



Billy Bass Bulletin

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The Adventures of Airmen Billy Bass and John Pangelinan

This Bulletin will be sent to all at on a weekly basis (I'll try). Any simulation to actual characters and/or incidences is strictly coincidental. Portions of this bulletin were proudly plagiarized from the Daily Panther Print Base Bulletin for your reading pleasure.



FAQ: Okay, okay; as more and more people are joining my distribution list, they are requesting an explanation - my name is Airman Billy Bass and I have been activated to serve my country. My GL friends at Intel Corporation introduced me to John and we are deployed together to Al Jaber. I have started this bulletin to keep my friends and family informed as to our well-being and also to share our adventures. Hope you enjoy the trip.

The Adventure Continues...

OUT AND ABOUT

MEET THE LOCALS:

Hello and Salutations! Well, John and I have been awful busy these last two weeks and haven't had a chance to go out much. We have changed our hours from 12:00AM through 12PM to 12PM through 12AM. I won't have the luxury of chatting "live" during your work hours but I will still respond to emails as quickly as possible. This week's day off was spent on base doing laundry and basically catching up on sleep. I did have a chance to go around base and meet some of the locals. Let me introduce you to a few I met already:

Meet Slither. He goes by no other name that I know. He is the resident rodent control of the area, specializing in anti-rodent patrol and not to mention also anti-military personnel: a cousin of the American rattlesnake but with a nastier sting. A very shy but deadly neighbor.



Then here is probably my favorite neighbor. Mr. Iguana Al Salaam. Not sure if he is really an iguana-kin but he does hold a very close resemblance. Here he is posing with his human pet and companion.



From a distance, I can see some of my domestic neighbors roaming about and basically just enjoying the afternoon heat. Camels roaming the desert here is as everyday as a crow perched on a telephone line back in the states. Some appear to be domesticated and handled by a camel herder but John



and I occasionally see a herd that appears wild and "unsupervised". They are a magnificent group of individuals and quite unusual. They are unusually tall but amazingly "narrow". Can't tell from a side view but for their height, I would expect them to be stockier if not wider. Our typical grazing cows back stateside are wider but much shorter.

On the dark side of our neighborhood I had the eerie opportunity to meet Mr. Cheuyu Al Alive. Not much of a conservationist and has a only heard others whisper more fear then even Slither of crawling under a blanket of numbing toxin and then basically nibble on the airmen waking up to find inviting him over for a



reputation for his very nasty table manner. I've and call him Camel Spider. He seems to cause would. It appears that Cheuyu has a nasty habit and salivating on an exposed skin with some sort making himself at home for the evening and numb area while you sleep. Have heard of poor their ankle half way eaten... Wouldn't suggest slumber party...

All in all, the neighbors seem to mind each other and keep to themselves. Mutual respect of each other's boundaries seem to work well here in this less then barren place.

THE AMERICAN BIRDS:

John and I have frequently seen the American birds that reside here take-off and land during the course of our job. We never seem to tire a watching these great birds, that's for sure! Never really met them formally. They tend to keep to themselves and rarely come out so I have not had the pleasure of knowing them well. From what I have heard, they call themselves by their street names; F14, F15, Jolly Greens and so on. Maybe I will get to know them better before I leave Kuwait.



They are a mean looking bunch but are actually quite friendly whenever you get their attention. I casually wave at them and they quite often wave back with a smile. I guess they are just very shy.

THE READER'S CONTRIBUTION:

IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH...

(Contributed by my buddy Greg)

A man left work one Friday afternoon. But, being payday, instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend hunting with the boys and spent his entire paycheck. When he finally returned home, he was confronted by a very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions. Finally his wife stopped the nagging and simply said to him.

"How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?"

To which he replied. "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife.

Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results.

Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

50 STATE MOTTOS (10 per edition)...

(Contributed by my daughter "AngleMoon")

Note: Strictly for laughs. If this insults anyone, just remember, I'm stuck in KUWAIT and I need the laughs!

Alabama: Hell Yes, We Have Electricity

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Alaska: 11,623 Eskimos Can't Be Wrong!

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Arizona: But It's A Dry Heat

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Arkansas: Literacy Ain't Everything

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California: By 30, Our Women Have More Plastic Than Your Honda

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Colorado: If You Don't Ski, Don't Bother

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Connecticut: Like Massachusetts, Only The Kennedy's Don't Own It Yet

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Delaware: We Really Do Like The Chemicals In Our Water

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Florida: Ask Us About Our Grandkids

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Georgia: We Put The "Fun" In Fundamentalism

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FOR FUN: I have taken some of the following excerpts from the base daily bulletin below which I found very funny and entertaining. Friends have also contributed some good stories to hopefully increase the laugh value. Hope you enjoy it...

Al Jaber Happenings... (Some items modified for your entertainment)

WHY WE LOVE OUR KIDS...

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five- and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

WEATHER

30-Mar-02		OBSERVATION AT: 1155Z	
HEAT STRESS INDEX (HSI) = NORMAL		CROSS WIND (KTS) = 0	
Today's Max Temp °F 82		Today's Min Temp °F	57
Extreme Max/Min Temp for the Year in °F		129	41
TODAY'S FORECAST			
FAIR SKIES WINDS OUT OF THE NORTHWEST AT 8-12 KNOTS HIGH OF 86°F AND LOW OF 57°F			
3 DAY OUTLOOK			
SATURDAY		30 MAR 2002	
PARTLY CLOUDY SKIES WITH 5 MILES VISIBILITY BLDU and a High of 87°F / Low of 58°F WINDS OUT OF THE NORTH THROUGH SOUTHEAST AT 10 KNOTS			
SUNDAY		31 Mar 2002	
PARTLY CLOUDY SKIES WITH 7 MILES VISIBILITY and a High of 89°F / Low of 60°F WINDS OUT OF THE SOUTHEAST AT 10 TO 15 KNOTS			
MONDAY		01 Apr 2002	
PARTLY CLOUDY SKIES WITH 7 MILES VISIBILITY and a High of 90°F / Low of 62°F WINDS OUT OF THE SOUTHEAST AT 10 TO 15 KNOTS			

Quote for the Day

"You read about all these terrorists, most of them came here legally, but they hung around on these expired visas, some for as long as 10-15 years. Now, compare that to Blockbuster; you are two days late with a video and these people are all over you. Let's put Blockbuster in charge of immigration." -- Jay Leno

Things I've Learned – Andy Rooney

"I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am."

UPCOMING EDITION.

- Laundry Day... ☹

Al Jaber National Parks Tour