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The Dust Devil Is Back!

by SPC Jay R. Gfeller

As you probably have noticed already, the past few weeks there has not been a Dust Devil Dispatch. I was home on leave and had planned to update the Dust Devil Dispatch while there, but due to laziness and a lack of being around a computer, that did not happen. The good news however is leave was great and now I'm back and so is the Dust Devil Dispatch!

This weeks 'Shout Box' will have all the shouts in it from the past few weeks and the 'Question of the Week' will pick up where it left off. Also, the dress is in Iraq, so check out the 'Whose Dress' section for updates and pictures! Enjoy!

Also, I have a short announcement for all the family and friends back home from the 891st Battalion Post Master.

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Name Calling is Not Acceptable

by Chaplain (CPT) John Callihan

Often when our conversation becomes heated, the discussion deteriorates into an argument and hurtful names start to fly. "You're an idiot!" one might yell. "You uncaring jerk!" the other responds. What is the purpose of name calling? It is simply an attempt to hurt and demean the other person. Sometimes an especially mean name is used to shock the other person. There is no good reason to allow name calling.

Decide with your spouse or loved one that name calling will not be allowed. If someone uses a hurtful name, have an agreed upon rule that you will stop the argument and take a 'cool-off' period.

There will be argument in close relationships. How we handle these conflicts is very important. Having some simple rules like this can keep the conflict under control. The goal is to seek resolution and to maintain the relationship. Name calling doesn't help. We might like to think, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." The truth is, words can hurt. Don't allow name calling.

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Submitted by: Joyce (Manley) Helms

**When I was a little girl, I followed him around
I thought he knew most everything;
Though we lived in a very small town
I'd beg him to tell me stories at night
Even scary ones would be alright
He played his guitar just for me
And we pretended I was the crowd you see
He loved to tease me, and really still does
He's always been my hero, and so I look above
And ask God to watch over him, each and every night
He's Very far away you see; Fighting for what is right
I know he's doing what he must
And for that I have respect and trust
That safe again to home he'll return
And for his sacrifice I've learned
The most important things in life
Are worth the worry and the fight
We live in a country where men like these
Give their lives everyday over foreign seas
I'll always be proud of him for what he's done
But more importantly; for what he's become
A true Soldier you'll see in his eyes
And one that would never Compromise
His country or family for the sake of himself
His men and his troops mean more then he tells
His Pride and honor show deep within
And don't get me wrong, he's not without sin
He's only human, but a hero today
Though if you called him that personally he'd just smile and say
He's doing his job, what he was trained to do**

For the United States Army Proud and True
Hope he makes it home soon so we can see each other
You see he's very special to me....
.....He's my Big Brother.

Love ya Brother Bait.....





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Weather in Iraq

Date		Hi / Lo	Percip
Sunday October 16	 Sunny / Windy	98 / 64	0%
Monday October 17	 Sunny / Windy	98 / 64	0%
Tuesday October 18	 Sunny / Windy	99 / 63	0%
Wednesday October 19	 Sunny / Windy	98 / 63	0%
Thursday October 20	 Sunny / Windy	98 / 63	0%
Friday October 21	 Sunny / Windy	97 / 63	0%
Saturday October 22	 Sunny / Windy	97 / 63	0%

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Well, I can't just say where we are, but we're not in Kansas anymore.

- An embedded reporter commenting on troop movements in Iraq.

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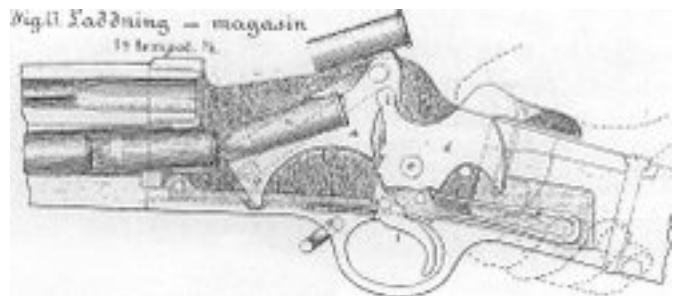
Question of the Week

Last weeks question was,

"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.)"

The Answer -

The Krag-Petersson Rifle



The Krag-Petersson rifle was the first repeating rifle adopted by the armed forces of Norway, and one of the first repeating arms used anywhere in the world. Developed by Ole Herman Johannes Krag, the action of the Krag-Petersson was uniquely actuated by the oversized hammer. Another distinguishing feature was that the cartridge rising from the magazine was not seated automatically, but had to be pushed into the breech of the rifle.

Testing by the Norwegian military revealed that the Krag-Petersson was a robust, accurate and quick firing weapon, and the Royal Norwegian Navy adopted the rifle in 1876. The rifle was also extensively tested by other nations, but not adopted. After being phased out around 1900, the remaining rifles were sold off to civilians, and often extensively rebuilt. Today it is so difficult to find one in original condition that the Krag-Petersson has been described as "the rifle everybody has heard about, but

hardly anybody has ever seen"[1]. It was the first rifle designed by Ole H. J. Krag that was adopted by an armed force.

Those who answered correctly: SPC Eric Lawrence, SPC Keri Lane, SSG Michael Yoho, SSG John Sheehan, Patty Paulsen, and Valerie Winegar!

Thanks to all who participated!!!

THIS WEEKS QUESTION

"If you have been awarded the same ribbon nine times, you would display your ribbon with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters on your Class A Uniform. If you were to be awarded that ribbon for the 10th time, how would you display this on your Class A Uniform?"

Please use the form below to answer this weeks question.

Your Name:

Your E-mail:

Answer:



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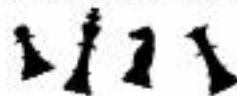
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If you are needing help with math or science skills, the Ali Education office has Open Tutoring Sessions every Tuesday from 1700 - 1900 hrs.

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 love to sing, every Saturday in October there will be karaoke night at the Sprung Center starting at 2000 hrs.

This Wednesday (19 OCT 05) there is an Education Briefing, 1500 hrs, at the MWR TV Room (Main Post MWR) for all who are interested in picking up some college credits.

If you know of an event not listed here, contact me at jay.gfeller@us.army.mil.



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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

"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.

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.

The dress has arrived in Iraq! Now it's time to start searching through the soldiers of the battalion to see if the owner might be deployed with us. We'd like to know who you'd like to see in the dress, so send us some leads with your guess of who the owner of the dress is.

This weeks innocent people.

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Saturday September 17th

- Hay Wanda, just a not to say happy anniversary on the 26th. After 35 years my LOVE for you still grows by the day. You are the Love of my life and I miss you. I look forward to the next 35 years. All my LOVE forever. Your husband, lover and best friend John SHMILY

- spc. wood..can't wait till you are home on leave counting the days till i see ou.. I miss you so much and i love you..have a great day..and despite what everyone else says i am supporting you in whatever you do.. and you know what i mean..kids are fine..working on getting a visit set for you..take care and will see you soon..remember i love you net

- Spc. Jason Herter-Happy 1st Anniversary! I love you so much and miss you. Come Home Soon! Enjoy your day! Love your wife Stephanie

- SPC. Eaton-Just wanted to say happy birthday! #28 on the 27th! Wish you could be here to celebrate with us. We miss you and love you much. Counting down the days baby! Love your 3 girls

- To my number "8" It's just a simple number and the number is "8", we did together and dind't even try, it's something to remember and something to make you smile each and everyday, remember that I Love You

Sunday September 18th

- Sgt Dudley-I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful two



weeks. I miss you more everyday. I want you to know that I will be thinking of you on your birthday, the 21st. The kids love you and miss you so much. I love you, take care and come back home soon. All our love, Angela, Tiff, Caiden, & Junior

- SSG Jim Edwards, just wanted to wish you a Happy 10 yr Wedding Anniversary on the 30th . I know you kept saying it seems like 100, but I love you very very much anyway. Keep your head down. Love you Judy.

Monday September 19th

- SFC Tracy Williams- We love and Miss you!! It's down hill from now on. Can't wait to see you. Be safe!! Love ya! Teresa, Shai, and Baylee

- SGT. Snoddy Congrats to you on your promotion. All of us back home are very proud of you. Stay safe and hope to hear from you soon. Dawn

- Hey ugly, aka SGT E. Smith, what's up? Saving old blue for your return, nothing much going on here. Tell the boys hi for me. Jerry

- CSM John Ryan Wish we could be together for our 35 annv. But I want you to know that you are the love of my life and I am very prud of the job you are doing. All my love Wanda

Wednesday September 21st

- hi SPC, Ruppel just wanted to say hi adn that we are almost done u will be home soon i hope. i love u and think about u everyday love u

Saturday September 24th

- SGT Dudley, just wanted to tell you that we mis you and can't wait for you to come home. I hope your birthday was the best it could be. Take care of you. All our love, Angela, Tiff, Caiden and

Junior

Sunday September 25th

- Je T'aime Mon Amour... I wanted to let you know we're all thinking of you back home. This kids wanted to let you know that they miss you and love you. We've begun the countdown for your return...Robin

-hey will ruby, can't wait to see you double fistin budweisers soon! take care. your buds at the long shot

Wednesday September 28th

- Sgt Kitts in Co. A and wife back here at home waiting for you- Happy Wedding Anniversary on Oct 7th. We love you! Kevin and Carol

Monday October 10th

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Thursday October 13th

- My Sgt. Swink.... I'm sorry your leave was such a bummer. The most important thing is that you are feeling better now!!! I'm so glad you got to meet little Ben. We love you and miss you more than anything. Be safe and call when you can... We are so proud of you!!! All of our love Ann&Todd

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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