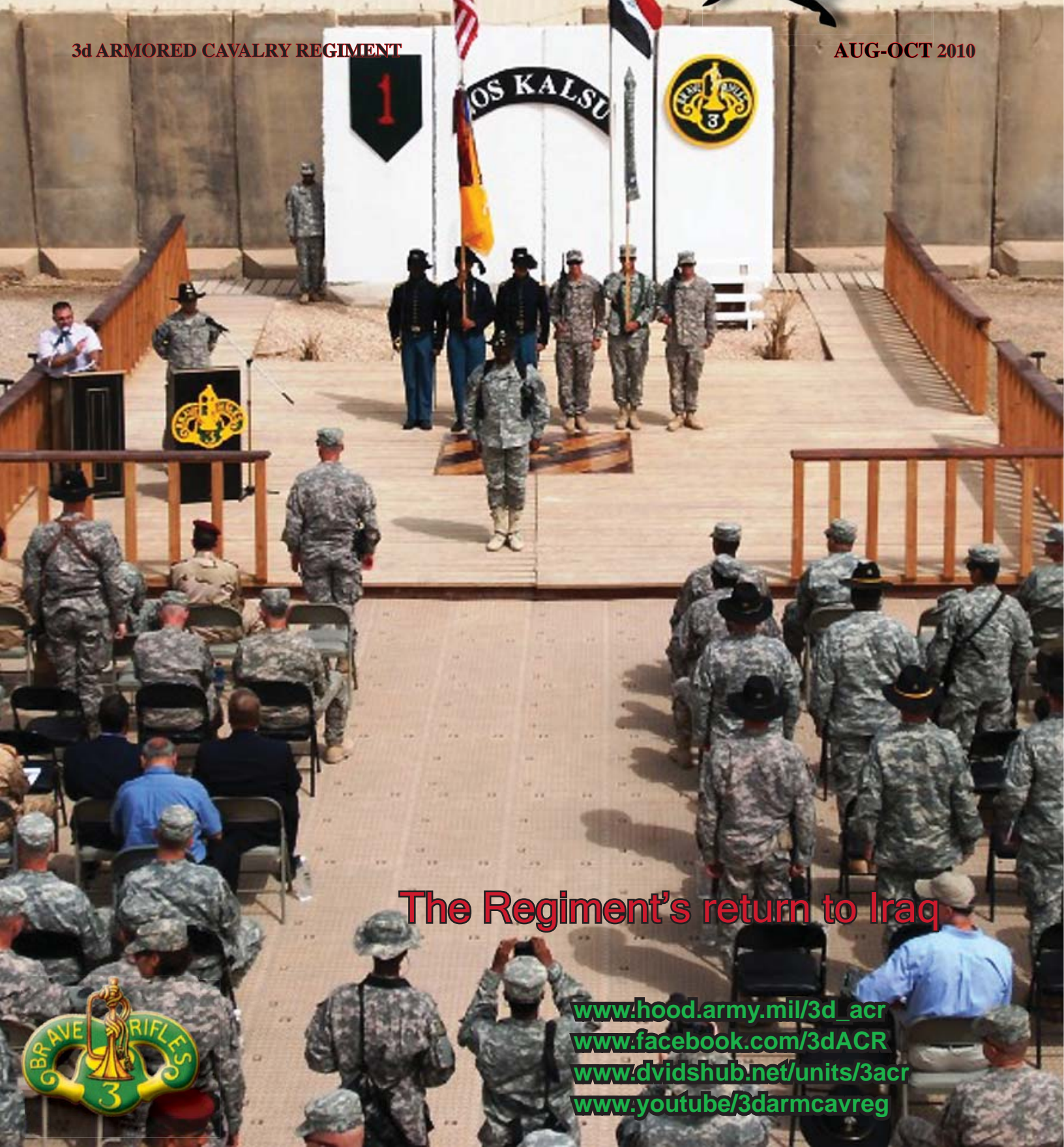


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A group of Iraqi children pose for a photograph during a recent tour of their village. The tour was led by the 3d Armored Cavalry Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. The regiment accepted authority of portions of southern Iraq (Photo by Charles Willingham)

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Southern Iraq on Sept. 30. (photo by Spc.

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**T**he Brave Rifles have deployed in support of Operation New Dawn in southern Iraq. The Regiment has since replaced the existing unit and began it's page in the history books. The Regiment's mission is to advise and assist by helping finish the war in Iraq by placing its own brand of AI-EE-YAH! in the final months of the war. The unit was one of the first to enter Iraq and now will be one of the last!

- *The Editor*

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COL Reginald Allen leads the Regiment in Regimental Accolades during the Transfer of Authority





**73d**  
**Regimental**  
**Commander**

**Col. Reginald Allen**



**B**rave Rifles Troopers and honored Family and Friends, Salaam Alaikum and greetings from Contingency Operating Station Kalsu.

First and foremost, I want you all to know how proud and honored I am to serve with the Troopers of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen here in Iraq. Once again, our nation has called upon its 3d Cavalry and we have responded with vigor, discipline, and cavalry panache. The 3d ACR is the first unit in the Army to deploy to Iraq under "Operation New Dawn," and this unique mission will both test and highlight the abilities and strengths of the Troopers, the Squadrons, and the Regiment as a whole.

One of the key fundamental tasks of a Cavalry unit is flexibility, and though we have only been here a short while, we have already exercised that very concept on multiple occasions. And I will tell you we are succeeding! At

any given time, Troopers across the Regiment are conducting meetings with local officials, assisting the Iraqi Security Forces on patrols, training Iraqi Security Forces, assessing essential services and proposing projects to help the Iraqi population, advising them on any number of security operations, transferring equipment and supplies to the Iraqi Security Forces, or hosting one of the many dignitaries or VIPs that come to discuss any and all of those events. Needless to say, it is never a slow day for in the Rifles operating area.

Our mission here in Iraq began in Kuwait in August as we flew in our Troopers, unloaded the ship carrying our equipment, and conducted final training in the 124 degree August heat of the Udari desert. The Squadrons and the individual Troopers did an outstanding job completing all the tasks required of them. And I am proud to say that they all exceeded the standards by accomplishing these tasks two days or more ahead of the projected completion date, which then allowed us to conduct more advanced training for our mission.

All the Squadrons and the Regiment had spectacular Transfer of Authority Ceremonies, which I hope you saw on our respective Facebook pages. It was a great time to bring everyone together and enjoy the experience of 3d ACR taking hold of our area and becoming responsible for all operations.

In addition, we enjoyed meeting all our Iraqi counterparts and demonstrating to them the professionalism and abilities of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen. I sincerely thank CSM Hunt, the Squadron Command Sergeants Major, and all those that helped turn the Infantry blue of 3rd Brigade, 3 Infantry Division into the Cavalry Red and White of the 3d ACR. Everywhere I turn there is a 3d ACR crest, sabres, or a Cavalry guidon, I couldn't be prouder of our Regiment. We currently fall under the

historic 1st Infantry Division – "Big Red One" out of Fort Riley KS. MAJ GEN Vince Brooks and the entire division have welcomed the Regiment with open arms and made us a key part of the division team.

To the Troopers of Fox, Ironhawk, and Bullwhip that have not yet deployed, we have not forgotten you. I know that you all are doing an outstanding job in all that you do. The tough training you are doing now will make for a smoother and easier transition as you are called forward. Keep up the good work and I hope to see you here soon. Our Family Readiness Groups and Rear Detachment have been doing a fantastic job caring for our Troopers and Families and handling the many issues that occur during a deployment – thanks for all your hard work.

To the families, I want you to know how much your love and support means to the deployed Troopers. I know this deployment is just as tough on you as it is on the Trooper, and I can definitely tell when a Trooper gets a chance to really communicate with his loved ones. He or she has a different walk, stands a bit taller and has a smile on their face. Plus there seems to be constant stream of Troopers walking around carrying care packages full of goodies, much to the favor of all. It is this ability to have positive communication with you, our families, that makes such a drastic positive change on us Troopers. I know that the days are long without your Trooper, but I hope that you know that they are doing a wonderful job and that you should be very proud.

Finally, to the entire Regimental team – both here in Iraq and at Fort Hood I would like to say how proud I am of all of you. You are giving it your all and the results of that effort are already apparent. You know that we all carry with us the strength and honor of 164 years of Mounted Riflemen. Your ability and courage will make our mission a success. To our

Families and Friends, stay connected to your Trooper, your Squadron, and your Regiment through the 3d ACR webpage and our Facebook page, but most importantly through your

unit FRG. Encourage your friends to follow our journey in Iraq. Please stay positive, stay involved, stay informed, stay safe, and stay motivated. God bless you all. Brave Rifles!



COL Reginald E. Allen, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment commander addresses the crowd with Yacoub Al-Ashhab, interpreting, during the Transfer of Authority Ceremony on Contingency Operating Station Kalsu. The ceremony marks the beginning of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment's deployment to Iraq.



Command Sergeant Major Jonathan J. Hunt, COL Reginald E. Allen, LTG Robert Cone and Command Sergeant Major Arthur L. Coleman pose for a photograph at the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment's Transfer of Authority Reception at Contingency Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq. (photo by SPC Charles Willingham)

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**XVIIIth**  
**RCSM**  
Command Sgt. Maj.  
Jonathan J. Hunt

**T**roopers and Families of the Regiment, We are the first unit to report for Operation New Dawn in Iraq. This is an historical time for Iraq and the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. We are here to advise and assist our Iraqi brothers toward a full and functioning government, military, and police force. We have been selected to accomplish this mission because we are the best at what we do. We are the most capable force that the US has to offer. The 3d ACR will conduct its given mission by, with and through its Iraqi counterparts. This will allow us to reach our goals that have been laid out in front of us.

As we settle in our new roles here, we need to make sure we pay attention to our basic functions as well as our new work tasks and schedules. Safety is number one. Leaders need to make sure we are following all safety

guidelines to ensure we are protecting our Soldiers and equipment. We CAN- NOT FAIL our Troopers!

We are here to advise and assist our Iraqi counterparts so make sure we are completing our mission and obligations to the "Brave Rifles" standard. This will ensure that we provide the best guidance to the Iraqis as we prepare to move forward with the US Forces drawdown. This is why we are here.

Remember to call your families.

They are our support channel while we are here.

We also have Facebook, our Website, YouTube, and Twitter accounts set up to inform them about our mission and progress in Iraq. Tell them to become friends of our Twitter and Facebook sites ([www.facebook.com/3dacr](http://www.facebook.com/3dacr)) and to check our YouTube ([www.youtube.com/3darmcavreg](http://www.youtube.com/3darmcavreg)) and Website ([www.hood.army.mil/3d\\_acr](http://www.hood.army.mil/3d_acr)) for updates.



Command Sergeant Major Jonathan J. Hunt bows his head in prayer during the Transfer of Authority Ceremony at Contingency Operating Site Kalsu.



Command Sergeant Major Jonathan J. Hunt, Safety Officer Pete Higgins, Capt. Larry Collier, Asst. Chief Yancy Foster and, SGT Jeremy Pena meet with the Contingency Operating Site Kalsu Fire Department.





Command Sergeant Major Jonathan J. Hunt meets with Randy Mamgum at the Contingency Operating Site's laundry facility.



Command Sergeant Major Jonathan J. Hunt meets with mechanics with 8th Iraqi Army Division Contingency Operating Site Echo.

## Congratulations to all of our newly promoted Non Commissioned Officers

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COL Reginald E. Allen call for the Regimental Accolade during the Transfer of Authority Ceremony 30 SEPT at Contingency Operating Station Kalsu, Iraq. The Regiment is the first advise and assist unit to report for Operation New Dawn. (photo by PFC Adam Hefner)

# 3rd ACR ready to advise and assist the people of Iraq

*Story and Photos by SSG Mark Albright  
3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
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COL Reginald E. Allen, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment commander and Command Sergeant Major Jonathan J. Hunt, Command Sergeant Major of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, uncase the Regimental Colors at COS Kalsu Sep. 30, 2010. (photos by Pfc. Adam Hefner)

The 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment assumed responsibility for its portion of the New Dawn advise and assist mission in a ceremony marking the occasion in the Babil Province of Iraq on Thursday, September 30.

The regiment has trained to assist the Iraqis in the continued stabilization of the nation for the past year. This is the "Regiment of Mounted Rifleman's" fourth deployment to Iraq. They are the first brigade size element to arrive in support of New Dawn.

"By advising and assisting our Iraqi brothers- we are here to help put a check mark in the victory column for the people of Iraq and the United States," said Col. Reginald E. Allen, commander of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment.





MG Robert Cone, III Corps commander, Command Sergeant Major Arthur L. Coleman, COL Reginald E. Allen, 3d Armored Cavalry Regimental commander, and Command Sergeant Major Jonathan J. Hunt bow their heads during the Transfer of Authority Ceremony at Contingency Operating Station Kalsu, Iraq 30 SEPT 2010.



Operation New Dawn is an advise and assist mission designed to bring operations in Iraq to a close and bring the remaining US Troops in Iraq home by the end of 2011. It signifies the new role of the US military in a non-combat role. This allows the Iraqis to have command and control of their own country.

The regiment was created in 1846 and has proudly served in Iraq in three previous deployments. The unit known as the "Brave Rifles" is in southern Iraq and was one of the first units in Iraq when the war started and, fulfilling this mission, it will be one of the last.

"The 3rd ACR will be one of the last units in Iraq to advise and assist the Iraqi security forces and government to set them up for success as a nation, said Command

Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Hunt, Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment, "Our families and friends back at Fort Hood are and should be proud of the unit and all of the Troopers in it and we are thankful for their great support."

The 3rd ACR is the only armored cavalry regiment in the US Army and is eager to show its abilities and complete the mission with distinction and honor.

"The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment's proud history spans 164 years of service. Our regiment's service began with a mandate to secure the settlers of the old west as they moved along the Oregon Trail. Today, in our fourth deployment to Iraq we continue that tradition as we assist our Iraqi brothers in securing the people of Iraq," said Allen.



Col. Reginald E. Allen, Commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, addresses attendees at the 3rd ACR transfer of authority ceremony at COS Kalsu Sep. 30, 2010. (photos by Pfc. Adam Hefner)



# REMINGTON

*HEADQUARTERS TROOP, 3d ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT*



**By Cpt. Reinaldo Rivera**  
**Remington Commander**

**B**rave Rifles everyone! Remington Troop has successfully deployed to Iraq in support of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen and Operation New Dawn. It has now been two months since our first elements left the Great Place in Texas and began setting the conditions for the rest of the Regiment to follow on.

Upon arrival in Kuwait, Remington troopers began the monumental task of scheduling training, resourcing the Squadrons with equipment and materials, setting up administrative support, and planning the movement of over 3,000 Troopers north to their final destinations in Iraq. Everybody worked hard and diligently to make this most difficult process as easy on the Soldiers as possible. Shops, large and small, gave their best accomplishing these tasks. For example: S1 worked on maintaining complete accountability of the multitude of Soldiers traveling through the theatre of operations while the ADAM cell coordinated the complex air movements into theater. S4 resourced all the Squadrons during training, while the Fires and Effects Cell led the equipment movement at the port in Kuwait unloading the transport ships in record time. Meanwhile, the Troopers conducted training of their



3d ACR Soldiers walk to a nearby M-4 Rifle Range while training in Kuwait. The Soldiers are preparing to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. (photo by US Army)

own to include weapons, HMMWV and MRAP egress, as well as specialty system training. All this happened without compromising the excellent services provided to the rest of the Regiment.

While all this occurred in Kuwait, the Troop also conducted operations in Iraq, again setting the conditions for a smooth transition for the rest of the Regiment. A small but very capable team of Soldiers arrived to COS Kalsu, our new Regimental home for the immediate future, and began the transition process with the 3rd Brigade

of the 3rd Infantry Division. The Troopers of Remington coordinated for housing, mail operations, contracting services, communication infrastructure, supplies, and transition and continuation of tactical operations. The professional manner in which all these tasks have been conducted epitomizes the spirit of the Cavalry. The Troopers of Remington are ready to take on the challenges of the Regiment's new Advise and Assist Brigade mission as we work with our Iraqi partners.

**BRAVE RIFLES!**



# Babil Province school opens in Iraq

## Local Students and Bandit Troop celebrate opening of Al Shitiaa School

*Story by PFC Adam Hefner  
3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
Public Affairs*

As Operation New Dawn unfolds, a new beginning for local Iraqi children will be realized. Bandit Troop, 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, opened the Al Shitiaa School Oct. 2, 2010.

Bandit Troop assumed responsibility for overseeing the renovations of the school that Able Company, 2nd Battalion 69th Armor Regiment initiated earlier this year. The Al Shitiaa Company installed plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical systems in the school which will create an environment that is more comfortable for the children.

"This is one stepping stone to a larger picture," said Capt. Joe Gainey, Commander of Bandit Troop, 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, from Killeen, Texas.

Bandit Troopers, Arkan Abid Alla, Mahawil, Education Superintendent, local Sheiks from the Mahawil area, and Rasool Hashem Husan, a Al Waha Company Contractor, were present for the ceremony. The ceremony consisted of a ribbon cutting, school tour, official transfer of keys, and the raising of the Iraqi flag by some of the students.

"[The Iraqi people] appreciate what we are doing for them," said Gainey.

This will keep the children off the streets and help Iraq move towards a new future said Gainey.

The renovation of the school will provide education for nearly 600 children and classes will consist of twenty-two children each.

"Children will eventually be able to

go get jobs that require higher education," said 1LT Daniel B. Schwartz, 4th Platoon Leader, Bandit Troop, from Killeen, Texas. "This will help to drive up stability in the region."

Gainey said, "The mere fact that this school is able to be opened is a good testament to the improved security in the area due mostly in part to the Iraqi Security Forces."



A group of Iraqi students raise the Iraqi flag during the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Al Shitiaa school in Babil, Iraq Oct. 2, 2010. The school was built by Iraqi contractors. (photos by Spc. Charles M. Willingham, 982nd Combat Camera)

From left, Alla, Mahawil Education Superintendent, Sheik Ali Salman, Neo, interpreter, Capt. Joe Gainey, Commander of Bandit Troop, 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Maj. Muhammed, Executive Officer, 2-31 Iraqi Army, Rasool Hashem Husan, Al Waha Company contractor, pose for a commemorative picture with local Iraqis near the end of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Al Shitiaa school in Babil, Iraq Oct. 2, 2010. (photos by Spc. Charles M. Willingham, 982nd Combat Camera)



From left, Arkan Abid Alla, Mahawil Education Superintendent, Sheik Mutasher Hamza Juburi, Capt. Joe Gainey, Commander of Bandit Troop, 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, and Rasool Hashem Husan, Al Waha Company contractor, cut the ribbon at the Al Shitiaa school in Babil, Iraq Oct. 2, 2010. (photos by Spc. Charles M. Willingham, 982nd Combat Camera)





**By Lt. Col. David Athey**  
**Tiger Commander**

**C**SM Charles Taylor and I want to extend a heartfelt greeting from Iraq to all our soldiers, families and friends - whether you are in Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn, you are part of our Rear Detachment at Fort Hood, or you are a family member or friend supporting our troopers. This is our initial message from Iraq, and we want to first thank everyone for your support to the Soldiers and families of Tiger Squadron!

"Not in his goals, but in his transitions is man great." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

We have had a number of significant transitions for Tiger Squadron recently. First was our transition from Fort Hood to Kuwait as we said good-bye to family and friends, next was the transition from training and mission preparation in Kuwait to assuming Tiger's historical mission in Iraq. Most significant for Tiger Squadron is our transition, as of 1 September 2010, from combat operations in our support to "Operation Iraqi Freedom" (OIF) to our Advise, Train and Assist (ATA) missions in our support for "Operation New Dawn." We would like to address each of these transitions and their significance starting first with the changeover from combat operations to ATA. What does advise, train and assist role mean for our troops?

Tiger Squadron continues to make history. Back in 2003, leading with the Regiment in its attack, Tiger Squadron participated in the early stages of OIF 1 toppling a tyrannical dictatorship. Two subsequent deployments (OIF 3 & 7) Tiger fought alongside its Iraqi counterparts to secure a fledgling democracy defeating many insurgents and terrorist groups who opposed liberty for Iraq. Because of the sacrifices of many troopers as well as many Iraqis, Iraq now is now stabilizing and in transition; Iraq continues to strengthen its security and economic opportunity for its citizens. Though still dangerous in some areas, Iraq has come a long way. The Iraq government and its security forces are now taking the lead. As Iraq continues to stabilize, we are positioned to help as needed.

Things are very different in Iraq since our last deployment; much progress has been made. Tiger Squadron remains a combat capable unit that is configured now to advise, train and assist Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and the U.S. State Department's Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) to build civil capacity for the citizens of Iraq. When asked by ISF, our troopers will train ISF soldiers and police officers in individual skills level to small unit operations to enhance their capabilities. As necessary, we will help ISF establish lasting systems for training and maintenance. When asked, we will advise and assist ISF

operations with a myriad of resources and support such as command and control, communications, security, intelligence, engineer support as well as other assistance that Tiger Squadron can offer. Some troopers will assist PRTs with security, coordination and civil project management as the US helps Iraq build civil capacity. When necessary, as threats present themselves, we will also conduct force protection patrols & missions to insure our continued safety to counter terrorist threats and attacks.

Departure is never easy. The transition from Fort Hood to Kuwait was eased by the extraordinary effort of many Soldiers, family members and volunteers. The efforts of the Family Readiness Leaders and volunteers were amazing - from disseminating information at FRG and town hall meetings to pushing flight information. Much thanks and appreciation goes out to our FRG volunteers!! Many have handled several family issues both known to the chain of command and unknown – thank you for your support!! Rear Detachment soldiers did a great job picking up the unit's taskings (deployment related as well as routine taskings) freeing up deploying soldiers to spend quality time with families. We want to thank all that supported our transition to Kuwait.

Kuwait was a great opportunity for our Soldiers to hone their ATA skills and focus on force protection skills. We



executed mandatory training such as Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (IED)/Survivability, Vehicle Rollover Training, HMMWV Egress Assistance Training, Test Fire & Confirm Sights of Individual Weapons, and Escalation of Force training. Other training included Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Drivers Training, "Own The Night" Training, Advance Close Quarter Marksman Training. As well as training, our units prepared their equipment; much arrived by boat after nearly a month at sea. Kuwait has afforded an opportunity for all our troopers to prepare for the rigors of our mission in Iraq.

The Squadron has now transitioned with 2-69 Armor Battalion and we have begun our missions here in Karbala and Babil Provinces in Iraq. Our troopers are extremely busy executing a variety of tasks. Our mechanics have transitioned from repair of Abrams tanks, Bradley scout fighting vehicles and Paladin howitzers to fixing our fleet of MRAP vehicles – they are doing a terrific job repairing a very stressed group of equipment. Our scouts, tankers and artillerymen are busy executing forces protection patrols, securing our Joint Security Stations, and protecting our State Department personnel as they build civil capacity for the Iraqi people. Some soldiers are busy supporting ISF

operations to capture terrorists and criminals operating in our area. Our platoons, troops, company, and battery leadership are also engaging key Iraqi leaders to help advise and assist their Iraqi counterparts. Squadron leadership is busy engaging Provincial Iraqi leaders working in conjunction with PRT leaders to help stabilize and support the Iraqi Government. Our engineers are executing detailed route clearance (detecting and neutralizing IEDs) as well as base improvement projects. Our support platoon is executing resupply missions to our 2 outlying posts and supporting our SF compound in sector.

Our smooth transitions are a strong indicator of how ready and prepared we were to assume our new responsibilities here in Iraq. CSM Taylor and I are extremely proud of our troopers, our families and friends supporting Tiger Squadron. We encourage all our soldiers and families to check out our facebook page (Tiger Squadron) and make sure your contact information is up to date so we can continue to inform our families and friends of information concerning our deployment. May God bless our nation, the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen and Tiger Squadron

– Brave Rifles!! Teeth of the Regiment!!

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**By Lt. Col. J. Bryan Mullins**  
**Sabre Commander**

On 28 September, Sabre Squadron assumed responsibility for Wasit Province. The ceremony was focused on honoring the progress that had been made by the outgoing units, 1-10 FA and 3/1 CAV, as well as informing the many Iraqi dignitaries from the Iraqi Security Forces that Sabre looks forward to a productive deployment, that will build upon and improve the relationships and work that have been accomplished to this point. At the end of the ceremony, I can't help but realize the incredible responsibility that the squadron has just taken on. Inevitably the next thought is, "How did we get here and are we really ready?" Most of this question has been answered already, but here are the parts you may not know about yet.

First the Squadron spread across the globe in the much anticipated three weeks of block leave. You are familiar with this time no doubt, as you likely got to see your loved ones more in that short time than in the past 3 months. Sabre troopers moved out and crossed the globe covering tens of thousands of miles.

One of the most distant trips was SPC Appiah, of 43rd CEC, who went to visit

his home country of Ghana, and his wife who is currently waiting for her visa, so that she may join the Sabre family here at Ft. Hood. While there he also attended the Emancipation ceremony of Slave Trade in Assin Manso, Ghana. This happens every year on the first of August and is one of the most celebrated occasions in the history of Ghana and is attended by people from all over the world. SPC Appiah, along with the rest of Sabre, returned to Fort Hood, relaxed and ready for the next step in their journey, which began as early as the 14th of August for some.

Troopers of Sabre climbed aboard civilian charter aircraft, often at very inconvenient times of day, and departed from Fort Hood. Their complete journey would last nearly 24 hours, taking them from Fort Hood to Kuwait by way of Bangor, Maine and Leipzig GE. Upon entering the airport, the Troopers were given a hero's welcome. The slight confusion was explained and after a short rest, and an ambush from reporters, we were given a hero's farewell as we re-boarded and made our way to Germany. After a brief stop there for fuel, we made the quick hop to Kuwait. The journey was of course not yet complete as we loaded buses and drove for what seemed to be all night. As the sun came up we arrived at our new home, Camp Beuhring.

While here at Beuhring, the Troopers received training on a myriad of tasks. Drivers and vehicle commanders were trained on the new Caimen family of

MRAPs, and every Soldier got to ride in the Army's roll over trainers. Every weapon system was test fired to verify it was in working order, from the M-9 pistols, to the 155mm Howitzers. With the Soldiers trained and equipment ready, all it took was a short C-130 or C-17 ride and we were at our new home in Iraq.

While we began settling in to our new living areas, we began the process of left seat, right seat rides. This is a somewhat cryptic term we use, so cryptic there is often confusion on which part is which. Symantics aside, what it boils down to is for the first week or so, we ride along with the outgoing unit. This is an opportunity for us to learn the roads, meet our Iraqi counterparts, and to ensure each person is trained in the duties they will be fulfilling. Once complete we switch seats, and begin to conduct the missions ourselves, this time with the outgoing unit watching to help us if we need it. As this nears the end, and memories of the OCs at the National Training Center begin to surface, we arrive at TOA.

Looking back and reflecting on the long journey that has brought us to this point it is easy to see the answer to the question. Sabre Squadron is ready. The Troopers are ready. Sabre will move forward, and with unwaivering courage, determination, and professionalism, we will accomplish our mission without fail. This is the legacy that Sabre has built for itself, and the one that we will carry on with pride.



# New Dawn, New Mission

## *Seasoned unit ready for current challenge*

**Story By Staff Sgt. Garrett Ralston  
3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
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**T**roopers of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment arrive here each day to prepare for missions as part of Operation New Dawn.

Soldiers will conduct a wide range of missions from civil and governmental stabilization and security to the training of Iraqi Security Forces and enabling Stability Transition Teams, a vast change from the regiment's previous deployments where combat operations were the main focus.

For the Soldiers of Troop E, 2nd Squadron, 3d ACR, a vital task lies ahead as they seek to accomplish these missions in the Al Kut area of the Wasit Province, an area historically fraught with civil and political unrest.

"The troop will advise, train and assist Iraqi Security Forces of the 8th Iraqi Army as well as the Provincial Directorate of Police in the Wasit Province," Capt. David H. Taylor, Troop E commander said. "Security and safety have the most bearing on quality of life here and the people will participate if we can help provide that."

The 3d ACR is, by design, a heavy combat brigade, but has conducted the necessary training for its mission and is ready to assume its new role in Iraq. Troop E fighting platforms like the Abrams Tank and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle will not see the daily service they once did.

"We are 100 percent trained and prepared for this mission," Taylor said. "My Troopers understand that the mission is to advise, train and assist the ISF while ensuring each other's safety as well."

Troop E has conducted combat

operations during three previous deployments and their new mission presents many new challenges, especially for Soldiers who are accustomed to the combat side of Iraq.

"In three tours during Operation Iraqi Freedom I hunted down insurgents and brought them down," said Staff Sgt. Steven J. Curl, a squad leader in Troop E. "The threat is still alive, but we'll maintain our focus on the new mission and ensure we get the job done."

Despite the Sept. 1 declaration of the end of combat operations recent violence still continues to involve U.S. forces and present a danger to those serving in Iraq. Trooper will no longer be at the lead of their operations and will instead work alongside their Iraqi partners to stabilize the Wasit Province.

"Partnering with our Iraqi brothers will

be the largest key to success," Taylor said.

Within Troop E are many Soldiers who have never experienced combat operations in Iraq. This mission will be their first and will be completely different from what they expected.

"I'm pretty anxious to get going and ready to start the new mission," said Pfc. Brock Minnick, a gunner for Troop E. "My platoon is tight and I know we'll get done what we came to do."

Soldiers of Troop E are aware of the continual threat in Iraq, but remain enthusiastic about their opportunities to help the Iraqi people and its security forces.

"I feel totally confident that Eagle Troop will succeed here," Taylor said. "We will stay focused on our ISF brothers and ensure that their long term goals are supported by our actions."



Soldiers of Troop E unload equipment from their Bradley Fighting Vehicle at Camp Beuhring, Kuwait, Sept. 10, 2010. The Soldiers are preparing to assume their mission of advising and assisting the Iraqi government as part of Operation New Dawn. (photos by Pfc. Adam Hefner)





**By Lt. Col. Scott Gerber**  
**Thunder Commander**

**B**rave Rifles! Thunder Squadron has completed its deployment to Iraq with no issues. A lot has been accomplished on our long road from the United States to the CENTCOM AOR. The Squadron successfully and safely deployed all personnel and shipped thousands of pieces equipment from Fort Hood to Camp Buehring, Kuwait then on to Iraq. Even more was accomplished along the way.

The first flights for Kuwait began leaving in mid-August. This Advance Party set the Squadron's Main Body arrivals for success. They arranged for everything from tents to sleep in to pre-deployment classes. ADVON had many long nights in preparation for the Main Body arrival later in August. Each T/C/B arrived and hit the ground running with ranges and roll-over drills, along with mandatory classes. After the first few grueling days were complete troopers settled into a scheduled mix of classes to include Intelligence classes, maintenance classes, drivers training, live fire ranges and various other classes to prepare the troopers of Thunder Squadron for a successful deployment.

ADVON moved out again at the end of September and arrived at COS Echo to make the same arrangements for the Squadron that they did in Kuwait. This was quite a feat considering they had to find room and board for every soldier while the 1/15IN was still occupying COS Echo. Shortly after ADVON's departure, the Commanders moved to Camp Victory, Iraq where they received

various briefings on the Theatre and their Area of Operations to allow for them to operate more effectively in the Diwaniyah and Najaf provinces.

Main Body flights began heading up to COS Echo, routing through Baghdad International Airport, at the end of the first week of September. This left the rear elements of the Squadron to fulfill deployment requirements such as test firing all crew served weapons, bore-sighting tanks and Bradleys and test firing the Paladin Howitzers. These test firings couldn't happen until mid-September due to respect for Ramadan. Because the test-fires occurred so late after most Main Body flights, the troopers left behind, especially for the tank and Bradley test-fires, worked diligently to succeed like only Thunder troopers can. All Thunder objectives in Kuwait were safely and efficiently completed. The last elements of Thunder hit ground in Iraq by the 21st of September.

Once the Commanders and troopers of the Squadron began flowing into COS Echo, the real work began. Each T/C/B was assigned an area to live in, also called a "POD" and began the process of moving in to their Compartmental Housing Units, or "CHUs." T/C/Bs then began their "right seat rides" with their counterpart from 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. This involved many hours of driving around the area and meeting the important players in the region and learning the ins and outs of operating in the area. Maddog Company moved west to FOB Endeavor to assume its responsibility over the historic city of Najaf. As elements of 1/15 began to leave, Thunder Squadron troopers

began assuming the primary roles of their predecessors.

On September 22nd, Thunder Squadron officially assumed responsibility for the provinces of Diwaniyah and Najaf from the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment of 3d Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division. This was marked by the Turnover of Authority Ceremony in which the colors of 1/15IN were cased and the Squadron colors were unfurled for the first time in Iraq. Many VIPs from the area came, including the Governor of Diwaniyah province as well as high ranking government, military and religious leaders.

1/15IN has done a remarkable job in stabilizing the area. Thunder Squadron looks to the future in Iraq as it begins its role in Operation New Dawn. The Squadron will continue to work with the Iraqi Army, Police and Border Forces in order to set them up for success when the United States fully withdraws from the country. The troopers of this Squadron are up to this task and will no doubt meet it head on.

Ghost Rider split off from us in Kuwait and most of them headed up to Kalsu where they also settled in and relieved the 3d Brigade, 3d I.D. Intelligence Company. The troopers of Ghost Rider now have the intelligence fight and are feeding the squadrons the critical information they need to win this new kind of fight.

Finally, rear detachment and Ironhawk continue to stay busy back at home. Rear detachment has been busy clearing troopers who were leaving the Army and receiving and training troopers who are preparing



to come forward if called. Ironhawk has done a magnificent job of not only continuing to train, but also turning in all of our remaining equipment that did not deploy.

Let me close by saying thank you to the troopers, NCOs, officers and families who make such an awesome team. We are blessed with great people and I am personally thankful for the sacrifice that each and every one of you has made.

Brave Rifles!



A student places her hand on the shoulder of 1st Lt. Daniel R. Hutson, platoon leader, Troop L, originally from Draper, UT, for a quick photo Oct. 21, 2010. Hutson's platoon provided security for a ribbon cutting ceremony held at the Sudayr Maisalon and As Safaat Girls Primary School. (photo by Staff Sgt. Garrett Ralston)

## ASV ROLLOVER PREVENTION IS ALL ABOUT CONTROL:

**Crew Coordination** Driver, senior occupant, gunner and passengers know their responsibilities; remain vigilant; identify and communicate potential hazards.

**Observe your surroundings** Be aware of bridge limitations, low hanging power lines, soft-shouldered roads, and the presence of culverts, canals, and ditches.

**Never drive the vehicle beyond its limitations** Avoid abrupt steering, excessive acceleration, and panic braking.

**Training** Conduct mission briefings, rollover drills, and crew coordination refreshers prior to every mission.

**Reduce speed** in turns and on wet or unimproved surfaces.

**Organize all equipment** Ensure everything is securely stored and tied-down to avoid projectile hazards in the event of an accident or rollover.

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# Muleskinner

## Support Squadron

### 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment

#### **LTC Timothy D. Luedecking** **RSS Commander**

**T**he Muleskinner mission to advise and assist the Iraqi Security Forces, as well as support the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation New Dawn, promises to be filled with challenges and achievements.

The 3d ACR's Regimental Support Squadron began preparing for their upcoming deployment to Iraq immediately after their return from a rotation at the National Training Center in California. Days after returning from the NTC, Soldiers had to start re-packing gear and equipment to be sent off ahead of the unit to Iraq. The first flights out of Fort Hood en route to Kuwait left in the early morning of August 16; with many troop executive officers leaving, as well as key supply, maintenance, and motor pool personnel.

The next group out were Soldiers that were signed up for drivers training. The rest of the 420 deploying personnel left Fort Hood by 28 August. Deploying Soldiers were chosen carefully due to the recent troop cap in Iraq. While in Kuwait, Soldiers underwent mandatory training and classes. This included going to a range for weapons familiarization, vehicle rollovers in a simulator, rules of engagement and

escalation of force classes, medical simulation class and practical exercise, driver's training, Blue force tracker familiarization class, and several others. The Convoy Security Platoon spent several days at FOB Yankee with the MPRI contractors where they received convoy security and battle drill classes. The field exercise concluded with a convoy Situational Training Exercise (STX) lane. The lane had about 300 Iraqi role players, simulated IEDs, towns, and other realistic settings. It proved to be valuable refresher training for the platoon.

RIP/TOA (Relief In Place, Transfer Of Authority) began almost as soon as key leaders arrived to Kalsu. RIP/TOA is a process in which the new unit on ground works along side the current unit in order to transition smoothly. The scheduled date to begin RIP/TOA was 16 August, but many got ahead of the game by linking up with their counterpart and learning what was required of the job while here in Iraq. "RIPing" with the current unit, 3ID, was very important because it ensured operational continuity. They provided valuable information and input on day-to-day operations here at Kalsu for RSS. Within one week of arriving at Kalsu, both S&T Troop and the CSD platoon began running missions on their own. S&T Troop took over the mission of Task Force Greyhound, convoys to and from Baghdad International Airport

(BIAP) to transport Soldiers that are arriving or leaving Kalsu. CSD took the mission to provide convoy security for logistical resupplies for the other Squadrons in different FOBs.

The rest of Maintenance Troop was kept very busy in the motor pool reorganizing, cleaning, and working on vehicles under the close watch of the Squadron Motor Sergeant SFC Scott Overocker and Maintenance Tech CW1 Chris Kidwell. Medical Troop quickly assumed the mission of their predecessor and took over the final preparations for the new Aid Station.

HHT and 89<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company took over the responsibility for BDOC, Base Defense Operations Center. In addition, they provide QRF, Quick Reaction Force, the tactical first responders on the FOB. The Mayor cell and contracting offices were taken over by 1LT Antonia Carreon and 2LT Christina Yarber, respectively. They oversee a vast array of activities to include day-to-day administration, civilian contracts, vehicle registration, billeting, and the reinforcement of rules on the FOB. Operating FOB Kalsu is going to require creativity, determination and diligence. It is going to require the Muleskinners to learn new skills, and to execute missions that they have never done before. However, it will require nothing more than the level of flexibility inherent in all Cavalry operations. Brave Rifles!



# Supply and Transportation Troopers -Sustainers of New Dawn

*By SSG Garrett Ralston  
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**T**he 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, which is the last of the Army's armored cavalry units, requires a unique and extensive logistics network in a deployed environment. The subordinate squadrons are often separated by hundreds of miles and rely upon daily shipments of supplies to ensure the success of complex missions. The challenges of managing the regiments supply system and its massive budget are entrusted to one platoon of Troopers within its ranks.

The Soldiers of the Supply Support Activity platoon, Supply and Transportation Troop, Regimental Support Squadron, 3d ACR, are responsible for the receipt, shipment, storage, and turn in of virtually every class of supply, a recycling process that demands accurate accountability of materials to balance a tremendous budget.

"The mission of the SSA is to sustain the force and to keep the readiness level of the regiment high," Chief Warrant Officer 3 Andre L. Charlton, the SSA's technical officer said.

By the regiments design, being larger than most brigade size elements, the SSA's focus is widespread, and the processing of supplies and their movement is an arduous task.

"Our SSA is unique because it supports the entire regiment and all of its attached units within the area of responsibility," said Charlton.

The SSA is made up of several sections that all work in conjunction with each other. The process begins with the Receiving section. Materials are unloaded

from incoming shipments and then divided up. Some items are retained for storage and others are processed to fill orders from individual units.

"We receive a steady flow of parts and sometimes entire shipping containers full of parts and supplies in a single day," said Sgt. John H. Velazquez, Receiving Section non commissioned officer in charge. "After we process the parts and assign material release orders for them, they are divided up for storage in the warehouse or sent to the customers."

The storage section is responsible for organization of the SSA's authorized stock list. These are the repair parts that are kept on hand for issue to units and are stocked according to their demand. The SSA employs 10 Soldiers to maintain 3,436 of these demand lines worth \$11,507,874.

Items that are not maintained for internal storage are prepared for shipment to any of the 52 customer units supported by the SSA. Small boxes and entire shipping containers are processed and placed on trucks to be delivered to operating stations over the regiment's footprint. Some parts which require rapid delivery are carried on an aircraft to expedite the repair of certain equipment. All of these shipments are prepared and sent out daily.

At the same time these parts are coming in and being shipped out, another separate but equally important process is being

carried out.

Many parts that are used and no longer serviceable are required to be turned in for remanufacture and redistribution. The SSA's turn in section is staffed by six Soldiers whose job it is to receive, inspect and ship the parts to locations back in the United States.

"On average we process around \$30,000 worth of unserviceable parts in a day," Sgt. Clarence J. McCall, turn in section NCOIC said. "It can be as much as \$500,000 if we get a lot of parts in at once."

The turn in section processes many serviceable parts as well that are used to fill orders or becomes money that is rolled back into the units' budget.

Each section throughout the SSA is monitored by the Stock Control section which compiles all the daily processes into reports which are generated for local records. These records are used to forecast demand loads and provide figures for budget decisions.

"We are the heart of the mission," said Velazquez. "Without us the mission can't be accomplished, and we are always on standby to provide our support."

"We are the centerpiece of the regiment," said Charlton. "We are the mechanism of its sustainment and for the size of our mission and our level of responsibility there is no other platoon that works as hard as we do."



Spc. Gregory McCall, a Soldier with Supply and Transportation Troop, 3rd ACR, operates a forklift to organize a warehouse stock yard Sep. 24, 2010. The Supply Support Activity manages all classes of supply for the 3rd ACR.

## Rule of Law Team Focuses on Police Primacy, Future of Iraq's Security

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**By CPT Catherine Hamilton  
3d ACR Rule of Law Attorney**

Iraqi Police are moving to the forefront of discussion among key American and Iraqi leaders. Accelerating police primacy, the state where IPs can maintain control of internal Iraqi affairs, freeing Iraqi Army (IA) assets to better manage control of external defense issues, is at the top of the joint goals of the Americans and Iraqis to ensure the success of Operation New Dawn.

"When citizens of Iraq see their police force as responsible for the day-to-day safety and security of their communities, because the police force establishes itself as a profession of experts immune to corruption, that is when we will start to see the next step forward for the tenuous Iraqi security situation," said Bob Cantrall of the Babil Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT).

And Iraq is taking steps in that direction. The Iraqi Minister of Interior is making efforts to enforce the standards of an on duty Iraqi policeman by focusing in on leadership and individual training as the main effort to raise the standards.

The Iraqis stand together with their partners on the issue of Police Primacy.

One partner, for example, is the Transition of Responsibility for Internal Security to Police (TRISP). TRISP focuses on police assuming the lead for security in the cities. This is a necessity for the security of Iraq, and will free the Iraqi Army to focus on the external defense of the country. In many areas, the Iraqi Army is still controlling security in certain cities. Eventually, the Iraqi

Army must transition to being prepared for and capable of external defense of the country. At the same time, the Iraqi Army will need to be ready to support police forces in internal defense as needed.

The Iraqi Training Advisory Mission (ITAM)-Police are primarily in charge of the training for the Iraqi Police. They focus on making sure the Iraqi Police are receiving the proper institutional training and equipment. ITAM-Police focuses on the institutional side of the Iraqi Police forces. They are the equivalent of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command for the Iraqi Police. They are focused on building the infrastructure, such as training academies, building the training programs of instruction, and establishing the training so that the Iraqis can then have the facilities and equipment to train themselves. The ITAM-Police also make sure that the Iraqis have the necessary equipment to conduct their mission.

To show Regimental support for the Police Primacy initiative in Iraq, 3d ACR kicked off the first of many Police Primacy events planned for October. Deputy Commander of 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Joint Expeditionary Forensics Facilities (J.E.F.F.) Lab personnel, Law Enforcement Professionals (LEPs), Civilian Police Advisors, Judge Advocates, Stability Transition Teams, and members of the Babil PRT met at the Hillah Crime Lab for a Rule of Law police primacy forensics familiarization event, Oct. 9. The goal was to establish a working relationship between Iraqi Investigative Judges, who act much like U.S. police merged with a U.S. magistrate judge.

Encouraging a long-term professional partnership between IP crime scene investigators and the judiciary is one way forward. By utilizing the newly available forensics capabilities and techniques available at the Hillah Crime Lab, both the effectiveness of the judiciary and competency of the police will increase. This is a positive step forward for Iraqis because training events put on by the IPs give them a chance to practice and showcase the investigative skills taught to them by the U.S. forces in support of the Iraqi Security Forces.

The event at the Hillah Crime Lab was opened by LTC Thamir Hamza Aliwo, the head of the crime lab, and the PRT Rule of Law Attorney (ROLA) LTC Bob Cantrall (ret.), who began with introductions and a short briefing on the importance of crime scene exploitation and forensics gathering to the judiciary in Iraq.

The attendees focused on the transition to Police Primacy. The competency to conduct basic forensics and crime scene investigations is shared between the Investigative Judges and Hillah Crime Lab experts. When a crime occurs, the police get the call. The police then call the Investigative Judges who must first issue a memorandum before the Crime Lab personnel can exploit the crime scene. It becomes more evident why building trust and fostering a relationship based upon mutual confidence is important considering how closely the two organizations have to work together in order to produce a piece of evidence

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# Chaplain's Column



*By Maj. C. Wayne Brittian  
Regimental Chaplain*

**B**lessing, love and honor from the Regimental Chaplain! Over the next year we will provide articles focusing on Resiliency, Relationships and Rest. Resilience is the ability to grow and thrive in the face of challenges and to bounce back from adversity. There are six competencies that make up the Army model of Resilience: self-awareness, self regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character and connection.

This month I want us to focus on self-awareness and here are three points to achieve this goal.

- I. Identify thoughts, emotions and behaviors.
- II. Identify patterns in thinking and behavior, particularly patterns that waste your time and can be harmful.
- III. Be open and curious.

Martin Buber said, "There are three principles in man's being and life: the principle of thought, the principle of speech and the principle of action. The origin of all conflict between me and my fellow men is that I do not say what I mean, and that I do not mean what I say."

What are your thoughts, emotions and behaviors? Have you taken an inventory of what it is that you believe and how it affects the way you encounter life? Many of us are afraid of silent reflection, because it challenges us to change.

A friend of mine who is a priest, spends an hour per night to write down his thoughts and review the decisions he made and why. Do you consider the



Chaplain Stacy L. Beasley prepares SPC Micheal C. Pendry for baptism on Contingency Operating Station Kalsu.

"why" in your life, and are you driven by passion?

Secondly, identify patterns in thinking and behavior, particularly patterns that waste your time and can be harmful.

The story is told of a lady at church who was always busy. She awakened every morning exhausted because she did not know how to say no. She would spend her time serving others because she did not want to be seen as a bad person. One day she was complaining to the pastor of her local church about how busy she was and how others were not working as hard. The pastor told her that she had every right to refuse a request, but she told him she could never do that out because of what others might think. The pastor then asked her what she thought about herself.

Some of us need to do more because we are selfish, and self-

centered; but the rest of us need to stop and take a rest. In the Army we call it taking a knee! Take the time to find out what thoughts and emotions are driving your decisions.

Finally, take some time to be open and curious. This is a chance to experience the abundant life just outside your doorsteps. I had a friend who shared with me her secret to life. She said that while others rushed down the street missing everything around them, she strolled along and observed what others missed but still arrived at the same destination. She experienced life by being curious.

Don't live your life through the window of a television or your neighbor's home. Go and experience one of your childhood dreams. Live life; don't let life live you.

Take this month to become observant of who you are and who you seek to be!

# Girls Primary School expanded Comfort, compliment students' education

## Story and Photos

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Only blocks away from the hustle and bustle of downtown Diwaniyah, a narrow dirt road leads to a small courtyard surrounded by tall trees and green, flowered plants. Inside the courtyard four old, windowless buildings with cracked paint and sagging rooflines sit in the morning sun. Despite the appearance of these old buildings the excited shouts of hundreds of little girls reciting their daily lessons could be heard above the noises of the nearby city streets. Unbeknownst to the students this day, a special gift would be unveiled making their learning experiences a little more comfortable.

Marked by a ribbon cutting Thursday, the Diwaniyah Provincial Reconstruction Team in partnership with Troop L, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment gave four newly constructed portable classrooms to the Sudayr Maisalon and As Safaat Girls Primary School.

"Educational projects like these help foster stability and sovereignty for future generations of Iraqi people," said Samuel J. Watson, Senior Governance Advisor of the Diwaniyah PRT.

Each of the new buildings measure 16 ft. by 22 ft. and are equipped with desks, chairs and chalk boards. Hot summer days will be a little cooler due to ceiling fans and air conditioners which are also part of each new building.

The school's extension project began in July and the PRT carefully planned it so that its construction would coincide with the beginning of the new school season. The cost of the program was \$74,980 USD.



The Head Mistress for the Sudayr Maisalon and As Safaat Girls Primary School cuts a ribbon in a ceremony marking the opening of the schools' new extension Oct. 21, 2010. Looking on, far right, is the Deputy Director General of Education for Iraq.

An essential piece of these projects are the U.S military personnel who fulfill the escort and security requirements for the PRT. The Troopers of 4th Platoon, Troop L work selflessly to ensure the success of the PRT and subsequently that of the Iraqi people.

"Our primary role is to enable the PRT," said 1st Lt. Daniel R. Hutson, 4th platoon leader originally from Draper, UT. "These events really wouldn't be possible if we couldn't bring the PRT out here."

Hutson and his platoon ensured the security of the area around the school so the ceremony could go on without interruption.

As girls from each classroom were brought out and lined single file a ribbon was stretched out in front of the new classrooms. The girls stood patiently waiting as the Head Mistress produced a pair of scissors, cut the ribbon and the

new buildings became the next page in the children's future education. In addition to the classrooms the girls also received boxes of school books which were handed out by Soldiers of Troop L.

"It really makes me feel good inside to be able to give this to the Iraqi children," said Christopher Y. Reyes, a Cavalry Scout originally from Marion, TX.

"I like being a part of the good things you don't see every day on television," said Hutson. "The things we're doing for the children."

As the ceremony wrapped up and morning became afternoon the girls hurried back to their classrooms to continue on with the days instruction. The new buildings stood as a testament of the day's achievement and a new page in the school's history. A day marked by positive relationships and the smiling faces of all those present.



# 3d U.S. CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

*By Sgt. 1st Class Daniel H. Sellers  
President, 3d U.S. Cavalry Association*

I was reading an article written about the Brave Rifles during World War II, covering the time shortly after the surrender of Germany. The Regiment had taken on the vital role of establishing peace and stability in that part of the country and successfully transitioned to the task of helping local leaders reestablish security after years of heavy fighting. Seventy years later and history seems to be repeating itself. The Regiment is earning their spurs once again. Back in the United States 3D U.S. Cavalry Association joins alongside the current and former Troopers of the Regiment, friends, and families to express our pride to be a part of this important mission.

As the Brave Rifles are deployed, the Association is keeping the history of the Regiment alive, finishing the remodeling of the museum and making room for more exhibits to be displayed to the public. Efforts are also underway to have the first reunion shortly upon the return of our Blood & Steel warriors. The association is looking for members and friends interested in assisting in this endeavor in order to make it the best possible event.

The Association can be contacted at the [www.BraveRifles.org](http://www.BraveRifles.org).



# 3d ACR Family Readiness

**By Amanda Rosener**  
**3d ACR, FRSA**

**T**iger Family Readiness Groups have been very busy hosting a variety of classes and fun events for the families. King Battery has been hosting monthly meetings on Saturdays, enjoying brunch and each other's company. All the FRGs have been steadily keeping active and involved with meetings and sharing information via Facebook sites for each troop/company/battery. Tiger Squadron has been working hard and keeping the families ready and informed.

Sabres FRGs are working hard at meeting the challenge of deployment. The spouses have come together for a variety of training events, such as CARE Team scenario training and Coping with Deployment. The spouses also take the time out to just have fun, hosting a monthly pot-luck just to get together and build cohesion. Families also have another thing to look forward to, a children's Spur Ride in late October.

Organizational Day was a blast for Thunder Squadron! The Squadron area was a land of fun for Soldiers and families alike at the last organizational day, thanks to the generous donations from Wal-Mart. FRGs enjoyed battling it out with squirt guns, and the kids had a blast in the bouncy house as well. One of the main events was the dunking booth that played host to a variety of company commanders and 1SGs, the troops tried their hands at knocking them into the water. The day was a welcome relief to all the hard work and dedication Soldiers



have shown in preparation for the deployment. Families and Soldiers were able to have a good laugh before the year ahead.

Another great adventure was the Family Fun Day at the Killeen Water Park, where Thunder families came out for a special event to have fun and build bonds together under the Texas sun. Waterslides, wave pools, a lazy river and much more were thoroughly enjoyed by all! What's been going on with Muleskinners FRG- plenty! Denise Castro, who is serving as the 89th Chemical Company FRG Leader was recognized at the Community Services Council Meeting in August as a Volunteer of Month for June. Wonderful Volunteers are a regular occurrence among Muleskinners, as proven by Mrs. Castro, who was also recently recognized at the Hood Hero's Ceremony as the Volunteer of the Quarter for the Regiment during the third quarter.

The Squadron FRGs will continue to keep moving forward, assisting troopers and their families by continuing to provide resources

and information. The meetings will update families on activities of the unit in theater and provide a money management class for family members. Remington Troop Family Readiness Group welcomed a new FRG leader, Casey Lazo and Co-leader Shay Rodan.

Transitioning from pre-deployment to the deployment phase has been a challenge that the families are standing up to. The FRG came together to learn OPSEC fundamentals and deployment coping skills at recent meetings, valuable tips and techniques that will help in the year ahead. Remington Troop is steadily working at keeping the families informed with a wonderful newsletter that is distributed monthly and weekly wrap-ups of community events that are sent to the families.

If families or Soldiers would like to check out the Facebook site, they can search RHHT FRG 3d ACR. The FRG is busy planning upcoming events such as the Christmas Party in Salado, for more info contact [rhhtfrg@yahoo.com](mailto:rhhtfrg@yahoo.com).







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that can be properly put before a judge in an Iraqi court. If the evidence never makes it to court, the bad guys never make it to jail and the legitimacy of the entire judicial system is called into question.

The PRT warns that it will be difficult to bring police primacy to a region where only a small portion of the police force is professionally trained. "Iraq is a socially diverse and complicated area," said one member of the Rule of Law Team. With a strong U.S. presence still leading the way for our Iraqi Security Forces counterparts, expectations have to be adjusted to fit the reality. Grooming a police force from scratch in Iraq will require hurdling obstacles such as a low literacy, limited higher education, rampant social stereotyping, extreme religious differences, tribal differences, Iraqi culture, corruption, and bias against the police profession.

As the U.S. is hammering home proper crime scene exploitation and the use of forensics, U.S. forces and Iraqis must realize these are methods that we often try to implement in the U.S. with varying degrees of success. Unsurprisingly, the Iraqis will have an even greater learning curve within their newly established police force.

For example, after outlying U.S. Contingency Operating Stations receive indirect fire, the Iraqi Security Forces are often first to the scene. When the Iraqi Security Forces respond to a crime scene, they often do not use proper crime exploitation techniques. In many instances, they handle crime scene material with bare hands, layering their fingerprints on any evidence these objects once held. This makes it more difficult for crime lab personnel and Investigative Judges to later determine which fingerprints belong to the culprit. The ultimate effect is Iraqi judges will not accept tainted evidence.

It will be challenging to create

programs that overcome the many of the hurdles the Iraqis face in developing Police Primacy. These hurdles range from lack of formal education and training to corruption and the seemingly impossible task of resource management in a place of few readily available resources. Further complicating the security situation is the Cultural Point Defense concept. Most Iraqi Police are point defense personnel—they defend a discrete area such as a check point. Community patrols are, in many ways, a distant concept because of lack of transportation, gas, and vehicle maintenance. Among the Rule of Law objectives, is the mission to bring Community Patrols into the Iraqi Police's culture.

Professional development and fostering professional relationships between the Iraqi judiciary and Iraqi police is the goal. Training of the Investigative Judges and Iraqi Police is a key factor in the transition of the police assuming the lead for internal security. A few of the primary areas of training are investigative capabilities and follow-up with the prosecution of a case based upon that evidence.

"We have to teach the Iraqis to work within their own legal system to produce consistent results. The police training piece of Rule of Law is a very important piece," said LTC Craig Smith (ret.), Law Enforcement Professional for 3d ACR.

"We put a lot of focus on that with our police training teams. We have to keep the police training linked up with what we are doing with the judges."

The Investigative Judges work heavily with the police to develop the facts, statements, and evidence to be used in Iraqi courts. Improving the relationships between the police and Investigative Judges is one of the things we are trying to work on here," he added.

For the Rule of Law Team, the Hillah

Crime Lab event was a success and accomplished the mission of bringing Investigative Judges and Iraqi Police together in a training forum to learn ways to address the current situation of the lack of use of forensic evidence in court.

"I think the conference was successful. Investigative Judges had the opportunity to ask questions and get hands on training from experts with very little input from the Rule of Law Team," said Bob Cantrall. The after-effects of the conference were imminently clear—both the Iraqi Police and Investigative Judges requested that these meetings occur monthly so both sides can discuss the evidence for the shared cases. The U.S. facilitated training also gave the Iraqis a chance to interact with the new U.S. counterparts in the area.

"The Regiment will continue to build upon what we accomplished today by continuing to forge relationships between the investigative judges and Iraqi police," said LTC Bryan Radliff, Deputy Regimental Commander.

As the 3d ACR Rule of Law Team forges ahead, it anticipates the concerted efforts of the judiciary and police, police primacy will grow and both the Americans and Iraqis should begin to see that the individuals, institutions, and the state itself, will enforce and be held accountable to the rule of law, thus, increasing the capacity and legitimacy of our Iraqi partners.





# 3d ACR assumes advise-and-assist role

## The Regiment's ready to put it's own mark on "Operation New Dawn"

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Public Affairs

The 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment assumed responsibility for its portion of the New Dawn advise-and-assist mission in a Thursday ceremony.

The regiment took over for the 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, at Contingency Operating Station Kalsu.

The regiment has trained to assist the Iraqis in the continued stabilization of the nation for the past year. This is the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen's fourth deployment to Iraq. It is one of the first brigade-size elements to arrive in support of Operation New Dawn.

"By advising and assisting our Iraqi brothers we are here to help put a check mark in the victory column for the people of Iraq and the United States," said Col. Reginald Allen, regimental commander.

Operation New Dawn is an advise-and-assist mission designed to bring operations in Iraq to a close and bring the remaining U.S. troops in Iraq home by the end of 2011. It signifies the new role of the U.S. military in a non-combat role. This allows the Iraqis to have command and control of their own country.

The regiment was created in 1846 and has served in Iraq in three previous deployments. The regiment, known as the Brave Rifles, was one of the first units in

Iraq when the war started and, fulfilling this mission, it will be one of the last.

"The 3rd ACR will be one of the last units in Iraq to advise and assist the Iraqi security forces and government to set them up for success as a nation, said Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Hunt, the regiment's senior noncommissioned officer. "Our families and friends back at Fort Hood are and should be proud of the unit and all of the troopers in it and we are thankful for their great support."

The regiment is the only armored cavalry regiment in the U.S. Army.

"The 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment's proud history spans 164 years of service," Allen said. "Our regiment's service began with a mandate to secure the settlers of the old west as they moved along the Oregon Trail. Today, in our fourth deployment to Iraq, we continue that tradition as we assist our Iraqi brothers in securing the people of Iraq."

## ROLLOVER!



### NEW! ROLLOVER PROCEDURES

BC	GUNNER	DRIVER	SQUAD
Drops seat. Braces for impact.	Braces for impact.	Braces for impact.	Braces for impact. Holds hand straps for stability.
<b>BFV HAS ROLLED OVER</b>			
Begins crew checks to ensure no fires, checks accountability of personnel.	Ensures weapon system is on safe and engages travel lock, if possible.	Pulls fuel shut off and turns accessories off. If a fire is present, sets off engine compartment fire suppression system.	Leader checks squad for injuries and reports to Bradley commander.
<b>SENIOR CREWMEMBER DETERMINES IF IT IS SAFE TO EXIT THE VEHICLE AND BEGINS EVACUATION</b>			
Checks for injured personnel; reports incident.	Assists the Bradley commander in evacuating vehicle.	Exits vehicle through driver's hatch or through crew compartment if driver's hatch is blocked.	Exits vehicle through unobstructed hatch. If fire is present, extinguishes fire.
<b>IF SENIOR CREWMEMBER DETERMINES THAT IT IS UNSAFE TO EXIT THE VEHICLE, PERSONNEL WILL WAIT FOR RECOVERY AND ATTEMPT TO CONTACT WINGMAN OR HIGHER.</b>			
<b>WARNING!</b>			
DURING A ROLLOVER, GAS FROM BATTERIES CAN EXPLODE AND CAUSE SERIOUS INJURIES. IF THE DRIVER MUST EXIT THROUGH THE CREW COMPARTMENT, PRECAUTION MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT CONTACT WITH BATTERY ACID THAT COULD SPILL AND CAUSE SERIOUS BURNS OR BLINDNESS.			

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# Personal Deployment

## Safety Message



**By Mr. Pete Higgins**  
**3d ACR, Safety Officer**

**B**rave Rifles!! And welcome to Iraq. By now the majority of us are finally set at what will be our home for the next year. As you continue to get yourself established into your new living and working areas, there are a few tips that I will address that will make your "Life on the FOB" much safer and hopefully more enjoyable.

This month I would like to address staying safe in your living quarters, such the CHU / Tent or Twinkie that many of us will be calling home. When setting up your quarters, it is important to remember not to block yourself in and to keep up good housekeeping. Keep an open path clear to the door mat at all times; this way, if there is an emergency, you can get out in a hurry and it is easier for others to come to your aid. It is also a good idea to get in the habit of

keeping a small flashlight handy for those midnight calls of nature or in the event of an Indirect Fire Attack (IDF). Thinking of IDF, where is the closest bunker? Do you know the fastest route in the event of IDF?

How about your electrical setup in your Quarters? Are you using approved power adapters and power strips? If you are not sure, check the ones you have with your leaders. Most mayor cells and fire departments have the approved version to give out for free, and more will be shipped out to the various FOBs, COSs and COPs very soon. When you are finished using anything that is electrical, unplug it! If you have a large item like a refrigerator, do not plug it into a power strip, instead plug it in directly to an outlet. Lastly, do not be an energy hog. Most living areas are set up to provide a maximum of 15-20 amps of power, so check that you are not overloading the circuit. A simple formula for this is to add up all of the wattage of your devices and divide it by the voltage. This will equal the amps (Watts/Volts=Amps). When you leave for the day, or even for a brief period, unplug everything. Do not just turn it off, and never forget the lights!

Did you inherit or install an awning of any sort over the front of your CHU or entrance to your workplace? If so, be sure to check how and what is holding it up. Tie it off to something that will not move, and do not use anything heavy like a cement block or a chunk of iron. High winds do occur and can cause your shade awning to pull this free, having horrible consequences if you are underneath.

Trust me, a concrete block hitting you on the head will really hurt!

Lastly, your leaders will be spot checking your quarters. This is not a method of harassment but to be sure that where you are living is safe and secure. So keep your area cleaned up and orderly, and do everything you can to stay safe there. It is home for the time that we are here, and, like any other place you live, you would rather have good memories than bad ones.

### **ELECTRICAL HAZARDS**

#### **SAFETY CHECKLIST**

**The following electrical hazard checklist will help you prevent an electrical shock or fire.**

1. Do not overload electrical power strips. Only use electrical power strips certified by UL or CE.
2. Ensure that power strips are visible, are not placed under beds or behind furniture, do not show signs of warping or discoloration and are not daisy-chained.
3. Ensure refrigerators, microwaves, and coffee pots are plugged directly into the wall receptacle, not a power strip or splitter, and are unplugged when not in use (especially microwaves and coffee pots).
4. Inspect appliance plugs and ensure grounding terminals have not been removed; use quality adapters (grounded) in conjunction with appliance plugs.
5. General housekeeping prevents fire conditions; clothing, sheets, dust and other combustible materials must be clear of electrical devices.
6. Inspect electrical switches and receptacles to ensure that they are not blocked, cracked, or show signs of excessive heat (discoloration and deformity). Furniture should be arranged in such a fashion as to provide ready access to all switches and receptacles. Never push anything heavy, like a bed, up against an electrical outlet.
7. Examine light fixtures for signs of excessive heat, such as blackened areas around the light or warping of the ceiling tiles.
8. Ensure proper operation of smoke detectors and availability of functional fire extinguishers.
9. Ensure evacuation plans are posted in rooms, common use areas, and work sites. Ensure emergency exits are not blocked or locked.
10. Ensure emergency contact numbers are posted in living quarters, common areas, and work sites.





# ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

## POWER STRIPS

**Electrical hazards have caused electrical shocks, electrocutions (fatalities), equipment damage and fires.**

### Contributing Factors

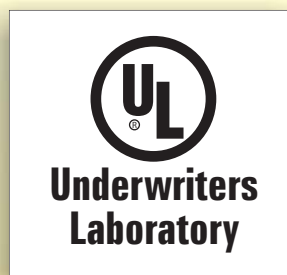
- ☐ Uncertified electrical power strips
- ☐ Overloaded electrical power strips
- ☐ Combustible items near electrical power strips and receptacles
- ☐ Power strips located outside, exposed to the weather elements
- ☐ Electrical cord damaged/spliced

### Corrective Measures

- ☐ Use power strips certified by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) for 110 volt equipment and CE mark (European Consumer Safety) for 220 Volt
- ☐ Refrain from overloading electrical power strips and never place combustible items near electrical equipment
- ☐ Interior power strips will only be used inside buildings and tents
- ☐ Ensure power strips are not placed in high traffic areas and are kept away from damp, wet areas

### Inspections and Controls

- ☐ Safety, Fire, and Force Protection inspections of living and working areas
- ☐ Commanders, leaders should conduct walk-through spot inspections
- ☐ Leaders ensure Soldiers are properly trained to recognize electrical hazards
- ☐ Soldiers enforce corrective measures to prevent electrical hazards





## 3d Armored Cavalry History

In November 1961, the Regiment was deployed to Germany once again in response to the Soviet threat during the Berlin Crisis. The troopers were sent from their home station of Fort Meade, MD and stationed in Baumholder, but the unit soon found itself once again patrolling the border.

Cavalry Troops within the Regiment were soon attached on a monthly, rotating basis to the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment to assist with patrols in the 3/14 ACR sector. Additionally, the 1st and 2nd Squadrons relieved units of the 14th Cavalry for two one-month periods during 1962

and 1963.

During 1964, though, the Regiment would play a larger role in border operations.

Since the 11th Cavalry was scheduled to return to the U.S. in the summer of 1964, a unit was needed to fill the gap along the Iron Curtain in southeastern Bavaria.

To meet this requirement, the 2nd Squadron, 3d Cavalry, was re-designated as the 1st Squadron, 11 ACR, and rotated back to the states with the 11th Cavalry. At the same time, the 11th Cavalry's 1st Squadron stationed in Straubing was re-designated as 2nd Squadron, 3d

Cavalry, and conducted border operations under the regimental colors of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The unit conducted border operations from its two border camps until March 1965 when it was relieved by 2/9th Cavalry of the 24th Infantry Division. The regiment remained in Germany until July 1968 when it moved to Fort Lewis, Washington.

The 3rd Armored Cavalry regiment participated in Exercise Reforger 1 in 1968 and Reforger 2 in July and August 1971.

In July 1972, the 3d Cavalry received orders to move to Fort Bliss, Texas.

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