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A LOOK BACK AT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1/34 BCT SUCCEEDS IN IRAQ



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CAMP ADDER, Iraq – A memorial ceremony for Spc. Carla Stewart was held Feb. 2 at the Post Chapel, where attending friends and fellow Soldiers from her unit were able to pay their final respects.

Stewart, a native of Glendale, Calif., died Jan. 28 when her vehicle rolled over during combat operations in Iraq. She was 37. She was assigned to the 250th Transportation Co., 7th Transportation Battalion, where she conducted combat logistic patrols escorting Class I and III supplies in support of coalition forces.

Seats inside the chapel were quickly filled prior to the start of the ceremony, with several more Soldiers standing in the rear as somber music played. Chap. (Capt.) Charles Williams began by giving the invocation prayer and was followed by remarks given by three of Stewart's close friends.

Sgt. Anthea Duarte, a former roommate of Stewart's when their unit was training stateside in preparation for deployment, said Stewart was the kind of person who was able to get along with everyone.

"She would always greet me with a smile and a happy word, and when she was upset – which wasn't often – I could barely tell," said Duarte. "Instead, she'd speak her mind, state her grievances and then she channeled her energy to a more positive resolve."

Duarte concluded her tribute by reading a Bible passage and saying goodbye to Stewart with outstretched arms and a gaze toward the sky.

"I remember a lesson in Galatians where it speaks about the fruits of the spirit, and it says, 'Those who belong to Christ Jesus bear the fruits of the spirit, and they are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control,'" said Duarte. "Although Stewart and I never had a chance to fellowship in Christ together, I know she was a child of God because she bore those fruits of the spirit every day of her life. And so for now, I say farewell to my sister in the Lord, until I see you again."

Spc. Summer Gonzalez, another of Stewart's close friends, gave a tearful speech in which she also spoke of Stewart's constant cheerfulness and selfless personality.

"She could put a smile anyone's face, even when you didn't feel like smiling," said Gonzalez. "When she got

off a mission and she was tired and weighed down by all the gear, she would stop and ask if you were OK."

Stewart's company commander, Capt. William Bowman, concluded the remarks by thanking all of Stewart's friends and peers for coming to honor her memory.

"Our mighty God called our peer, our sister, our friend and our warrior Soldier to the kingdom of Heaven," said Bowman. "We all understand this company of Soldiers is now incomplete; there is a void that cannot be filled. Certainly, our missions will continue and our tour will eventually end, as will the war. However, this unit will never forget Spc. Stewart."

After a short speech from Williams, the final roll call was given by 1st Sgt. Alexander Salas, followed by the firing of volleys and the playing of taps. Soldiers were then allowed to walk to the stage and pay their respects by saluting a memorial consisting of a rifle topped with a Kevlar helmet and slung with a set of identification tags.

Stewart enlisted in the Army Reserve in July 2004 as a heavy-wheeled vehicle driver. She had previously received a certificate of completion in Engineering and Electromechanical Design. She also attended Glendale Community College where she studied music and dance and worked as an administrative assistant at her father's construction business in Glendale.

Stewart's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Drivers Badge with "W" Device and the Combat Action Badge.

Stewart is survived by her husband, Brendan, her mother, Emmy Aprahamian, and her father, Ed Babayan.





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CAMP ADDER, Iraq – A memorial ceremony for Sgt. Maj. Michael C. Mettille was held Feb. 7 at the Post Chapel, where several friends, peers and fellow Soldiers came to pay final respects to their fallen comrade.

Mettille, born and raised in Winona, Minn., died Feb. 1 of a non-combat related injury. He was 44. He had been the first sergeant of Alpha Company, 134th Brigade Support Battalion since the unit's mobilization for deployment in September 2005.

Although he was known by many for his gruff but professional demeanor, Mettille was also a dedicated family man. Sgt. Maj. Sid Bell, a close friend of Mettille's, spoke to that effect when he was the first to pay tribute during the ceremony.

"Words cannot express the loss we have just experienced, yet it pales in comparison to the loss his family must be feeling," said Bell. "Mike loved his family with every fiber of his being. He was a committed father and a faithful husband. When he shared stories of his family, you could see a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face."

Bell continued, reading a portion of a letter he received from friend and retired Sgt. Maj. Thomas Harvieux, who sent it after hearing of Mettille's death. In it, Harvey wrote that Mettille "did not pull punches and had the convictions to speak the truth" and "made no qualms" about demanding excellence.

"In reality, Mike was one of the most passionate people I have ever known," the letter continued. "One thing's for sure: Mike is almost certainly already in Heaven, squaring it away. I am sure there are [standard operating procedures] to write, angels to counsel ... God must have really needed a great sergeant major for this important job. I can attest that he picked one of the best."

The second Soldier to pay tribute to Mettille was Staff Sgt. Jonathan Tabatt, who said he considered Mettille "a father to Alpha Company." Tabatt went on to praise Mettille for his

unprecedented leadership skills and his ability to mentor others.

"Sgt. Maj. Mettille can not only describe to you what a leader is and what it takes, but also how to become a better leader and grow," said Tabatt. "Sgt. Maj. Mettille has influenced each one of us here in one way or another, and has truly earned the title of 'mentor.' He has mentored us to prepare for the worst and strive to achieve the best.

"Every one of us here are better people to have known you and served with you," continued Tabatt. "You will be missed, you will be honored and above all, you will always be remembered. God bless, and rest in peace."

Capt. Sharon Meschke, A Co., 134th BSB company commander, said that with Mettille's death their unit had "lost a warrior and a vital leader within the company." Mettille dedicated his life to caring for his Soldiers, Meschke said, and that dedication was evident throughout his 26 years of service in the military.

"Today, we mourn his passing and honor his service," said Meschke. "As the first sergeant, he was the heart and soul of the company. He always shed a positive light on any situation. He was full of energy, and I trusted him completely. Above all, what he was admired for was how he personally cared for each Soldier in the company and their families."

Following a pair of scripture readings, Chap. (Maj.) Erik Feig gave his remarks, led attendees in a moment of silence and gave the benediction prayer. Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Wieling, the acting first sergeant for A Co., conducted the final roll call, which was followed by a volley of shots fired outside the chapel and the sounding of taps. Soldiers were then able to pay tribute to Mettille by saluting a memorial consisting of a pair of boots, a rifle strung with a pair of identification tags and a helmet atop the rifle.

Mettille enlisted in the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1980. He worked full-time for the organization as a supervisory supply system analyst. He graduated from Winona State University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Sciences and Mathematics and was in the process of completing his master's degree in Mathematics.

Mettille's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal (6th award), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal. Mettille is survived by his wife Pamela and their children, Mary, 11, and Thomas, 9. He also has two children from a previous marriage, Elizabeth, 21, and Michael, 18.

LEADER'S LETTER



1/34 BCT Commander Col. David Elicerio

Red Bull Soldiers,

As we move about our daily duties here in Iraq, it is so easy to focus on what is ahead of us and how hard it will be and then be consumed with these thoughts. We have faced tough times together before. I believe it is prudent at a time like this to look to our recent past for strength in the trying times that will come.

We are the brigade combat team that arrived at Camp Shelby, Miss., just days after Hurricane Katrina. Living conditions were poor, with many buildings having sustained recent damage, and all of the buildings showed their age as we frequently went without hot water for showers, broken plumbing and crowded conditions. But through these adversities, your hard work, determination and discipline showed you were not like the last three BCTs that had moved through the post. You constantly demanded the standard be raised higher – and then reached that bar every time.

You are the BCT that successfully completed all post-mobilization training faster and more proficiently than other units' schedules could accommodate. You spent more time on ranges and in forward operating bases than any of the BCTs before us. You endured and completed three command post exercises and two field training exercises at Camp Shelby – a first for any BCT. You earned this BCT a reputation for hard work, ethics and "can-do" attitude that will be talked about for years to come.

You are the Soldiers who then loaded our entire inventory of vehicles and equipment and moved to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La. You arrived in short order in a well-rehearsed flow of combat power. You fell in on not only our own equipment, but more than 600 other pieces of rolling stock from across the U.S. You quickly and efficiently assimilated this equipment and moved into your tactical locations. You fought your way into the field, the entire time you were there, and then on your way out. You set new standards that will stand the test of time at the JRTC.

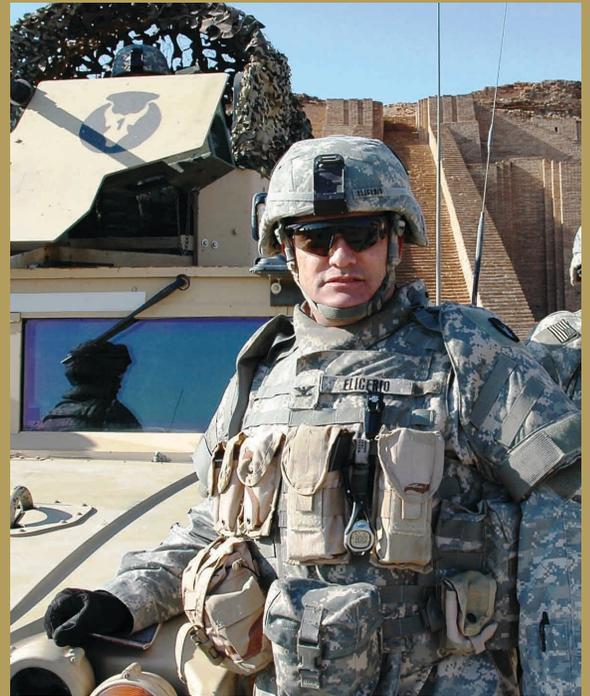
You are the BCT that brought more family support, more state support, and more political support to a departure ceremony than any other BCT – despite being from hometowns further from Camp Shelby than any other BCT. You endured, you persevered and you excelled, despite the

challenges placed in front of you. You have faced every challenge with positive attitude and overcome.

Upon arriving in theater, you immediately set about changing things to meet the Red Bull standard. It has been a very trying and difficult 10 months of combat. But again, you have raised the bar high and upheld the standards. You have overcome the heat, the miles, the enemies and the constant challenges of this country and its conditions. You have earned a reputation that is talked about in the most positive manner by the staff at Multi-National Corps – Iraq, the Secretary of Defense and general officers who visit to see for themselves what this BCT has done. Be proud of what you have accomplished in the face of adversity. You are good Soldiers, the best any commander could ever ask for. You have fought on the battlefield of the enemy's choosing – and you are beating him.

We have a few challenges left in front of us. We must continue to do for another five months what we have done so well for the past 10 months. As we move forward against this newest challenge, take heart of your past accomplishments and obstacles overcome. Know that this latest challenge is no bigger, no more complex and no tougher than any of those you have already faced and overcome. Take pride in the fact that you are answering your nation's call in a time of adversity, and you are doing the right thing. Take pride in the fact that they asked you to continue to serve, because they know you can deliver results better than anyone else. Together we can overcome this latest hurdle just as we have with every other hurdle they have put in front of us. We need each other now more than ever, because the Army needs the Red Bulls now more than ever.

Be strong, be vigilant and be safe.





Day in Red Bull history

29 APR - 4 MAY 1945

On the final push in Italy
between Parma and Castranno

29 APR. At 0745 hours we picked up G Company of the 2nd Battalion and traveled 175 miles: back through Parma, Reggio nell'Emilia, and Modena; then up across the Po River and through Mantova to assemble near Brescia. At 1300 hours we moved again to the outskirts of Bergamo. At 1700 hours we moved to an assembly area near Reguit, stayed there all night.

1 MAY. Our trucks spent the entire day hauling prisoners and surrendered forces, then at 1900 hours we moved out to our new area near Forultra, we spent the night in a big factory.

2 MAY. At 0400 hours we moved out toward a new area near Grzggio. We arrived at 0800 hours often going through snow and sleet. At 1500 hours the radio (our own) announced



Italian and German vehicles after the surrender of the German 75th Corps and 34 Infanterie-Division. COL John Breit, C.O., 135th Regt., 34th Div., inspects an Italian tank at Ivrea, Italy, 6 MAY, 1945.

that the Germans in the Italian sector had unconditionally surrendered. At 1800 hours we moved to Albano Verellese.

3 MAY. At 1645 hours the Company moved to Castranno. The guns were placed in position covering a road block. We are about twelve miles from the border of Switzerland.

4 MAY. Nothing exciting; 1LT Luther D. Spurlock and PFC George W. Heath went home on rotation. The Company attended a dance and everyone was 'molto zig-zag'.

156,483 rounds of ammunition were fired during the Italian campaign, [approximately 1,170 tons].

Thus ended the Unit Journal of Cannon Company, 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division.

For the complete diary, log onto www.34infdiv.org/history/133cannon/4404.html

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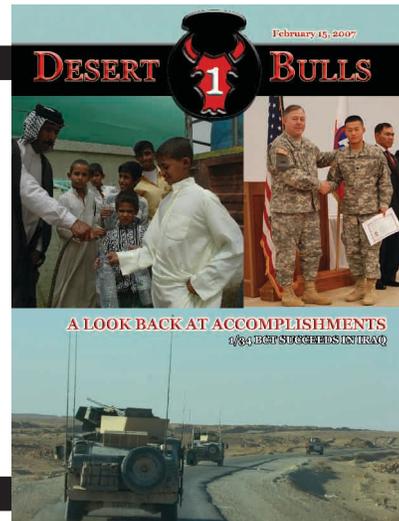
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A look back at the 1/34 BCT's successes during OIF. Photo Illustration by Spc. Brian D. Jesness, 1/34 BCT PAO.



CONVOY: SHERIFF, THIS IS CONVOY1, OVER
 SHERIFF: CONVOY1, THIS IS SHERIFF, OVER
 CONVOY: WE HAD IED DETONATE ON SCOUT TRUCK, STOPPED FOR
 DAMAGE ASSESSMENT, GUNNER AND DRIVER INJURED,
 MEDEVAC REQUEST TO FOLLOW, OVER
 SHERIFF: SEND IT, OVER
 CONVOY:
 LINE ONE: LOCATION 18° 55'N 154° 40'W
 LINE TWO: FREQUENCY-SHERIFF'S NET, CALLSIGN-CONVOY1
 LINE THREE: 1 ALPHA-URGENT, 1 BRAVO-SURGICAL
 LINE FOUR: SPECIAL EQUIPMENT-NONE
 LINE FIVE: TWO LIMA-PATIENTS BY LITTER
 BREAK
 LINE SIX: PAPA, ENEMY POSSIBLE IN AREA
 LINE SEVEN: SITE IS MARKED
 LINE EIGHT: ALPHA, U.S. PATIENTS
 LINE NINE: NO CHEMICAL WEAPONS, OVER
 SHERIFF: GOOD COPY, WHAT ARE THE EXTENT OF THE INJURIES,
 OVER
 CONVOY: SHRAPNEL TO FACE AND ARMS, BREAK
 BROKEN LEG AND POSSIBLE HEAD INJURY, OVER
 SHERIFF: ROGER, MEDEVAC IS BEING NOTIFIED, WILL GET BACK
 TO YOU WHEN THE BIRD DUSTS OFF, OVER
 CONVOY: CONVOY1, OUT



Coverage span of sheriff network

Red Bull sheriff network is Soldiers' first call for help

Story by Spc. Brian D. Jesness, 1/34 BCT PAO

CAMP ADDER, Iraq – Convoy escort missions are often routine for Red Bull Soldiers, who travel up to 530 miles of Iraq highway. However, some circumstances on the road are anything but routine and require support to ensure safe accomplishment of the mission.

This support comes from the sheriff network of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division.

“They are the first call for help, the 911 for the guys out on the road,” said Sgt. Maj. Edward Mills, senior noncommissioned officer in charge of the 1/34th BCT operations section.

The sheriff network is made up of five stations that cover a distance spanning more than two-thirds of Iraq from the Iraq-Kuwait border in the south and beyond Camp Anaconda in northern Iraq.

“They are like your local police departments covering a distance similar of Minneapolis to Kansas City,” said Mills.

These sheriff stations monitor roadways to provide an up-to-the-minute status of current threat conditions and various back-up services for Red Bull Soldiers, other convoys on the road and Coalition Forces throughout Iraq.

While on convoys, the stations can be called to deploy medical evacuation helicopters, combat-air support, explosive ordnance disposal teams and quick reaction forces to aid Soldiers in hostile situations.

The stations are manned 24 hours a day to monitor and protect the brigade’s vehicle movements throughout much of Iraq. They employ an intricate array of computer, radio and satellite technology to remain ready to come to the aid of convoys in any situation on the road.

“The biggest thing that we do is we are a direct connection for 1/34th convoys to answer their questions and help with their problems when they are away from home,” said Sgt. Simon Cameron, staff NCO at the Camp Liberty Sheriff station.

The network is maintained by a staff of more than 50 Soldiers working at five military installations in Iraq: Camp Anaconda, Camp Taji, Camp Liberty, Camp Scania and Camp Adder.

The 1/34th BCT has improved the concept of sheriff stations beyond the standards previously set by the Army. Before the brigade arrived in Iraq, Army sheriff stations didn’t maintain constant radio availability and had limited vehicle tracking capabilities.



Soldiers of the Camp Adder sheriff station. First row, Spc. Kyle Schmidt (left) and Spc. Stephen Major. Second row, Sgt. 1st Class Kent Lande (left), Sgt. Christopher Walton, Staff Sgt. Andrew Nielsen, Staff Sgt. Scott Nyberg, Spc. Todd Crane, Spc. Joseph Schwarzrock, Staff Sgt. Troy Ewert, Sgt. William Spletstoeszer, Staff Sgt. Daniel Kling, Spc. Joseph Derrane and Staff Sgt. Rebecca Gerboth. Not Pictured: Sgt. 1st Class Troy Smith, Staff Sgt. Daniel Trom, Maj. Rick Schute, Maj. Marc Jenny, Capt. Jose Torres, Capt. Guy Tinnirello, Capt. John Sweeny, 1st Lt. Richard Flores and 1st Lt. Jason Staab.

The Red Bull Soldiers at these stations were the first units in the Army to integrate a new communications technology called the Radio Internet Protocol network (RIPRnet) to their resources to protect 1/34th BCT Soldiers and Coalition Forces.

“RIPRnet allows convoys to communicate with the sheriff for the request of [medical evacuation] and recovery assets in case of an emergency,” said Sgt. Maj. Danny Toivonen, operations sergeant major for the 1/34 BCT Tactical Operations Center at Camp Anaconda.

“Its wide range allows convoys a clearer and farther-reaching communication tool to further enhance the capabilities of combat logistic patrols in today’s battlefield,” said Toivonen.

“The system has allowed our sheriff’s net to keep a more consistent communication link with convoys throughout the area of operations,” said Toivonen.

“We didn’t create it, but we took it to the next level,” said Mills.

Soldiers of the Camp Taji sheriff station. Front row, Spc. Joseph Wilson, Spc. Joseph Derrane. Second row, Spc. Christopher Smith, Master Sgt. Paul Hoppe, Staff Sgt. Karl Stocker. Third row, Capt. Edward Vela.



Soldiers of the Camp Liberty sheriff station. First row, 1st Lt. Carrie Mathias, Spc. Andrew Goerdt, Spc. Eric Mahn. Second row, Sgt. Warren Johnson, Sgt. Simon Cameron, Sgt. Nicholas Webb. Not pictured Spc. Darrin Borgstrom.



Spc. Matthew Pearson (left), Spc. Justin Windschitl, Spc. Nick Metzgen, 1st Lt. Michael Nysse, Staff Sgt. Chris Hein and Master Sgt. Wayne Sulfflow are part of the sheriff staff of Camp Scania.



Capt. Ryan Kelly (left), Sgt. Tim Solomonson, Staff Sgt. Chuck Hartwig, Spc. Dan McMonagle and Spc. Josh Zupfer are part of the sheriff staff of Camp Scania. Not pictured is Spc. Brandon Johnson.



Spc. Terry Murphy (left), Spc. Brent Howk, 1st Lt. Christopher Maden-Peterson, Staff Sgt. Craig Schmidtke and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Wettstein are part of the sheriff staff of Camp Scania.



Soldiers of the sheriff staff at the 1/34 BCT Tactical Operations Center Camp Anaconda. First row, Maj. Randy Erickson, Staff Sgt. Miriam Huhta, Staff Sgt. Lisa Fleck, Sgt. Maj. Dan Toivonen, Staff Sgt. Seth Steinbach, Sgt. 1st Class Troy Smith, Sgt. 1st Class Todd Schoenike, Staff Sgt. Charles Mudge, 1st Lt. Toyston Burruss and Mr. Santos. Second row, Capt. John Flor, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Mannz, Sgt. Patrick Arel, Master Sgt. Thomas Wanamaker, Sgt. 1st Class Rene Montero, Sgt. Chad Robinson, Maj. Bob Intress, Capt. Fernando Franco, Staff Sgt. Troy Lindgren, Spc. Matthew Woitel, Spc. Michael Tatro, Capt. Margaret McGuire and Capt. Colin Jorgenson.

1/34 BCT Combat Awards

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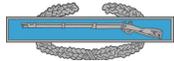
Bronze Star Medal with Valor

Tyndall Randy SGT



Purple Heart

Fahlin Nathan SPC
 Himebaugh Jacob SGT
 Kintu Emmanuel SPC
 Kriesel John SGT
 Oliver Carlon SPC
 Salzman Darrell SPC



Combat Infantryman Badge

Aas Douglas SPC
 Abernathy Justin SGT
 Axtman Nicholas SPC
 Bailey Brian SPC
 Baker Caleb SPC
 Bauer John SPC
 Beireis Steven SSG
 Bizon Michael SPC
 Britten Christopher SSG
 Brown Jonathon SPC
 Brown Luther SPC
 Bunston Zachary SGT
 Butikofer Aaron SGT
 Childers Christopher SGT
 Christen Tyler SPC
 Christoph Tony 2LT
 Clasen James SGT
 Conrad Vern SFC
 Crosen Benjamin SPC
 Cunningham James SPC
 Davis Jesse SPC
 Deb Somen SPC
 Donovan Timothy SGT
 Duncan William SPC
 Dundee John SPC
 Dunphy Peter SPC
 Eichman Nathan SPC
 Eigenberger Brian SGT
 Eshelman Clinton SPC
 Franzen Isaac SPC
 Gallant Adam SGT
 Gamblain Steven SPC
 Gebhardt Cole SSG
 Gerdes Robert SGT
 Gevock Jared 2LT
 Gilbertson Tanner SGT
 Goodwin Adam SPC
 Gordon Jacob SGT
 Gotschall Adam SPC
 Grafft Ryan 1LT
 Grandell Charles SPC
 Greiner Mark SGT
 Gusman Steven SGT
 Haan Clay SSG
 Habel Mark SGT
 Hall Rusty SPC
 Hall Sean SPC
 Harris Rodney SSG
 Hass Justin SPC
 Hilleren Mark SPC
 Hingtgen Larry SSG
 Hinrichs Joshua SSG
 Huebner Nicholas SSG
 Hull Jason SPC
 Jacobson Shawn SPC
 James Andrew SPC
 Jenkins Michael SPC
 Jensen Toby SPC

Kelley Dale SGT
 Kennett Joseph SPC
 Kessler Thomas SPC
 Killion Lance SPC
 King Wesley SPC
 Kingsley Daniel 1LT
 Kirkpatrick David SPC
 Knode Eric SPC
 Knutson Thomas SPC
 Kordiak Ryan SPC
 Lahmann David SPC
 Lembke Mason SPC
 Leontiev Vyacheslav SSG
 Lilly Paul SGT
 Linder Matthew SPC
 Ludwig Anthony SPC
 Lyons Frank SPC
 Maine Christopher SGT
 Malmberg Chad SSG
 McEachern Garin SPC
 Meisel Matthew SPC
 Meissner Jeffery SGT
 Miller Ross SPC
 Murphy Daniel CPT
 O'Neill Shane SGT
 Pedersen Jacob SPC
 Percival Gary PFC
 Percival Mark SPC
 Peterson John SPC
 Pinska Grant SPC
 Pletz Geoffrey CPT
 Potts Lonnie SPC
 Quinlin Travis SPC
 Reeves Eric SPC
 Rennison Randy SGT
 Richardson Jason SPC
 Ring Kevin SPC
 Ritter Ross SGT
 Roesler Matthew SGT
 Rohret Sean SGT
 Root Jady SPC
 Rossin Adam SPC
 Sampson Jonathon SPC
 Aaron Schlake 2LT
 Schmitt Justin SPC
 Schroeder Paul SPC
 Schwendinger Robert SSG
 Scullion Edward SPC
 Shaw Ryan SGT
 Sheriff Justin SPC
 Simmons Jacob SPC
 Smith Luke SPC
 Snyder Jeremy SPC
 Sofie John SSG
 Srisourath Jeff SPC
 Stone Perry SPC
 Streets Gregory SPC
 Strouth Mason SGT
 Suckow Matthew SPC
 Tamargo Michael SPC
 Thomas Gabriel SPC
 Thul David SGT
 Tielbar David SGT
 Hatton Paul SPC
 Vogt Kevin SGT
 Wallace Logan SSG
 Webster Daniel SPC
 Weiss David SSG
 Weiss Joshua SGT
 Wessing Keith SGT
 Whetstone Brett SPC
 Williams Michael SFC
 Winaker Jonathan SPC
 Woinarowicz Nicholas SPC
 Wygle Justin SPC
 Zirkelbach Raymond SPC



Combat Medic Badge

Adamson Chad SSG
 Gingrich Taylor SPC
 Hansen Espen SPC
 Ites Joshua SGT
 Mayfield Mark SPC
 Rice Christopher SPC
 Smith Anthony SGT



Combat Action Badge

Adams Gregory SPC
 Allen Gerald SFC
 Ames Joshua SSG
 Andresen Jodiah SPC
 Arrieta Richardo SPC
 Artalejo Michael SGT
 Aruzzo Lawrence SPC
 Aumiller Brian SGT
 Ballard Yancy SGT
 Bellamy Joseph SPC
 Bemis Timothy SGT
 Berger Christopher SFC
 Bernu Robert SPC
 Berry David SSG
 Bertumen Stanley SPC
 Black James SPC
 Blomgren Wade 1LT
 Boyd Charles SSG
 Braith Luke SPC
 Brand Nathan SPC
 Brucke Larry SPC
 Brunken Bryan SPC
 Carlberg Shane SPC
 Chappell James SGT
 Clark Kristopher SPC
 Clary Steven SSG
 Constant Steven SFC
 Cox Raphael SPC
 Cox Ray SPC
 Creel Garland SPC
 Crim Melanie PFC
 Crooks John SPC
 Crosby Paul SGT
 Crouse Calvin SPC
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 Duncan Johnathan SPC
 Dunlap Bruce SPC
 Felstow Joseph SPC
 Flahave Timothy SFC
 Flax Donald SSG
 Gardiner Christopher SSG
 Glover Donald SGT
 Gomez Gladis SSG
 Gonzalez Christopher SPC
 Gonzalez Ulises SPC
 Graham Alvin 1LT
 Grew Daniel SPC
 Hart Brian SPC
 Harvey Todd SGT
 Hatch Andrew SPC
 Hatton Benjamin SPC
 Hellkamp Donovan SGT
 Helton Michael SPC
 Herbig Sean CPT
 Jaycox Daniel SGT
 Jolly Christopher SPC
 Jones Nathan SPC
 Jones Nicholas SSG
 Karsnia Louis SSG
 Kintu Emmanuel SPC
 Kirkham Kent SSG
 Kitch Christopher SPC
 Klar Anthony SSG
 Koch Darrel SFC
 Kolb John LTC
 Kotschwar Melonie SPC
 Kuker Brandon SGT
 Lannon Lynn SSG
 Larson Adam SGT
 Lazo Jose SGT
 Linn Jeffrey SFC
 Lira Felipe SPC
 Lopez Adam SPC
 Lozacruz Moises SSG
 Lundsten Jody SGT
 Lussier Edward PFC

Lyon Steven SPC
 Martin Gary MSG
 Matthias Robert SGT
 Mattix Loyde SFC
 Mckinzie Atasha PFC
 Meier Roman SPC
 Mendoza Jose SPC
 Meyer Hadley SPC
 Meyer Nathan SGT
 Monson Carl SPC
 Montoya Martin SGT
 Myers Shaun SPC
 Nelson Anthony SPC
 Newberry Aaron SPC
 Nguyen Phong SPC
 Nguyen Thanh SPC
 Ninaubuck Kelly SSG
 Niskanen Christopher SSG
 Okeefe Ryan SSG
 Olson Daniel SPC
 Ortiz William SGT
 Ortmann Joseph SGT
 Paulekas Christopher 2LT
 Perez Nelson SPC
 Perez Roxana SGT
 Petersen Adam SPC
 Peterson Steven SPC
 Phariss David SGT
 Pohlman Brent SPC
 Prokosch Thomas SGT
 Ramirez Jeffery SGT
 Richardson David SSG
 Richter Nicholas SGT
 Riggert Jared SGT
 Riley John SPC
 Robison Christopher SGT
 Ruiz John SGT
 Ruppini Richard CPT
 Russ John SPC
 Rustad Jeffery SPC
 Salmans Gary SFC
 Satterfield Ryan SPC
 Schellpeper Travis SSG
 Schimpff Christopher SPC
 Schlenvogt Timothy SGT
 Schmidt Randall SPC
 Schulte Cody SPC
 Seaba Clinton SPC
 Seefeld Paul SPC
 Severin Matthew SPC
 Shields Jeremy PFC
 Simmons Casey SSG
 Simon Michael SSG
 Skipper Andrew SPC
 Skramstad Joshua SPC
 Sloan Matthew SPC
 Smith Anthony SGT
 Snell Thomas SPC
 Snipes Greg 1LT
 Solberg Robert SPC
 Soukup Troy MAJ
 Southby Lee SPC
 Speice Stuart 1SG
 St Sauver Anthony SGT
 Stans Anthony SPC
 Stevens Levi SPC
 Stokka Anthony SSG
 Strait Ryan PFC
 Stroyek Bryan SPC
 Stucky Christopher SGT
 Tighe Shaun SPC
 Torres-Gomez Wilfrido SPC
 Tran Sovida SPC
 Valverde Larry SPC
 Vanderhye Steven SGT
 Villanueva John SGT
 Wadsworth John SPC
 Waite Milton SSG
 Wallace Brandon SGT
 Waltmer Travis SPC
 Wespe Harold SSG
 West James SPC
 Westphall Cody SPC
 Wiebe Richard SPC
 Williams Daniel SPC
 Williams James SPC
 Wing Tyler SPC
 Yanez Oscar SPC

NUMBERS, FACTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
MADE BY SOLDIERS OF THE 1ST BRIGADE
COMBAT TEAM, 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION
AFTER NEARLY ONE YEAR IN IRAQ



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

100

percent of vehicles in the
brigade's operations fleet
that have current level one
up-armor protection

over
\$22.1
Million

for 1/34 BCT
Civil Military
Operations
reconstruction
projects

1727 days spent
mobilized
by Red Bulls in WWII

527 days spent
mobilized
by Red Bulls in OIF

6

5

4

3

2

the number of reverse osmosis **water treatment plants** opened through efforts
by Red Bull Civil Military Operations teams to provide clean drinking water for
Iraqi communities

270

civil military operations
missions have been
completed throughout
Iraq by Red Bull
Soldiers

21

Red Bull
Soldiers
naturalized
as U.S. citizens
in theater

800

THOUSAND

individual
web hits on
redbullweb.com
to date



in tax-free reenlistment bonuses have been paid to 1/34 BCT Soldiers

1.7
MILLION+

MILES OF MISSIONS
HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
BY RED BULL CONVOY
ESCORT TEAMS

20,000

residents now have access to
running water after a water
network was installed in the
city of Al Batha



Military Justice Log

■ A Soldier from Task Force SABER received a field grade Article 15 for failing to report, not obeying an order and making false official statements. He received reduction to E-4 and forfeiture of \$967 per month for two months, which was suspended.

■ A Soldier from Task Force SABER received a field grade Article 15 for committing adultery and not obeying a no-contact order. He received reduction to E-4; forfeiture of \$967 per month for two months; restriction for 45 days and extra duty for 45 days.

■ A Soldier from Task Force WOLVERINE received a field grade Article 15 for failing to keep accountability of all sensitive items, failing to ensure his truck personnel were awake while on mission, and failing to report loss of sensitive items in a timely manner. He received reduction to E-4, which was suspended; forfeiture of \$967 per month for two months; extra duty for 45 days; restriction for 45 days and a written reprimand.

■ Two Soldiers from Task Force WOLVERINE received field grade Article 15s for violation of General Order No. 1 (alcohol). The first Soldier received reduction to E-3; reduction to E-2, which was suspended. The second Soldier received reduction to E-2; reduction to E-1, which was suspended. Both Soldiers received forfeiture of two weeks pay per month for two months, one month of which was suspended; extra duty for 45 days; restriction for 45 days and a written reprimand.

■ Two Soldiers from Task Force WOLVERINE received field grade Article 15s for violation of General Order No. 1 (drugs) and not wearing the proper uniform while on duty. The first Soldier received reduction to E-1. The second Soldier received reduction to E-3; reduction to E-2, which was suspended. Both Soldiers received forfeiture of two weeks pay per month for two months, one month of which was suspended; extra duty for 45 days and restriction for 45 days.

■ Two Soldiers from Task Force ORIENT EXPRESS received field grade Article 15s for violation of General Order No. 1 (alcohol). The first Soldier received reduction to E-4 and forfeiture of three weeks pay per month for two months. The second Soldier received reduction to E-3, which was suspended; forfeiture of \$713 per month for two months and extra duty for 30 days.

■ A Soldier from Task Force IRON received a company grade Article 15 for intentionally hurting himself. He received reduction to E-3, which was suspended; forfeiture of \$372, which was suspended; and extra duty for 14 days.

■ A Soldier from Task Force SABER received a field grade Article 15 for committing adultery, making a false official statement, and not obeying an order. She received reduction to E-2; forfeiture of \$713 per month for two months, which was suspended; extra duty for 45 days and restriction for 45 days.

■ A Soldier from Task Force ORIENT EXPRESS received a field grade Article 15 for violating a no-contact order. He received reduction to E-5; forfeiture of \$1,263 per month for two months, one month of which was suspended; and extra duty for 45 days.

■ A Soldier from Task Force ORIENT EXPRESS received a field grade Article 15 for violation of General Order No. 1 (alcohol). He received reduction to E-3, which was suspended; forfeiture of \$797 per month for two months and extra duty for 45 days.

■ A Soldier from Task Force ORIENT EXPRESS received a field grade Article 15 for violating General Order No. 1 (pornography). He received reduction to E-4, which was suspended; forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months, one month of which was suspended; and restriction from MWR facilities for 45 days.

■ A Soldier from Task Force BEARCAT received a field grade Article 15 for conspiracy. He received reduction to E-3, which was suspended; and extra duty for 45 days.

FAQs of the JAG office

1. Can you represent me in a legal action back home?

No. A Judge Advocate can discuss legal issues with you, give you advice, and otherwise assist you in understanding your legal issue. We cannot, however, represent you in court or make an appearance on your behalf. We will often recommend that you seek a civilian lawyer to assist you

2. I am being asked to pay for lost or damaged government equipment, can you help me with a rebuttal?

Yes. Our legal assistance attorney can assist you with many military law issues including financial liability rebuttals. We will ask you to prepare a first draft of your rebuttal statement, and then get it to us, preferably as an e-mail attachment, for comments and suggestions. We will assist you in knowing your rights and helping you present your rebuttal to the command. You only have seven days in most cases to submit a rebuttal.

LOYALTY

DUTY

**SELFLESS
SERVICE**

HONOR

INTEGRITY

**PERSONAL
COURAGE**

RESPECT



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

ARMY VALUES

Each of us has something to contribute. Respect is what allows us to appreciate the best in other people. Respect means trusting that everyone has done their job, fulfilled their duty. Self-respect is a vital ingredient within the Army Value “Respect” that results from knowing you have dug down deep to put forth your best effort. Your self-respect is shown by taking care of yourself physically, keeping fit and not using illegal drugs or tobacco products. Finally, respect for other people includes not using profanity or obscene gestures. What might have been acceptable in your civilian life may not be acceptable in the Army.

On the morning of the second day at the battle of Gettysburg – July, 2 1863 – Col. Joshua L. Chamberlain’s 20th Maine Infantry was assigned to defend the far left flank of the Union line. In several prior battles, the Union had been outflanked and forced to retreat in disarray. Chamberlain knew the importance of holding the line as he positioned his regiment below the crest of Little Round Top.

All day, four regiments charged up the hill against the outnumbered defenders of the 20th Maine. Finally, in the late afternoon with a third of their men shot, the 20th was out of ammunition, and another charge was coming up the hill. With no ammunition, what did the 20th do? They fixed bayonets and charged downhill, taking 500 prisoners. Yes, they had tremendous courage, but it was an act of kindness that enabled that heroic feat on Little Round Top.

You see, two days before battle, a third of Chamberlain’s men were mutineers. They were brought to the 20th as prisoners, and Chamberlain was handed orders to shoot them if necessary. Instead, Chamberlain fed them and listened to their grievances. Having less than a year of military experience, Chamberlain didn’t realize he was expected to treat the mutineers with contempt.

Chamberlain believed in the dignity of man, in the worth of every individual. So when confronting 120 mutineers from another unit, he treated them with dignity and respect. He motivated them to fight, and not just to fight reluctantly. They were willing to follow with no bullets in their weapons. So it was consideration of others that changed the course of history. Without the help of 120 mutineers, Chamberlain would have been overrun at Little Round Top.

“There are a thousand little things that only the men are going to see. After six months they know you – they’ll either respect you and do anything for you, or they’ll just tolerate you.” Lt. Gen. James H. Merryman

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER



Left: Spc. Angela Minnich of Task Force WOLVERINE hands out school supplies from operationiraqchildren.org to girls at a school in Al Batha. Photo by Capt. Mark Lappegaard, 1/34 BCT PAO.

Below: Sgt. Kent Kirkham of Task Force THUNDER briefs Iraqi soldiers for shoot house training and patrol training at CSC Scania. Photo by Capt. Paul Rickert, Task Force THUNDER UPAR.



IN OUR SIGHTS



Left: Maj. Wade Bastian of Task Force BEARCAT patrols with an Iraqi Soldier near Rawah. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PAO.

Below: Spc. James Allison of Task Force THUNDER installs the latest armor on a humvee at Camp Adder. Photo by Spc. Dustin Perry, 1/34 BCT PAO.

