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V CORPS UNITS JOIN IN 'PARTNERSHIP DAY' WITH COMRADES FROM IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE DANGER, TIKRIT, Iraq – Task Force 1-18 of V Corps' 1st Infantry Division celebrated with its Iraqi comrades when it hosted a Partnership Day event at the "Birthday Palace" here Sept. 1.

The celebration brought together Soldiers from the division's 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment and 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment with the Iraqi National Guard's 201st Battalion, 30th Brigade and local Iraqi police officers.

The participants competed in various events like the vehicle push, buddy aid litter carry, weapons assembly and disassembly relay, and a soccer tournament. All teams were mixed with American Soldiers and members of the Iraqi security forces.

"Today is just a day to get together and cut loose after all the hard training and hard missions that we've been on and just really to have a spirit of fellowship among those forces that work real hard to make Tikrit a safe place," said Capt. David M. Krzycki, commander of Alpha Company, 1/18th.

The ING units and their counterparts competed for streamers for their units' guidons.

"The most important thing out of this is it helps build cohesion between these units and fosters good relations," said Krzycki.

This was the second Partnership Day conducted here.

