

## Suni Yubeta deployed to Kuwait

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Spilyay Tymoo staff

Community member LCpl Sunshine N. Yubeta, USMC, age 21, was deployed January 17 to Kuwait and is now serving in Iraq. He is more commonly known as "Suni."

Yubeta joined the Marines in January 2001. At that time he was stationed at Camp Pendleton for basics and the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

The MEU's mission is to be an intervention force that moves quickly on short notice, to wherever needed and to accomplish conventional or special operations. They are ready to respond to any contingency or crisis that may involve the interests of the United States.

His mother is Nancy Saludo, who is a social worker at the Early Childhood Education Center. She last heard from him on March 31. She emailed him regularly but is now required to use "snail mail." And she continues to send him care packages.

In June of 2002 Yubeta was on a six-month deployment to

Kuwait, and stopped in ports of Hawaii, Singapore and Kuwait. On the return trip he stopped in Australia. He returned to the United States before Christmas.

Yubeta has a son, DeVon, 5, a sister Shekinah, and an older brother, Chris, a sister-in-law Michelle Holliday, nephew and two neices, along with his mother who are all exceptionally proud of what he is doing, ensuring the freedom of Iraq.

"Many relatives (Saludos and Hollidays) and friends who live in the Madras and Warm Springs area have expressed their support, appreciation and prayers to Suni," says his mother Saludo. She goes on to say that they miss him, his sense of humor, and his story telling of his adventures. "He's gone to distances, farther than we'll ever go in our lifetime. We all pray God's grace and protection be upon him and all the men and women in the military during this time of crisis in Iraq," says Saludo.

Saludo continues her work at the ECE and is thankful for the support that she receives from her coworkers and her family. It has brought out a closeness



LCpl Sunshine Yubeta

at 475-4559.

Recognition goes out to other community members serving in Iraq:

Navy Airman Charles Chaplin, USS Kitty Hawk in the Persian Gulf;

Navy Airman Tashina Berg, USS Kittyhawk in the Persian Gulf;

Army Specialist Eric Whittenburg, undisclosed forward location to support Mission Enduring Freedom;

Sgt. Anthony A. Chapito, III, 1st Force Recon Company, 10th Platoon, Marine Reserves, Kuwait;

Sgt. John Thomas Winsor, Kuwait, 86th Signal and Intelligence Brigade;

Seaman Hester Scott, USS George Washington, ported in Norfolk, VA;

Lance Corporal Tashna Hicks, Marine Corps, Kuwait;

Private First Class Rose Sanchez, Marine Corps, Kuwait;

Airman First Class Derek Morris, Airforce, Ramstein, Germany.

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that is comforting, and the prayer is helpful. She also tries to keep her grandson away from the news because he asks about his father. "He asks if that is the man daddy has to go and fight?" said Saludo.

She has also received a thank you for letting her son go over to Iraq to assist in settling the liberation of Iraq.

Saludo is also assisting the Madras VFW Commander Tumur Gastin to invite families of military personnel to support group meetings. They hold a support group gathering each Saturday. Gastin can be reached

## Locals win poster contest Military mail answers the call



Jesse Wallulatum (left), and Chelsea Patt (below), from Ms. Moore's fourth grade class were two of five poster contest winners sponsored by the Elks of Madras. Their posters were about eye safety. While there were many posters with creative ideas these two stood above the rest of their class with two winning drawings. They were presented with \$50 bonds, a certificate, and a United States flag.

Deployed military members have become dependent on the convenience of the instantaneous communications enabled by telephones and e-mail established at overseas staging sites. However, these sites may be vacated because many of the 225,000 military personnel move out and are engaged in war support efforts.

Frontline bases and posts are established with basic necessities, but internet cafes and phone booths are not top priorities. Even when they are set up, military personnel may not be allowed the time or have the ability to telephone or e-mail.

Like an old friend, the U.S. Postal Service and the military mail system stands ready to deliver communications between military personnel and their friends and families. For customers sending mail to their military family and friends, remind them of the restrictions established by the Joint Military Activity, the host country, and the USPS. Consult the DMM and postal bulletin for specific instructions.

Prohibited items destined for deployed troops:

Security and customs guidelines prohibit the mailing of certain items to specific countries. The most commonly prohibited include:

Flammable liquids and solids, such as lighters, matches, some paint and inks; corrosives, such as bleach, ammonia and opened battery packages; compressed air, such as aerosols; explosives,

including fireworks and ammunition; firearms or privately owned weapons; pork or pork byproducts; any matter containing religious materials contrary to Islamic faith; any magazines, or reading material depicting nude or seminude persons, pornography or sexual items; unauthorized political material; or alcoholic beverages.

As requested by the military, packages sent overseas to our men and women should be no bigger than the size of a shoe box. If they are split up into smaller boxes it will get there a lot faster and gives recipients more packages to open up. Priority mail is much faster also.

Here are a few things that are good to send:

Small travel size toiletries; candy (no chocolate, it will melt and make a big mess); batteries come in handy (AA, C); magazines; beef jerky; nuts; dried fruits; sunflower seeds; and wet wipes are nice to have.

Gatorade or electrolyte drink powder packets (great for hydration and make the water taste better) and if you can find the individual packets, they are best. They can be found in the REI camping stores or sporting goods stores for runners or bikers.

The biggest thing to remember is to make sure that whatever you send isn't too bulky to carry and is expendable. They can only carry what will fit in their packs and will have to throw things out that they can't carry with them.

## Calendar

**Father's Heart Retreat for Women, Friday, April 25, 5:45 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. (lunch provided) Warm Springs Community Center. No cost (donations gladly accepted). "Healing women helping women heal." To register call Sarah or Shauna at 553-2293, or Carol Allison at 553-3243. Sorry, no childcare provided.**

**Diabetes education classes are being offered at the Diabetes Breakfast gatherings held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.**

**Walk to fight sexual assaults, Saturday, April 19 at 6 p.m. Walk starts at Warm Springs Community Center, ends at the Family Resource Center. Barbeque and Easter Egg Coloring, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Victims of Crime Service backyard. A discussion will follow regarding tactics to prevent sexual assault. Sponsored by Bridge the Gap.**

**Jefferson County Middle School 7th and 8th grade Science Fair is set for April 29, 7:30 p.m. in the large gym. Two months of hard work to be displayed by students.**



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## Tragedy at intersection

An infant child was instantly killed in a single-vehicle wreck that happened Tuesday morning on Highway 3, near the Industrial Park.

The driver, Alicia Lori Orozco, 23, apparently lost control of the vehicle, which struck a power pole. The

collision snapped the pole in half, and caused extensive damage to the vehicle. Besides the child who died instantly, three others were in the car: Orozco and two other children. Orozco and these children were transported from the scene by ambulance.

## Wreck claims woman

A 32-year-old woman was killed earlier this month in a single vehicle accident on the reservation.

Mali Kealoha White, driving a stolen vehicle, was found deceased at the scene of the wreck on Highway 26.

The incident happened on the evening of April 4, a Friday, at Milepost 78.

White apparently stole the vehicle, a 1999 Ford Ranger, from Prineville.

She was driving between 75 and 80 mph on the highway

as she passed through the reservation, according to witnesses.

When police and paramedics first responded to the report of the wreck, they were unable to identify the woman, who had no identification.

The body was transported to The Dalles. Photographs were then sent from the morgue to Prineville, and an officer there recognized White.

White died from severe head injuries.

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## Twenty-five years ago today

From the April 21, 1978 edition of the Spilyay.

### Unity sought at first NATRO conference

"Remember we have all suffered injustices and much of these have come about because we have never been united."

Seeking to correct this historical problem, representatives of 200 tribes from the U.S. and Canada attempted to map out strategies to combat non-Indian backlash when they gathered at Window Rock, Arizona for the first Native American Treaties and Rights Organization Conference. The conference produced a number of recommendations none of which were finalized for

lack of a chartered body to approve or implement them.

Representatives were asked to take the suggestions of eight task forces back to their tribes for discussion and ratification.

Three members of the Warm Springs Tribal Council returned with strategy ideas.

### Loomis honored

An unsuspecting Lee Loomis, health educator at Warm Springs Indian Health Service, went to a regular staff meeting and was surprised to find himself the center of attention and the recipient of an award. Loomis has been with the Public Health Service here for the past five years.

## Melodrama set for May 1

"Spook", will be performed by staff and students of Jefferson County Middle School May 1, 7 p.m. in the commons. Complete with villain, heroine, and hero, the setting is mid-1800s in the Willowa Valley. In

search of a gold mine, a strange visitor tries to prevent the discovery of the mine's entrance. Featuring a chorus line of dancers, singers, actors and actresses.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$1 each.