



Joint services remember ANZAC Day with Fun Run

Australian Capt. Brendan Robinson
Joint Task Force 633

Nearly 250 Australian, American and British service personnel readied themselves for the ANZAC Day 5K Fun Run here.

The run was one of many ANZAC Day events planned for Australian service members stationed at Camp Victory.

Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen attended a moving Dawn Service prior to the run at which a Turkish Officer from the Coalition read out Attaturk's message to victims of the World War I Gallipoli campaign.

In typical coalition fashion, the run was followed by two-up, (non-alcoholic) beers and live music from the United States Army's 1st Cavalry Division Band.

There was speculation by many participants that there was no precedent for a fun run on ANZAC Day. However, the ANZAC Diggers at Gallipoli would surely have disagreed after scaling the heights of the ridges above ANZAC Cove on April 25, 1915.

In this year's race, there was no opposing fire, but the hazards to runners were just as apparent given the routine indirect fire attacks Camp Victory is subject to. This is what makes a fun run in Baghdad so different from a run back in the States. You wouldn't expect to have to dodge Humvees, listen out for the 'Big Voice,' or take course directions from armed route marshals.

The course was a simple loop around one of the many Camp Victory lakes, and was the start of an event-filled day.



Photo by Australian Capt. Margaret Nichols

The Catafalque party guard the shrine during the Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 ANZAC Day dawn service April 25.

ANZAC honors the fallen

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Australian and New Zealand service members celebrated Australian and New Zealand Army Corps Day here April 25.

The sunrise ceremony commemorated ANZAC Day, a day set aside for honoring fallen service members, said Australian Army Command Sgt. Maj. Mat Loudon, Joint Task Force 633.

The custom honors veterans of the ANZAC landing on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey on April 25, 1915, where 8,700 soldiers gave their lives and 25,000 suffered injuries.

"The attack was part of an operation to open the Dardanelles," Loudon said.

ANZAC day was first declared as a national holiday on April 25, 1916 by acting Prime Minister George Pearce.

"ANZEC Day will forever be a part of being an Australian, and the ANZAC spirit will forever be a part of our national identity," said Brigadier Michael Crane, commander of JTF 633 and a speaker at the ceremony.

"Every year at dawn we have an ANZAC Day ceremony," Loudon said.

"We have a dawn service followed by breakfast. Afterwards, there are games and activities."

Leading Seaman Dave Shand, a Royal Australian Navy supply specialist with Force Level Logistic Asset-B, volunteered to participate in the ceremony.

"There's a lot of pride," Shand said. "It's hard to put words to it – the way they fought and died on the shores of Gallipoli."

"It's a pretty special day. The fact that we're remembering our fallen soldiers and our fallen comrades," said Sapper Greg Brice, a carpenter with FLLA-B. "It's really good. It's a special day."

Brice pointed out that the ANZAC celebrations in Australia can be huge.

"It's a lot bigger at home, but it means a lot more here because we're actually on deployment," he said.

His fellow celebrants expressed similar feelings.

"There's nothing like doing it on an operation," said SIG Brett McCarthy, a signalman with FLLA-B who volunteered to assist with the ceremony.

"I really enjoy it. I think it's a good thing to do, especially being (in Iraq)."

Heard on the streets of Victory... *What makes your Mother so special?*



PO2 Territa Arce,
Communications,
MNF-I Command Group

“My mom is special to me for showing and giving me love, strength and independency.”



PFC Brandon Harder,
Communications,
20th Engineer Battalion

“I don’t know how to put into words how much her love means to me. I appreciate everything she does for me and my son.”



LTC Thomas Condry,
Chaplain,
3rd Signal Brigade

“She is a World War II veteran, part of the greatest generation, and has survived four children and 35 years of widowhood.”

“She supports me in everything I do. She’s a great mom. I love her.”



SPC Jacob Dockery,
Communications,
20th Engineer Battalion

“She was the only one who raised me. I learned a lot from her strength.”



SGT Apollo Callaham,
Security team,
MNF-I PSD

“My mom always knows how to cheer me up.”



SGT Candie Kutzko,
Communications NCO,
TF Troy

Chaplain’s Corner

Secret of being content

Chaplain Brady M. Lanoue

303rd Military Intelligence Battalion

The Apostle Paul said, “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or want” (Philippians 4:12).

Such a statement comes from a man who was beaten, stoned, twice

left for dead and put in jail for what he believed. Even in jail, where he writes, he is a man of incredible peace because he knows where his peace comes from.

Peace comes from knowing the power of God. The book of Genesis opens with this statement:

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” It does not matter how God did it but that God did it. God has the power to do incredible things. Nothing is impossible for God.

Peace also comes from knowing God knows what he is doing. Reading

on in the first chapter of Genesis, we have a daily account of creation. As we read this, what is clear is that God has a purposeful plan. In other words, God knows what he is doing.

Peace also comes from knowing God is involved. Genesis 1:2 tells us that God’s spirit was hovering over the earth. God does not create from a distance but is up front and closely involved.

Peace also comes from knowing God is good. We naturally gravitate to what we believe is good – whether it is or is not. If we think it is good, we

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Answering the call

The rewards are in serving others

Story, photo by Spc. Beatrice Florescu-Vila Verde

MNC-I PAO

"Being a chaplain is hard and it takes a lot of stamina, but it is based on the relationship with God and it is their calling," said Chaplain (Col.) Mike Tarvin, Multi-National Corps-Iraq. "Chaplains are unique. Soldiers can get some sense of comfort and hope (from them) even if sometimes only for a couple of minutes."

"A chaplain has to be a pastor, a rabbi or an imam before he can become a chaplain," said Chaplain (Maj.) Oscar Arauco, Joint Operations chaplain, MNC-I.

The most important thing for chaplains is to be out everywhere they have Soldiers, Tarvin said. They must get out of the forward operating base and go to the field where they have Soldiers.

"It is a tough balance to go out all the time, due to the limited number of (chaplains), but you need to move out to where your Soldiers are," Tarvin said. "Field chaplains (handle) crisis incident briefs or classes in which they sit down with Soldiers who have experienced death, explosions or other types of incidents."

Tarvin said the "real heroes" are battalion and brigade chaplains.

"They are doing a great job at their FOBs," he said.

To help balance their time and mission, chaplains rely on others for assis-

tance. One example of a team formed by the chaplain and chaplain's assistant is the Combat Support Hospital and Emergency Room. They receive injured service members all hours of the day. It is tiring, but they work diligently and are dedicated to helping others recover.

New enlistees often find it easier to talk to a chaplain assistant rather than the chaplain directly because they are closer in age and have the similar living conditions, Tarvin said. Good chaplains will talk to NCOs and commanders to help them see that there is more than one way to do things and lead Soldiers — especially young Soldiers.

Just like troops, chaplains sometimes have to deal with personal issues of their own. For Arauco, having a strong faith and family gets him through those times.

"It helps when you are settled in your faith within your religion and when the times get tough, you have your faith to fall back on," Arauco said. "It sure helps to have an understanding family."

Situations arise all the time and the chaplains have to be prepared to handle anything. When the extension was announced, there was a significant increase in counseling for about a week.

"It is leveled now, but certainly we will monitor the holidays closely. We want to keep an eye on are marital problems, suicide, and sexual assault



Chaplain (Col.) Mike Tarvin, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, oversees all MNC-I chaplains in Iraq.

in each unit, and at the end of the 15-month deployment tour, we can say, this is what 15 months does," Tarvin said.

"When the 12-month term is up, we will have to see what happens in the next three months here as well as at the home station. It certainly brings more anxiety for all. We are already planning Christmas programs and we are working with some churches who offered to help us."

For more information on upcoming programs, visit the MNC-I Portal online or call 822-3801.

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go for it. It is the natural inclination of all humanity to strive for what it sees as good. We search for it. Recognizing God is truly good, the source of our striving and the conclusion to our search brings peace.

So what? What does this mean for you and me? God has the power, knowledge, and is intimately involved in your life to bring about good — not just a good feeling, but ultimate good. That is why Paul can say, "I have learned the secret of being content in every situation."

There is, of course, a lot more to what Paul believed, but without a trust in God's power, knowledge, involvement

and goodness, nothing else would matter. Having this type of trust in God allows us to get the best out of the best times of our lives and gets the best out of the most difficult times.

Having trust in God's power, knowledge, involvement and goodness leads us to be the best we can be in all circumstances.

As our trust in God becomes stronger, God's character is reflected more in our lives. We become the kind of people we truly want to be: men and women of strength, character, patience, love and peace. Then we will speak like Paul and with contentment, find the good joy that God is powerfully, knowledgeable, and intimately working in our lives.

Flying high



Photo by Marine Sgt. Jessica Kent

Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Edgar, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, remains alert while traveling in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter April 29. Edgar traveled with Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of Multi-National Corps-Iraq, as he visited troops at several newly-established bases across Iraq.

Discipline remains key in combat

Lt. Col. Greg Maxton

Task Force Phantom, commander

As we continue our operations here at Camp Victory, in certain areas we are failing to maintain the proper uniform requirements.

Adherence to standards is a matter of pride and discipline. Discipline is essential for a unit in combat to ensure that you can count on others at all times to do what is right.

This applies to the wear and appearance of military uniforms while on Camp Victory.

Ballistic eye wear will not be worn by hanging the goggles around your neck by the headband. Ballistic goggles are an essential and required uniform item. The Multi-National Forces-Iraq uniform standards policy does allow for the attachment of a head band to ballistic eye wear.

The purpose of the head band is to prevent the goggles from falling off your face while wearing them. Many are

using the head band to hang the goggles around their neck when not used to cover their eyes. This was not the intended purpose of the policy.

Weapons are required when you enter the dining facility. MNF-I uniform standards policy states that personnel must carry their personal weapon and a minimum of one magazine of ammunition except when conducting physical training. Some personnel have incorrectly extended this to mean that once completed with physical training, they can go to the DFAC and eat without their weapon. If you do physical training without your weapon, you must retrieve your weapon before you conduct any other actions.

We are a disciplined unit and need to continue to live by and enforce the correct standards.

I require your assistance first to follow the policies that have been established and second, for all ranks, to enforce the standards respectfully with those who have not received the information.



Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Mellinger, Multi-National Force-Iraq command sergeant major, speaks with Equal Opportunity Representative Course students about the importance of EORs for the military at Camp Victory April 27.

EO course offers opportunity to lead *NCOs, officers learn how to help others on more levels*

Story, photo by
Spc. Stephanie Homan
MNC-I PAO

The Equal Opportunity Office at Camp Victory provides an Equal Opportunity Representative Course for NCOs and officers as a way to bring more help at lower levels to troops in theater.

The fourth of seven scheduled EOR courses took place April 23-29.

The course, which is open to all services, teaches students to identify distracters, educates them on perceptions of stereotypes and helps them to learn about different types of values and beliefs, said Master Sgt. Gregory Welch, Multi-National Corps-Iraq senior human relations and equal opportunity advisor.

The EORC, which is instructed by various brigade equal opportunity advisors, is designed for small group discussion. It enables leaders to work

through problems in the class together and bring their own personal experiences to the table, Welch said.

"We are trying to create more representatives at the squad leader level because they have the most interaction with the Soldiers," he said. "Because Camp Victory is joint service, we encourage all services to attend the course."

Sgt. Marsha Vega, communications chief for 3rd Infantry Division, was assigned to attend this course and feels it will benefit her leadership development.

"Participation in this course is an awesome learning tool as a leader," she said. "My perception has changed and when I look at an individual, I do not come to a conclusion about them as quickly. I have a more open mind."

It also helps NCOs solve problems at the lowest level, know what to look for and educates them on how to deal with the situations, said Sgt. Rebecca

Conway, Company C, 57th Signal Battalion training NCO.

"I pay more attention to conversations in the workplace and realize that a lot of them are inappropriate," she said.

"This course will help get issues resolved at the lowest level, and squad leaders will know how to deal with and handle certain situations they may come across with their Soldiers."

Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Mellinger, Multi-National Force-Iraq command sergeant major, spent time with the class to share his personal experiences with EO issues in the Army and stressed to the new EORs how important their jobs will be.

"(Equal opportunity) requires constant diligence and attention," he said. "People are more productive when they feel like they are part of the team, and you must communicate with everyone and help them to feel like and be part of the team."

Motor Pool Soldiers get a taste of home

Story, photo by
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Florescu-Vila Verde
MNC-I PAO

Soldiers and Civilians of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Task Force Phantom, Multi-National Corps-Iraq gathered at the HHC motor pool to take a break from their busy daily routine April 22.

Members of the motor pool transformed their work area into a playful atmosphere, competing in basketball, singing karaoke, playing cards and grilling food outside.

"It is a day to relax, play and have fun," said Capt. James Dunkley, commander, HHC, TF Phantom.

The motor pool services all means of transportation on Victory Base Complex, regardless of size, purpose or branch, Dunkley said. In emergency situations, Soldiers must be prepared to return to work at any time of day or night to ensure vehicles are mission-ready.

A lighter Sunday was well deserved by the hard working motor pool Soldiers, said Chief Warrant Officer Jef-



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Task Force Phantom, enjoy a day set aside to relax and enjoy each other's company April 22.

frey Cliette, senior automotive technician and battalion maintenance officer, MNC-I and Multi-National Forces-Iraq. From changing a tire to replacing a transmission, they complete 30 to 40 tasks daily.

"Soldiers have Sundays off to turn in laundry, call home and do any other things they need to do," Cliette said.

This particular Sunday was a chance for them to enjoy themselves while getting better acquainted with other Sol-

diers in a more relaxed environment.

Dancing and karaoke brought Soldiers closer to home. Karaoke was provided by Sgt. Michael Carroll, 86th Signal Company, 3rd Signal Brigade. Carroll, a multi-channel systems maintainer and operator, is assigned to the STB quick reaction force team.

"(We) had good food, played basketball and I had help with the systems," Carroll said. "It was a little slow getting started, but it was good."

Checking on the troops



Photo by Marine Sgt. Jessica Kent

(From left) Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, inspects Zaganiyah Patrol Base with 1st Sgt. Royce Manis, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, April 29. Odierno visited troops at several newly-established bases to answer questions and recognize the service of Soldiers there.

Announcements

Worship with Joyful Noez

The Contemporary Protestant worship service will be held outside around the Oasis DFAC stage May 13 at 7 p.m. Join the band, Joyful Noez, in an evening of singing and worship, followed by a message from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Wright, 89th Military Police Brigade.

Women's soccer

There will be a women's 6-on-6 soccer tournament on May 18. All are welcome. Contact Sgt. Christopher Christian at 822-2754 or chris.christian@iraq.centcom.mil for more information.

Barber shop hours

Due to an increased customer demand, the barber shop's hours of operation have increased by one hour. The new hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

EagleCash card news

Personnel affected by a deployment extension must have the expiration date on their EagleCash card updated as soon as possible. Take your card to the finance office to ensure the account is properly re-activated.

Qatar restrictions

When traveling to Qatar for R&R or pass, service members cannot have any knife or blade exceeding two inches. Travelers who have them must sign them into the Arms Room. The device will be returned to the service member upon return to theater.

CrossFit

Get fit with CrossFit, the latest in functional fitness training. Classes are held in the Victory Gym every Sunday at 6:30 a.m. Contact 1st Lt. John Schneider at john.schneider.iraq.centcom.mil or visit www.crossfit.com for more information.

Sharepoint training

Sharepoint TIER Level Two hands-on training occurs every Sunday from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in Building 88a, T-1 Trailer. Be sure to submit your letter of appointment to David Archer and take the PowerPoint test on the SIPRnet prior to arriving at class.

Old-school Saturdays

DJ Tek plays R&B and old-school hip-hop Saturdays at 9 p.m. at MWR Bldg. 124.

Importance of eye protection

The use of protective eyewear is extremely important regardless of whether you are on a tactical mission, working in a motorpool, or working at any job site. In recent conflicts, eye injuries accounted for 10 percent of all battlefield casualties. Commanders and leaders must ensure all personnel are provided proper protective eyewear. A list of authorized protective eyewear is posted on the MNC-I Safety website at: <https://mnci.intranet.iraq.centcom.mil>; Internal Links; SAFETY FIRST; PPE.

Area 51 Weekly Schedule

| Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
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| Fight Night XBox 360 Tournament 8 p.m. | Pool Tournament 8 p.m. | Ping Pong Tournament 8 p.m. | Halo 2 Tournament 8 p.m. | Salsa Night 8 p.m. | Reggae Night 8 p.m. | DJ Big Will Smooth Sunday 8 p.m. |

Do you have an announcement about an event of interest to the Camp Victory community? Contact Spc. Laura M. Bigenho at laura.bigenho@iraq.centcom.mil with the information. Information for community announcements needs to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event to allow for timely publication.

Operating Hours

- Coalition Cafe**
Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5 - 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.
- Education Center**
Open 24 Hours
- Camp Liberty Post Exchange**
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Fitness Center**
Open 24 Hours
- MNC-I STB Mailroom**
9 a.m. - noon
5 - 7 p.m.
- Golby Troop Medical Clinic**
Sick Call
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, Wednesday and Friday 1 p.m.
- Pharmacy**
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon;
1 - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon
- Personnel Service Support Centers**
Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- ID Cards**
Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Worship Hours

- Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)**
Sunday
7 a.m. Collective Protestant
8:45 a.m. Collective Protestant
10 a.m. Catholic Confession
10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
noon Gospel Protestant
2 p.m. Latter Day Saints
4 p.m. Episcopal/Lutheran
6:30 p.m. Contemporary Protestant
- Saturday**
11 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist
8 p.m. Catholic Mass
- Mini Chapel (Bldg. 24F)**
Sunday
9:30 a.m. Breaking of Bread
3 p.m. Church of Christ
7:30 p.m. Latter Day Saints
8 p.m. Knights of Columbus
(1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Monday-Friday**
11:30 p.m. Daily Mass
- Friday**
6:30 p.m. Jewish Service
- Warrior Chapel (Camp Liberty)**
Friday
6:30 p.m. Wiccan/Pagan

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And the winners are...

MPs crowned Mayor's Cup champs

Story, photos by
Spc. Kimberly Millett
89th Military Police Brigade

It began with a short opening ceremony at SSG Castle Field just as the sun was setting over Baghdad March 16. Over the next few weeks, 12 units from three different services went head-to-head, battling it out during 14 different events: flag football, billiards, volleyball, bench press, tug of war, soccer, basketball, arm wrestling, relay run, table tennis, dodgeball, softball, horseshoes and darts.

The Camp Victory Mayor's Cup champions were declared April 24, and the 89th Military Police Brigade was awarded first place during the closing ceremony at the outdoor basketball courts. They received the official Mayor's Cup trophy, while the 86th Signal Battalion finished second, and the 303rd Military Intelligence Battalion came in third place. Certificates were given out to second and third place winners for each event, and winning teams received gold medallions.

The 303rd MI Bn. took an early lead in the Cup and held it throughout most of the competition, but the 89th MP Bde. trailed closely behind, placing in most events.

"We overcame a lot," said 1st Sgt. Reginald Turner, Headquarters and



Capt. Guy Workman (left), commander, and 1st Sgt. Reginald Turner, proudly display the Mayor's Cup trophy.



Mayor's Cup participants from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 89th Military Police Brigade, celebrate around the Mayor's Cup trophy April 24 at the closing ceremony after being declared champions of the month-long event.

Headquarters Company, 89th MP Bde.

"When the contest began, we started out off the block kind of slow. We just kept a good attitude about it. We stayed on track to accomplish the overall goal to win the Mayor's Cup. Like I always say, it's not how you start - it's how you finish."

Perhaps the most significant turning point of the competition was when the MPs faced off against 86th Signal Battalion during the championship soccer match April 3.

"The team just wasn't connecting in the first half, but we came back and scored the game-winning goal in just enough time," said Spc. Kimmer Horsen, a mechanic with 86th Sig. Bn.

"It was a big victory for us since it was such a hard competition all the way through. That was definitely the most physically challenging victory," she said.

For Sgt. 1st Class Dudley Hunt, 89th MP Bde., S-1 NCOIC, one of the highlights was the darts tournament.

"We were the underdogs and we had to win the tournament to win the Mayor's Cup," he said.

Hunt competed alongside Sgt. 1st Class Dion Weaver, Multi-National Division-Baghdad NCO for the 89th MP Bde. Together they pulled out a much-needed victory.

"It's all about the moments that you're kind of tired and beat up but you still come back and make things happen," Weaver said.

Weaver was named most valuable player for his efforts that night and his participation in dodgeball, softball, football and basketball.

"It felt very good," he said. "I like to compete in everything I do, so this was like a capstone on everything."

For others, the environment made the Mayor's Cup special.

"The competition meant a lot to me because I got to compete with other Soldiers," Horsen said. "There was a lot more camaraderie and it makes you really proud to take part in it."