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Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli prepares to launch an unmanned aerial vehicle while Soldiers from the 312th Military Intelligence Battalion look on.

UAV Flies Unfriendly Skies

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CAMP COOKE, Iraq - You can't see it. You can't hear it, but it's there. And it's watching.

The Shadow 200 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, operated and maintained by a slice element of the 312th Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, has become as important to successful combat operations in Iraq as tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles and .50 Caliber machine guns.

The information collected from the Shadow's "bird's eye view" has proven invaluable in countering actions by Anti-Iraqi Forces. During one particular surveillance mission, the UAV collected data on a group of insurgents who had been mortaring a logis-

tics base. It then relayed the information to a Kiowa crew who located the vehicle, followed it to a safe distance away from the local populace and destroyed the vehicle.

Within the hour, ground combat forces went in to the area where the vehicle had been destroyed and began a cordon and search operation, attempting to locate any more insurgents that might have been hiding in the area.

"The UAV has been fantastically helpful overall," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Scott Sherman, Kiowa pilot, 1st Squadron, 7th Aviation Regiment. "They are able to loiter in one area longer than aircraft can and they have good day and night sight and can see exactly what people are doing. They

caught these guys launching mortars at a [Forward Operating Base]. They fly so high you can't see or hear them."

Primarily used for surveillance missions in and around Baghdad, the Shadow 200 has a wingspan of about 13 feet and an overall weight of 350 pounds. It can fly as high as 14,000 feet at 70 knots for as long as four hours at a time. With nearly 2,000 flight hours racked up so far, the UAVs and their pilots have proven themselves as indispensable to the mission's success.

"Every mission we fly, we have some specific requirements," said Cpl. Frank Petersen, a standardization and instructor pilot with the UAV platoon. "If

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Always Ready to Save Lives

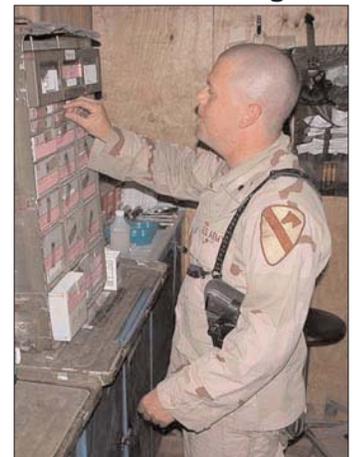
By Sgt. John Queen
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When a thunderous explosion echoes through the air and the ground shudders around Baghdad's International Zone, Spc. Matthew Byars, a medic assigned to Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, knows all too well that a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device has just exploded and he, along with other medics from his platoon will soon be stepping into a scene of surreal chaos.

Byars also knows that in a situation like that, a calm head, training and initiative can be the difference between life and death.

"Spc. Byars doesn't think twice about what he needs to do," said 1st Lt.

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Spc. Matthew Byars, a medic with 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, conducts an inventory of his medical supplies.



Courtesy 312th Military Intelligence Battalion

Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli and Spc. Martin Bioby work to start the Shadow 200's motor.

The Shadow 200 Knows

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 we don't know what they are looking for, what good is the reconnaissance? We will have the area they want us to fly in and the target description from our mission brief. We stay in constant contact with the unit or brigade that we are flying in support of, so when we see something that looks like their target, we give them the description and the grid. At that point, they will either send in their [quick reaction force], or air support."

The UAV platoon is the only military occupational specialty where enlisted personnel can be pilots. Toward the end of their nearly eight months of training at Fort Huachuca, Az., the students are required to complete 10

successful flights on the simulator.

"The [Federal Aviation Association] approves our curriculum," Petersen, a Petal, Miss. native, said. "By the time we are done with the school, all we lack for our civilian pilots license is the 40 hours of actual flight time."

Once completed with their training the UAV students are certified as both pilots and co-pilots. The pilot is the primary vehicle operator and "flies" the aircraft; the co-pilot is the mission payload operator and operates the camera. This team has averaged three flights per day in the past two weeks.

"We have never been let down by a UAV," Sherman said.

3-8 Medic Has the Skills

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 Douglas Zeledoe the medical platoon leader for 3-8 Cavalry. "He has responded to just about all the VBIEDs we've had. He's been quick about reacting to casualties and done a stupendous job triaging, treating and evacuating them."

He knows his military tactics and his medical skills added Sgt Melancthon Spencer, Byars section sergeant. "When you hit the ground, you tell him we have casualties, he grabs his equipment and he's right behind you if he's not already there first. He's treating what needs to be treated and he's giving me feedback, pretty much without me asking."

Since the 3rd Brigade Combat Team assumed responsibilities of the International Zone, formerly known as the Green Zone, in April, it has been rocked by at least seven deadly car bombs. Soldiers from Byars' battalion serve as the security and quick reaction force that respond to any incident around the zone.

"Generally we'll hear a boom. If it's close enough for us to respond we usually hear it," said Byars.

"Then traffic comes over the radio and lets us know where it is and we head out. We're always monitoring the radio, and always [ready]."

The first VBIED incident Byars responded to was in May when insurgents detonated their car at the traffic circle near Baghdad's 14th of July Bridge.

"There was some nervousness at first, during the quarter mile drive over there," said Byars. "Once I got there though, it was time to work - all of nervousness washed away. It's all about patient care, finding the casualties, taking care of them the best you can and getting them evacuated to where they need to be."

Byars, now on his third deployment to the Middle East as part of the 1st Cavalry Division, was somewhat surprised when he arrived in Baghdad.

"Most of what we deal with are victims of terrorism - VBIEDs, IEDs," he said. "It's alot different than what I anticipated; trying to think about what was to come. This isn't like anything I was expecting. I was expecting more combat oriented casualties."

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

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Friday
 High: 112
 Low: 84

Saturday
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News Notes

Health Co-op Strike Hits Washington

SEATTLE, Wash. (*Seattle Times*) -- Some 1,200 nurses, medical assistants and others at Group Health Cooperative entered the second day of their five-day strike today as the Seattle-based co-op carried on with patient care using nonunion employees, temporary workers and more than 500 union members who crossed picket lines.



School Volunteer Named Hero for Kids

KILLEEN, Texas (*Daily Herald*) -- Anna Cox, a longtime volunteer at Clifton Park Elementary School in Killeen, is one of 15 people across the state who have been named Heroes for Kids by the Texas Education Agency. Cox will be recognized, along with her fellow heroes, at a State Board of Education meeting in Austin Sept. 10.

Park Says Ripley's Unfit for Springs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (*Democrat-Gazette*) -- Hot Springs National Park Superintendent Josie Fernandez told a civic club Monday she has twice turned down a proposal for a Ripley's Believe It or Not! themed attraction in the Hale Bath House. "I don't think that's what we want in the middle of a national park," she said.

Gen. Franks Greets Killeen Fans

KILLEEN, Texas (*Daily Herald*) - Gen. Tommy Franks, retired commander of the U.S. Army's Central Command, visited the Killeen music and bookstore Tuesday evening to sign copies of his new book, "American Soldier."

"When I come back to this part of the country, I just feel like we're home," said Franks, a resident of Midland. Franks has been touring the country promoting his book since its Aug. 3 release.

There were 1,500 copies of Franks' book at the beginning of the event.

By 6 p.m., 250 had been sold.

Paul Sawyer, a retired 1st Cavalry Division offi-

cer who was first in line at 3 p.m.

Sawyer, who remained in the Killeen area after he retired from the Army, said he comes to all of the book-signings he can, and he likes to get a front row seat.

"We've been to Oliver North, Norman Schwarzkopf, Colin Powell, Tom Clancy and Dolly Parton - but she's not in the military," he said.

Franks assumed command of Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division in 1987. He also served as the 1st Cavalry Division's chief of staff during this tour.

Franks' book chronicles his early life, military service and his role in



JSONline

Gen. Tommy Franks. America's march into Iraq. Released Aug. 3, "American Soldier" immediately took the top spot on the Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com best-seller lists.

Daniels Proposes Tech Mix at Polls

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (*Democrat-Gazette*) - Secretary of State Charlie Daniels abandoned Monday his 13-month-old plan to put only touch-screen voting machines in the state's 75 counties. He said he now wants to put optical scan voting equipment in each county with one touch-screen voting machine at each polling site.

The state's Help America Vote Act Planning Committee endorsed Daniels' new plan. County election officials had mixed reactions.

Nearly 2,000 touch-screen voting machines would be required to implement this at an average cost of \$3,500 each, said Janet Miller, Daniels' deputy for elections and public affairs.

Nearly 2,000 pieces of optical scan voting equip-



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Arkansas voters may have the option of using a touch-screen voting machine in upcoming elections. ment also could be needed, depending on the wishes of the counties, at an average cost of \$5,500, she said.

Daniels said there's been controversy in states such as California, Florida, Maryland, Nevada and Ohio about touchscreen voting machines.

"There has been a large movement to check the security and validity and keep politics out of the voting machines [and] we want to do the same thing,"

Daniels told 75 election officials during a meeting at the Association of Arkansas Counties in Little Rock.

Daniels said 48 of the state's 75 counties use some form of optical scan voting equipment, and most officials in those counties are pleased with their equipment.

"My goal is to make sure whatever we do makes elections better and cleaner and with as small amount of problems as we possibly can," he said.

Susan Inman, Pulaski County's elections director, said in an interview that Daniels' plan is probably a good one.

"The optical scan system is far easier for poll workers to manage. It is very simple whereas [the touch-screen voting machines] are a little more complex," Inman said.

U.S. Women Throw Volleyball Beach Party

ATHENS, Greece (AP) -- Americans Kerri Walsh and Misty May won the gold medal at Athens' wildest venue Tuesday night, a fitting finale for the most dominant run in the history of beach volleyball.

The top-ranked U.S. duo beat second-seeded Brazilians Shelda Bede and Adriana Behar 21-17, 21-11, and did it without ever dropping a set in seven matches.

"It kind of hit me when I went and saw my family and they had tears in their eyes," Walsh said. "They flew a million miles to see it and they hate flying. It's really special."

The two lived up to the hype that began during their unprecedented 90-match, 15-tournament winning streak that ended last



AP

Holly McPeak, pictured, and teammate Elaine Youngs, defeated the Aussies for the bronze.

June. They were featured in a credit-card commercial that aired during the Super Bowl and in several magazines after that.

Suddenly, they were celebrities, recognized wherever they went - with

all the pressure in the world to excel at the Olympics.

And they did.

"It's been such a whirlwind, with so many emotions," Walsh said. "We've had so many great opportunities and, through it all, we've had to keep our focus on winning the gold. I'm feeling everything right now."

Earlier Tuesday, Americans Holly McPeak and Elaine Youngs won the bronze medal, beating Australia's Natalie Cook and Nicole Sanderson 21-18, 15-21, 15-9.

May and Walsh are invited to a post-Olympics party at McPeak's home in California, where 10 bottles of Dom Perignon await.

"I will definitely be there," Walsh said.

U.S. Hayes Surprise 100 M Hurdles Winner

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Joanna Hayes screamed as she crossed the finish line of the 100-meter hurdles in Olympic-record time. About 90 meters behind her, world champion Perdita Felicien lay flat on the ground, crying in disbelief.

Felicien stepped on the first hurdle, tumbling to the ground and taking Irina Shevchenko of Russia with her. All Felicien could do was watch Hayes win in 12.37 seconds, breaking the Olympic record of 12.38 set by Bulgaria's Yordanka Donkova 16 years ago.

After the race, Felicien still couldn't believe what happened.

"I don't think this is going to sink in," said Felicien, a Canadian who attended the University of Illinois. "I think it's going

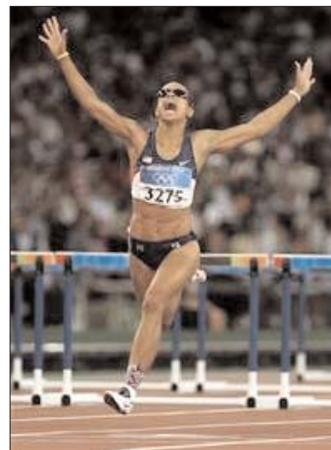
to take four years for it to sink in. I'm devastated. I was ready to run that race. I was ready to do this."

Olena Krasovska of Ukraine won silver in 12.45 and Melissa Morrison of the United States finished in 12.56 to win her second straight Olympic bronze in the event.

After the victory, Hayes fell to the track before running to the stands to accept congratulations and wrapping herself in the American flag.

"Going in, I felt I was going to run 12.37. I just did what I told myself I

was going to do," Hayes said. "I worked hard to be at this point, and any given day I may lose or win a race. I'm not saying I can't be beaten, but tonight I'm the best hurdler in the world."



AP

Joanna Hayes of the U.S. reacts after winning the gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles Tuesday.

Medals	G	S	B	Tot.
	25	28	20	73
	24	15	12	51
	9	18	21	48

Sports Shorts

Jets Sign Carter as Backup



AP

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) - Quincy Carter ended up replacing the quarterback who took his spot in Dallas. In an odd switch, the quarterback cut by the Cowboys signed with the New York Jets on Tuesday and will back up Chad Pennington. Pennington's backup last season was 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde, who was released by the Jets in June and became the Cowboys' starter when Carter was let go.

U.S. Ward Will Get Medal

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - When faced with the toughest match of his career at the Olympics, Andre Ward fought



nearly the perfect fight. Ward upset two-time light heavyweight world champion Evgeny

Makarenko 23-16 in a quarterfinal bout Tuesday night, clinching a medal with the tournament's biggest upset to date. Nearly everything went according to plan for Ward, who hasn't lost a fight since 1998. The win guarantees him at least a bronze medal.