



841st Engineers transfer authority to 8th Engineers

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The 841st Engineer Battalion, Detachment One, handed over the duty of Multi-National Corps – Iraq Explosives Hazards Coordination Cell to the 8th Engineer Battalion during a transfer of authority ceremony Wednesday on the patio of the Joint Visitors Bureau.

“The EHCC performs an extremely critical mission in Iraq,” said Col. Scott F. Donahue, director C7, MNC-I. Some of their many tasks include coordinating route clearance operations, developing route clearance practices and doctrine through the use of Mobile Observation Teams, explosives hazards tracking and providing intelligence analysis, he said.

“We helped save coalition forces soldiers’ lives by getting new route clearance TTPs (tactics, techniques, and procedures) and enemy trends into their hands as fast as possible so they could counter the threat,” said Lt. Col. Gregory L. Bonner, commander, Detachment One, 841st Eng. Bn.

Another major role the EHCC played is the training of Soldiers with the use of explosive hazards awareness training teams, Donahue said. This was a huge step in winning the counter improvised explosive device fight.

“The 841st accomplishments over the past year are remarkable,” Donahue said. For these accomplishments many Soldiers received medals to include two Bronze Stars, six Defense Meritorious Service, 17 Joint Service Commendation and three Joint Ser-

vice Achievement Medals. Donahue had one more medal to bestow upon Master Sgt. John A. Burnor, the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal. The deFleury Medal was adopted by the United States Army Engineer Regiment to honor those who have provided significant contributions to Army engineering.

After presenting Burnor with the deFleury Medal Donahue addressed the incoming engineer battalion, “I charge you to continue the EHCC mission, live the Warrior Ethos, stay focused,

stay safe, remain Army strong and engineer ready, but above all demonstrate inspired leadership and go out and make history.”

“The mission is tough and demanding, but we are committed to keep up the fight and continue to move left of the boom in the IED fight,” said Lt. Col. Donnie Walker, commander, 8th Eng. Bn. “Soldiers and units depend on us for training and providing the right equipment to get their job done and we will work tirelessly to make this happen.”



Master Sgt. John A. Burnor, Detachment One, 841st Engineer Battalion, salutes Col. Scott F. Donahue, director, C7, MNC-I, after being presented the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal during the unit's transfer of authority ceremony Wednesday on the patio of the Joint Visitors Bureau.

Transition teams help enhance Iraqi logistics



Col. Edward F. Dorman, left, assistant chief of staff for logistics, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, talks with Maj. Jim Huber, executive officer, 22nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division Military Transition Team, about the improvements taking place on the Iraqi army facilities in front of a newly constructed fuel point on Camp Justice, Iraq June 30.

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The Multi-National Corps – Iraq Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Col. Edward F. Dorman, visited Camp Justice June 30 to talk with the 22nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division Military Transition Team about the

current status of facilities, equipment and supplies in the area.

Dorman sat down with Lt. Col. Philip Rice, team chief, Maj. Jim Huber, team executive officer, and Capt. Mike Sheridan, team logistics officer and had a chance to speak with Staff Col. Abdulla, executive officer, 22nd Bde., 6th Div. Iraqi Army Brigade.

The whole visit was to

get a clear understanding of the logistical challenges facing the 22nd Iraqi Army Brigade. Some of the issues included the flow of repair parts and fuel as well as the procedures in coding out disabled vehicles for turn in or replacement.

“There are always growing pains associated with operations like this,” Dorman said.

Despite the “growing pains” things have drastically improved since the arrival of the MiTT, Huber said. “Things have turned 180 degrees from when we got here. The biggest is the fact that we are now getting repair parts back from Taji.”

Another promising factor is the newly constructed fuel point, Huber said. “We are supposed to begin using the fuel station shortly. It will improve our ability to track the use of fuel on the camp.”

These improvements are just part of fixing the logistical problems at Camp Justice. Abdulla expressed concern with the availability of uniforms, body armor and kevlar.

Dorman ensured him that the situation was being taken care of and that the U.S. Army was doing everything it could to overcome all obstacles that might stand in the way. “This is one of General Austin’s (Lt. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, commanding general, MNC-I) top priorities,” Dorman said.



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Playing for keeps



Aaron C. Phibrick, civilian contractor and winner of MWR 124's theater-wide Halo 3 Tournament participates in the semifinal round. Philbrick will move on to the final round and face other semifinalists from bases around Iraq July 15. Game play will be projected on to t-walls for enhanced enjoyment. The grand prize is 1st place receives an Xbox 360 elite, second place gets a \$250 gift card from AAFES and third place gets a \$100 dollar gift card from AAFES.

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Medical Service Corps celebrates 91st birthday in Iraq

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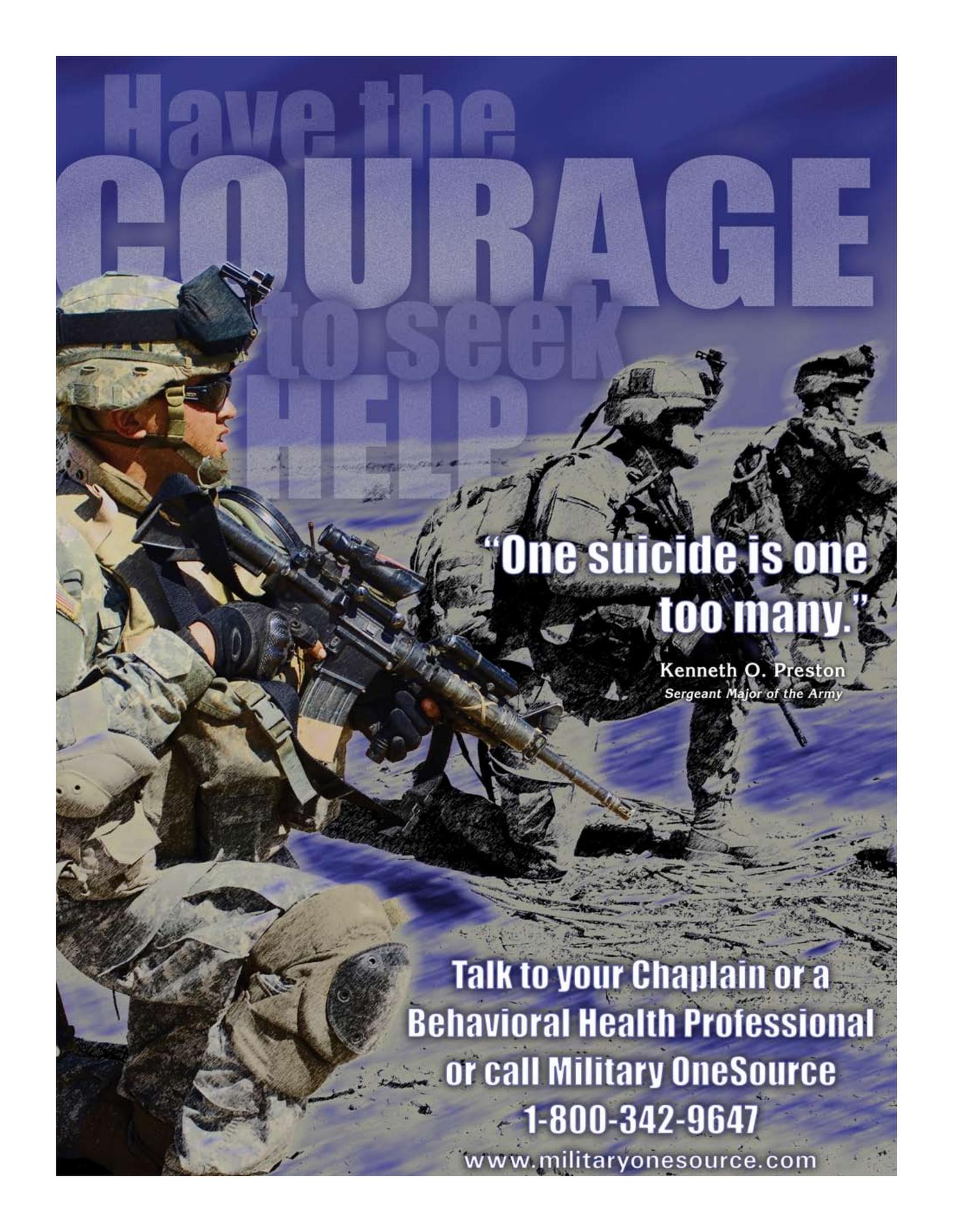
In a collaborative effort between the Multi-National Corps - Iraq Surgeons Office, Multi-National Division - Baghdad, 4th Infantry Division and Task Force 62nd Medical Brigade a 91st birthday celebration was held for the Medical Service Corps June 30 at Camp Victory.

More than 80 Soldiers from 15 locations across the theater of Iraq and representing 25 different units gathered to celebrate the Medical Service Corps' proud heritage and share personal insights from senior field grade medical service officers to young, company grade officers for career advancement and knowledge. "This is your opportunity to find out what you (don't) like," said Col. Patrick Wilson, deputy surgeon and chief, medical operations, Multi-National Forces – Iraq when speaking to the company grade officers who have yet to choose a career concentration.

The opportunity gave the young and experienced leader's time to discuss their careers in the Medical Service Corps. Many of the attendees had not seen their peers since officer basic course, nor had a chance to talk with mentors and consultants due to the restraints of deployments.

An MSC birthday video was played chronicling the history, service and dedication of the Corps. The video helped depict the Medical Service Corps as the most multifaceted branch of the Army consisting of more than 25 specialties.

Officers concluded the ceremony with the traditional cutting of the cake by the oldest and youngest MSC officers.



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