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# Debro remembered for his smile

Sgt. Germaine Debro, Task Force SABER, at LSA Anaconda.



Story by Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Schultz,  
Task Force SABER UPAR

Sgt. Germaine “DB” Debro, Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 167th Cavalry was remembered Sept. 8, at the Logistical Support Area Anaconda Freedom Chapel.

Debro, an M1151 Humvee driver for a Convoy Escort Team, died when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle during convoy operations Sept. 4, near Tikrit, Iraq.

During the memorial, many Soldiers spoke of how his smile had the ability to lighten up any situation.

Staff Sgt. Brett Vance said, “He always brought you up when you were down. Bravo Troop, 167 RSTA and the US Army lost a good Soldier and a good friend.”

Before the ceremony Sgt. Joshua Graf mentioned how selfless Debro was. “He always put himself ahead of the married guys,” he said. “He would volunteer first [for a deployment] before the married guys so they could spend time with their families.”

Capt. Ian Worcester gave his remarks and remembered Debro for his good attitude and spirit during annual training last year and his smile. Two Soldiers paying a memorial tribute were 2nd Lt. Gary Hansen, Staff Sgt. Luke Daugherty. Both Soldiers mentioned Debro’s smile and how he was able to cheer people up and motivate the entire Bravo Troop.

After a moment of silence, 1st Sgt. Scot Schneider called the final roll call three times. Debro did not answer to his name. Three volleys of seven rounds hailed out to honor Bravo Troop’s fallen Comrade. The bugler played Taps after the final volley.

Numerous battalion commanders and their command sergeants major attended the memorial. Nearly every Soldier from Bravo Troop was present along with several other SABER Soldiers and others from around LSA Anaconda.

Concluding the ceremony, Spc. Stephen Walton played his guitar while several hundred Soldiers paid their final respect by saluting. Many commanders placed their unit coins out of respect on Debro’s memorial boot stand. A few of the Bravo Troop Soldiers ripped off their combat patches and left them under Debro’s awards, next to his picture.

Debro was born Feb. 9, 1973, to Alvin and Pricillia Debro in Lubbock, Texas. He resided in many cities because his father was in the Air Force.

He joined the active Army in 1994 and graduated from Fort Knox, Ky., as a M1 Tank crewman. In November of 1997, he joined the Nebraska Army National Guard. Debro joined Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 167th Cavalry. He served with every deployment the Cavalry has had during his attachment including; Kuwait in 2001, Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2003 and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Debro’s awards and decorations for the current deployment include the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device and Number 2.

Debro was posthumously promoted to sergeant and awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. His other awards include; the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Nebraska National Guard Meritorious Service Medal, the Nebraska National Guard Homeland Defense Service Medal with M device, and the Combat Action Badge

He is survived by his father Alvin, his mother Priscilla, and his brother Maurice.



# Day in Red Bull history

7 OCT-11 OCT 1944  
 On the move in Italy near  
 Gabbiano

The Company moved to Gabbiano. We had trouble getting into our gun positions; the ones we were supposed to move into were under German artillery fire, so 1LT Luther D. Spurlock moved us into a new position. A few Jerry shells landed on our gun area. During one of those barrages PFC Richard J. Pachl was wounded. While fixing the lines on 10 October PFC Vincent J. Di Gilaramo was killed.



A medic of Company A, 34th ID, lights a cigarette for a wounded Soldier who was brought in from the Volturno front. Italy October 21, 1943. Photo courtesy of "The 34th Infantry Division".

For the complete diary, log onto [www.34infdiv.org/history/133cannon/4404.html](http://www.34infdiv.org/history/133cannon/4404.html)

## Australian Rank: Red Bulls meet the "Red Roos"

While conducting missions in southern Iraq, Soldiers of the 1/34 Brigade Combat Team may meet the Australian troops of Overwatch Battle Group (West) 1, who wear the red kangaroo patch. This week we take a look at the basic ranks of Australian enlisted soldiers and officers to help us understand and respect our partners in the Coalition Forces in Iraq.

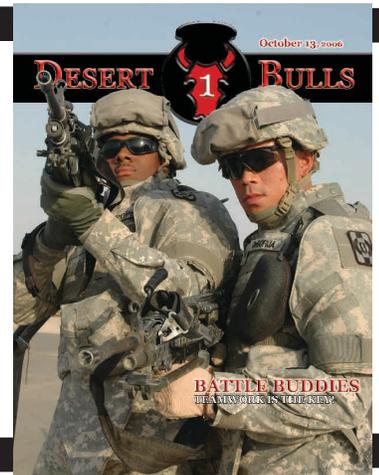


									
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On the cover:  
 Pvt. Daveon Pope (left) and Sgt. Jessie DeBorja of the 108th Quartermasters, Task Force WOLVERINE, represent the Army practice of "Battle Buddies". Photo illustration by Spc. Brian D. Jesness, 1/34 BCT PA.



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# BATTLE BUDDIES



**Sgt. William Capecchi (left), Sgt. Levi Peterson and Spc. Robert Boleen, “battle buddies” in Task Force WILD.**

Story by Capt. Bruce Ehlers,  
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In basic combat training you are assigned your very first “battle buddy” and it doesn’t take long to learn that you are responsible for each other’s every move. This system becomes so ingrained that we almost naturally put it in place whenever we join a new unit.

Gun truck teams are a premier example of battle buddies. Communication, trust, and teamwork are their hallmarks. These men and women form very close bonds and exemplify what battle buddies are all about.

Of course, while battle buddies are essential while on mission, they are still very important “inside the wire.” 1/34 Brigade Combat Team Command

Sgt. Maj. Doug Julin reminds us that “This is a war zone - there are no safe havens.” We still need to help each other stay safe on post, especially at night.

The best description I have come across of the dedication and loyalty that exists between Soldiers in combat was a quote in a recent Desert Bulls magazine.

“A battle buddy is someone who is always loyal to you. He’s someone who will always have your back in every situation. He always watches out for his buddies. He makes you laugh when you need to laugh, or tells you when you’re being a jerk. A battle buddy can tell you the truth about

anything without hurting your feelings or making you feel like you’re being attacked. This is a different kind of friendship some people never get to know,” said Staff Sgt. Douglas Newman. Newman’s own battle buddy, Staff Sgt. Joshua Hanson, was recently killed in an Improvised Explosive Device attack.

Fortunately, in the 1/34 BCT there is always someone who will be your battle buddy when you need one. Battle buddies are our most important support system to ensure the mission is accomplished and we stay as safe as possible.

# 1/34 BCT Soldier and NCO of the Quarter

Q&A with Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Julin

**1. How do quarterly boards work?** – First of all, a memorandum is sent out to all the battalion command sergeants major saying there will be quarterly Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter boards. It outlines what the board will consist of, who will be on the board, and what the board will evaluate. The Soldier of the Quarter candidates must be in the rank of private through specialist and the NCO of the Quarter candidates must be in the rank of corporal through sergeant first class.

Each board consists of at least three sergeant majors, one of which is selected as the president and has to be a command sergeant major. The other two are scoring board members with a rank of at least sergeant major.

The memorandum includes a score sheet that rates each of the candidates on all the same categories: weapons qualification, Army Physical Fitness Test and a personal appearance before the board – during this phase and throughout the board appearance, the candidates are given a selected topic for which they present a three-to-five-minute brief in front of the board.

The board evaluates the candidates not only on their appearance and presentation, but also their knowledge of basic Army information. The candidate has a variety of sources to extract and learn military information from, but for the purposes of the brigade board the information used to generate the board question comes directly from the Army Study Guide.

Prior to the board, each battalion command sergeant major is tasked with extracting a specified number of questions from the Army Study Guide from a variety of the categories assigned. These questions are then compiled and used by the board to evaluate each of the candidates.



Spc. Adam Wander, Soldier of the Quarter and Lt. Col. William Lieder, Task Force WILD Commander.

During the board, these questions are asked to each of the candidates by one of the board members. Each board member scores each question independently based upon the candidates' knowledge and their response. At the conclusion of the board, an administrative assistant totals up the candidates' score sheets. The Soldier and NCO with the highest scores are selected as the overall winners.

**2. How many Soldiers can compete for each honor?** – At the brigade-level board, each battalion is authorized to send one servicemember for each category. The maximum representation at the brigade board consists of the seven battalions represented to equal a maximum of seven Soldiers and seven NCOs competing each quarter.

**3. What is the deciding factor for each honor?** – Deciding the overall winner is based on a scoring system grading the candidates' knowledge and personal achievements, which are rated by three board members for each of the two levels.

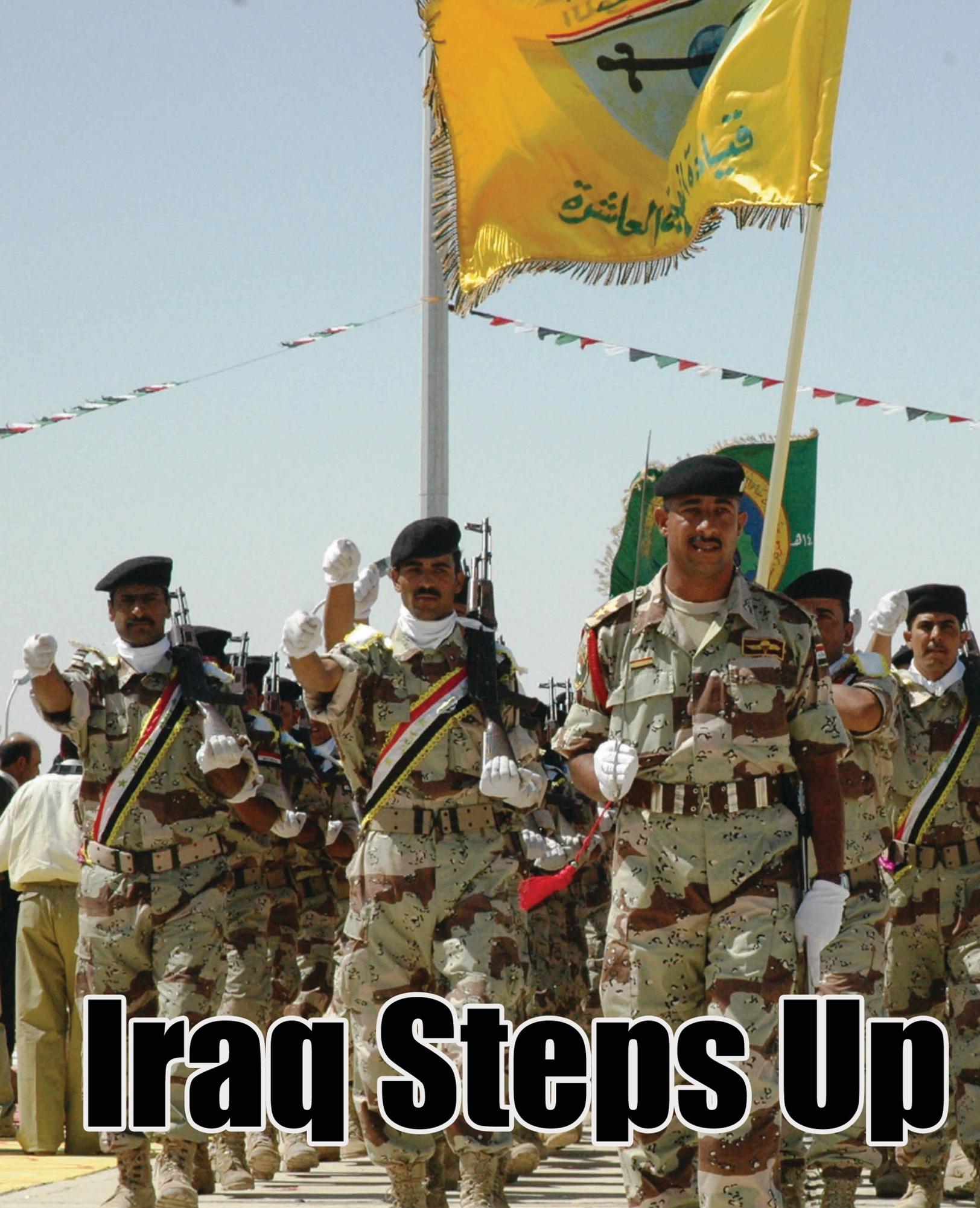
**4. What is your advice for future competitors?** – The best advice is to become very familiar and knowledgeable on the various categories and questions located in the Army Study Guide and the Soldier Manual of Common Tasks. The board is based on the individual Soldier. The board process is to determine the best candidate at the time of the board.

**5. How can Soldiers be even more prepared for the next board?** – For any Soldier who wishes to pursue a future in the military, boards will be an integral part of their career at some place and time. Soldiers should become comfortable with speaking in front of peers they don't know and know proper military customs and courtesies. Soldiers should also continually enhance their knowledge in various common military tasks and personally increase their weapons marksmanship skills and physical fitness to include proper height and weight standards.

The winner of the Aug. 28, Soldier of the Quarter was Spc. Adam Wander, and the NCO of the Quarter was Sgt. Daniel Wilcox, both of Task Force WILD.



Sgt. Daniel Wilcox, NCO of the Quarter and Lt. Col. William Lieder, Task Force WILD Commander.



# Iraq Steps Up

Photos by Capt. Mark Lappegaard, 1/34 BCT PAO.

Right: Dhi Qar province Gov. Iziz Alogaily (left) and Maj. Gen. Richard Shirreff, Commander of Multinational Division Southeast, finalize the transfer of authority of the province.

Soldiers of the 10th Division, Iraq army, march in a ceremony celebrating the handover of Dhi Qar province from Coalition Forces to Iraqi authorities.



- Iraq troops participated Sept. 21 in a ceremony symbolizing transfer of authority of Dhi Qar province from Coalition Forces into the hands of the provincial Iraqi government.
- Dhi Qar is the second of Iraq's 18 provinces to come under control of local authorities.
- Iraqis are now in charge of basic security needs for the province, only to call upon Coalition Forces when needed for support.
- The 1st of the 34th Brigade Combat Team is headquartered at Logistical Support Area Adder near An Nasariyah, the capital city of Dhi Qar province.

# IRAQ 101

## The Báath Party and Saddam Hussein's rise to power

Saddam Hussein and Abdul-Karim Qasim in 1968.



By Maj. Jon Ostercamp,  
Brigade Personnel Officer,

**F**rom its earliest days the Báath party of Iraq had gotten support and recruited students from high schools, colleges, professionals and intellectuals. However most of the members were urban Iraq Arabs. The Báath party origins were brought to Iraq in 1949 and gained recognition in Damascus in 1951. Military officers who became members in the early years include Ahmad Hassan al-Bakir, who later became Iraq's first Báathist president.

The Báath party embraced the principles of unity, freedom, and socialism. The party remained underground during the 1950s; party members identified with ties to the Báath party would be arrested. Young party members believed that the Iraqi leader Abdul al-Karim Qasim needed to be removed. Some writers claim that the

CIA played a role in the 1968 coup, but there is no real evidence. Also the United States became concerned with Qasim's close ties to the Soviet Union. The attempted assassination of Qasim failed in 1959. The young Saddam Hussein being one of the assassins, left Iraq as he would have been tried for treason.

Hussein spent the next four years moving from Lebanon, Egypt and Syria. During his time spent out of Iraq it is believed the CIA paid for his apartment and helped him get through law school in Cairo. The Báathist and CIA had a common interest in trying to oust pro-Soviet Qasim.

The second overthrow attempt was successful in 1963, the Báath party came into power but lasted only nine months and had to go underground again. It was not until 1965 that the

party was able to unite and its direction came from Gen. Bakir as secretary general and Hussein as his deputy. Finally in 1968 the Báath party was successful and Bakir became Iraq's first Báath president.

Bakir hand ties closer to the United Arab Republic and most people joined the state. In 1972 the Soviet Union and Iraq signed a treaty of friendship. With this friendship the Soviet Union agreed to supply arms to Iraq. Bakir also supported Syria with soldiers and weapons during the Yom Kippur War which called for action against Israel. During the years leading up to the late 1970s Bakir power was gradually handed over to Hussein (Bakir's Cousin) mainly due to health issues. In 1982 Bakir died and it is believed that pro-Saddam elements played a part in Bakir's early demise.

LOYALTY

DUTY

RESPECT

SELFLESS  
SERVICE

HONOR

PERSONAL  
COURAGE

By Chap. (Maj.) Randy Wendt  
UMT Chaplain,  
1/34 BCT

# INTEGRITY

ARMY VALUES

**H**ave you noticed a series on the Army Values developing in the newsletter? Selfless Service and Duty have been covered in previous newsletters. The topic for today is Integrity, or “the quality or state of being of sound moral principles,” “uprightness, honesty, sincerity” and “the state of being complete.” A definition is great, but how about some applications for life? Consider the following quotes:

“Keep true, never be ashamed of doing right; decide on what you think is right and stick to it.”  
– George Eliot.

“One’s integrity can give a person something to rely on when perspective seems to blur, when rules and principles seem to waiver, and when faced with a hard choice of right and wrong.” – Adm. James Stockdale.

“Integrity can be ordered, but it can only be achieved by encouragement and example.” – Gen. John D. Ryan.

“Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.” – Samuel Johnson.

“Honesty is the best policy.” – Gen. George Washington.

For more than four decades during the last century, Maj. Gen. Thomas Sidney Jesup served as the quartermaster general of the Army. Known as the “Father of the Quartermaster Corps,” he was also a man of unshakable character and integrity. He had a habit of doing the right thing because it was the right thing to do.

As a brand new lieutenant in 1809, Jesup was appointed brigade quartermaster on the Mississippi frontier, under the command of Brig. Gen. James Wilkinson. Wilkinson had a somewhat unsavory reputation, and it was perhaps inevitable the principled young lieutenant would eventually clash with his rather unscrupulous commander. That’s exactly what happened in the summer of 1811.

While stationed at a cantonment in Baton Rouge, La., Jesup got permission from Secretary of War William Eustis to come to Washington to settle his quartermaster accounts. However, by the time he actually arrived in the nation’s capitol months later, Jesup was informed by a War Department accountant he would be personally charged for an item that rightly should have been charged to Wilkinson.

The sum in question only amounted to \$79. Still, Jesup was incensed. Why should a junior officer be forced to pay for a senior officer’s wasteful excesses – even if the latter happened to be a commanding general? Knowing this to be unfair, he referred the matter directly to the Secretary of War. Eustis must have been impressed with Jesup’s logic, tenacity and fundamental honesty, for he quickly sided in his favor.

When, in 1818, Jesup was appointed the quartermaster general of the Army, he drafted a Code of Conduct for the Quartermaster Department that adhered to the highest standards of integrity and accountability. Until the day he died – some 42 years later – he encouraged others, through precept and example, to follow those same high standards.

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER





## Military Justice Log

- A Soldier from Task Force ORIENT EXPRESS received a field grade Article 15 for having a negligent discharge. He was reduced to private first class, suspended, and forfeiture of \$400.
- A Soldier from Task Force WOLVERINE received a field grade Article 15 for drug use. She was reduced to private (E2), private (E1) suspended, forfeiture of \$636 per month for two months, restriction and extra duty for 30 days.
- A Soldier from Task Force WOLVERINE received a field grade Article 15 for drug use. He was reduced to private first class, forfeiture of \$846, extra duty and restriction for 30 days.
- A Soldier from Task Force ORIENT EXPRESS received a field grade Article 15 for having a negligent discharge. She was reduced to specialist, suspended, forfeiture of \$400.
- A Soldier from Task Force THUNDER received a company grade Article 15 for damaging government property. He was reduced to private first class, suspended, extra duty and restriction for 14 days.
- A Soldier from Task Force WOLVERINE received a field grade Article 15 for drug use. He was reduced to private, forfeiture of \$713 for two months, extra duty and restriction for 45 days.
- A Soldier from Task Force WOLVERINE received a field grade Article 15 for violation of general order #1 (alcohol). She was reduced to private (E2), reduction to private (E1), suspended, forfeiture of \$636 for two months, suspended, extra duty and restriction for 30 days.
- A Soldier from Task Force WOLVERINE received a field grade Article 15 for larceny. He was given forfeiture of \$2,301 for two months, restriction for 45 days.
- A Soldier from Task Force ORIENT EXPRESS received a field grade Article 15 for having a negligent discharge. He was reduced to private first class, suspended, forfeiture of \$800.
- A Soldier from Task Force WILD received a company grade Article 15 for failure to report to place of duty. He was reduced to private first class, suspended, forfeiture of \$200.

## Battle buddies and on base safety

By Maj. John Engels, 1/34 BCT Command Judge Advocate

A “battle buddy” watches your back on a combat mission, and can do the same for you when you are “inside the wire”. During this deployment, no 1/34 BCT Soldier has been charged with violent crime or sexual assault. Violent crime, including sexual assault, although rare, does occur against both men and women in Iraq. A few simple steps will help you avoid being a crime victim.

Just like at home, traveling with a battle buddy, particularly at night, is one way to protect yourself from being a crime victim. While traveling on post, try to travel with a group. Maintain situational awareness of your surroundings. Work with your squad or team to watch out for those people around you to help ensure their safety. If you notice suspicious activity, report it to your chain of command and the military police. The MPs are here for our protection.

Most reported incidents happen in the living areas. Some crimes occur in public places, but those reports are uncommon. Just like in the civilian world, most reported assaults are among people who know each other, or may be forming new friendships. Try to avoid being alone in your room or another person’s room with someone you do not know well, or that you do not fully trust. Deployment is an opportunity to interact with many different people and form lasting friendships. It is fine to meet new people and enjoy their company, but having your battle buddy with you is an easy and enjoyable way to socialize while reducing your personal risk of being a crime victim.

A battle buddy is a terrific asset while out on a mission and during your time off. With just a small measure of vigilance, and by watching out for your fellow Soldiers, you can ensure that you and they remain safe.

# 1/34 BCT Combat Awards

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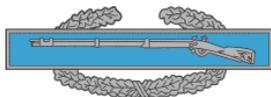
### Bronze Star Medal

Armes	Wesley	Sgt. 1st Class
Davis	Billy	Staff Sgt.
Debro	Germaine	Sgt.
Freeman	Glenn	Master Sgt.
Hansen	Jeffery	Staff Sgt.
Hanson	Joshua	Sgt.
Hobart	Richard	Cpt.
Jenkins	Gina	1st Lt.



### Purple Heart

Abernathy	Justin	Sgt.
Brown	Gregory	Spc.
Debro	Germaine	Sgt.
Essig	Daniel	Sgt. Major
Fraik	Robert	Staff Sgt.
Hansen	Jeffery	Staff Sgt.
Hanson	Joshua	Sgt.
Kampfer	Kasey	Spc.
Moe	Jared	Spc.
Puckett	William	Staff Sgt.
Richardson	Jason	Spc.



### Combat Infantryman Badge

Aaserude	Aaron	Spc.
Aguilar	Daniel	Spc.
Allen	Jamie	Pfc.
Anderson	Jonathan	Pfc.
Annable	Kelly	Spc.
Appleby	Ryan	Spc.
Arndt	Lonnie	Spc.
Beckman	Joseph	Spc.
Bland	Matthew	Pfc.
Boleen	Robert	Spc.
Bolsinger	Lyle	Sgt. 1st Class
Bonander	Clarence	Spc.
Bondy	Terrell	Spc.
Brekke	Jonathan	Sgt.
Budish	Matthew	Spc.
Chilson	Frank	Staff Sgt.
Clavel	Joseph	Pfc.
Cooper	Cory	Spc.
Crisp	Matthew	Spc.
Cullen	Damien	Pvt.
Dahl	Anthony	Pfc.
Debro	Germaine	Sgt.
Demere	Christopher	Spc.
Eichman	Nicholas	Spc.
Focken	Kurt	Spc.
Foster	David	Spc.
Fraik	Robert	Staff Sgt.
Gazelka	Dathan	Sgt.
Gilbertson	Adam	Cpt.
Grove	Steven	Sgt. 1st Class

Gunderson	Adam	Spc.
Gunning	Andy	Pvt.
Gunzenhauser	Chad	Spc.
Hansen	Jeffery	Staff Sgt.
Hanson	Joshua	Sgt.
Harrison	Christopher	Staff Sgt.
Herring	Matthew	Spc.
Hoeflicker	Jonathan	Spc.
Hrodey	Kevin	2nd Lt.
Johnson	Brian	Spc.
Kelley	Stephen	Pfc.
Kos	Joseph	Sgt.
Kolkin	Kristopher	Spc.
Krupke	Jason	Spc.
Kurtti	Kenton	Spc.
Lafella	Jesadae	Sgt.
Lamon	Michael	Spc.
Mafnas	Johnathan	Pfc.
Mason	Lenard	Spc.
Mckenna	James	Sgt.
McLeod	Andrew	Sgt.
Mcnamara	Kristopher	Spc.
Mcnamara	Travis	Spc.
Merchant	Jason	1st Lt.
Miller	Ross	Spc.
Moen	Justin	Spc.
Moore	Alexander	Spc.
Morse	David	Spc.
Moskop	Peter	Spc.
Nelson	David	Spc.
Oesterle	Tyce	Sgt.
Ohnstad	Andrew	Spc.
Omberg	Clayton	Sgt.
Patterson	Timothy	Staff Sgt.
Ophus	Brian	Sgt.
Peters	Grant	Sgt.
Petersen	Patrick	Sgt.
Peterson	Levi	Sgt.
Puttbrese	Ryan	Spc.
Rankin	Charles	Cpt.
Ries	Jessie	Spc.
Roberts	Jeffery	Staff Sgt.
Sedlacek	Dennis	Spc.
Smith	Cody	Sgt.
Smith	Christopher	Spc.
Sharp	Danny	Sgt.
Shaw	Lee	Spc.
Stattelman	Jeremy	Sgt.
Solberg	Jon	Master Sgt.
Stewart	Joshua	Spc.
Stich	Christopher	Spc.
Stotser	Brandon	Spc.
Staples	Donovan	Sgt.
Stene	Andrew	Spc.
Taylor	Daniel	Staff Sgt.
Thompson	Andrew	Spc.
Tootell	Daniel	Spc.
Stute	Matthew	Spc.
Vesel	Chadrik	1st Lt.
Summer	Nicholas	Spc.
Wellnitz	Michael	Spc.
Wendling	Adam	Sgt.
Vickmark	Douglas	Spc.
Wilcox	Daniel	Sgt.
Wagner	Bradley	Sgt.
Winn	Kenneth	Staff Sgt.
Yurick	Edward	Spc.



### Combat Medic Badge

Crooks	John	Spc.
Jolin	Brian	Sgt.
Wilson	Christopher	Spc.



### Combat Action Badge

Albizurez	Pablo	Spc.
Ammons	Bryan	Spc.
Azuela	Ernest	Spc.
Bagwell	Randall	Sgt.
Baker	Levi	Sgt.
Bari	Daniel	Staff Sgt.
Barton	Jeffery	Sgt.
Baumer	William	Sgt.
Becerra	Omar	Spc.
Beebe	Dennis	Spc.
Beilke	Scott	Spc.
Bennett	James	Spc.
Bevens	William	Chief Warrant Officer
Bier	Tiffany	Spc.
Billings	Robert	Sgt.
Bjore	Byron	Sgt.
Blaylock	Jacob	Spc.
Bleninger	Robert	Sgt.
Bloodworth	Michael	Spc.
Botero	Fernando	Sgt.
Bowman	William	Cpt.
Brown	Jason	Sgt. 1st Class
Brown	Gregory	Spc.
Bustos	Nathan	Spc.
Campos	Francisco	Spc.
Carney	Sean	Spc.
Cervantes	Jesus	Sgt.
Coffey	Robert	Pfc.
Curley	Nikolaus	Spc.
Curlin	Jason	Spc.
Deatley	Robert	Sgt.
Delosreyes	Alvin	Staff Sgt.
Dewing	Adam	Sgt.
Donley	Danial	Spc.
Doss	Jonathan	Sgt. 1st Class
Douvier	Jesse	2nd Lt.
Dozier	Michael	Sgt.
Drake	Michael	Sgt.
Driver	Russ	Spc.
Espinoza	Octavio	Spc.
Farmer	Bobby	Spc.
Fauth	Dugan	Sgt.
Fonseca	Edmundo	Spc.
Foster	Caleb	Sgt.
Frazier	Kelly	Cpt.
Fussy	Adam	Spc.
Garibay	John	Sgt.
Goforth	David	2nd Lt.
Gonzalez	Matthew	Spc.
Gravdahl	Andrew	Spc.
Gregor	Adam	Sgt.
Gutierrez	Francisco	Sgt.
Haas	Michael	Spc.
Helmrich	Justin	Spc.
Herke	Larry	Lt. Col.
Herlund	Scotty	Spc.
Hernandez	Benjamin	Sgt.
Hobot	John	2nd Lt.
Howard	Jacob	Spc.
Howland	Cory	Sgt.
Huang	Amanda	Spc.
Hubred	Joseph	Sgt.
Hue	David	Spc.
Hughley	Joshua	Sgt.
Jeter	Christopher	Staff Sgt.
Johnson	Grant	Sgt.
Johnson	Jodi	Spc.
Jones	James	Staff Sgt.
Jones	Zachary	Sgt.
Kampsen	Craig	Sgt. 1st Class
Kelly	Thomas	Spc.
Kelly	Patrick	Spc.
Kenyon	Carl	Spc.
Kirby	Joshua	Spc.
Kleinschmidt	Kevin	Spc.
Klug	James	Sgt. 1st Class
Koch	Brent	Sgt.
Kowski	Scott	Staff Sgt.
Kozak	Michael	Staff Sgt.
Krebs	Joshua	Spc.
Kringlie	James	Sgt. 1st Class
Kulzer	Michael	Sgt.
Kuboy	Marcus	Spc.
Larson	Matthew	Spc.
Lehman	James	2nd Lt.
Lentz	Matthew	Staff Sgt.
Leonard	Jason	Sgt.
Lewis	Russell	Spc.
Lovato	David	Sgt.
Lozacruz	Jesus	Sgt.
Lynn	Brandon	Spc.
Macias	Kadyr	Spc.
Mackie	Matt	Sgt.
Maney	Michael	Spc.
Marquez	Rudy	Master Sgt.
Massena	Christina	Spc.
Mayne	Anthony	Sgt.
Meier	Ryan	Sgt.
Mensen	Melissa	Sgt.
Moon	John	Sgt.
Morgan	William	Sgt.
Mullis	Robert	Staff Sgt.
Nowak	Robert	Spc.
Olson	Ole	Master Sgt.
Noyes	Ryley	Spc.
Overby	Amanda	Pfc.
Palacios	Randy	Spc.
Pantze	Matthew	Spc.
Paredes	Ernest	Staff Sgt.
Parris	Kevin	Sgt.
Peterson	Justin	Spc.
Pinto	Ivan	Sgt.
Puckett	William	Staff Sgt.
Rojas	Guadalupe	Sgt.
Rosenfeld	Hayden	Spc.
Roslyn	Gary	Sgt.
Rost	Justin	Spc.
Runia	Tristyn	Spc.
Santos	Thomas	Sgt.
Sauseda	Humberto	Sgt.
Scammell	Oliver	Staff Sgt.
Schmit	Joshua	Sgt.
Schueller	Stephen	Spc.
Shafer	Lance	Spc.
Sogge	Erik	Spc.
Stewart	Carla	Spc.
Stinar	Joshua	Spc.
Stock	Adam	Sgt.
Suzuki	Yuya	Spc.
Taylor	Jacob	Spc.
Thomis	Lucas	Spc.
Tran	Joshua	Spc.
Traugh	Brittany	Pfc.
Turner	Todd	Sgt.
Tyndall	Randy	Sgt.
Villa	Manuel	Pfc.
Vu, Man	Ha	Spc.
Wagner	Jeffrey	Spc.
Watkins	Nile	Spc.
Weckman	Joshua	Sgt.
Welle	Evan	Sgt.
Wellsted	Tad	Sgt.
Wilson	Christopher	Spc.
Wittmann	Jeffery	Sgt.



Above: Spcs. Casey Dix (left), Jared Peterson and Banyon Jarvis, Task Force IRON, were among several IRON Soldiers awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal at Camp Al Asad. Photo by 2nd Lt. Matthew Parrino, Task Force IRON.

Left: Team PANTHER Commander Capt. Blaine Peterson's son Andrew has proudly displayed his homemade Red Bull blanket. Photo and blanket by Kathy Peterson.

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Right: 1st Lt. Brad Jamison, Team PANTHER, wins Camp Adder Bench Press Competition with a 335-pound lift on Sept. 24. Photo by 1st Lt. Brian Hatlen, Team PANTHER.

Below: Spc. Darren Carrigan and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Allee near their headquarters at Task Force WILD. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PA.

