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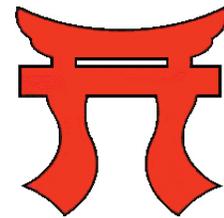
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Re-up

Specialists Matthew Burke and Justin McGehee, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) repeat the oath of reenlistment Nov. 21 at Al-Faw Palace on Camp Victory. Burke and McGehee are two of 30 Rakkasans who were reenlisted by Gen. David H. Petraeus, Multinational Division-Center commanding general. Petraeus, a former Rakkasan, administered the oath of reenlistment to 281 Soldiers as part of the 3rd Infantry Division's 90th birthday celebration.

On the cover:

Colonel Dominic J. Caraccilo and Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Patton, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), commander and command sergeant major, uncased the brigade colors at a transfer-of-authority ceremony Nov. 2 at Camp Striker.

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Soldiers urged to stay the course

By Col. Dominic J. Caraccilo
3rd BCT Commander

On Nov. 2, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), became the new caretakers of the land southwest of Baghdad; Area of Operations Rakkasan.

Working in concert with 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, we will be working and living with the Iraqi citizens in their towns, helping to provide security, essential services and counsel for self-governance so that they can eventually do these things without our help.

We have spent a year at Fort Campbell training up for this mission and now it's time to execute, my fellow Rakkasans.

Already, I have seen successes along all lines of operation, which is a clear indication that we can indeed achieve victory here in South Baghdad.

Because intelligence and enemy actions clearly define the operations, the main effort thus far has been focused on combat operations in the Shubayshen area in preparation for the air assault into Owesat and establishment of Forward Operating Base Kemple.

As all Rakkasans now know, we lost our first Soldier; 2nd Lt. Tracy Alger, on Nov. 1 from an IED. Her close friend 2nd Lt. Margaret Fitzpatrick said, "I can't think of another junior officer in this brigade, transportation, intelligence, or infantry, who surpassed her drive, her dedication, her unwillingness to let anything sidetrack her from her mission. I don't

think any of you who knew her would contest that."

The Rakkasans suffered six wounded in that attack. I want to ensure that all of you know that this cost was not for naught. Because of how the Iron Rakkasans - supported by Solid and Assurgam - completed the mission, many more Coalition Forces and Iraqi army lives were saved. For the Rakkasans, it's a matter of honor to take risks and these Soldiers risked everything to accomplish their mission.

The history of Rakkasan bravery is well documented. The Rakkasans who came before us were warriors in the highest sense, in that they would sacrifice it all for their comrades and country. I have the highest confidence in the Rakkasans with me on this tour. You are demonstrating it daily by your actions.

As of Nov. 12, only 10 days after our transfer of authority, the Rakkasans had been awarded seven Purple Hearts and four Army Commendation Medals with V devices for valor. More than 75 Combat Action Badges and Combat Infantryman Badges have been earned so far and more are being earned daily throughout the zone.

These are but an indication that there remains a fight and that the Rakkasans are ready for it.

What is astounding to me is the



Col. Dominic J. Caraccilo

number of shaping operations being conducted by junior leaders, to include company commanders like Capt. Tom Goettke who single-handedly organized a council representation participation in the Yusufiyah council for Sadr Yusufiyah. Amazing effort remains in the development of a representative government in

the qadaa and the establishment of a transition plan for our concerned local citizens in the area.

As you know, Operation Marne Courageous is well under way. What the Rakkasans have accomplished in a week with our IA partners will influence our AO for the remainder of our tour.

We have achieved much but still have more to gain including more information about two fellow U.S. Soldiers who are still missing.

They may not wear the Screaming Eagle patch, but they are our brothers in arms and deserving of our best efforts.

Always remember that you are a Rakkasan - the best Soldiers in the 101st Airborne Division - and embrace the fact that we are now a vital part of Task Force Marne. Watch out for the Soldiers on your left and right because they are fellow brothers or sisters and they are counting on you. We will achieve victory in this, our next rendezvous with destiny.

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Rakkasans take reins from Commandos

By Sgt. 1st Class Kerensa Hardy
3rd BCT PAO NCOIC

CAMP STRIKER, Iraq – The Army’s most-deployed brigade traded seats with the brigade with the highest percentage of multiple deployers at a ceremony at Camp Striker today.

Iraqi army generals and prominent tribal sheiks of Southern Baghdad were among the dignitaries who attended the ceremony that marked the official transfer of authority from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Third Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch bid the Commandos adieu and welcomed the Rakkasans.

Lynch lauded the 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI) for their work with the Concerned Local Citizens, the seizure of the Yusufiyah thermal power plant and turning it into Patrol Base Dragon. He referenced the 48 medical operations that helped 11,000 Iraqis and the 397 Commander’s Emergency Response Program projects that employed 18,000 local citizens.

“Commandos, you have fought the good fight, you have kept the faith and

never wavered,” said Col. Michael Kershaw, commander of 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI). “You have suffered, bled and yet reached out when others would have struck.

“But you have been able to see the fruits of your efforts in the faces of the children in South Baghdad, and the lives whom you’ve helped to make better,” Kershaw continued.

After his remarks, Kershaw joined Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney, 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI), command sergeant major, in casing the brigade’s colors, which was followed by the uncasing of the 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT) colors.



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Col. Michael Kershaw and Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney, commander and command sergeant major of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) case the brigade’s colors Nov. 2.

though some soldiers wear uniforms that bear American flags and some wear the flag Iraq, they are all united by a common cause: to see an independent Iraq for future generations.

“What (Commandos) have accomplished with their Iraqi Army partners has given us the momentum to carry on those missions to the next level without letting up the pressure on our enemies,” Caraccilo said. “With our Iraqi friends, we are destined to make Iraq an independent nation.”

The Rakkasans’ Civil-Military Operations Officer Maj. Robert Bertrand, said the attendance of Iraqi leaders at the ceremony demonstrated the combined works of tribal sheiks, Iraqi army division and brigade commanders, Iraqi government and coalition forces to create a safe, secure and growing Iraq.



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Sheik Hassan Khudier Shoerid al Hamdani shakes hands with Col. Dominic J. Caraccilo, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), commander, as Caraccilo’s interpreter, Zak, interprets at a transfer-of-authority ceremony at Camp Striker, Iraq,

“Today we have with us warriors of the highest caliber, with the noblest of missions,” said Col. Dominic Caraccilo, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT) commander. He said al-

OPERATION MARNE COURAGEOUS

Rakkasans aim to establish presence, locate missing troops

By Sgt. 1st Class
Kerensa Hardy
3rd BCT PAO NCOIC

For some, a wake-up call came in the form of a B-1b bomber dropping its load on a suspected insurgent safe haven in the pre-dawn hours of Nov. 16.

Components from the Iraqi army and Rakkasans kicked off Operation Marne Courageous when 4,000 pounds of explosives were dropped on an island in the middle of the Euphrates River at 3:50 a.m.

The island that was targeted was located in the Euphrates River between Owesat and Al Betra. The objective was to deny insurgents the opportunity to use the island as an asylum, said Air Force Capt. Craig Barham, 15th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, supporting the Rakkasans.

Marne Courageous,

headed by the Rakkasans of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), is aimed at securing the population of Owesat and Al Betra, former insurgent sanctuary areas, by establishing a permanent presence on the west side of the Euphrates River.

“In addition to that we’re going to exploit any intelligence that could lead us to the missing or captured Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division,” said Maj.

Curtis Crum, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), operations officer. The two Soldiers, Spc. Alex Jimenez and Pvt. Byron Fouty

went missing May 12.

“The goal of this joint effort with the Iraqi army and U.S. Soldiers is to defeat any remaining extremists or al-Qaeda in Iraq operatives on the western side of the Euphrates River in our zone,” Crum said.

The operation has three phases: intelligence-gathering, establishing security and maintaining a presence.

Phase two began with the bombing and air assault, where units went into Owesat and Al Betra, knocking on doors and trying to identify anti-coalition forces and al-Qaeda, as well as looking for information that might lead to the whereabouts of Jimenez and Fouty.

The second and third phases overlapped. While

troops on the ground established security after the air assault, a float bridge unit out of Hanau, Germany, 502nd Engineer Company, began emplacement of a bridge that extends from Patrol Base Dragon across the Euphrates to extend the lines of communication.

“The movement of forces to clear the objective, since it is somewhat permissive, is going very smooth, so we were able to employ the bridge immediately,” said Col. Dominic Caracilo, commander of 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), adding that a good portion of the bridge was emplaced in the first day.

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Staff Sgt. Tony Lindback

Soldiers from the 502nd Engineer Company ferried heavy equipment, to include dump trucks loaded with lime for use in making a landing, from Fire Base Dragon to the west bank of the Euphrates River in support of Operation Marne Courageous Nov. 16.



Staff Sgt. Tony Lindback

Soldiers and translators prepare for an air assault while onboard a CH-47 Chinook helicopter en route to Owesat, Iraq, in support of Operation Marne Courageous Nov. 16.

'Soft touch' style pays big dividends

By Staff Sgt. Tony Lindback
MND-C PAO

The early morning calm over Owesat, Iraq, was rocked by the beating rotors of helicopters carrying Rakkasan Soldiers in for an air assault Nov. 16.

The assault was in support of Operation Marne Courageous, a multifaceted operation that extended the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) area of operation into an area previously under Multi-National Division – West.

Capt. Terry Hilderbrand Jr., commander of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT) said there was a lot done to prepare for the strategic move.

"We've had numerous meetings

with the sheiks in Owesat," Hilderbrand said. Out of the four tribes in Owesat, Hilderbrand explained, three of the tribes' sheiks had gone to Coalition Forces, asking them to establish a presence in Owesat.

"They have seen Qarghuli on the eastern side of the river. They have seen the (concerned citizens groups). They know about the awakening movement in Iraq. They're ready to give up the al-Qaeda that's located in Owesat and work with the Coalition. So, we've done a lot of talking with them – gaining an understanding of who the players are," Hilderbrand said.

Using the intelligence they had about the area enabled Co. A to use more brain and less brawn moving into the area.

house answered the door, rather than kicking in doors.

They also allowed the man to move women and children as necessary to both accommodate local customs and allow a thorough search.

Sheiks of the village came to an agreement with Co. A to rent the property in the area to build two new patrol bases. Assets were brought from Patrol Base Dragon on the east bank of the river by ferry. Engineers used floating bridge bays and boats to move route clearance and heavy equipment vehicles to aid the development of a Patrol Base Owesat, PB Kemple and a bridge connecting Owesat to PB Dragon.

The area of operation expansion, and the location of the new patrol bases, will help Task Force Marne flush insurgents from the area, and broaden the search for Pvt. Byron Fouty and Spc. Alex Jiminez from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), who went missing May 12.

No small-armshots were fired during the mission. Maj. Wayne Lacey, a staff officer with the 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (AASLT), said it was a testament to planning the operation around good intelligence.

"It went well. I'm not surprised - my guys always do good," Hilderbrand said.

Soldiers respected the culture of the people they encountered by only talking to the man of the house when knocking on doors. They waited until the man of the



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An armored personnel carrier from Company A, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Infantry Division (Air Assault), rolls through the village of Owesat, Iraq, after an assault river crossing facilitated by the 502nd Engineer Company.

Courageous

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phase is the construction of

Patrol Base Kemple, where Company A, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), will be based. The location has been established and will be operational by mid-December. The PB is named after Cpl. Andrew Kemple

who was deployed to Iraq with Co. A, 3-187th Inf. Regt. when he was killed Feb. 12, 2006.

From the timing of the bombing to boots on the ground, the commander of the Rakkasans said everything was on point and he is pleased with what has happened so far. "We expected nothing less than

perfection when you do an air assault because the risk associated ... is so high that you can't accept anything (else)," Caraccilo said. "Tactically, for us to be able to employ like this is pretty significant – that was exceptional."

"To be able to get on aircraft with pilots we've never really trained with

shows that the Army truly is modular," he added.

Referring to assets from the Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Caraccilo said, "That we can plug into another division and use their combat multipliers and be successful is another confirmation that the Army transformation worked."



Capt. Allison Flannigan

Sling load

Soldiers from the 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), conduct sling load training Nov. 9 at Camp Striker. (Top) Soldiers from Company A, 626th BSB, prepare to fight the rotor wash and hook up a load at Rakkasan PZ. (Left) A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter lifts a water bag during sling-load training Nov. 9. (Bottom right) Soldiers conduct a hook-up during sling-load training. Soldiers learned how to rig pallets of water and food for lift by helicopter. Each of the Soldiers had an opportunity to hook-up a load and watch the helicopter hover before setting the load back down. The 626th BSB has logged hundreds of miles and countless hours on the road delivering supplies to Soldiers and recovering damaged vehicles all over the 3rd BCT area of operations.

Sunni, Shia, IA leaders put aside differences, meet on neutral ground

By Sgt. 1st Class Kerensa Hardy
3rd BCT PAO NCOIC

CAMP STRIKER, Iraq – More than a dozen sheiks and other influential leaders from southern Baghdad congregated on neutral territory Nov. 10 at Camp Striker.

Among the leaders present was the mayor of Mahmudiyah, Mouyad Fadil, and Lt. Col. Mohammed Fatkan al Farhan, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.

The roundtable was hosted by War Rakkasans of the 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The Rakkasans' goal was to provide a place on neither Sunni nor Shia territory to discuss moving forward for the security and future of Iraq.

A secondary aim was to bring sheiks from different religious sects to sit down together and create a plan to move forward, said Capt. Seth Palmer, 1-33rd Cav. Additionally, there is hope that the meeting will open the door for future dialogue, Palmer said.

The forum was opened and facilitated



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Sheik Ahmed Isa Hamed displays the torii tile given to him Nov. 10 by Lt. Col. Brian Coppersmith, commander of 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

tated by Col. Dominic Caraccilo, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT) commander, and Lt. Col. Brian Coppersmith, 1-33rd Cav. commander.

“We’ve recognized the importance of the sheiks. The importance of the tribes is absolutely decisive to the success we will achieve here in Iraq,” Caraccilo said. “For so long you have heard empty promises and we have heard empty promises, and together we’ve promised each other to do better and it’s time now to fulfill those promises.”

Sheik Kadem Shibli lauded the American hosts for recognizing the sheiks’ position in the Iraqi culture. “The sheik is very important in this region,” he said through an interpreter. “Tribes are the infrastructure of our Iraqi community.”

“We are ready for any form of cooperation and support for building a better Iraq and to eliminate all the danger,” Shibli said.

Sheik Kadem Nwar Alamen insisted that there is no friction between Sunni and Shia – that they are all brothers.

“We’re all Muslims here and we’re all under Iraq’s flag and we have one Qur’an. We should not discriminate,” he said. “I don’t believe there’s any difference between Sunni and Shia.”

Common concerns voiced were the security of Iraq, detainees, the need for schools, medical care, fertilizer and



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Col. Dominic Caraccilo, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) welcomes a mixed group of Sunni and Shia local leaders Nov. 10 to an open forum at Camp Striker hosted by 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry.

economic development.

Everyone in attendance agreed that security is central to any plan of action.

“We’ve lost many Soldiers. You’ve lost many family members,” Caraccilo said. “We’re at the point now where I think we can work together to make this place much more secure, that way it can prosper economically and as a government.”

“It is with sincerity we conduct our missions day to day,” Caraccilo added. “And we do it alongside great Iraqi army officers and soldiers and alongside very good government leaders.”

Pointing to progress, Coppersmith cited several examples, one being 28 senior officers from western Baghdad who are scheduled for reinstatement to various Iraqi army formations in the coming days. Another example was the recent release of 500 detainees, an event the sheiks said they see as a sign of advancement.

“We will begin a program of micro grants and micro loans and partnership projects that should restart economic development in the area,” Coppersmith said. “I know we have a long way to go ... but we are making progress.”



Maj. Jason Waggoner

Ready to Rock

Aaron Tippin entertains troops at Camp Striker Nov. 23 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation North stage. Tippin has made a tradition of performing for deployed troops over the holidays. Camp Striker was just one of several stops on this year's tour.



Maj. Jason Waggoner

Turkey Day

(Above) First Lt. Nicholas Manghelli, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, gives his Thanksgiving meal a thumbs up at Patrol Base Dragon Nov. 22. (Right) Lieutenant Col. Brian Coppersmith, commander of 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry, carves turkey for diners at the Hard Rak Cafe at Camp Striker.



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More than 130,000 Americans send text messages of thanks to troops

By Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – More than 130,000 Americans sent messages of gratitude the week of Thanksgiving to the nation's troops through the "Giving Thanks" text messaging initiative.

The initiative is part of America Supports You, a Defense Department program connecting citizens and corporations with military personnel and their families serving at home and abroad.

"The 'Giving Thanks' text message campaign has been a wonderful example of how Americans are still passionate about supporting the troops and saying thank you for their service," said Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for internal communication and public liaison. "Hopefully, our troops serving in 177 countries will have a renewed sense of just how much the folks back home support them."

Major mobile wireless providers, including AT&T, Verizon, Sprint Nextel, and T-Mobile, will provide access to the Giving Thanks program. And, while carriers' regular text messaging rates apply to every message sent

through the Defense Department program, there are no additional costs to send a message of thanks.

The text messaging initiative officially began at on Nov. 17 and has received more than 130,000 messages of thanks, according to the tally board on the America Supports You Web site -- www.americasupportsyoud.com.

"We had over 130,000 text messages, which is great for a six-day campaign. But what is also important to note is the reception we received from media outlets, business leaders, community groups and individuals," Barber said. "From major networks to digital billboards in Times Square, each outlet we talked to was supportive of informing people about the new way to say thanks to our troops."

That phenomenon of support began over the weekend with talk of the "Giving Thanks" initiative at sporting events, on nationwide radio programs and even a Sunday news show. Tim Russert, host of "Meet the Press," encouraged his viewers to text their support to the troops during yesterday's program.

"During this week of Thanksgiving, let our troops know we're think-

ing about them through the Pentagon's America Supports You program," Russert said. "You can send your message of thanks by texting to 89279."

All of the messages received express the sender's gratitude for the military and the sacrifices the servicemembers are making.

Some messages are longer, others are much shorter but just as powerful, like the one from a supporter in Pennsylvania who wrote, "You are heroes of the heart."

Each message like the one from Pennsylvania will receive a response thanking the sender for thinking of the troops this holiday season.

In response to the public outpouring of support, servicemembers have sent in statements of gratitude as well. Most, like the one from Rick, a Marine master sergeant stationed in Iraq, carry the same sentiment; the troops are glad to know they still have support back home.

Rick wrote, "I'd like to thank everyone back home for their continued show of support for those of us deployed around the world. It means a lot knowing that we're not alone over here in Iraq."

***Rakkasan Review* staff to host 'Pimp My Cot' contest for readers**

The *Rakkasan Review* is looking for photos showing how
Soldiers fixed up their living space.

Send your photos to rakkasanspao@yahoo.com.

The winner will receive a like-new X-Box with assorted games.

Photo submission deadline is Dec. 26.

Bush counts troops among America's blessings

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Bush issued his Thanksgiving greeting Nov. 19, counting members of the U.S. military among the many blessings Americans have to be thankful for.

“Today, the men and women of the United States armed forces are taking risks for our freedom,” the president said at historic Berkeley Plantation in Charles City, Va. “They’re fighting on the front lines of the war on terror, the war against extremists and radicals who would do us more harm.”

Bush noted that many U.S. troops will spend Thanksgiving far away from the comforts of home and expressed thanks for their

service and sacrifice, as well as that of their families.

“We keep their families and loved ones in our prayers,” he said. “We pray for the families who lost a loved one in this fight against the extremists and radicals, and we vow that their sacrifice will not be in vain.”

Americans are grateful to live in a time when freedom is taking hold in places where liberty was once considered unimaginable, the president said. He noted that the number of democracies in the world has more than doubled since the early 1980s.

“From our own history, we know these young democracies will face challenges and setbacks in the journey ahead,” he said.

“Yet as they travel the road to freedom, they must know that they will have a constant and reliable friend in the United States of America.”

Bush expressed gratitude for U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines and all other Americans “who serve a cause larger than themselves,” from police officers to firefighters to religious leaders to ordinary citizens who become good Samaritans in times of distress.

The president noted America’s long tradition of giving thanks during Thanksgiving celebrations. He recalled the first Thanksgiving celebration in the New World, at Berkeley in 1619, and the Pilgrim’s Thanksgiving after their first harvest in New England.

He also noted times in the nation’s history when fighting forces have paused to reflect on all they have to be grateful for. “We remember that George Washington led his men in thanksgiving during the American Revolution,” he said. “And we remember that Abraham Lincoln revived the Thanksgiving tradition in the midst of a bloody civil war.”

The sound of a bugle call first adopted by Union forces at Berkeley during the Civil War serves as a reminder of the sacrifices Americans enjoy today, Bush said.

“The bugle call has become known as ‘Taps.’ And when we hear it play, we remember that the freedoms we enjoyed have come at a heavy price.”

I am most thankful for...



“... being an American because I like my freedom.”
Pfc. Zach Miron
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
3rd Brigade Combat Team



“... my son.”
Capt. Rachel Sarles
Company B, 3rd Special Troops Battalion



“... the health of my new son and family.”
Sgt. 1st Class Edward Hall
Company D, 626th Brigade Support Battalion,
Attached to 1st Squadron,
33rd Cavalry



“... for my family and friends.”
Spc. David Moncure
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
626th Brigade Support Battalion



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In Memoriam...



2nd Lt. Tracy Alger
June 21, 1977 - Nov. 1, 2007
Shubayshen, Iraq
Gone but not forgotten