



Raiders ring in holiday season

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BAGHDAD – With pictures and goodies from home and lots of holiday cheer and innovation, Soldiers from the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division celebrated Christmas this week.

All throughout the brigade, the sights, smells and sounds of the sea-

son were present as the Soldiers, thousands of miles from family and loved ones, still took time to string up Christmas lights, enjoy baked treats sent from home, and listen to holiday tunes on the radio.

Decorated Christmas trees, whether only a few inches in height and sitting on an office desk, or several feet tall at the

entrance of a headquarters, were seen across Camp Liberty and beyond as Soldiers brought a piece of home to a combat zone.

"After being here for a while, it's kind of like another day," said Sgt. Jarios Courtney, assigned to the 702nd Brigade Support Battalion's supply office. "But you take your Christmas decorations

and kind of make the best of what you've got."

Beyond just putting up decorations, Raider Soldiers also took part in religious services, variety shows and enjoyed special holiday meals at the dining facility before many retired to their rooms or to phone centers for a chance to call home to wish their loved ones a Merry Christmas.



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(Clockwise from top left) **CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq** – Holiday decorations cover the corner of a desk in senior career counselor Master Sgt. Karen Zeltner's office here. Christmas decorations sit outside the 702nd Brigade Support Battalion supply office here. A Christmas tree stands on the walkway into the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division headquarters building. Soldiers with 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division's command group pose for a photograph while wearing Christmas hats, Dec. 24.



Santa Claus is comin' to town



What do you want Santa to bring you this year?



“Jewelry from Tiffany & Co.”

*-Master Sgt. Karen Zeltner
native of Lake Forest Park, Wash.
Career counselor, HHC, Bde.*



“A beard trimmer.”

*-Staff. Sgt. Fu Manchu
native of Nasir Wa Salam, Iraq
HHC, 4th Bn., 9th Inf. Regt.*

RAIDER ROLL-UP...



AP photo

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ABU GHRAIB, Iraq – A soldier with 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (right) provides security ahead of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen and the 4th SBCT, 2nd Inf. Div. commander, Col. John Norris, during a foot patrol here.

Col. John Norris

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JOINT SECURITY STATION MUTH-ANA, Iraq – Soldiers from the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division practice recovering an Aerostat blimp to prep the system for maintenance during training here.



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CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Command Sgt. Maj. Rory Malloy, the division command sergeant major, shakes hands with Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Huggins, the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division command sergeant major, after a meeting with the command sergeants major of the brigade at brigade headquarters here.

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