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Soldier hurt in Bamian

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan—A U.S. soldier was transported to Bagram Air Base for treatment after shrapnel hit his hand Monday night. The soldier was working with the Swiss demining team clearing roughly 200 pounds of bombs in Bamian, said a Combined Joint Task Force - 180 spokesman. While moving a smaller element, it exploded and hit the soldier. A Swiss man was also treated and released after suffering minor injuries. The U.S. soldier is expected to fully recover and return to duty in a week.

Reservists, Guard members face duty extension

WASHINGTON—The Air Force has notified at least 14,000 National Guard members and Reservists they may be needed for a second straight year of active-duty military service for the war on terrorism, military officials said Monday.

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Dep. asst. SECDEF visits Afghanistan



Photo by Spc. Kevin Buckley, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Dr. Joseph Collins (wearing a flak vest) speaks with the principal of Sufi Sahab High School during his visit to Khandahar.

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KABUL, Afghanistan—Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability Operations Dr. Joseph Collins recently visited the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force in Kabul and other Civil Affairs teams in Bagram and Khandahar.

“Humanitarian assistance is a pressing issue when it comes to the country of Afghanistan,” Collins said. “We came to Afghanistan to check on the projects being headed by the Civil Affairs teams.”

According to Collins, his office in the Pentagon

supervises all of the issues that have to do with Afghan reconstruction, Afghan National Army training and Civil Affairs soldiers.

“I was here (Kabul) in February as part of a team that studied the needs for the Afghan National Army. I wanted to come back to see the progress, to look at the detainee facility and to see the humanitarian assistance projects that have been carried out by the Civil Affairs personnel,” Collins recalled. “The progress has been miraculous and they’ve done great work at a minimal cost. They have really set a high standard for the non-government organizations and the United

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Army to tighten re-enlistment window

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Active-duty soldiers will need to re-enlist or extend 12 to three months prior to their separation date, beginning Oct. 1.

The Army announced today that it was reinstating this re-enlistment policy, which had been relaxed since October 2000. The purpose of the tighter re-enlistment window, personnel officials said, is to identify soldiers who desire unbroken service, and for the Army to

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— **Ron Canada**

Chief of PERSCOM retention office

program replacements for those who plan on returning to civilian status.

“During the past two years, about eight percent or approximately 5,000 soldiers delayed

their re-enlistment decision until within three months of ETS,” said Ron Canada, chief of the U.S. Army Personnel Command retention office. “The largest categories of these are careerists; that’s too many.”

Canada expressed his concern that many soldiers may be denied retention after Oct. 1., if they decide to wait it out. A tremendous amount of work processing exceptions to

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Photo by Spc. Jason B. Baker, 49th Public Affairs Detachment

Remaining calm

Cpl. Jeffery Howard, medic, Company C, 82nd Forward Support Battalion, listens to a patients' breathing during a mass casualty training exercise at Khandahar Air Field.

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policy will be placed on leaders and counselors if they don't enforce the 12 to three-month re-enlistment window, Canada added.

Leaders are an integral part of the retention business, Canada said. He said leaders up and down the ranks must ensure that all soldiers are counseled on the re-enlistment window and that they may be denied further retention when within three months of ETS.

"I need everyone to help out in this effort," Canada said. "It's that important."

Processing procedures for exceptions to the three-month cutoff will require a copy of the soldier's re-enlistment interviews from Department of the Army form 4591-R to validate that the soldier was counseled. Additionally, the exception will require a statement from the affected soldier with a reason he did not re-enlist within the 12 to three-month window and complete justification as to why exception should be approved.

This information is also

being provided to Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley to disseminate to command sergeants major Armywide, personnel officials said.

Army Regulation 601-280 outlines in paragraphs 3-6 and 4-1e the re-enlistment window of three to 12 months.

The Army's success in recruiting and retention has postured the Army to once again reinforce that re-enlistment is a privilege, personnel officials said, and therefore requires soldiers to make their retention decisions earlier. Therefore, they are rescinding policy messages 01-02 and 01-03, dated Oct. 5, 2000 and Oct. 13, 2000.

Exceptions to the three-month window will be considered for meritorious cases only, officials said. The exception must be endorsed by the first general officer in the soldier's chain of command. Requests should be submitted to PERSCOM in accordance with paragraph 3-10 of AR 601-280.

(Editor's note: Information provided by PERSCOM PAO)

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Nations with how fast and efficient they have been able to complete their projects."

Currently, \$6 million has been spent on CJCMOTF humanitarian projects. A hundred and sixteen projects have been approved, 53 completed, 60 halfway completed and three previously approved projects transferred to other agencies. Benefiting from these projects and funds are

18,000 employed Afghan workers, 50 schools and 62,100 students, 15 medical facilities and 526,000 people; one veterinary facility and 90,000 people, 12 water projects and 259,000 people (total of 89 wells) and 12 other projects and 300,000 people.

"I think that is great work," said Collins.

The Civil Affairs team located at Khandahar Air Field builds wells, schools and medical facilities for the Afghan communities.

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Dep. Asst. SECDEF

They hire contractors, use local labor and supplies.

"Khandahar is a tough

place but the security is improved," said Collins about the former home of al Qaeda and Taliban.

The 489th Civil Affairs team led by Maj. Greg S. McMillan escorted Collins and his team to different project sites around the city of the Khandahar.

"If there is one thing that I saw as I traveled through Afghanistan it is people making bricks," Collins said with a smile. "People make bricks when they want to build for the

future and the Afghan people are doing just that."

"We are interested in the reconstruction of Afghanistan. Anything we can do to help make life a little easy we will do it," said Army Lt. Col. James G. Traves, CJCMOTF former chief engineer.

"After my talks with President Karzai in Kabul and Governor Sharzai in Khandahar I feel that the work we do here is appreciated," Collins said.

HIND SIGHT

1676

Indian chief King Philip, also known as Metacom, is killed by English soldiers, ending the war between Indians and colonists.

1941

The German U-boat *U-570* is captured by the British and renamed *Graph*.

1963

One of the largest demonstrations in the history of the United States, the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, takes place and reaches its climax at the base of the Lincoln Memorial where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his “I have a dream” speech.

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The largest group facing an extended term are some 5,700 Air National Guard security troops who protect bases, said Kathleen Gereski, a spokeswoman for the National Guard Bureau. An additional 3,500 Guard members and 4,800 Air Force reservists have been notified they may serve two-year terms. Airmen who work in intelligence and equipment maintenance are also seeing their terms extended.

Part-time border students must have visas

WASHINGTON — Part-time Canadian and Mexican students can enroll in U.S. colleges on the border, immigration officials announced Monday. The announcement changes a policy that would have cut off part-time foreign enrollment entirely. Under the revised policy, foreign students will no longer be able to use border crossing cards or travel visas to attend classes over the U.S. border. Mexicans students must have foreign student visas, and Canadians must show border inspectors proof that they’re enrolled.

Man jailed for 17 years exonerated of 1984 rape, murder

DETROIT — A judge, Monday, freed a man who had been found guilty of raping and murdering a teenage girl in 1984. The man had confessed, but recent DNA tests showed he couldn’t have been the killer. Upon hearing his conviction was overturned after 17 years in prison, Eddie Joe Lloyd thrust his arms forward and gave an emphatic “Thank you.” Lloyd was in a mental hospital and on medication when police said he confessed to raping and murdering 16-year-old Michelle Jackson. DNA tests just completed show Lloyd didn’t commit the crime, and Detroit police and prosecutors joined Monday in calling on Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Leonard Townsend to release Lloyd from prison.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<u>Bagram:</u>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 97F L: 64F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 95F L: 66F
<u>Khandahar:</u>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 106F L: 73F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 102F L: 72F
<u>Kabul:</u>	<i>Haze</i> H: 93F L: 61F	<i>Haze</i> H: 93F L: 61F
<u>Uzbekistan:</u>	<i>Clear</i> H: 98F L: 67F	<i>Clear</i> H: 95F L: 66F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

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LPGA: Viva, Ochoa

Lorena Ochoa won't only be playing for herself when she hits the LPGA Tour on a full-time basis next year. She'll represent all the golfers in her native Mexico, where she's already a national hero.

Soccer: In familiar territory

Two weeks after conceding a late goal in a surprising Champions League qualifying loss to Hungary's Zalaegerszeg, Manchester United bounced back in fine fashion Tuesday with a 5-0 rout in the second leg at Old Trafford. Ruud van Nistelrooy scored twice to lead United into the group stage where the club is joined by Bayern Munich and Inter Milan, who both advanced with wins.

WNBA: Two for the show

While the spotlight focuses on the paint in the WNBA finals, the matchup at the two-guard might steal the show. Nancy Lieberman says the Sparks' Tamecka Dixon is playing the best basketball of her career, while Teresa Weatherspoon calls Liberty teammate Vickie Johnson the best off-guard in the league.

College football: Camp Confidence

Louisville is only five days away from its season-opener against Kentucky. That's a good thing according to quarterback Dave Ragone, who says he and his teammates are ready to play after what seems like an endless preseason camp.

Grand Prix: Jacques' Formula

There was a lot of money on the table, but apparently not enough. Formula One driver and former CART champion Jacques Villeneuve turned down a three-year, \$50 million offer which would have brought him back to CART for a season. Meanwhile, current series points leader Cristiano da Matta is wary of making the move to Formula One.

Tennis: Struggle to survive

No. 2 seed Marat Safin barely held on through a five-set challenge from Nicolas Kiefer on Tuesday. He's already exhausted and this is the guy with the best chance to challenge Lleyton Hewitt. Meanwhile, Martina Hingis let Marissa Irvin push her to three sets on Tuesday before winning 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. Also, Mark Philippoussis took a nasty fall at the U.S. Open and retired from his match with Sjeng Schalken.

Labor Day Run

The Army Space Command is hosting a 5.9-mile Labor Day Run, Monday at 0200 (Z), with showtime at 0130 (Z). Entry fee for the race is \$10, which includes a T-shirt. T-shirts are available to the first 275 participants. Those interested can register on the first floor of Motel 6, located in Dragon City at Bagram Air Base.

For more information, call Sgt. Sean McGraine at DSN 303-587-5663.

2002 Major League standings

American League East				GB
N.Y. Yankees	82-48	.631	-	
Boston	74-56	.569	8	
Baltimore	63-67	.485	19	
American League Central				GB
Minnesota	79-54	.594	-	
Chicago (AL)	62-70	.470	16.5	
Cleveland	57-74	.435	21	
American League West				GB
Oakland	82-51	.617	-	
Anaheim	77-53	.592	3.5	
Seattle	78-54	.591	3.5	
National League East				GB
Atlanta	83-47	.638	-	
Philadelphia	65-65	.500	18	
Montreal	65-66	.496	18.5	
National League Central				GB
St. Louis	72-58	.554	-	
Houston	69-62	.527	3.5	
Cincinnati	65-66	.496	7.5	
National League West				GB
Arizona	84-47	.641	-	
Los Angeles	75-56	.573	9	
San Francisco	73-58	.557	11	

Tuesday's scores

N.Y. Yankees 6-0 Boston
 Cincinnati 5-4 St. Louis
 Detroit 8-5 Cleveland
 Philadelphia 4-2 Montreal
 Chicago Sox 8-4 Toronto
 Atlanta 5-4 Pittsburgh
 Oakland 6-4 Kansas City
 N.Y. Mets 10-5 Florida
 Minnesota 5-2 Seattle
 Chicago Cubs 6-2 Milwaukee
 Texas 9-4 Baltimore
 San Diego 11-6 Houston
 San Francisco 7-4 Colorado

AL

- Anaheim .592
- Seattle .591
- Boston .569
- Baltimore .485
- Chicago Sox .470
- Texas .446

NL

- Los Angeles .573
- San Francisco .557
- Houston .527
- Philadelphia .500
- Cincinnati .496
- Montreal .496