

## Gov. Pawlenty visits Red Bull troops in Basra



Photo by Sgt. Joe Roos

Soldiers with the 34th Military Police Company talk with Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty July 19 in a dining facility at Contingency Operating Base Basra. The governor visited the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division at COB Basra, traveling with the governors of Missouri and Nevada.

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COB BASRA – Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty visited Soldiers of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division at Contingency Operating Base Basra, Iraq July 19. He arrived from Baghdad, accompanied by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon and Nevada Gov. Joe Gibbons.

The trip had been planned for some time. The leaders of the Minnesota National Guard's 34th Red Bull Infantry

Division were to communicate to their governor how the mission was going. But instead, the visit was overshadowed by the recent deaths of three Minnesota National Guard Soldiers, Spc. Daniel Paul Drevnick, 22, of Woodbury, Spc. David Wertish, 20, of Olivia, and Spc. Carlos E. Wilcox, 27, of Cottage Grove, occurring three days before the governor

# Highlanders host ISF partnership conference

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COB ADDER – The 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division “Highlanders” hosted an Iraqi Security Forces Partnership conference on Contingency Operating Base Adder recently

Key leaders of the U.S. and ISF operating in the Dhi Qar, Maysan and Muthanna provinces met to discuss their partnership roles within the U.S. - Iraqi security agreement.

“We planned this conference with our ISF partners to ensure we are speaking on the same sheet of music so our operations are well-coordinated,” said Col. Peter Newell, commander, 4th Bde., 1st Armd. Div. “It’s important for Iraqi citizens to know we are here to advise and assist the ISF and all of our movements are planned with them.”

Attendees included the 10th Iraqi Army Division commander, Provincial police chiefs, IA brigade commanders, Director of Border Enforcement, U.S. battalion commanders, and Police and Military Training Team chiefs.

“The purpose of this meeting was to determine the movements and methods for U.S. forces and the provincial reconstruction team inside cities,” said Staff Maj. Gen. Habib Al-Husseini, commander, 10th IA Div. “Additionally, we will specify roles for ISF assigned to provide escorts and protection to those elements.”

Newell also emphasized the need to inform the public about what U.S. forces

are accomplishing to improve Iraq’s economy and governance capacity.

“Many Iraqi people erroneously believed that after June 30 they would not see any more Americans inside Iraqi cities,” said Staff Maj. Gen. Sabah Al-Fatlawi, Dhi Qar Province chief of police. “The U.S. Soldiers will continue to advise and provide training to Iraq

Security Forces in the city. Also, the provincial reconstruction teams have ongoing service projects inside the cities that require their presence for implementation.”

“The productive relationship be-

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Photo by Sgt. Mark Miranda

Iraqi Security Force leaders unveil a street sign recently at Contingency Operating Base Adder. The road formerly known as Longknife Street was renamed Sharrah Ur in reference to the ancient city and Great Ziggurat that overlooks the base in southern Iraq. The renaming ceremony took place prior to a conference between ISF and 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division from Fort Bliss, Texas. The brigade is in Iraq to advise and assist Iraqi Security Forces in accordance with the U.S. - Iraq security agreement.

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arrived. The Soldiers were all with the 34th Military Police Company.

The governor took time to listen to the successes and challenges of the mission throughout Multi-National Division - South, the sector that falls under the command of the Red Bull Division. The time for each commander in the briefing was arranged so the governor could have plenty of time to meet with the military police company.

Gov. Pawlenty met with the MPs and talked to them about their mission and discussed their loss. Following the informal conversations with the Soldiers, everyone filed into a small room for a town hall meeting.

The Governor was brief with his opening statements, saying that he realized any condolence he offered would undoubtedly "seem inadequate."

"Normally, at these town hall meetings, we talk about a lot of stuff," said

Pawlenty, "from the GI Bill to the Minnesota Vikings. But I want to limit my comments today to letting you know that I'm just so very sorry."

When the time came for the MPs to ask questions of the governor, the room was silent for a moment. One Soldier stood up, who would ask the one and only question from the entire company. The Soldier was Staff Sgt. Blake Hayden from Woodbury, Minn., squad leader for the Military Police Company's Quick Reaction Force and the direct supervisor of Drevnick, Wertish and Wilcox.

"Sir, are you going to be able to be at the funerals?"

The governor did not mince words with his response.

"Yes."



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● Spc. Daniel P. Drevnick

● Spc. James Wertish

● Spc. Carlos. E. Wilcox

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tween Soldiers and leadership in the Highlander Brigade has directly contributed to the ability of a diverse group of leaders to focus their considered judgment on developing effective solutions for implementation of the security agreement," said Lt. Col. James Gallivan, commander, 1st Battalion, 77th Armd. Regiment "Steel Tigers".

Overall, the U.S. leadership and the Iraqi leadership were able to put a number of concerns into a better perspective through discussions and a detailed review of the security agreement.

"Our ISF partners, based on the event, now understand the importance of communicating our partnership with local citizens," said Varney. "It was an extremely productive session because we were able to articulate our partnership responsibilities."



Photo by Maj. Myles Caggins

Col. Peter A. Newell, commander, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division "Highlanders," presents a group photo and DVD copy of "Mawtini," featuring heroic images of Iraqi Security Forces, to the command sergeant major of 10th Iraqi Army Division as a partnership gift following the ISF partnership conference recently at Contingency Operating Base Adder.

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"The Fighting Sioux are represented. Where's your team?"

# Air Force band Sonora rocks Basra



Photos by Spc. Tyler Maulding

(Bottom left) Air National Guard rock band Sonora plays a mix of top 40, rhythm and blues and classic rock music for service members at Contingency Operating Base Basra July 17. The band recently finished a week-long tour of Afghanistan. COB Basra was the first stop of its Iraq tour. (Top) Air Force National Guard band Sonora plays "Margaritaville" during their performance at COB Basra July 17. The band also visited COB Adder and Forward Operating Base Delta during their Iraq tour. (Right) Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Beth Sanders, a California Air National Guardsman from Stockton, Calif., and a member of the Air National Guard's rock band Sonora, plays bass guitar during a top 40, rhythm and blues and classic rock performance for service members July 17.

## HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHT

Stockton boasts 49 city, state, and national historical landmarks, dating as far back as 1855.



On July 19, 1945, Soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division working with 135th and 363rd Infantry liberated the important port city of Livorno, Italy.

The Red Bulls were up against two enemy divisions. The 135th Infantry was in a fierce battle coming in from the southeast. The 363rd Infantry, who had been attached to the division, were coming in from the outskirts in the northeast of the city. They, in less hilly terrain, utilized tank and infantry thrusts, and were the first to enter the city. The enemy pulled back to the vicinity of Pisa. This opened supply lines for the forces in northern Italy, and greatly simplified the advance to the Arno River valley.



Red Bull Soldiers in Livorno, Italy taken July 19, 1945

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World

WASHINGTON - The American Soldier confirmed captured in Afghanistan appeared on video posted July 18 to a Web site by the Taliban. U.S. defense officials confirmed the man is the captured Soldier. Early in the 28-minute video, one of his captors holds the Soldier's ID tag up to the camera. His name and ID number are clearly visible. The Soldier, whose identity has not been released pending notification of the Soldier's family, says his name, age and hometown. The Soldier said the date is July 14. He says he was captured when he lagged behind on a patrol. He is prompted by interrogators to give a message to the American people. "To my fellow Americans who have loved ones over here, who know what it's like to miss them, you have the power to make our government bring them home," he said. "Please bring us home." The video is not a continuous recording. It appears to stop and start during the questioning.



U.S.

NEW YORK - Walter Cronkite, the 92-year-old former CBS anchorman died July 17 at his Manhattan home due to a disease involving blood vessels in the brain, according to Marlene Adler, his longtime chief of staff. A private funeral service is scheduled July 23 at St. Bartholomew's Church, which Cronkite attended for many years. A memorial will be held within the next month in Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Adler said. "It will be a fitting tribute to Mr. Cronkite and the life he lived, the people he knew, the people who loved him and the people he admired," said Adler. "Whenever press freedom needed a champion, he was there," said Paul Steiger, Committee to Protect Journalists board chairman. Cronkite will be cremated and buried next to his wife, Betsy Cronkite, in the family plot in Kansas City.



Sports

PHILADELPHIA - Worn down and undermanned, the United States found a way to rally. Now the Americans remain in position to win their third straight CONCACAF Gold Cup. Kenny Cooper converted a penalty kick in the 105th minute, giving the two-time defending champions a 2-1 victory over Panama and a semifinal berth against Honduras, which beat Canada 1-0 July 18. With just one regular in the starting lineup and down a goal early, U.S. coach Bob Bradley told his team at the first break it was time to play like defending champions.



Odd

MOUNT PLEASANT, Wis. - One homeowner is probably not in love with the Oscar Mayer wiener. The famed hot dog's Wiernermobile crashed July 17 into the deck and garage of a home in southern Wisconsin. Police said the driver was trying to turn the Wiernermobile around in the driveway and thought she was moving in reverse. She instead went forward and hit the home in Mount Pleasant. No one was home and no one was injured. The home and vehicle suffered moderate damage, which Oscar Mayer spokeswoman Sydney Lindner says insurance will cover.