



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...

BILLY GOES OUT ON THE TOWN:

Went out with a great group of guys and gals and had a blast sight seeing! Here I am posing with Salina and Nick. Two crazy and funny people! Theresa is one of our ranking personnel on this trip – her and her husband Dan are our designated chaperones.



We first went to the Kuwaiti Sharq Market area. This is an area covering several blocks that provides virtually everything you need. Most impressive is the fruit / meat market which has an unbelievable variety of fruits, vegetables, nuts and an amazing display of herbs and spices.



With all this walking, one builds up a thirst. Here Selena and John help me get a drink at a public “water fountain”.



We next headed to the modern mall near the by the beach called Sharq Mall or more affectionately called Shark Mall. This is a very impressive mall with a marina on one side and some very extravagant stores inside. If it wasn't for the traditional Kuwaiti clothing, you can easily assume that this is one of many malls back in the states. In the second picture below, we just could not pass up a chance to try a little taste of home at this Starbucks coffee house. Here, our three most junior airmen assuring us that America is in good hands... (oh dear...) ☺



Like any tourist, we had to stop at the famous Kuwait towers. Here John and I pose for a picture at the observation deck of the tower. The view was magnificent! You have a panoramic view of entire city of Kuwait. A kind passer-by was nice enough to take our group picture as we enjoy this beautiful view of the city.



Another impressive site we visited is the Green Isle Beach Resort. Sadly, the facility was close during our visit but



we were permitted to go on the island to enjoy the beaches. This second picture shows us posing in some color cubes that we could not figure what it was being used for so we decided to us it as a picture



frame for fun. As you can see, the island is man made with a little lagoon. What I found interesting is that on this island, the beaches face inward rather than out towards the ocean. Go figure...



We had the opportunity use the physical fitness facilities to keep our military physique. Here we see John providing a boost for Selena on this difficult vertical climb.

Here we have a group exercise in parachute survival during a jump in very windy condition. The goal is to hold on tight as the wind blows you back and forth.





In this exercise, the emphasis is on teamwork as we attempt to create a human chain in the event of an emergency evacuation down an airplane chute. We need to be prepared for anything over here. You never know where it may come in handy.

It was a marvelous day full of adventure and friendship! There were much too many pictures to include so I will continue my road trip stories on the next addition as well as other trips that followed. Hope you can join us then!

THE READER’S CONTRIBUTION:

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!

Massachusetts: Our Taxes Are Lower Than Sweden's (For Most Tax Brackets)

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Michigan: First Line Of Defense >From The Canadians

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Minnesota: 10,000 Lakes... And 10,000,000,000,000 Mosquitoes

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Mississippi: Come And Feel Better About Your Own State

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Missouri: Your Federal Flood Relief Tax Dollars At Work

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Montana: Land Of The Big Sky, The Unabomber, Right-wing Crazies, And Very Little Else

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Nebraska: Ask About Our State Motto Contest

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Nevada: Hookers and Poker!

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New Hampshire: Go Away And Leave Us Alone

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New Jersey: You Want A ##\$%##! Motto? I Got Yer ##\$%##! Motto Right Here!

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IF YOU CAN...

(Contributed by my buddy Greg)

- If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,
- If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
- If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,
- If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,
- If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
- If you can conquer tension without medical help,
- If you can relax without liquor,
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
- If you can do all these things,

Then you are probably the family dog.

GOLFERS BEWARE: DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR BALLS ARE?



Not being an avid golfer, I don't have a worry concerning this sign. To those of you that enjoy the sport, take heed... and a sports cup!



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...

Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out a box of Tampax and proceeded to the checkout counter.

The man at the counter asked the older boy, "Son, how old are you?"

"Eight", the boy replied.

The man continued, "Do you know how these are used?"

The boy replied, "Not exactly, but they aren't for me. They are for my brother. He's four. We saw on TV that if you use these you would be able to swim and ride a bike. He can't do either one."

WEATHER

5-May-02		OBSERVATION AT: 1055Z	
Max Temp recorded °F	93	Min Temp recorded °F	70
Extreme Max/Min Temp for the Year in °F		129	41
TODAY'S FORECAST			
FAIR SKIES WINDS FROM THE NORTHEAST 10-15 KNOTS HIGH OF 95°F AND LOW OF 71°F			
3 DAY OUTLOOK			
MONDAY		06 MAY 02	
PARTLY CLOUDY and a High of 95°F / Low of 72°F WINDS OUT OF THE SOUTHEAST AT 10 TO 15 KNOTS			
TUESDAY		07 May 2002	
CLEAR and a High of 97°F / Low of 72°F WINDS OUT OF THE SOUTH-SOUTHEAST AT 10 TO 15 KNOTS			
WEDNESDAY		08 May 2002	
CLEAR and a High of 100°F / Low of 73°F WINDS OUT OF THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST AT 12-20 KNOTS			

UPCOMING EDITION.

- LOCAL CUISINE
- MORE OUT ON THE TOWN!