



Food service conference aligns goals



Photo illustration by Pfc. Eric J. Martinez
Shock Coffee is now available for dining facilities to order as a result of servicemembers' suggestions for a pre-made grab-and-go coffee beverage.

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Multi-National Corps-Iraq hosted a food service providers conference at Al Faw Palace Wednesday.

The purpose of the conference was to gather ideas from all personnel within the food service arena.

“We discussed better ways to accommodate our customers by voting on items that the majority of the customers would like to see in theater,” said Sgt. 1st Class Teresa Snow, non-commissioned officer in charge, Sports Oasis Dining Facility. “We try to take into consideration all ideas and suggestions

from our customers.”

“Gathering quarterly gives all food service providers chances to voice concerns and discuss any new changes being made in the area of operations,” said Warrant Officer Shurland A. Sunley, command food service advisor, MNC-I.

The representatives also discussed standard operating procedures, and policies. Changes are often made within the Multi-National Forces-Iraq or MNC-I channels and have to be dissimilated down to the Soldiers.

“With the new take out policy, servicemembers are only allowed to receive one to-go meal for them and one for another servicemember,” said Master Sgt. Deon A. Cain, food operations management noncommissioned officer.

“The take-out policy was put into place because so many people are abusing the system and taking more than they need,” Snow said. “We must place a limit on certain items to prevent cost and waste.”

Several new items that were approved during previous conferences are expected to be available for servicemembers to enjoy at their dining facilities.

“Two flavors of sherbet ice cream were voted on during previous boards due to servicemembers requesting this,” Snow said.

“The dental community voiced a concern over a rise in cases of halitosis and cavities, so sugar free chewing gum will be available at dining facilities to combat these issues,” Sunley said.

The conference was used to better inform the theater of changes taking place now or in the near future. Gathering everyone helps to streamline the processes involved so that servicemembers can see results faster.

“Food has always been a great motivator. We always take into consideration any suggestion Soldiers make,” Sunley said. “Just making simple changes to the menu at a dining facility helps morale across the board.”

How to Stop Phishing Scams

It's Not the Who, It's the How

Phishing emails can't be defined by what entity they pretend to be from, but rather by what it is the scammers are trying to do. Any email that is received unexpectedly that instructs you to login to any account for any reason should be viewed with suspicion.

Hook, Line, and Sinker

Commonly, phishing emails use fear tactics, warning that your account may have been compromised, or has been suspended, or needs to be updated. Phishing scams may also claim to be bills for items you never ordered or auctions you never bid on.

A phishing email can be very sophisticated - using images and terminology associated with legitimate websites or companies - and the email may even address you by name. Likewise, a phishing email can be very rudimentary, using poor grammar and spelling, not identifying you by name, and skipping the use of logos altogether. In other words, just as you can't define a phishing email by whom it's targeting, you also can't define a phishing email by the way it looks.

Don't Swallow the Bait

If you receive a suspected email phish, be a good "netizen" and report the phishing scam to help get the scammer shutdown. Avoid the temptation to follow the link to see where it leads. Many phishing sites have been booby-trapped with malicious code. Even if you don't enter your login details, visiting the website could infect your system with a backdoor Trojan which can then capture the coveted credentials.

Stop the Spawn of Phishing Scams

Whether it's in the form of higher bank fees, or higher prices as a result of charge-backs to the commerce companies, we all pay for phishing scams. Stop the supply of these miscreant emails by stopping the demand. Tell your friend, your mom, your dad, and anyone else you know about the hazards of phishing email. Tell them any email they received unexpectedly that instructs them to login to any account for any reason should be viewed with suspicion. Then tell them again, just to make sure it sticks.



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Key to Iraq's freedom: Iraqi police



An Iraqi national policeman assigned to 1st Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Brigade, 2nd Division, provides security at a possible improvised explosive device site, Baghdad, Iraq, April 9.

Photo by courtesy of DVIDS Hub

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The Iraqi police force is engaging with the community and is a pillar of support to the legal system to enforce the rule of law.

“They [Iraqi police] are the answer,” Newton said. “The police having the ability to stand on their own is the key to the success of Iraq’s freedom.”

Coalition forces are training the Iraqi police to be this pillar of support by giving them the tools to be an effective civil police force. Through the use of these tools, such as gath-

ering evidence through questioning and forensics, the police force is helping the government of Iraq and coalition forces establish and support the rule of law in Iraq.

“Coalition forces have brought in seven internationally recognized standards of performance measures,” Newton said. “This sets up the systems needed for running, operating and maintaining a credible police force. Without these systems, the courts are inept and the police are irrelevant.”

These systems regulate what happens after someone is arrested and

brought in to custody or how they should be arrested and brought into custody. They are vital to upholding the rule of law.

Through these systems and with the help of coalition forces, the Iraqi police are a major contributing factor in establishing security and enforcing rule of law. Soon they will be able to independently provide security so the citizens of their towns can go about day to day activities safely, Newton said.

“Everything is really starting to come together,” he said. “There are still tough times ahead, but it is coming together.

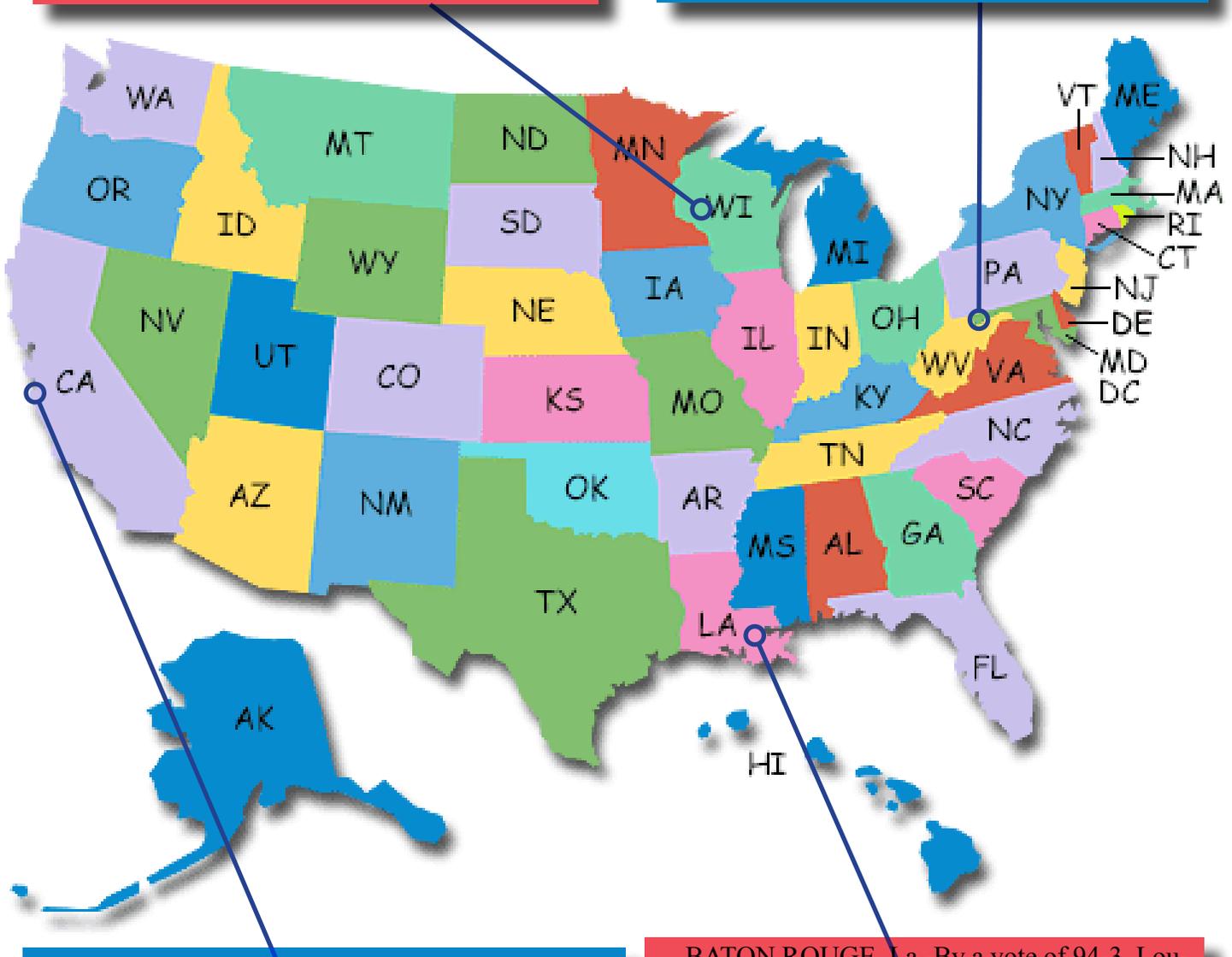
The Iraqi police are trying to do the right thing for their country.”

So as coalition forces assist in the strengthening of the Iraqi police, they are buying them time to progress and build leadership, and in turn the Iraqi police will provide the stability and security for the people of Iraq and give the country time to heal and rebuild, Newton said.

Today there are 405,000 police and 1,191 police stations throughout Iraq according to Lt. Col. Isaac Johnson, MNC-I Provost Marshal’s office, plans officer-in-charge.

LAKE DELTON, Wis.- Flash floods inundated a southwest Wisconsin town Monday for the second time in 10 months, while 60 miles away an embankment along a man-made lake gave way, unleashing a powerful current that ripped homes off their foundations.

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Barack Obama ramped up his search for a running mate on Monday, consulting with one congressional ally by phone and dispatching members of his vice presidential vetting team to the Capitol for meetings. Sen. Dick Durbin said he had spoken with Obama, his fellow Illinois senator.



APTOS, Calif.- As consumers are being warned about consuming certain raw tomatoes due to possible contamination with salmonella, the Tomato Products Wellness Council (TomatoWellness.com) emphasized today that heat-processed tomato products such as sauces, soups, paste, ketchup and juice still remain a safe choice for consumers to continue enjoy. In processing tomato products, heat reaches at least 160 degrees.

BATON ROUGE, La.-By a vote of 94-3, Louisiana's House of Representatives passed an academic freedom bill Thursday that would protect teachers and school districts who wish to promote critical thinking and objective discussion about evolution and other scientific topics. Rep. Frank Hoffman made clear in a speech that the bill was about science, not religion.