

Postcards from Iraq



“April Foons” Day is a Home Run in Baghdad dirt

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When you first meet Lt. Col. William F. Foos, you come away with the impression of a very serious officer. That’s exactly what he is, but he has a fun, sly side too. He came up with a very well thought-out plan to improve moral, provide exercise and have fun in a very short time frame. Softball. After eliciting the support of the Commander of GRD, Foos put together the first Gulf Region Division Softball Tournament. After sending out an e-mail to all hands, three teams materialized—Commander’s All-Stars; The A Team, and the Tiger Team. On April 1st – now and forever known in the GRD as *April Foons Day* –the tournament began. Each team played the other twice, with the results being forever agued in history and lore. The effects on those who played and those who watched will always be remembered with pride, smiles and BenGay!



Left: Brig. Gen. Bostick at the plate during the “April Foons” Day softball tournament at GRD. Right: GRD members participate in a well earned morale day in Baghdad.

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