

Health clinic now open in Maderiyah

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FOB KALSU — Residents of Maderiyah are the latest Iraqi citizens to see progress in their community.

On Jan. 3, a medical clinic opened in an area that hadn't seen a doctor since Operation Iraqi Freedom began in 2003.

For months, Maderiyah was an insurgent stronghold; the people had little hope, only fear, one local resident said.

The work of U.S. and Iraqi soldiers and Concerned Local Citizens has led to a safer community with much less extremist influence.

"This is great. I can't explain in words what this means to me. I'm so happy," said Saadin San Ali, a member of the Maderiyah CLCs. "We are all proud to have this clinic and we are proud to be from this community."

Prior to the clinic, there was no medical treatment facility easily accessible to residents.

The civil affairs team for 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, planned and worked for months to open the clinic.

The civil affairs team leader, Capt. Kenneth Guglielmina, said the Maderiyah residents' spirits have risen since the improvements happened.

"The people get a positive outlook when they see change," Guglielmina said.

The clinic will be open twice a week. The primary caregiver will be a certified medical assistant who lives in Al Thuar,

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Celebrating Iraqi Army Day



Staff Sgt. Tony M. Lindback

Col. Dominic Caraccilo, commander of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky., stands at attention next to Brig. Gen. Ali Jassim Mohammed Hassen Al-Frejee, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division commander, during the playing of the Iraq national anthem during a celebration for the Army's 87th anniversary at the IA compound in Mahmudiyah Jan. 6.

Soldiers compete for Audie Murphy induction

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FOB HAMMER — Four Soldiers from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team competed for induction into the Audie Murphy Club Dec. 17 at Forward Operating Base Hammer.

Five board members, all first sergeants and sergeants major, quizzed Audie Murphy Club candidates.

Included on the panel was 3rd Infantry Division and Multinational Division — Center Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse L. Andrews and 3rd HBCT Command Sgt. Maj. James M. Pearson.

Board members asked questions based on both real experiences and hypothetical situations.

"The board is scenario driven. Soldiers are asked to resolve issues," Andrews said.

Staff Sgt. Ramel De'Reese, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 10 Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., said this type of board is easier to study for, since it consists of questions based on what you would do or have done in real situations.

"I read regulations, I get a feel for what I should do in certain situations," he said right before going into the board. "It's more hands-on with the Soldiers. When I counsel Soldiers, I get feed-

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Soldiers going to the board must also know Audie Murphy's biography, De'Reese added.

Murphy was a war hero, movie actor, songwriter and poet. He joined the Army and was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, where he fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany.

He was the most decorated U.S. combat Soldier of WWII. Among the 33 awards he received during his service was the Medal of Honor, the highest military award for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

Being inducted into the Audie Murphy Club is the highest honor in the NCO corps, Andrews said.

"It's a prestigious board

for the top 10 percent of non-commissioned officers in the Army," De'Reese said.

The Audie Murphy board is Army-wide and is conducted once every quarter, with leaders selecting Soldiers whom they feel have the potential to be inducted.

"I think NCOs should be nominated for the board based on their character and what they do on a day-to-day basis," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Kupsh, an Audie Murphy club member with 3rd Signal Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Inf. Div. "Once they get to the board, there's good quality control, since members of the club sit on the board, and they know what to look for in a Soldier."

Staff Sgt. Anthony Mariscal, Battery A, 1-10 FA Regt., said attempting induction in the Audie Murphy Club is worth the effort. Mariscal is a member of the Audie Murphy Club.

"It helps with promotion. You get to be a sponsor to

your peers who are going to the board," he said. "You can help them prepare. I recommend this to anyone who wants to challenge themselves."

Of the four Soldiers who attended the Hammer board, Staff Sgt. Eric Bryant, from Valdosta, Ga., Company A, 203rd Brigade Support Battalion was selected to be an Audie Murphy Club member.

Since 3rd Inf. Div. arrived in theater, five Audie Murphy boards have been held, resulting in the selection of eight new members: Bryant; Staff Sgt. Darcy Snyder, 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Dormick Locklear, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment; Sgt. Kyle Soler, 1-40th Cav. Regt.; Sgt. 1st Class Silas Williams, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment; Staff Sgt. Mayreny Matias, Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team; Staff Sgt. Karen Moody, 26th Brigade Support Battalion; and Sgt. 1st Class Sonya Mallory, 26 BSB.

"Being a member of the Audie Murphy Club is not just about meeting people and rubbing medallions," Kupsh said. "It's about passing on information and trying to better the NCO corps."

All Audie Murphy Club selectees will be inducted at a later date.

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outside Maderiyah. The caregiver will also be on call in case of emergency situations.

Maj. David Underwood, commander, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Inf. Div., said the residents' ability to begin a CLC program, work with U.S. Soldiers and set aside secular differences to work with the Iraqi Army, has helped rebuild the infrastructure in Maderiyah.

Other improvements include the completion of a newly-paved main road that at one time was littered with improvised explosive devices.

A well was also dug to supply fresh water to the clinic.

"Clean drinking water is in the top three things Iraqis want and need and it fosters good public health," said Capt. Trista Mustaine, 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. embedded provincial reconstruction team, public health officer.

"We said the clinic has to have water



Sgt. Jason Stadel

Capt. Kenneth Guglielmina (right), Maj. David Underwood (center) and Bashir Altaie, civil affairs team bilingual bicultural advisor, drink from the new well installed at the Maderiyah health clinic Jan. 3.

but the whole village needs water so we decided to build a big well," she said.

Mustaine said the successful building of the Maderiyah clinic, including using local contractors and digging a working well, will be the model for other Iraqi communities that are in need of health care.

The Maderiyah residents hope the clinic grows to include more staff and longer hours, but in the meantime they are happy to have hope for the future.

"Today was the first time I've smiled in five years," said Sheikh A'amash Kadhuma, a CLC commander in the al Rasheed region.



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Headline Highlights

Crocodile logo battle; pet owners' 'allowances'

Dentists win logo battle

LONDON (Reuters) — Two dentists have won a second legal battle with French fashion giant Lacoste over the right to use a toothy crocodile on the sign outside their surgery, the government trademark body said on Thursday.

Dentists Dr Simon Moore and Dr Tim Rumney said they chose a crocodile for their logo because the reptile is famous for having a mouth full of teeth.

But Lacoste argued that the dentists' sign was too similar to their own emblem, a green crocodile that adorns millions of polo shirts around the world.

After losing the first round of its trademark fight last year, Lacoste appealed to London's UK Intellectual Property Office, the official body responsible for patents, trademarks and copyright issues.

The office upheld the original decision, saying that consumers were unlikely to confuse the dental practice and the clothing company.

The dentists' logo includes the words "The Dental Practice" and does not share the Lacoste crocodile's knobbly back and red tongue.

The Lacoste logo comes from the French tennis player Rene Lacoste, who was nicknamed "The Alligator" or "The Crocodile" in the 1920s. He struck a deal with a manufacturer to make clothes with a crocodile logo.

The dentists, from Cheltenham, southwest England, said Lacoste's action was like "using a sledgehammer to

crack a nut."

"We liked the crocodile design because of the natural association with teeth," Dr Moore told the Times. "They have little birds that pick bits out of their teeth."

Lacoste was ordered to pay a total of 1,450 pounds in legal costs.

Japan firm offers 'family allowances' to pet owners

TOKYO (Reuters) — Hoping to send the message that pets are life-long partners not disposable accessories, a Japanese maker of medicines for animals has begun giving employees who own dogs or cats a monthly "family allowance" for their pets.

The number of pets in Japan has grown with greater affluence and a falling birth rate and there are now more pet cats and dogs than children under age 15, but about 310,000 cats and dogs are put down annually, said Tokyo-based Kyoritsu Seiyaku Corp.

"Everyone has the right to own a pet, but they also have the obligation to raise the pet for its whole life," the company said, explaining why it had decided to offer employees who own dogs and cats a "family allowance" of 1,000 yen (\$9) per month.

"In the future, it is our dream that this system will spread not just in the pet business but to other Japanese firms," the company said in a statement.

Kyoritsu Seiyaku does not yet allow its employees to take paid leave to grieve when their pets pass away, as

does one Japanese pet food maker, but may do so eventually.

"For now, we have introduced only the allowances, but we want to consider the condolence holiday system in future," a company spokeswoman said.

102-year-old set to emigrate to New Zealand

LONDON (Reuters) — A 102-year-old will become Britain's oldest emigrant this weekend when he leaves to start a new life with his wife in New Zealand.

Eric and Doris King-Turner, 87, will start their "wonderful new adventure" on Saturday when they set off on a cruise liner from Southampton.

"I would say to anyone that if you want to do something you should do it straight away while you can," the retired dentist told Friday's Daily Mail.

"What's important is that when I'm 105 I don't want to be thinking: 'I wish I had moved to the other side of the world when I was 102.'"

New Zealand's better weather, excellent fly-fishing and lack of crowds attracted King-Turner, although he admits he will miss his friends in Britain.

The couple, who are both widowers, have lived in Hampshire since their marriage 12 years ago.

Doris King-Turner is a New Zealander and still has a bungalow in the South Island town of Nelson, where they will live. She sponsored his application to emigrate.

"It's going to be a great adventure," she said.

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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