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## Hurricane Katrina

by SPC Jay R. Gfeller

Since August 29th when Hurricane Katrina made landfall in the Gulf Region of the United States, it has been impossible to pick up a newspaper, turn on the television, or listen to the radio without hearing stories about this tragic event that has struck the United States. People across the country have been affected in one way or another by these events and the outpouring of relief and emergency response has been like none other in the history of the United States.

This week, we would like to show our support to the men and women of the Armed forces who have placed their lives on hold to respond to these horrific events. To do so, we have compiled a list of articles dedicated to the men and women of the military who have answered their call-to-duty to help the victims of this natural disaster.

### *GX Online Coverage of Hurricane Katrina*

- [256th Brigade Ready to Support Hurricane Task Force](#)
- [Guard Military Police, Infantrymen Keep Street Order](#)
- [DoD Adapting Katrina Support to Meet Changes](#)
- [Mississippi Guardsman Counters 'Too Slow' Criticism](#)
- [OKARNG use Thermal Imaging Technology to Locate N.O. Residents](#)
- [Engineers Fix Breaches, Pump N.O. Floodwaters](#)
- [GEN Cody Praises Louisiana Guard](#)
- [Two West Virginia Soldiers Promoted in Field](#)
- [Guard Readies for Possible Ophellia Mission](#)

### *Virtual Armory Coverage of Hurricane Katrina*

- [Photo Collection from Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort](#)

### *The National Guard Coverage of Hurricane Katrina*

- [Families of Deployed Soldiers Affected By Hurricane Katrina](#)
- [Emergency Numbers for People in Distress](#)
- [Hurricane Katrina News Coverage](#)
- [Photos](#)

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Many people have donated time and money to the relief efforts, if you would like to give money to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, please visit the [American Red Cross](#).



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## The Callihan Connection

### Love Letters

by Chaplain (CPT) John Callihan

Last week ([click here](#)) we talked about what exactly love is, this week we will look at a unique way of maintaining that magic that comes with love.

There is a lost art in maintaining relationships today. It is writing of love letters. This is one of the negatives of our technological age. It is too easy to pick up a phone, send an e-mail, or chat on the internet. I am not saying that there is anything wrong with phone calls, e-mail, or internet chatting. All three are wonderful ways to stay in touch and keep our relationships strong. We are truly blessed during this deployment to have these communication methods available. The problem is, we have lost the necessity to write old-fashioned love letters.

Taking time to write a love letter means there is a time to contemplate. We reflect on why we love the other person and on what we want to express to them. Phone calls are immediate. The conversation goes back and forth quickly. Both sides are thinking and sometimes speaking, simultaneously. Of course, phone calls allow the tone of voice and rhythm of conversation to add to the dialogue. Internet chatting loses the tone and rhythm and is a little more back and forth. There is a little more contemplation about what message you want to send, but if you are like me, much of your thinking is wrapped up in trying to figure out how to send the message in a short sentence, rather than focusing on the message's content. E-mails allow some time to truly reflect and contemplate before hitting 'SEND,' but even so, they still fall short of the passion and thought that can be poured into an old-fashioned love letter.

Give it a try. Take some time, truly think about why you love that other person. Put it down on paper. Read through it. Think over it again. Re-write it if necessary. When you get it right, put it in the mail. Walk away from the post office box with a smile. Know that you have not only been in touch with your heart, but the letter will touch the heart of the reader too!

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## Weather in Iraq

Date	.	Hi / Lo	Percip
Sunday September 18	 Sunny / Windy	110 / 71	0%
Monday September 19	 Sunny / Windy	108 / 71	0%
Tuesday September 20	 Sunny / Windy	105 / 69	0%
Wednesday September 21	 Sunny / Windy	105 / 69	0%
Thursday September 22	 Sunny / Windy	107 / 70	0%
Friday September 23	 Sunny / Windy	107 / 68	0%
Saturday September 24	 Sunny / Windy	106 / 68	0%

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## Quote of the Week

**You will never find time for anything. If you want time you must make it.**

**- Charles Buxton**

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## Question of the Week

Last weeks question was, "The movie 'Regeneration' (AKA 'Behind The Lines') tells the story of soldiers treated for shell-shock in a Welsh hospital. Two of them were important WWI poets. Which of them wrote these lines: 'The scribes on all the people shove and bawl allegiance to the state, but they who love the greater love lay down their life; they do not hate'?"

The Answer -



Wilfred Owen

Owen is regarded by some as the leading poet of the First World War, known for his war poetry on the horrors of trench and gas warfare. He died in action in France in 1918; most of his poetry was published posthumously.

Born at Plas Wilmot near Oswestry in Shropshire on the 18th of March 1893 of mixed English and Welsh ancestry, he was educated at the Birkenhead Institute and at Shrewsbury Technical School. He worked as a pupil-teacher at Wyle Cop School while studying for the University of London entrance exams then, prior to the outbreak of World War I, as a private

tutor at the Berlitz School in Bordeaux, France.

On 21st October 1915, he enlisted in the Artists' Rifles and in January 1917 was commissioned as a second lieutenant with The Manchester Regiment. After some traumatic experiences, Owen was diagnosed as suffering from shell shock and sent to Craiglockhart War Hospital in Edinburgh for treatment. It was whilst recuperating at Craiglockhart that he was to meet fellow poet Siegfried Sassoon, an encounter which was to transform Owen's life.

Sassoon had a profound effect on Owen's poetic voice, and Owen's most famous poems (*Dulce et Decorum Est* and *Anthem for Doomed Youth*) show direct results of Sassoon's influence. Owen's poetry would eventually be more widely acclaimed than that of his mentor, which has led to the misconception that Owen was naturally the superior artist. While his use of pararhyme, with its heavy reliance on assonance, was both innovative and, in some of his works, quite brilliant, he was not the only poet at the time to utilize that particular technique.

As for his poetry itself, its content was undeniably changed by his work with Sassoon. Sassoon's emphasis on realism and 'writing from experience' was not exactly unheard of to Owen, but it was not a style which he had previously made use of. Sassoon himself contributed to this by his strong promotion of Owen's poetry, both before and after Owen's death.

Thousands of poems were published during the war, but very few of them had the benefit of such strong patronage, and it is as a result of Sassoon's influence, as well as support from Edith Sitwell and the editing of his poems into a new anthology in 1921 by Edmund Blunden that ensured his popularity, coupled with a revival of interest in his poetry in the 1960s which plucked him out of a relatively exclusive readership into the public eye.

Owen, however, would have strongly disagreed with the assumption that he was superior, or even that he was a poet opposed to war. His poems criticize the conditions of the First World War, but his poetry is relatively unconcerned with its motives. He held Sassoon in an esteem not far from hero-worship, remarking to his mother about Sassoon that he was "not worthy to light his pipe". Several incidents in Owen's life, as well as some of his poems (e.g. *It was a navy boy*) and his circle of friends in London, have led to the conclusion that he was a closet homosexual, and that he was attracted to Sassoon as a man as well as a more experienced poet. Surviving letters show quite clearly that he was in love with Sassoon, but there is no evidence that Sassoon reciprocated his feelings, or that their relationship ever became sexual. Indeed Sassoon rarely mentions him in either letters or diaries from the time, and in 1946 described his behavior at Craiglockhart War Hospital as 'consistently cheerful'. However, Harold Owen, Wilfred's brother, was responsible for Owen's letters and diaries after his

**mother Susan died. Harold Owen is now credited with the destruction and editing of hundreds of Owen's letters, including scoring out sections and destroying others. He was also responsible for changing the commendation of Wilfred's Owen's Military Cross so that it looked less bloodthirsty and more in keeping with the popular perception of the sensitive officer poet.**

**Wilfred Owen was devastated by Sassoon's decision to return to the front, though he left Craiglockhart before Sassoon did. He was stationed in Scarborough on home-duty for several months, during which time he associated with members of the artistic circle into which Sassoon had introduced him, including Robert Ross and Robert Graves. During this period he developed the stylistic voice for which he is now recognized.**

**Those who answered correctly: SPC Keri Lane, Too Easy, Heidi Briery, SSG Michael Yoho, and SSG John Sheehan!**

**Thanks to all who participated!!!**

### **THIS WEEKS QUESTION**

**"What is the first repeating rifle adopted by the armed forces of Norway?" (hint: A repeating rifle is one that has a single barrel containing multiple rounds of ammunition that load from a reservoir chamber by means of manual or automatic mechanism. This is also one of the first repeating arms adopted anywhere in the world.)**

**Please use the form below to answer this weeks question.**

**Your Name:**

**Your E-mail:**

**Answer:**

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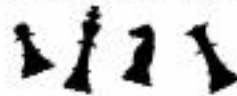
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**If you are needing help with math or science skills, the Ali Education office has Open Tutoring Sessions every Tuesday from 1700 - 1900 hrs.**

### 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).

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## Notice

Don't forget the '*Life in Iraq Collage*' project. [ABOUT THE PROJECT.](#) The submissions to date have been wonderful and we are looking forward to more! We still have not recieved any submissions from any Servicemembers and these are needed! If you are a family member, we encourage you to submit, and also encourage your Soldier to do the same. I have started to compile the submissions we have recieved and also conteneue to work on a history of the entire deployment to accompany the project once completed. The submission date has been extended through the end of our deployment to allow for as many people as possible to submit information and also because we will not be able to release some of the information until the deployment is over. To submit something, you may use the form found on the project page (link above) or e-mail them to me at [jay.gfeller@us.army.mil](mailto:jay.gfeller@us.army.mil). Submissions can be photo's, video, writing, or any other thing you think may be relevant to this project.

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In efforts to support the troops serving overseas, the Ultra Flight Magazine has devoted a page in each magazine to the members of the Armed Forces. In addition, they are sending free copies of the magazine to Soldiers serving in Iraq to show their dedication to supporting those who are serving our great country. The following is an exert from the Ultra Flight Website, please stop by there and show your support to their efforts and see what they have to offer. [UltraFlight.com](http://UltraFlight.com)

"Allison Givens is the newest member of the UltraFlight team. She has been handling subscriptions, classified ads, and many other duties for several months now. She has also been forwarding a copy of UltraFlight to her husband Aaron, who is currently serving in Iraq.

*Aaron let us know how much the young men and women have*

***been enjoying the magazine. In fact, they have been waiting in line to share the copy that Aaron receives each month. Our publisher decided to send additional copies of the magazine to the forces serving in Iraq so that more service men and women could have their own copy.***

***After contacting several ranking officers in the Iraq theater and making the appropriate arrangements, UltraFlight Magazine has been making copies available to troops at no cost to them. We have already been receiving positive feedback from the troops in Iraq, and in continued support of them, we have dedicated a page in the magazine to them.***

***On this page, we are giving you all the chance to share photos of your loved ones as they are currently serving overseas. Each month, we will select three new photos of these individuals to be shown on this page. This page will be dedicated to the men and women serving in Iraq. It will not only remind us of our loved ones, but of their dedication to duty and our country.***

***Once again, it has been very exciting to hear how many troops share our love of flying, and we hope that they will also look forward to seeing who is featured in upcoming issues. We ask that you send your photos along with name, rank, and hometown, and we will be proud to display them in our magazine, and also on our website at [www.ultraflight.com](http://www.ultraflight.com).***

***We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tim Dilliner, who helped create this page. Not only is he a talented graphic artist, he served in one of the first units to be deployed to Iraq. We are all proud to be able to given this token of our appreciation to the many men and women putting their lives on the line in the service of our country.***

***If you would like to submit your photo, [click here.](#)"***



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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.

I do not work at Haldex in Iola BUT I was there in Friday, September 9th. The dress was still in the Human Resources Department. Hear rumor that a staff member needed the dress for a party or something.

**NOTE - We have looked into this and found this to be the truth, unfortunately we could not locate the person who thought they needed it for the party. The dress was located and boxed up to be shipped to Iraq. If all goes as planned, we should have it in the next week or two.**

This weeks innocent people.

**There are no innocent pictures for this week!**



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## Shout Box

### Saturday September 10th

- hey smiley..happy belated birthday..thanks for being a friend when i need someone to talk to..hope you have a great day.. your friend..arnery

- Sgt. J.Shulte, Happy 7th Anniversary on the 19th! Next year will celebrate it properly! I love you and miss you, but you already know all of that! Be safe, and I hope to hear from you soon. All my love always, brenda

### Sunday September 11th

- PFC Huffman just wanted to let you know that you are in our prayers and that you are missed. Cindy sends her love to you and can't wait to see you. Love your sister and niece

- B. Manley I couldn't even begin to tell you how PROUD I am of you. I completely believe that God is rewarding you for all of the hard work and dedication you have put forth throughout the last 23 years. The sacrifices you have made for your country, family and for "us" has just been proven to have been well worth it. I cannot wait for your return so we can celebrate!! You continuously amaze me everyday with your thoughtfulness and strength. You give me so much and ask for so little in return. Thank you for loving me and letting me be THE ONE to Witness and SHARE all of your dreams coming true. I'm always HERE and WITH you. All my Love, Always, Amber

- Hey Will~ I wanted to let you know that I love you and I'm thinking of you. Thanfully, I was allowed to stay here at home with the Red Cross...although, I'm sure they'll have plenty for

me to do in our local shelter soon enough. Be safe Mon Amour!  
Robin

- *[edited for content]* Happy birthday Todd hope you have a good and fun day on the 24th. Time is running down for all of us. The 891st has done a great job likw they always shine. Keep it up and come home safe dear. Love always and forever Lois

- SGT Sanders, we miss you like crazy. Your son mentions something about you each day. He has lots of things for you to buy him when he gets home. I guess he thinks you will spoil him. I love you Michael and I miss you like crazy. We've made it this far and are now counting down the days that you will be with us always. Love you, your wife and son, Cheryl and Shane

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### **Monday September 12th**

- SPC. Jason Loden, Just wanted you to know we are all thinking of you & missing you, we are so proud of you. Have a happy birthday #28 on the 30th. Love Mom,Dad,& the girls Alexis & Hevyn

- SFC Todd Schainost, Happy birthday Daddy, What are ou doing on your birthday? On your birthday I will be sleeping Sorry. We will send you your menu in a private email. HaHA. Love you Blake

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOT TODDIE! From your BIGGGGGGGGGGGG Brothers, Love and miss you.

- SFC Schainost Todd, Because of 39 years on the 24th we will always remember you take care. We will have a big 40 next year. Love and miss you always, Dad and Mom

- Hey Boring, We didn't forget you on your Birthday so even though this is late Happy Birthday and we miss you and are thinking about you. You could send and email every now and again even if it is one word long....Tammi, Taryn and TJ

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### **Thursday September 15th**

**- SFC Todd Schainost AKA ONE STEP HILL TOPPER Suprise!!!!  
Happy B-Day. I'll Spank you with your favorite leather belt soon.  
I'll drink one for you, and 11 for me. Your one and only  
xoxoJxoxo**

**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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