Individual Training. The U.S. forces taking charge of the odd numbered battalions and the French taking the even numbers.

Throughout all of this training, Master Sgt. Mo, also an SF soldier, said one of the most important lessons learned is ethnic diversity. He explained that the 5th BANA, which boasts more than 600 people ranging in age from the mid-20s to early 30s, consists of trainees of Tajik, Darhi, Pashtu and Uzbek descent, a first since the ANA's inception. Another first, he said, is that many of the trainees were former Mujahadin fighters, and some had fought with the Soviets during their occupation.

Mo credits much of this with the change in recruiting practices. He explained that the Minister of Defense began an outreach program to the various provinces in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan. This has given the 5th BANA the most ethnically diverse makeup, compared to former BANAs, comprised of mostly locals.

"What separates this BANA from any other BANA is that right now, we have the best structure we



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson

Fifth BANA trainees jump a wall and prepare for action during the assault course.

have had," Mo said.

This has presented a challenge, though. When the 5th BANA first began, some trainees refused to work with others because of their ethnicity. Others, because they couldn't understand another's language, would shut down.

"We had about seven guys quit because they didn't understand the language and the other guys were making fun of them," said Sgt. 1st Class Rob, a trainer with the 5th BANA.

Over time, he said the battalion has learned to come together. In

fact, the trainees have begun to motivate each other to continue.

"No matter what the race, creed or color, they're all trying to work with each other," he said. "About week and a half ago, some Pashtus decided they didn't want to be here. Some Tajiks sat with them about 15 minutes arguing with them saying, 'You have to stay. This is our country.'"

The instructors also helped overcome this challenge by establishing from Day 1 that all of the trainees would be treated the same.

"We told them coming into the

gate, 'you no longer have any tribe, you no longer have any family. The ANA is your tribe,'" said Sgt. 1st Class Lars, an SF soldier with the 5th BANA. "They actually believe it; they're in there fighting for it."

"A lot of these guys realize that if they come together, this is their one shot to change their country," Mo added. "Comments have been made to us that it's no longer about the money, it's no longer about who's who, it's about can we really make this work."

The 5th BANA is set to graduate around the end of the year.

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"We decided to put the W2 form online because we get a lot of phone calls from soldiers who are deployed, have lost their originals or for some reason need another copy," Ferguson said.

Troops can concentrate on their mission when they are not worried about pay and ben-

"One of our goals is to allow customers to do online anything that they previously had to stand in line or wait on the phone to accomplish."

— Catherine Ferguson

efits, said Dennis Eicher, Electronic Commerce, Military and Civilian Pay Services director. That is why DFAS is providing inno-

vative and reliable tools, he said. Troops can take charge of their pay accounts online, Eicher added.

Some of the other fi-

nance actions that can be performed online to date are: purchasing savings bonds, managing allotments, viewing and printing travel vouchers and leave and earning statements.

"One of our goals is to allow customers to do online anything that they previously had to stand in line or wait on the phone to accomplish," Ferguson said.

MyPay was formerly known as Employee Member Self Service system. The system changed, but people don't have to change their PINs, Ferguson said.

Customers with questions about myPay can call customer support at 1-800-3900-2348, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., EST.

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Lonely winter inevitable for Falcons

Bottom line

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The house is warm inside and laughter can be heard. The three-story structure looks grand from a distance with the chimney spouting up a cloud of smoke and the lights burning brightly.

Yes, the folks inside are having the time of their lives.

Meanwhile, outside in the cold, the underdogs are having trouble keeping warm, so they huddle up and discuss all the possibilities. They ask themselves why they weren't invited to the big dance and shiver with the answer.

The Bowling Green Falcons (8-0, 5-0 Mid-American Conference) should stop playing altogether this season. Yeah, I know quitting is frowned upon, but that's exactly what the Bowl Championship Series has done to them. Look at the rankings

and you'll find the greatest prejudice in sports since Jackie Robinson.

Don't believe me? Then explain to me why a mediocre 6-3 Florida Gators and a faltering program like Florida State (6-3) are both ranked in the BCS, while an undefeated offensive machine is not.

I'll tell you why.

Money.

Sure, fans will stream to wherever and whomever these traditional powerhouses play in any bowl, so the voters keep them close to the top so they'll be able to generate some "big" matchup in December. Who would miss a Seminole game? Of course you wouldn't. But have you ever heard of Urban Meyer?

Ha! Only if you live in Ohio. All he has done since taking over the minnow program is guide them to a sparkling 16-3 record, including an 11-game winning streak (second in the country behind national champion Miami's 30-game run).

No matter.

Even if they win their next four contests to stand at 12-0, the high-flying Fal-

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STREET TALK

The Marine Corp's 227th birthday is Sunday. What do Marine values mean to you?



"We, as Marines, have very high standards and are committed to our goals, missions and to the Marines."

Gunnery Sgt. Glenn Seals
Marine Air Control Sqd 4

"Honor, courage and commitment — it's all about doing the right thing, at the right time, for the right reasons."

Maj. David Gurfein
CJTF-180



"In the Marine Corps, we are committed to the same goal — to allow the American flag to fly."

Lance Cpl. Eduardo Juarez
4th Marine Exped. Bde.

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U.S. Army master sergeant promotion board

The Army master sergeant promotion board will convene on Feb. 4. The following are eligibility criteria for promotion consideration:

- ❖ All sergeants first class with a date of rank of Feb. 3, 2001 and earlier and with a basic active service date between Feb. 3, 1980 and Feb. 3, 1995 (both dates are inclusive).

- ❖ Primary zone date of rank is July 31, 1999 and earlier. Secondary zone is Aug. 1, 1999 through Feb. 3, 2001.

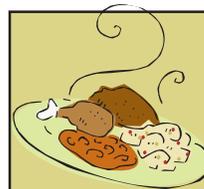
- ❖ Soldiers holding a PMOS that is affected by Stop Loss will be eli-

gible for promotion, provided their adjusted expiration of term of service date is Feb. 4, 2003 or later.

All eligible may update their ERB's and 2-1's at Company C (Forward), 18th Personnel Services Battalion, second floor of Motel 6 on Bagram Air Base or servicing Personnel Services Detachment prior to Dec. 31.

Reference for this board is MILPER Msg #02-260.

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DFAC hours

Breakfast

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| Bagram Viper City | 0130Z to 0430Z |
| Bagram Hanger | 0230Z to 0430Z |
| Kabul | 0200Z to 0330Z |
| Kandahar | 0200Z to 0500Z |
| K2 | 0130Z to 0430Z |

Lunch

MREs for lunch

Dinner

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Bagram Viper City | 1230Z to 1430Z |
| Bagram Hanger | 1200Z to 1400Z |
| Kabul | 1230Z to 1415Z |
| Kandahar | 1200Z to 1500Z |
| K2 | 1130Z to 1530Z |

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cons, whose 47.4 points per game ranks second in the country, will be relegated to play in a low-tier bowl for less money.

It doesn't matter?!

Did you know, according to *Washington Post* columnist Sally Jenkins, the BCS generated about \$98 million? That's about an \$11.9 million payout per BCS bowl. The other bowls received \$1.2 million.

It's ridiculous. Bowling Green might finish undefeated and still be left out shivering in the cold, while a once-defeated, undeserving squad will get a bucket load of cash just for being a top-notch school.

Hey, Robinson was given a chance and look what he did.

All the Falcons want to do is get out of the frost and join the festivities.

Something to think about ...

Before you mail a package, be aware that there are size and weight restrictions when using the U.S. Postal Service.

Packages cannot:

- ❖ weigh more than 70 pounds.

- ❖ 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.



U.S. military deployment entitlements



nated area.

While deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, U.S. servicemembers will be entitled various additional entitlements.

Those entitlements include: Hostile Fire Pay, Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, Hazardous Duty Pay, Basic Allowance for Subsistence, Family Separation Allowance and Per Diem.

- ❖ **HFP** — You will be authorized \$150 per month for every month that you are in designated areas. The full amount is authorized even if you only spend one day in a desig-

- ❖ **CZTE** — Designated areas in theatre have been deemed non-taxable (federal taxes only) for any pay up to \$5,532.90 a month.

Leave earned while in a CZTE area is also excluded from federal taxes.

- ❖ **HDP-L** — Save Pay on LES starts the day of arrival and ends the day of departure. You will be authorized up to \$100 a month (\$3.33 a day if not in theatre the entire month).

- ❖ **BAS** — All soldiers will receive the standard rate of BAS. This rate will be \$241.60 for enlisted and \$166.37 for officers.

- ❖ **FSA** — Starts effective the day you departed your home station. However, you must be separated from your dependent

for 30 days for this to start. Thus, you will not see a payment until the pay day after you have been separated from your dependent(s) over 30 days. You will be authorized up to \$100 a month (\$3.33 a day if not in theatre the entire month).

- ❖ **Per Diem** — You are authorized \$3.50 a day for everyday you spend in theatre. Upon completion of your tour you will need to file a travel voucher (DD form 1351-2). On that voucher you need to start your tour from the day you left home station to the day you returned. If while you were traveling to or from theatre and you had to pay for lodging, excess baggage, etc. make sure your orders authorized you to do so then claim it on the travel voucher.

For more information, call DSN 318-231-4738.



ENTERTAINMENT

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Music Briefs

(Compiled from MTV.com)

Eminem's new album beats out Aguilera

The soundtrack to Eminem's film, *8 Mile*, beat new releases from Christina Aguilera and Nirvana to debut at Number One on the *Billboard* 200 album chart. The *8 Mile* soundtrack album, which features tracks by Eminem, Jay-Z, Nas, Gang Starr, Rakim, Xzibit, Macy Gray and other artists, sold more than 703,000 copies to put it on top; more than doubling the sales of Aguilera's *Stripped*, which moved approximately 330,800 units to place her at Number Two. Debuting at Number Three was the Nirvana best-of collection titled *Nirvana*, selling approximately 234,000. The top 10 remains a multi-genre mix, with other debuts including country music trio Rascal Flatts arriving at Number Five with its second album, *Melt*, and Tori Amos in at Number Seven with her first set for Epic Records, *Scarlet's Walk*.

82nd gets new game in Bagram



Pfc. James Mosley grabs a rebound during a pick-up basketball game at Bagram Air Base.

By Spc. Joe Healy
82nd Airborne Division
Public Affairs Office

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The sound of a bouncing basketball rattling around a metal hoop is new to the 82nd Airborne Division soldiers. A few weeks ago, to the pleasure of many, a basketball hoop was installed at the Combined Task Force 82 compound in Bagram Air Base.

"The hoop is a great addition here," said Pfc. Eric Smith, an awards clerk. "I'm really glad that my command was able to get it."

Since the basketball hoop was installed, Smith has been a regular participant. He said he sometimes just goes out to shoot by himself, and suddenly, three or four other soldiers come over and start a game.

"We play with whatever numbers we got," added Smith. "One-on-one, two-on-two, but most of the time, we play four-on-four because everybody wants a run."

The hoop is regulation-size and height. It stands in front of a row of storage containers

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Karshi-Khanabad troops 'Run to Vote'

By Spc. Travis Edwards
Joint Logistics Public Affairs Office

KARSHI-KHANABAD, Uzbekistan — Before the sun had peaked over the horizon at Camp Stronghold Freedom, Uzbekistan Nov. 2, soldiers, airmen and Marines were sprinting across a 5-kilometer course in the "Run to Vote" hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Runners arrived at 5 a.m., to sign

up and receive a racing number. The numbers were pre-printed on racing bibs that were pinned to the racer's shirt for identification.

"The bibs we are using were donated by the Fort Steilacoom Running Club, Steilacoom, Wash. The running club members felt it was important to have the Armed Forces know that the people they are defending are behind them," said 1st Lt. Kathleen Moffatt, 175th Postal Company, Fort Lewis,

Wash., a "Run to Vote" organizer and overall fastest female in the race.

Moffatt, from Steilacoom, is also a member of the Fort Steilacoom Running Club. She has trained for the Army 10-miler for several years. She made one appearance in 2000, trained for the 2001 event which was canceled, and missed this year's event due to her deployment.

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Murphy's Law: Combat Operations

- ❖ No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection.
- ❖ No inspection-ready unit has ever passed combat.
- ❖ The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
- ❖ Things which must be shipped together as a set, aren't.

Head Starts crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

Across

- 1 Breaks in relations
- 6 Send forth
- 10 Pompous sort
- 13 For the birds?
- 14 Rudolph's high beam
- 15 Vogue rival
- 16 '20s political scandal
- 18 Tickled pink
- 19 Space rock
- 20 Playing marble
- 21 "Mazel ___!"
- 22 Behaviorist B. F.
- 24 Hippie's two-finger sign
- 28 Pre-euro Portuguese money
- 30 State positively
- 32 Wee bit
- 33 ___ podrida
- 37 Marsh bird
- 38 1836 siege site
- 40 Dire fate
- 41 In two parts
- 42 Hole goal
- 43 Do some film editing
- 45 Uses TNT
- 48 Fine china name
- 49 Most trite
- 52 Start for fix or mix
- 54 Race marker
- 55 Bit of ballet
- 60 Grand in scope
- 61 Skin-and-bones sort
- 63 Chicken part
- 64 MP's quarry
- 65 Spiral-horned critter
- 66 China's Lao-___
- 67 A jillion
- 68 Some are kosher

Down

- 1 Pro ___ (proportionately)
- 2 Oscar winner Burl

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- 5 Bull, at times
- 6 Salad veggie
- 7 Ellington's "___ Indigo"
- 8 Doctrine
- 9 Pipe joint
- 10 Comedian Sherman
- 11 Pool table material
- 12 Meal with matzoh
- 15 Pasta strip
- 17 To boot
- 20 Handouts
- 22 Shell game, e.g.
- 23 Congratulations
- 24 Cowpoke's pal
- 25 Genesis twin
- 26 Where the Lena flows
- 27 Attica structure
- 29 Windows icon

- 31 Spanish munchies
- 34 Pork purchase
- 35 Bughouse
- 36 NYSE counterpart
- 39 Hang in there
- 44 Made a promise
- 46 Football's Dawson
- 47 Victor's share
- 49 Pooped out
- 50 Pounds an Underwood
- 51 Trixie's sitcom pal
- 53 Stimp's buddy
- 55 Home run gait
- 56 Up to the job
- 57 "Hud" Oscar winner
- 58 "___ quote you?"
- 59 Some may split
- 61 Erie Canal mule
- 62 Eagle on a par four

Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch

COALITION SPORTSZONE



2002 Bowl Championship Series

| TEAM | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Oklahoma | 2.04 |
| 2. Ohio State | 5.57 |
| 3. Miami, Fla. | 6.01 |
| 4. Texas | 10.03 |
| 5. Washington State | 13.05 |
| 6. Georgia | 15.03 |
| 7. Notre Dame | 15.33 |
| 8. Iowa | 16.29 |
| 9. USC | 19.37 |
| 10. Virginia Tech | 20.88 |
| 11. Michigan | 31.62 |
| 12. N.C. State | 32.40 |
| 13. Florida State | 33.75 |
| 14. Florida | 36.95 |
| 15. Kansas State | 38.20 |

War of (kind) words

Bowling Green's Urban Meyer and Northern Illinois' Joe Novak engaged in a war of flattery this week.

"You have the best team in the MAC," Meyer insisted to Novak.

"No, you have the best team in the MAC." Novak countered.

The answer will come on Saturday when No. 16 Bowling Green (7-0, 4-0) travels to DeKalb, Ill., to face Northern Illinois (6-3, 5-0) in a game that will go a long way in deciding the conference's West Division title.

"This is a championship game," Meyer said. "If you look at it any other way, then you're mistaken."

It's been quite a while since either team was champion of anything. Bowling Green hasn't won a MAC title since 1992. It's been an even longer dry spell for NIU, which last won the conference crown in 1983.

The Falcons are favored to win Saturday's game, and for good reason. They've won 11 games in a row, second nationally only to Miami's 30-game win streak, and have the nation's second-highest scoring offense at 47.4 points a game.



2002-03 NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| New Jersey | 4-1 |
| Orlando | 4-1 |
| Philadelphia | 3-1 |
| Boston | 2-2 |
| Washington | 2-3 |

Central

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Detroit | 4-1 |
| Indiana | 3-1 |
| New Orleans | 3-1 |
| Atlanta | 3-2 |
| Milwaukee | 2-2 |

Western Conference

Midwest

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|-------------|-----|
| Dallas | 4-0 |
| San Antonio | 4-1 |
| Minnesota | 3-2 |
| Houston | 2-2 |
| Denver | 1-3 |

Pacific

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Seattle | 4-1 |
| Sacramento | 3-3 |
| L.A. Lakers | 2-3 |
| Portland | 2-3 |
| Phoenix | 2-3 |



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eight feet high, creating a safety wall between the players and vehicle traffic. If the ball hits a container, then it's out-of-bounds, said Smith. The hard, flat concrete surface is similar to U. S. outdoor basketball courts. However, no out-of-bounds lines, three point lines, or foul lines are painted on the concrete.

Like virtually all pick-up basketball games in the U.S., the soldiers here referee themselves.

"It's all street ball rules," said Spc. Lawrence Cushionberry, a military policeman. "I played a lot of basketball back home. I enjoy it because it's good for morale and breaks up the day. Running on Disney Road can get a little boring sometimes, but this is fun. I only wish we could get some cheerleaders out here."

Soldiers said the games are short and competitive.

"We usually play up to 11 or 15, depending on the number of play-

ers," added Smith.

"The competition is real good out here," said Pfc. James Mosley, an MP. "Today is my first time out, and I'm impressed. It feels good to get a good sweat. It's also a different way to get some fitness in around here."

Mosley said the basketball hoop was a great idea. It builds camaraderie among the troops.

"As an MP check-point guard, I see everybody that comes in and out of the gate," he said. "I know their faces, but I don't know them personally. Playing basketball with everybody is going to give me a chance to get to know some of the soldiers a little better around here."

The basketball hoop is something the soldiers want to pass down to their replacements.

"When my deployment ends, I hope that my replacement will get a chance to play ball," said Cushionberry. "It's great to think that we have started a good tradition around here."

RUN, from Page B1

“The run encourages people to vote in elections in their home towns, local and state governments,” said Spc. Deborah Reichard, 261st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Bragg, N.C., while stretching before the run.

“We are encouraging service members to utilize the absentee voting ballots so that they can participate in the local elections back home,” said MWR director Matt Mahoney.

“The runners gain a sense of accomplishment for completing the

run and can say that they are a part of post sponsored programs,” he continued. “Over 200 people turned out to run and even two formations, Marines and MPs. This run has encouraged many soldiers to participate in the next run as well.”

Running just outside of the gates and parallel to the flight line the runners moved quickly through the dark. Some runners had reflective belts and chemical lights while others donned actual running suits.

“I love to compete in races, especially when they promote a good cause,” said Master Sgt. Lewis

Silverman, 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg, and winner of the 52-56 age group with a time of 32:06. “I am the fastest in my age group, but that is probably because I am the only one in my group.”

A U.S. Marine Corps formation ran in the 5-k fun run chanting cadences and keeping pace with a U.S. Army formation of Military Police also chanting cadence. Both formations waited until the individual runners began the race before following closely on their heels.

“We are here to run and be

motivated,” said Cpl. Hugo Roman, a marine from Marine Air Squadron 4. Roman ran in front of the formation holding his units guidon. “Oh, heck, yeah. I am definitely going to vote. I am here defending democracy and am definitely not going to pass up the chance to exercise my right to vote,” said Reichard.

“It was a great post-wide event for a good cause,” said Capt. Zachary Miller, 1st COSCOM. “It also encouraged people to get out and exercise. What more could you ask for?”

HIND SIGHT

1864

President Abraham Lincoln was re-elected in the first wartime election in the United States.

1887

Doc Holliday, who fought on the side of the Earp brothers during the gunfight at the O.K. Corral six years earlier, died of tuberculosis in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

1900

Theodore Dreiser’s first novel *Sister Carrie* was published by Doubleday, but was recalled from stores shortly after due to public sentiment.



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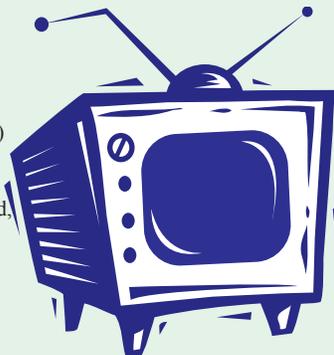
By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support

Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

Saturday’s schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ NASCAR: Chevy Silverado 150 (live), 0030(L)
- ❖ Pittsburgh Penguins at Tampa Bay Lightning (live), 0500(L)
- ❖ Memphis Grizzlies at Sacramento Kings (live), 0800(L)
- ❖ Los Angeles Lakers at Washington Wizards, 1030(L), AFN-Pacific/Korea, 1530(L)
- ❖ Super Middleweight Title: Laila Ali vs. Vallerie Mahfoud, 1230(L)
- ❖ N.C. State at Maryland (live), 2130(L), AFN-Pacific/Korea
- ❖ Notre Dame at Navy (live), 2130(L), AFN-Atlantic
- ❖ LSU at Kentucky, 2200(L)



Sunday’s schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ Oregon at Washington State (live), 0100(L)
- ❖ Miami at Tennessee (live), 0100(L), AFN-Atlantic
- ❖ Iowa State at Kansas State (live), 0430(L), AFN-Pacific/Korea
- ❖ Michigan at Minnesota (live), 0515(L)
- ❖ NASCAR: Bashas’ 200 (live), 1230(L)
- ❖ Florida State at Georgia Tech., 1630(L)
- ❖ Air Force at Army, 1630(L), AFN-Atlantic
- ❖ Indianapolis Colts at Philadelphia Eagles (live), 2230(L), AFN-Atlantic
- ❖ Atlanta Falcons at Pittsburgh Steelers (live), 2230(L), ANF-Pacific/Korea

Bagram 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

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- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

CJCMOTF chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0630Z — Nondenominational service

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study



Regional Weather

| | Bagram | K2 | Kabul | KAF |
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| <i>Today</i> | Hi—63F Lo—39F | Hi—69F Lo—45F | Hi—57F Lo—43F | Hi—72F Lo—52F |
| <i>Saturday</i> | Hi—59F Lo—48F | Hi—66F Lo—44F | Hi—55F Lo—41F | Hi—68F Lo—52F |
| <i>Sunday</i> | Hi—61F Lo—41F | Hi—71F Lo—44F | Hi—54F Lo—40F | Hi—70F Lo—50F |

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.