

Kandahar gets new Devil 6

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KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — For the first time in two years, the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. has new leadership after a change of command ceremony here Thursday.

Col. John Campbell passed the formal reins of command to Col. Patrick Donahue at a time when the U.S. Army and coalition involvement in Afghanistan is phasing out of combat operations.

In remarks at the ceremony, Campbell said that now, however, is not the time for the operations tempo to slow down, and Donahue's assumption of command ensures Task Force Devil operations don't miss a beat. In the past, both served together as majors in the 1st Brigade, 504th PIR.

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Photo by Pvt. 2 Terri Rorke

A vice visit...

Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, thanks a soldier for her service here by giving her a handshake and a dog tag coin here Friday.

Peace newspaper helps increase Afghan literacy

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — U.S. and coalition forces have been helping the Afghans increase education and literacy with the building of schools, but there is another product the U.S. uses to encourage this.

The *Peace* newspaper is an eight page bi-monthly paper with a production of 40,000. The paper is printed in three languages, English, Dari and Pashto and is published by Psychological Operations. Production began in September 2002 and 14 issues have been published.

Originally, the distribution started with 12,000 copies. In the future, PSYOP's goal is to increase distribution to 60,000 to 80,000.

The paper is distributed by PSYOP personnel when they visit villages.

The stories are pulled from Associated Press, CNN, *Freedom*

Watch and other sources. Some stories are also written by PSYOP personnel. The paper goes through an approval process, then is sent to the PSYOP headquarters at Fort Bragg, N.C. for translation to Dari and Pashto. After that is done it is taken to a printer in Kabul.

English is used in the paper because there are Afghans who would like to learn it and some schools use the paper to teach English. Dari and Pashto are used because they are the main languages in Afghanistan.

"It's surprising how popular the paper is because the literacy rate is about 30 percent. Someone who can read will read the newspaper to whoever is sitting around," said Capt. Chris Herrera, PSYOP support element officer in charge, 8th PSYOP Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The articles focus on operations, Afghan National Army and stories supporting the government of Afghanistan.

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Hamas members in the West Bank city of Nablus demonstrate against the peace road map.

Hamas slams door on talks with Abbas

GAZA CITY — The militant Islamic group Hamas said Friday that it was ending talks with Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas about a possible cease-fire with Israel.

“We are cutting off all dialogue with the Palestinian Authority,” said senior Hamas leader Abdel-Aziz al-Rantissi, accusing it of trying to dictate the terms of Wednesday’s peace summit in Aqaba, Jordan, to the group.

Hamas founder and spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin said the dialogue has been halted because of the authority’s “bad position” that ignored the status of Jerusalem and the issue of the right of Palestinian refugees to return to the region.

Using Abbas’ popular name, Yassin said “Abu Mazen gave the Jews what they did not deserve.”

The call to cut off talks represents a reversal, because immediately after the Aqaba summit Hamas leaders said they were still willing to talk with the prime minister even as they rejected his call for an end to the armed intifada against Israel.

The Palestinian Authority said it had received no formal notification from Hamas that it is stopping talks and will not accept such a stance.

The authority said it will continue to

carry through with its pledge to clamp down on violence, no matter what its justification might be.

The Palestinian prime minister had predicted that he would reach a cease-fire agreement with all the militant Palestinian groups within three weeks.

Two killed when plane crashes into apartments

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — A small plane crashed into a three-story apartment building in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles late Friday afternoon, setting the structure ablaze and killing at least two people, fire officials said.

One of those killed was believed to be the pilot, and the other victim was later found buried under a pile of burning debris on the second floor, Deputy Fire Chief Mario Rueda said. Seven people were treated for injuries, and three of them were taken to a hospital, he said.

Firefighters found the resident’s body as they were conducting a secondary search of the 14-unit Sharon Apartments, Rueda said.

The body was burned beyond recognition.

One of the victims, a 25-year-old man, was critically injured with burns over 35 percent of his body, Los Angeles Fire Chief Bill Bamattre said.

Amateur video taken of the crash showed the plane — which authorities said was a four-seat Beech 36 — falling with its nose almost straight down, in the seconds before the crash. The building then burst into flames, which spread quickly through the structure.

Peterson judge won’t release autopsy reports

MODESTO, Calif. — A California judge ruled against prosecutors in the Scott Peterson murder case Friday, declining to release autopsy reports on the bodies of Laci Peterson and her unborn son.

Stanislaus Superior Court Judge Al Girolami also declined to issue a gag order. Girolami did limit what attorneys, assistants

and others working for the legal teams may say or disclose, but said he would take the gag order matter “into submission” and issue a ruling in writing.

Girolami also authorized the Contra Costa County coroner to release death certificates for Laci Peterson and the child. Peterson’s death certificate lists her cause of death as “undetermined” but rules it a homicide, CNN learned Friday.

No cause of death is listed for her unborn child.

Scott Peterson faces two counts of murder in the deaths of Laci Peterson, 27, and their unborn child.

He has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder in the case; prosecutors have said they will seek the death penalty if he is convicted.

Judge: Woman can’t cover face on driver’s license

CNN — A Florida judge rejected a woman’s request to have her face covered by a veil in the photograph on her state driver’s license, siding with the state Friday that a favorable ruling could be exploited by terrorists.

The 18-page ruling was issued in Orlando.

“Although the court acknowledges that plaintiff herself most likely poses no threat to national security, there likely are people who would be willing to use a ruling permitting the wearing of full-face cloaks in driver’s license photos by pretending to ascribe to religious beliefs in order to carry out activities that would threaten lives,” Circuit Judge Janet C. Thorpe said in her ruling.

Sultaana Freeman, a Muslim, had testified that a state order requesting that she remove her veil — a niqab, which covers all of her face except her eyes — infringed upon her right to observe her religion, to which she converted in 1997.

Her attorney, Howard Marks, vowed to appeal the ruling.

“This is just round one in a long legal battle,” Marks said. “Obviously, we’re quite disappointed with the ruling.”

Kalinofski awarded Order of Saint Maurice

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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan—Regimental Sgt. Maj. Gary Kalinofski, Task Force Devil sergeant major, was presented with the Order of Saint Maurice medallion for excellence in the infantry field Wednesday.

Kalinofski, the 610th recipient of the Centurion-grade award given by the National Infantry Association, may well be the very

first to be honored with the award in a combat zone.

Col. John Campbell, former Task Force Devil commander, nominated Kalinofski for the award more than a year ago, which was approved May 30, 2002. Since that time, Campbell said, he has been waiting for the right opportunity to present the award. That time was the day before Campbell formally turned over command of the task force Thursday.

Kalinofski has been a paratrooper for 25 years, and an 82nd Airborne Division para-

trooper for 23 years, Campbell said, making the sergeant major a natural for the award.

“I planned to give it to him during the formal this fall,” he said, “but I thought it would be better to present it where he’s doing such a great job.

“He is the epitome of an infantryman,” Campbell added.

For his part, Kalinofski was stunned when he finally realized Campbell was presenting the award. Following a change of command rehearsal Wednesday evening, the commander had everyone gather around and hung the medallion around Kalinofski’s neck.

“I’m at a loss for words, and you know how often that happens,” he joked to the surrounding crowd.

The NIA and U.S. Army Infantry Branch first started the Order of Saint Maurice in 1944 for individuals who “served the infantry community with distinction” and made significant contributions to the infantry field. There are four levels to the award: Primicerius, Centurion, Legionnaire, Peregrinus and Civis. Kalinofski’s Centurion-level award is generally handed to mid-grade, battalion and brigade officers and senior level non-commissioned officers.

Saint Maurice is the patron saint of infantrymen, martyred along with his legion in 287 A.D. for refusing to offer pagan sacrifices before battle and refusing to kill innocent civilians in the conduct of duty.

The NIA has only awarded 2,533 recipients since the program’s beginning.



Regimental Sgt. Maj. Gary Kalinofski, Task Force Devil sergeant major, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., talks to his soldiers after being presented the Order of Saint Maurice - Centurion level Wednesday.



Photo by Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Peace is a psychological operations eight page bi-monthly newspaper printed in English, Dari and Pashto to increase Afghan awareness and literacy.

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The paper targets the Afghan community.

“The paper is important because a lot of Afghans don’t have another source of news. They have limited television and radio. A lot of the articles in the paper are about Afghanistan,” said Herrera. “It also promotes literacy.”

The paper is important to the U.S. as well as Afghans.

“It’s used to open face-to-face communication with the leaders of the communities. The Afghans enjoy it as well,” said Herrera.

“The (Afghans) love the paper – they can’t get enough of it,” agrees Staff Sgt. Robbie Cynor, Peace editor, 8th PSYOP Bn.

This is important to Afghans and U.S. forces, but Herrera believes the Afghans will take it over after U.S. forces leave.

“It is here to stay,” he said. “The Afghans will probably take it over when we leave.”

FREEDOM'S VOICES

The case of Pvt. Christina – my response

Just my Opinion

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While sitting at my desk writing my daily article for the *Freedom Watch*, my co-worker casually turned to me and suggested that I type my name in the Yahoo search engine to see all of the articles I've written that have been posted on the internet. Not thinking anything of it, I typed my name in and began to scroll down headlines of stories I've written since my deployment to Afghanistan. I was not prepared for what I found.

"*Agape News Press* – The case of Private Christina," read one of the sites on the page. Curiously, I clicked on to see what had been printed about me and received the shock of a lifetime. Cort Kirkwood, a journalist and editor of *The Daily News Record*, Harrisonburg, Va., read an article done on me by Defend America entitled "A Mom's Mission" and decided to rip it to shreds. He called me everything from basically an unfit mother for leaving my son to go off to war and a sell out for enlisting in the Army for "30 pieces of silver," a.k.a., the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

As I read over the article, I realized

this was not only an attack on my three year-old son and I, but on all mothers deployed in the service of their country. However, since Mr. Kirkwood believes he is the subject matter expert on the lives of women in the military he's never met or spoken to, I thought I'd take the time to broaden his horizons using a few points he made in his article.

"Patriotism ain't the real reason Pfc. Christina signed up (for the Army). She enlisted for college benefits and to improve her family's lot in life... she enlisted for 30 pieces of silver."

Like many single mothers across America, before I joined the Army, my son and I were living in one of the worst sections in the tri-state area of New York City, where getting your next narcotic fix took nothing more than walking across the street or knocking on the neighbor's door. Working up to 60 hours a week was just barely paying the bills, and my two-year old son could have walked out the door at any time and been shot in a drive-by.

I suppose I could have taken the alternate route and applied for public assistance so upstanding citizens like Mr. Kirkwood could pay my bills for me, but I decided to get out of the rut I was in on my own and joined the service. Now my son lives in a neighbor-

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STREET TALK

What has been your most memorable Afghan experience?



"Going on a (Cooperative Medical Assistance) and helping the local nationals. We provided a lot of health care."

Sgt. 1st Class Tina Matthews
48th CSH
Fort Meade, Md.

"Taking trips down to Kabul. Every time I go down there, there is something new happening."

Sgt. Corey Fox
23rd Postal Co.
Oakdale, Pa.



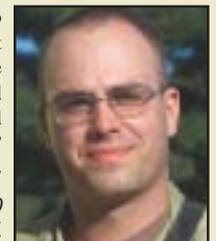
"Completing a school – seeing the opening ceremony. It's rewarding to see (the kids) go back to school."

Capt. Phil Whalen
450th CA Bn. (Airborne)
Riverdale, Md.



"I escorted MWR to perform their errands at Camp Phoenix. I got to see more than just Bagram and saw how the locals live and manage."

Cpl. Edward Neely
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“It’s a distinct honor to return to the Devils,” Donahue said at the ceremony. “I’ve been watching you work the past week and I’ve been impressed with what I’ve seen.”

Since the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment arrived in January, paratroopers have been involved in several high-profile combat operations, most notably Operations Mongoose, Viper and Resolute Strike.

For more than six months, Task Force Devil has been responsible for the capture and destruction of former Taliban and al-Qaida weapons caches, and brought in dozens of suspected Taliban members for questioning.

“When the history of the 504th (here) is written, it won’t just be about places like Italy, there will be Khowst, Bagram (and) Kandahar,” Campbell said. “To the paratroopers, you represent what the army is all about. While America sits back at home, you’re here putting it on the line.

“It has been my honor to serve with you,” Campbell said.

Maj. Gen. John Vines, commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan, praised the work done during Campbell’s tenure, paying him the highest compliment by saying that one of the lines he wrote in the colonel’s officer efficiency report was, “I would work for him today.”

“He’s the most tactically and technically proficient brigade commander I know,” Vines said. “The so-called ‘Spring Offensive’ by the Taliban didn’t happen (this year) because the ‘devils in baggy pants’ didn’t let it hap-

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pen.”

hood where you can hear a pin drop and lights are out by 9 p.m.

“Who are the military morons who think this is a good idea? (Allowing mothers to deploy overseas).”

When I came to this portion of the article, I could do nothing but sit back and laugh at the irony of his statement. The same “military morons” that give American women a chance to serve their country and provide for their families, are the same that fight and die along side many



Above: Col. Patrick Donahue, incoming 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment commander, left, Maj. Michael Minor, commander of troops, center, and Col. John Campbell, outgoing 504th PIR commander, perform a pass and review Thursday. **Right:** Col. John Campbell, outgoing 504th PIR commander, right, hands the unit guidon to Maj. Gen. John Vines, commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan, left. Col. Patrick Donahue, center, assumed command of the regiment, as well as coalition forces stationed in Kandahar Air Field Thursday. (Photos by Spc. Jim Wagner, 109th MPAD.)

pen.”

Campbell moves to the Pentagon, where he will serve as the executive officer to the Army G-3.

The 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. will take over operations at Kandahar by summer’s end.

of these women in today’s combat operations. They are the ones who give journalists like Kirkwood the freedom of press and speech to write tasteless, unprofessional and uneducated “news articles” such as “The Case of Private Christina.”

At least these mothers can return home with a sense of pride and accomplishment and be able to tell their children that they had a part in defending their country. What will Mr. Kirkwood be able to say other than he bashed the integrity and courage of these female troops during a time of war?

“Perhaps the would-be MacArthurs see



nothing wrong with a mother dumping on her young son,” was the final statement that stood out for me in the article.

I do concur with the fact that I, like many other parents out here haven’t seen my son in six months. However, I know my son is in a safe place with everything he needs. He will never be that child that has to wear second-hand clothing or the one stuck at home because I can’t afford to send him on a class trip. That is the way things should be, and if I have to deploy in search of every Bin Laden and Hussein on the planet to keep it that way, then so be it.

Working behind the scenes to keep Chinooks flying

Story and photo by
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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan— For every successful mission conducted by C-47 air crews supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, scores of soldiers are working behind the scenes to keep the twin-rotor aircraft flying.

The C-47 “Chinook” is a work horse in the Afghanistan area of responsibility. There is no question C Company, 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Chinooks conduct more than 40 missions per month, transporting more than one-half million pounds of cargo and personnel in that time frame.

The majority of flight time comes from the “ring” flights, which run weekly from Kandahar to the many forward operations bases in Afghanistan. Green, yellow and purple ring flights are conducted on different days of the week delivering personnel, food, water, mail and other items to the FOBs.

Days before these weekly missions take off, C Co.’s operations staff are scheduling the manifest, a juggling process that distributes the cargo (human and otherwise) between the three aircraft on each ring flight.

Two days before the ring flight, operations officers and those who are requesting cargo support meet to finalize the manifest, making changes if necessary. Because of the operations tempo in Afghanistan, the amount of cargo going out to the FOBs hasn’t decreased in the past six months.

Kandahar’s Chinooks can carry 10,500 pounds each per flight, an amount determined by many safety factors.

“Our C-47s are pulling 2,000 pounds more per load than the last rotation,” said Capt. Connie Lane, C Co. operations officer. “The last rotation carried 8,500 pounds per flight, but they were carrying more internal fuel because the AOR was more hostile (then). Bagram’s (C-47s) aren’t pulling as much, but the altitude there affects how much you can carry.”



Spc. Levi Gydesen, C Company, 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, light wheel mechanic, changes the oil of a vehicle at Kandahar.

Keeping the Chinooks in the air requires nearly constant maintenance, supply and operations support. According to Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Alexander, production control non-commissioned officer in charge, every one hour of flight time requires roughly 16 man hours of maintenance.

After every flight mission, he said, whether it’s an eight-hour Yellow Ring run or a one-hour orientation flight, flight crew and maintainers go through a checklist to see if there were any problems, troubleshooting those problems, and refueling and cleaning the Chinook.

Making matters worse for Chinook maintainers is the environment in Afghanistan and constant updates to maintenance checklists.

“The environment puts a lot of stress on everything, especially the engines,” said Sgt. Darrell Bradford, C Co. squad team leader. “There’s not a thing that isn’t challenging about this job. The books are always changing, there’s always different guidelines.”

Also, the Chinooks used by C Co. are D models, which came off the assembly line between 1982 and 1990. By way of comparison,

automobiles are considered classics after 20 years, making the early C-47Ds classic. As with automobiles, each Chinook has its own “quirks.”

“Each airframe has its own personality — sometimes it’s electrical, sometimes it’s hydraulic,” Alexander said. “We keep a detailed history of each aircraft’s maintenance, so you know to look for those problems.”

After every 200 flight hours, the Chinook is brought in by maintainers who essentially strip it down and inspect and repair every square inch on the aircraft.

Phase maintenance generally takes 42 days back in the United States. At Kandahar that time is halved to 21-22 days “so we can keep doing missions,” Alexander said. The quickest phase maintenance turnaround time, he said, was 15 days.

“You would think it would take longer, but there’s a war going on here,” Alexander said.

Getting the parts ordered and delivered was, until recently, the sole job of Pfc. Joyce Wang, the prescribed load list specialist for Task Force

Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



Sylvester Stallone making movie about Biggie, Tupac murders



Notorious B.I.G.

Nick Broomfield may have been the first to bring hip-hop conspiracy theories to the big screen via his controversial documentary "Biggie & Tupac," but it looks like he won't be the last.

Sylvester Stallone is slated to write, direct and star in a film about the deaths of Biggie and Tupac and the Los Angeles Police Department corruption scandal that lurks beneath the story.

According to *Daily Variety*, Stallone's project has the working title "Rampart Scandal," and it centers on a massive internal investigation of the LAPD that some say links off-duty officers to the murders of Christopher Wallace, a.k.a. Notorious B.I.G., and Tupac Shakur.

In the movie — which *Variety* reports will be shot from several different perspectives like the Japanese film classic "Rashomon" — Stallone will play LAPD detective Russell Poole. The real-life Poole was a key figure in exposing the corruption in the LAPD's Rampart division, and his interpretation of events is key in the theories that say Biggie and Tupac were killed as part of a gang-police-rap power triangle.

In Broomfield's documentary, Poole purports that Death Row honcho Suge Knight is the one responsible for Tupac's death.

Stallone, who played another corruption-buster in the film "Cop Land," is reportedly approaching Knight to play himself in the movie.

Alien Ant Farm to embark on first tour since bus tragedy

A little over a year since a bus accident nearly prevented him from ever walking again, Dryden Mitchell and Alien Ant Farm are ready to strut their stuff on a monthlong U.S. tour.

The singer and his bandmates — Terry Corso (guitar), Tye Zamora (bass) and Mike Cosgrove (drums) — will hit the road starting July 5 in Las Vegas and ending 21 dates later in Houston, according to their DreamWorks publicist.

Although they performed a show in December and another impromptu gig last month, the tour is the band's first since a May 2002 bus accident in Spain left Mitchell with a broken back and injured the rest the band.

The singer is confident his band will pick up where it left off. "I think it should be pretty good. We're a well-rehearsed band," Mitchell said.

"We're going to start to rehearse in about a week. I guess the idea behind it is to be tight and not try and get tight a few weeks into a tour that only lasts a month."

Along with favorites from their 2001 major-label debut, *ANTHOL*, the Southern California quartet are expected to play selections from their follow-up, *truANT*, due August 19.

The album was produced by Stone Temple Pilots' Dean and Robert DeLeo.

'Idol' heroes Ruben and Clay about to do battle again

When Simon Cowell said during the "American Idol" finale that the real competition would be when Ruben Studdard and Clay Aiken release singles on the same day, the finalists thought he was kidding. He wasn't.

On Tuesday, both Southern gents will come out of the gate, hoping to achieve the kind of success Kelly Clarkson's first single generated in September.

Studdard's double A-side single will include versions of "Superstar" (made popular first by the Carpenters, then Luther Vandross) and Westlife's "Flying Without Wings," for which he's shooting a video this weekend in Birmingham, Ala.

Erik White (B2K, 3LW) is directing the clip, which will feature Studdard performing for the first time in his hometown since he was crowned "American Idol" last month.

Aiken's single will feature the new song "This Is the Night" and his acclaimed cover of Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Some may be wondering why Studdard and Aiken's manager, Simon Fuller, would release their singles at the same time. Well, perhaps he figures "American Idol" fans will already be in record stores that day. Another of his clients, Justin Guarini, is releasing his self-titled debut album Tuesday.

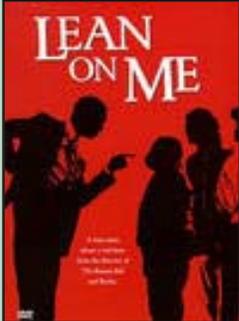
Do you like rock and roll?

The Doug Shock Band will be performing 1430Z Sunday at the Bagram Civic Center/Four Corners Stage. They will be performing a variety of music including The Black Crowes, Wallflowers, Live and others.

Bagram Air Base
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1430Z at the MWR building:
R&B and birthday party.

1530Z tomorrow: "Lean on Me." The dedicated, but tyrannical, Joe Clark is appointed as principal of a decaying inner city school and he is determined to improve it.



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Sammy Sosa started in right field for the Cubs today.

Sosa challenges suspension

CHICAGO—Sammy Sosa was suspended for eight games by Major League Baseball Friday for using a corked bat, and he immediately appealed the decision.

The appeal had to be filed before Friday's game — the first of a three-game series against the New York Yankees — to make Sosa available to play.

"We support him in his appeal," Chicago Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "We have no reason to believe it was anything more than a one-time incident as he described it. We will support him and his rights that he exercises to appeal, and hopefully have his suspension reduced."

Hendry said he doesn't know when Sosa's appeal will be heard. The commissioner's office will set the date.

The Cubs are off Monday before going to Baltimore for a three-game series.

Sosa's agent, Tom Reich, told ESPN.com's Jayson Stark that while the eight-game suspension was within range of previous suspensions for this offense, Sosa decided to appeal because they believe the penalty to be "on the high side" of that range.

So they will try to get the suspension reduced by a game or two, which would bring it even with most of the other bat-tampering suspensions of the last 15 years.

"But this is not a hostile proceeding," Reich said. "We do believe some of the treatment of Sammy has been hostile — not just by the media, but in the court of public opinion.

But this is not going to be a hostile process. It's simply an opportunity for the union and Sammy to present a fair defense. And that's all we ask."

Reich said Sosa acknowledges that "a mistake was made, and a rule was broken," that there was "no question there was going to be a suspension" and that once a decision is made on the appeal, "everybody will abide by it."

Reich said he hadn't been told when the appeals hearing would be held. However, it seems unlikely it would occur during the Yankees' visit to Chicago this weekend — and it might not be scheduled until sometime in the middle, or end, of next week.

Yankees send Thames to Rangers for Sierra

CHICAGO—The New York Yankees acquired Ruben Sierra in a trade Friday with Texas, a much-needed left-handed bat but also a player who once called manager Joe Torre "a liar."

The Yankees sent minor league outfielder Marcus Thames to the Rangers.

The 37-year-old Sierra, a switch-hitter, is batting .258 with three home runs and 12 RBI. His salary this season is \$600,000, more than affordable for the team with the majors' highest payroll.

"I miss him. I like Ruben," said Rangers manager Buck Showalter, the former Yankees manager. "It was tough to let him go. But it's a good move for him. He gets to go to the biggest stage in New York and show everyone what kind of player he is."

Sierra, a four-time All-Star, was traded from Oakland to the Yankees for Danny Tartabull in the middle of the 1995 season. Sierra played 96 games for the Yankees in 1996 in their first season under Torre, and complained that the manager had not been truthful with him about his playing time.

Second opinion to help determine length of injury

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Montreal slugger Vladimir Guerrero was placed on the 15-day disabled list Friday with a herniated disc in his back.

The Expos will purchase the contract of infielder/catcher Edwards Guzman from Triple-A Edmonton on Saturday to take Guerrero's place. Guzman was batting .352 with three homers and 27 RBIs for the Trappers.

Guerrero will seek a second opinion next week to confirm the diagnosis and to determine how long he'll be out.

Guerrero, bothered by a bad back for four weeks, aggravated it even further when he grounded into a double play to end Montreal's loss to Florida on May 26.

He missed the next six games, before returning to the lineup for two games this week. The move is retroactive to Thursday.

Guerrero is hitting .301 with eight homers and 33 RBIs, and is the most-feared hitter in Montreal's lineup.

Guerrero has been one of the most durable players in baseball, averaging nearly 159 games a year the past five seasons. He hasn't been on the DL since spending three stints there in 1997.

The Expos also got some bad news about starter Zach Day, who has a slight tear in his right rotator cuff and will miss six-to-eight weeks.

Day, who was 4-3 with a 3.44 ERA in 11 starts, is the third Montreal starter to go on the disabled list. Hernandez and Tony Armas Jr. are also sidelined with shoulder injuries.

"It's devastating," manager Frank Robinson said. "One thing I said in spring training is that this team can't afford to lose front-line players for very long. We've been hit hard."

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Devil. Another load list specialist has joined her, but before that she was handling both C Co.'s parts ordering as well as that of the entire task force – between 300-400 pieces of equipment in all, said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Daggs, C Co. and task force motor sergeant.

“If it’s on hand, the part is ready the next day,” Wang said. “If we have to order it, it’ll take a couple weeks. It gets really bad on command maintenance days, when everyone comes in with replacement parts needed.”

Wang works in the motor pool with 11 other soldiers who are charged with maintaining the equipment that supports the Chinook mission. Daggs, seven soldiers from C Co. and four others service the automobiles and other equipment used at Kandahar.

Like the aircraft, the equipment used in Afghanistan doesn’t stand up well to the extreme heat and dust found here. Daggs relates that the winds even play a role here: recently, they lost an entire tent to a sandstorm.

Fuel is another important factor in the Chinook mission at Kandahar. Every month, Chinooks go through an average of 200 – 250,000 gallons of fuel, said Staff Sgt. James Stafford, C Company platoon sergeant.

It’s difficult to detail all the jobs involved in supporting the flight mission, because so many are necessary overall to accomplish the mission. The many soldiers needed, according to 1st Sgt. Jerry Wolanczyk, C Co. first sergeant, is what makes it hard for others to recognize the importance of the service they provide.

“The people who support the Chinook mission don’t get near the amount of credit they deserve for the job they do,” he said. “When I was (on an air crew) I might not have recognized it, but after I became first sergeant I saw the other side of the mission. They do a great job.”

(Editor’s Note: This is the first in a two-part series on the C-47 Chinook mission at Kandahar Air Field. Part 2 will follow the air crew missions throughout Afghanistan.)

Solution from Friday’s Measuring Up Crossword in the Freedom Watch

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By Mark Baker

Pvt. Murphy's Law

Post Office hours change

In order to better process outgoing and incoming mail, the Bagram Post Office hours are changing.

The new hours, effective Monday, are:

0430-1330Z Monday, Tuesday and Thursday-Sunday

0430-0830 Wednesday.

The reduced hours for receiving mail will allow the postal personnel to spend more time processing outgoing and incoming mail.

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
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- ❖ 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

- ❖ 0300Z- Liturgical Service
- ❖ 0400,0730,1130Z-General Protestant Service
- ❖ 0530Z-Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1230Z-Latter Day Saints

Monday

- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

Tuesday

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

Wednesday

- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Midweek Praise Service

Thursday

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

Friday

- ❖ 1400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

Saturday

- ❖ 0400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

CJCMOTF chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 1100Z — Christina service
- ❖ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service

- ❖ 1900Z — Christina service

Wednesday

- ❖ 1900Z — Bible study

2nd & 4th Thursdays

- ❖ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass



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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.