

ANA patrols serve dual purpose

By Spc. Jim Wagner
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ORGUN-E, Afghanistan — As training winds down for 3rd Battalion, Afghanistan National Army soldiers here, the near-daily patrols in surrounding communities are having a positive effect.

Patrols serve a dual purpose here at the edge of the Afghanistan border; not only do the missions hone war-fighting skills at the platoon level, it gives local civilians the chance to see their own army in action.

For many of the surrounding villages and towns in the Paktiki Province, the ANA patrols are the only contact between Afghanistan's Army and its local populace. The 3rd BANA, Afghanistan's first operational unit, focuses their efforts in the community to give people a first look at their new army and accept them as the



Photo by Spc. Jim Wagner, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Afghan National Army soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, ANA, patrol the Sorobi Market place.

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Light it up...

James, a 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) adviser, directs a live fire exercise with the platoon leader in the Afghan National Army. For more on SF training, see Page A3.

JOC TOPO: Map the world

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Using all the latest hi-tech-gigabyte-crunching software, the Topographical Team produces critical theater-mapping products for many different units, offices and missions to make the Operation Enduring Freedom mission safe for troops and the military mission here successful.

“When the trajectory data from random rocket attacks is sent to us, we can overlay the trajectory onto a three-dimensional perspective view map,” said Sgt. Bryant Sturdevant, non-commissioned officer in charge.

“I build a graphic using Controlled Image

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)

Bush: Second U.N. Iraq resolution 'welcomed'

WASHINGTON — President Bush said he would welcome a second U.N. resolution on Iraq if it served to reinforce the message that the international community is determined to disarm the country's regime.

"It would be welcomed if it is yet another signal that we are intent upon disarming Saddam Hussein," Bush said after meeting at the White House with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

On an airplane over the Atlantic Ocean as he returned to Britain after a one-day visit to Washington, Blair talked to reporters.

"I believe we will get a second resolution," he said. "It's important that this be resolved as soon as possible. The U.S. has always believed that the current Resolution 1441 provides sufficient authority [to use force against Iraq], but 1441 also clearly implies further discussion."

Earlier, Blair told CNN that he supported getting a second U.N. Security Council resolution before launching military action.



The United States is considering dispatching the aircraft carrier *USS Kitty Hawk*, based at Yokosuka, Japan, to the Persian Gulf.

CINCPAC seeks buildup in Pacific

WASHINGTON — The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific is asking that additional planes and ships be sent to the region as a signal to North Korea that as the U.S. prepares for war with Iraq, it is not letting down its guard, Pentagon officials tell CNN.

Adm. Tom Fargo has asked to beef up air and sea forces in the region, especially because the United States is considering dispatching the aircraft carrier *USS Kitty Hawk*,

based at Yokosuka, Japan, to the Persian Gulf in case of war with Iraq.

"It's a deterrent option," one Pentagon official said, referring to both Fargo's request and the possibility of deploying the carrier.

North Korea responded Friday to President Bush's State of the Union speech, saying the standoff over its nuclear program is not of its doing and demanding that Washington sign a nonaggression treaty.

Bush referred on Tuesday to U.S. allegations that North Korea has restarted a nuclear program suspended in the mid-1990s and said that Pyongyang would be shown "that nuclear weapons will bring only isolation, economic stagnation and continued hardship."

Bags targeted in probe of Georgia blood supply

ATLANTA — After asking hospitals throughout Georgia to quarantine units of blood possibly contaminated with unidentified white specks, the Red Cross said Friday that preliminary tests indicate the problem is likely with the bags and not the donated blood.

"Microscopic examination of the white particles indicate they do not appear to be infectious agents," said Chris Hrouda, chief executive officer of the Southern Region of the American Red Cross.

However, he said, the large particles, which are visible to the naked eye, have not yet been identified.

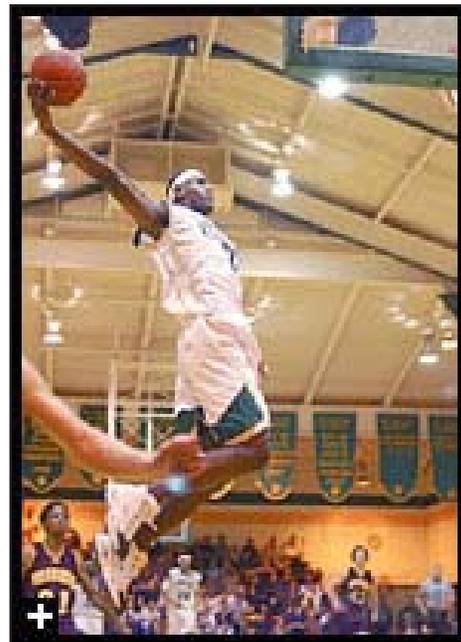
Several hospitals canceled elective operations Friday after receiving the "urgent notification" from the Red Cross on Thursday. Emergency procedures were not affected.

Hrouda said there have been no reports of patients suffering "adverse reactions" linked to the blood.

"These particles are very difficult to see," Hrouda said. "They are clear, translucent particles, and a blood bag is also clear and translucent. So it's difficult to see [any contaminant]."

He said there was "absolutely no effect" for blood donors and that it was "even more important today" for dona-

tions to the boost the blood supply.



LeBron James accepted two throwback jerseys valued at \$845 dollars as a gift from a clothing store.

James ruled ineligible for accepting free clothing

CLEVELAND — LeBron James was ruled ineligible to play for the rest of the season because he accepted free sports jerseys, bringing a sudden end to the basketball star's celebrated high school career.

The decision Friday by Ohio High School Athletic Association commissioner Clair Muscaro came four days after James, a senior at Akron's St. Vincent-St. Mary, was cleared for accepting a \$50,000 sports utility vehicle from his mother.

Last Saturday, James was given two retro sports jerseys — valued at \$845 — for free from a clothing store, the OHSAA said. The trendy jerseys were replicas of those worn by former Chicago Bears running back Gale Sayers and Washington Bullets center Wes Unseld.

Muscaro's ruling means St. Vincent-St. Mary, must forfeit Sunday's win over Akron Buchtel, dropping its record to 13-1. The Fighting Irish, ranked No. 1 by *USA Today*, have five games left in the season, plus state playoff games.

Special Forces' unique mission

By Spc. Jim Wagner
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(Editor's Note: The rank and last names of Special Forces operators have been removed to protect their identity.)

ORGUN-E, Afghanistan – Normally, Special Forces missions around the world are conducted behind the scenes, but its task in Afghanistan has thrust the group into the spotlight.

What's more, said Rocco, a 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) adviser, is that what they're doing today hasn't been done within Special Forces itself for decades (since the Vietnam War): The training of an entirely new national army for a foreign government.

And if they fail in their task to train the Afghan National Army (ANA) properly, he said, the results could be disastrous.

"If this army doesn't become an independent and free-standing army, this country has got some problems," Rocco said. "(ANA soldiers) know that if they don't succeed, they'll go back to the feudal system they've known for decades with their warlords."

The ANA is Afghanistan's newest govern-



ment-supported military force, the first national army under a central government representing the entire country in more than 23 years. Until interim President Hamid Karzai took office last year, military units in the country have been comprised of whatever personal fighting forces



Photos by Spc. Jim Wagner, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Above: Bruce, a psychological operations member of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), left, and his interpreter Jabar, center, sign in a would-be recruit for the next basic training course at the Kabul Military Training Center in Kabul. All recruits are screened and photographed by the 19th SFG before joining the Afghan National Army.

Left: Dan, a 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) adviser, goes over vehicle convoy emplacement with Afghan National Army soldiers on a sand table prior to a recent weapons cache clearing mission in the Paktiki Province.

could be mustered by dictators and warlords. Most of those forces were regional or tribal in nature.

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Base to show the command exactly what terrain and manmade objects the rocket passed over, according to the calculated trajectory," said Spc. Tiffany Falk, Coalition Joint Task Force-180 Terrain Team, 20th Eng. Bde., Fort Bragg, N.C.

With Digital Terrain Elevation Data we enhance two-dimensional maps with three-dimensional data, making the terrain more visual, she added.

The TOPO Team can produce terrain overlays, slope tints, 3D-perspective views or transportation map studies for any region of the world, but here their mission is Afghanistan.

Using recorded satellite

data from the National Imagery and Mapping Agency or from Space Command the four-member team supports OEF with possible enemy ambush sites, avenues of approach and zones of entry.

"A slope tint map shadows the terrain features as a relief, showing the rugged terrain features with an almost 3D perspective," said Sturdevant.

"We download the data from NIMA onto the Digital Topographic Support System that allows us to manipulate it to create special terrain."

1st Lt. Amber Saugier, officer in charge, explained, the team gets many requests for Modified Combined Obstacle Overlays that show enemy obstacles

such as mine fields.

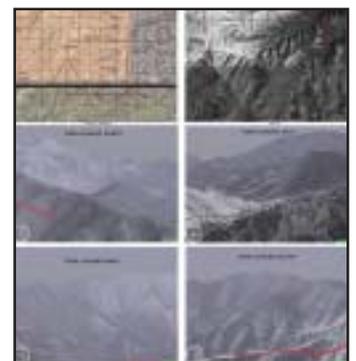
They are also requested to pinpoint bridges and other man made features.

We can also show the distance that line of sight can travel from any given point, which is critical information for signal operations and Information Operations and Psychological Operations that need to know how to reach areas with radio frequencies, she added.

"Some of the more routine products we produce are provincial location diagrams showing exactly what province a town belongs to or how close to the border a town is. We can instantly map any area in 3D such as the recent Spin Buldak firefight for strategic

offense," said Falk.

"It is an exciting field that supports humanitarian and civil affairs by helping to improve dams, roads and structures and the overall quality of life for soldiers and local nationals, and I love it," said Falk.



The Topographical Team designs a variety of maps including overviews and three-dimensional models.

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future of the country's peace in the region.

At first, villagers in the more remote areas were visibly nervous to see a platoon of soldiers unload and set up a defensive perimeter around the military convoy.

For more than 20 years, Afghanistan's small towns have been caught between warring factions – from the Communists and mujadeen to the many tribal clashes – with villagers appeasing all sides to stay alive.

The advent of Afghanistan's first standing army in years brings hope to many of these villagers. At the village Saheer, located on the top of one mountain range that can be reached only by a winding road with many switchbacks, townsfolk received their first visit from the ANA Jan. 21.

The platoon's commander asks for the village elder, and the trepidation slowly melts away as the two meet and exchange introductions. In the background, children run out from alleyways and crowd close to catch a look at the new soldiers.

"When we first got there, I got the impression they were scared," said Senior Capt. Hazar Meir, acting commander of the 3rd Platoon, 2nd Company, 3rd BANA. "I said, 'I am your brother and am from the ANA; we are from your country.' After that, they were relieved to talk to us."

At first cautious, when the village elder found out the ANA was just stopping by to introduce themselves and offer assistance, he immediately listed a number of things desperately needed; wells for irrigation, schools and school materials.

"I got the feeling they will welcome us in the future (and tell us) their problems, and their sons will join the ANA," Meir said. "I told some of the people they should go to their provincial houses and talk to the officers there, to join the ANA so we can make a united Afghanistan."

Besides introducing themselves to village elders throughout the province, 3rd BANA's mission is also to collect intelligence on the surroundings to ensure the prosperity of the community. At every stop, the platoon commander will ask for known mines and whether they've seen any bandits in the area.



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An Afghan National Army soldier from the 3rd Battalion stands watch outside the Sorobi Marketplace. This is the first time many Afghan citizens have seen the army in person; the 3rd BANA is the first ANA unit to patrol in Afghanistan.

Not everyone is as eager to see signs of a central government military force in their area, however. In the Sorobi Marketplace, a bazaar and rest area for travelers – located about 10 miles from the Pakistan border – citizens were a bit more nervous about the ANA troops.

According to Amin Muhammad, an interpreter at Camp Harriman, the U.S. Army outpost outside of the city of Orgun-E, the marketplace still houses a number of Taliban and al-Qaida supporters. The people who live in the area, he said, are reserving judgment on the ANA until they see some positive steps.

That opinion is echoed by Muhammad Nawem, a 26-year-old resident who saw the ANA on patrol for the first time Jan. 22.

"We're happy to have an army to bring peace and prosperity, if it's the real thing," he said. "We're not sure yet. We'd like to join the army, but we'll have to see how they act as a society and how they act in our county."

The ANA is also providing humanitarian assistance in the Orgun-E region. On Jan. 24, soldiers visited the town of Sorobi and distributed school materials to two girls' schools in the city. The headmaster from one of the schools said the pens, pencils, crayons, cardboard paper and books were a welcome addition, since many schools don't



Senior Capt. Hazar Meir, acting commander of 3rd Platoon, 2nd Company, 3rd BANA, distributes clothing to a girl from one of the Sorobi city elementary schools. The Afghan National Army routinely donates clothing and school supplies to villages in the Orgun-E district.

have any school materials at all.

So far, the reaction to the ANA in the Orgun-E district has been positive. While patrolling through the Sorobi Marketplace, children thronged the ANA soldiers, peppering them with questions and taking the informational pamphlets the soldiers were passing to everyone.

The biggest positive sign was the group of children laughing and waving to the ANA soldiers as they left the area.

As one of the soldiers put it, "the children are our future." In that case, many should be joining the ANA when they come of age.

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Appreciate what you have

Just my Opinion

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Fortune – it has a different meaning for everyone.

Some people are born fortunate, others not so fortunate.

I see myself as fortunate. I was born in one of the richest nations in the world. I have food every day. I have a bed (or cot) every night. I bathe at least once a day. My clothes are clean.

I graduated high school. I can show my face in public. I can make my own living. I have no serious medical conditions. I don't normally have to worry about a mine disfiguring me.

I was born in a relatively safe country.

Every day the people of Afghanistan remind me how fortunate I am.

Afghanistan has been ridden with war for centuries. This country has been reduced to rubble many times. The country has not only seen civil war, but has fought Britain, the Soviet Union and the U.S.

These people ride crammed together on trucks on their way to work or ride on top of them with no regard for being in each others "personal bubble" or falling off. And why would they? Would you care

if someone was in your space if it meant you could feed your family? Would you be scared if every day your life could end by stepping on a mine?

They have no concept of traffic safety. And why would they? They have no traffic laws. They have no insurance. Even if they did, could they afford the insurance?

These people work on base for what we see as almost nothing, but to these people, it's one of the best wages they can get. They work with tools we think of as ancient, but if we gave them better, would they know how to use them?

I went to a school a couple weeks ago that had only walls and a roof. The children sat on the floor. They had no pens, pencils or paper for their homework or to keep notes. It was an empty building called a school. How many schools here are like this?

I wonder how often – even if, the Afghans wash their clothes? How often can they take a bath?

I've seen their meat hanging outside. I've been shown the tapeworms taken from their digestive systems. They are very unsanitary with little to no health care, but they don't know any better.

I don't look down on these people. I do feel sorry for them. But, there is only so much we can do for them. They are people, just like us. They were not born fortunate.

STREET TALK

Have you seen anyone here that you haven't seen in a long time?

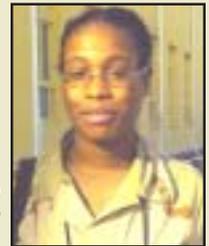


"I ran into one of my good friends in the Air Force from Airborne school."

Spc. Kent Carter
118th MP Co.
Fort Bragg, N.C.

"Since I work with a wide range of people, I see people from Fort Bragg all the time."

Sgt. Zylenia Harvey
Alternate Communications Security Custodian
CJTF-180



"I ran into someone I know from the Pentagon out here."

1st Sgt. Leonard Houser
First sergeant
HHC, CJTF-180

"I've seen people here that I know from Fort Jackson, S.C. and Korea."

Staff Sgt. Kensandra Mack
SCJS NCOIC
Fort Bragg, N.C.



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Only in recent times have Afghan forces banded together into a multi-ethnic force of any note. First, with the mujadeen movement against the Russian invasion of the 1980s and when the Northern Alliance banded together to resist the Taliban regime in the mid-1990s.

Today, most of the ANA training is conducted out of the Kabul Military Training Center, just outside Kabul, where Special Forces operators act as advisers to the Afghan military on everything from training their soldiers throughout basic training to integrating squads and platoons with coalition forces.

“I don’t think, in Special Forces, this has been done in decades,” Rocco said. “Basically, we’re tasked with creating a brand-new army for this government.”

Members of the 19th SFG have spent the past month training the 3rd Battalion, ANA squad and platoon-level infantry tactics — as well as the infrastructure that supports a battalion — at Fire Base Harriman, a U.S. Army camp just outside the city of Orgun-E.

U.S. Army Special Forces are the “A” teams — under the Special Operations Command — that attach themselves to foreign armies and train and advise units on U.S. doctrine, depending on the situation. The 19th SFG is a National Guard unit headquartered in Draper, Utah, and is made up of elements throughout the U.S.

The 3rd BANA is the first unit to operate in the field and is a test case of sorts to find out what and how ANA military doctrine will be going forward. Since this is the first unit, Special Forces units have been building up

doctrine “on the fly,” which will eventually be disseminated and used by future BANA’s. According to Dan, a 19th Special Forces adviser, it’s done bit by bit, starting out with battle books with checklists that slowly get fleshed out as the 3rd BANA performs real-world missions.

“We’re making mistakes daily, but we’re correcting those mistakes as we go,” he said. “When we get back to Kabul, we’ll be able to pass that information on to the other Special Forces teams training other BANA’s.”

Training Afghan soldiers in U.S. Army doctrine has been an uphill battle; guerrilla tactics honed and perfected during their largely successful repulsion of the Soviet invasion centered on individual and small group hit-and-run tactics. Fighting as a squad or platoon U.S. Army-style — where precise movements and multi-tasking are essential — has been a big adjustment for many ANA soldiers.

During a live-fire exercise at Fire Base Harriman recently, one platoon of the ANA was practicing a fire support assault on a building, with an assault line providing initial fire while a fire support element flanked from the left.

In practice, the platoon leader in the assault line is supposed to tap his light machine gunner and riflemen to open fire, then when the fire support team moves into position and throws a “flaming rock” (a brightly-colored rock with a streamer), direct the assault team

to shift fire to the right to allow the fire support team to move into position.

Unfortunately, it didn’t work out that way. The ANA platoon leader opened fire with his AK-47, forgot to tell the assault team to fire and the LMG didn’t start shooting for another 30 seconds until he figured he should start firing, even though he wasn’t directed by his platoon leader. What’s more, when the flaming rock was lobbed into the air, the platoon leader didn’t tell his assault team to shift fire to the right.

Bernie, a 19th SFG adviser, was with the fire support team during the live fire exercise and said he saw rounds throwing up plumes of dust 10 feet in front of him while he was running

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- Rocco, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

to the objective.

“Sometimes this job can be mentally exhausting,” he said with considerable understatement for the close call.

Another problem is the lack of communication between officers and the fledgling non-commissioned officer corps being instituted by the U.S. Army into the ANA, said Dan. Before the ANA NCO ranks didn’t exist, but it’s crucial for any unit that needs to assign and delegate multi-task duties.

“That’s something we’re trying to force-feed them, with some resistance,” Dan said. “Their culture is subordinate, so when you’re a subordinate, you shut up.

“But they are slowly starting to develop a concept of fighting for their nation and working as a team,” Dan said.

ANA soldiers will have more of a chance to see how NCOs work together when they and their Special Forces team moves onto their next phase of operations — integration with coalition forces. Rocco sees the current problems as short-term challenges that will eventually iron themselves out.

“These guys are aggressive and they want to learn,” he said. “They know without them, their government wouldn’t last.”

The 19th SFG’s crest features the motto *is de oppresso liber*, or “to free the oppressed.” The Special Forces units here are giving ANA soldiers the tools they need to free themselves.



Photo by Spc. Jim Wagner, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Live-fire exercises, like the one conducted here, are essential to the Afghan National Army training.

Private investigator supplies CJTF-180

By Sgt. W. Cullen James
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan—It's a far cry from *Magnum, P.I.* There's no hot car. There's no mansion with a mysterious benefactor. There's no sipping Pina Colada's on the beach at sunset.

There are, however, plenty of issues — supply issues, that is.

Staff Sgt. Dave Dickson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Coalition Joint Task Force-180 supply sergeant, stepped into a completely different world when he arrived in Afghanistan.

Dickson, part of the 332nd Support Center (Rear Area Operations Center), an Army National Guard unit from Berlan, Wis., is not normally tucked away in a supply room. He's a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical specialist who is trained to advise commanders on NBC threats.

"When we found out we were coming over, we also found out we wouldn't be doing our normal jobs," Dickson said. "We didn't know what we'd be doing until we got on the ground."

Dickson's unit acts like a liaison between field troops and base support. "If the fighting forces need (military police), we contact them and coordinate it for them. If they need engineer support, we get them sent out. That's what we normally do," he said.

But for this mission, Dickson and his fellow guardsmen found out they were going to be filling positions within HHC. Since there were no NBC slots, Dickson be-

came the supply sergeant.

With no former supply sergeant time or formal training, Dickson has relied on his years as an NBC noncommissioned officer and as an assistant supply sergeant for the job. "NBC accountability is close to supply. It's not the same, but I've made do," he explained.

Making the job more difficult, CJTF-180 supply supports a joint-force within Camp Dragon and coalition forces who also work and dwell within the camp confines.

"We serve everyone from the command staff and the general to the combat units. Keeping so many echelons of people supplied and happy is a huge task," Dickson said.

Helping manage the task, Dickson has begun to streamline his supply processes. "We're trying to keep a better organization of supplies, better stock of on hand supplies and we've made structural modifications to the supply room to accommodate these changes," he said.

While serving such a variety of forces, Dickson said that his most requested items are some of supply's oldest standbys. "Toilet paper, plastic bags and office supplies, those are our biggest sellers."

Although currently serving as in the National Guard, Dickson has a long history of active-duty service. Starting with the Marine Corps in 1972, Dickson served a total of 12 years with a break in service between his first four and



Photo by Sgt. W. Cullen James, 11th Public Affairs Detachment

Staff Sgt. Dave Dickson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Coalition Joint Task Force-180 supply sergeant, readjusts some of his on-hand supply items. CJTF-180's supply services all soldiers in the Dragon Camp as well as the Coalition Forces in the area. Dickson is an Army National Guard Nuclear, Biological and Chemical specialist with the 332nd Support Center (Rear Area Operations Center), Berlan, Wis.

last eight years.

"I got out to attend technical school," Dickson said. "I attended a police science school."

He found himself back in the Corps when the job market proved too slim for his liking. While in the Marines he served in Cherry Point, N.C.; Great Lakes, Ill.; Yuma, Ariz.;

29 Palms, Calif.; Okinawa, Japan; and finished his tour as a recruiter in Fond du Lac, Wisc.

Having grown to love being an NBC specialist, Dickson found himself switching over to the Army when the Marines wanted

Chaplain's corner

By Chap. (Maj.) Marvin Luckie
CTF-82 Chaplain

Starting Tuesday, at 1200-1250Z, Combined Task Force-82 Religious Support Team will conduct a weekly Bible Study for the season of Lent. Walk on up to the Administration Building 2nd floor conference room. All are welcome for an open and frank discussion of the Christian Life.

The Apostle Paul's favorite analogy of the Christian life was that of the believer as warrior and soldier of faith. Paul used military terminology in almost all of his letters, but in none so much as in the Philippian Epistle.

Why would Paul so stress the military

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him to change jobs. "I wanted to stay NBC. I love my job."

Dickson served a little under four years in the Army before falling victim to military downsizing in 1992. He made his way back to his home in Wautoma, Wisc., where he once again found himself drawn to the Army and joined the Guard in 1994. "I wanted to continue my service to earn retirement benefits."

Now eligible for retirement, Dickson looks forward to getting out upon redeployment. "I'm going to do a lot of fishing and more PI work."

Calling back to his training in police sciences, Dickson started a private investigation firm in 1994.

"My first job in the Marine Corps in Great Lakes was as a prison escort," Dickson explained. "Sometimes you had to track some of these folks down. That's where I got the idea to start a PI firm."

Nearly two decades later, Dickson formed the firm with a friend who had been a police officer. He credits the military for training that has helped him in his civilian occupation.

"Sometimes, you have to be forceful, not be swayed by threats. The military provides good background for that. I have been in many situations where if it had not been for the military training, it might have turned out really

perspective in writing to these people? The reason has to do with the history and population of the city of Philippi. Named for Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, Philippi was built at a strategic point between Europe and Asia. From the very beginning it was a military outpost.

Philippi was made a Roman colony and eventually became a retirement center for Roman military personnel. Because of this, when the apostle Paul came to the city and

bad for me," Dickson said.

His PI work has dwelled primarily in civil and domestic cases such as serving papers and locating hard to find people. He also works some criminal defense cases.

"Most of our work is in civil and domestic area — locating people and doing fidelity checks for husbands and wives. The most interesting are the criminal defense cases," Dickson explained.

"We work for a defense attorney finding evidence to clear their client," he said. "We're pretty selective in the cases we take. Being private investigators we can pretty much pick and choose what we want to do. When given the opportunity for a case I usually do a background check into the case. I am very law enforcement oriented. I won't defend someone who is obviously guilty."

Dickson's firm also supports local law enforcement by loaning equipment. "We lend surveillance equipment and cameras to the police agencies. We have some pretty high tech stuff that most of our local departments sim-



*Chap. (Maj.)
Marvin Luckie*

began to win people to Christ, he found people who understood order and authority and discipline, people who were willing to endure hardship and to put their lives on the line for a cause.

The Philippian church became one of the greatest churches of the first century in large part because these believers recognized that Paul was a four-star general in the spiritual conflict, and they were willing to follow his instructions.

In Philippians 1:1-4 Paul sketches out five aspects of military operation that apply to Christian warfare: organization, communication, logistics, plan of attack, and strategy.

Come and join us as we dig in a little deeper. Blessings, Preacher 6 out.

ply can't afford," he explained.

Regarding his PI work, Dickson explained that the most rewarding feeling comes from clearing a client or uncovering what their client was looking for. And he pointed out, "I'd be pretty safe in saying that in 50 percent of the domestic cases we're hired for, the spouses were wrong in their suspicions."

Looking back over his nearly quarter-century of military service, Dickson explained that he's as patriotic now as he was when he first joined. "Overall, it has been a rewarding career. Whenever I walk across a parade field and hear (To the Colors) I still feel the same way. It's a great feeling."

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Tomorrow's movie will be "The Perfect Storm."



Coalition Sports Zone

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Webber injury creates latest challenge

ESPN — How the Sacramento Kings, the best team in the NBA and the HMO, have gone through so many injuries that they've run out of original ideas, and not a broken ear drum in the bunch. Amazing.

All that noise inside Arco Arena, all that loud buzz around the league about breaking to the great start despite occasionally needing to interrupt their emergency room to play a game, and they hear just fine. They catch all the praise. They get it that those are loud footsteps from the Portland Trail Blazers, keeping things interesting in the Pacific Division after all.

Otherwise, prime-time TV has itself another medical series, with the occasional weekend afternoon specials. The Kings go national again tonight — someone get Dr. Jack, stat! — when the Lakers hit Sacramento for the first time since that heart removal without anaesthesia better known as Game 7 of the Western Conference finals, and they're down three big men just in time to face Shaquille O'Neal. Just in case things weren't interesting enough in the rivalry.

The three-time defending champions already know how this injury thing can go with the Kings. Sacramento surged to an early lead in the Pacific without starting point guard Mike Bibby and key reserve big man Scot Pollard for long stretches, playing with composure and cohesiveness in the face of adversity, then rallied to win



Chris Webber, left, is the latest to join the Kings' M*A*S*H unit on the bench.

the Christmas showdown at Staples Center, the very evening the great start by Bobby Jackson was ended by a broken hand. So it is that tonight the Kings have the chance to guarantee at least a split in the regular-season series for the first time in a full campaign, discounting the lockout-shortened 1999 season, since 1993-94.

Sacramento has gone virtually the entire way at less than full strength, and only everyone else keeps getting messed up. The Lakers went down after building a lead. The

Mavericks, the team with the best record, got routed a couple weeks ago at Arco and immediately stepped aside, conceding the Kings as

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Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



Ja Rule, Eve keep it simple, tight at tour kickoff

LOWELL, Mass. — Ja

Rule and Eve kicked off a three-week tour Wednesday with tight, stripped-down sets and lots of participation from the crowd of 6,300 at the Tsongas Arena.

Just the mere mention of Ja Rule drew thunderous cheers. When he finally appeared at 10:40 p.m. to pace from one end of the stage to the other and cry "Let me hear y'all!" in his gravelly howl, the response was deafening.

Sporting jeans, a red sports cap and a dark pullover with glittering dog tag, the Murder Inc. rhyme slinger used the crowd's energy to his advantage across his 45-minute set. Apart from an onstage posse that brandished poster ads for his new album, Ja's sole backup was a DJ whose choppy stop-

and-start fades in "Livin' It Up" and "Put It on Me" let fans fill the spaces with call-and-response vocals.

Juvenile arrested for cocaine, marijuana possession

Juvenile was arrested on drug charges in New Orleans Wednesday. The rapper, whose real name is Terius Gray, was booked on possession of marijuana and cocaine, along with three other people.

New Orleans police said that Gray was a passenger in a rented Lincoln Town Car that was stopped at a checkpoint to make sure drivers were carrying proof of insurance. Officers smelled, and then observed, two burning marijuana cigarettes in the car's ashtray. All four occupants — which, besides Gray, included driver Alvin Gus and fellow passengers Darrell Mitchell and Morris Pete — were arrested for possession of marijuana.

After a search of the vehicle, officers

found a small amount of cocaine in the trunk and later booked the four occupants with possession of cocaine. Two of the vehicle's occupants, Gus and Pete, were also charged on outstanding warrants unrelated to the case.

Moby makes aliens drunk, fat

Electronic pop pacifist Moby has been getting pretty galactic recently.

Maybe it has something to do with the fears he's expressed on his Web site about the hostile visions of warmongers on this planet. Whatever the reason, he's decided to again focus on little green men for his video for "Sunday (The Day Before My Birthday)."

The clip is a continuation of a plot that began in his last video, "In This World," in which tiny aliens come down to Earth to make contact, but are too small to be seen by anyone. Both were directed by Style War.

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the real best team. The Nets have already been swept in the season series.

Celtics lose at home by 52 points

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics were dealt the worst loss in their history Friday night, falling behind the Detroit Pistons by as many as 60 before scoring the final eight points of the game in a 118-66 loss.

The previous worst loss in team history came in the second game this season, a 45-point margin in a 114-69 loss to Washington.

Richard Hamilton scored 29 points for the Pistons, who led 71-51 with 4:05 left in the third quarter before going on a 35-2 run that gave them twice as many points as Boston.

The crowd turned on the Celtics and cheered nearly every Pistons basket for most of the final period. Their biggest lead was 118-58 on a 3-pointer by Tayshaun Prince with 2:44 left.

The Pistons scored the last five points of the first quarter, the last 11 in the second and the last 15 in the third, making it 86-51. Detroit, which has allowed the fewest points in the NBA, gave up only 15 in the fourth quarter.

Solution from Friday's Slippery Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)



2002 NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

- (2) New Jersey 32-14
- (4) Boston 26-20
- (5) Philadelphia 25-22
- (8) Orlando 24-23
- Washington 22-25

Central

- (1) Indiana 33-14
- (3) Detroit 30-15
- (6) New Orleans 24-23
- (7) Milwaukee 23-22
- Atlanta 18-29



Western Conference

Midwest

- (1) Dallas 36-9
- (3) San Antonio 29-16
- (5) Utah 28-18
- (6) Minnesota 27-19
- (8) Houston 24-20

Pacific

- (2) Sacramento 33-14
- (4) Portland 28-16
- (7) Phoenix 26-21
- L.A. Lakers 20-23
- Seattle 20-24



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Kandahar 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

Bagram chapel hours

Sunday

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

Monday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers

Tuesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
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- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice
- ❖ 1500Z — Rosary and prayers

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

Tuesday

- ❖ 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

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chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0630Z — Nondenominational service

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study



Weather

Bagram



Hi — 48F
Lo — 25F



Hi — 59F
Lo — 21F



Hi — 57F
Lo — 21F

K2



Hi — 52F
Lo — 28F



Hi — 56F
Lo — 36F



Hi — 60F
Lo — 38F

Kabul



Hi — 52F
Lo — 21F



Hi — 54F
Lo — 21F



Hi — 59F
Lo — 25F

KAF



Hi — 57F
Lo — 32F



Hi — 59F
Lo — 34F



Hi — 61F
Lo — 36F

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.