





"I've never wanted to be anything but a Soldier," says U.S. Army Pfc. Casey Scalese of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Pittsburgh, Pa., as he looks out the window of a military vehicle en route to an Observation Point mission in the province of Kirkuk, Iraq, March 29, 2010. "I wanted to do something more with my life than sit behind a desk;" Scalese and other members of the Combined Security Force maintained their Observation Point for more than seven hours, monitoring the area for any signs of insurgent activity.

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U.S. Army Capt. Charles Roush, commander, Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armor Division, from Brentwood, Tenn., speaks to the Muktar for the village of Yurimjah, Iraq, about the possibility of establishing a gravel road for the village March 31, 2010. Roush has been in regular communication with the Muktar of Yurimjah to keep the village leader informed about how the project proposal is progressing.

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A local farmer enjoys good conversation with U.S. Soldiers during a routine security and civil assessment by 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment "Manchus," Aqur Quf, Iraq, March 29, 2010. The assessment will help determine the local confidence in economic stability and overall security of the area.





U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class John Zanella, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Guardians Maneuver Detachment, 17th Fires Brigade, keeps the area secure as Soldiers from his team conduct a mounted patrol in Al Hayanniah, Iraq March 31, 2010.

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Sheik Kathim Albumammed speaks to U.S. Army Capt. Jayne Strathe, 1314 Civil Affairs Company, attached to the 17th Fires Brigade during a foot patrol through the neighborhood of Al Hayanniah, Iraq March 31, 2010. The neighborhood is known as one of the roughest in the city of Basra.

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A young girl swings during the two day semi-annual scouting camp-out where the children are taught a wide variety of activities to include fishing, chess, bowling, arts and crafts, and soccer on the Victory Base Complex (VBC), Baghdad, Iraq, April 2, 2010. The Victory Base Council is a group of volunteers stationed on the VBC that started and support scouting in the areas around Camp Victory.

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U.S. Army Major Gary Farley, advisor on the Iraqi Ground Forces Command (IGFC) Military Transition Team and Victory Base Council Chairman of the Iraqi Scouting program in Baghdad walks hand-in-hand with a young girl during the two day semi-annual scouting camp-out where the children are taught a wide variety of activities to include fishing, chess, bowling, arts and crafts, and soccer on the Victory Base Complex (VBC), Baghdad, Iraq, April 2, 2010. The Victory Base Council, which began in June 2008, is a group of volunteers that support scouting events every Saturday, averaging 80 children, in the areas around the VBC.





A U.S. Soldier of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division loads his rucksack onto a trailer at Joint Site Security (JSS) Shaura Um Jidr, Baghdad, Iraq April 1, 2010. Soldiers of Bravo Company were loading up in preparation to leave the JSS which is to be handed over to the Iraqi Police.

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Army Maj. Gates, Charlie Company "Combat" 1/28th Infantry battalion, signs the appropriate paperwork along with the Iraqi government's representative of property management, signaling the end of coalition forces at Ishaqi, April 2, 2010. The return of Forward Operating Base "Love" at Ishaqi to the Iraqi government marks the on-going effort of the U.S. to return local control and affairs to the Government of Iraq.

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Iraqi Air Force Training Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Hamid Hussein stands near T-6A aircraft at the advanced flight training academy at Al Sahra Air Field on Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Tikrit, Iraq, April 1, 2010. The U.S. Air Force 52nd Expeditionary Flying Training Squadron is managing the training program in partnership with the Iraqi Air Force College to train future instructor pilots.

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Iraqi Army soldiers from the 15th Air Assault Squadron perform an Air Assault operation in Taji, Iraq, March 29, 2010. The Air Assault is a joint operation demonstrating the last six weeks of training on helicopter egress and assault maneuvers.

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