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*Serving Task Force Marne*

## Out and about ...



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney

**Col. Michael Kershaw, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) commander and native of Huffman, Texas, talks with Iraqis at the Yusufiyah Marketplace in Yusufiyah, Iraq, March 31.**

## Radio station sends 2/10 Mtn. Soldiers a taste of home

**2ND LT. LAURA CLARK**  
210TH BSB, 2/10 MTN. DIV. (LI)

CAMP STRIKER, Iraq — Soldiers deployed to various locations around the world may feel as if their hard work and dedication to fighting the War on Terrorism goes unnoticed by those back home.

Soldiers from Fort Drum, N.Y.'s 210th Brigade Support

Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) were able to see how much the U.S. citizens support them when they recently received a massive shipment of care packages.

The support, which came in many small packages, came from the Big Frog 104 FM Radio Station out of Utica, N.Y.

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# Force protection is everyone's responsibility

**LT. COL. JAMES WOODS**  
TF MARNE FORCE PROTECTION OFFICER

Protecting personnel, facilities, and systems from terrorism and other tactical threats is everyone's responsibility.

It includes safety, security, training and awareness, and we all have something to offer to bring about the best ways and means of defeating threats on a daily basis.

If you have an idea or have identified something as a potential weakness in the security of our organization, bring it to the attention of your leadership or Force Protection Officer.

This is important because our enemy is cunning, innovative and persistent in his efforts to cause great harm to our personnel, both civilian and military, and those who support us.

In order to defeat or deter them we must consistently identify and integrate methods and technology to mitigate risk. You are a vital asset in this process as you offer many different perspectives.

From a Soldier and leader perspective we must remain ever vigilant in maintaining standards, providing the proper information and inspecting all aspects of protection.

This includes training, maintaining, conducting battle drills and exercising our tactics, techniques and procedures.

It may be as simple as conducting a fire drill, inspecting Soldiers prior to departure from a Forward Operating Base, or conducting weapons maintenance or as complicated as executing a mass casualty exercise and enforcing

all Force Protection Condition Delta measures. I would be remiss if I did not mention our civilian workforce which is a key and imperative component to our protection readiness. They are here serving with us and have a vast amount of experience to offer to our team.

The Marne Division appreciates their efforts and service and solicits their ideas to assist with establishing the best protection program possible.

Let's do all we can every hour of every day to ensure the lives of our fellow Soldiers and civilians are protected.

You may contact the Force Protection Office at NVOIP: 822-7513 or SVOIP: 670-1182/0073 with any questions, concerns or ideas. To report suspicious activities contact the SSO at NVOIP: 822-7525 or SVOIP: 670-1087.

## OPSEC REMINDER

During the month of February over 200 thumb drives were found in the laundry after they had been turned in at KBR laundry facilities. Soldiers and civilians are not checking their pockets thoroughly to ensure that they are cleared of media storage devices, security access badges and personal information. Some examples of data found on the thumb drives include multiple photos of camps and facilities, Adobe PDF documents of an on-going operation, two classified reports and a unit SCAR containing names, security clearance levels and social security numbers for over 600 personnel. A way to prevent future thumb drive losses or compromises is to keep them out of our pockets and wear them on the neck lanyards provided around our necks. We all have an inherent responsibility associated with our security clearances to protect our nation's secrets and protect the force.

Be alert, maintain situational awareness and be part of the solution.

The POC for this reminder and other OPSEC questions for MND-C is Maj. John Mitchell, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G7 at S/VoIP 670-1046 or by e-mail at [john.mitchell@3id.army.smil.mil](mailto:john.mitchell@3id.army.smil.mil).

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Each box overflowed with items ranging from magazines to assorted personal hygiene items.

One of the Soldiers took time to comment about the boxes received from the radio station.

“It’s cool, it boosts morale and it lets you know people out there care about you,” said Sgt. Albert Bartlett, a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 210th BSB signal operations NCO and native of Olive Branch, Ark. “And it doesn’t matter if it’s not your birthday or Christmas; everyone likes opening boxes.”

After unwrapping and marveling at the snacks and gifts sent, Soldiers then split all the items so that each company was able to return to their places of work and share the items with comrades.

“It’s magnificent that people took time out of their busy schedules back home to send us things we need,” said Pvt. Eboni Johnson, a Company B, 210th BSB supply clerk and native of Alexandria, La.

“I thought that the boxes were a show of the amazing support from those at home,” she added. “Each Soldier was excited and encouraged in some way by the acts of kindness evident in the care packages.”

# ‘What are they doing?’ Understanding a kissing culture

**SAMI HOURANI**  
CULTURAL ADVISOR

I am sure that a lot of you have seen grown Arab men kiss each other on the cheek, and maybe thought that was weird.

In the Arab world, kissing on the cheek is a normal and expected gesture when greeting someone you know, or bidding farewell to someone you know going on a trip.

The kissing gesture is a show of compassion and closeness to the person. It is a show of care and bond.

Normally, when meeting someone you know, you would kiss on the cheek.

Depending where you are, you may kiss once, twice or three times alternating from cheek to cheek.

In the event of leaving somebody’s house at the end of a visit, or even

leaving on a trip for an extended period of time.

This form of kissing takes place with farewell statements and responses exchanged.

These statements and responses may go like this ...

**Statement:** Allah - Maak (God be with you)

**Response:** Allah - Yehfadak (God keep you)

**Statement (in travel situations):** Trouh wa Tirjaa Bil Salama (May you go and return in good health)

**Response:** Allah Isalmak (God protect you too)

The ultimate in show of affection and care is to kiss someone on the forehead. This symbolizes the utmost in the kissing ritual.

I hope this gives you another insight to the culture surrounding you.

### CORRECTION

In yesterday’s issue of *The Dog Face Daily*, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment was named as a Fort Knox unit. It is actually part of 3rd Infantry Division’s 3rd Brigade Combat Team at Fort Benning, Ga.

## CALLING ALL MINDS!

### The Task Force Marne Public Affairs Office wants your input!

What do you think the name of  
the TF Marne newspaper should be?

Contact [benjamin.brody@us.army.mil](mailto:benjamin.brody@us.army.mil) with your suggestions!

## Coalition DFAC Hours

**Breakfast: 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.**  
**Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Dinner: 5 - 8 p.m.**  
**Midnight: 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.**

# HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

## Record millions roll in for Clinton White House campaign

CNN

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton raised \$26 million and transferred an additional \$10 million from her Senate war chest to post \$36 million in the first quarter of the 2008 fundraising cycle, the New York Democrat's presidential campaign announced Sunday.

"We are completely overwhelmed and gratified by the historic support," Clinton campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle told reporters in a conference call Sunday afternoon.

Senior campaign aides noted that Clinton, a front-runner for the Democratic nomination, had raised the \$26 million in a 10-week period, but still said their goal for the year remains at \$75 million. Political analysts suggest the fundraising figure for Clinton and a handful of other presidential contenders is more likely to be in the \$100 million range for the year. The Clinton aides did not release how much money the New York senator currently has in the bank. Nor did they disclose how much of the \$26 million raised can be used in the Democratic primary or how much of it is earmarked for the general election campaign, should Clinton win the party's nomination. Those figures will be released on or about April 15.

The campaign did say that of the \$26 million raised, \$4.2 million was contributed through the Internet.

The first quarter of the 2008 fundraising cycle is considered by many to be a reliable benchmark to assess a candidate's viability. The quarter closed on Saturday at midnight.

## Drum Soldier ruled unfit for trial moved to NC mental health facility

AMY OHLER  
NEWS 10/WATERTOWN, N.Y.

WATERTOWN, N.Y. — A Fort Drum soldier has been moved from the Lewis County Jail to a mental health facility in North Carolina. Private Yovani Gomez-Alvarado was in jail awaiting the outcome of his Article 32 hearing.

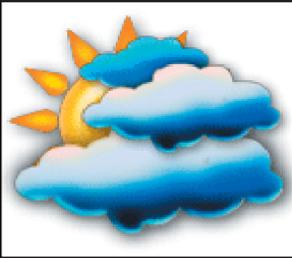
Gomez is facing a slew of charges stemming from an incident back in November where Fort Drum officials say they found a suspicious looking device in his barracks.

On February 15, a hearing was held to determine Gomez's capabilities to stand trial. It was found that he was mentally unfit for a trial, so soon after, he was moved to a federal mental health facility in North Carolina.

Gomez will go through four months of treatment at which time officials will decide if he's fit to stand trial.

### Marne Weather Watch

Tuesday, April 3



Partly Cloudy  
Low: 54F/High: 84F

Wednesday, April 4



Partly to Mostly Sunny  
Low: 57F/High: 90F

## Sudoku

from Green Belt Sudoku, by Frank Long

		5	9		2		6	
			4					8
			1	8				
	2						5	7
7	9			5			3	4
5	4						2	
				4	3			
2					1			
	7		8		6	4		

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

3	5	6	7	1	4	9	2	8
1	9	2	8	5	3	7	6	4
8	4	7	2	9	6	5	1	3
4	8	9	6	2	5	3	7	1
6	7	3	1	4	8	2	9	5
2	1	5	9	3	7	8	4	6
7	2	8	5	6	1	4	3	9
9	3	1	4	8	2	6	5	7
5	6	4	3	7	9	1	8	2

## ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Show me

*Ru-wee-nee*