



# Billy Bass Bulletin

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## *The Adventures of Airmen Billy Bass and John Pangelinan*

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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...

#### **OUR FIRST SAND STORM – Laundry tour cancelled:**

This week John and I spent our day off catching up on our laundry. As we are not allowed to travel off base alone, John and I were not able to go into town with anyone - hence I chose to spend the day doing laundry and lounging around. I had hoped to start the day bright and early but instead I was awoken by loud slamming of my tent flaps



against the tent frames at about 0700 hours. That's 7:00AM for you civilian type people. Here a friend of mine captured the sandstorm that we experienced that morning. It looks more like the early hours of the



morning but it is actually almost noon for this shot. The sand comes at you horizontally so even hiding your face is not sufficient enough. Fortunately, I came with my dessert scarf and my desert goggles so I was quite prepared. Not surprising, the medical clinic ran out of eye drops by the end of the day. I brought my own, thank goodness!

## AL JABER NATIONAL PARK TOUR:

Fortunately I had been taking pictures of the parks around the base so let John and I take you on some of our recreational parks.

Our first visit will be the Al Jaber Botanical Garden. This site is famous in the camp as being the only location you can find plant color other than brown. In fact, except for the Al Jaber National Forest, it is the only place on Al Jaber you can find ANY plant. It has won prestigious Commander's awards since its creation. Coveted awards such as: "Yard of the Month", "Longest living plants on Al Jaber", "ONLY living Plants in Al Jaber", and "Official unclaimed water bottle dump site".



Here John and I admire the Mt. Jaber summit. This towering mountain reaches the Kuwaiti sky towering at 3,505.2mm and is reputed to be the highest natural landmark in Camp Al Jaber. The peak is so high in elevation that plant life cannot be supported anywhere on its surface. Here I am just staring up the summit in awe of the majesty of this mountain, dumbfounded at its very existence.



One of my favorite spots, the Al Jaber Canyon National Park is conveniently located next to the dining facility. This is a luxury that enables John and I to enjoy our meals and enjoy the awe of this natural wonder at the same time.

The last park that the 10<sup>th</sup> wonder formation of naturally filled unusual stack Who built it? this ancient These are during our



John and I visited is probably the 9<sup>th</sup> (or is it of the world. The Al Jaber Caverns is a underground caves that are formed by sandbags and manually poured concrete. The pattern leaves visitors in awe of its origin. What kind of people were the inhabitants of dwelling? Where they a peaceful culture? questions that may never be fully answered lifetime.

Well, John and I hope you enjoyed sharing the many wondrous parks of Al Jaber. We had fun gathering the pictures for you. We hope the natural beauty of these parks leave you as breathless as the waste treatment behind the dining facility does to us.

## THE READER'S CONTRIBUTION:

### RECIPE FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY, POSITIVE PRODUCTIVE LIFE

(Contributed by my buddy Dusty)

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. If you really need a grouch, there are probably family members that fill that need.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Just never let the brain idle.
4. Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, it is all you can afford. When they are in college, it is all you can afford. When they are grown, and you are on retirement, it is all you can afford.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Laugh so much that you can be tracked to your distinctive laughter.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next county, a foreign country, but not guilt.
10. Tell the people you love, that you love them, at every opportunity.

*Remember, life isn't measured by the number of breaths we take -  
But by the moments that take our breath away.*

### 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!

Hawaii: Haka Tiki Mou Sha'ami Leeki Toru (Death To Mainland Scum, But Leave Your Money)

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Idaho: More Than Just Potatoes ... Well Okay, We're Not, But The Potatoes Sure Are Real Good

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Illinois: Please Don't Pronounce the "S"

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Indiana: 2 Billion Years Tidal Wave Free

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Iowa: We Do Amazing Things With Corn

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Kansas: First Of The Rectangle States

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Kentucky: Five Million People; Fifteen Last Names

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Louisiana: We're Not ALL Drunken Cajun Wackos, But That's Our Tourism Campaign

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Maine: We're Really Cold, But We Have Cheap Lobster

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Maryland: If You Can Dream It, We Can Tax It

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**And the winner of “BEST WELCOME HOME SIGN FOR THOSE RETURNING HOME” is...**



Okay. As a bass I have difficulty understanding why John chose this sign as his ideal welcome home sign. I guess it's because he is pretty tired of the chicken they serve here frequently or the often times salty fish (per John's taste) that are served in the dining facility. It seems to be affecting poor John. He keeps mumbling "Two more months" over and over... Apparently it is seemingly a very long tour for him.



**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...**

An honest seven-year-old told her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."

**WEATHER**

16-Apr-02		OBSERVATION AT: 1055Z	
Today's Max Temp °F	99	Today's Min Temp °F	72
Extreme Max/Min Temp for the Year in °F	129		41
TODAY'S FORECAST			
MOSTLY CLOUDY WINDS OUT OF THE SOUTH AT 10-15 KNOTS HIGH OF 95°F AND LOW OF 72°F			
3 DAY OUTLOOK			
WEDNESDAY			17 APR 02
MOSTLY CLOUDY and a High of 98°F / Low of 73°F WINDS OUT OF THE SOUTHERLY AT 15 TO 20 KNOTS			
THURSDAY			18 Apr 2002
MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH POSSIBLE P.M. SHOWERS and a High of 94°F / Low of 70°F WINDS OUT OF THE NORTHWEST AT 10 TO 15 KNOTS			
FRIDAY			19 Apr 2002
PARTLY CLOUDY and a High of 88°F / Low of 64°F WINDS OUT OF THE NORTHEAST AT 10 TO 15 KNOTS			

***Quote for the Day***

"Once a task is begun, do not leave it 'til it's done. Be it great or small, do it well.....or not at all." - Quincy Jones

***Things I've Learned – Andy Rooney***

*I've learned....that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.*

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**UPCOMING EDITION.**

- Billy goes Shopping