



# 1AD Today



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## Iron Soldiers assume responsibility for Baghdad operational environment

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Baghdad—On a blustery, overcast day, the commander of 1st Armored Division assumed responsibility of the U.S. Division—Center operational environment in a transfer of authority ceremony conducted in front of the division headquarters building at Camp Liberty Jan. 13.

Maj. Gen. Terry Wolff succeeds Maj. Gen. Daniel Bolger, who will redeploy to Fort Hood, Texas, with 1st Cavalry Division after a 12-month deployment in Baghdad.

The ceremony was attended by many dignitaries to include Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander in Iraq and senior leaders of the Iraqi Security Forces.

Lt. Gen. Charles Jacoby, the deputy commanding general for U.S. Forces—Iraq and commander for I Corps, presided over the ceremony.

“Not so long ago,” he said, “the streets of Baghdad were simmering in violence and chaos. In many circles, the complexity of the issues here appeared unsolvable. However, when looking at Baghdad today, you cannot help but immediately recognize that this is not the same city as just a year ago. The violence has dramatically decreased. The citizens of Baghdad are out in the streets, mosques and

marketplaces. People are optimistic about the future, and this is especially significant, because Baghdad is Iraq’s face of progress turned toward the world.”

After much lauding of 1st Cavalry’s accomplishments over the last year, Jacoby welcomed the new commander of USD-C.

“Old Ironsides is no stranger to Operation Iraqi Freedom,” he said. “As the First Team departs and Old Ironsides assumes authority, our commitment to the Iraqi people remains unchanged. I am confident that in the year ahead, together we can set the conditions for the next decade to be one of peace and prosperity for Iraq.”

Bolger then took the podium.

“Today, the 1st Cavalry Division departs, and we do so with honor,” he said.

Honoring the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, Bolger said.

“Thirty-eight of our comrades gave their lives in this mission; 190 were wounded. We have brought home every one of them—their duty is done. Bolger said, “But, the American mission continues, and that is why the 1st Armored Division stands here today. They are tough, ready and able. They will continue this mission and they will do it right,” said Bolger.

Wolff then thanked all who attended the ceremony, and gave a special thank you to Bolger and



Photo by Sgt. Samantha Beuterbaugh, 366th MPAD

**Maj. Gen. Terry Wolff, 1st Armored Division, U.S. Division—Center, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. William Johnson, 1st Armored Division senior enlisted noncommissioned officer, uncased the colors of the 1st Armored Division flag. The transfer of authority was completed at Camp Liberty Jan. 13.**

members of First Team—as 1st Cavalry is known—for all they had done to prepare the 1st Armored Div., staff for their tour.

Wolff complimented First Team on their partnership with the Iraqi Security Forces Baghdad, expressing his desire to continue that partnership. Wolff gave a special thank you to “the Soldiers, leaders, and civilians of USD-C who

continue to answer the call and get the job done.”

Wolff concluded with the division motto: “Iron Soldiers; Army Strong!”

“As we move forward, we understand the importance of the next six months in Iraq,” said Wolff. “The USD-C team has dedicated ourselves to that mission and the tasks ahead.”

# The leadership team of 1st Armd. Div.



**Maj. Gen. Terry Wolff, commanding general of the 1st Armored Division.**

Commissioned a second lieutenant from the United States Military Academy in 1979, Lieutenant Wolff attended Ranger School and the Armor Officer Basic Course. His initial tour was spent at Fort Hood serving in the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry as a Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer, then as the 1st Cavalry Division Assistant Secretary of the General Staff.

In 1983, following the Armor Officer Advance Course, Captain Wolff spent three years with the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, 1st Armored Division in Schwabach, Germany, serving as the S3 Air and the C Troop Commander.

Upon returning from Europe in 1986, Captain Wolff spent three years at Armor Branch as an Assignment Officer. In 1991, following two years at Fort Leavenworth, Major Wolff returned to Germany as the 3rd Infantry Division G3 Plans Officer. In 1992, he moved to Vilseck, serving as the battalion S3 of

1st Battalion, 37th Armor and the brigade S3 of 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. In the summer of 1995, Lieutenant Colonel Wolff moved to Fort Carson, Colorado, becoming the Deputy Regimental Commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. From June 1996 to June 1998, he commanded the Regiment's Third Squadron.

The summer of 1999 saw Lieutenant Colonel Wolff graduating from the Naval War College and returning to Germany where he served as the G3 of the 1st Armored Division.

Colonel Wolff commanded the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment for three years, taking them to Iraq in March 2003. This assignment was followed by two years on the Joint Staff, first as the Eastern Europe and Eurasia Division Chief and later as a Special Assistant to the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 2005, Colonel Wolff became the Deputy Commanding General of the 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson. Brigadier General Wolff deployed to Iraq in 2006, serving as the Commanding General of the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team.

Major General Wolff returns to Germany and home to the 1st Armored Division after nearly two years on the National Security Council as a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Command Sergeant Major William M. Johnson entered military service in February 1986. Throughout his career, he has served in virtually every leadership positions in the Infantry.

His tours include duty with the 1/187th, 101st Air Assault Division; 1/508th Airborne Battalion, Fort Kobbe, Panama; 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, NC; 1-505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC; III CORPS 52d Infantry Regiment (LRS)(ABN), Fort Hood, TX; 1/27th Infantry Battalion, 25th Infantry Division(L); Command Sergeant Major of 3rd Battalion 15th Infantry, 2d Brigade Combat Team, Fort Stewart, GA; Command Sergeant Major of 2d Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO; Command Sergeant Major of 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO. Currently the Command Sergeant Major 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden, Germany.

CSM Johnson's military education includes: WLC, BNCOC, ANCO, First Sergeant's Course, Sergeants Major Academy, Air Assault School, Airborne School, Ranger School, Long Range Surveillance Leadership Course, Jumpmaster School, Pathfinder School, SERE (High Risk), Special Forces Qualification (18B), Battle Staff and the Joint Fire Power Control Course. CSM Johnson also earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Excelsior College New York.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal



**Command Sgt. Maj. William Johnson, the senior non-commissioned officer of the 1st Armored Division.**

(1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (w/ Bronze Star), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (w/ Numeral Four), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal (w/Numeral Four), Meritorious Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation, Special Forces tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Order of Saint Maurice (Primicerius Award).

He is a member of the Association of the United States Army, the Noncommissioned Officers Association, 25th Infantry Division Association, and the National Infantry Association.



# A Soldier's resolution

**Medic desires the safe return of U.S. comrades**

By Sgt. Samantha Beuterbaugh

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**F**or many back home in the States, a typical New Year's resolution might include losing weight, quitting smoking, drinking less, or spending more time with family.

A deployed Soldier's resolution can often be something more basic – to have a safe year and just return home safe.

Sgt. 1st Class Arthur James, a combat medic supervisor for Company B, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Division, is no stranger to deployments. James has been deployed twice in the last two years.

"My resolution is to have a better year than the previous deployment," said James.

For James, a Los Angeles na-



Photo by Sgt. Samantha Beuterbaugh, 366th MPAD

**Sgt. 1st Class Arthur James, a native of Los Angeles and a medic supervisor with Company B, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Division, took the time to contemplate a New Year's resolution even in Iraq. His resolution was to continue to improve and hone his skills as a medic, and to encourage his crew to do the same.**

tive, this means having fewer casualties and continuing to improve and hone his skills as a combat medic.

Above all, James anticipates that his crew will provide the best medical attention possible under any circumstance throughout the year.

After all, isn't that what any

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**– Sgt. 1st Class Arthur James**

Soldier here wants? To make it home; home to families, home to friends. Just home safe.

## MWR Calendar

Calendar events start at 2000

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| <p>Thursday<br/>Salsa Night<br/>14</p>  | <p>Friday<br/>Dominoes and R&amp;B night<br/>15</p>  | <p>Saturday<br/>Smooth Grooves<br/>16</p>  | <p>Sunday<br/>8 Ball Pool<br/>17</p>  | <p>Monday<br/>Texas Hold'em<br/>18</p>  |
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## USD-C pic of the day



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, USD-C

**CAMP TAJI, Iraq – A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Division–Center, swiftly departs the flight line during dusk Jan. 11. The 1st ACB conducts aviation operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in support of U.S. and Iraqi forces.**



## Quote of the Day

“People are optimistic about the future, and this is especially significant, because Baghdad is Iraq’s face of progress turned toward the world.”

–Lt. Gen. Charles Jacoby–

For more coverage of the change of command ceremony, as well as other stories, pick up a copy of the upcoming issue of *the Iron Guardian* in publication Jan. 18.



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