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## Transfer of auThoriTy Transpired aT biblical Temple

Story by Pfc. Blanka Stratford  
*13th COSCOM Public Affairs*

A transfer of authority (TOA) ceremony from the 171st Area Support Group (ASG) to the 300th ASG was held at the outskirts of Tallil Air Base, southern Iraq, Feb. 26.

The 171st ASG, a Reserve unit based out of Garner, N.C., worked in direct relation with the 726th Maintenance Battalion, a National Guard Unit based in Natick, Mass.; the 394th Quartermaster Battalion from Puerto Rico; and the 189<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion out of Ft. Bragg, N.C., as well as the 386th Civil Affairs team from Broken Arrow, Okla.

According to Col. Lawrence Larsen, commander of the 171st ASG, projects that the 171st ASG has been actively involved in include numerous logistical support operations, military base construction, force protection, humanitarian assistance and efforts toward waste and water plant renovation.

"The 171st ASG's mission was different than that of a the Corps Support Groups that were here during the war," said Larsen, who is also a biology professor at Campbell University, N.C.

"Historically, the CSG worked in direct support of a division, whereas we supported a number of different forces and people throughout the southern nine provinces of Iraq. We have worked with components such as the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, the British and Polish multinational divisions and the Air Force. We also supported the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps as well as the local Iraqi population," said Jensen.

The civil affairs, engineers and the military police have also worked with the 171st ASG to aid in the restoration of orphanages and schools throughout the area, using funds acquired from captured enemy dinars as well as the Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP).



Photo by Pfc. Blanka Stratford

**Soldiers from the 171st and 300th Area Support Groups stand proud and tall in front of the holy Ziggurat of Ur, Iraq, while awaiting the official transfer of authority from the 171st to the 300th ASG, Feb. 26.**

"I think our Soldiers have done a wonderful job logistically supporting everybody, but it is that humanitarian touch that really helped, reminding the Soldiers why they are in Iraq in the first place," said Larsen. "The 300th ASG has the capabilities to continue the process."

The 300th ASG, based out of Ft. Lee, Va., was ordered to Active Duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Nov. 8, 2003. During this period of time many Reserve Soldiers from other units and states were transferred to the 300th ASG, which is currently composed of 10 peacetime units holding approximately 1,787 Soldiers.

"I can't look at another unit that would make it easier for its members to look forward to being here," said Col. Pamela Adams, commander of the 300th ASG.

The 300th ASG has been in the area of operations (AOR) since the end of January and is replacing the 171st ASG in its responsibilities for logistical support in various geographic areas.

"The 300th has some of the most

professional Soldiers in the Army, truly representing some of the best and the brightest," she said. "The headquarters' personnel have already demonstrated remarkable talent and the creative thinking that is needed to support successful mission execution. We intend to build on the achievements of the 171st ASG."

Adams, who is also co-owner of a North Carolina computer technologies company outside the military, said that the 171st ASG's accomplishments continue to inspire and motivate the 300th ASG's intentions to sustain operations and the positive relationships their forerunner has achieved. These positive relationships are not only limited to good relations between service members, but also extend to goodwill and harmony between the United States military and the local Iraqi populace.

"Right now, the 171st is working on introducing the 300th ASG to Iraqi locals in order to develop trust between the two

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## Defac Soldier prevents theft of weapon

Story by Sgt. Ann Venturato  
*13th COSCOM Public Affairs*

On February 15, Spc. Darrell Houzah, a food service specialist with the 4 CMMC, 13<sup>th</sup> COSCOM, prevented a local national from stealing an M16A2 rifle with ammo while he was working at the dining facility #1.

Because of his quick action, Houzah was awarded an impact Army Commendation Medal with V device for valor, which was presented by Col. (P) James Chambers.

"It was during lunch when it happened. I had finished my lunch and was just waiting for my shift to start," said Houzah.

"I normally hang around everyday prior to my shift to see what I can do to help out during the lunch time rush," said Houzah. "Helping people with getting to go meals for Soldiers on the guard towers."

Houzah said that while he was taking a smoke break on the back dock of dining facility # 1, he saw a local national carrying a M16A2 rifle toward a pickup truck.

"I asked the local national, 'why do you have the weapon?' and then I told him to give me the weapon," said Houzah.

"He just gave me the weapon back without any trouble," said Houzah.

"I just reacted," said Houzah, "I just



Photo by Sgt. Ann Venturato

**Spc. Darrell Houzah's quick thinking prevented a weapon from getting into the wrong hands.**

thought of doing the right thing. It was an adrenaline thing, I wasn't thinking about getting shot or anything"

"I went to the mayor's cell and let the mayor's cell along with the MP's know what was going on," said Houzah. "I ended up going with the MP's to the north gate to confirm the identity of the local national who had tried to take the weapon."

"I had never seen the local national who had tried to take the weapon prior to the incident," said Houzah.

"I ended up giving the weapon that I had taken from the local national to the mayor's cell. At that time I didn't know what to do with the weapon. I first took the weapon to my chain of command and they told me go and turn it in to the mayor cell," said Houzah.

"This is the first incident that the BDOC has any knowledge of," said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Chris Nelson, a sergeant with the 3/504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, who works in the base defense operations center. "It would have been a very bad thing if the enemy had gotten a hold of a weapon."

"The weapon that was turned in had a 30-round magazine attached to it," said Nelson.

"Soldiers need to keep their weapons with them, this is a combat zone, not the National Training Center. You can't rekey yourself," said Nelson. "When you are in the middle of a firefight is no time to realize you don't have your weapon or ammunition with you."

"Pay attention to what is going on around you, if it doesn't look right, fix it. It doesn't matter how small or insignificant it looks like," advises Nelson.



### Chapel Services

Sunday Worship at the Mayor's Cell (building 4130) on New York Ave. near the indoor pool.

1000-Roman Catholic Mass  
1130-Protestant-General  
1330-Protestant-Gospel

POC: Installation Chaplain, CH(LTC) Al Lowe, 13th COSCOM  
PH: 537-3030

# NEWS

## 13<sup>th</sup> COSCOM Civil Affairs and Iraqi landowners coordinate harvest

Story by Pfc. Blanka Stratford  
13th COSCOM Public Affairs

With a new cropping season about to take effect, the 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Command (COSCOM) Civil Affairs are working in conjunction with the 308<sup>th</sup> US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Brigade (USACAPOB) and Iraqi Sheik landowners to establish a crop growth plan around Camp Anaconda, a logistics base in the Soledin Province of Iraq.

The Civil Affairs team met for the third time with 14 Sheik landowners in reference to land usage, crop rotation and security issues in the surrounding region of Camp Anaconda. The Sheiks, who represent approximately 130 farmers, were given advice about issues such as the use of land fertilizer, specific seasonal change of crops and the military-enforced maximum height for the harvest.

“[US forces] have to be able to observe activity from the guard towers and fence line at Camp Anaconda,” said Lt. Col. Nicholas Zoeller, 13<sup>th</sup> COSCOM Civil Affairs officer-in-charge.

Because the cropland is around the immediate vicinity of the base, the plants must be kept at a maximum height of 18 inches for clear visibility, meaning that certain crops such as corn will have to be omitted from the harvest.



Photo by Spc. James Truitt

**Maj. Steve Lancaster (left) and Lt. Col. Nicholas Zoeller (center), pose with several Sheik landowners after establishing a crop growth plan around Camp Anaconda, Feb. 4.**

“It is the first time the landowners have been approached about such issues, but we’re confident that we will come to a resolution on these matters,” Zoeller said. “The Sheiks have been very cooperative, realizing that this is a security issue.”

Additionally, the US military is financially compensating the Iraqi landowners for any loss of income.

To date, the Civil Affairs team has facilitated the cutting of cane growing around the base canals. The cane had previously obstructed vision from the

guard towers.

“There are crops growing here year round,” said Zoeller. “Farmers will be planting these crops shortly, so this was an opportune moment for making such an agreement for both the farmers’ continued welfare as well as the security of the base.”

According to Zoeller, the crops are not only used in Iraq, but also exported to surrounding countries.

“The [Soledin Province] is the breadbasket of Iraq,” said Zoeller.

Along with agricultural plans, the 13<sup>th</sup> COSCOM Civil Affairs team is working on water projects with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as well as rebuilding schools.

The team is also assisting in training recruits for the Iraqi police and fire department, said Zoeller, who himself is a retired officer from the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington D.C.

“The team is very optimistic about present and future Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations projects in the vicinity,” said Zoeller. “Our goal is to have the Iraqi people become self-sufficient in all areas, including the government, police, fire and agriculture ministries.”

**Table 1. Average (14 Years) Area, Production and Yield of various crops in Iraq**

Crops	Area ha	Production M. Ton	Yield kg/ha
Wheat	1,416,871	997,964	727
Barley	1,440,538	932,614	624
Rice	109,991	211,979	1,927
Maize	73,013	137,392	1,831
Lentil	470	332	712
Dry Broad bean	8,032	14,559	1,767
Green Broad bean	18,977	97,371	5,159
Tobacco Leaves	2,454	2,448	1,006
Dates	143,939	614,804	4,261
Grapes	50,521	334,721	6,575

Source: FAOSTAT Database ([www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org))

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groups,” said Larsen. “The Iraqis are good people. They are open and energetic, and they want [U.S forces] here for support. All it takes is respect, communication, understanding of the culture.”

And there’s no better way to start a year-long mission than to immerse the 300th ASG in Iraq’s culture by having its TOA ritual at one of the country’s most valued regions - the holy Ziggurat of Ur, located just beyond the boundaries of Tallil Air Base.

The ziggurat itself is a prominent structure within the vast history of ancient Iraq. According to Islamic history Web site [www.islamonline.net](http://www.islamonline.net), these sacred temples were built during the third millennium B.C. and were connected to the land’s religion. The city of Ur, which holds Iraq’s most famous ziggurat, was

an ancient Babylonian city said to be the birthplace of the prophet Abraham, the father of Hebrews. Ironically, at the time the Ziggurat at Ur was built, the region of Ur was at war with other states of Mesopotamia. So, as a tribute to the God ‘Sin,’ the temple was called ‘Etemennigur,’ which meant ‘a house whose foundation creates terror.’

“Iraq is so rich in heritage, especially in biblical or religious proportions” said Adams. “We are in the land of Mesopotamia – a holy area for the Islamic and other religions. It’s simply tremendous for the 300th ASG to be a part of this history.”

Both ASG commanders are very optimistic about future support operations designed to stabilize and improve Iraq.

“It’s all about making the world a better place,” said Adams.



Photo by Pfc. Blanka Stratford

**Soldiers of the 171st Area Support Group stand at parade rest and listen to speeches given by the commanders of the 171st and 300th ASG during the groups’ transfer of authority, Feb. 26. The commander of the 171st ASG is Col. Lawrence Larsen with Command Sgt. Major John Szakal. The commander of the 300th ASG is Col. Pamela Adams, with Command Sgt. Maj. Mary Champion.**

## **Message from the Mayor’s Cell**

The 82nd Rear Operations Center (ROC) at LSA Anaconda, Iraq has acted as Garrison Support Unit since June of 2003. The 852nd Rear Area Operations Center (RAOC) will assume these responsibilities as of March 20, 2004. Col. Charles Yriarte, commander of the 82nd ROC, has been designated as base commander and the 852 RAOC Commander is LTC (P) Cox. The 852nd RAOC will handle terrain management and base infrastructure development, with direct support assistance from the Facility Engineer Team (FET 15). The RAOC will also maintain responsibility for day-to-day LSA life support functions.

During the next few months, there will be population surges for deployment and redeployment activities. The base will also host numerous meetings and conferences. If planning any of these events, please coordinate with the mayor’s cell in advance. The RAOC will assist with housing, facilities coordination and security requirements. Early coordination is recommended. The RAOC mission is to assist all tenants - military or civilian - on LSA Anaconda.

The mayor’s cell is located at building 4130 off of New York Ave.

The mayor’s cell also maintains a Web site with the purpose of providing LSA Anaconda tenants with current and relevant information. Units maintaining Web sites are welcome to place links from the mayor’s cell Web site. The Web site is located on SIPRNET through the 13th COSCOM homepage or at web address: <http://148.35.251.6/anaconda/anaconda/anaconda.htm>.

# EDITORIAL

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## Commentary: found in Transition

Commentary by Lt. Col. Terry Hildner  
*13th COSCOM STB commander*

**T**ransition for any organization or person is a difficult experience. I have the unique experience of being involved personally and professionally in one of the greatest American transitions since at least the fall of the Berlin Wall and maybe as far back as World War II. How is that possible? It's possible because I am an American Soldier.

As an American Soldier, I am currently participating in the single largest, simultaneous movement of US troops as well as the safeguarding of the Iraqi nation's transition from violent dictatorship to some hopefully more benevolent form of self-government. I am not sure how many citizens in the United States realize that in its Army, eight out of ten divisions are currently on the move either to or from forward deployed areas around the world as part of the fight against terror. Throw in the Marine Corps, Air Force and Navy and the total number rise to around 290,000 service members.

This soldier's transition began with a phone call just before Thanksgiving that directed me to leave Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX, report to Fort Hood in Killeen, TX, and prepare for a year deployment. Just 35 days later, I found myself on a plane flying through Newfoundland, Ireland, Cyprus and finally into Kuwait. After a disorienting 21-hour flight it was good to feel ground beneath my boots but imagine my surprise at the steady rain that greeted the 250+ soldiers in my unit. It only rains in Kuwait about six inches a year and I swear that it all fell in the two weeks that followed stepping off the plane and into the large tent camps used during our final training and preparation to move into Iraq. Highlight for me over that period? Mud, mud, and more mud with lakes of standing water. Desert sand does not absorb rainfall quickly, making both living and training challenging and treacherous.

After eleven short days it was again time to move, our

transition into the Iraqi zone not yet complete. Organized into a convoy of more than 100 vehicles, we began the move north in the wee hours on January 18, 2004. The trip up was long and tiring. Soldiers were tense, worried about Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) that might be buried in the road. Stops to repair flat tires and brakes triggered drills that piled soldiers out onto the shoulder to carefully watch the surrounding countryside. Word was look tough and full of business and the chances of

problems were much lower. We took them at their word; weapons bristled in every direction at the halts we made.

Two recollections from the slow, winding trip into what many call the cradle of civilization. The first was the hundreds of children and adults that waved to us as we passed, giving thumbs up and smiling. Made us all feel good to be part of this nation's attempt to choose leadership rather than fear it. Despite the austere conditions in the country or the destruction and rubble in the cities, people seemed to move with energy and life was springing up in roadside shops and stands.

The other equally memorable event happened about 20 miles south of Baghdad. A young boy jumped up from a drainage ditch along the road and pointed what we all thought was a rifle. I am proud to say that though weapons quickly trained on him, no one fired. It was a black stick and though he shouted "kill Americans", he lived to see another day. Good non-commissioned officers (sergeants) showed superb judgment, recognizing him as no threat, and controlled the troops. Free speech in its infancy?

The lesson learned for us of course was that not all people are fans.

These instant encounters and the decision to shoot/not shoot are very difficult and made by young soldiers and their leaders every day. Good training makes the difference – and those young men and women showed why they are the best in the world.

Thirty-six hours and almost 400 miles later the gates of Anaconda Logistics Base in Balad, Iraq came into view.

The first phase of transition was over.



Photo by Pfc. Blanka Stratford

**Children "waved to us as we passed, giving thumbs up and smiling," recounted Lt. Col. Terry Hildner. "Made us all feel good to be part of this nation's attempt to choose leadership rather than fear it."**

# LIFESTYLES

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**What improvement or improvements would you like to see at LSA Anaconda?**



**2 Lt. Sandra Knoll**  
528th QM Company

*"The walkway between the PX and Defac #1 needs to be smoothed out because it is a tripping hazard at night. I know I have tripped on it several times at night."*



**Sgt. Jesse Wixson**  
511 MP Company

*"There should be more gyms on post. There should also be signs to show where things are on post."*



**Spc. Erica Morehouse**  
528th QM Company

*"I would like to see the PX being able to provide better provisions for the Soldiers. Also, the base needs better MWR facilities that don't keep falling down."*



**Spc. Jose Pizarro**  
642nd EN Company

*"Another PX would be good, and maybe some civilian restaurants like Burger King. Also, gym improvements, so it wouldn't be so crowded when going to gym."*



**Spc. Heather Brewer**  
511th MP Company

*"Everything should be closer."*

## LEARN THE LINGO

### ARABIC FAMILIARIZATION CLASS

Thursdays at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

G-5, BLDG 4136  
New Jersey Ave.

2 buildings south of Chapel Tent.

DNVT# 538-4262



**Pfc. Jeff Schaffer**  
511th MP Company

*"There should be more pool tables."*

# LIFESTYLES

## Billboard Top 20 Albums

1. Norah Jones, **Feels Like Home**
2. Kanye West, **The College Dropout**
3. Evanescence, **Fallen**
4. OutKast, **Speakerboxxx/The Love Below**
5. Kenny Chesney, **When The Sun Goes Down**
6. Josh Groban., **Closer**
7. Eamon, **I Don't Want You Back**
8. Twista, **Kamikaze**
9. Sheryl Crow, **The Very Best of Sheryl Crow**
10. Incubus, **A Crow Left Of The Murder...**
11. Chingy, **Jackpot**
12. Harry Connick, Jr., **Only You**
13. Britney Spears, **In The Zone**
14. Maroon5, **Songs About Jane**
15. Jessica Simpson, **In The Skin**
16. Nickelback, **The Long Road**
17. Ruben Studdard, **Soulful**
18. Beyonce, **Dangerously In Love**
19. Various Artists, **2004 Grammy Nominees**
20. Alicia Keys, **The Diary Of Alicia Keys**



## MOVIE REVIEW

By Dfc. Blanka Stratford  
(films found at AAFES)

### O Brother Where Art Thou?



In a Depression-era version of Homer's *Odyssey*, three escaped convicts run amok in an effort to find \$1.2 million in hidden treasure. The movie is of thoroughbred Redneck nature. If you're into the hee-haw Southern style of humor, you'll enjoy it. After all, it has received two Academy Award nominations.

### Intolerable Cruelty

The battle between the sexes heats up when a contemptuous divorce lawyer (George Clooney) falls for a man-hating seductress (Katherine Zeta-Jones), whom he meets at her and her husband's divorce proceeding. The movie is hilarious, smart and sassy yet dark and twisted. It will leave you in laughs, in doubt and in love with love.



### Secondhand Lions



Cute movie about a pair of old and decrepit brothers who take on the role of being uncles after their nephew (Haley Joel Osment) is dropped off on their porch like a stray animal by his overly self-absorbed and man-dependent mother. My sixth sense tells me this movie has a good message to tell through it's rather wacky plot.

# SPORTS

## NBA Conference Standings

Eastern Conference		Western Conference	
<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Streak</b>
<a href="#">Nets</a>	Lost 1	<a href="#">Timberwolves</a>	Won 2
<a href="#">Knicks</a>	Lost 4	<a href="#">Spurs</a>	Lost 1
<a href="#">Celtics</a>	Lost 7	<a href="#">Mavericks</a>	Won 4
<a href="#">76ers</a>	Lost 3	<a href="#">Grizzlies</a>	Lost 1
<a href="#">Heat</a>	Lost 1	<a href="#">Rockets</a>	Won 1
<a href="#">Wizards</a>	Won 2	<a href="#">Nuggets</a>	Lost 4
<a href="#">Magic</a>	Lost 1	<a href="#">Jazz</a>	Won 2
<b>Central</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>Streak</b>
<a href="#">Pacers</a>	Won 3	<a href="#">Kings</a>	Won 4
<a href="#">Pistons</a>	Won 2	<a href="#">Lakers</a>	Lost 1
<a href="#">Hornets</a>	Won 1	<a href="#">SuperSonics</a>	Lost 2
<a href="#">Bucks</a>	Won 1	<a href="#">Trail Blazers</a>	Won 5
<a href="#">Raptors</a>	Lost 7	<a href="#">Warriors</a>	Won 1
<a href="#">Cavaliers</a>	Lost 1	<a href="#">Clippers</a>	Lost 2
<a href="#">Hawks</a>	Won 1	<a href="#">Suns</a>	Won 1
<a href="#">Bulls</a>	Lost 4		

## NHL Conference Standings

Eastern Conference		Western Conference	
<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>Last 10</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Last 10</b>
<a href="#">Flyers</a>	6-3-1-0	<a href="#">Red Wings</a>	7-2-1-0
<a href="#">Devils</a>	5-4-1-0	<a href="#">Blues</a>	4-4-1-1
<a href="#">Islanders</a>	3-3-4-0	<a href="#">Predators</a>	5-4-1-0
<a href="#">Rangers</a>	4-6-0-0	<a href="#">Blue Jackets</a>	2-7-0-1
<a href="#">Penguins</a>	1-8-0-1	<a href="#">Blackhawks</a>	6-4-0-0
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Last 10</b>	<b>Northwest</b>	<b>Last 10</b>
<a href="#">Maple Leafs</a>	4-5-1-0	<a href="#">Avalanche</a>	3-4-2-1
<a href="#">Senators</a>	6-1-2-1	<a href="#">Canucks</a>	4-4-0-2
<a href="#">Bruins</a>	4-1-2-3	<a href="#">Flames</a>	5-5-0-0
<a href="#">Canadiens</a>	5-5-0-0	<a href="#">Wild</a>	4-4-1-1
<a href="#">Sabres</a>	6-3-1-0	<a href="#">Oilers</a>	5-3-2-0
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Last 10</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>Last 10</b>
<a href="#">Lightning</a>	7-0-1-2	<a href="#">Sharks</a>	6-3-0-1
<a href="#">Panthers</a>	6-2-2-0	<a href="#">Stars</a>	6-2-2-0
<a href="#">Thrashers</a>	3-7-0-0	<a href="#">Kings</a>	3-2-3-2
<a href="#">Hurricanes</a>	3-3-3-1	<a href="#">Coyotes</a>	2-6-1-1
<a href="#">Capitals</a>	3-4-3-0	<a href="#">Mighty Ducks</a>	6-2-1-1

## NBA Scoreboard

Bulls (16-42)	87	Wizards (17-38)	76
Wizards (18-38)	95	Raptors (25-32)	74
Kings (42-14)	103	Nets (35-21)	68
Lakers (36-20)	101	Timberwolves	81
Spurs (38-20)	91	Pistons (36-24)	107
Mavericks (37-20)	115	Bulls (16-41)	88
Bucks (30-27)	106	Knicks (26-33)	95
Celtics (23-36)	104	Suns (19-40)	113
Warriors (25-31)	99	Jazz (29-30)	93
Grizzlies (34-23)	92	Supersonics (26-31)	92
Clippers (24-32)	93	Cavaliers (23-35)	84
Hornets (31-26)	99	Rockets (33-24)	90
Lakers (36-19)	112	Rockets (32-24)	77
Nuggets (32-27)	111	Spurs (38-19)	86
Raptors (25-31)	74	Knicks (26-32)	99
Nets (35-20)	86	Kings (41-14)	107

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## NHL Scoreboard

Hurricanes (20-27-12-3)	2	Kings (24-17-15-7)	1
Capitals (19-34-8-2)	1	Stars (30-22-11-0)	1
Sabres (28-28-6-1)	2	Oilers (25-27-10-1)	1
Devils (33-17-11-1)	8	Mighty Ducks(22-25-9-8)	2
Maple Leafs (34-18-9-3)	0	Red Wings (36-17-9-2)	2
Panthers (23-25-13-3)	4	Flames (31-24-5-3)	1
Penguins (12-42-5-4)	4	Sharks (30-16-11-6)	2
Coyotes (20-24-15-4)	3	Canucks (34-19-7-4)	3
Blackhawks (18-32-7-5)	4	Wild (21-24-16-2)	0
Blue Jackets (17-34-8-4)	3	Predators (31-23-7-2)	4
Lightning (33-17-7-5)	4	Rangers (23-29-7-4)	6
Thrashers (24-32-6-2)	2	Islanders (29-23-9-2)	3

*Notes: The Predator's stay in the playoff hunt with a 4-0 win over the Wild. Redwings defenseman [Chris Chelios](#)'s day-to-day with a bruised shoulder after he was injured against the Canucks.*

# PHOTOS



Photo by Pfc. Blanka Stratford

**Mother and child await food and supply distribution at the village of Anwar, one mile away from LSA Anaconda, Iraq, Feb 14.**

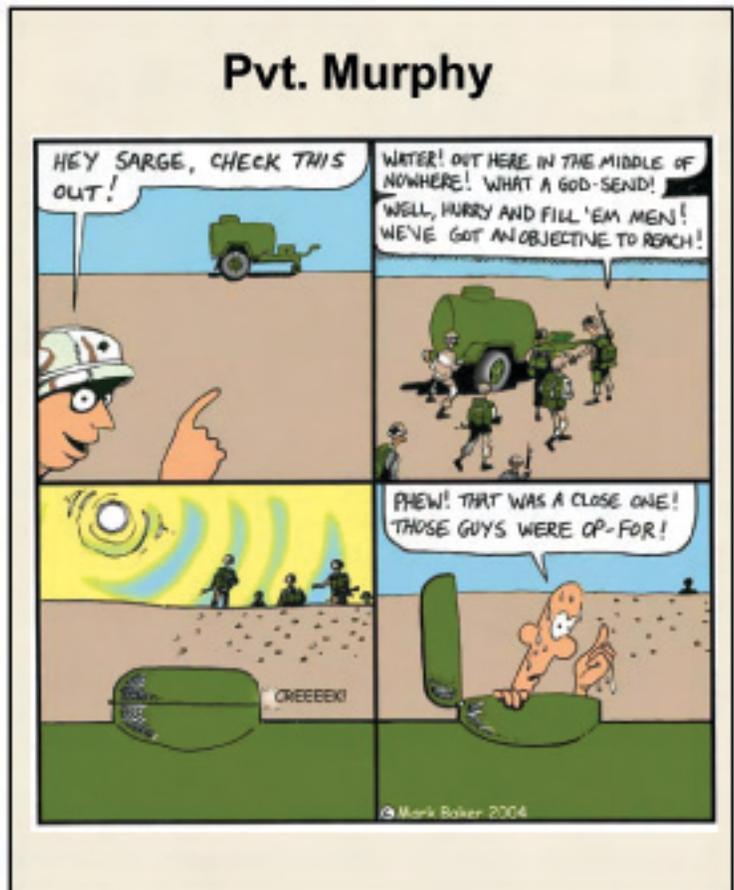


Photo by Cpt. Sven Olson

**The indoor pool on LSA Anaconda is open for Soldiers interested in beating the summer heat by taking a splash in the pool. The hours of operation are Mon., Tues., Thurs. through Sun. from 0100 to 2400 and Wed. from 1500 to 0200 for drown proofing and swim competition. For specific times for open swim, lap swim or other activities, stop by the indoor pool to pick up a pool schedule.**



Photo by Pfc. Blanka Stratford

**An aerial view of Blackhawk helicopters at LSA Anaconda, Iraq. The Blackhawk is a single-rotor helicopter with space for two pilots in the front and dual sliding doors on either side of the aircraft for quick entrance during missions.**