

MES medical stays stocked

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CAMP STRONGHOLD FREEDOM, Uzbekistan — When the Joint Logistics Command, 1st Corps Support Command created a Forward Logistics Element in Masar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, to assist the Kingdom of Jordan in supplying and supporting a forward field hospital, not much was known about what type of injuries and diseases would be treated.

After 14 months of front-line medical support to the citizens of Afghanistan, non-governmental organizations, Afghan and Coalition forces in the area, the ordering of surgical medicines and pharmaceutical products has become routine.

“We can look back and anticipate what type of treatments were offered the first year the hospital was established and then forecast what we’ll need each month,” said Spc. Timothy Beabout, medical logistics specialist, 427th Medical Logistics Detachment, Atlanta, Ga.

“The Jordanian doctors do a very good job at identifying supply issues and notifying me of the shortages,” said Beabout.

The Jordanian Army Field Hospital cares for more than 650 patients every day in the city of Masar-e Sharif, Afghanistan.

“The field hospital uses 35 percent of the medical supplies in the Operation Enduring Freedom theater,” said Medical Logistics Liaison Maj. Steven Medve, Joint Logistics Command, Camp Stronghold Freedom.

Even with supply forecasting, there comes a time when medical emergencies arise at the hospital. Similar to major met-

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Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

Changing hands...

Capt. Nelson Kraft, outgoing commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combined Joint Task Force-180, passes the 10th Mountain Light Infantry Division HHC guidon to Col. Robert Caslen, Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain, during the HHC change of command ceremony Sunday. Kraft, a Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal recipient led combat operations against al-Qaida and Taliban forces during 10th Mountain's first rotation here before he was given the position of HHC commander. According to Caslen, Kraft is one of the best company commanders he's ever seen and perhaps one of the best in the U.S. Army. Capt. Dean Cuzick is the new incoming commander of HHC.

U.S.A. Express steams into OEF

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OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM—The U.S.A. Express Band entertained U.S. service members at Camp Stronghold Freedom, Uzbekistan Thursday as the first stop in their Operation Enduring Freedom tour and Saturday at Bagram.

The original Army Entertainment tradition of “Entertainment by the soldier, for the soldier” was started by Sgt. Israel Beilin, more commonly known as Irving Berlin.

The band, part of the Army Entertainment Division at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, consists of seven active-duty U.S. Army soldiers who

perform for audiences all over the world. They are released from their units and attached to the band for 120-day tours.

The band has been on the road since early March with recent stops in the States and several camps in Kuwait. The performance in Bagram was the first in the base’s new civic center.

“I’m really blessed that I got in ... I’m enjoying it,” said one of the band’s three vocalists, Spc. Sabrina Bradford, who was selected to sing for the band after submitting an audition tape to U.S.A. Express.

“Each and every day we see different faces and meet new people ... getting to put smiles on people’s faces — that’s our main

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Police released this mug shot of Eric Robert Rudolph on Saturday.

Olympic bombing suspect awaits hearing

MURPHY, North Carolina—Olympic Park bombing suspect Eric Robert Rudolph awaited his transfer Sunday from a jail in Murphy to Asheville, 90 miles away, where he faces a court appearance Monday morning.

FBI Special Agent Chris Swecker said a federal judge in Asheville will formally determine Rudolph's identity and order him either to Birmingham, Alabama, or Atlanta, Georgia, the two cities where federal indictments were returned against him.

Doug Jones, the former federal prosecutor in Birmingham, said the Justice Department will decide where to try Rudolph first.

"They're going to be looking at the various strengths and weaknesses, and where this case should first go," Jones told CNN. "I know they're searching now for additional evidence. They need to get a real good look and get a handle on where they feel like the best case is, where they can go with their strength."

Meanwhile, an FBI evidence response team went into the woods behind a supermarket in Murphy where a rookie police officer arrested Rudolph early Saturday morning.

The 36-year-old suspect is believed to have hidden in the caves and mines of the thickly wooded western North Carolina mountains since 1998. He was indicted on federal charges in November 2000, and until Saturday, had eluded a five-year federal manhunt.

"He had been in the area the whole time," Cherokee County Sheriff Keith Lovin said.

About 500 yards from the supermarket where Rudolph was taken into custody, investigators were seen removing what appeared to be a tar-

paulin. But officials would not say whether the item held any significance.

Authorities now have many new leads in the case, Swecker said.

"We're just going to have to work backwards from where he was last, and wherever he's been," he said. "He's been somewhere, and we have to go to those places and process those places and see what evidence may be at those places."

Rudolph faces charges in four incidents in the late 1990s:

- A bombing July 27, 1996, at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta.
- A bombing January 16, 1997, at an abortion clinic in suburban Atlanta.
- A bombing February 21, 1997, at a lesbian nightclub in northeast Atlanta.
- A bombing January 29, 1998, bombing of an abortion clinic in Birmingham that killed an off-duty police officer and severely wounded a nurse.

Rudolph emerged as a suspect after the Birmingham bombing, when a witness spotted a man walking away from the bomb scene, followed him and wrote down the license number on the 1989 Nissan pickup truck he drove away.

Investigators found the truck registered to Rudolph in Murphy, but the suspect vanished, leaving his truck behind in the Nantahala National Forest, before authorities could find him.

U.S. convoy attacked in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. Army convoy came under attack Sunday in a Baghdad neighborhood where support for ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein once ran high, witnesses and U.S. sources said.

U.S. military sources at the scene would not discuss any American casualties, but witnesses and U.S. troops did say some Iraqis were wounded.

A U.S. soldier told CNN that attackers with rifles and rocket-propelled grenades fired on a group of U.S. Humvees at about 4:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. EDT) in the northeastern neighborhood of Azamiyah. The fire came from a mosque, the soldier said.

Reinforcements backed by tanks and armored personnel carriers responded to the scene, leading to a second gun battle. Witnesses said an older Iraqi man was killed in that battle.

In late April, a videotape broadcast on Arab satellite television appeared to show Saddam greeting supporters in Azamiyah on April 9, the day his government collapsed.

On Friday, U.S. military officials said that U.S. forces in Iraq were working to tighten security and crack down on remaining pockets of resistance in response to a series of attacks against U.S. troops.



Bush and Putin met at the Konstantin Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Bush, Putin warn Iran, N. Korea

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia—U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday urged North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions and expressed concern over Iran's nuclear program. "We strongly urge North Korea to visibly, verifiably and irreversibly dismantle its nuclear program," Bush told a joint news conference after the two leaders met privately for 45 minutes inside Konstantin Palace.

"We are concerned about Iran's advanced nuclear program and urge Iran to comply in full with its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty." Bush said both the United States and Russia were "determined to meet the threats of weapons of mass destruction."

It was the first meeting between the two leaders since the U.S.-led Iraq war, which Russia opposed. Both leaders, seated at twin white desks for the palace news conference, said they were putting the dispute behind them. The "fundamentals of the relations between the United States and Russia turned out to be stronger than the forces and events that tested it," Putin said, as Bush nodded in agreement.

Added Bush: "We are working closely to confront the challenges of our time. ... Both of our countries have suffered greatly at the hands of terrorists, and our governments are taking action to confront this threat."



Photo by Pvt. 2 Terri Rorke

U.S.A. Express is an Army band with about eight to nine members, said Sam Richardson, U.S.A. Express noncommissioned officer in charge. Although this outing consisted of seven. Members were selected after auditioning for the special assignment.

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goal,” said Bradford. Her singing experience includes two years in the U.S. Army Europe Soldier’s Choir.

“The band is so full of energy and excitement,” said spectator Pfc. Jeremy Russell, 373rd Corps Support Battalion, Camp Stronghold Freedom. “They took a crowd of spectators and turned them into fans.”

The basic components of the band include bass, guitar, percussion, drums, keyboards and vocals. Other instruments include the occasional harmonica or specialty item depending on the soldier’s musical talents.

“Each one of us has a special talent that makes our combined sound unique,” said Spc. Hope Griffin, U.S.A. Express vocalist.

Spc. Efrain Garcia, U.S.A. Express drummer, has been on the U.S.A. Express Band twice. “I look forward to every performance where we visit a calm crowd, and then leave behind a wild one.”

The band sang from a wide variety of music genres and even motivated some of the crowd to participate in the entertainment.

“Each show is different because we open the microphone to anyone who wants to stand up and perform,” said Sgt. Cashina Smith, U.S.A. Express vocalist.

“It was a great show,” said Andrew Solomon, Bagram’s Morale, Welfare, Recre-

ation coordinator.

Each U.S.A. Express tour is made up of about nine members, who travel between four to five months to where ever to entertain troops, said Sgt. Sam Richardson, noncommissioned officer in charge of U.S.A. Express.

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Top: Spc. Valerie Day, keyboardist and vocalist, U.S.A. Express, serenades a U.S. Marine from Marine Air-Traffic Control-4, Camp Stronghold Freedom, Uzbekistan, during a concert performance Thursday.

Above: Guitarist Spc. Jerry Elmore rocks to the music Thursday.

Below: U.S. Army Express Band vocalists dance the night away with U.S. service members at Camp Stronghold Freedom. (Photos by Spc. Travis Edwards.)



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ropolitan hospitals in the United States major influxes in patients and unexpected casualties can strain hospital stockpiles.

“A few weeks ago the Jordanians treated a young girl who was in a car accident. She was put on oxygen for several days that quickly depleted the amount of oxygen in the camp,” said Beabout. “At the same time another patient was put into the hospital intensive care unit at the same time, again using more oxygen.

“This created a supply issue which only immediate local purchase of proper equipment could facilitate,” said Beabout.

“It worked and we, the whole team of Jordanians and Americans, were able to overcome the issue and save the child’s life.

“There is one thing these doctors do not believe in, and that’s lost causes. If we have the tools, equipment and knowledge to make someone better or survive longer, we’ll make it happen. The Jordanian doctors are a true asset the medical field.

“This has by far been the most rewarding experience of my Army enlistment,” said Beabout. “It has steered me towards the medical field as a civilian and given me greater respect for medical personnel, especially the Jordanians.”

Medical supplies used in the hospital range from scalpels and sutures to oxygen masks and X-ray machines. Blood, lactated ringers, saline solutions, syringes, and other Army Class VIII products are also used daily.

With the constant flow of medical logistics and hard working dedicated personnel the Jordanian Army Field Hospital and the U.S. Forward Logistic Element have made a strong relationship with the community and its leaders.

“I am very pleased with the support the Jordanians and Americans have given to the people of Masar-e Sharif,” said Ustad Mohammad Atta, commander, 7th Corps, Afghan Militia Forces. “It gives me great hope for the future of Afghanistan.”

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “Daredevil.”
A man blinded by radioactive waste, which also enhanced his remaining senses, fights crime as an acrobatic martial arts superhero.



Tomorrow’s movie will be “Unfaithful.”

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Tuesday
Bagram:	Scattered t-storms H: 82F L: 54F	Partly cloudy H: 81F L: 50F
Kandahar:	Mostly cloudy H: 99F L: 68F	Mostly clear H: 100F L: 73F
Kabul:	Scattered t-storms H: 86F L: 54F	Partly cloudy H: 88F L: 57F
Uzbekistan:	Isolated showers H: 91F L: 61F	Sunny H: 95F L: 59F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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Coalition Sports Zone

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Beckham could have a new home this summer. (GettyImages)

Man U accepts offer in principle

BARCELONA, Spain — Barcelona has made a \$49 million offer to bring David Beckham to Spain, the British newspaper the Sunday Express reported Sunday. The report indicates that Manchester United has accepted the offer in principle after preliminary talks with Barca representatives. The Catalan giants cannot make a firm bid for Beckham until the new club president is unveiled after the club's elections on June 15. Prospective Barca president Joan Laporta told the Sunday Express: "I view this as a great price for Beckham. He is one of the few players in the world capable of earning the money back for you in commercial revenue alone." AC Milan is reported to be willing to match Barca's offer, while Inter Milan, Roma and Real Madrid have also been linked with the 28-year-old England captain. United chief executive Peter Kenyon recently confirmed that the club would listen to offers for the midfielder. Beckham, who is on holiday in America with his family, has stated that he wants to stay at Old Trafford.

Utrecht crushes Feyenoord in final

ROTTERDAM, Holland — Utrecht won the Dutch Cup for the second time as it thrashed 10-man Feyenoord 4-1 with a brace from Igor Gluscevic in their opponents stadium on Sunday.

Jean Paul de Jong put Utrecht ahead five minutes before half-time and Gluscevic struck four minutes after the break and again just before the hour to all effectively end the contest.

Bonaventure Kalou got one back for a stunned Feyenoord side but Dirk Kuyt restored Utrecht's three-goal lead with nine minutes left as it wrapped up the victory and a place in the UEFA Cup for the third year in a row.

It had all started so brightly for Feyenoord who dominated the first half although, with the exception of a free kick from Robin van Persie which was saved by Utrecht goalkeeper Harald Wapenaar, the Rotterdam side hardly created any chances.

They paid the price when Utrecht took the lead through De Jong, who collected the ball from a deflected corner kick and fired past goalkeeper Patrick Lodewijks from 25 meters.

After the break Utrecht kept up the pressure and Gluscevic doubled their lead as he converted a defense-splitting pass from Belgian Stefan Tanghe. Striker Pierre Van Hooijdonk then put the ball in the net for Feyenoord but it was disallowed and on 58 minutes Gluscevic grabbed his second and Utrecht's third with Feyenoord fruitlessly claiming offside before the Rotterdam club finally scored through Kalou.

But any hopes of a comeback were dashed in the 77th minute when referee Ruud Bossen turned down appeals for a penalty after a foul on Bombarda and was pushed by Paul Bosvelt. The Feyenoord captain was promptly sent off and Utrecht regained control.

Kuyt, ironically playing his last match for Utrecht before joining Feyenoord this summer, put the icing on the cake by making the score 4-1 after 81 minutes.

Feyenoord coach Bert van Marwijk criticized his side's sloppy defending.

"The first goal was an example. Brett Emerton forgot to step out after the deflected corner and De Jong scored the first goal," he said. "Overall, we didn't play well but crucial moments decided this match."

Van Marwijk was also unhappy with the referee, pointing to a series of incidents that he said had cost Feyenoord dear.

"The disallowed goal by Van Hooijdonk with the score at 2-0, the offside before Utrecht's third goal and the penalty that was not given and red card for Bosvelt instead," were all cited by Van Marwijk as factors behind his team's heavy defeat.

Germans pour it on in second half

WOLFSBURG, Germany — Germany recovered from a slow start for a comfortable 4-1 friendly win over Canada on Sunday in the final warm-up for their Euro 2004 qualifier against Scotland.

The 2002 World Cup runner-up struggled in the first half against opponents ranked 77th in the world but stepped up a gear after the break to boost their morale for next Saturday's game in Glasgow.

Scotland's manager, former Germany defender and coach Berti Vogts, was in the Wolfsburg stands to follow a two-sided show from the team he once graced.

His German counterpart, Rudi Voeller, witnessed a nervous display in the first 45 minutes and a significant improvement after the interval.

"In the first 45 minutes the Canadians were still fresh and were very clever tactically," Voeller said.

"We had our problems but I liked our reaction in the second half. Overall this gives us courage for the Scotland game."

Germany had been dominating without shining when striker Kevin McKenna put Canada into the lead with a header from a free kick in the 20th minute.

Canada has now lost the two games it has played against Germany after a 2-0 defeat in 1994 in Toronto.

Army tops Marines in Bagram softball showdown



In the top of the fourth, the Marines took the lead, but couldn't hold on to it through the game.

Story and photos by
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The Army made a surprising comeback to win the first Army Marine Corps softball game.

The game was held behind the infantry barracks Sunday. This was the second sporting event where the Marine Corps challenged the Army. The first was a touch football game a few months ago that ended in a tie.

The Army won the coin toss and decided to allow the Marines to bat first. The Marines made two runs in, but allowed four walks in the bottom of the first, two with loaded bases.

The Marines did better in not allowing walks after changing pitchers in the bottom of the second.

The fourth inning was devastating for the Army. In the top of the fourth, the first three Marine batters hit singles to load the bases. The fourth batter brought in two runs with runners on first and second. Then a base hit loaded the bases. The next hit was a pop-up that was caught, but allowed a runner to score. With runners on second and third, the next hit was another pop-up that was caught, but again allowed another run to score. With a runner on third, the

next batter hit a single to bring him in. After two more base hits, the bases were loaded again. The next batter launched a triple to bring all the runners in, but was tagged out at third. This inning brought the score to 13-8.

In the fifth and sixth innings, the first three batters of the Marines were out with their first hits, while the Army made a few



The Army celebrates the catch of a ball for an out in the final inning.

runs in during each inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Army made their comeback. The first three hits loaded the bases. Two singles brought two runners in and kept the bases loaded. Then a walk tied the game. The last batter stepped up to the plate and fired an in-the-park home run into the outfield.

The Army won 18-14.

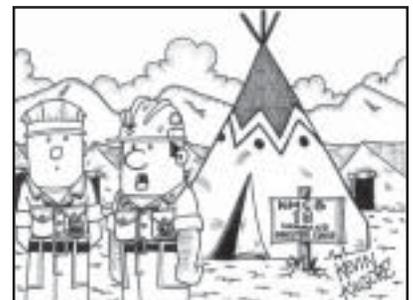
The game went well, but before game day the field was moved three times because of construction.

After the game, the Marines and Army put the rivalry aside and joined each other for a barbecue.



The Army won the Army and Marine Corps softball game Sunday. The final score was 18-14.

"The master chief takes his rank seriously, huh?"



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