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Welcome

Wow! Lots of great feedback from all the families back at home! We're glad the Dust Devil Dispatch is making it out to them. This will be a great new form of communication between them and their loved soldiers here in Iraq.

The articles are continuing to flow in. Soon we will be expanding the publication to have more than just four pages! That is great, the more the better. Keep the stuff coming in. E-mail your submissions to jay.gfeller@us.army.mil.

Pictures

This is Katie Elizabeth Huffman, born March 22, 2005 to Allen and Stephanie Huffman, Grandparents Thomas and Ruth Sprague.



Famous Quotes

History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid.

- General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Birthdays!

Sunday		
SGT R. Musgrove SGT J. Ferguson		
10		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
SGT A. Martin	CPT C. Albright	
11	12	13
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PFC S. Gentry	SGT J. Johnson SSG C. Becher	
14	15	16

Safety Alert

With the number of packages and letters that have been coming in, the Sapper II mail staff wants to remind all soldiers to be careful when disposing of their boxes and envelopes. These items contain personal information about you and your family that could be used by anti-coalition forces to contact them. Make sure you destroy all customs forms and cut all mailing labels from the boxes and envelopes before disposing of them. Either use scissors to cut them into little pieces, burn them in a coffee can, or use a shredder located in the offices to destroy these documents.

Remember, if any family member is contacted by a suspicious source, report it immediately so the proper actions can be taken to ensure yours and their safety!

Join Us
at Sapper II Chapel
for The Purpose Driven



Wednesdays
March 30 through May 11
1900-2000








An ergasiophobe is someone who is afraid of work.

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Weather

Date		Hi/Lo	Precipitation
Sunday April, 10	 P. Cloudy	90° / 64°	0%
Monday April, 11	 Windy	91° / 64°	0%
Tuesday April, 12	 Sunny	92° / 65°	0%
Wednesday April, 13	 Sunny	93° / 65°	0%
Thursday April, 14	 Sunny	95° / 65°	0%
Friday April, 15	 M. Sunny	95° / 70°	0%
Saturday April, 16	 P. Cloudy	90° / 70°	0%

Shout Box

Wed. April 6th

- I would like to wish my husband, SSG Linus Thuston a happy 12th wedding anniversary on April 10th. As they say, what doesn't kill us will make us stronger! Stay safe and return to me ASAP. With all my love, your darling wife. Debbie

If you have a shout you would like to add to our shout box, e-mail it to jay.gfeller@us.army.mil and you'll see it here next week!!!

Test Your Mind

In the last edition of The Dust Devil Dispatch, we asked the question, "What made the Dickin Medal of Valor unique during WWII?"

Pattie Paulsen was the only person to give the correct answer!!!

The medal was presented by Princess Alexandra, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and patron of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. The charity's founder, Maria Dickin, created the medal in 1943 to honor animals that served with distinction with British forces during World War II.

The 60th medal was presented to a dog named Buster who helped find weapons and drugs during Operation Iraqi Freedom. 32 World War II carrier pigeons, 23 dogs, three horses and a ship's cat have also received the award.

Events

 **TIME FOR WORSHIP** 

Wednesday
Bible Study - 1900

Saturday
Contemporary Service - 2000

Sunday
Contemporary Service - 0830
Traditional Service - 1000



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KC Royals

Submitted by SPC Amy Umbarger

The Kansas City Royals have announced a special Military Appreciation Ticket Program for the 2005 season. The program is designed to honor individuals in all branches of military service, including the National Guard. Military personnel and their families will receive free admission to any Sunday-Thursday home game during the upcoming season.



Details of the Military Appreciation Ticket Program are outlined below.

- Individuals must possess a valid military photo ID. Tickets will be limited to the individual and up to three family members.
- Tickets will be available for all Sunday-Thursday home games, based on availability. Due to advance sales, Military tickets for Opening Day on April 11 and the Sunday May 22 game against the St. Louis Cardinals will not be available.
- Seat locations will be in the lower-level Outfield Plaza sections.
- Tickets will be distributed only on game days at the Guest Ticket Window located on the home plate side of Kauffman Stadium. The window will open 90 minutes prior to all Sunday-Thursday games.

For more information see:

<http://www.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/emailArticleServlet?aid=406727>

To order tickets go to:

<http://kansascity.royals.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/kc/ticketing/index.jsp>

A full load of clothes will dry faster than a partial load.

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Contest



And the winner of our caption contest goes to...

**SPC Onnen
&
SSG Becher**

I told you we shouldn't have picked KU to win it all!

Pictures



ABOVE: The undefeated 891st Engineer Battalion Softball Team, the "Black Sheep" pictured after their championship win over the 194th Engineer Brigade. Also pictured LTC Tafanelli and BG Welch.



TOP: The sunset over Iraq. Taken by SPC Daugherty.

LEFT: SPC Babcock takes a break and eats some food out of an MRE during a mission.

GX Magazine

GX Magazine wants your story!



In an effort to get the word out about how the National Guard is changing the war front of the world, GX (Guard Experience) Magazine is running a special column called Patriotism : Freedom isn't free. And they want to add your story to this too.

Your stories of outstanding personal sacrifice for the cause of freedom would greatly inspire others. Your story will reach almost a half-million readers that currently receive GX Magazine.

If you have an inspiring story that you would like considered, e-mail it to GX Magazine - editor@gxonline.com with the subject of "Sacrifice Story" or send it via the postal service to:

GX : The Guard Experience
1625 Broadway, Third Floor
Nashville, TN 37203

AKO Update

Announcing the AKO iPod Giveaway!

We are rapidly approaching AKO's 300 millionth login, and to celebrate we will be giving away an [iPod Shuffle](#). To win, start logging in now! To learn more, visit [Inside AKO](#).

AKO Syndicated News (available now)

AKO Syndicated News has been in preview for the past few weeks ([AKO News Center](#)) and is now available to all AKO users. Any AKO user can create a customized news channel and add news stories from fifty topics. Learn all about it in the [AKO News Channel How To Guide](#).

New & Improved AKO Lite (available now)

The new & improved AKO Lite is now available! Weighing in at under 20k, AKO Lite is designed to provide you with a dramatic increase in speed over dial-up or satellite. AKO Lite gives you quick access to email, files, announcements, and most-popular pages; all other features are only a click away in full AKO.

>> To access AKO Lite, visit [AKO](#) and click on "Login to AKO Lite."

Each year, Americans use enough foam packing peanuts to fill ten 85-story skyscrapers.

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Events

15 & 16th of April

Comics on Duty. With comedians Lamar Williams, Steve Burr, Scott Darenger, and Tom Foss. Check out <http://www.comicsonduty.com> for more info on the group.

20 & 21st of April

The California Girls, an "all girl band" consisting of beautiful and talented ladies who sing their own brand of contemporary music.

<http://www.californiagirls.blizzard.com>

30th of April & 1st of May

Holowel Christian Music Group

Tallil / Boston Marathon

Monday, April 18th

Start at Garrison Command BLDG 327

At 0630 (registration starts at 0500)

Run or Walk 26.2 miles

or 4 man relay of 7, 7, 6, & 6.2 miles

POC: CPT Rodney Freeman 833-1044, BLDG 327, RM 2

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Tafanelli Time

The movement of troops into trailers has thus far been a successful mission. With over half of the occupants moved, our soldiers are in for a more enjoyable living condition. The new trailers provide obvious advantages over the life in a tent. The first and most obvious advantage would be the two person per room occupancy. It is outstanding that such resources are available to our soldiers on our highly advanced battlefield. Other improvements include stable air conditioning, increased restroom and showering resources and less dirt and bug problems. The largest complaint is about the distance the living area is from the work area, but with time this concern will eventually be outweighed by all the new opportunities and advantages that have opened with this move.

-LTC Lee E. Tafanelli
Commander
891st Engineer Battalion

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		27	43	70	
		NORTH CAROLINA			
		ILLINOIS			

FRG Notes

This area has been designed for the FRG to put things into our newsletter so soldiers can know what is happening back home just like this newsletter lets our families know what is happening here.

There is no update from any of the FRGs this week, but the Dust Devil Dispatch staff and all the soldiers here in Iraq would like to thank the FRG volunteers for all the support and aid given to our families during this time of separation. Also, I personally thank them for distributing the Dust Devil Dispatch to the family members to help alleviate some of the strain on getting the bulletin out each week.

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For submissions or subscriptions, please e-mail jay.gfeller@us.army.mil or stop by the 891st Battalion XO office. All submissions need to be completed by 17:00 on Thursdays. Submissions after this deadline will not be added until the following week.

If you wish to not receive this bulletin, please send an e-mail to the above address with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.

Visit the 891st Engineer Battalion Website for more information and photos!

<http://www.891engineerbattalion.com>