

## Warhorse Sends: Redeployment Message



Warhorse Soldiers I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you on a very successful deployment.

You have made a tremendous difference for the people and country of Iraq. You should be very proud of all your accomplishments.

I continue to be amazed by your professionalism, discipline and compassion every day as you provided hope and security for the people of Iraq. As you have heard me talk before, you are winning the war that many said could not be won.

This is an exciting time as we wrap up a successful deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom and return home to our Families and friends.

You have made significant improvements and a tremendous impact on the security and essential services for the people of Basra, Diwaniya, Najaf, Mosul, Kirkuk, Babil, Wasit, and Karbala provinces over the past 12 months.

I want every Soldier to know that everyone played a vital part to the overall success of the Brigade.

From the infantrymen on the patrol bases to the supply clerks in their offices, I personally thank each one of you for a job well done and know that your actions and professionalism were instrumental in our success.

CSM Thompson and I would also like to thank the true heroes of this war, our Families. They make the ultimate sacrifice each time we deploy to defend our nation's freedoms.

Our Families provide us the strength every day to accomplish our mission. We can never say thank you enough.

The success of our deployment did not come without a great cost.

Unfortunately, we lost ten brave Soldiers during our rotation, please take a moment and remember our Fallen Heroes and their Families, as well as all our fallen comrades who were called on to give the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq.

They are gone but they never will be forgotten.

The ultimate success of our deployment will be decided once we return to Fort Carson.

I ask for all my leaders and Soldiers to remain safe, responsible, and professional during our transition home and on block leave. It would be tragic to bring our Soldiers home from a hostile environment, only to lose them in accidents at home that could have been avoided.

Remember we are a Family and a team; we take care of each other. We, both

the soldier and the family will have to make adjustments as we come home. We will make them and stand ready to assist our brothers and sisters who made need additional assistance.

As a Family, we will reintegrate and recover from a very successful and meaningful operation. We must maintain our focus, to take care of the team and re-posture ourselves for future requirements.

As we redeploy the Brigade, please continue to use the vFRG website. We update the vFRG website weekly. Remember, if you did not hear it from myself or the Warhorse Rear Detachment then it is only a rumor. Please continue to visit the Warhorse vFRG website to get the latest information.

We are Warhorse!

HENRY A. KIEVENAAR, III COL, AR Commander





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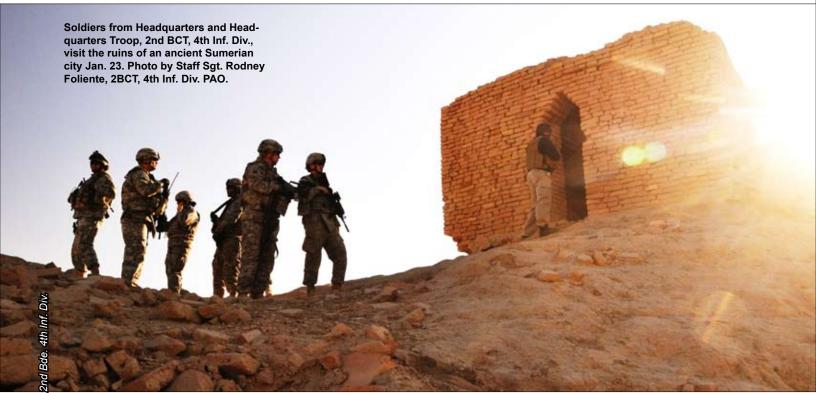




Col. Butch Kievenaar, 2nd BCT commander, uncase the colors during ceremony at Camp Echo October 4. The brigade's mission in Diwaniya dealt with professionalizing the Iraqi Security Forces in the area. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.



Command Sgt. Maj. Frederick Thompson gives candy to the local Iraqi children in Basra Province May 24. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.





(Left) Lt. Col. Leo Caballero, commander, STB, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., passes the guidon to Capt. Kimberly Keith, as she assumes command of HHT, STB, during a troop change of command ceremony at Camp Echo March 21. Keith calls both New Hartford, Conn., and Washington, Pa., home. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.

(Below) Sgt. 1st Class Mark Glaze, civil affairs, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, leads fellow Soldiers carrying boxes of medical books and supplies to the Diwaniya Women's and Children's Hospital Feb. 19. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.





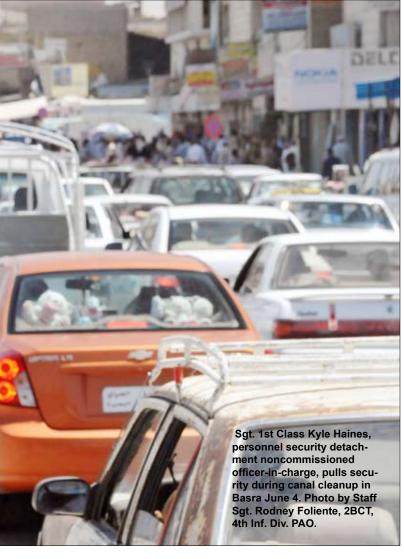


(Above) Capt. Jose Danois, Plans officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2BCT 4th Inf. Div., takes a swing. Several pro golfers visited the troops as part of the "Operation Links" tour at Camp Echo Nov. 30. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.





Staff Sgt. Beatrix Estrella, 2nd BCT chaplain's assistant, stands watch on a dismounted patrol in Basra Province June 3. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.







(Above) Maj. Tanya Bradsher, public affairs officer, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, gives a stuffed animal to a sick little boy at the Diwaniya Women's and Children's Hospital Feb. 19. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.

(Left) The Brigade Logistics section pause for a photo at Camp Echo. The Logistics section was primarily responsible for the brigade's movement into and out of Diwaniya and Basra provinces. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.





(Above) Lt. Col. Leo Caballero, 2nd STB commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Wade Myers, the senior enlisted advisor for the battalion lead the battalin in saluting the colors at the battalion uncasing ceremony at Camp Echo October 9. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, deputy commanding general for operations, MND-C, recloses the top part of the uniform after pinning a Purple Heart on Staff Sgt. Matthew Harvey, construction supervisor, with Co. E, 2nd Combined Arms Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., and attached to STB, during an award ceremony March 20. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.





A Shadow TUAV sergeant with Co. A, STB, inspects the launcher during preflight checks prior to a launch demonstration for officers from 8th IA Div. at Camp Echo March 29. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



Command Sgt. Major Wade Myers, STB, stumbles to a halt as Staff Sgt. Ruby chomps on his arm during a military working dog demonstration for noncommissioned officer professional development at Camp Echo Feb. 21. Myers volunteered to be attacked by the dogs as a fundraiser for the STB Ball. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.







(Above) Spc. Terrika Houston, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear operations specialist with HHC, STB, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., stands amidst a field of twisted and rusted metal in the Hyyaniya District of Basra July 7. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



Lt. Col. Leo Caballero, 2nd STB commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Wade Myers, the senior enlisted advisor for the battalion uncase the colors during a battalion uncasing ceremony at Camp Echo October 9. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.





Spc. Christina Brink, force protection sergeant, Military Police Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd STB, directs the perimeter security during a mission to visit the Iraqi Police Qada District Headquarters in Diwaniya Oct. 5. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT 4th ID PAO.





Soldiers from the 204th BSB pose for a group photo at COB Basra July 15, after a mass deployment award ceremony. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. DIv., PAO.



Spc. Justin Zito, metal worker, B Co., 204th Bde. Supt. Bn., grinds and shapes a metal part at Forward Operating Base Kalsu Oct. 21. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



Capt. Michelle Szczepanik, physician assistant, Co. C, 204th BSB, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., demonstrates how to put a breathing tube down an infant's throat to doctors from the Basra Women's and Children's Hospital during neonatal resuscitation training at Contingency Operating Base Basra June 10. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



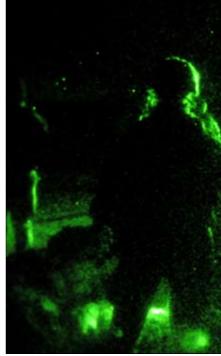
Sgt. Ronald P. Shoevlin and 2nd Lt. Monty B. Edwards, convoy security detachment, 204th Brigade Support Battalion, explain to Maj. Gen. Michael L. Oates, Multi-National Division-Center commanding general, how spare air bottles are used during combat logistical patrols during his visit Jan. 16. Oates shared his expertise gathered from touring through the division's area of operations.

Photo by Maj. Brent D. Coryell, 204th BSB, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.



Capt. Christopher Carlson, outgoing commander, Company C, 204th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Lt. Col. Fredrick Hannah, commander, 204th BSB, and Capt. Noe Muniz, incoming commander, Co. C, salute as the National Anthem plays during a company change of command ceremony March 17 at Camp Echo. Carlson relinquished command to Muniz. Photo by Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.





204th BSB Soldiers arrive at Camp Echo S Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAC



Soldiers from the 14th IA Div. react to a bro BSB at Camp Shaibah June 27. The lanes p Sgt. Deane Barnhardt, 343rd Mobile Public



ept. 22, as trucks pull up to transport them to billeting. Photo by Staff Sgt.

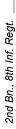


ken down vehicle during situational training exercise lanes held by the 204th bitted six IA teams against each other in friendly competition. Photo by Staff Affairs Detachment.



(Above) Soldiers from Co C., 204th BSB, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., play volley-ball during Independence Day festivities July 4. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos Burger, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.







Top) Soldiers from 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment salute as the National Anthem plays during Beast Company's change of command ceremony Feb. 22. Photo by U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Eric Harris, Combat Camera.



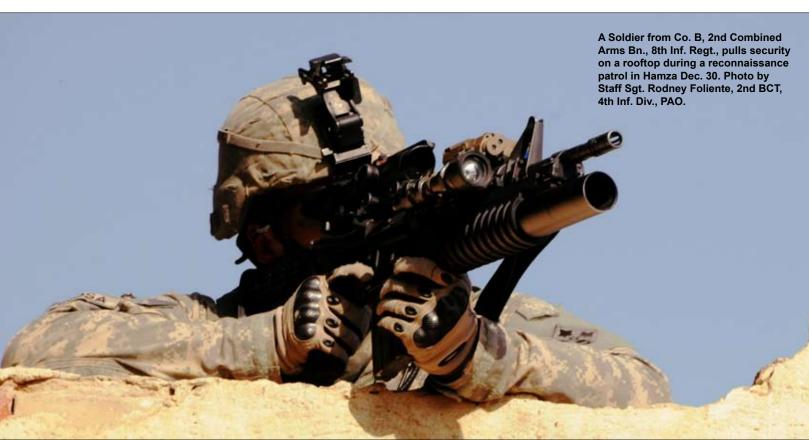
Sgt. Maj. Dale Veneklasen, operations, 2nd Combined Arms Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., picks up Lt. Col. Adrian Bogart III, former 2nd BCT deputy commander at Bogart's farewell roast June 12. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.





A Soldier from Co. B, 2nd Combined Arms Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., looks out at the oil refineries from a Blackhawk before a counter indirect fire patrol in Basra Province June 12. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.

(Left) Sgt. Paul Baca, from D. Co., 2nd Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., a native of Socorro, N.M., teams up with an Iraqi Highway Patrolman for a demonstration of 'high/low' clearing techniques. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.





(Above) An army of children walk with Soldiers from Co. B, 2nd Combined Arms Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., and 4th Bn., 8th IA Div., during a joint patrol in Hamza Dec. 30. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



Spc. Mike Johnson, Co. C, 2nd Combined Arms Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., pauses as he strings concertina wire along the wall of Joint Security Station 2 Sept. 27. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



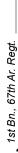
Soldiers from 4th Bn., 30th Bde., 8th IA Div. and HHC, 2-8 IN, rush to security positions upon dismounting a Black Hawk during aviation integration training at Camp Echo Nov. 15. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.

A woman encourages her daughter, who shyly offers greetings to a joint patrol of Iraqi Policemen, Iraqi Army Soldiers and C Co., 2nd CAB, 8th Inf. Regt., Soldiers, during a patrol in Diwaniya Oct. 14. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.





Soldiers from 1st Platoon, Co. D Soldiers carry a Soldier in a stretcher during combat lifesaver's training at Combat Outpost 4 Jan. 3. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.





(Above) The color guard of 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, assemble during a ceremony in Kirkuk province. Courtesy Photo.



Spc. Greg Schabell, Company B, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, provides security for Iraqi Soldiers from 2nd Bn., 7th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi Army Division, during a humanitarian aid mission delivering in Mosul March 21. Photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. JoAnn Makinano, Combat Camera.





1st Lt. Buddy Rocha, 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, provides security for Iraqi soldiers from 1st Bn., 7th Bde., 2nd IA Div., conducting a humanitarian aid mission in the Al Intisar neighborhood of Mosul. Photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. JoAnn S. Makinano, Combat Camera.



(Above) A Soldier from 1st Combined Arms Bn., 67th Armd. Regt., plays the part of the "Death Dealer" at FOB McHenry Nov. 22. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.

(Left) Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and 2nd Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi Army Division, conduct a joint patrol in Mosul March 14. Photo by 1st Lt. Aaron Runné, 1st Combined Arms Bn., 67th AR Regt.





(above) A Soldier from 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, provide security in a dismounted patrol in Mosul. Photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. JoAnn S. Makinano, Combat Camera.



(Right) Soldiers from 1st
Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat
Team, 4th Infantry Division,
provide security for Iraqi
soldiers from 1st Bn., 7th
Bde., 2nd IA Div., conducting
a humanitarian aid mission in
the Al Intisar neighborhood
of Mosul. Photo by U.S. Air
Force Staff Sgt. JoAnn S.
Makinano, Combat Camera.



During a night patrol, D. Co., 1st CAB, 67th Armor Regt., meets with Sol members and takes down notes in Riyadh Nov. 21. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.

(From right to left) Spc. James Brown, Spc. Paul Parker and Spc. William Weeden all scouts from Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1-67 AR, lounge at Forward Operating Base McHenry recently. Brown, who built the porch swing to make their living area more home-like, comes from Elkmont, Colo., Parker, hails from Grantham, N.C., and Weeden callse Buffalo, N.Y., home. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.





Pvt. Devin Ward, a Soldier in Headhunter Company, 1st Bn. 67th Armor Regt., 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., shakes hands with a young Iraqi boy at a humanitarian aid distribution site. Photo by Capt. Matthew Burmeister 1st Bn, 67th AR Regt., 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.



(Above) Soldiers from Troop C, 1-10 CAV, offer their first salute after receiving their combat patches as Taps is played during a combat patch ceremony at Patrol Base Mahawil in Babil Province Jan. 10. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



(Right) Two Buffalo Soldiers guard the entrance to Camp Alpha at COB Basra May 11. The battalion moved to COB Basra when 2nd BCT assumed command of the Basra area of operations. Photo by Sgt. Brandon LeFlore, MND-S PAO.

1st Lt. Andrew Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., and 2nd Platoon, Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Calvary Regiment, radios status updates during a joint neighborhood patrol with Iraqi police officers in Haswah, Iraq on Jan. 13. Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James Wagner, Combat Camera.





Soldiers of 3rd Platoon, 1st Squadron, 10th Calvary Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, conduct post election survey with Iraqi voters at a market in Mahawil Feb. 5. Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James Wagner, Combat Camera.

Spc. Chris Caldwell of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Charlie Troop, 1st Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt., talks to Iraqi children during a visit to the Babylon Center for Economy Development in Iskandariyah, Dec. 3. Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class James Wagner, Combat Camera.









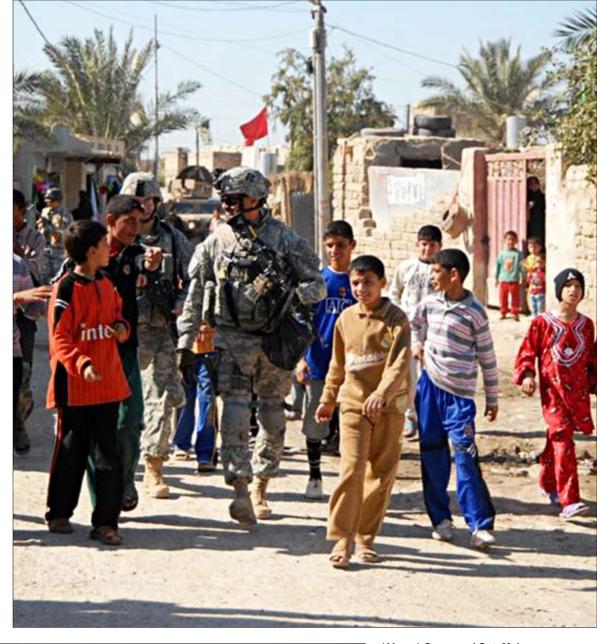
Staff Sgt. David Fine of 2nd Platoon, C Tromarket display during a joint patrol with Ira 13. Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd C



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Maloy, 2nd Plt. sergeant, C Troop, 1st Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt., looks across the border into Iran near FOB Minden June 16. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rod-ney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



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(Above) Command Sgt. Maj. Ramone Delgado from El Paso, Texas, of 1st Squadron, 10th Calvary Regiment, talks to a group of Iraqi children during while walking down a road during a joint patrol with Iraqi police to conduct post election surveys in Al Iman, Iraq, on Feb. 03. Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James Wagner, Combat Camera.

Lt. Col. William Benson, commander, 1st Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt., speaks to the squadron at Camp Buehring, Kuwait Sept. 7. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO.



(Above) Soldiers from 3rd Bn., 16th FA Regt., take the oath of enlistment during a mass reenlistment ceremony at CSC Scania Dec. 5. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.

(Below) Sgt. Kelvin George with 1st platton, Co B, 3rd Bn, 16th FA Regt., 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., share a laugh with an 8th Iraqi Army Soldier at CSC Scania June 22. Photo by Capt. Geoffrey Hampton, 3rd Bn., 16th FA Regt., 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.





(Below) Soldiers from 1st Company, 1st Battalion, 31st Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army in Babil province. Photo by Capt. Jonathan Holm, 3rd Bn, 16th FA Regt., 2nd B0



(Right) Soldiers with 3-16 FA show their Christmas spirit as they wait to enter the dining facility at CSC Scania Dec. 25. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.

(Below) Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division move one of more than 3,000 concrete walls moved during the project to reopen Highway May 11. By 1st Lt. Mitchell T. Marks, 3rd Bn., 16th FA Regt., 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.



Division set up a snap traffic control point CT, 4th Inf. Div.







(Above) 1st Lt. Matthew Pierce of Mobile, Ala., and 2nd Plt. Leader, Btry. A, is surrounded by grateful young Jawadia residents during a humanitarian mission in a rural village Feb. 20. Photo by Sgt. Christina Brink, 2nd STB, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.



Soldiers from 3-16 FA prepare for an inventory inspection Oct. 9 at LSA Adder. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.





(Above) Staff Sgt. Jamie Jiminez from HHB, 3rd Bn., 16th FA Regt., wishes his Family a happy holidays at Forward Operating Base Kalsu Nov. 4. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.

(Left) Sgt. Christopher Sprayberry, 3-16 FA personal security detachment, awaits movement at CSC Scania. The 'Thunder' battalion arrived to the camp Nov. 20. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II, 2BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.

(Below) Christmas day carolers from Company G, attached to 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, sing to their company leadership at CSC Scania. Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO.



## Honoring the fallen...



SSG Christopher G. Smith Sept. 1, 1980 - Dec. 24, 2008 B. Batt., 3rd Bn., 16th FA Regt.



SPC Stephen G. Zapasnik Apr. 18, 1989 - Dec. 24, 2008 B. Batt., 3rd Bn., 16th FA Regt.



SPC Stephen M. Okray Apr. 1, 1987 - Dec. 24, 2008 B. Batt., 3rd Bn., 16th FA Regt.



SPC Darrell L. Fernandez 22 Jun 1985 - 31 Jan 2009 D. Co., 1st Bn., 67th AR Regt.



SSG Gary L. Woods 24 Jun 1984 - 10 Apr 2009 D. Co., 1st Bn., 67th AR Regt.



SSG Byran E. Hall 17 Apr 1976 - 10 Apr 2009 A. Co., 1st Bn., 67th AR Regt.



SGT Edward W. Forrest Jr 29 May 1983 - 10 Apr 2009 A. Co., 1st Bn., 67th AR Regt.



CPL Jason G. Pautsch 1 Oct 1988 - 10 Apr 2009 A. Co., 1st Bn., 67th AR Regt.



PV2 Bryce E. Gautier 2 Feb 1987 - 10 Apr 2009 HHC, 1st Bn., 67th AR Regt.



MAJ Steven Hutchinson 5 Jun 1948 - 10 May 2009 CBR, 4th DBE Region BTT attached to HHT, 2/4 ID