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Camp Patriot: Rotating Door of Diversity

By *JOI Joseph Krypel*

A joint-service, multinational force of thousands have called Camp Patriot home for months. As major military phases of Operation Iraqi Freedom scale down, the revolutionary diversity and flexibility that has defined Camp Patriot continues.

Referred to from within as a 'military melting pot,' Camp Patriot has been a scene of inter-service cooperativeness not experienced before by many.

Since its standup in mid-January, Camp Patriot has been the permanent duty station for an average of 3,000 U.S. servicemembers comprised of more than 30 separate commands from every branch of the military service.

Blending the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps is not uncommon, but when you pepper in the Army's Transportation Command with the U.S. Navy "Gator Bees" of Amphibious Construction Battalions 1 and 2, along with Coast Guard port security units and Air Force Meteorologists, plus a dab of the joint Navy/Coast Guard team that is Naval Coastal Warfare – the recipe for success has been proven.

Beyond its residents, this forward-deployed, expeditionary base camp has been a transition point for thousands of Gulf Country Council troops and equipment as well as coalition forces including the United Kingdom and Australian

troops supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Stationed aboard Kuwait Naval Base, Camp Patriots' joint-service leadership has always maintained a close host-nation relationship.

"We are guests here," says Capt. Donald P. Cook, Camp Patriot's commanding officer. "Our role and our relationship is, and has been, extremely important to our hosts; and our relationship has developed into a very unique friendship that can never be forgotten."

Working side-by-side, this truly diverse operational single service team has been directly responsible for such operations as the offload, and now backload, of tens-of-thousands of pieces of military supplies and equipment, as well as personnel moving in and out of the Central Command area of operations. With the aid of such tools as the U.S. Navy Elevated Causeway System-Modular (ELCAS(M)), and the supreme transport planning of the U.S. Army's 143rd Transportation Command and its subordinate units – Camp Patriot has been incident free and brags a 100 percent accomplishment record for every mission assigned.

Hosting strands of dignitaries is also part of the Camp Patriot standard operating procedure. From its parent commander, Rear Adm. W. Clyde Marsh,

commander, Amphibious Group 3 to the U.S. Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, the Honorable Richard H. Jones, U.S. and Kuwaiti forces alike have been proud to put on display what is considered by many here the best working relationship in the theater of operations.

During a visit by the Kuwaiti Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Fahad Al Amir, a point was made that placed a large amount of pride on the shoulders of every service man and woman stationed here.

"I am extremely impressed and proud by the Kuwaiti and American capability at this camp to work as a unified body," said Al Amir. "I have not seen such professionalism anywhere else, and I hope that all the other commands in the Kuwaiti theater will learn from what I have been able to see and experience here."

Pride and professionalism have been key in every modern day operation, and according to Cook, this holds even more true here.

"This camp is so good and so hospitable that we have folks from the field – from all nations – wanting to come here for liberty! Camp Patriot and Kuwait Naval Base is the picture of pride and the example of joint and coalition forces operability at it's best," concluded Cook.

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Camp Patriot Trans Yard Keeps things Rolling

By CMCS (SCW) Ken Gillette

In early January 2003, the men and women from Amphibious Construction Battalion One and Two established the Camp Patriot Transportation operations and maintenance yard on a mere 5 acre lot.

What started as a barren lot quickly transitioned into full fledged operational command and control facilities for the Naval Support Element (NSE), Army's 24th Transportation Group, Marine's Landing Force Support Party/2nd Force Service Support Group Forward, Coast Guard's Port Security Unit 309 and 313, and a small contingent of British Transportation Support forces.

The initial build-up consisted of the arrival of the NSE, housing 47 pieces of rolling stock airlifted to support initial construction of base camp facilities. ALFA Company, comprised of transportation personnel integrated from both Amphibious Construction Battalions, immediately established command and control facilities with the erection of three 16x32 GP medium tents. The tents provided office space for equipment dispatch operations, administrative support coordination, and maintenance support. Transportation Officer LT Mike Chucran from Tampa, Florida stated: "The troops attached to ALFA Company have really turned to. With limited equipment from our Fly-in-Echelon, they prepared a 5 acre dirt lot into a finely tuned transportation operational and maintenance outlet to support joint service operations." Within a matter of weeks, an unprecedented operational posture took shape, which rivaled the magnitude of any major contractor.

Upon the receipt of 286 pieces of tactical and construction equipment and 171 ISO containers off 11 ships of the Maritime Prepositioning Force, the Combined Forces Transportation Yard became the premier provider of transportation assets for 3,200 joint service, multi-national forces. With 63 skilled Equipment Operators from the Seabees, a multitude of various support tasking and construction

projects were completed. The Seabees supported the arrival of front line forces as they transitioned inland prior to the start of the war. Equipment Operations Leading Petty Officer EO1(SCW) Richard Littrell from Waynesburg, Ky., stated: "Our support role is critical in the success of operations for the front line troops. We realize the importance Amphibious Warfare brings to the fight and it is our mission to ensure logistics re-supply across the beach remains forefront in our daily operations.

Although limited at times with equipment and personnel, we set our priorities first and foremost on the war fighters." Averaging 12 to 16 hour days, these personnel provided re-supply of life sustainment materials, conducted daily tactical convoy operations to local supply depots, completed 16 horizontal construction projects, and provided extensive material handling equipment operations supporting LCAC, Barge Ferry and LCU offloads.

Of course operational sustainment would not be possible without a sound maintenance program. The 31 Construction Mechanics of ALFA Company have certainly had their hands full. Typically, 6:1 equipment to mechanic ratio provides the necessary support for equipment operated under the most pristine conditions. ALFA Company maintained 374 pieces of equipment under harsh conditions with a 12:1 ratio or half the required staff. Maintaining a 40-day preventive maintenance cycle, they conducted 24-hour operations, 7-days a week, to meet demanding mission require-



CMCN Kate Jarvis repairs the horn on a HMMWV at the transportation yard. (U.S. Navy Photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Aaron Pineda)

ments supporting rear area operations. Equipment Maintenance Supervisor CMC(SCW) John Eader from Silver Springs, Maryland states: "We're Seabees doing what we love to do in the environment we were meant to do it in. The satisfaction gained in supporting not only our mission, but the mission of the warfighters from all nations is extremely gratifying." Logistic re-supply of repair parts is critical to the success of the mission. An extremely dusty environment brings additional maintenance concerns, however ALFA Company maintenance personnel ensure their equipment remains in top-notch condition.

Current Camp Patriot Transportation Yard operations entail several entities of joint service, multi-national forces combining efforts towards a common goal: Joint Logistics over the Shore support. The personnel of ALFA Company are part of the "One Team/One Fight" concept, which will undoubtedly continue to provide service towards the success of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Adventures in Purchasing: The N4 Experience

By Lt. Tom Price

Have you ever wanted to test your driving skill with a pack of racers who don't hesitate to trade a little pain? What about putting together "big dollar" business deals, or haggling with savvy shop keepers in Kuwait city at midnight?



Storekeeper 2nd Class Shao Thrasher

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go on the ultimate scavenger hunt everyday, trying to locate everything from nuts and bolts to 175 ton cranes? Well, if you add all of this, and threw in the occasional missile being fired off over head, you

would have a pretty average day in the life of a Camp Patriot Storekeeper (SK).

Though Camp Patriot residents may not realize it, many items that are used everyday were acquired by one of the camp's six SKs. Led by the intrepid and determined duo of SK1 Cruz and SK1 Paman, this team of professional procurers did everything to locate, negotiate, and purchase much of the material necessary for the operation of Camp Patriot and tenant mission readiness.

In the camp's early days, purchasing runs into Kuwait City sometimes departed at 0900 and returned at 0200. The team learned the streets and cultural idiosyncrasies quickly. Little time was wasted as every request was an emergency preparation for war. On these field trips, numerous business contacts were made and sources of supply established. Even the most junior SKs had the opportunity to sit in on million dollar deals, rubbing elbows with some of Kuwait's big business leaders. Over the last four months each SK has had plenty of adventures and notable accomplishments, but the one thing shared in common by all, was the desire to make the camp

successful.

SK1 (SCW) Felix "The Mayor" Cruz from San Diego, CA, made it a point to shake hands with everyone in sight, establishing friendships ranging from Kuwaiti Customs and Military Officials, to the Philippine Embassy Security Force. SK1 (SCW) Francisco Paman, also from San Diego, made so many trips into the city that he could easily navigate the maze of streets not even covered on the official Kuwait road map. Lt. Tom Price, another San Diego native, helped coordinate and track the multitude of purchase requests, while also keeping the Supply Department administrative tasks on track.

SK2 Shao Thrasher from Brooklyn Center, MN, and SK3 (SCW) Tom Guerra, from Laredo, TX, were able to see the Patriot missile system function during a trip to Camp Doha, probably much closer up than they ever wanted, as two missiles streaked just yards overhead. It was, in SK3 Guerra's words, "a bit exhilarating."

SK3 (SCW) Latonya Starks, from Chicago, IL, found time to earn her Seabee Combat Warfare pin amid hectic trips for supplies to Camp Arifjan and Kuwait City. SK3 Crystal Caesar, from Riverdale, MD, managed to make friends with U.S. Embassy personnel who helped her learn the ins and outs of Kuwaiti traffic regulations. She was also assigned to help clear misrouted Navy cargo that had accumulated at the Kuwait Airport, ensuring that Navy units all over the theater received what they ordered.

Lt. Cmdr. Johnny Adams, ACB-1 Supply Officer, from Hazlehurst, MS, acted in a dual role as both the SUPPO for ACB-1 and the N4 for the Commander Maritime Prepositioning Force (CMPF) Staff. "The easy part of having both roles to fill was that requirements from CMPF were usually requirements that would be ACB-1's responsibility as bed down manager anyway... The hard part was the sheer volume of requests. In spite of the small number of SKs we had to support a camp population that neared 4000, we managed to meet tenant needs through teamwork and long hours in our vehicles."

USA Today

State News Shorts . . .

Maine

South Portland - People living near the Portland International Jetport can rest easier now that they know that the sound of gunfire is simply airport employees trying to scare away birds. Police said workers were firing shotgun blanks to frighten flocks of birds that tried to nest in tall grass near runways, and could damage airplanes.

Maryland

Annapolis - Governor Ehrlich will gather more information before deciding whether to veto a bill mandating reform at the state's largest health insurer. CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield is seeking the veto. It said that the bill will disrupt service to 3.2 million customers and could force the company to lay off 1,500 employees.

During the frenzy and excitement of supply runs, the SK staff accomplished some substantial work, spending over one and a half million dollars on government purchase cards, and assisting in spending another \$6.4 million in support contracts. Tasked initially with bed-down management support only, the logistic demands from tenant commands rapidly expanded to include: arranging for fuel access from the Kuwait Navy, procuring repair parts and consumable supplies, and arranging transportation and shipping.

No matter if it was camp tenants, units passing through, or even ships at sea, the Camp Patriot Supply Department has given its all to ensure that logistic needs could be met. As the withdrawal of troops begins, the six member staff will continue going to hardware and department stores all over Kuwait, crunching numbers, and helping to arrange services. Always behind the scenes, the SKs continue to play a vital role in every operation or project that makes Camp Patriot possible.

CBR Training Note

The CFLCC area of operations, which includes Camp Patriot, has set Mission Oriented Protective Posture Ready - (MOPP Ready). All residents are to have your chemical protective suit, boots, gloves and masks within ten minutes of you. All medicinals should be turned into your command immediately. Notify your chain of command if you are missing any portion of your protective gear.

Here is a MOPP breakdown to remember:

MOPP Ready

Be within 10 minutes of all gear.

MOPP 0 - Modified

Carry masks and be within 10 minutes of your chemical gear.

MOPP 1

Wear chemical suit.

MOPP 2

Wear chemical suit and boots.

MOPP 3

Wear chemical suit, boots and mask.

MOPP 4

Wear chemical suit boots, mask and gloves.

Chaplains' Corner . . .

By Lt. Cmdr. P. Shaughnessy, CHC, USNR

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches."

The Bible had its foundation in the Middle East where vines and grapes are and were of the daily landscape, therefore it is understandable that the vine-image is used so often to explain religious values. Now the relationship between the vine and the branches should mirror a person-to-person relationship between you and the living God. An openness to others is a condition for openness to the transcendent, God. We have to develop both and the following illustrates that.

A volunteer at the telephone hotline for shut-ins usually checked on callers who needed a little help with money because of chronic health needs or unexpected expenses. One of her regulars was an elderly woman with a fixed income. In their conversations, she learned this woman needed a new overcoat. Because of her tight budget, she had to rely on an increasingly threadbare coat. Desiring to help, the volunteer withdrew \$200 from her bank account and sent it anonymously to the woman with the simple note, "Unsigned - for a new coat."

The next time the volunteer called, the woman was very excited at her good fortune. "Someone sent me money for a new overcoat," she stated. "I don't know who it was."

"Did you get the new coat," the volunteer asked. "Oh yes," she replied. "I found a beautiful warm coat, but it was only \$150. You have all been so nice to me, I'm sending the extra to the hotline center to help someone else."

We are all called to realize the connections between God and us, and one another. The poor woman in the story who could desperately use the extra money realizes that connection in her grateful return of the money, so that another would benefit.

The woman, realizing her connection to the "vine" helped her to see beyond her own needs and to take the opportunity to share her good fortune with her neighbor. On the night before he died, Jesus reminds his disciples of every time and place that in his love, we are grafted to one another in ways we do not completely realize or understand.

In this season, may we have the wisdom and love to realize and rejoice in our belonging to each and every person who, like us, is a child of God - the vinegrower.



Post Office Serves 2MEB.... and everyone else on Camp Patriot!

2MEB Marines recently picked up over 100-thousand pounds of mail from Camp Patriot, and loaded it aboard Landing Craft Air Cushion Personnel Transport Modules. The Camp Patriot Post Office has continued to provide excellent customer service while producing record breaking figures! Since February 15th, Camp Patriot Postal Clerks have sold \$73,622 in stamps, handled 818,939-pounds of mail - incoming and outgoing - and served 7,159 customers! Next time you receive that letter or package from home, be sure to pass a special thanks to the Camp Patriot Post Office! (U.S. Navy Photo by Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krypel)

Quick Reference Phone Numbers

Watch Officer

618-6700

Medical Clinic

617-7280

Camp Patriot Chapel Services

Chaplains:

Cmdr. Jeffrey H. Seiler, CHC, USN
 Lt. Cmdr. Francis Foley, CHC, USNR
 Lt. Cmdr. P. Shaughnessy, CHC, USNR
 Chap. (Maj.) Scott Delbridge, USA
 Lt. Hussain M. Shaikh, CHC, USNR
 Chap. (Capt.) Alan Savage, USA

Catholic Mass

Mon - Tues.....1130
 Fri - Sat.....1130
 Sunday.....0800 / 2030
 Tues.....Rosary/Confessions.....1930
 Fri..... Stations of the Cross.....1930

Catholic Instruction / Faith Class

Monday.....1930

Muslim Salah Al-Jumua

At the Mosque

Friday.....1130

Jewish Shabat

Friday.....1800

Buddhist Prayer

Saturday.....1200

Protestant Worship

Sunday.....0930

Episcopal / Lutheran Communion

Sunday.....1100

7th Day Adventist Sabbath Service

Saturday.....1700

LDS Services

Sunday.....1700

Prayer and Praise

Sunday.....1900

Wednesday.....1030 / 1900

Choir Practice

Tuesday.....2030

Bible Study

Tuesday / Thursday.....1215

Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday.....TBD

Contact Cmdr. Seiler at 973-5964 for info

Congratulations to Newly Advanced Camp Patriot Petty Officers!



Petty Officer 3rd Class

Naval Coastal Warfare Group One

STG3 Daniels, Lanaye

Beach Master Unit One

CM3 Jardneaux, Justin

Amphibious Construction Battalion One

BM3 Archer, Nistoli EO3 Mehlman, Sadye
 BM3 Braithwaite, Aron HT3 Roque, Ben
 BM3 Horton, Nicole MS3 Dillwith, Mary
 BM3 McMullen, Kim SK3 Ledford, Angela
 CM3 Johnson, David SM3 Choi, Rebecca
 CM3 Menton, Patrick SM3 Chois, Shannon
 EN3 Dabbelt, Timoth SM3 Hatchett, Ebony
 EN3 Lopez, Jose SM3 Wilkerson, James
 EO3 Heliker, Arick SW3 Kelley, Blake

Assault Craft Unit One

BM3 Jones, Keith
 BM3 Snipes, Nick
 EN3 Garvin, Eric

Amphibious Construction Battalion Two

BM3 Nunez, Joshua
 BM3 Tross, David
 EO3 Haight, Benjamin
 EO3 Martiez, James
 SW3 Bogolea, Nicholas

Naval Cargo Handling and Port Group

BM3 Emmerling, Jeffrey
 BM3 Lincycomb, Joshua
 EO3 Sexton, Timothy
 YN3 Reyes, Andres



Petty Officer 2nd Class

Naval Coastal Warfare Group One

BM2 Accetella, Adam
 BM2 Ostby, Lloyd
 CM2 Hill, Tyrone
 EN2 Hoffman, Richard
 MA2 Maher, Kelly
 OS2 Harris, Jodee

Atlantic Ordnance Command (LEF)

BM2 Kirton, Germain
 TM2 Meadows, Luther
 YN2 Howard Lagretta

Beach Master Unit One

IT2 Heckert, Gina

Amphibious Construction Battalion One

BM2 Evansmurphy, Gary SK2 Starks, Latonya
 BM2 Miller, Michael SW2 Burston, Eugene
 CE2 Johns, Wesley SW2 Moore, Keith
 EN2 Almazar, Chris SW2 Pierce, Todd
 EN2 Clifton, William SW2 Prescott, Joshua
 EN2 Hernandez, Ezequiel SW2 Sorlie, Tait
 EN2 Solt, Joshua SW2 Toguchi, Danny
 EO2 Raymond, Jeff YN2 Foster, Julie

Amphibious Construction Battalion Two

BM2 Files, Jason
 SW2 Freeman, Michael

Naval Cargo Handling and Port Group

HM2 Hale, Kenneth
 IT2 Herron, Penny
 PC2 Richardson, Nathaniel
 SK2 Kapoi, Melissa



Petty Officer 1st Class

Naval Beach Group One

ET1 Abbate, Vincent
 YN1 Watson, Reginald L.B.

Naval Coastal Warfare Group One

ET1 Ortega, Joseph

Atlantic Ordnance Command (LEF)

DK1 Wilson, Mark
 ET1 Geiger, John
 SK1 Ferris, Charles
 TM1 Brooks, Jacquelyn

Amphibious Construction Battalion One

BM1 Hudgins, James
 BM1 Goddard, James
 MS1 Caesar, Robert
 YN1 Bene, Amy
 YN1 Gillentine, Bryan

Assault Craft Unit One

BM1 Rolon, John
 BM1 Vespo, Michael
 EN1 Torres, Jose

Underwater Construction Team One

EO1 Patton, Jarell

Amphibious Construction Battalion Two

BM1 Johnson, Brian
 SW1 Allantara, Moshe

Naval Cargo Handling and Port Group

BM1 Corley, Jack
 NC1 Markham, Corey



**Good Luck to
 E-7 hopefuls!**



What you had to say about . . .

The residents of Camp Patriot have the opportunity to voice their opinion or feelings on a particular topic. This week's question was:

Which of the remaining NBA teams do you think will win the Championship?

(photos by SN Lina Sandoval)



**YNSN Eric Mitchell
 ACB-1**

"I believe the Dallas Mavericks will win because they are a very underrated team and I think they have something to prove."



**Cpl. W. Mojicamartinez
 Fox Co., 2MEB**

"I believe the Los Angeles Lakers will win the NBA Championship because the Lakers are a powerhouse team, and will continue to be."



**Staff Sgt. J. Crawford
 68th Chemical Co.**

"Los Angeles seems to be the dominant team from what I can tell. I really think the Lakers will win because they have strong combat skills."



**EM2 Cedric Johnson
 ACB-1**

"I think the Spurs will win because they have a solid team and the "Admiral" deserves another Championship before the end of his career."

Camp Patriot Barbers: A Cut Above

By Barber Staff

The Camp Patriot Ship's Servicemen (SH) opened the barbershop's doors not long after their arrival in mid January. At that time, three barbers lead by SH1 Cesar Cruz from Marikina City, Philippines, did their best to meet the needs of over 2000 personnel. SH3 Jennifer Creighton from Baton Rouge, LA, and SHSN Veronica Armijos from New York, NY, worked feverishly to keep pace with the camp population as it grew to almost 3000 personnel.

In March the busy barbers finally had some relief in the form of naval reservists called up to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom. SH3 Patrick Andrisse from St. Louis, MO, and SH3 Sharyn Conway, from Phoenix, AZ were a very welcome addition to the barbershop staff. Working in shifts to keep the shop open from 0800 to 2000, the barbers on duty average anywhere from 20-25 customers each, per day.

In addition to duty as barbershop staff, the SHs also performed as convoy escorts, assisted

the SKs with supply runs, and also filled manning shortfalls at the galley. The Camp Patriot Barbershop team is now serving well over 3000



Ship's Serviceman Seaman Veronica Armijos is one five barbers that service the Camp Patriot residents.

resident and transient personnel. Luckily, they have been able to find some experienced volun-

teer help to assist with the population increase. EN1 Thornton, GSM3 Evins, BU3 Greenlea, and BU1 Morrison have lent helping hands to the shop, contributing invaluable skill and expertise. The Marines also contributed to the barber pool with LCPL Darling volunteering his time.

The Camp Patriot Barbershop, with its outstanding quality of service, also has the unique distinction of being one of the only military staffed barbershops in Kuwait. Other nearby bases provided barbershops, and in some cases stylists, through the Army Air Force Exchange System, but it comes at a price for patrons. The Camp Patriot barbershop is a service provided free of charge, and for a good "medium reg.," or "High and tight," the service can't be beat.

Working hard to make camp life a little more bearable, and keeping military personnel within standards, the Barbershop staff strives every-day to remain "a cut above the rest."

Sand Dune Diner is Only of its Kind

Among the things that make Camp Patriot unique, one operation truly gives the camp a distinct flavor. The Sand Dune Diner, located in the heart of the camp, is the only 100% military operated galley in the theater. This may not sound like something to write home about, but in terms of security and mission support, it is a definite stand-out.

Lt. Cmdr. Johnny Adams, Camp Supply Officer, from Hazelhurst, Miss., said that "From the beginning of planning sessions for Camp Patriot, it was agreed that Amphibious Construction Battalion One (ACB-1) would construct and operate a full military galley in order to ensure safe, quality meals all the time." Being one of a kind is never easy, and the logistics of setting up and operating a galley in the region proved to be no small task. American style foods and U.S. approved sources were extremely hard to come by, as were additional supplies and equipment. Galley staffing was also challenging, as each tenant command had to provide both Mess Management Specialists (MSs) and Food Service Attendants (FSAs).

MSC (SW/AW) Elmer Manarang, the Camp Food Service Officer, from San Diego, Calif., ensured that all of these issues were ironed out and that nutritious meals were served. Manarang, a veteran of numerous deployments and field exercises was, at first, hard pressed to make it all work. "Timing is the key factor for the whole operation. Timing the delivery of food stores, meal hours, watch teams, and especially food preparation. "We have anywhere from three to four thousand hungry people to get through the lines, utilizing the same equipment we normally use to support one thousand. In spite of that, we still have some of the shortest lines compared to other nearby bases... It all boils down to making the best use of the available resources, at the right times."

Luckily, there are other willing and experienced hands to help pull it all

together. MSC (SW/AW) Duane Wright from Silver Springs, N.Y., and MSC (SW/AW) Deborah Jackson from Dayton, Ohio, have been invaluable players in the galley operation. Their oversight ensures that meals are properly prepared and served on time, sanitation standards are maintained, and that the best service possible is provided.

The MS and FSA staff, numbering 76, come from numerous commands and service branches. The large camp population requires each individual to play a central role in the daily success of the galley.

"Things are pretty smooth now, but those first couple of days were difficult," says MS2 (SCW) Robert Caesar from Yonkers, N.Y. "Helping the FSAs learn their duties, preparing food under field conditions, directing the serving lines. Just getting everyone into the rhythm of operations took some time." The actual operation of the galley is a 24-hour process. Staff members have to work grueling 10-hour shifts. Many of them often put in additional overtime to ensure everything goes according to plan.

In addition to the hard working MSs and FSAs, ACB-1's Charlie Company also made the galley possible by constructing the facilities and making the wide variety of food service equipment operational. "The biggest hurdle was finding all of the right electrical gear, since Kuwaiti power requirements and U.S. power requirements are very different. The electricians definitely had to put in some extra time to get everything to work. Just finding plug adapters and transformers took some doing," stated Utilitiesman 1st Class (SCW) David Fulcher, Charlie Company's Repair Parts Petty Officer.

With experienced hands, and more than a little hard work, the plans for the Camp Patriot galley became reality. Serving nearly 4000 camp tenants three meals a day, seven days a week, the Sand Dune Diner is truly one of a kind.

	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<i>Weather Conditions</i>	<i>Partly Cloudy</i>				
<i>TEMPS</i>	<i>86 / 101</i>	<i>81 / 103</i>	<i>81 / 107</i>	<i>81 / 105</i>	<i>81 / 106</i>

Entertainment News...

Pop Diva Mariah Carey announces Tour Downsizing This Fall

By Roger Friedman

Mariah Carey is not doing a stadium tour this spring after all. Insead, she's goa surprise planned: a major tour of smaller theatres like New York's Beacon and Boston's Orpheum come this fall.

And it's not like she can't fill Madison Sqiare Garden-sized rooms. Promoters were

already laying out a schedule for around the country that consisted only of arenas. But Carey says she knew it was a mistake.

"My voice is very delicate," said the owner of an seven-octave range. "I wanted this to be about the music, not a Broadway tpe show. And," she added, "I

didn't want to be moving around quickly from city to city. I wanted to stay planted ina city as long as I could."

Right now Carey is planted in a very nice spot in the Caribbean. She's taking a short break after recording four new songs for her newly re-released hit album *Charm-bracelet*.



Movie Schedule

Sunday

Legally Blonde
Amer. Outlaws
8 heads in duffle

Monday

All for Love
Bat 21
Bounce

Tuesday

Blade Runner
Bone Collector
Broken Arrow

Wednesday

Can't Hardly Wait
Goodfellas
Hardball

Thursday

Happy Gilmore
Hart's War
Liar Liar

Friday

Legend of 1900
Knock Off
Kiss of Dragon

Saturday

Last Starfighter
Just in Time
Knight's Tale

Three Movies a day at 1200, 1800, and 2000

Things to Remember!

Sick Call Hours

0800 - 1000

1300 - 1400

1800 - 1900

Emergencies 24 hours a day

Barber Shop Hours

Appts.....0800 - 1600

Walk-ins.....1800 - 2000



Library

1000 - 2200

AA Meeting

Monday.....1930

AAFES Hours

Daily.....1000 - 2000

Galley Hours

Breakfast.....0500 - 0730

Lunch.....1130 - 1230

Dinner.....1700 - 1930

Laundry Service

Mornings 1000 - 1300

Afternoons 1400 - 1800

Sports Shorts

Lakers' bid Snuffed by Spurs

There was no switch for the hosts to flip, no last resurrection stored in the back room, no stopping the most dominant Tim Duncan ever seen... or Tony Parker's penetrations... or Kevin Willis, at 40, rebound-jamming them into extinction.

Most of all, even before Shaquille O'Neal buried his face in a towel, there was no ducking one loud conclusion. They deserved this. The Lakers as much as the Spurs.

The winners from San Antonio could not have been more worthy. In the close-out circumstances that are supposed to unnerve them, the Spurs were almost flawless, clinically installing themselves as the first team this century to take a series from the three-time champs. The Spurs' near-perfection, fittingly, was personified by Duncan, who played more aggressively than anyone could remember in a 37-point, 16-rebound detonation that validated his two MVP trophies and hushed theorists.

Kings Force Game 7

The Kings survived a wild fourth quarter and edged the Mavericks 115-109 on Thursday to even their Western Conference Semifinals series at 3-3. Peja Stojakovic had 24 points for Sacramento, while Nick Van Exel poured in 35 for the Mavs.

After being named the NBA's 6th Man of the Year, Jackson has become one of the most consistent playmakers in the postseason for Sacramento. With the Kings' season hanging in the balance, it was Jackson at point guard instead of Mike Bibby, who was on the bench for the game's final 13:54.

"I play the guy who is doing well," coach Rick Adelman said. "It had nothing to do with Mike Bibby or anything else. People make an issue of a guy who isn't in the game. We didn't need him."

NBA FINALS 2003 BRACKET

Eastern Conference

Pistons (1)

Pistons, 4-3

Magic (8)

76ers (4)

76ers, 4-2

Hornets (5)

Pacers (3)

Celtics, 4-2

Celtics (6)

Nets (2)

Nets, 4-0

Nets, 4-2

Bucks (7)

Western Conference

Spurs (1)

Spurs, 4-2

Suns (8)

Wolves (4)

Spurs, 4-2

Lakers (5)

Lakers, 4-2

Dallas (3)

Blazers (6)

Mavs, 4-3

Kings (2)

Tied, 3-3

Jazz (7)

Kings, 4-1

MLB REGULAR STANDINGS

American League

	W	L	PCT	GB
NY Yankees	27	14	.659	----
Boston	26	15	.634	1
Seattle	26	15	.634	1
Oakland	25	16	.610	2
Kansas City	24	16	.600	2½
Minnesota	23	18	.561	4
Anaheim	20	20	.500	6½
Chicago Sox	20	21	.488	7
Toronto	20	22	.476	7½
Baltimore	18	23	.439	9
Tampa Bay	17	24	.415	10
Texas	17	24	.415	10
Cleveland	13	27	.325	13½
Detroit	9	30	.231	17

National League

	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	28	13	.683	----
San Francisco	26	14	.650	1½
Montreal	26	16	.619	2½
Chicago Cubs	24	17	.585	4
Houston	23	19	.548	5½
Philadelphia	23	19	.548	5½
St. Louis	20	19	.513	7
Los Angeles	21	20	.512	7
Cincinnati	21	21	.500	7½
Colorado	20	22	.476	8½
Arizona	19	22	.463	9
Florida	19	23	.452	9½
NY Mets	17	24	.415	11
Pittsburgh	16	25	.390	12
Milwaukee	14	28	.333	14½
San Diego	13	28	.317	15

Friday Scores

Tampa Bay 5 - Baltimore 1, Anaheim 6 - Boston 5, Cleveland 3 - Oakland 2, Texas 8 - Yankees 5, Toronto 18 - Kansas 1, Minnesota 18 - Chicago Sox 3, Milwaukee 12 - Cincinnati 3, Houston 4 - Philly 2, St. Louis 7 - Cubs 4, Montreal 4 - Colorado 1, Atlanta 6 - San Diego 4, Los Angeles 2 - Florida 1, Pittsburgh 8 - Arizona 5, SF 7 - Mets 5

Rudd Still Optimistic Despite Shaky Start

Associated Press

Ricky Rudd knew success wouldn't come right away when he joined Wood Brothers Racing after three years with Robert Yates. His new team, after all, had won one race in the past nine seasons, and that victory in 2002 was more than a little fluky.

But in what could become a perfect marriage between a veteran driver with high expectations and a team richer in history than it is in recent results, Rudd and his team will head into the second third of the season expecting to start making noise.

Winston Cup Standings

After: Pontiac 400

Next: The Winston

Winner: Joe Nemechek

Lowe's Motor Speedway

Rank	Driver	Points Behind
1.	Matt Kenseth	Leader
2.	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	-20
3.	Kurt Busch	-167
4.	Jeff Gordon	-178
5.	Bobby Labonte	-243
6.	Jimmie Johnson	-247
7.	Michael Waltrip	-258
8.	Kevin Harvick	-291
9.	Rusty Wallace	-345
10.	Sterling Marlin	-360