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***LAHC Extends Sincere Wishes for a
Blessed Easter Holiday to all celebrating!***

*****DON'T FORGET!!! FOR THOSE APPLYING ... THE AASF SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 6, 2010*****

LAHC Commends FBI on Arrest of Terrorists in Ann Arbor area

On Sunday, March 28, the FBI arrested at least seven people, including some from Michigan, in raids in Washtenaw and Lenawee counties by a FBI-led Joint Terrorism Task Force in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana as part of an investigation into an Adrian-based Christian militia group that sought to commit acts of terrorism in Michigan against law enforcement agents and Muslims.

According to the Detroit News, sources have said the FBI was in the second day of raids around the southeastern Michigan city of Adrian that are connected to a militia group, known as the Hutaree, an Adrian-based group whose members describe themselves as Christian soldiers preparing for the arrival and battle with the anti-Christ.

It was stated that the Hutaree were targeted after its members made threats of violence against Islamic organizations.

The LAHC commends the FBI in stopping such terrorist activities in our great state, home to the largest concentrated population of Arab and Muslim in the nation.

AscentTV to hold Premier for Film ROCKBOTTOM on April 9

Inspired by a true story, "RockBottom" is a short film that was filmed, produced and directed locally in the Detroit Metro Area (Dearborn) by AscentTV. The film tells the story of a young man, Adam (played by Jalal Moughania), who loses his way in life from a very young age. Victimized by outside factors controlling the course of his life, Adam decides to take the role of the predator rather than the victim.

This is the first attempt at a short film that will be submitted to international film festivals.

The film's **FIRST EXCLUSIVE PUBLIC PREMIERE & FUNDRAISER** for Ascent TV will be held at the **Bint Jebail Cultural Center** in Dearborn on **APRIL 9 AT 6:00 pm**. The program will include dinner and the movie.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 313-729-1440 OR CLICK ON:
http://ascenttv.net/new_tickets.php

To learn about AscentTV: <http://www.ascenttv.net>

In Memoriam: Mike Monsoor, Navy Petty Officer, Second Class :



April 5th, 1981 ~ September 29th, 2006

Mike Monsoor, was awarded "the Congressional Medal of Honor," for giving his life in Iraq, as he jumped on, and covered with his body, a live hand grenade, that was accidentally dropped by a Navy Seal, saving the lives of a large group of Navy Seals

During Mike Monsoor's funeral, at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, in San Diego, California, the six pallbearers removed the rosewood casket from the hearse, and lined up on each side of Mike Monsoor's casket, were his family members, friends, fellow sailors, and well-wishers. The column of people continued from the hearse, all the way to the grave site.

What the group didn't know at the time was, every Navy Seal (45 to be exact) that Mike Monsoor saved that day was scattered through-out the column! As the pallbearers carried the rosewood casket down the column of people to the grave side, the column would collapse, forming a group of people that followed behind.

Every time the rosewood casket passed a Navy Seal, he would remove his gold trident pin from his uniform, and slap it down hard, causing the gold trident pin to embed itself into the top of the wooden casket! Then the Navy Seal would step back from the column, and salute.

Now for those, who don't know what a trident pin is, or what it looks like? Here is the definition:

After one completes the basic Navy Seal program which lasts for three weeks, and is followed by Seal qualification training, which is 15 more weeks of training, necessary to continue improving basic skills and to learn new tactics and techniques, required for an assignment to a Navy Seal platoon. After successful completion, trainees are given their Naval Enlisted Code, and are awarded the Navy Seal trident pin.

With this gold pin they are now officially a Navy Seal! It was said, that you could hear each of the 45 slaps from across the cemetery! By the time the rosewood casket reached the grave site, it looked as though it had a gold inlay from the 45 trident pins that lined the top!

CONNECT Program 2010 Bridges Arab Diaspora with Homeland

The University of Balamand is proud to announce its annual CONNECT program for 2010. This cultural-academic program welcomes youth of ages 17-25 from all over the world. Since its inception, in 2001, CONNECT has proved to be one of the effective programs that develops in the youth a true understanding of the cultural and social dynamics of the country.

Their mission is to CONNECT Lebanese and other Arab immigrants with their homeland and to introduce them to their cultural heritage. The one-month long program is dedicated to youth who are interested in Lebanon and the Middle East. Previous CONNECT Program participants have come from the US, Canada, and Arabian Gulf, with some having roots in the region. The Program includes activities of cultural, academic, and touristic nature which enables youth from around the world to experience the heritage and culture of Lebanon and the region, as well as learn basic Arabic and improve their Arabic language skills.

CONNECT 2010 will be taking place from the 1st to the 28th of July, 2010. For more information, please visit our website at: www.balamand.edu.lb/connect



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