The replacements are coming. Coppola and Briggs are out already. The new Trauma Czar, Jay Johannigman is here, so Bailey is on deck to leave. As of January 15th, AEF 1/4 will be started and within two weeks we’ll all be headed home.

The AEF 9/10 Team of Surgeons, accompanied by our first replacement Jason Bell, saddles up in the Czar Truck and heads to DFAC #3 for Mongolian Barbecue. Mongo has supplanted Surf and Turf Wednesday as the meal of the week, because the steaks have become largely inedible.
Random shots from AFTH- no gross stuff or parts though

Captain Hashem is our Iraqi Army Liaison officer. He is celebrating Eid d’Jaish, the 80th Birthday of the Iraqi Army, Jan 6, 2008.

Diesel is a military working dog who was shot through the shoulder, now recovered and playing with Bailey.

The ER roasted a pig for New Year’s, and required an emergency Surgery Consult to keep the sausages inside the torso. Gen Burt Fields inspects.

Boy, has the Zamboni made cleaning fun, these guys clean so much we can’t hear ourselves think.

In case you were wondering who “the man” is, he’s the Mongo supervisor at DFAC3.

Global Warming? Balad has its first snow in 59 years.