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## New DDD Feature Column

For the next couple of weeks, the Dust Devil Dispatch will be featuring a new column 'The Callihan Connection.' In this section you will find helpful hints on keeping your relation-'ship' floating on the ocean of life through effective communication. After this week, you'll be able to find the newest edition of 'The Callihan Connection' in the navigation bar on the left side of the screen. So without further delay, we present to you...

## The Callihan Connection

### Active Listening

by Chaplain (CPT) John Callihan

Often when my wife and I are having a conflict - an argument, I stop really listening to what she is saying. While she is presenting her point of view, my mind starts thinking of my next response. What am I going to say? When we stop listening and are only thinking of my our next hateful arrow to shoot, two-way communication is over. It is time to step back and start again.

When trying to resolve a conflict, make yourself listen to the other person. Remind yourself that you love the person, even if you disagree it is worth truly hearing their side. Try to understand their point of view.

In the Army, when leaders brief Soldiers about the next mission, they sometimes ask for a brief back. In other words, after the mission has been explained to the Soldier, the Soldier tells the leader, in the Soldier's own words what they understand the mission to be. The leader then has the opportunity to clarify any details that the Soldier missed.

When we are listening to our spouse or loved one, we should be like the Soldier listening to the leader. We should listen intently, as if we might have to brief back. Our goal while listening should be to truly hear and understand the others point of view.



**We might even start our response with something like, "What I hear you saying is that I upset you when I..." This will allow you to explain your understanding of the situation to your spouse and start a constructive form of communication flow between the two of you.**

**So, next time you are in disagreement over something, remember, stop and listen. Listening often speaks louder than anything you could ever say during an argument. You might even find out that there's no reason to argue at all!**

**Be sure to read again next week when we discuss 'Passing the Floor or Gavel.'**

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## Weather in Iraq

Date	.	Hi / Lo	Percip
Sunday August 14	 Sunny	116 / 79	0%
Monday August 15	 Sunny	118 / 80	0%
Tuesday August 16	 Sunny / Windy	119 / 81	0%
Wednesday August 17	 Sunny / Windy	119 / 81	0%
Thursday August 18	 Sunny / Windy	118 / 81	0%
Friday August 19	 Sunny / Windy	117 / 80	0%
Saturday August 20	 Sunny / Windy	117 / 80	0%

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## Quote of the Week

**"The quickest way to end a war is to lose it."**

**- George Orwell**

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## Question of the Week

**Last weeks question was, "What US General was killed by his own Bombers in Normandy in July of 1944?"**

**The Answer -**

Lieutenant-General Leslie James McNair



**Lesley James McNair (died July 25, 1944) was a general of the United States Army, who was killed by friendly fire during World War II. As Commandant of the Command and General Staff College, McNair initiated changes that prepared the College's graduates to meet the upcoming challenges of World War II.**

**In 1939, eighteen years after serving as an instructor at the General Service School at Fort Leavenworth—during which time he graduated from the Army School of the Line—General McNair returned to Fort Leavenworth to reform and update the instruction.**

**In 1942, General McNair was designated Commanding General, Army Ground Forces. Once he was satisfied that the Army could operate in large bodies he concentrated on revising training to simulate the conditions that the Army was facing in North Africa.**

**McNair was killed July 25, 1944 near St. Lo during Operation Cobra, by a misplaced aerial bombardment. He was the highest-ranking American to be killed in action in World War II.**

**It was said of LTG McNair that he did more than train men—he realized that no army can be fully effective unless it is properly**



organized, correctly equipped, adequately led, and completely trained. His insistence on these fundamentals, especially realistic training, helped save untold thousands of American lives.

Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. was renamed in his honor in 1948. In 1954 Congress promoted him posthumously to the rank of General.

Those who answered correctly: SGT Linus Thuston, SSG Michael Yoho, Rebecca Aguirre, SPC Keri Lane, and SPC Chris Daugherty.

Thanks to all who participated!!!

### THIS WEEKS QUESTION

In the statement, "Chief Hopkins just got his Budweiser!" what is a 'Budweiser'? (Hint: Think Navy SEALs)

Please use the form below to answer this weeks question.

Your Name:

Your E-mail:

Answer:



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## Events

**Tallil will hold a talent show on the 20th of August. Everyone that is able is encouraged to apply, see advertisement below for details!**

**All Coalition Forces and DOD Civilians Welcome to Perform!!!**

**All Types/Styles of Music!!**

**Comedy!**  
**Skits!**  
**Poetry!**  
**Dance!**

**Ali Idol**  
**Talent Show**

**Sign-up at the Hot Spot by 16 Aug!!**

**Scheduled practices on 17 & 18 August 1600**

**Show date set for 20 Aug**

*POC: TSgt Shimkus at 445-2306 to register or for more details!!!*

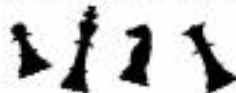
**If you are needing help with math or science skills, the Ali Education office has Open Tutoring Sessions every Tuesday from 1700 - 1900 hrs.**

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# What's Happening at your MWR?

Nightly tournaments and events. Play for prizes or just bragging rights!!

**Mondays**  
**@ 1900**



**Chess Club...** Free your mind...or just decide to use it for a while!

**Tuesdays**  
**@ 1900**



**Ping Pong...** doubles and singles

**Thursdays**  
**@ 1900**



**Backgammon**



**Scrabble...**  
Put on your Thinking caps!

**Fridays**  
**@ 1900**



**Death and destruction**  
.....'nuff said!!!



**Billiards**  
8 and 9 Ball

**Saturdays**  
**@ 1900**



**Slap down**  
Them Bones!!!!



**Who's the best?**

**Sundays**  
**@ 1900**



**Spades....**Cut throat cards at it's Finest!!!

Check it out at Bldg 327 or call SSG Swan at 833-1745

If you know of an event not listed here, contact me at [jay.gfeller@us.army.mil](mailto:jay.gfeller@us.army.mil).

# STEP BY STEP THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

MONDAY NIGHTS  
1900HRS  
AT SAPPER II CHAPEL  
STARTING MAY 16TH

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## Notice

**SGT Jared Worley, Alpha Company 891st Engineer Battalion is in the process of making a new web site for the Alpha Companies of the 891st Engineer Battalion and 230th Engineer Battalion. Some of the site is still under construction, but it can be viewed at <http://www.alpha891st.com>**

**Please stop by and check it out. It looks very professional and SGT Worley is doing a great job. Can't wait to see the completed web site!**

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**Don't forget the '*Life in Iraq Collage*' project that was started last week. **ABOUT THE PROJECT.** There have not been any submissions at this time, so please encourage others to participate.**

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## Whose Dress?



What is Whose Dress? [CLICK HERE TO LEARN!](#)

Don't forget to post a lead, we'll need  
your help to track down the owner!

This weeks Top Lead.

**It's got to be one of the higher ranking official's family member. Gatta be. It's the perfect outfit for traveling. It packs well, doesn't wrinkle so you don't have to worry if your're someplace where you don't have an iron handy.**

**\*NOTE\* Sounds like the person who left this lead knows a lot about the dress. This is suspiciouse so we're looking into it and seeing if the owner is trying to mislead us by posting false leads.**

***We'll continue to follow this and every lead we get in hopes to find the real owner. Thanks for everyone's help!***

This weeks innocent people.





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## Shout Box

### Saturday August 13th

- Nick, congratulations on the purple ribbon at the 4-H Fair on your bucket calf. Cesca, great job on your dance recital. Tammy, thank you for being you! From your loving husband and father.

- TO MY SGT. SWINK. IT'S AUGUST!!! JUST A FEW WEEKS, AND YOU WILL BE SITTING IN YOUR RECLINER WITH YOUR REMOTE!!!AND I CAN HARDLY WAIT. HOPFULLY I'LL FIND THE AIRPORT.. YOU KNOW ME!!. I LOVE YOU AND AM SO PROUD OF YOU..BE SAFE..FOREVER AND ALWAYS NEFUS XXXXX OOOOO

- To SSG Jim Edwards my loving husband and great father of our little "angel". We miss you and hope that you are safe and we want you to know that we are very proud of you. We can not wait untill you come home to us. Also, Destiny misses you too. Come back soon. Love Judy and Maddie a/k/a Pickles

### Sunday August 7th

- Sgt. Carriger it wont be long now! I miss you so so much I love you. Mandy

- To Olivia Stewart: Thanks for being so supportive of me. Cant wait to get home so i can put my arms back around you. Love you babe!! Brian Stewart

- CW3 Pat Norton-Can't wait for your safe return home!! All our love and kisses, Busy and ME!



## **Monday August 8th**

- Sgt. Hall, Sgt Carriger, PFC Givens Hi I miss u. I mis u. I cant wait untill u get home. I love u. Love DEVANY

- Dennis Sewell, Happy 41st Birthday, August 15th. You are older than I am, once again! Take care of yourself, I'm proud of you! Joe

- Lt. Dennis Sewell. HAPPY BIRTHDAY on the 15th. We miss you and Love you so much. Be safe. Love Mom & Dad

- spc ruppel we are on the home stretch now i love you so much and i can't wait to see your face and hug you i love you so much, your wife Lindsey Ruppel

- CPT. Brent Zeigler, Happy Birthday on August 13. Hope you have a great day. From The War Brides.

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## **Tuesday August 9th**

- Cpt. Roger Zeigler-Happy birthday on the 13th. We love and miss you. We'll say a prayer for you on you special day. Keep save. Love, Dad, Mom, and the rest of the family.

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## **Wednesday August 10th**

- SPC WOOD..WORDS CAN'T BEGIN TO SAY HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU..I MISS YOU MORE THAN YOU KNOW..I LOVE YOU SO MUCH AND AM PROUD TO BE YOUR WIFE...I CAN'T WAIT TILL YOU ARE ABLE TO COME HOME ON LEAVE..AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2 WEEKS THAT WE WILL HAVE TOGETHER.. JUST WISH IT WERE NOW..I DO LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU.. HAVE A GREAT DAY..AND STAY SAFE..YOU R IN MY PRAYERS..LOVE ALWAYS AND FOREVER NET

- DADDY, WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU AND PRAY FOR YOU.. COME HOME SAFE..HAVE A GREAT DAY..:) WOODMAN, SPIDER,TUCKER

- TO ALL MY FRIEDNS OF THE 891ST YOU ARE ALL IN MY PRAYERS..AND YOU ARE MISSED VERY MUCH..HURRY

**HOME... JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH U ALL MEAN  
TO ME..THANKS FOR THE FREEDOM YOU ARE FIGHTING FOR..  
AND ALL YOU ARE DOING FOR THE USA AND IRAQ..  
LANNETTE WOOD**

**Post a shout in the next edition:**

**Shouts will be accepted until 1700hrs on Thursday, any shouts  
after that will be posted in the next week's edition.**

**Type in this box exactly what you want the Shout to say.**

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