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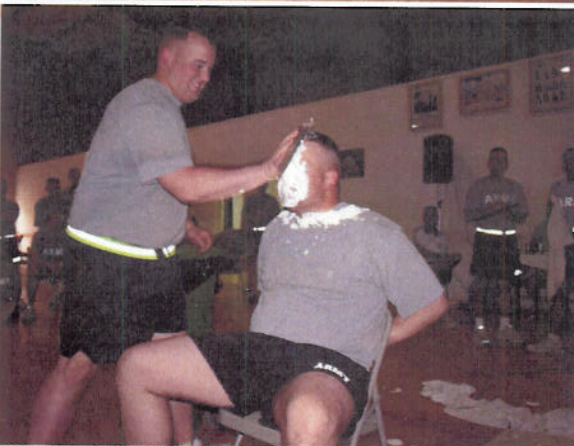
# GUNFIGHTERS TAKE A DAY OFF!



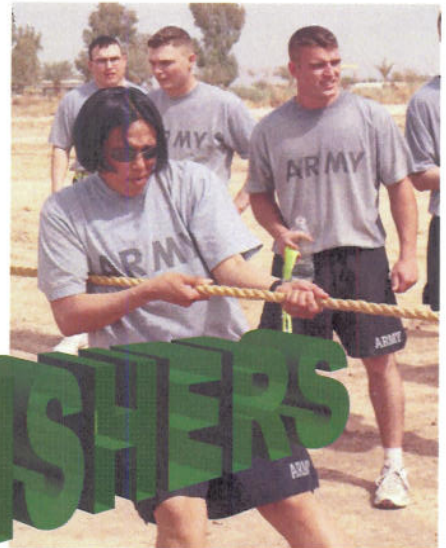
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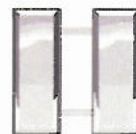


DODGEBALL  
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# PUNISHERS

TAKE HOME THE COMMANDER'S  
CUP FOR THE BEST RECORD IN THE  
EVENTS. CONGRATULATIONS 2ND  
PLATOON!



## GUNFIGHTER 6 SENDS

We're under 90 days!!! It truly is unbelievable how quickly time has passed especially this past month and I'm sure it will continue to fly by in the coming months!

The company finally had its Organizational Day and it was a blast to say the least! The Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers were finally afforded the opportunity to relax and not worry about anything work-related for a whole day...no nagging phone calls, no e-mail, and nothing but good, solid competition amongst the platoons. We even capped the day with a pie-in-the face competition and yours truly even got in



the action and was covered with whipped cream by the time it was all said and done!

Our PTT mission has certainly picked up as we near the end of the deployment to facilitate our ability to accomplish goals we set for our-

the Mansour District. Our Iraqi Police counterparts are certainly improving considerably especially at the new stations as a direct result of the Soldiers' hard work and dedication to stand up the stations.

On a lighter note, First Sergeant and I decided (really it was First Sergeant's brilliant idea) that we would develop Team Gunfighter to run in the Inaugural San Antonio Marathon on November 16<sup>th</sup>!! It will be our first marathon and we've actually had quite a bit of interest by Soldiers in the company and, of course, every family member is more than welcome to join ...

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## GUNFIGHTER 7 SENDS



Hello to everyone back home from the "Double Digit Midget" Gunfighters!! That's right; we are officially in the double digits for days until we come home. Less than 100 now, not that we are counting (ok, we are). I hope this letter finds everyone doing well, and as excited as we are for this significant milestone. With that being said, we still are not there yet, and I ask that everyone continue to be strong, both Soldiers and Families, and make this time go by as smooth and fast as possible.

While our days our dwindling down, the temperature is doing the opposite, and it is no longer uncommon to hit temperatures in the triple digits. However, we are taking the heat as a good sign since the hotter it gets; the closer we are to coming home.



**ABOVE:** ISG Flom is seen at work behind his desk!

There is a positive outlook to everything, not to mention, the heat is helping to shed the winter weight that some of us packed on.

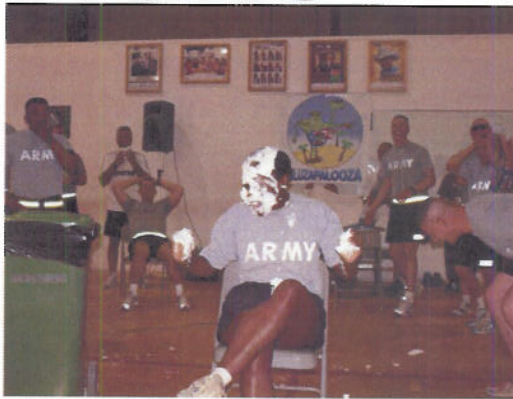
April was another busy month, full of great accomplishments by the Gunfighters. It started off with the Company Soldier and the NCO of the Quarter competition. The Gunfighters were tested not only on their mental abilities, but their physical and tactical/technical abilities as well. I think they will all attest that it was a demanding competition that was described as a "unique" experience by most of them. Just wait until the Soldier of the Year competition. They have not seen anything yet. I want to congratulate the winner's which were SGT...

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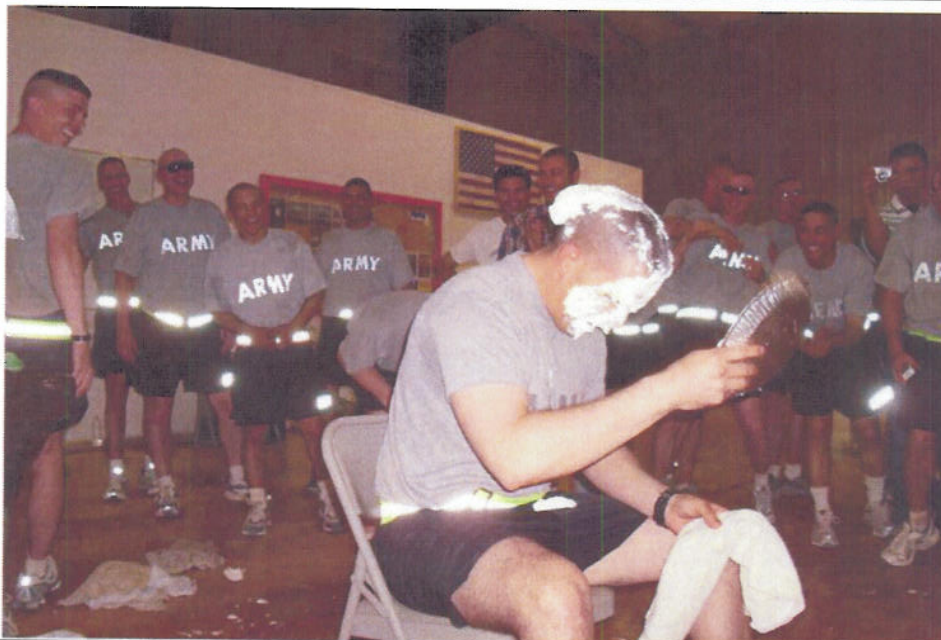
MSG JEREMY KEENE

# OPERATIONS

We can finally see the light at the end of deployment, we are officially double digit midjets and counting. We have also made contact with the unit replacing us and they are excited to get here and relieve us, but not as happy as we will be to see them. We can now begin the long awaited redeployment process and get ready to come home to our family and friends. April has been a fun filled month, with the opening of two more Iraqi Police stations, the Gunfighters continue to impress and make a difference. Daily, the Gunfighters assist the Iraqi Police improve their tactics, techniques and procedures by providing them with the best training and guidance possible. We do this with the assistance from our Iraqi Police Advisors. They are our Civilian Police subject matter experts. The unit also had it's Organizational Day and as you can see, the Operations Section took a couple of pies for the team. It was all in good fun. So, another one down...until next month.



**Above...** 1LT Williamson re-acts to her pie-in-the face. **Below & Below Left...**MSG Keene receives his pie to the face and in the background HQ platoon can be seen laughing!!



## GUNFIGHTER GAZETTE

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# 1st PLATOON

The GHOST Advanced WF times

PLATOON LEADER: ILT LYNCH

PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC SMITH



Another month under our belts and the Ghosts continue to do great things. We have conducted joint patrols with IPs throughout their neighborhoods as well as stopped by a school to deliver toys and school supplies for the children. The Ghosts have been working extremely hard in the Ghazalia area, helping out the Iraqi Security Forces and other Coalition Forces in order to secure the neighborhoods and train and mentor the Iraqi Police. Even though we are busy with missions, the platoon was able to pull off a win in the Company Softball Tournament, thanks to PFC Steffy, who hit the game winning RBI. The Ghosts also pulled out the brooms again this month and swept the Soldier and NCO of the Month board, second month in a row! Congratulations to PFC Armstrong and SGT Mancino for their hard work and dedication, those boards are extremely tough to win. We also participated in and did exceptionally well at the 401st Organizational Day events, everyone had lots of fun especially during the pie-in-the-face event. All in all everyone is doing well here, and we would just like to say thank you for all the support the families have given to the Soldiers in 1st Platoon, and all of the projects that you have done and continue to do. The end is in sight! Take care and God Bless.

Ghost 6 Out!

**Right:** 1st Platoon tug-of-war team pullin' hard.



**Right:** SSG Adams with a local Iraqi child at her station.



**Right:** SGT Thompson shows the commanders cup sporting the GHOST symbol.  
**Left:** The GHOST volleyball champions.





# 2nd PLATOON

The PUNISHER corner

PLATOON LEADER: 1LT MARTINEZ  
 PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC SENIOR

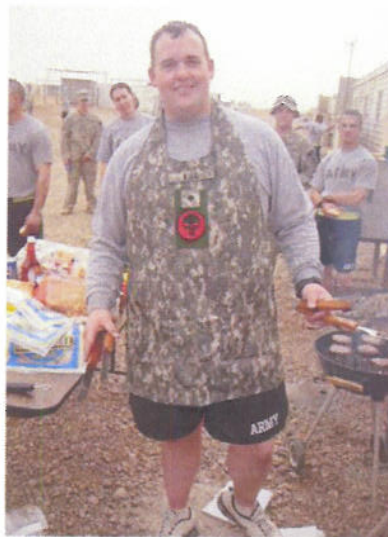
Hello Punisher Family,

We have another month down and are officially double digit midgets (we are short). The platoon is now moved into our new Iraqi Police station in Rasheed and are getting use to the new area. It has been another excellent month for the Punishers and we are all in good health and doing fine. On 19 Apr 08, we had a Company Organizational where everyone had a "day off" and enjoyed a barbeque, a day of sports, and competed for the Commander's Cup. We played basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, and tug-a-war and finished up with the pie in the face event. In case you were wondering, of course the Punisher's won the Commander's Cup! Afterwards, the company had its first MWR softball game tournament competition. It was a friendly game in which we stomped the other unit 25-1 and had to end it in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning just to be humane. Everyone enjoyed the game, well at least we did, and everyone slept well that night. The platoon had a large number sign up for the Military Police Ball when we return. If you haven't heard about it ask your loved one or the rear detachment. It is always fun when you attend with friends. If you haven't already you still have time to sign up and attend. I can't say it enough, but your support to our Soldiers has been outstanding and we really appreciate all your sacrifice and caring. There should only be a couple more of these articles while we are here but until then I hope you enjoy the pictures. Punisher 6, out!

**NOTE:** PFC Jauhal wishes his wife Meagan a Happy Anniversary! - He is currently on pass in Qatar and was gone at the time of press. He did however express his wish to have a message added before he left!



**LEFT:** 1LT Martinez leads the Punisher Tug-of-War team to a win!



**LEFT:** SPC Kidd the 2nd platoon "chef" sports an ACU apron and most importantly...the Punisher logo!



**FAR LEFT:** The 2nd Platoon Volleyball team! **LEFT:** SGT Barnum at his patrol station plans a recon of the neighborhood with the station commander.



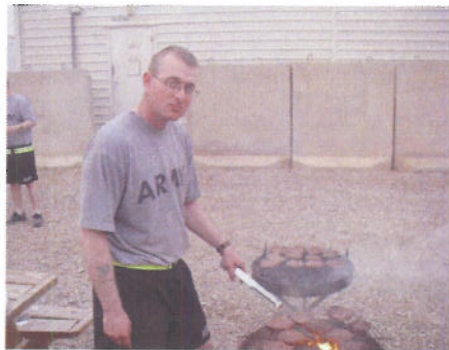
# 3rd PLATOON

PLATOON LEADER: ILT WALTER

PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC DECKER

## A HOOLIGAN REPORT

And so another month comes to an end here in Iraq, and the "HOOLIGANS" of 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The temperatures are on the rise here in Baghdad, so once again, the Soldiers start to prepare for the constant days of 100+ degree heat while conducting their mentoring and training mission with the Iraqi Police. The Soldiers took some time out of their busy schedule and had what has become known as "HOOLIGAN DAY". It was a chance for Soldier to sleep in, not have to worry about missions, and to just relax. 1LT Walter bought the entire platoon pizza for lunch and then the platoon held a BBQ that evening. The chance to just relax and kick back and eat some good food were a great relief to all of the Soldiers, everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves and it allowed them to relax, even though the missions continued on the next day.



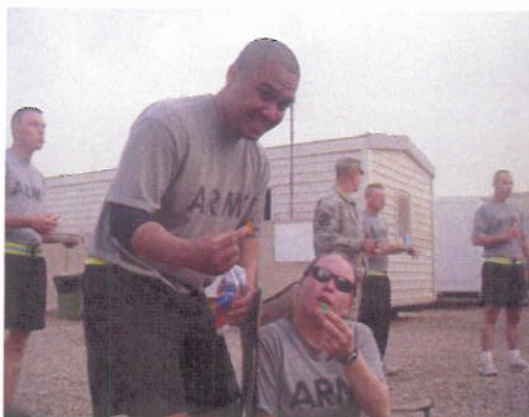
**LEFT:** SGT Womack, the un-official 3rd platoon chef barbeques some hamburgers during a platoon bbq.



**LEFT:** SPC Polanco and SGT Parsons take a moment out for a picture.



**LEFT:** PFC Washburn seen excited to get the next hamburger from the grill. **RIGHT:** Soldiers from 3rd squad seen playing basketball in the field house.



**LEFT:** CPL Williams takes a moment for a gummy bear. **RIGHT:** SSG Watts seen playing basketball with his squad at the gym.





# FROM THE HORSE: A WORKHORSE report

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 1LT WILLIAMSON  
PLATOON SERGEANT: SSG JOHNSON

Hello to our friends and family members! The month of April marks the 12<sup>th</sup> month of our deployment and we are currently on the downward slide. As usual the Headquarters' Section has been very busy this month and the Soldiers have done an outstanding job! The Headquarters' support mission doesn't stop and the taskings keep coming. The maintenance section continues to maintain the 56 vehicle fleet of combat vehicles; ensuring that the vehicles are fully operational and safe for their fellow Gunfighters to take out on missions. The arms room section ensured that all of our crew served weapons system were fully gauged and in proper working order. Supply is still busy as ever ordering and receiving supplies for the company. The DFAC section continues to assist the line platoons with their weekly Iraqi Police recruit drop and pickup. They also continue to ensure that their fellow Gunfighters receive their weekly Class I support and water as needed for the ongoing Gunfighter missions. The communications section continues to maintain the communication equipment for the company along with performing their daily checks of equipment prior to platoons rolling out on mission. As always, we would like to thank our family members for their continued support during this deployment. Your packages and letters truly mean a lot to the Soldiers of the Workhorse. Until next time.....



**LEFT:** SSG Polette is seen hard at work in the supply office.



**LEFT:** Knock...Knock - MSG Keene is seen entering into the supply office.



**LEFT:** SGT Breese is seen leaving the commo trailer.



**LEFT:** SGT Cruz and SPC Doster are seen sorting through new commo equipment.

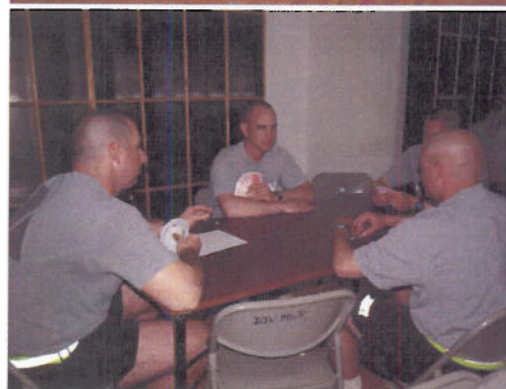
# — the SOLDIERS corner —



**LEFT...**The Work-horse team fights for a win during the volleyball competition. **RIGHT...**The company ready to see the pies being thrown in the face.



**LEFT...**Soldiers run hard during the basketball tournament. **RIGHT...**1SG Flom is seen keeping score of a Spades game.



## FROM THE EDITOR:

It is hard to believe that this is already ISSUE #12 of our Gun-fighter Gazette. This is our final edition of Volume 1 and next month you will see a new look that will ring in Volume 2!

I do sincerely hope you have enjoyed each issue of Volume 1. I have saved each issue on the computer and will have them all available to who ever may be interested upon our return to Fort Hood.

If anyone has a suggestion for a story, or particular item they would like to see in the gazette please email me. My email address is:  
david.s.womack@us.army.mil

Thank you,  
SPC David Womack

**ABOVE:** SSG Watts and SPC Jones give it all they have during the tug-of-war. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The 1st Platoon tug-of war team battles hard, up front 1LT Lynch is seen leading the charge. **RIGHT:** SGT Cruz ponders his next move during a chess game against SGT Barnum.





APRIL 2008

# CONGRATULATIONS GUNFIGHTERS

## APRIL PROMOTIONS:

### TO First Lieutenant:

2LT Walter

### TO Specialist:

PFC Hornsby

PFC Johnson

PFC Green

## APRIL AWARDS:

### BRONZE STAR:

MSG Fleser

### GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

SGT Hastings

SPC Morgan, Andrew

SPC Sadler

### Combat Action Badge:

PFC Bass                      SPC Freeman

SPC Hornsby                SPC Prankienas

SPC Nutter                 SGT Parker

SGT Lowe

## *1SG...FROM pg2*

Nichol from 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon and SPC Turner from 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon. I am confident that they will go on to represent the company well at the Battalion and Brigade level as we have done in the past.

Additionally this month, we took a little break and had a unit organizational day that was enjoyed by all. It was a day where the entire unit was able to take a break from the day to day combat operations and focus on what I consider to be one of the most important aspects of life, and that is having fun. We had a fun filled day playing a variety of sports, video and board games, and some good old barbecue to top it all off. Thank you to all the Soldiers in the unit for making it a great day.

As in previous months, I have had to spend some time and think about who I wanted to thank personally in my article. Everyone does such great things both here and home, but this month I would like to recognize my Noncommissioned Officers. They truly are the "backbone" of the unit. They are the ones who day in and day out are counted on to lead these Soldiers while conducting their mission here in combat, whatever it may be. They are the ones who make sure that not only are our Soldiers taken care of in every aspect imaginable, and some that are not, they are the reason why we are so successful in what we are doing here. To all the Noncommissioned Officers, thank you for what you have done in the past and for what you will be asked to do in the future. I appreciate what you do.

I have been told by the Commander that I tend to have lengthy articles in the newsletter, so on that note I will close for now. As always, thank you to everyone back home for your continued support, and remember, I am always available for contact at [brian.flom@us.army.mil](mailto:brian.flom@us.army.mil)

- 1SG Brian A. Flom

## *CDR...FROM pg 2*

us in good 'ol San Antonio, Texas. But more importantly, we also decided that we needed to run for a cause and chose the Wounded Warrior Project who is willing to actively support us in the endeavor.

As always, I want to thank each member of the Gunfighter Family and all the Gunfighter Friends for your continued support especially as we draw nearer to redeployment. Every e-mail, every package, and every phone call reassures us that all is going well on the home front and allows us to concentrate on the mission here. Again, please don't hesitate to e-mail should you have any concerns at [rodolpho.a.sandoval@us.army.mil](mailto:rodolpho.a.sandoval@us.army.mil).

## HERO OF THE MONTH:

SGT Kluthe

## SUSTAINER OF THE MONTH:

SPC Anderson

## SOLDIER of THE MONTH:

PFC Stephen Armstrong

## NCO of THE MONTH:

SGT Paul Mancino

# Kid's Corral

## Mothers' Day Paper Bouquet

### CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Pipe cleaners



### FRG Fund

#### "Dollars and Cents"

- Beginning - \$1698.53
- Expenses - \$0
- Income—\$110.76
- Current - \$1809.29
- Budget Items - None scheduled

Cathy Keene

Treasurer

Cut eight 3 1/2-inch squares out of the tissue paper. 2. Using the side of a crayon, color along two opposite edges of each square. 3. Place one of the squares on a flat surface with the uncolored edges at the top and bottom. Starting at the top, fold the square as you would a paper fan. The pleats should be about a half inch wide. Fold the remaining squares using the same method. 4. For a stem, bend a pipe cleaner 1 1/2 inches from an end to form a hook. Stack the pleated squares (without unfolding them). Place the stack inside the hook and twist the hook end around the stem. Then, to open up the flower to full bloom, twist the petals a half turn near the stem.

## MAY 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Cancer Relay
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Texas Proud Event
11 Mothers' Day	12	13	14 One Year Mark!!!	15	16	17 FRG Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Camp Explore	27	28	29	30	31

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**May 3&4- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 3pm-7am @ Temple Wildcat Stadium at Temple High School, 415 N 31st Street**

**May 10- Texas Proud & Club Rodeo Event. 4pm until ???, Harker Heights Event Center, 701 Edwards Dr. Harker Heights, TX**

**May 11- Mothers' Day**

**May 14- One Year Mark. WOOHOO!**

**May 17- FRG Meeting @ CO FRG Room at 2pm. Will be working on our CO's scrapbook.**

**May 26- Camp Explore, Cost \$10. 7am-6pm Wilson Park Recreation Center, 2205 Curtis B. Elliott. Experience a one day camp with lots of adventure, with games like knots, spider, balloon pop, hiking and much more. Don't forget to bring a sack lunch.**

# Rear Detachment Commander—Round Up

MSG Arceneaux



Just some of the things happening here at Fort Hood.....

Top Left - 16 April - A day to remember PFC Hudson in a ceremony at the Memorial.

Top Right - Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Annette Hudson relaying the memorial plaque for their son PFC Aaron Hudson with SGT Robertson

Center - 19 April - FRG fun at the Phantom Warrior Lanes; Left is Allyson Hughes with Melissa and Stephen Cameron; Right is the whole Posse.

Bottom - SGT Bass and SPC Green painting the company area for Spring Clean-up; Right - SGT Bass running the show (so this is what happens when I am away at all those meetings at Battalion).

# Mothers' Day, May 11 2008

Happy Mothers' Day to all our Ladies.



## *No Love Like a Mother's Love*

**There is no love, like a mother's love,  
No stronger bond on earth...  
Like the precious bond that comes from God,  
to a mother, when she gives birth.**

**A mother's love is forever strong,  
never changing for all time...  
and when her children need her most,  
a mother's love will shine.**

**God bless these special mothers,  
God bless them every one...  
for all the tears and heartache,  
and for the special work they've done.**

**When her days on earth are over,  
a mother's love lives on...  
through many generations,  
with God's blessings on each one.**

**Be thankful for our mothers,  
for they love with a higher love...  
from the power God has given,  
and the strength from up above.**