



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Firefighters to boycott Bush 9/11 tribute

LAS VEGAS — The International Association of Fire Fighters voted unanimously Wednesday to boycott a national tribute to firefighters who died on Sept. 11, in an angry response to President George Bush's rejection of a bill that included \$340 million to fund fire departments.

Bush is expected to speak at the Oct. 6 ceremony in Washington, D.C., where the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation is hosting its annual tribute to those who died in the line of duty during the prior year.

The ceremony will honor 343 firefighters who died responding to the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, as well as about 100 others who also died in the year performing their duties.

Bagram Air Base reduces bottled water

By Spc. Erica Leigh Foley
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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Soldiers who are accustomed to carrying water bottles are now converting to canteens and camel backs due to the drinking water situation at Bagram.

Bottled water is what many of the soldiers have been drinking since they arrived. Now, Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit water is what's filling the canteens.

Talk on the street or in the dust bowl has been that the bottled water is too expensive and that it takes up too much space on the planes, both of which have nothing to do with the switch, accord-

ing to the base commander. The water prices have nothing to do with the change, and the water comes in trucks, so both of those rumors are untrue.

"There are several challenges with the bottled water," said Col. Christopher Pritchett, Bagram Air Base commander.

One such challenge is the certification of the Nestle plant that the water has been coming from.

"We know the water is good but we have been unable to meet governmental requirements for certification of that plant so far. We have tested the water ourselves and we know it's good water," said Pritchett.

Certification isn't the only hiccup preventing soldiers from having free reign on bottled wa-

ter. There's also a high demand for water in 100-degree weather.

"The plant can't keep up with the production we require," Pritchett said.

Even if the plant were able to keep up with soldiers' massive thirst, the water is trucked in producing more complications. For one, only spot testing can be done to the bottled water. The water is often stored in the sun, making it more liable to get bacteria, Pritchett said. Spot testing is testing some of the water in each lot that comes into theater.

Another disadvantage is that in the wintertime it would take longer to reach base from Uzbekistan.

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Aug. 15 hails the day of the Polish Army

By Maj. Mike Mikalski
Polish Army



Courtesy photo

The Polish Army's Grave of the Unknown Warrior is in Warsaw. It celebrates thousands of Polish soldiers-unknown heroes, who lost their lives for homeland.

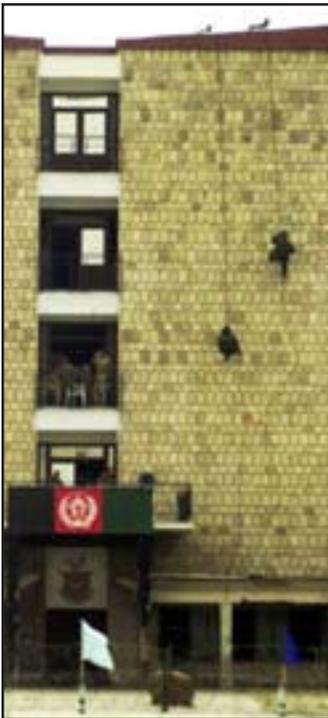
The Army Day is celebrated in lots of countries. The Polish, who were strongly affected from wars waged in 19th and 20th centuries, as a nation, suffered from occupations and lost independence. This gave the Army Day its particular character.

In 1923, the minister of Arms, appreciating the military meaning and moral implication of young army victory, es-

tablished the Soldier's Day on Aug. 15, where, in 1920, the poles crashed the Red Army attack on Poland and Europe.

The particular character had the Soldier's Day in 1939. Everyone sensed the coming war, so the meetings of the society with the army acquired a new meaning of soldiers farewell before going into fireline. The Soldiers' Day was celebrate in all Polish army units formed in France,

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Soldiers from the French-trained 2nd Battalion of the Afghan National Army rapel off of a building as part of the demonstration for its graduation.



Photos by Sgt. Reeba Critser

Afghan children standby with flowers for Afghanistan's Minister of Defense Mohammed Fahim at the 2nd Battalion, Afghan National Army's graduation Aug. 14 in Kabul.

A second battalion joins ranks with the Afghan Natl. Army

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KABUL, Afghanistan – The 2nd Battalion of the Afghan National Army, consisting of approximately 300 soldiers, graduated Wednesday in a ceremony at the Kabul Military Training Center.

French soldiers trained the battalion, using a 10-week program of instruction developed by U.S. Special Forces soldiers. A third, American-trained, battalion is in training now, with a graduation scheduled in October.

A fourth battalion will form and begin training by the end of the month, said Lt. Col. Kevin McDonnell, commander of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C. McDonnell's battalion is responsible for the train-

ing.

International support for the training continues in the form of trainers, weapons, ammunition, and funding. The assistance is important, but in the end, it will be the resolve of the Afghans that creates success.

“Over time they are going to stand this up and make it work for themselves,” said McDonnell.

Speaking at the ceremony, Afghanistan's Minister of Defense, Mohammed Fahim, pledged the government's continued support.

“We will do our best to reconstruct the Afghan National Army,” he said.

Fahim also encouraged the soldiers to conduct themselves professionally and in accordance with, “the highest moral standards.”



The 2nd Battalion of the Afghan National Army prepares to march past its guests who attended its graduation August 14, 2002 in Kabul. The French-trained battalion also performed various demonstrations, like checkpoints and simulated motar fire, for the guests in attendance.

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“The goodness of going to ROWPU water is that it’s more pure than bottled water,” Pritchett said.

“We know what goes into the ROWPU water to make it ‘right’ and we can control the quality, whereas the bottled water we have no control over,” he said.

Before the water goes through the ROWPU, the water comes from a well in Bagram, according to Lt. Col. Steve Horosko, Technical Supervisor of CJTF-180 Preventative Medicine assets.

Bottled water basically has no additives: it’s pure. But what is pure? The ROWPU water has chlorine added, just enough to kill bacteria which only takes two parts per million. The 400-gallon water buffalos are refilled at least every two days, if not sooner.

“So ultimately the ROWPU water is better for the soldiers to drink.

“It’s more inconvenient to go to the water buffalo rather than reach under a cot and grab a bottle of water and it tastes different,” he said.

“The ROWPU is the way the Army is designed to fight, not bottled water. Bottled water is a luxury,” Pritchett said. “So we will continue to drink ROWPU water.”

He added that Bagram would continue to get bottled water, but it will be reserved for meals and soldiers going out to mission, where a water source isn’t readily available.

There is plenty of water here. The soldiers are just going to have to get out there and not be lazy and hydrate themselves,” Pritchett said.

DFAC hours

Breakfast

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Bagram Viper City | 0230Z to 0430Z |
| Bagram Hanger | 0230Z to 0430Z |
| Kabul | 0200Z to 0330Z |
| Khandahar | 0200Z to 0500Z |

Lunch

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Bagram Viper City | MRE |
| Bagram Hanger | MRE |
| Kabul | MRE |
| Khandahar | 1200Z to 1400Z |

Dinner

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Bagram Viper City | 1230Z to 1430Z |
| Bagram Hanger | 1200Z to 1400Z |
| Kabul | 1230Z to 1415Z |
| Khandahar | 1900Z to 2100Z |



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Great Britain, Russia and Middle East and in conspiracy military organizations, existing in the occupied country.

After the war, it was assented that there was no need to remind the date connected with the defeat of the “invincible Red Army.”

Oct. 12 was selected to be the new Polish Army Day. It was the day of the Lenino battle where the first Tadeusz Kociuszko Infantry Division took part.

After regaining the full sovereignty of Poland (1989), and after a long discussion on the date of the Soldier’s Day, Aug. 15 prevailed (1992).

The holiday of the Polish Military Forces — Aug. 15 — is of special importance to soldiers. On the holiday, the soldiers receive order

badges and decorations and promotion documents to higher ranks.

A solemn changing of the guard takes place and wreaths are laid on the plate of the Tomb of the Unknown

Warrior in Warsaw with the participation of the Company of Honor of the Polish Military Forces, subdivisions representing branches military forces and a military band.

The symbol of attachment to over thousand years of arms tradition in the Polish Army is the Grave of

the Unknown Warrior. It’s located in Warsaw to celebrate thousands of Polish soldiers —

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unknown heroes — who lost their lives for their homeland.

A new model of the Armed Forces of the Republic of

Poland respected such assumptions as principle of civilian control over the army, opening of the armed forces to gradual transformation toward the solutions applied in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization armies.

Poland has been a member of NATO since 1999.

Re-enlistment hours

The new Bagram Air Base Re-enlistment Office is open for business in Motel 6 (across the hall from Finance) with Master Sgt. Edward A. Swartwood at the helm. He can be reached at DSN 303-587-5576.

The “old” office, located in the Combined Task Force Mountain hanger, is now the Task Force Panther career counselor’s office.

If you have story ideas, call the 28th Public Affairs Detachment at 318 - 231- 4239



ENTERTAINMENT

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Music Briefs

Drowning Pool singer found dead

Dave Williams, lead singer of Drowning Pool, was found dead on the band's tour bus Wednesday afternoon, according to a spokesperson for the group. He was 30 years old. A cause of death has yet to be determined. The Dallas quartet was on tour with Ozzfest when Williams' body was discovered.

Anna Nicole's ratings slip

After busting out with E!'s most-watched program ever with her debut episode two weeks ago, Anna Nicole Smith's ratings sagged in her second week, according to the latest Nielsen report. Her new half-hour reality series, "The Anna Nicole Show," attracted more than 4 million viewers for the initial outing, but dropped to 3.4 million viewers this past Sunday. Still the 34-year-old did very well insofar as her show's demographics were concerned. The second episode achieved a 3.7 rating among adults aged 18 to 34 — the highest such number ever for the cable network in the young demographic.

AF sweep U.S. softball tourney

By Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Jones
Armed Forces Press Network

NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The overcast skies and occasional sprinkles couldn't dampen the spirits of the military women's softball teams when they met here Aug. 7-9 for the 2002 Armed Forces Women's Softball Championship.

The Air Force team dominated the field, sweeping the series 9-0 and taking first place from the defending champion Army squad.

Led by head coach Master Sgt. William Hardy of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and his assistant, Master Sgt. Mark Asbury, Eglin AFB, Fla., the team snared the



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Eric Clay
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Sara Nolen, Naval Air Station Key West, Fla., slides safely into second base as Airman 1st Class Autumn Brown catches the ball during the 2002 Armed Forces Women's Softball Championship Tournament at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla. Aug. 7 to 9. The Air Force swept the tournament with a record of 9-0.

lead in a 26-13 win over Navy in Game 1. Thanks to a coordinated outfield, and several homers by Senior Airman Monica Everett, Moody AFB, Ga., the group remained undefeated in the tournament.

The Army team, led by head coach Gerald Corcoran, York, Pa., took second place overall at 4-5. The Marine Corps team, coached by Master Gunnery Sgt. Dave Heald of Camp Lejeune, N.C.,

went 3-6 and Navy, behind Master Chief Petty Officer Jim Butters, Afloat Training Group, Naval Station Mayport, Miss., rounded out the field at 2-7.

"Our hitting has kept us in the game. It's made the difference," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Rhonda Hayes, Tyndall AFB, Fla. "We played well as a team. We have excellent talent."

The chance to compete against members of the other services made the event worthwhile, said Marine Lance Cpl. Miranda Hamby of Camp Geiger, N.C. "No matter what the outcome, we've worked really hard. We get along really well. It was a great experience."

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WNBA connects with Army signal soldier

Bottom line

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It's that time of the year again. Yeah, I know. I wonder if Joe Paterno can rebound from con-

secutive losing seasons.

No. I meant it's time for the women's basketball playoffs.

Hey, silly, the Connecticut Huskies already won it. Get yourself in the game man.

No! No! I mean it's time for the WNBA playoffs.

WNBA? What's that? Is it a semi-pro league or something?

NO! NO! NO! IT'S THE 2002 WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION PLAY-

OFFS! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD GET IN THE GAME!

Geez. I didn't mean to rile you up. Sorry.

It's not you, man. I read something yesterday in the Houston Chronicle that has me fuming.

What is it?

There's a player, Grace Daley, on the Houston Comets squad who will begin this postseason

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"We played awesome," remarked Navy Petty Officer 2nd class Ashley Camp, USS Ronald Reagan. "We'll all keep in touch."

Chosen for the all-tournament team in each position were pitcher, Air Force Staff Sgt. Laurie Doughty, Fort Bragg, N.C.; catcher, Army Sgt. 1st Class Lucy Geidner, Alexandria, Va.; first base, Tschache; second base, Air Force Airman 1st Class Autumn Brown, Kirtland AFB, N.M.; third base, Carr; and shortstop, Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Cheryl Trapnell, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Outfielders chosen were Watkins; Air Force Staff Sgt. Karrie Warren, Tyndall AFB; Everett; and Air Force Senior Airman Toni Owens, McChord AFB, Wash. Air Force

Capt. Marcy May of MacDill AFB, Fla. was named as an extra hitter.

Service representatives picked 15 of the players to an armed forces team that will compete Aug. 15 to 18 at the National Women's Championships in Tifton, Ga.

Members of the armed forces softball team are Doughty, Geidner, Brown, Carr, Trapnell, Owens, Watkins, Bommer and May; Army Sgt. Michelle Saunders, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Air Force Airman 1st Class Virginia Gowin, Hurlburt Field; Army 2nd Lt. Kendra Allen, Camp Carroll, South Korea; Army Sgt. Michelle Murga, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Army Staff Sgt. Charisa Jordan, Kaiserslautern, Germany; and Army 1st Lt. Angie Diebal, Fort Hood, Texas. Corcoran was named head coach and Asbury, the assistant coach.

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without her big sister.

Where's she?

Afghanistan. Been over there for a while now. Probably sleeps with one eye open. I hear it's very dangerous.

I know. But why does that bother you?

Well, I met Daley and Beverly Grandison last year while I was vacationing in Italy. Both were beautiful women, inside and out.

(Whistles) You big dog!

Hmm. We had a long conversation about stuff, mainly about the brilliant relationship they share with each other.

Do tell.

Well, basically Grandison said they grew up in Florida with two brothers and another sister. Their dad, Stephen, is from Jamaica and their mom, Josephine, is from South America. She said they were brought up with strong religious beliefs. You know, like hanging out at a community center or church.

Wow! What else?

They were known as the Daley Duo at Lake Weir High School in Ocala, Florida. They said all the family was into athletics, each receiving some type of MVP award – the trophy case at their parent's house.

Where did they go to college?

Grandison started in a community college near home, before entering the mili-

tary and receiving a two-year Green-to-Gold scholarship to Florida A&M. Daley attended Tulane University in New Orleans, becoming one of the greatest, prolific scorers in school history.

Why didn't Grandison go pro?

Aren't you listening? I said she joined the Army!

Why?

She said she wanted to travel and see the world, wanted an immediate change and some independence.

So, Daley's in the W-N-F-?

WNBA!!! Yes. She's a key reserve player in Houston's hunt for a fifth championship this year.

But I'm afraid her worrying about Grandison might impact her play in the playoffs.

It's understandable.

Yeah, I got an email from Daley last week to let me know how she feels about Grandison's deployment. Told me she not only thinks about her sister all the time, she also prays for her as well. Daley said Grandison and her troops are well trained and ready to face any situation.

That's deep stuff, man.

I know. Well, lets go watch Daley kick butt.

Just like her sister's doing in Afghanistan.

HIND SIGHT

1513

Henry VIII of England and Emperor Maximilian defeat the French at Guinegatte, France, in the Battle of the Spurs.

1777

France declares a state of bankruptcy.

1780

American troops are badly defeated by the British at the Battle of Camden, S.C. In some of the bloodiest fighting of the Revolutionary War, American and French troops failed to take Savannah in 1779.

1858

U.S. President James Buchanan and Britain's Queen Victoria exchange messages inaugurating the first transatlantic telegraph line.

1861

Union and Confederate forces clash near Fredericktown and Kirksville, Mo. Warriors for the Union. American Indians did their part during the Civil War.

1896

Gold is discovered in the Klondike of Canada's Yukon Territory, setting off the Klondike Gold Rush.

1965

The Watts riots end in south-central Los Angeles after six days.

1977

Elvis Presley dies of a heart attack in the upstairs bedroom suite area of his Graceland Mansion in Memphis.

COALITION SPORTSZONE

A day in sports

(Compiled from *ESPN.Com*)

No major moves

While Tiger Woods grinded his way around windy Hazeltine on Thursday en route to a 71, Jim Furyk and Fred Funk each had 68s (-4) to head the crowded leaderboard at the PGA Championship. A weather delay left 39 players to finish their first rounds today.

Armed and dangerous

The strong arm of Shawn Green might be more important than his powerful bat by the end of this season. Green threw out the potential tying run to end the game in the Dodgers' narrow 1-0 victory over the Expos. The win was not the only good news for L.A. on Thursday as it activated ace Kevin Brown from the disabled list. The Dodgers currently lead the Giants by one game for the wild card.

Laying the foundation

Maybe the Eastern Conference teams have a chance in the playoffs after all. Reserve Jeff Cunningham scored in the 78th minute to allow the Crew to edge the Galaxy 3-2 Wednesday night in Columbus, Ohio. The Western Conference squads have dominated Major League Soccer the entire season, but the Crew, who were without injured star Brian McBride, proved they might have the depth to make some noise in the postseason.

One-woman show

If the Sting hope for a return trip to the WNBA finals, they'll need to contain Chamique Holdsclaw better than they did Thursday. Holdsclaw posted game highs of 26 points and 13 rebounds, and the Mystics won Game 1 of the three-game set 74-62. In the first round, Nancy Lieberman favors the Sting and Sparks, who clobbered Seattle 78-61 in the opener between teams that can't play nice.

Down to the wire

Despite the fact his lead in the standings has slipped in recent weeks, Sterling Marlin is not worried. The veteran has been racing too long to get worked up about his best shot at a Winston Cup title. Nevertheless, the championship chase has become a tight one since Marlin's closest competitors haven't capitalized on his recent struggles.

Hewitt humbled at Indy

Greg Rusedski is knocking 'em off left and right. A week after upending second-ranked Marat Safin in Cincinnati, the Brit stunned top-ranked Lleyton Hewitt 7-6 (3), 6-4 Thursday in the third round of the RCA Championships. Meanwhile, fifth-seeded Tim Henman withdrew from the tournament after experiencing shoulder soreness. An initial report from an MRI scan showed no tears.

Fleury signs with Hawks

Theo Fleury has found a new home with an old friend. The diminutive winger, who has battled personal demons the last two seasons, signed with the Blackhawks on Thursday. Fleury rejoins Brian Sutter, his coach in Calgary. It could be a nice fit, says Darren Pang.

On the rebound

Remember when Michael Moorer was heavyweight champ? Remember when he was knocked out? Now 34 and on the comeback trail, Moorer fights friend David Tua this weekend on HBO, looking for another championship. "I can come back and do it again. I'm blessed to have a second chance."

2002 Major League standings

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|--------------------------------|-------|------|------|-----------|
| American League East | | | | GB |
| N.Y. Yankees | 75-44 | .630 | - | |
| Boston | 69-50 | .580 | 6 | |
| Baltimore | 58-60 | .492 | 16.5 | |
| American League Central | | | | GB |
| Minnesota | 71-51 | .582 | - | |
| Chicago (AL) | 58-63 | .479 | 12.5 | |
| Cleveland | 53-66 | .445 | 16.5 | |
| American League West | | | | GB |
| Seattle | 74-47 | .612 | - | |
| Anaheim | 72-48 | .600 | 1.5 | |
| Oakland | 70-51 | .579 | 4 | |
| National League East | | | | GB |
| Atlanta | 78-41 | .655 | - | |
| Montreal | 59-61 | .492 | 19.5 | |
| Philadelphia | 58-62 | .483 | 20.5 | |
| National League Central | | | | GB |
| St. Louis | 66-52 | .559 | - | |
| Houston | 63-57 | .525 | 4 | |
| Cincinnati | 61-58 | .473 | 5.5 | |
| National League West | | | | GB |
| Arizona | 78-45 | .628 | - | |
| Los Angeles | 68-53 | .562 | 8 | |
| San Francisco | 66-53 | .555 | 9 | |

Thursday's scores

San Diego 5-3 N.Y. Mets
 Chicago Cubs 6-4 Houston
 Los Angeles 1-0 Montreal
 Philadelphia 5-0 Milwaukee
 St. Louis 11-5 Pittsburgh
 Arizona 7-2 Cincinnati
 Tampa Bay 4-3 Cleveland
 Atlanta 3-3 San Francisco, top of the 10th
 Baltimore 3-1 Minnesota
 Seattle 4-3 Boston

Today's schedule

Arizona at Chicago Cubs
 Detroit at Baltimore
 San Diego at Montreal
 St. Louis at Philadelphia
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh
 San Francisco at Florida
 Houston at Cincinnati
 Los Angeles at N.Y. Mets
 Kansas City at Tampa Bay
 Colorado at Atlanta
 Boston at Minnesota
 Toronto at Texas
 Cleveland at Anaheim
 Chicago Sox at Oakland
 N.Y. Yankees at Seattle

Regional weather

| | <i>Today</i> | <i>Saturday</i> | <i>Sunday</i> |
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| Bagram |  Hi—93F Lo—59F |  Hi—91F Lo—63F |  Hi—93F Lo—66F |
| K2 |  Hi—94F Lo—60F |  Hi—95F Lo—61F |  Hi—95F Lo—62F |
| Kabul |  Hi—93F Lo—59F |  Hi—90F Lo—61F |  Hi—91F Lo—64F |
| Khandahar |  Hi—102F Lo—66F |  Hi—104F Lo—70F |  Hi—104F Lo—72F |

Bagram chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant worship

Monday

- ❖ 1130Z — Rosary and prayers

Tuesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 1130Z — Protestant choir practice

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

Khandahar chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0400Z — Liturgical protestant service at Freedom Chapel
- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic Mass at Freedom Chapel
- ❖ 0700Z — Protestant service at Freedom Chapel
- ❖ 0900Z — Latter Day

Saints at Freedom Chapel

Wednesday

- ❖ 0900Z — Protestant service at Freedom Chapel

Friday

- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Service at Mosque

❖ 1300Z — Jewish service at Rose Garden Pool

Saturday

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic Mass at Freedom Chapel
- ❖ 0700Z — Seventh Day Adventist at Rose Garden Pool