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Departure Ceremony

*for the
1st Brigade Combat Team,
34th Infantry Division*

*Sunday, eleven o'clock the
twenty-second of May, two
thousand eleven
at*

*Historic Fort Snelling
200 Tower Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota
55111*

*Military Attire: ACU with
patrol*

*Civilian Attire: Informal, ap-
propriate for the weather*



There will be challenges, but I am confident in the Soldiers of the 1st Brigade. You can be extremely proud of your husbands, wives, sons and daughters. They continue to accomplish great things.

There is a reason the Red Bulls have the reputation for excellence. We set the bar high at every level, and we will continue to do the best we can to represent our state and our Nation. Thank you for your continued support.

--COL Eric Kerska,
Commander, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division



Photos by Spc. Thomas Keeler, 1/34th Brigade Combat Team, PAO

Soldiers of the 2-135 IN prepare to zero in their weapons at the north range at Camp Ripley May 16.

Spc. John North of A Co of 2-135 IN gives a pre-mission brief for other soldiers in the battalion May 16 at Camp Ripley, Minn.

Spc. Nam Vu of A Co, 2-135 giving feedback, conduct an AAR (After Action Review) following a dismounted training mission for another platoon in the battalion.

Soldier of the 2-135 IN run through the kill zone during a training mission at Camp Ripley as they prepare to deploy overseas to Kuwait for a year.

Soldiers of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division earn recertification on their Humvee license.

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Being Content

Spiritual Fitness Devotion

Keep your lives free from love of money, and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never, will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

-Hebrews 13:5

Webster defines contentment as "the state of being happy and satisfied." As this verse alludes, contentment does not come from ascertaining the fanciest newest phone or electronic gadget. It does not come from any monetary thing, but instead comes from God's promises. Indeed, in this passage, the writer tells us about God's promise that God will neither leave us nor forsake us. I can find contentment both while sleeping in my hooch and while sleeping out in the field on a rainy night. God has promised his presence with us, and that gives all of us a satisfaction that lasts beyond the warranty date of any new electronic gadget. With that, I encourage you to hear these timeless words. Whatever your situation, I encourage you to hear this promise of God's presence wherever you may find yourself. Moreover, instead of chasing after only temporal things, let this promise of God bring an attitude of contentment in the upcoming months ahead.

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Doctor helps Soldiers See the Way for a lifetime

Dr. Neal Sher receives brigade colors from Col. Eric Kerska, commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (1/34th BCT), at Camp Ripley, Minn. on May 14, 2011. The 1st BCT, 34th ID presented Dr. Sher with a token of appreciation for the work he does with providing Soldiers free laser eye surgery prior to deploying. For more information: www.drsher.com.



Photo by Spc. Trisha Betz, 1/34th Brigade Combat Team, Public Affairs

Spc. Lucas Cajucom uses the proper hand signals to ground guide a Humvee driver during a driver's course at Camp Ripley during Brigade Annual Training 2011.



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Range Safety Officer (RSO) Sgt. 1st Class Todd W. Corrow gives a range safety brief to the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team before firing on the zeroing range May 10, 2011.



Photos by Pfc. Bob Brown, 1/34th Brigade Combat Team, Public Affairs

Anoka Mayor Phil Rice speaks at the Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division departure ceremony May 15, 2011.

Staff Sgt. Scott Corbin holds his wife's stomach after the departure ceremony Sunday. Scott added, "When I was single my main focus was only on the men, the mission and the welfare of my troops. Now I've got double duty with the same focus as well as taking care of my wife at home."

Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division stands at paired rest before their departure ceremony May 15, 2011.



Departure Ceremony



Photos by Pfc. Bob Brown, 1/34th Brigade Combat Team, Public Affairs

Soldiers from Charlie Battery 1st Battalion 125th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division said goodbye to their family and friends during a departure ceremony in Anoka. After the ceremony, C Battery headed north for their two-week annual training at Camp Ripley, Minn. where they will prepare for a spring deployment to Kuwait.