### OMArines VERTHERE

he war in Iraq is over, but the war-torn country is still a dangerous place to be. Marines continue to patrol the cities of the country, offering humanitarian aid and helping Iraqis rebuild their society. Marines are also deployed to other potential trouble spots around the world, always ready for action—over there!

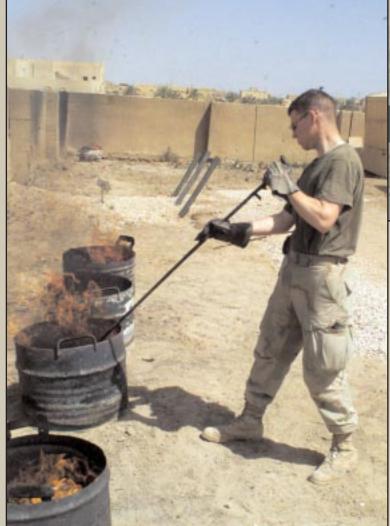




## Al Kut,

arines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, burn weapons taken from an Iraqi armory in Al Kut April 4 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kevin C. Quihuis Jr.





ance Cpl. Craig Carp, a 20-year-old from Celina, Tenn., with 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, performs the malodorous task of stirring burning barrels of human waste in the extreme heat in Karbala City May 25.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Nathan Alan Heusdens







arines with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, fire a Javelin Anti-Tank Missile at the Iraqi equivalent of a 5-ton truck at Blair Airfield May 2. Photo by Sgt. Mauricio Campino

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confront unfriendly rioters during a



### Camp Viking Kuvvait

taff Sgt. Jose Salazar from Paramount, Calif., takes a morning shower March 16. The Marines, attached to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161, Air Combat Element, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), found a way to stay moderately clean in the desert by building this makeshift shower. Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian L. Wickliffe



### USS Kearsarge, **Gulf of Aden**

pproximately 1,000 Marines and Sailors gathered on the flight deck of the USS Kearsarge for a Memorial Day ceremony to honor the Marines of 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade who lost their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



# Moucha Islands, Djibouti

arines with Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa Small Craft Detachment fire the M-4 carbine weapon systems during a two-day range shoot here to improve weapons-handling and marksmanship skills. The task force is here to detect, disrupt and defeat terrorist cells in the Horn of Africa.

