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Voted off the island this week

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Artis

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Came in 10th out of 4

participants in the IZ body

Building Competition:

LTC(P) Mark "Anabolic Boy"

Smith (any witness requiring

PTSD treatment, please see LTC

Agin)

Just an all around great

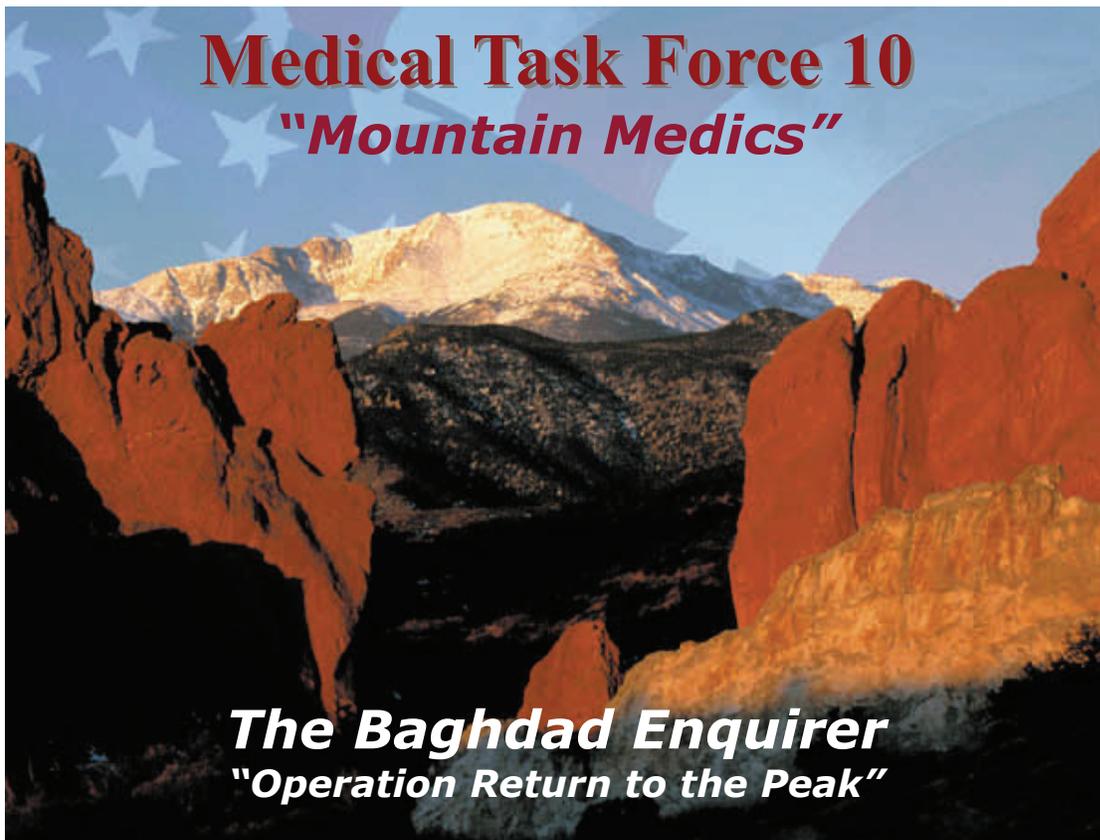
"Mountain Medic":

LTC Peter Mahoney

Your Master of Ceremony: D3

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Do you know this man?

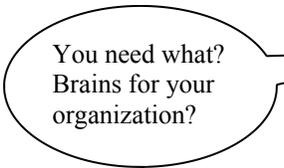


Aside from being wanted in 7 states, he is the Officer-in-Charge of your re-deployment back to Fort Carson and beyond...

Can you say...



Actually, we will be fine. MAJ K is a solid medical planner, and like the rest of us is ready to go home. However, there are other staff members lurking behind the scenes to "ensure" a successful re-deployment operation...there may be a few concerns here; but no show stoppers.



STRATAIR or Freedom Flight, two duffels and a ruck you are going home. Once you get to Kuwait, sit back and relax and reflect on a job well done. So stay flexible and before you know it, you'll be home....

D3 Direct... Baghdaddy Bits



I write this final installment with unbridled pride and joy. Certainly, the pride stems from the enormous success by this Medical Task Force in the provision of level III healthcare, combat stress control and forward surgery. Thousands of U.S. & Coalition forces, Iraqi Security Forces and host nation civilians owe their lives, limbs, eyesight and return to health to the selfless service of our Soldiers. My joy springs from the realization that we all will be safely home soon and reunited with our loved ones. A year is an awfully long time to be away from family (thank goodness for R&R leave) and like all of you, I'm ready to see that Baghdad Donut turn all green.

After a whole year together, I ask you for just a little more patience. We have a great redeployment plan but like any military operation, it is subject to change from factors beyond our control. We will all spend a few days in Kuwait before flying home. Personally, I plan to sleep, hit the gym, eat and repeat as necessary till time to board the jet. We expect that there will be two flights from Kuwait for the main body. We have established a by name list for both those flights and your unit/section should inform you of that. We should also be able to provide the projected window (not an exact date) for each flight soon.

After that long flight home, our Rear Detachment will be waiting to expedite our return processing and transport us to the Special Events Center (SEC) for a brief (emphasis on brief) Welcome Home Ceremony, regardless of the time of day or night. Having attended a number of these ceremonies for returning heroes, I can tell you to bring some Kleenex because it's highly emotional. Family members should not go to the Colorado Springs airport or Jet Center since Soldiers will go straight from the plane to the bus. Family members will not be allowed in the unit area either as we account for sensitive items and quickly process Soldiers to get them to the SEC as soon as possible.

Soldiers will be released immediately after the ceremony. I expect thunderous applause, general pandemonium, and countless embraces as these warrior medics return to your loving care. PROFIS Soldiers will begin outprocessing the next duty day with the goal of departing Fort Carson in 4 work days for their home station. Once back at home, they'll begin

the Deployment Cycle Support (DCS) program that includes a half day work (really a briefing and decompression time) schedule. Carson Soldiers will be granted a 4-day pass and then start DCS. I ask each of you to make smart decisions about your personal conduct during this dangerous time. Every redeploying unit has lost a Soldier who engaged in reckless personal behavior. I expect these MTF10 Soldiers to look out for themselves and their families so we can all tell war stories together some day at the Old Sailors & Soldiers home.

How can I sum up this incredible year? Quite frankly, they're aren't enough superlatives in my Thesaurus or pages in this newsletter to adequately express my admiration for your accomplishments. So instead, I'll take you back to the Welcome Brief on 13 SEP 05 as we were training up for deployment to OIF 05-07. I concluded that briefing with a question: "What will you tell your grandkids?" My response then and one that's been reinforced daily for almost a year, "I served along side the best medics in the best organization that our Army has ever fielded in combat." Thank you for the privilege to serve as your commander and fellow Soldier in the best and most powerful Combat Support Hospital in the world.

P.S. If you ever need to contact me in the future, please feel free to use my AKO address, dennis.doyle@us.army.mil.

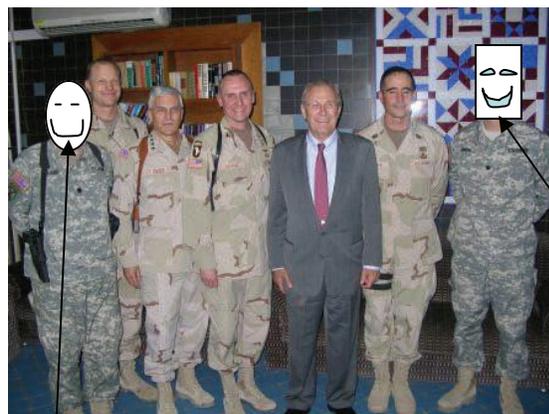


Image is just too powerful to be viewed with the naked eye.

Identity can not be revealed at this time as he is currently assigned as PSD staffer for some very powerful people...

TFS Corner...

Greetings from Task Force South! Supposedly, dust storms in Iraq start to settle down in early summer. This may be true most of the time, but this year must be the exception to the rule, as we continued to be on the receiving end of these storms until the middle of July.



Fortunately, the worst of them seem to be over, and we're no longer living in an orange-grey haze. Now if we could just do something about the temperature...

We had a number of celebrations this month. To start things off, Task Force South had several activities to celebrate our nation's Independence Day on July 4th. In addition to water sports and various other athletic activities, the celebration culminated in a hamburger eating contest of monumental proportions. Many thanks to SGT Stubbs and his fellow Soldiers on the Morale, Welfare and Recreation committee for making it such an enjoyable and memorable way to mark the occasion of our country's 230th birthday while we serve our nation abroad.

This month we also celebrated the 89th birthday of the Medical Service Corps. The Silver Caduceus Society of Southern Iraq, comprised of MSC officers from several Army units here at LSA Adder, joined together to acknowledge the many achievements of the Corps and its significant contributions to Army medicine.



Special congratulations go out this month to SGT Melvin Martin of the 67th Forward Surgical Team for his selection as the Task Force 10 NCO of the Year. The competition was held here at Task Force South and was challenging to say the least, as competitors displayed their in-depth knowledge in a broad range of military topics. SGT Martin will now participate in the upcoming 30th Medical Brigade NCO of the Year competition, where we know he will do us proud!

We had several international visitors to the hospital this month. First, we hosted a group of physicians and nurses from the Italian field hospital located here at LSA Adder, who wished to tour our facility and compare our clinical capabilities with their own.



We have worked hand-in-hand with Italian medical personnel throughout our deployment, sharing expertise and experiences to better provide health care in our area of operations, and it has truly been a pleasure to work alongside our Italian colleagues.



We were also visited by the Commander of the Japanese Defense Forces for southern Iraq, who wished to personally express his thanks to our clinical staff for

the superb medical care that three of his Soldiers received after having been involved in an automobile accident in June. His visit serves as a reminder of the important work that we do on a daily basis to save lives and provide world-class medical support, both to U.S. forces and our allies, as we work together toward a common goal of helping to secure the freedom of Iraq as well as the safety of our great nation.

MAJ Ralph Deatherage

TFN Alpha Gators...

43 weeks, 333 days, 8003 hours, 480,229 minutes done. No matter how you track your time here, it is nice to see more green shading than red on my Donut of Misery Countdown Clock. Redeployment planning is underway. Until you sit in on a Monday morning Redeployment IPR, you have no idea the amount of coordination and attention to finite details it takes to move a unit back home. I wish it were like a civilian vacation. When I get ready to leave, I throw all of my dirty clothes in my suitcase, squash in my souvenirs, and head out the door. I'll worry about the mess when I get home. No such luck with a military deployment. The meticulous coordination between Corps, Brigade, Task Force, S shops, and Companies is a tedious and sometimes painful task. Operations Orders with 15 annexes and their subsequent changes must be written, read, and executed. This process can be long and frustrating if you don't stay focused on the big picture. We're heading home! In approximately 30 something days we should all be home with our feet kicked up on the coffee table overwhelmed by the TV channel selections!

The staff sections and company are working hard to ensure everything is done in a timely and efficient manner while still running our mission here. We ask for your patience and cooperation as this redeployment unfolds. We will do our best to get you the information you need. Understand that packing our bags and heading to the airport is one small piece of this puzzle.

Thanks for all of the great work that is being done. Hang in there. No matter how you track it we have approximately: 4 weeks, 30 days, 725 hours, or 43,500 minutes, and we're out of here!

The 77-Duce Departs the AO...



The Blade of the Eagle, the 772d FST conducted their Transfer of Authority with the 240th FST on 25 August 2006. The 772 provided a vital bridge between the 10th CSH and the 86th CSH as we transitioned last year. The 240th FST will help bridge the gap as we transition with the 28th CSH.



"You might be an Alpha Company Gator if you do consider moving to a tent as a step up in your living arrangements"



News from the Rear-D....

We're coming down the home stretch now, with the 10th CSH returning in the first to middle part of October. I thought I would write to let you know what to expect.

Also, I'm sure you've all read in the papers that some combat units' deployment has been extended beyond their 12 month tour. At this time, the 10th CSH has not been tasked to stay in Iraq. They are still on track to return in October.

The CSH will probably return in two or three groups/planeloads. These groups may be hours or several days apart. They will fly in to the Colorado Springs Jet Center (not the public airport) and ride busses back to Ft. Carson. They will go to the unit area to turn in weapons and take care of administrative procedures. Then they will be bussed to the Special Events Center (SEC) on Ft. Carson for the reunion with family members. Soldiers march in to the SEC in formation and the Commanding General of Ft. Carson or his representative makes a very short speech, usually only one minute long. Then the soldiers are dismissed and reunited with family members. Family members are not permitted to meet their soldiers at the airport or in the unit area. Soldiers may call on their cell phones and ask you to meet them there, but doing so will only interfere with the normal procedures and delay the group getting to the SEC for the reunion ceremony.

When the Soldiers are dismissed at the SEC, they are free to leave with family members. Single soldiers will be transported to their rooms in the barracks. If they have family here in hotel rooms, they may go with them to the hotels. I am attaching a listing of hotels in the area if you would like to make reservations. In order to get in the gate at Ft. Carson, you will need a driver's license or photo ID, your car registration and proof of insurance. If you have a rental car, just show the paperwork. When the time gets a little closer, I will send a listing of local restaurants and a map of Ft. Carson showing the location of all the gates and the Special Events Center.

We do not have specific dates for the flights home, and we will not have firm dates until about 2 weeks prior to the flights. If we obtain reliable information earlier, we will pass that on quickly. Please remember that EVERYTHING is subject to change right up to the last minute so we ask for your patience since none of us controls the transportation system.

If you will need a place to stay, we suggest making a hotel reservation for a block of time, then when we know exact dates, you can call and alter your reservation. Please check when making the reservation that there will not be a penalty for changing it as the time gets closer. There is a small amount of billeting in the Colorado Inn on Ft. Carson. However, this is primarily for active duty military so family members can only make reservations 24 hours in advance. If rooms are available at that time, you may stay there.

PROFIS personnel who are assigned to other military bases outside Ft. Carson will be returning to their home base 4 to 5 working days from the return, possibly sooner. Our Rear Detachment is working to ensure that they can complete the turn-in of equipment and necessary briefings as quickly as possible. However, if they return on a Thursday or Friday, they will be required to stay at Ft. Carson over the weekend and complete the out processing the next week. PROFIS soldiers who did not deploy from Ft. Carson but through a CRC (Ft. Bliss or Ft. Benning) will return to those posts to out-process and then return to their home base and not redeploy through Ft. Carson. They will split off in Kuwait and receive individual travel plans so your soldier is the best source of information in this case.

Don't hesitate to Email or call if you have a question, that's why we're here. We look forward to meeting you at the reunion ceremony!

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Hotels in the Fort Carson Area

Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel (719) 576-5900 / 2886 S. Circle Dr **5.3 Miles North**

Best Western (719) 576-2371 / 1440 Harrison Rd **5.5 Miles North**

La Quinta Inn (719) 527-4788 / 2750 Geysler Dr **5.1 Miles North**

Residence Inn by Marriot (719) 226-3666 / 2765 Geysler Dr **5.1 Miles North**

Fairfield Inn (719) 576-1717 / 2725 Geysler Dr **5.1 Miles North**

Doubletree Hotel Colorado (800) 222-TREE / 1775 E Cheyenne Mountain Blvd **5.2 Miles North**

Cheyenne Mountain Resort (719) 538-4000 / 3225 Broadmoor Valley Rd **5.1 Miles Northwest**

Super 8 Motel (719) 576-1228 / 2850 S. Circle Dr **5.3 Miles North**

Days Inn South (719) 527-0800 / 2850 S. Circle Dr **5.3 Miles North**

Comfort Inn (719) 579-6900 / 1410 Harrison Rd **5.3 Miles North**

Courtyard Marriott (719) 226-5006 / 2570 Tenderfoot Hill St **5.5 Miles North**

Homewood Suites by Hilton (719) 574-2701 / 2875 Zeppelin Rd **5.6 Miles Northeast**

Hampton Inn Airport (719) 591-1100 / 2077 Aerotech Dr **6.3 Miles Northeast**

Comfort Inn (719) 380-9000 / 22115 Aerotech Dr **6.6 Miles Northeast**

Holiday In Express (719) 591-6100 / 2117 Aerotech Dr **6.3 Miles North**

Holiday Inn Express (719) 591-6000 / 1855 Aeroplaza Dr **6.4 Miles North**

Super 8 Airport (719) 570-0505 / 1790 Aeroplaza Dr **6.5 Miles North**

Best Western (719) 574-7707 / 1780 Aeroplaza Dr **6.5 Miles North**

Ramada Inn (719) 632-7077 / 1703 S. Nevada Ave **6.5 Miles North**

Econo Lodge South (719) 632-6651 / 1623 S. Nevada Ave **6.6 Miles North**

Colorado Inn (719) 526-4832 / 7301 Woodfill Rd, Ft. Carson

Reservations accepted 24 hours in advance



SGT Pickett is recognized as the 1000th platelet donor since the 10th CSH assumed operations..



The "Big Smoke" on the roof of Jones Hall

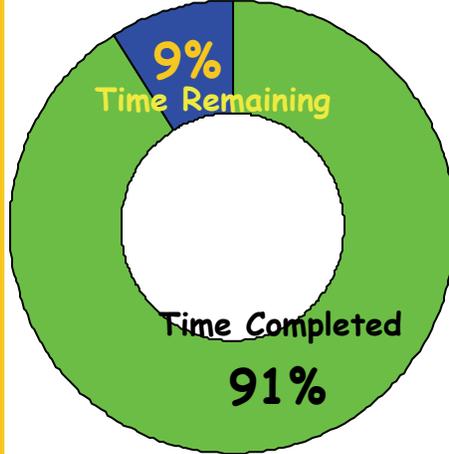


Congressional Delegation and Secretary of Veterans Affairs visit.



According to the Baghdad Doughnut we are over 90% of the way there. We are in the 11th hour. You don't believe me? Check it out for yourself, the Doughnut is (almost) never wrong...

My Time In Baghdad



LTG Chiarelli's visit to Ibn



LTG Fry's reception.



Blood Donor Appreciation Day and Blood Donor Center Grand Opening.



U.S. Attorney General Gonzales' visit to Ibn Sina.



Toby Keith Visit to Ibn Sina. Identity of man in blue unknown.

I think the Chaplain knows Somebody..

TURNING YOUR HEART TOWARDS HOME!!

Thinking about going home is like drinking a cold glass of water on a hot desert Iraqi day. It feels good! I miss Cristi and the girls so much that the mere thought of being home fills my heart with excitement. I hope it's that way for everyone. However, my wife was upset with me about some picture taken on Organizational Day at the pool; thank you LTC Drennan!

Heading home doesn't always play out the way we hope. Sometimes there are delays along the way; such as my layover in Ireland during my R&R trip. Thank God I had SFC McCarthy (S6 Shop) to keep me focused. Or there may be things we bring home that we intended to leave behind such as images of trauma, unresolved emotions and dirty socks. Bottom-line, going home will have its ups and downs for both you and your family members.

I would like to offer some suggestions that might help when or if the going gets rough. Utilize your local help agencies at your post such as the social work services at Army Community Services (ACS), Family Life Chaplain, unit chaplain, Mental Health at the hospital and a great resource called "armyonesource" and is located at the following web page, <http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx>. You or your spouse can receive six free counseling sessions through the web contacts if you need them.



As your heart turns toward home, I want to remind you that great marriages and relationships don't just happen. So, here are a few pointers to think about as you return home. First, have no expectations about the initial reunion. Second, just go home and love your family; that's the only goal. Third, reconnect through talking about feelings and not facts. Finally, if you've tried everything you know and things still are not working out...have enough wisdom to get outside professional help. Remember, it takes intentional love and a stick-to-it tenacity to win the coveted rewards of a blessed relationship. So, go home with God's favor and enjoy life. Psalms 18:22, "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord." Godspeed!

Recognitions in the Task Force

Promotions for May-June

LTC Marsha Dorough	1 Aug 06	A Co
LTC Loraine Roehl	1 Aug 06	B Co
CPT Kara Beattie	1 Sep 06	A Co
CPT Lisa Paroz	1 Sep 06	240 th FST
1LT Riane Nelson	1 Aug 06	A Co
SFC April Williams	1 Sep 06	A Co
SGT Morris Johnson	1 Aug 06	A Co
SGT Zeth Holbert	1 Aug 06	A Co
SGT Jarod Vining	1 Aug 06	A Co
SGT Jason Pickett	1 Aug 06	A Co
SGT Grant Griffin	1 Sep 06	A Co
SGT Raymond Howe	1 Sep 06	A Co
SPC Christopher Pay	1 Aug 06	A Co
SPC Danny Medina	1 Aug 06	A Co

You know you are a Medical Task Force 10 Soldier if Bde issues a draft FRAGO authorizing your request for re-location of the Port-a-John, however, "are awaiting input from DIV who asked MNSTC-I for the FRAGO that MNC-I was supposed to publish, but couldn't because MNF-I hadn't weighed in, since they were too inundated with MOD and MOI wargaming the JCCs within the ISF." makes sense and generates no questions...

PIRATED MOVIE REVIEW...AAARRRRRRR!



This Month Dougie-Doug Reviews

Team America: World Police

About 3 weeks ago I watched what is now one of my top 10 movies of all time. Team America: World Police is a movie starring only puppets, but don't let that fool you. Made by the creators of South Park, Matt Stone and Trey Parker, it contains all of the irreverent humor you would expect from those two. It also contains graphic puppet language, graphic puppet sex, and graphic puppet violence. Walt Disney this is not.

Team America is an anti-terrorism team that travels the globe saving the world from terrorists while inadvertently causing tons of collateral damage wherever they go. The plot centers around the North Korean president, Kim Jung Il, teaming up with Arabic terrorists from Dirkadirkistan and plotting a multiple-WMD strike around the world. It contains the making fun of the obligatory love story subplot, and the making fun of the new-guy-actor-joins-the-elite-force-and-encounters-friction-from-a-tough-guy-team-member-who-was-once-raped-by-actors subplot. I also laughed until crying at the sight of a drunk puppet projectile vomiting for a full minute. Arrrr, arrrrrr, arrrrrrrr!

Is some of it childish and immature humor? Sure. But it also touches upon some very real chords of how we Americans view ourselves and how the rest of the world views us.

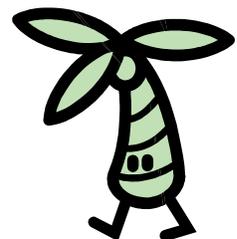
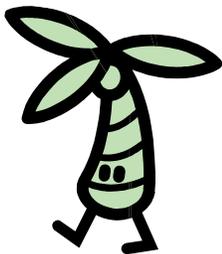
The best part is, it is funny stuff and a great flick. I haven't laughed that hard since Dumb and Dumber.

Best Scene: Where to begin. I have to say the puppet projectile vomiting.

Worst Scene: You'll know it when you see it. It's kind of funny, yet kind of...

Most Fake Scene: Even puppet helicopters can't keep up with puppet jets in real life. Come on. What do they take me for. Arrrrrrrrr.

Rating: X marks the spot. By far the best film I have dug up all year.



On a recent trip to Bde HQ at VBC, the S-3 identified this building as a possible relocation site for the CSH.

The JOC...

Trauma Symposium

The trauma symposium was June 30th and it was a great success. I heard nothing but praise from those in attendance whether VIP guests or fellow CSH soldiers. People made comments like “this must have been a logistical nightmare” and “It must have taken months to plan this”. The JOC has to give accolades to CPT George (committee chair) and 1LT (P) Smith (JOC president) for their hours of planning and coordinating with committee members and personnel from throughout the IZ to make this a successful event. There were countless people involved in putting together this event. Each unit was tasked with making a poster board for display in the palace rotunda. I recall people walking by as EMT’s slide presentation of the various traumas they’ve seen were displayed on the rotunda walls and people would stop in awe of some of the before and after pictures. How creative, a moving poster board! There were many memorable events, but what pleased me the most was seeing our nurses taking on some high profile roles in the symposium. CPT DeBias flawlessly emceed the event and CPT Hearn, CPT Boyd and LTC Groves were three of the presenters. There were over 130 in attendance at the trauma symposium with guests flying in from all over theater many were housed throughout the IZ and transported to the event by private bus or SUV. The common theme from our guests was one day is not enough. Many wanted to stay for two or more days (the hospitality of the 10th CSH was a big part of this common request). However, reality did set in and many did admit that their schedules would not permit anymore time in the IZ. The trauma symposium was a busy day for all of us involved in both the planning and execution, but hearing the discussions and presentations brought it all into perspective for me; that we are here to save lives and we are doing it in record numbers compared to previous wars. 1LT Merrill asked a thought provoking question about us sending Iraqi patients to local hospitals like Medical City where they may receive a lower standard of care. COL Swann responded by informing the audience that Iraq, pre-



Saddam Hussein, was the leading country in the middle east for top medical care and therefore Iraqis trust their healthcare system and more importantly their doctors. COL Swann continued by stating that we are not here to provide long term healthcare to the Iraqi people- they are capable of caring for their own. We are here to take care of our wounded warriors and our brothers in arms by providing life saving care and air evacuating patients and transferring them to clear beds for the next group in need of lifesaving medical care.



On behalf of the JOC, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the trauma symposium and all who supported the event with their attendance. The time and research you put into it is greatly appreciated. I recently asked some of those involved in the symposium two questions- what was the most challenging thing about the symposium and what was the most memorable thing about it? Here are some quotes from some of the people I spoke to...

“The most memorable part of the symposium was watching all the presentations. They connected the dots on why we do a lot of things the way we do.”

-1LT Kelly Sipe

“The most challenging thing was unmotivated people, I was fortunate to have a lot of motivated people helping me. Most memorable thing was how everything fell into place and everything turned out better than expected. I give credit to God by whose strength I can do all things. Thanks.”

-CPT Rachel George
(Committee Chair)



“The most challenging thing in prep of the symposium was getting everyone to forward their bio’s...Communication, even with email, is difficult out here. Most memorable for me was all of the people attending and their unique backgrounds and experiences...the cohesion of the people involved was phenomenal.”

-CPT Gwendolyn DeBias
(Event emcee)

“The most memorable thing for me was the exchanges between the presenters and attendees interested in trauma medicine... so many people attended from around theater. The JOC did an exceptional job with the coordinating and logistics. It was also great that it happened on the MSC birthday.”

-COL Dennis Doyle
(10th CSH Commander)

-1LT D’Angelo Austin

The Sports
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Mountain Medics!



DANCON MARCH 2006

With our fast approaching re-deployment, for many, 25 August was the last 5K they will run in Baghdad. The CSH once again did well receiving 5 medals.



SPC Coppess, LTC Drennan, SGT Houser, LT Krause and SGT Preston participated in the International Zone Dancon March 2006.



Beginning at 0430, the 13.1 mile course was in and around the Palace grounds.

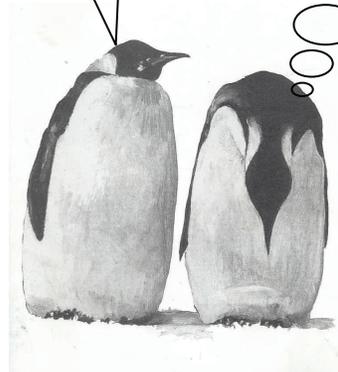


Though the 10th CSH team completed the course in full IBAS, there were unconfirmed reports of another CSH's commander completing the march in Speedo's, again, unconfirmed.



LTC Ahearne, You need to spend more time in the pool swimming laps and less time in the Baskin-Robins line!

But I just did two laps last year CSM.

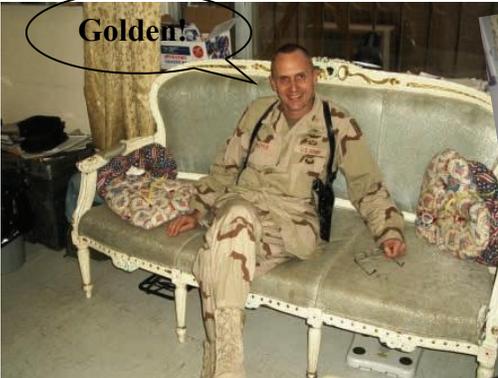


The Couch....

Everyone needs a little help, sometimes...

I don't want us to end-up like Spotlight Ranger and TOCroach

I think the LTs are trying to take over the world, just yesterday they took my strawberries, I got those special, they were my strawberries, not theirs...



I'm gonna play this real cool... I'm talking GQ cool now

I'll sit, but you can't make me talk!

The "Meng" Dynasty



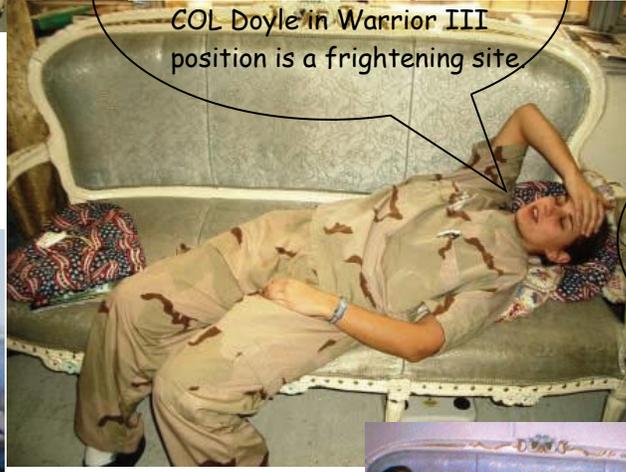
So I like to talk a little, you got me for an hour right? I'm a little teapot short and stout, this is my handle...

I think I'm suffering from PTSD, ma'am. I keep having flashbacks from yoga class... COL Doyle in Warrior III position is a frightening site



Can we hide in here for a while? There's an angry mob out there..

OER, Award, OER, Award and occasionally, NCOER, that is all I ever thinks about... I'm not like ah, obsessed or something am I?



I keep thinking I'll wake-up and be home, no wait, I am home or am I asleep, hey wait a minute, where am I?

