

"Thund-Her-Struck" Strikes Camp Eagle

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CAMP WAR EAGLE-First Team Soldiers at this eastern Baghdad base camp took a break July 2 when entertainers from the United States stopped by to perform as part of an Independence Day holiday Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) tour.

Under a bright summer sun, hundreds of 1st Brigade

Soldiers crowded around the stage they had built in front of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment (Task Force Lancer) headquarters to listen to the jokes of comedian Dan Smith and the rock and roll sounds of Thund-Her-Struck, an all-girl AC/DC tribute band from Los Angeles.

The entertainers said it was an honor for them to entertain the troops at War Eagle,

which is located in one of the most dangerous areas of Baghdad. Smith, who has family in the military, said that he always requests to do shows in areas like this one when on an MWR tour.

"Wherever it's hot, wherever it's dangerous, that's where I request to go," he said. "I know those are the guys that need it most."

When the girls of Thund-Her-Struck heard they were going to Camp War Eagle, their manager, Dwayne Ulloa, told them to be prepared for anything and everything. The band wasn't deterred by the idea of going into a combat zone, though.

"[I said] 'I can tell you that I know the military doesn't mess around when it comes to our safety, and they are going to do their utmost to provide us as much safety and security as they can. But we're going into the belly of the beast, so to

speakers,'" Ulloa, the event promoter, told the band. "And [the band members] put their flak jackets and their Kevlar helmets on, and hopped in the copter, and said 'Let's go rock their world.'"

At the show, Soldiers were set to 'rock and roll' as they crowded around the front of the stage, pumping their fists in the air, some of them singing along. Between songs, band members would pass out T-shirts and compact discs, and joke with Soldiers in the crowd. All the while, Camp Eagle Soldiers were getting a break from the rigors of life in a

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-Dan Smith, Comedian

combat zone.

"I think it was real good for everybody," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Gordon, a platoon sergeant with Company C, 2-5 Cav. "It was a nice break

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Sgt. Michael Philips, a gunner with the Task Force Lancer's Outlaws platoon, poses with the band Thund-Her-Struck at Task Force Lancer's headquarters on Camp War Eagle July 2. Philips, an avid guitar buff, had band members sign his guitar after they performed for Soldiers during a Morale, Welfare and Recreation tour to celebrate the Independence Day holiday in Iraq.

8th Engineers Battle Baghdad Trash Problem

By Spc. Bryan Kinkade
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KARADAH DISTRICT, Baghdad, Iraq – When the 8th Engineer Battalion arrived in Baghdad, its focus was to fight the garbage piled on Karadah

District's streets.

"We've moved almost a quarter million cubic meters - 125,000 tons – of trash," Capt. Tony Hearn, the battalion's solid waste coordinator, said. The battalion has spent approximately \$11 million on projects

to enhance the Karkh and Karadah districts' solid-waste systems.

On June 28, the 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team engineers purchased three dump trucks, capable of holding 18 tons of

garbage each, and one fuel truck for Karadah District Solid Waste Services.

Abdul Rezak, the director of solid waste services, told Hearn the trucks were one thing

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for everybody. We got to just chill out for a little bit and kind of forget about everything.”

After playing a full set of classic AC/DC tunes, Task Force Lancer commander, Lt. Col. Gary Volesky went on-stage to present the comedian and band members with certificates of appreciation. Then, following an encore performance, the band members stayed well into the night to sign autographs for Soldiers who lined up for a chance to meet with them.

Sgt. Michael Philips, a gunner with the Task Force Lancer’s Outlaws platoon, asked the members of Thund-Her-Struck to add their signatures to the guitar he’d brought from home.

“I’ve always been a music buff. Everything is guitar orientated. I know a lot about guitars, different people, what they play, what their strings are, what their amps are and their settings,” Philips said. “I thought it was kind of neat...I can say I have all their signatures on my guitar. That guitar’s value could go up.”

Stephanie Leigh, the Thund-Her-Struck drummer, said the show was the most



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Thund-Her-Struck singer, Dyna Shirasaki, hands the microphone to 1st Sgt. Erik Smith of the 1st Battalion, 82 Field Artillery Regiment, at a concert held at Camp War Eagle in eastern Baghdad July 2. The event, which included an appearance by comedian Dan Smith and the all-girl AC/DC tribute band, Thund-Her-Struck, was held as part of a Morale, Welfare and Recreation tour to celebrate the Independence Day holiday in Iraq.

interesting she’s ever played. Her band is accustomed to playing at Los Angeles night clubs and indoor entertainment venues. She said coming to Camp Eagle was a way for the band to show respect to Soldiers serving in Iraq.

“We’ve done several different tours, like to the Balkans and stuff, but when you’re

asked to come to Iraq to play for the troops, it’s like oh, you have to think about that for a second,” Leigh said. “But it’s an honor to come out. [These Soldiers] spend so much time out here, doing what [they] do for our country, that for us to come out and entertain and do such a small stint, it’s an honor. [These Soldiers] totally rock!”

Today in Cav

History

July 6



1950 - The 1st Cavalry Division alerted for deployment to Korea.

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► From historychannel.com

1942 In Nazi-occupied Holland, 13-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank and her family are forced to take refuge in a secret sealed-off area of an Amsterdam warehouse. The day before, Anne’s older sister, Margot, had received a call-up notice to be deported to a Nazi “work camp.”

1957 15-year-old Paul McCartney attends a church picnic near Liverpool, where he meets 16-year-old John Lennon.

1967 Five weeks after its secession from Nigeria, the breakaway Republic of Biafra is attacked by Nigerian government forces.

1971 Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong, one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, dies in New York City at the age of 69. A world-renowned jazz-trumpeter and vocalist, he pioneered jazz improvisation and the style known as swing.

Iraqi Word of the Day

river

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Tuesday

High: 113
Low: 82



Wednesday

High: 113
Low: 82



Thursday

High: 114
Low: 84



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While at Karadah District Solid Waste Services, Sgt. Jeffrey Lloyd, Headquarters Company, 8th Engineer Battalion, hands out a plastic baseball bat and a whistle ball to one of the children.

New Trucks, Dumpsters Aid in Clean-Up

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the service station needed, because some of the trucks had been stolen. So the contract was written up, the contractors were notified, and the trucks were delivered.

The new trucks will be used to transport garbage from the residential dump trucks to the transfer site, where long-haul trucks will transport it to the Abu Ghraib landfill.

In addition to the trucks, the unit bought and replaced 716 dumpsters and various parts for the trucks to get them in working order.

“We’ve repaired 26 trucks that were non-mission capable when we got here,” Hearn said.

As a problem that the 1st Armored Division faced in the past, many of the metal dumpsters spread throughout the city were stolen, but Hearn said he

is trying to prevent that from happening again.

“Theft and vandalism are always an issue,” he said. “We bought 30 percent more [dumpsters] than we need. The Iraqis will place them on truck routes, which will be supervised and, if possible [the dumpster’s will be] chained down.”

Hearn said his focus is finding places to put the garbage. Before the battalion started cleaning up the area, the garbage transfer site was over-filled and could not be used.

“I’ve been focusing on the systems and not the individual bubble gum wrappers,” he said. “I’ve seen quite an improvement [since arriving].”

Now that the dumpsters will be spread throughout the district, Hearn said the Iraqis will see the dumpsters and become more confident in the district’s garbage system.

...The Bombs Bursting in Air



Temple Daily-Telegram

Happy Birthday, America! - Fireworks explode over Miller Park Sunday night as Temple’s Fourth of July celebration comes to a close.



Anticipate Dusty Conditions

- o Zero visibility must be addressed in risk assessment
- o PPE (Goggles and scarves) save eyes and respiratory tracts

Freedom, Troops In U.S. Hearts, Minds



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Fourth of July fireworks explode over the Old State House in Little Rock on Sunday night. Thousands of people gathered in downtown Little Rock and North Little Rock to watch the finale to the Pops on the River event.

► From *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.-Valorie Holland wishes the people of Iraq could feel the way she did Sunday as she sat under the stars with her family at the Riverfest Amphitheatre in downtown Little Rock and listened to the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra play patriotic songs.

"You just wish you could bring them all over to America and let them see the freedoms that we have, just see how wonderful it is," said Holland, 53,

who teaches fourth-graders at a private school in Little Rock. "How can you bottle it up and take it over there?"

The day's festivities held a special significance for Holland and other Arkansans celebrating the country's second consecutive Independence Day at war.

From Little Rock's Pops on the River to a rubber-band shooting contest in Gillett, many revelers felt an extra surge of patriotism as they thought of loved ones serving abroad. Some showed their

pride with American flags and star-spangled T-shirts.

Along with activities such as a watermelon seed-spitting contest and wheelbarrow race, Petit Jean State Park's Fourth of July festival included a slide show titled "A Salute to the American Soldier."

It was the first year for the festival to include such a slide show, said Lori Anderson, a park interpreter who helped organize the festival.

"We're celebrating our freedoms and they're why we have our freedoms," Anderson said. She added that one of her friends is serving in Iraq, "so that's kind of in the forefront of my mind right now."

Pops on the River, sponsored by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, drew about 30,000 people to parks in Little Rock and North Little Rock. Revelers waved flags and campaign signs as an orchestra played in front of a huge American flag.

Democrat-Gazette Promotions Director Estel Jeffery dedicated the concert to Arkansans serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We want them to know that our hearts and our prayers are with them," Jeffery said. "We want them to return safely to their families here."

Holland, who wore a white blouse decorated with an

American flag, said she doesn't know anyone serving in Iraq but has a 23-year-old son who wants to go on a religious mission there.

She said she often "gets pretty excited" when teaching her pupils about patriotism.

"A lot of these kids, they don't have any frame of reference," Holland said. "They need to know their heritage."

Glenroy Charles of Little Rock wore a John Kerry sticker as he listened to the orchestra with his wife, Adelle. The 60-year-old immigrant from Trinidad said he prays for his son, an Army officer, and all other troops serving in Iraq.

"People should not take their freedom for granted," Charles said. "They should give thanks and praise for the freedom that they have."

Earlier in the day, at Burns Park in North Little Rock, Ruthie McGuire wore a bright red T-shirt with the logo "Patriotism: An American Tradition" as she

sat high in the bleachers and watched her 18-year-old grandson play baseball.

McGuire thought about a nephew serving in the war and another relative who works for a construction company in Iraq.

"We pray for our guys so much," McGuire said. "I know God will take care of them."

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-Valorie Holland, fourth-grade teacher, Little Rock

Race Promotes Health-Happy Pleasures of Boating

► From *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.-Landlubbers have learned to fear the mighty Arkansas River, and with reason.

That gushing immensity, fraught with unseen undertows, can grab the strongest swimmer and suck him down to doom. It's flat stupid to swim in that river.

But river-fear can also blind us to the safe, health-happy pleasures of boating.

In one small push to turn the tide of popular opinion, Dr. Rob Lambert directed the second annual Arkansas River Canoe & Kayak Race on June 27. Lambert, a cardiologist with Heart Clinic Arkansas, is one of the physicians donating time and ponderous amounts of money to improve recreation for all central Arkansans through the Headwaters Partnership.

Lambert sees his local shining stream as a sleek playground that does not charge him entry fees (other than the cost of a boat, storage and transportation for that boat, oars, personal floatation device, sunscreen ...).



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Former Olympian Mike Herbert of Rogers took an immediate lead in the Arkansas River Canoe & Kayak Race and kept paddling until he won the eight-mile in 50:09.

Other paddlers lucky enough to own canoes and kayaks agree with him. But with no boat vendors to rent crafts in the Little Rock area, paddling has a very low profile and few fitness-conscious people ever think of it as an option.

Former Olympic kayaker Mike Herbert of Rogers won the eight-mile race (in 50:09) — and there was never much doubt that

he would.

But at least one person in the race chose paddling for a moderate workout.

Jodi Morris of Jonesboro, who did the four-mile in 41:36, took up flat-water kayaking after she was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes five years ago.

She values the full-body workout she gets plying one of her five recreational touring kayaks along Craighead Forest Lake.



scores as of July 5
8:30 p.m. PDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 4
Tampa Bay 2

Game 2
Baltimore 8
Tampa Bay 2

Texas 8
Cleveland 5

New York 10
Detroit 3

Minnesota 9
Kansas City 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 1
Chicago 0

St. Louis 4
Cincinnati 1

Colorado 7
San Francisco 4

Atlanta 11
Montreal 4

Philadelphia 6
New York 5

Pittsburgh 3
Florida 1

Los Angeles 6 (10 innings)
Arizona 5

Houston
@ San Diego



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