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E-mail address changes:

Colleen (Dekarske) Vanhecker - RCVH@centurytel.net

Hi, I am volunteering for the Big Brothers Big Sisters bowlathon tomorrow and Jim gets a team together to bowl each year. I am hoping that if your area does some thing like that, you will get involved. I am a Kawanis member and we do a lot in the community to help children. I thought it might be interesting if people wrote in and let us know some of the volunteer projects they are working on. **Lenore (Crothers) Haferman** lhaferman@tznet.com

There's another new virus out there. This one seems to come from your internet service provider with a message warning you about some phase of your e-mail service and requests you to open an attachment to continue to get your e-mail. Don't open it!!!

Hi there classmates, and Kent.. 40th reunion coming up? How can that be? I haven't grown up yet!!

Will be out to Vegas the week of March 21st. Staying at the Sahara.. Anyone else going to be out there during that time?? If so would enjoy getting together.. Take care all.

Dave Zach dzfxdxt@yahoo.com

Linda (White) Sullivan LASULLY@aol.com writes:

Hi Kent:

Since I just got this from our son at the same time I got this week's LHS Newsletter, I thought maybe you'd find this interesting since you said news, as of late, was a bit skimpy.

Our youngest son Brad is career military and has most recently been serving in Baghdad. He is in the Army's 302nd Military Intelligence Battalion who calls their home Heidelberg, Germany. Early in February, he sent his Platoon back to Germany via air but he and four of his men stayed behind, in Kuwait, to personally oversee the loading of their equipment on to the Naval cargo ship the Pomeroy. Today, he and his men left Kuwait's Port of al-Shuaiba on board that ship. It will be a 26-day voyage though the Red Sea, up to the Suez Canal and on to Antwerp, Belgium where they will dock and unload. They will then travel by convoy back down to Heidelberg.

Brad and the guys are loving the Navy food since all they have had for months on end in Baghdad is

chicken, chicken and more chicken. "I ate like a pig tonight (had salmon steaks with a full entourage of side items), followed by about 3 pounds of strawberry shortcake that was made with fresh strawberries and freshly made whipped cream too. I thought I died and ended up in a restaurant somewhere in New York City. Tomorrow is steak night, and I already warned the cook not to come by our table and put any fingers or arms near us when we are eating."

I am enclosing two photo's. Our son Brad is the big guy on the left.



The other is the Port of al-Shuaiba.



Here is news from the Associated Press Brad has sent home on this same subject:

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Army Shipping Less Gear Over To Iraq

Associated Press February 24, 2004

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait - The slimming down of the U.S. led occupation in neighboring can be seen in this city's main port, where the four Army divisions being shifted out of Iraq are sending home far more heavy weapons and gear than the replacement troops are bringing in.

The Army's 4th Infantry Division, which currently occupies a swath of Iraq north of Baghdad, will require 19 of the Navy's massive "roll-on, roll-off" or Ro-Ro ships to carry away its vast collection of tanks, armored vehicles and heavy bridging equipment, Army Maj. Faris Williams, the Army's operations officer at the port of al-Shuaiba, said Monday.

The Army's 1st Armored Division, which has just begun pulling out of Baghdad, will need as many as 20 ships, Williams said.

By contrast, the Army's 1st Infantry Division, which will replace the Tikrit-based 4th Infantry in the coming weeks, is arriving in Kuwait on just five Ro-Ro ships, Williams said. All three divisions' home bases are in Germany.

Before the war, the 4th Infantry's mountains of gear required 39 smaller vessels to transport - first to the Turkish coast, then, after being refused permission to land - to al-Shuaiba, Williams said.

"They brought absolutely everything with them," Williams said. The enormous multi-role bridging units needed for the war were a particular space-grabber. "With all the bridging stuff they brought we could have bridged our way back to the States," Williams joked.

Military officials have said the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq will take on a less-intrusive hue when the massive rotation of U.S. troops now underway sends 110,000 fresh troops into neighboring Iraq to replace the 130,000 being sent home. Instead of patrolling Iraq in Bradley armored vehicles and 70-ton Abrams tanks - brought in for the land invasion in March - incoming soldiers and Marines will rely more on armored Humvees and other lighter, more maneuverable vehicles. Hence the need for fewer trips by

Navy ships like the hulking gray U.S.N.S. Pomeroy, which was being loaded Monday with Humvees from the Army's V Corps, which is in the process of returning to Germany.

The troop rotation also signals the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2, when most U.S. troops will be shifted from the current tight-knit occupation that uses dozens of bases inside Baghdad and other cities, to large camps lying on the outskirts of Iraqi cities. Several bases have already closed.

The Kuwaiti port of al-Shuaiba has been the U.S. military's chief landing area for war supplies used in the invasion and occupation of Iraq. The port is now proving essential in the troop rotation, since 90 percent of the tonnage for the occupation is being shipped by sea.

Kuwaiti authorities have given most of the port over to the U.S. military, which has unloaded and loaded war supplies from 428 ships since the war preparations began, Williams said.

"Without them we couldn't do this operation. It's that simple," said Army Maj. Gen. Stephen M. Speakes, the commander in charge of the troop rotation.

Four U.S. ships were docked in the choppy waters on Monday, including the Pomeroy, which can carry 55,000 tons or 250,000 square feet of cargo.

Behind the Pomeroy's berth, a parking lot that stretched for a quarter-mile was packed with every type of American military vehicle, from helicopters to small trailers with portable electric generators.

The Pomeroy and other Ro-Ro ships have five stories of cargo holds and a large deck for shipping containers.

Later this month, the last ship bearing the equipment of the Army's 101st Airborne Division - which has pulled entirely out of Iraq - will steam out of al-Shuaiba.

After the Pomeroy departs, the Colorado-based Army's 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment will begin shipping its gear back to the Texas port of Beaumont, Williams said.

Arbie J. Skerven (Glenn's father) passed away.

Arbie J. Skerven, formerly of 1910 Cliff St., died on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville, Ky.

A memorial service was held in Paintsville, with full military honors.

Arbie was born on May 19, 1923, in Wisconsin Rapids to Annabelle (Peterson) and Joseph Skerven.

During World War II Arbie served in the Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater. He was decorated for heroism and received the Purple Heart.

Arbie married Anna Louise Blair on Feb. 2, 1946, in Dayton, Ohio. He worked at Consolidated Papers from 1946 until his retirement in 1985. He also owned and operated Skerven Wrecking for a number of years. After retirement Arbie and Anna traveled the United States in their fifth-wheel coach making many friends along the way.

Arbie was a civic leader. He served as a city alderman and on The Central Labor Council and was active with the Wisconsin Rapids Twins baseball team.

Arbie is survived by his wife, Anna Louise Paintsville, Ky.; sons, **Glenn (Julie) Skerven (LHS65), Wisconsin Rapids eggbert@charter.net**; Roger (Dale) Skerven (LHS68), Pensacola, Fla., and Dean (Becky) Skerven (LHS71), in England; grandchildren, Kimberly Skerven, Milwaukee; Brian Skerven, Tempe, Ariz.; Tricia (Keith) Burbach, Bloomington, Minn.; Adam Skerven, Sierra Vista, Ariz.; Princess Joy Skerven, Pensacola, Fla.; and Danny Garner, Merrill; brothers, Blaine (Lorraine) Skerven, Port Edwards, and Joe Skerven, Smyrna, Tenn.; sister-in-law, Hildegard Skerven, Wisconsin Rapids; and many nieces and nephews.

His parents; two infant sisters; other sisters, Kay Isacson, Jean Zimmerman and Zona Zindler; brother, Denzel Skerven; and granddaughter, Lisa Skerven, preceded him in death.

We will all miss him. Paintsville Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Arbie's name to the American Heart Association.

Gary Flaminio writes:

If any of you are interested in hearing a singer that will touch your heart with her sincerity, please give Eva Cassidy a try. Karen Winegarden made me aware of her and I am in awe of the simplicity, sincerity and pureness of this singer/musician. I highly recommend the "Songbird" album, but she has several others. Eva died in 1996 from cancer, but her popularity seems to be growing every day. She is a very big hit in England. Listening to her will ease the burdens of your day. I guarantee.

Editor's restaurant review: Went to the new Quizno's Sub Shop in the new mini-mall in front of Wal-Mart for lunch today.

I have never really liked cold sandwiches, so didn't expect much. However! Quiznos subs are all heated/broiled!!! I had the meatball sub and it was quite good. Service was quite slow altho everyone was working at top speed - just the nature of the service line where every sandwich has to be assembled. Ingredients they were putting on all looked like top quality.

I recommend it.