



Websense, firewalls keep network running

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Internet firewalls have become an integral part of the Internet life on Camp Victory. While complaints may be heard about the limited access to some sites, Websense and its components keep servicemembers surfing the web.

The system not only blocks possible intruders, but monitors the actions of every computer connected to the network. In addition, media devices, such as MP3 players are banned from military computer uses, as they are a possible source of computer virus transfer.

“All traffic is logged and reviewed by (Victory Base Complex) Information Assurance.

improve them.

“The operating system for the firewall has been upgraded and Websense is active on all (non-secure internet protocol router networks) within VBC, so all traffic is centrally logged and reviewed by IA,” said Lozano.

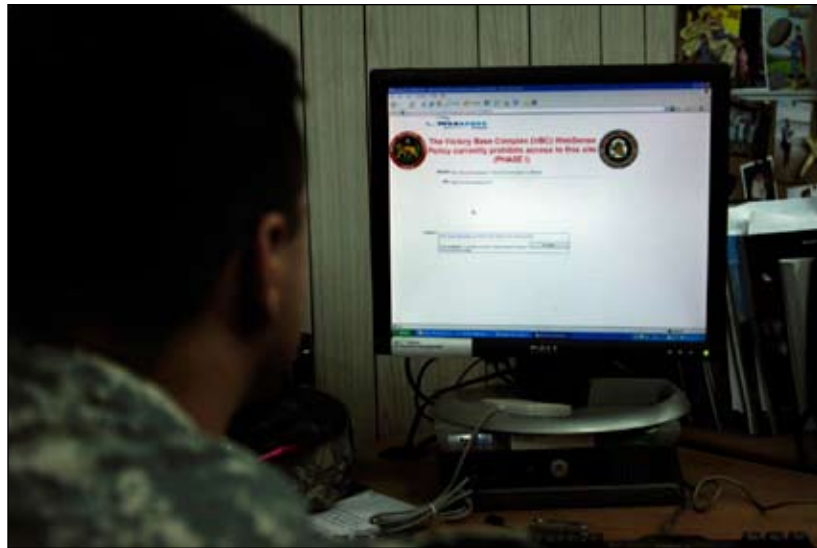
Firewalls usually take five days to design and test before the old firewall is taken off and a new one is installed, said Lozano.

While firewalls prevent hazards to the Internet access on Camp Victory, there are questions and controversy surrounding the limitations that it places in some areas.

“All of my family has a certain Internet site that they load pictures onto and I am not able to access it due to the new firewall settings,” said Staff Sgt. Dawn Keesee, nuclear biological-chemical non-commissioned officer-in-charge, Special Troops Battalion, Multi-National Corps-Iraq. “I just wish that I could better understand why some Internet sites are not allowed, even if they don’t have questionable material on them and why sometimes I can get on and other times I can’t.”

Intermittent holes in the firewall are prevalent on a recurring basis and the cause is usually maintenance on the firewall system, said Lozano. These lapses in the firewall’s regular running may account for the changes in each servicemember’s Internet access.

While firewalls may keep Coalition members from being able to surf all the sites of their choice, it keeps the Internet running for NIPR users so that the lines of communication stay open, concluded Lozano.



A Soldier is denied access by Websense to a popular blogging website while using a government computer.

But, the firewall and Websense are not only designed to watch what Soldiers are doing and prevent tasteless information from being viewed, they are designed to keep would-be hackers and “enemies of the mission” from gaining access.

“The purpose of a firewall is to control access to and from a network. It is like a door to your house, not just anyone can enter and leave without your permission,” said Spc. Anna Lozano, data services clerk, Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

firewall slows down internet access, Lozano said the fact of the matter is it keeps the internet running smoothly, by controlling the Internet traffic that would otherwise occur.

“If anything, it makes it more secure because without a firewall, anything could come in and leave, causing a significant increase in traffic,” said Lozano.

Firewalls are constructed by a trained group of servicemembers and contracted civilians, who continually maintain and

For those who believe that the

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Chaplain's Corner

The Pumpkin Patch

By Chaplain Charles Herring
MNC-I Chaplain Office

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

I remember all the excitement and expectations of tons and tons of candy as Halloween approached. My favorite was Candy Corn and I could just never get enough of it. I think that is the reason for me going into sugar shock even now just thinking about all that sugar in my system. The other memory was the pumpkin!

Not just any pumpkin, mind you; we were very selective when it came to the Halloween pumpkin. There was size, color, shape and sometimes even the turn and curl of the stem. Oh, yes...this was a big deal and we were not permitted to choose any old pumpkin from the patch. Each candidate was carefully selected,

then the "Pumpkin Patch Decision Matrix" was initiated to select from the final three candidates. The last and final criteria was "the thump," similar to a watermelon thump for ripeness. From the PPDM and thump, the final decision was made and the pumpkin began its change from the pumpkin patch to the back porch (nobody ever came to our front door, always the back).

The pumpkin had been picked. Safely in the kitchen, it was carefully cleaned and dried. The side bar was carefully prepared with newspapers laid out. A selection of kitchen and carving knives were set out like surgical instruments. The pumpkin cap was carefully outlined with a grease pencil and then the incision was made. Once the cap was removed, we scooped out the seeds and slick stuff in the center of the pumpkin. Then, we carved a face that matched the personality and character of the Herring Family Pumpkin. The closing step was placing and lighting the candle

inside the surgically prepared cavity. The final step was turning off the kitchen light to step back and see the new face of the Herring Family Pumpkin.

I received an email from our Battalion Motor Officer that brought back all those wonderful memories of pumpkins and promises of candy. It became clear to me that my life as a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifted me up from the sand and dirt of my pumpkin patch. He took me in and washed all the dirt off and made me clean. He opened me up, touched me deep inside and scooped out all the slippery, yucky stuff – the seeds of doubt, hate, and fear. Then he carved a new smiling face and put his light inside me to shine for the entire world to see.

God has done all this wonderful work in me and now I am a reflection of his care and a reminder that every day is hallowed because of him. God is looking in his pumpkin patch all year round. Are you God's pumpkin?

Security news you can use: transporting classified

Story provided by MNC-I Security

It is September 1862, the Army of Northern Virginia has moved north into the farms and fields of western Maryland. It is Lee's first invasion of the north; he is seeking the climatic victory that will end the war.

The Army of the Potomac is close; both armies can feel one another when Lee issues his final orders.

A copy of Lee's "General Order No. 191" is bound by courier from general headquarters to General D.H. Hill, a division commander in the ANV. The courier receives the order, wraps it around a packet of cigars and mounts for the ride back to Hill. History presumes that during a quick water break at a Confederate camp, the roll of cigars falls from the courier's pocket as he heads back to the road.

Later, a Union soldier occupying the same campsite finds the rolled up cigars and takes it immediately to division headquarters.

Eventually, George McClellan, Commander of the Army of the Potomac, receives the order. McClellan initially believes the order is a ruse and he disregards it. The next day the armies meet near Sharpsburg and the Battle of Antietam is joined. The battle will end in a draw. Lee will take his army back to Virginia; a decisive victory on northern soil would have to come later.

The question will always linger, would there have been a second invasion if McClellan had exploited the courier's loss?

Carrying classified information is serious business that can

have profound consequences. When you act as a courier, you cannot make a mistake and you must review your action before, during and after travel.

Before you leave your work area, you have to ask yourself, "Why am I carrying this classified material to begin with?"

You must transmit classified in the most secure manner possible.

If the historical allegory didn't convince you carrying classified is not the most secure manner, then there must be a valid justification that makes the risk acceptable. Just ask yourself if you really, really need to carry the classified.

It is unlikely that you will be able to explain the loss, if you cannot first explain why you took it. If you can answer that question satisfactorily, then you might have a case for carrying classified.

Remember, you may carry classified only when there is no other practical method of transmission. Electronic transmission is very fast and very secure. Electronic transmission is the preferred method. You can confirm that the information has arrived and you won't have to carry anything. You can also post the information on a secure website and access it when you need it--another win/win. You can send the material by professional military courier.

The Defense Courier Service operates from Kuwait; they make two runs to Baghdad per month. Contact the Security Office and we can help to coordinate. This service is limited

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This Week in Military History

with Lt. Tom Lewis, Australian Forces

One of the most famous and significant battles in history was fought this week, 940 years ago at the Battle of Hastings. Its outcome saw Britain fall to invaders for the last time in its history and the new victors, the Normans, begin a mighty kingdom which eventually ruled the known world, and which has given rise to a great system of government and legal system.

On the October 14, 1066, King Harold II of England and his opponent, Duke William of Normandy, fought for possession of the British crown. William, attacking across the English Channel from Normandy, now part of France, landed his forces a few miles from the beach town of Hastings. King Harold, fighting against enemies in the north, began to march his army south.

William's soldiers were a mixture of horsemen riding in high-pommelled saddles and infantry, using bows, spears and swords. His men wore light chain-mail armor. Harold made a defense on top of a local hill, with marshland on his lower flanks. He had a strategic advantage; his enemy had not won the invasion and therefore had to win or leave. Harold's chiefs, known as carls, had their similarly-armed warriors form a shield wall, a defensive tactic inherited from the Romans, to wait out enemy attacks.

There is not a wealth of detail regarding the battle, and much of it is drawn from the famous Bayeux Tapestry woven some years after the battle, therefore showing matters from the winner's side. However, there seems to be agreement that Harold's side was resolute in the face of the enemy; conducting occasional charges and exchanges of arrow fire but not producing much of a result. William was thought to have been hit at one stage, but seems to have quickly stood and removed his helmet briefly so his face could be seen.

It seems that around this time, some part of the Norman force may have retreated. Whether this was a ruse or not seems unclear but what is certain is that part of the British force began to descend the hill in pursuit. Further battle was joined and the protective formation of the defenders was lost. A general melee took place and according to many stories this was when King Harold was hit in an eye by an arrow. He fell and the British resolve fell with him. The field belonged to the Normans.

On Christmas Day, some two months later, William was crowned king in London's Westminster Abbey. Now known as William the Conqueror, he was to become one of the greatest British monarchs, uniting, through force, the many and varied tribal groupings such as the Picts, Celts, Angles, Saxons and Viking Danes, who had survived in the island since the Roman departure some 500 years previously. Even the troublesome Scots and the rebellious Welsh were eventually subdued, both these sectors of the country giving Britain more sterling warriors. This collection of tribes, welded into one under William, became part of the roving explorer nation which eventually gave rise to the British Empire.

Camp Victory Three-day Forecast

Wednesday



Partly cloudy
High: 98 F
Low: 73 F

Thursday



Partly cloudy
High: 94 F
Low: 71 F

Friday



Mostly sunny
High: 96 F
Low: 72 F



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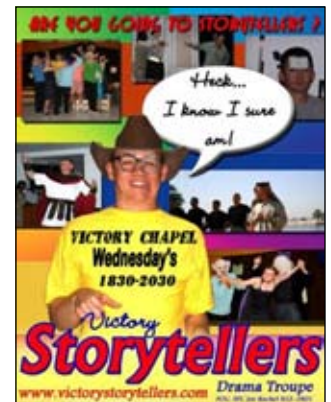
S- Stop before you act. Do not rush into a situation or mission without considering the risks against the benefits.

T-Think about what you are about to do, what is the right way to safely accomplish the task.

O-Observe the situation and surrounding environment. What are the risks? How can I reduce them?

P-Plan. Develop your plan to reduce the risks and decide how to best implement the plan.

P-Proceed with safety. Supervise continuously and constantly look for ways to improve.



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and it is not fast, but it is secure. DCS provides service for top secret.

DCS will accept secret, but it needs to be "secret with an attitude," meaning highly sensitive secret. If it does not have caveats after the secret, DCS won't be a viable option.

If you must hand carry classified, make sure that you have authorization to do so. You must be designated a courier in writing by your command. Commands should limit the number of couriers to actual needs, not want. Bring the authorization memo to your security manager or office, which can process courier orders, provide training and answer any questions you may have. Your unit of assignment designates you a courier. That means battalion, brigade S2s and division G2s provide courier orders. Do not carry classified without authorization, and do not expect another headquarters to provide authorization; it must be a unit designated requirement.

Now that you are designated and trained, you need to prepare the information material for the trip.

Classified information must be double wrapped to protect classified from inadvertent exposure and to provide a way to detect

unauthorized access. Make sure you mark the inner wrapping with the classification of the item and with your official address and contact information. You will not mark the outer wrapping.

If the classified information is an integral internal component of another device that is not easily accessed or seen, it may qualify as the inner wrapping.

Just think of your secret computer: the hard drive is classified so the computer housing serves as the inner cover. The computer case can serve as the outer cover and should be lockable.

Use common sense, but always double wrap. You are a trained, designated courier, you have orders from your security office, you have wrapped the classified and you have made it to your destination—now what? Get to the hotel and have a refreshing beverage for a job well done; not exactly.

You see, classified information can't sleep over; it can only be stored in an approved container located at a United States facility; not the hotel room safe. You don't depart on a trip without your overnight accommodations and neither should your classified material. Make sure you have coordinated lodging for your classified as well.

Your First stop after arrival is not the hotel, but the classified storage location. When you return, the same rules apply; you have to return the classified to a secure location before you go home and you must let the command know that the classified is back and secured.

One way to do this is with the closing report. We do well accounting for weapons and sensitive items, but we never seem to include classified material in closing reports. What do you think is more dangerous to national security, the loss of a 9mm pistol or the loss of a secret document? Include classified accountability in all closing reports.

You must transmit classified material using the most secure method.

If you must use a courier, make sure the courier has authorization to carry, appropriate wrapping, a secure storage plan, constant control of the material and submits a closing report at the end of movement. Couriers carrying classified information is a national security decision; take it seriously.

If you need to transport classified material outside the palace, but still on the Victory Base Complex, double wrapping rules apply. You do not require a courier card or orders if the material is not leaving the VBC installation.

The Marines cordially invite you to the

231st Marine Corps

Birthday Celebration



November 10, 2006

at the Al Faw Palace Rotunda.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m.

Join us for birthday cake in the ballroom after the ceremony.

Semper Fidelis




Going Home Soon?

You will need to complete a Post-Deployment Health Assessment (PDHA) prior.

WHO: Everyone going on leave, those units and personnel de-mobilizing from OIF or REFRAD to home station within 30 days of leaving

WHAT: Complete the Post-Deployment Health Assessment (PDHA)

WHERE: Golby Clinic TMC, 1171st ASMC, Traller Four 120T5, Camp Victory

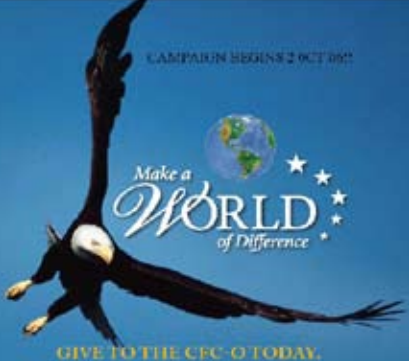
WHEN: Walk-Ins – Monday – Friday – 1 p.m. Sharp
Units – **MUST** Pre-Schedule for date and times

WHY: DOD Mandated to receive briefing

Length: One Hour

CONTACT: CPT Gray or SGT Rau
PHONE: 318 – 822 – 5402 morning only



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Many of you observed Marines outside stores and at sporting events in the fall, collecting toys for needy children near Christmas time. Take a look at the pictures. If you or your family and friends wish to donate to needy Iraqi children, toys may be mailed to the address below. Donations may also be dropped off at Building 35, Victory Base South (just outside the Palace). Toys for children of all ages will be gladly accepted!



Please send donations to:
Col. Robert Willers
 MNC-I / Coalition Operations
 Victory Base South
 APO AE 09342-1400

Operating hours

- Coalition Cafe**
 Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
 Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.
 Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- Sports Oasis**
 Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
 Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Dinner 5 - 9 p.m.
- Shoppette**
 Open 24 Hours
- Camp Liberty Post Exchange**
 Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Fitness Center**
 Open 24 Hours
- MNC-I STB Mailroom**
 Monday - Sunday
 9 a.m. - noon
 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Golby Troop Medical Clinic**
Sick Call Hours:
 Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
 Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon
- Dental Sick Call:**
 Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
 Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- Mental Health Clinic:**
 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. - noon
- Post Deployment Health Briefings:**
 Monday - Friday 1 p.m.
- Pharmacy:**
 Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. - noon
- Legal Assistance/Claims**
 Saturday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Personnel Service Support Centers**
 Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- ID Cards**
 Monday - Friday
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MNF-I/MNC-I SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR (SARC) CERTIFICATION TRAINING

4 Nov 06, 9 a.m.-5p.m., Camp Victory, Al Faw Palace Ballroom

Certification Student Requirements:

Officers: MAJ/CW3 or higher

NCOs: SFC or higher

Students must have appointment orders in hand on the morning of the class.




Maximum class size: 10 students (priority to brigades without a SARC)

Submit names to SGM Lacy, MNF-I/MNC-I SARC, evy.lacy@iraq.centcom.mil, NLT 31 Oct 06.

Submit letters from home

Is your loved one deployed in support of Multi-National Corps-Iraq? Would you like to write him or her a message in the Victory Times? Send messages, three to four lines of text to curtis.squires@iraq.centcom.mil. Ensure to include Soldiers name, rank, and unit.

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)

Friday:
 Jum'ah (Islamic Prayer) 1 pm

Sunday:
 0700 Traditional Protestant Worship
 0845 Traditional Protestant Worship
 1000 Roman Catholic Confession
 1030 Roman Catholic Mass
 1200 Gospel Protestant Service
 1400 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Service
 1600 Episcopal / Lutheran Worship
 1800 Contemporary Protestant Service
 2000 Knights of Columbus 1st/3rd



Saturday:
 1000 Seventh-day Adventist Bible Study
 1100 Seventh-day Adventist Service
 2000 Roman Catholic Mass

Mini Chapel (Bldg. 2)

Monday - Friday
 Roman Catholic Service 4 pm

Friday
 Jewish Service 6:30 pm

Sunday
 Church of Christ 3 pm
 Latter Day Saints Service 7:30 pm

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