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TEAMWORK is the foundation of the Big Red One. I shall never fail my team, for I maintain the standard. My conduct and self-discipline set the example for others to follow.

HONOR is what I stand for – an American Soldier on duty for my country. My loyalty is intense. I display care for my fellow Soldiers and my chain-of-command through courage, respect, integrity and compassion.

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We are one in the Big Red One. Our **BROTHERHOOD** gives us strength to fight on to any objective and accomplish the mission as our veterans have done before us. I live the legacy of my division.

READINESS is my priority. To be ready for any mission, anytime, anywhere. My business is first-class training and living high standards of care and equipment, weaponry and tactical and technical competence.

My **ORGANIZATION** is my strength. The BRO is bigger than any one individual. It gives me purpose, self-confidence, competitive spirit, intestinal fortitude and the desire to fight with all my heart.



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Commanding General **Danger 6**

Back In The Big Red One

Maj. General Vincent Brooks

More than 20 years ago, I had the honor and privilege of wearing the Big Red One patch as I served with the 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany.

I learned many lessons and gained valuable experience during my time in the Big Red One as a young staff officer and company commander in the 4th Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment.

On April 15, I was thrilled to once again don that famous patch when I took command of Fort Riley and the 1st Inf. Div.

This division has an illustrious history, and I am proud to be part of it. Even now, the men and women of Fort Riley and the Division are adding to the history through their courageous service.

Serving alongside such outstanding men and women is what excites me most about taking command.

Carol and I are also excited to be

stationed at Fort Riley. This is our first assignment here, and we've already experienced great community hospitality and met a number of wonderful people within the Central Flint Hills Region.

We're looking forward to working with community leaders and expanding upon the already strong bond between Fort Riley and our community partners.

For those who were present for the ceremony on April 15th – thanks again for being there for us.

I look forward to the opportunities of service ahead as "Danger 6", and I'm honored to pick up the torch and carry on in the footsteps of the great former leaders of this historic division and this historic Army post. We will continue to ask for – and be grateful for – your support.

No mission too difficult. No sacrifice too great. Duty First!



Command Sergeant Major **Danger 7**

Memorial Day

Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne

The challenges to our nation's peace and freedom are as old as American history and as new as today's headlines. Those challenges have taken many forms through the years, from the bitter discord in those first battles our newly-formed division endured to the aggression of tyrants around the world. The price of peace and freedom has always remained the same through the service and sacrifice of the young men and women who wear the Big Red One patch.

Tradition is a special part of the Memorial Day holiday, which dates back to the Civil War. As the battle raged, Confederate widows and grieving family members began placing wildflowers on the graves of their loved ones. They did this for the Union Soldiers buried in their states, as well. A similar custom arose in the North around the same time.

In May of 1866, just one year after the conclusion of the war, a shop owner named Henry Welles in Waterloo, N.Y., closed his store for the day in honor of the dead – Federal and Confederate alike. Other businesses followed his lead.

Two years later, on May 5, Gen. John Logan, then commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, asked fellow Civil War veterans to place flowers on the graves of fallen comrades on May 30. He thought this was an important gesture in keeping alive the memories of fallen Soldiers and sailors. Although the date and location of the first such memorial observance is still in dispute, these acts of gratitude and appreciation became known as Decoration Day.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and the holiday broadened to honor service members from all of America's wars.

The renowned jurist and Civil War veteran Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., believed that this holiday was the most sacred day

of the year. Memorial Day, he declared, should have meaning for all Americans. He asked people not to conclude the holiday with sad thoughts of the passing of our heroes, but rather with thoughts of their legacy, of the life that was made possible by their commitment and their pain.

Looking back across the decades, I marvel at the valor and determination of the gallant Soldiers making up the 1st Infantry Division, who, in each generation since World War I have stepped forward to preserve our freedom, defend our democracy, uphold our ideals and protect our interests.

The battles in which they fought and died – Cantigny, Sicily, Normandy, Aachen, Battle of the Bulge; Operations Hump, Marauder, Rolling Stone, and Attleboro; the battles of Ap Tau O, Srok Dong, and Minh Thanh road, Operations Cedar Falls, Junction City, Manhattan, Operation Desert Storm, Bosnia, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom – are a testament to uncommon courage and indomitable spirit. Those who survived were forever changed. Those who died stay forever young in the memories of their loved ones. Their final thoughts most likely were of home and family; their final actions purchased the freedom we enjoy today.

Now, on Memorial Day, our thoughts turn to them. We remember with profound gratitude, those heroes who marched through mud or rice paddies, snow or sand. They knew that true peace is only won by those willing to die for it. We remember those who came before us, those who relit the torch of freedom where tyranny once existed. The passing of time and the blessings of peace and prosperity can never make us forget what these brave Big Red One Soldiers endured and what they lost, so that right to be called Soldiers would triumph, freedom would survive, and our nation would prevail.



Now ... Get after it! 

1ST BDE

TRAINING LANES INCREASE TEMPO PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT

By Tyler Abney
Duty First! Magazine

As deployment departure edges closer for transition team members trained by 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, the training tempo increases to mimic combat conditions.

For the Soldiers on team 47399, situational lanes training on Feb. 26 gave them a chance to not only gain experience in the field, but also find areas in which they could improve.

“Overall it’s a great training,” said Maj. Richard Collins. “Fort Riley has done a great job of replicating what we should expect to see down range.”

The day started at 7 a.m., as nine “Centurions” met at a mock forward operating base and received instruction on Hand Held Interagency Identification Detection Equipment – a camera-like device used for storing profile information, such as finger prints, iris scans and other physical attributes of up to 10,000 individuals. A quick coaching from Biometrics Angelo Rijo showed Soldiers what the device did, how it worked and gave them a chance to practice scanning each other into the system.

From the HIIDE lane, the team moved to Humvees to check their communications systems and mounted weapons. A Blue Force Tracker message, which utilizes a global positioning system and radio, was also sent to the mock headquarters. Once the machine guns were ready for action and the communication systems were up and running, the team took part in a crash course in combat lifesaving. Each Soldier stepped up to the dummy and reacted to a given scenario – leg and arm wounds along with more potentially fatal injuries.

As the CLS part of the training exercise ended, team leaders began the planning phase of their upcoming mission. The group was to travel to a mock Iraqi village and meet with leaders about the village’s basic needs. Collins mapped out the security of the village and implemented a contingency plan in case something went wrong. Humvees were to secure adjacent corners providing the best angle for cover while the team leaders entered the village.

With plans set, the team mounted their Humvees and prepared to roll out. Their drive time was extended when the team encountered an improvised explosive device along the road. Progress toward the village was stopped, as the transition team put a call in to the explosive ordnance disposal company, notifying them of the IED. Once cleared to move on, the team made their way to the village.

Once they arrived, the village was secured and three team members entered the village. The Soldiers were greeted by a host of area residents, some begging for food, water and medical assistance as others kept to themselves. One of the residents had recently broken her leg and Staff Sgt. Victor Acevedo was called in to assist in from his security position to aid in the situation.

After the patient was treated, Collins and Master Sgt. Chris Gomez met with the leaders about security, food, electricity and water.

Both Collins and Gomez agreed the training was beneficial to their team and allowed them to take one more step in preparing for their March deployment.

“Overall, I thought the training was pretty well established,” Gomez said. “It gave us a realistic view of what we will be getting ourselves into once we actually go and do this type operation. The interaction with the locals was spot-on.”

Collins added while the training exposed some chinks in the teams’ armor, they would continue to get better and having role players to interact with always make situations more realistic. 



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Two transition team Soldiers from 1-34 Armor, check their M2 .50 caliber machine gun mounted on their humvees.

1ST CAB

UNIT PREPS FOR MOVE

By Anna Staats
Duty First! Magazine

In a few months, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade will be completely housed at Marshall Army Airfield. The brigade’s final segment – 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, a Kiowa Warrior Squadron, will arrive officially at Fort Riley in June.

The first components of the “Fighting Sixth” will touch down at Fort Riley in early May, said Maj. Scott Spradlin, squadron S-3.

At full strength, Spradlin said the squadron will have about 376 Soldiers and is authorized about 30 Kiowa helicopters. Only about 25 helicopters will actually end up at Fort Riley, since some of them will be required to fill combat needs for other units in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The squadron deployed to Iraq from Fort Carson as part of the brigade’s recent deployment in September 2007. The unit began returning to the Colorado post in late 2008. The squadron will formally case its colors at Fort Carson on May 1. In the meantime, Spradlin is heading the unit’s forward element at Fort Riley.

“Our biggest task is to establish the squadron’s footprint here at Fort Riley,” Spradlin said. “We have to sign for buildings and establish the unit’s infrastructure – phone lines and internet, setting up installation accounts and integration with Fort Riley policies and procedures.”

Spradlin has also worked to establish a “shadow staff” at Fort Riley – placing incoming warrant officers in leadership slots in the forward element that currently consists of about 25 Soldiers, and is growing every week.

“It’s not easy for a warrant officer coming out of flight school at Fort Rucker to be told they are going to serve as primary staff until their respective troops arrive at Fort Riley,” Spradlin said. “These Soldiers have maintained a positive attitude and have performed exceptionally well considering the circumstances. They have really stepped up to the plate to help establish the squadron here at Fort Riley.”

The squadron is going through the normal amount of personnel changes that follow a deployment, Spradlin said, but the unit is expected to be full strength at Fort Riley by mid-summer. 



An OH-58 Kiowa Warrior sets on its helipad awaiting its crew.

1st CAB PAO/Troth

1ST SB

Brigade Opens Doors to new HQ

By Tyler Abney
Duty First! Magazine

The weather may not have been warm and clear, but the sun was definitely shining on 1st Sustainment Brigade March 9 as the brigade snipped the ribbon and officially opened the doors of a brand new headquarters and operations complex.

Brig. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley said the unveiling was one more step being taken to improve capabilities of facilities and quality of life and work place for Soldiers.

“They’re custom rigs,” Wiggins said. “The thought that went behind each one of these nooks and crannies was very detailed. From the lay-out of the halls, down to the individual Soldier’s personal equipment lockers, all are tailored to facilitate command and control, accountability and standardization, unit training, quality of work and life for the Soldier and capability for the brigade to accomplish their mission.”

The \$65 million complex took 14 months to complete and houses the brigade’s 55,204 square foot headquarters, Special Troops Battalion headquarters, company operational facilities

and motor pool. The 1st Inf. Division Headquarters Battalion and 1st Inf. Div. Band also moved into buildings within the complex.

Col. Donnie Walker, brigade commander, said the ceremony marked another milestone in the history of the brigade and finally allowed the brigade to establish its roots in the heart of the Central Flint Hills Region.

“In these beautiful new facilities, that are the first ever to be designed for an Army modular sustainment brigade, here lies the resources and opportunities to successfully train, hone our war fighting skills, support the division and Fort Riley with critical sustainment war fighting functions and prepare our Soldiers and Families,” Walker said.

Walker noted that the motor pool and cubicles are much more conducive to the workspace needs of Soldiers.

“I think certainly the motorpool is a state of the art facility,” Walker said. “That’s certainly a definite upgrade in the facilities we were working with down the street. So much more advanced equipment will help our Soldiers maintain their equipment in the long run.”



2ND HBCT

'HUGS FROM HOME' BRIGHTENS DAGGERS' DAYS

By Spc. Dustin Roberts
2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team PAO

BAGHDAD – Thanks to a project back home in the states, Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldiers recently accepted a huge show of support and appreciation in the form of thousands of care packages.

A group of volunteers in Washington participated in the “Hugs from Home” project and sent 7,000 gift boxes to Soldiers serving with the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team. Soldiers received the packages March 12 at Camp Liberty.

“This is an example of people taking time out of their schedule. You are talking about 7,000 boxes that people took time to pack and made sure every Dagger Soldier got a box,” said Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Battle. “When you look at things like that, you know there are people who are absolutely all about supporting our Soldiers.”

The participants from Washington included ministers, university students and other everyday citizens who took the time to label the boxes and fill them with candy, snacks, books, children’s drawings and support letters.

“This was great because we are about half way through our deployment and I feel that this boosts Soldiers’ morale,” said Pfc. Joseph Jacques III, a supply specialist working with the logistics section of the brigade. “Not all Soldiers get packages or mail, so I know these packages are well appreciated. The boxes didn’t just have candy or snacks, but also letters or notes that can really give a piece of home to each Soldier.”

He added that the idea of the project showed just how much the American people care for the men and women in uniform.

“For every Soldier to have a care package from a group of people is amazing to me,” he said. “Just the thought of 7,000 Soldiers knowing that they are supported means so much to me.”

Because the boxes were shipped from Washington to Fort Riley, the home station of the “Dagger” Brigade, the shipping was funded by a variety of groups in Kansas.

The groups included the Junction City Police Department, state and national Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations and the Kansas American Legion. The packages were then shipped from Fort Riley to Camp Liberty, Iraq. “I appreciate the support from them and all of the American people; this shows that they are really looking after us,” Jacques said. “They dedicated time



Col. Joseph Martin (right), commander, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team hands a care-package to Pfc. Joseph Jacques III, supply specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.



Soldiers serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team unload care-packages from a storage container at Camp Liberty March 12.

to us because they feel we dedicate our time to them.”

Battle also showed much appreciation due to the fact that he represents every warrior in the brigade.

“This truly made a difference in our Soldiers’ lives here,” he said. “You couldn’t ask for anything better to boost the morale.”

3RD IBCT

ROAD OPENING, OUTPOST CLOSURE MARK PROGRESS

By Staff Sgt. David Hopkins
3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team PAO

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — The opening of a road in Konar, Afghanistan, an area overseen by Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, signals one more step toward improvement in the area.

The improved road is 11 kilometers in length and its completion allows the closure of a combat outpost in the area. The project in Deywagal Valley cost \$3.9 million and took more than two years to complete. The road was built with the combined efforts of the Unique Builders Construction Company, the Konar Provincial Reconstruction Team and the provincial district governments. Two separate ceremonies in February marked the road's opening and the removal of U.S. military units from the COP.

Navy Cmdr. Murray Tynch, commanding officer, Konar PRT, spoke of the benefits of the new road and how it will allow the ability to provide security and basic medical care to remote areas of the province. Tynch also emphasized how the road will decrease the risk of improvised explosive devices on these routes and improve trade in and out of the rural areas.

Leaders of Konar were enthusiastic about the benefits the road brings to their community.

"In the past, you were only dreaming of the road," said Sayed Fazlullah Wahidi, Governor of Konar province. "Now we see it and drive on it. We have all sacrificed for the road and paid a high price. We paid this price for access to schools, hospitals and markets."

The original idea of improving the road began when 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, was in the area during 2006, and has come full circle now that the unit is back in Afghanistan to see the completion of the project. The unit saw the need for development in the area and spoke with elders about what they wanted and needed. The road and COP were the result.

"We saw that it was an isolated valley and seemed to be very poor," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Carabello, 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Regt. "When we met with the elders, they said they wanted two things: A new road and security by coalition forces during the construction. That valley has a great deal of potential and we came through on our promise."

The opening of the road is important because it will allow



3 IBCT PAO/Hopkins

Soldiers put gear into a trailer as they prepare to close down Combat Outpost Seray in the mountains above the Deywagal Valley. The Soldiers were in the area to provide security for construction crews working on a new road in the valley, but after its completion they were no longer needed in the area.

the Afghan people the ability to take a larger role in their future, Carabello added.

"Through the road we are providing the people access to the government," Carabello said. "This is a great success for the people of Afghanistan. It will also allow them to get to markets easier."

Now that the road going through the valley is complete, COP Seray is no longer necessary for protection and is being closed down.

"This was a huge success," said Maj. Kendall Clarke, 1st Bn., 26th Inf. Regt., 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team. "We can hand over the road to the Afghan government and they will have to continue with security in that area, allowing us to focus on other areas."

The completion of the road through the Deywagal Valley is not the end of road work in the province and COP Seray will not go to waste. The construction company will take over the outpost and will use it as they continue roadwork in the province.

"The UBCC will continue construction to connect the road to the Korengal Valley," Clarke said. "Then what was once a six-hour drive will only take 30 minutes." 



3 IBCT PAO/Hopkins

Pfc. Henry Gardner, Company C, 1st Bn., 26th Inf. Regt., 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, connects a large container to a crane for removal at Combat Outpost Seray. The COP was closed after the road opening in the valley.

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Contact your unit command

4TH IBCT 'Wildcats' remember 1st Infantry Division officer

By Spc. Shantelle J. Campbell
4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team PAO

Gathered on the field of the Kansas State Alumni Stadium, university lacrosse players donned the Big Red One patch March 7 to honor the memory of their first coach as well as show their support of the 1st Infantry Division.

"It's really important to us," said Stewart Lane, a goalie for the K-State lacrosse team. "We like having Fort Riley and the Army involved because of our background and our roots."

In the late '80s, a 1st Inf. Div. officer and pilot, 1st Lt. Donaldson P. Tillar, started the Kansas State men's lacrosse team. Tillar only coached for a year before he was deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm and was killed by enemy fire on Feb. 27, 1991.

To honor his memory, K-State hosts the Tillar Tournament every fall, and for the past five years, 1st Inf. Div. officers have

coached the K-State lacrosse team. March 7, the Wildcats took on Ole' Miss, a match they lost 10-7.

Currently, 1st Lt. Joseph Leboeuf, a civil affairs officer with 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, and 1st Lt. Phillip Cooper, a combat engineer with 1st Engineer Battalion, coach the Wildcats.

"I was actually looking to play," said Leboeuf, "but then I realized it was an intercollegiate team, so I talked with their coach, who was also a volunteer from Fort Riley, and started coaching last year."

The physical aspects and the bond that forms between the players on the team are the best parts of lacrosse for the former West Point lacrosse player and West Point, N.Y., native.

"It's physical; it's fast and requires great skill from all positions," said Leboeuf. "It's also a great community. Lacrosse is not a well known sport in a lot of places, so when you have lacrosse players around each other it's a great brotherhood and the guys are a lot of fun to be around."



4 IBCT PAO/Campbell

Matt Herring, an attackman for the Kansas State University lacrosse team, looks to pass during a March 7 conference game inside Kansas State Alumni Stadium. The Wildcats wear the Big Red One patch in honor of the team's first coach, 1st Lt. Donaldson P. Tillar.

1st Infantry Division at War

1st Infantry Division

Oldest continuously serving division in the United States Army. More than 7,000 Soldiers from two brigades are deployed.

Primarily located in Fort Riley, Kan.; training responsibility extends to four other states: Kentucky, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas.

The Division modularized in fall 2008.

1st Brigade, Fort Riley

Trains transition teams. So far, more than 11,000 servicemembers have trained and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and more than 1,800 have redeployed. Transition Teams live and work with Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and the Afghan National Army (ANA). The brigade is scheduled to begin in late 2009.

3rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Iraq

Provides theater logistics command and control for the theater commander supporting the Army Forces (ARFOR) and Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) mission. Deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in May 2008.

75th Fires Brigade, Fort Sill

Integrates attached ground and air maneuver forces and on order functions as a maneuver headquarters in support of full spectrum operations. Separate battalions currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

1st Combat Aviation Brigade Combat Team, Fort Riley

Completed a 15 month deployment to Iraq and is redeployed to Fort Riley, Kan.

1st Sustainment Brigade, Fort Riley

Provides logistic, human resource and financial management support. The brigade redeployed to Fort Riley, Kan., in December 2008.

3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Afghanistan

Deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in June 2008. The deployment is scheduled to last 12 months, during which Soldiers will conduct counterinsurgency and stability operations.

2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Iraq

The brigade departed Fort Riley, Kan., in October 2008 on a scheduled 12-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood

The 4th MEB has unique staff is composed of engineer, military police, and chemical cells and organically has a brigade support battalion and a signal company. The brigade was activated at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in October 2008.



History Of The Big Red One Medal Of Honor

The Medal of Honor is the highest honor given to U.S. service members and those on whom it is bestowed are true heroes. The award's history can be traced back to the Civil War era, when a proposal endorsed by then Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles was signed by President Abraham Lincoln in December 1861.

The next year, a similar award was approved by Congress for the Army. Although the medal was first proposed only for veterans of the Civil War, Congress later made the medal a permanent decoration.

Since that time, more than 3,400 men and one woman have been awarded the medal.

The original Naval Medal of Honor design consisted of an inverted five-point star. On each of the five points was a cluster of laurel leaves to represent victory, mixed with a cluster of oak leaves to represent strength. Surrounding the encircled insignia were 34 stars, equal to the number of stars on the U.S. Flag in 1862. Inside the circle of 34 stars were engraved two images. To the right was the image of Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom and war. On her helmet was perched an owl, representing wisdom. In keeping with the Roman tradition, her left hand held a bundle of rods and an ax blade, symbolic of authority. The shield in her right hand represented the shield of the Union of our states, similar to the shield on our nation's seal and other important emblems.

Recoiling from Minerva was a man clutching snakes in his hands. He represented discord and the insignia came to be known as "Minerva Repulsing Discord." Taken in the context of the Civil War, when Soldiers and Sailors were struggling to overcome the discord of the states and preserve the Union, the design was fitting.

The Army Medal of Honor was created soon after the Navy's version. It included an eagle, symbolizing the U.S., and was perched on a cannon with a saber grasped in its talons. The eagle was placed at the top of the

medal, attaching it to the ribbon.

In 1904, the Army Medal of Honor was modified. The words "United States of America" replaced the ring of 34 stars and "Minerva Repulsing Discord" was changed to display a simple profile of the helmeted Goddess of War. The oak clusters remained in the points of the star, now in a dark enameled green. The laurel clusters were moved to a wreath where they too were enameled in green, in the shape of an open wreath. The eagle that had once perched on cannon, saber in its talons, now perched on a bar bearing the word "valor" and the shafts of arrows.

A review of the award process occurred in 1897. The award process became more standardized after this review and established the award had to be given for "gallantry and intrepidity" above and beyond that of fellow Soldiers; required that the award nomination be made by someone other than the veteran who performed the action; and required the testimony of an eyewitness.

One of the most famous events associated with the Medal of Honor is the purge of 1917. A review convened in 1916 under Lt. Gen. Nelson Miles, himself a Medal of Honor awardee, examined each of the Army medals awarded. A report presented in February 1917 revoked the medals presented to 911 people including 864 medals awarded to Soldiers in the 27th Maine and 29 medals given to those who served as Lincoln's funeral guard. Six medals awarded to civilians were revoked as well. Included in this group were Mary Walker, the only female awardee, and Buffalo Bill Cody, a scout and technically not a Soldier during the Indian Wars.

Walker, who refused to return the medal as requested by the U. S. Army, proudly wore it every day until she died. In 1977, the award was reinstated to Walker. The medals awarded to Cody and five other scouts were also later reinstated.

Source: Congressional Medal of Honor Society.



Division Welcomes New Commander

By Anna Staats
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Standing on Cavalry Parade Field April 15, Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks assumed command of the 1st Infantry Division – a division which gave him his first taste of command early in his career.

“It was in the Big Red One that I learned what it was to command. It has been my foundation for command at battalion, brigade and division levels since then,” Brooks said. “What a great outfit. What a distinguished history. What an incredibly humbling responsibility and what an immense honor it is to join the line of Soldiers who have served as Danger 6.”

Brooks has more than 28 years experience as a commissioned officer. He came to Fort Riley from Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as deputy commanding general for III Corps and Fort Hood. Additionally, Brooks served as the deputy commanding general for support of the 1st Cavalry Division and Multi-National Division-Baghdad in Iraq from June 2006 to December 2007.

“Vince has an established, justifiable reputation within the Army as a combat leader and a warrior,” said Gen. Charles Campbell, commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command, during the assumption of command ceremony. “He is the right commander at the right time to lead Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division.”

As commander of the 1st Inf. Div., Brooks will oversee the training and deployment of thousands of Soldiers. In an interview on April 14, Brooks said it was important Soldiers be confident in their unit and the training they received.

“First, I just want Soldiers to do their best. And I want leaders to do their best for their Soldiers and Families,” Brooks said. “If we’re doing that – if we’re preparing ourselves for the mission ahead of us and also taking good care of our Families, then we’ll be doing the right things.”

Relinquishing command duties was Brig. Gen. Perry

Wiggins became the 1st Inf. Div. assistant division commander for maneuver on July 7, 2008. In the same month, he assumed duties as the commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley. Wiggins has been tapped to be deputy commanding general, Fifth U.S. Army North, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

“I can without hesitation state that this post, nestled in the Central Flint Hills Region is truly one of the finest posts the Army has to offer,” Wiggins said. “To the commanders, staff and Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, I want to thank you for your unwavering support. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to have served beside each one of you.”



Staatz/Duty First!

Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks passes the 1st Infantry Division guidon to Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne. Brooks assumed command of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley during a ceremony April 15 at Cavalry Parade Field.



Photos from top to bottom:

Top: Soldiers from 2nd Battery, 32nd Field Artillery Regiment fire a salute during the Assumption of Command ceremony (Hale/CAB PAO).

Middle: The 1st Infantry Division band marches as part of the pass in review segment of the ceremony (Staatz/Duty First!).

Bottom: The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard charges across Cavalry Parade Field at the conclusion of the ceremony (Abney/Duty First!).



Medal Of Honor Recipients



Editor's Note: As we approach Memorial Day, it is important to remember the heroes of the Big Red One. Following are the Medal of Honor citations given to 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and the names of Soldiers who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

World War I

Sgt. Wilbur E. Colyer, 1st Eng. Regt.

Volunteering with two other Soldiers to locate machine gun nests, Sgt. Colyer advanced on the hostile positions to a point where he was half surrounded by the nests, which were in ambush. He killed the gunner of one gun with a captured German grenade and then turned this gun on the other nests silencing all of them before he returned to his platoon. He was later killed in action.



Pfc. Daniel R. Edwards, 3rd Machine Gun Bn.

Reporting for duty from a hospital where he had been for several weeks under treatment for numerous and serious wounds and although suffering intense pain from a shattered arm, he crawled alone into an enemy trench for the purpose of capturing or killing enemy Soldiers known to be concealed therein. He killed four of the men and took the remaining four men prisoners; while conducting them to the rear one of the enemy was killed by a high explosive enemy shell, which also completely shattered one of Pfc. Edwards' legs, causing him to be immediately evacuated to the hospital. The bravery of Pfc. Edwards, now a tradition in his battalion because of his previous gallant acts, again caused the morale of his comrades to be raised to high pitch.



Sgt. Michael B. Ellis, 28th Inf. Regt.

During the entire day's engagement, he operated far in advance of the first wave of his company, voluntarily undertaking the most dangerous missions and single-handedly attacking and reducing machine gun nests. Flanking one emplacement, he killed two of the enemy with rifle fire and captured 17 others. Later he single-handedly advanced under heavy fire and captured 27 prisoners, including two officers and six machine guns, which had been holding up the advance of the company. The captured officers



indicated the locations of four other machine guns, and he in turn captured these, together with their crews, at all times showing marked heroism and fearlessness.

Pvt. Sterling Morelock, 28th Inf. Regt.

While his company was being held up by heavy enemy fire, Pvt. Morelock, with three other men who were acting as runners at company headquarters, voluntarily led them as a patrol in advance of his company's frontline through an intense rifle, artillery, and machine gun fire and penetrated a woods, which formed the German frontline. Encountering a series of five hostile machine gun nests, containing one to five machine guns each, with his patrol he cleaned them all out, gained and held complete mastery of the situation until the arrival of his company commander with reinforcements, even though his entire party had become casualties. He rendered first aid to the injured and evacuated them by using as stretcher bearers 10 German prisoners whom he had captured. Soon thereafter, his company commander was wounded and while dressing his wound, Pvt. Morelock was very severely wounded in the hip, which forced his evacuation. His heroic action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the entire regiment.



2nd Lt. Samuel L. Parker, 28th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. During the attack the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 28th Infantry were merged, and after several hours of severe fighting, successfully established a frontline position. In so doing, a gap was left between the right flank of the French 153rd Division on their left and the left flank of the 28th Infantry Regt., exposing the left flank to a terrific enfilade fire from several enemy machine guns located in a rock quarry on high ground. Second Lt. Parker, observing this serious situation, ordered his depleted platoon to follow him in an attack upon the strong point. Meeting a disorganized group of French Colonials wandering leaderlessly about, he persuaded them to join his platoon. This consolidated group followed 2nd Lt. Parker through direct enemy rifle and machine gun fire to the crest of the hill and rushing forward, took the quarry by storm, capturing six machine guns and about 40 prisoners. The next day, when the assault was continued, 2nd Lt. Parker, in command of the merged 2nd and 3rd Battalions was in support of the 1st Battalion. Although painfully wounded in the foot, he refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his command



until the objective was reached. Seeing that the assault battalion was subjected to heavy enfilade fire due to a gap between it and the French on its left, 2nd Lt. Parker led his battalion through this heavy fire up on the line to the left of the 1st Battalion and thereby closed the gap, remaining in command of his battalion until the newly established lines of the 28th Infantry were thoroughly consolidated. In supervising the consolidation of the new position, 2nd Lt. Parker was compelled to crawl about on his hands and knees on account of his painful wound. His conspicuous gallantry and spirit of self-sacrifice were a source of great inspiration to the members of the entire command.

World War II

1st Lt. Jimmie W. Monteith Jr., 16th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on June 6, 1944, near Colleville-sur-Mer, France. 1st Lt. Monteith landed with the initial assault waves on the coast of France under heavy enemy fire. Without regard to his own personal safety he continually moved up and down the beach reorganizing men for further assault. He then led the assault over a narrow protective ledge and across flat, exposed terrain to the comparative safety of a cliff. Retracing his steps across the field to the beach, he moved over to where two tanks were buttoned up and blind under violent enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Completely exposed to the intense fire, 1st Lt. Monteith led the tanks on foot through a minefield and into firing positions. Under his direction several enemy positions were destroyed. He then rejoined his company, and under his leadership, his men captured an advantageous position on the hill. Supervising the defense of his newly won position against repeated vicious counterattacks, he continued to ignore his own personal safety, repeatedly crossing the 200 or 300 yards of open terrain under heavy fire to strengthen links in his defensive chain. When the enemy succeeded in completely surrounding 1st Lt. Monteith and his unit and while leading the fight out of the situation, 1st Lt. Monteith was killed by enemy fire. The courage, gallantry, and intrepid leadership displayed by 1st Lt. Monteith is worthy of emulation.



Staff Sgt. George Peterson, 18th Inf. Regt.

He was an acting platoon sergeant with Co. K, near Eisern, Germany. When his company encountered an enemy battalion and came under heavy small-arms, machine gun, and mortar fire, the 2nd Platoon was given the mission of flanking the enemy positions while



the remaining units attacked frontally. Staff Sgt. Peterson crept and crawled to a position in the lead and motioned for the 2nd Platoon to follow. A mortar shell fell close by and severely wounded him in the legs, but although bleeding and suffering intense pain, he refused to withdraw and continued forward. Two hostile machine guns went into action at close range. Braving this grazing fire, he crawled steadily toward the guns and worked his way alone to a shallow draw, where, despite the hail of bullets, he raised himself to his knees and threw a grenade into the nearest machine gun nest, silencing the weapon and killing or wounding all its crew. The second gun was immediately turned on him, but he calmly and deliberately threw a second grenade which rocked the position and killed all four Germans who occupied it. As he continued forward he was spotted by an enemy rifleman, who shot him in the arm. Undeterred, he crawled some 20 yards until a third machine gun opened fire on him. By almost superhuman effort, weak from loss of blood and suffering great pain, he again raised himself to his knees and fired a grenade from his rifle, killing three of the enemy guncrew and causing the remaining one to flee. With the first objective seized, he was being treated by the company aid man when he observed one of his outpost men seriously wounded by a mortar burst. He wrenched himself from the hands of the aid man and began to crawl forward to assist his comrade, whom he had almost reached when he was struck and fatally wounded by an enemy bullet. Staff Sgt. Peterson, by his gallant, intrepid actions, unrelenting fighting spirit, and outstanding initiative, silenced three enemy machine guns against great odds and while suffering from severe wounds, enabling his company to advance with minimum casualties.

Technician 5th Grade John J. Pinder, 16th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on June 6, 1944, near Colleville-sur-Mer, France. On D-day, Technician 5th Grade Pinder landed on the coast 100 yards off shore under devastating enemy machine gun and artillery fire which caused severe casualties among the boatload. Carrying a vitally important radio, he struggled towards shore in waist-deep water. Only a few yards from his craft he was hit by enemy fire and was gravely wounded. Technician 5th Grade Pinder never stopped. He made shore and delivered the radio. Refusing to take cover afforded, or to accept medical attention for his wounds, Technician 5th Grade Pinder, though terribly weakened by loss of blood and in fierce pain, on three occasions went into the fire-swept surf to salvage communication equipment. He recovered many vital





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parts and equipment, including another workable radio. On the third trip he was again hit, suffering machine gun bullet wounds in the legs. Still this valiant Soldier would not stop for rest or medical attention. Remaining exposed to heavy enemy fire, growing steadily weaker, he aided in establishing the vital radio communication on the beach. While so engaged this dauntless Soldier was hit for the third time and killed. The indomitable courage and personal bravery of Technician 5th Grade Pinder was a magnificent inspiration to the men with whom he served.

Pvt. James W. Reese, 26th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action involving actual conflict with the enemy. When the enemy launched a counterattack which threatened the position of his company, Pvt. Reese, as the acting squad leader of a 60 millimeter mortar squad, displaying superior leadership on his own initiative, maneuvered his squad forward to a favorable position, from which, by skillfully directing the fire of his weapon, he caused many casualties in the enemy ranks, and aided materially in repulsing the counterattack. When the enemy fire became so severe as to make his position untenable, he ordered the other members of his squad to withdraw to a safer position, but declined to seek safety for himself. So as to bring more effective fire upon the enemy, Pvt. Reese, without assistance, moved his mortar to a new position and attacked an enemy machine gun nest. He had only three rounds of ammunition but secured a direct hit with his last round, completely destroying the nest and killing the occupants. Ammunition being exhausted, he abandoned the mortar, seized a rifle and continued to advance, moving into an exposed position overlooking the enemy. Despite a heavy concentration of machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, the heaviest experienced by his unit throughout the entire Sicilian campaign, he remained at this position and continued to inflict casualties upon the enemy until he was killed. His bravery, coupled with his gallant and unswerving determination to close with the enemy, regardless of consequences and obstacles which he faced, are a priceless inspiration to our Armed Forces.



Staff Sgt. Joseph E. Schaefer, 18th Inf. Regt.

He was in charge of a squad of the 2nd Platoon in the vicinity of Stolberg, Germany, early in the morning of Sept. 24, 1944, when two enemy companies supported by machine guns launched an attack to seize control of an



important crossroads which was defended by his platoon. One American squad was forced back, another captured, leaving only Staff Sgt. Schaefer's men to defend the position. To shift his squad into a house which would afford better protection, he crawled about under heavy small-arms and machine gun fire, instructed each individual, and moved to the building. A heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire scored hits on his strong point. Staff Sgt. Schaefer assigned his men to positions and selected for himself the most dangerous one at the door. With his M-1 rifle, he broke the first wave of infantry thrown toward the house. The Germans attacked again with grenades and flame throwers but were thrown back a second time, Staff Sgt. Schaefer killing and wounding several. Regrouped for a final assault, the Germans approached from two directions. One force drove at the house from the front, while a second group advanced stealthily along a hedgerow. Recognizing the threat, Staff Sgt. Schaefer fired rapidly at the enemy before him, killing or wounding all six; then, with no cover whatever, dashed to the hedgerow and poured deadly accurate shots into the second group, killing five, wounding two others, and forcing the enemy to withdraw. He scoured the area near his battered stronghold and captured 10 prisoners. By this time the rest of his company had begun a counterattack; he moved forward to assist another platoon to regain its position. Remaining in the lead, crawling and running in the face of heavy fire, he overtook the enemy, and liberated the American squad captured earlier in the battle. In all, single-handed and armed only with his rifle, he killed between 15 and 20 Germans, wounded at least as many more, and took 10 prisoners. Staff Sgt. Schaefer's indomitable courage and his determination to hold his position at all costs were responsible for stopping an enemy break-through.

Sgt. Max Thompson, 18th Inf. Regt.

On Oct. 18, 1944, Co. K, 18th Infantry, occupying a position on a hill near Haaren, Germany, was attacked by an enemy infantry battalion supported by tanks. The assault was preceded by an artillery concentration, lasting an hour, which inflicted heavy casualties on the company. While engaged in moving wounded men to cover, Sgt. Thompson observed that the enemy had overrun the positions of the 3rd Platoon. He immediately attempted to stem the enemy's advance single-handedly. He manned an abandoned machine gun and fired on the enemy until a direct hit from a hostile tank destroyed the gun. Shaken and dazed, Sgt. Thompson picked up an automatic rifle and although alone against the enemy force which was pouring into the gap in our lines, he fired burst after burst, halting the



leading elements of the attack and dispersing those following. Throwing aside his automatic rifle, which had jammed, he took up a rocket gun and fired on a light tank, setting it on fire. By evening the enemy had been driven from the greater part of the captured position but still held three pillboxes. Sgt. Thompson's squad was assigned the task of dislodging the enemy from these emplacements. Darkness having fallen and finding that the fire of his squad was ineffective from a distance, Sgt. Thompson crawled forward alone to within 20 yards of one of the pillboxes and fired grenades into it. The Germans holding the emplacement concentrated their fire upon him. Though wounded, he held his position fearlessly, continued his grenade fire, and finally forced the enemy to abandon the blockhouse. Sgt. Thompson's courageous leadership inspired his men and materially contributed to the clearing of the enemy from this last remaining hold on this important hill position.

Cpl. Henry F. Warner, 26th Inf. Regt.

Serving as 57 millimeter anti-tank gunner with the 2nd Battalion, he was a major factor in stopping enemy tanks during heavy attacks against the battalion position near Dom Butgenbach, Belgium, on Dec. 20-21, 1944. In the first attack, launched in the early morning of Dec. 21, enemy tanks succeeded in penetrating parts of the line. Cpl. Warner, disregarding the concentrated cannon and machine gun fire from two tanks bearing down on him, and ignoring the imminent danger of being overrun by the infantry moving under tank cover, destroyed the first tank and scored a direct and deadly hit upon the second. A third tank approached to within five yards of his position while he was attempting to clear a jammed breech lock. Jumping from his gun pit, he engaged in a pistol duel with the tank commander standing in the turret, killing him and forcing the tank to withdraw. Following a day and night during which our forces were subjected to constant shelling, mortar barrages, and numerous unsuccessful infantry attacks, the enemy struck in great force on the early morning of Dec. 21. Seeing a Mark IV tank looming out of the mist and heading toward his position, Cpl. Warner scored a direct hit. Disregarding his injuries, he endeavored to finish loading and again fired at the tank whose motor was now aflame, when a second machine gun burst killed him. Cpl. Warner's gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty contributed materially to the successful defense against the enemy attacks.



1st Lt. Walter J. Will, 18th Inf. Regt.

He displayed conspicuous gallantry during an attack on powerful enemy positions. He courageously exposed himself to withering hostile fire to rescue two wounded men and then, although painfully wounded himself, made a third trip to carry another Soldier to safety from an open area. Ignoring the profuse bleeding of his wound, he gallantly led the men of his platoon forward until they were pinned down by murderous flanking fire from two enemy machine guns. He fearlessly crawled alone to within 30 feet of the first enemy position, killed the crew of four and silenced the gun with accurate grenade fire. He continued to crawl through intense enemy fire to within 20 feet of the second position where he leaped to his feet, made a lone, ferocious charge and captured the gun and its nine-man crew. Observing another platoon pinned down by two more German machine guns, he led a squad on a flanking approach and, rising to his knees in the face of direct fire, coolly and deliberately lobbed three grenades at the Germans, silencing one gun and killing its crew. With tenacious aggressiveness, he ran toward the other gun and knocked it out with grenade fire. He then returned to his platoon and led it in a fierce, inspired charge, forcing the enemy to fall back in confusion. 1st Lt. Will was mortally wounded in this last action, but his heroic leadership, indomitable courage, and unflinching devotion to duty live on as a perpetual inspiration to all those who witnessed his deeds.



Pvt. Carlton W. Barrett, 18th Inf. Regt.

For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on June 6, 1944, in the vicinity of St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France. On the morning of D-Day, Pvt. Barrett, landing in the face of extremely heavy enemy fire, was forced to wade ashore through neck-deep water. Disregarding the personal danger, he returned to the surf again and again to assist his floundering comrades and save them from drowning. Refusing to remain pinned down by the intense barrage of small-arms and mortar fire poured at the landing points, Pvt. Barrett, working with fierce determination, saved many lives by carrying casualties to an evacuation boat lying offshore. In addition to his assigned mission as guide, he carried dispatches the length of the fire-swept beach; he assisted the wounded; he calmed the shocked; he arose as a leader in the stress of the occasion. His coolness and his dauntless daring





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courage while constantly risking his life during a period of many hours had an inestimable effect on his comrades and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army.

Capt. Bobbie E. Brown, 18th Inf. Regt.

He commanded Co. C, 18th Infantry Regiment, on Oct. 8, 1944, when it, with the Ranger Platoon of the 1st Battalion, attacked Crucifix Hill, a key point in the enemy's defense of Aachen, Germany. As the leading rifle platoon assaulted the first of many pillboxes studding the rising ground, heavy fire from a flanking emplacement raked it. An intense artillery barrage fell on the American troops which had been pinned down in an exposed position. Seeing that the pillboxes must be neutralized to prevent the slaughter of his men, Capt. Brown obtained a pole charge and started forward alone toward the first pillbox, about 100 yards away. Hugging the ground while enemy bullets whipped around him, he crawled and then ran toward the aperture of the fortification, rammed his explosive inside and jumped back as the pillbox and its occupants were blown up. He rejoined the assault platoon, secured another pole charge, and led the way toward the next pillbox under continuous artillery mortar, automatic, and small-arms fire. He again ran forward and placed his charge in the enemy fortification, knocking it out. He then found that fire from a third pillbox was pinning down his company; so he returned to his men, secured another charge, and began to creep and crawl toward the hostile emplacement. With heroic bravery he disregarded opposing fire and worked ahead in the face of bullets streaming from the pillbox. Finally reaching his objective, he stood up and inserted his explosive, silencing the enemy. He was wounded by a mortar shell but refused medical attention and, despite heavy hostile fire, moved swiftly among his troops exhorting and instructing them in subduing powerful opposition. Later, realizing the need for information of enemy activity beyond the hill, Capt. Brown went out alone to reconnoiter. He observed possible routes of enemy approach and several times deliberately drew enemy fire to locate gun emplacements. Twice more, on this self-imposed mission, he was wounded; but he succeeded in securing information which led to the destruction of several enemy guns and enabled his company to throw back two powerful counterattacks with heavy losses. Only when Company C's position was completely secure did he permit treatment of his three wounds. By his indomitable courage, fearless leadership, and outstanding skill as a Soldier, Capt. Brown



contributed in great measure to the taking of Crucifix Hill, a vital link in the American line encircling Aachen.

Staff Sgt. Arthur F. DeFranzo, 18th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty on June 10, 1944, near Vaubadon, France. As scouts were advancing across an open field, the enemy suddenly opened fire with several machine guns and hit one of the men. Staff Sgt. DeFranzo courageously moved out in the open to the aid of the wounded scout and was himself wounded but brought the man to safety. Refusing aid, Staff Sgt. DeFranzo re-entered the open field and led the advance upon the enemy. There were always at least two machine guns bringing unrelenting fire upon him, but Staff Sgt. DeFranzo kept going forward, firing into the enemy and one by one the enemy emplacements became silent. While advancing he was again wounded, but continued on until he was within 100 yards of the enemy position and even as he fell, he kept firing his rifle and waving his men forward. When his company came up behind him, Staff Sgt. DeFranzo, despite his many severe wounds, suddenly raised himself and once more moved forward in the lead of his men until he was again hit by enemy fire. In a final gesture of indomitable courage, he threw several grenades at the enemy machine gun position and completely destroyed the gun. In this action, Staff Sgt. DeFranzo lost his life, but by bearing the brunt of the enemy fire in leading the attack, he prevented a delay in the assault which would have been of considerable benefit to the foe, and he made possible his company's advance with a minimum of casualties. The extraordinary heroism and magnificent devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sgt. DeFranzo was a great inspiration to all about him, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces.



Staff Sgt. Walter D. Ehlers, 18th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on June 9-10, 1944, near Goville, France. Staff Sgt. Ehlers, always acting as the spearhead of the attack, repeatedly led his men against heavily defended enemy strong points, exposing himself to deadly hostile fire whenever the situation required heroic and courageous leadership. Without waiting for an order, Staff Sgt. Ehlers, far ahead of his



men, led his squad against a strongly defended enemy strong point, personally killing four members of an enemy patrol who attacked him en route. Then, crawling forward under withering machine gun fire, he pounced upon the gun crew and put it out of action. Turning his attention to two mortars protected by the crossfire of two machine guns, Staff Sgt. Ehlers led his men through this hail of bullets to kill or put to flight the enemy of the mortar section, killing three men himself. After mopping up the mortar positions, he again advanced on a machine gun, his progress effectively covered by his squad. When he was almost on top of the gun he leaped to his feet and, although greatly outnumbered, he knocked out the position single-handed. The next day, having advanced deep into enemy territory, the platoon of which Staff Sgt. Ehlers was a member, finding itself in an untenable position as the enemy brought increased mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire to bear on it, was ordered to withdraw. Staff Sgt. Ehlers, after his squad had covered the withdrawal of the remainder of the platoon, stood up and by continuous fire at the semicircle of enemy placements, diverted the bulk of the heavy hostile fire on himself, thus permitting the members of his own squad to withdraw. At this point, though wounded himself, he carried his wounded automatic rifleman to safety and then returned fearlessly over the shell-swept field to retrieve the automatic rifle which he was unable to carry previously. After having his wound treated, he refused to be evacuated, and returned to lead his squad. The intrepid leadership, indomitable courage, and fearless aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sgt. Ehlers in the face of overwhelming enemy forces serve as an inspiration to others.

Pvt. Robert T. Henry, 16th Inf. Regt.

Near Luchem, Germany, he volunteered to attempt the destruction of a nest of five enemy machine guns located in a bunker 150 yards to the flank which had stopped the advance of his platoon. Stripping off his pack, overshoes, helmet, and overcoat, he sprinted alone with his rifle and hand grenades across the open terrain toward the enemy emplacement. Before he had gone half the distance, he was hit by a burst of machine gun fire. Dropping his rifle, he continued to stagger forward until he fell mortally wounded only 10 yards from the enemy emplacement. His single-handed attack forced the enemy to leave the machine guns. During this break in hostile fire the platoon moved forward and overran the position. Pvt. Henry, by his gallantry and intrepidity and utter disregard for his own life, enabled his company to reach its



objective, capturing this key defense and 70 German prisoners.

Tech Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, 16th Inf. Regt.

For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on Nov. 16, 1944, in Germany. Tech Sgt. Lindsey assumed a position about 10 yards to the front of his platoon during an intense enemy infantry-tank counterattack, and by his unerringly accurate fire, destroyed two enemy machine gun nests, forced the withdrawal of two tanks, and effectively halted enemy flanking patrols. Later, although painfully wounded, he engaged eight Germans, who were reestablishing machine gun positions, in hand-to-hand combat, killing three, capturing three, and causing the other two to flee. By his gallantry, Tech Sgt. Lindsey secured his unit's position, and reflected great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.



Pfc. Francis X. McGraw, 26th Inf. Regt.

He manned a heavy machine gun emplaced in a foxhole near Schevenhutte, Germany, on Nov. 19, 1944, when the enemy launched a fierce counterattack. Braving an intense hour-long preparatory barrage, he maintained his stand and poured deadly accurate fire into the advancing foot troops until they faltered and came to a halt. The hostile forces brought up a machine gun in an effort to dislodge him but were frustrated when he lifted his gun to an exposed but advantageous position atop a log, courageously stood up in his foxhole and knocked out the enemy weapon. A rocket blasted his gun from position, but he retrieved it and continued firing. He silenced a second machine gun and then made repeated trips over fire-swept terrain to replenish his ammunition supply. Wounded painfully in this dangerous task, he disregarded his injury and hurried back to his post, where his weapon was showered with mud when another rocket barely missed him. In the midst of the battle, with enemy troops taking advantage of his predicament to press forward, he calmly cleaned his gun, put it back into action and drove off the attackers. He continued to fire until his ammunition was expended, when, with a fierce desire to close with the enemy, he picked up a carbine, killed one enemy Soldier, wounded another and engaged in a desperate firefight with a third until he was mortally wounded by a burst from a machine pistol. The extraordinary heroism and intrepidity displayed by Pvt. McGraw inspired his comrades to great





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efforts and was a major factor in repulsing the enemy attack.

Pfc. Gino J. Merli, 18th Inf. Regt.

He was serving as a machine gunner in the vicinity of Sars la Bruyere, Belgium, on the night of Sept. 4-5, 1944, when his company was attacked by a superior German force. His position was overrun and he was surrounded when our troops were driven back by overwhelming numbers and firepower.



Disregarding the fury of the enemy fire concentrated on him, he maintained his position, covering the withdrawal of our riflemen and breaking the force of the enemy pressure. His assistant machine gunner was killed and the position captured; the other eight members of the section were forced to surrender. Pfc. Merli slumped down beside the dead assistant gunner and feigned death. No sooner had the enemy group withdrawn than he was up and firing in all directions. Once more his position was taken and the captors found two apparently lifeless bodies. Throughout the night Pfc. Merli stayed at his weapon. By daybreak the enemy had suffered heavy losses, and as our troops launched an assault, asked for a truce. Our negotiating party, who accepted the German surrender, found Pfc. Merli still at his gun. On the battlefield lay 52 enemy dead, 19 of whom were directly in front of the gun. Pfc. Merli's gallantry and courage, and the losses and confusion that he caused the enemy, contributed materially to our victory.

Vietnam

2nd Lt. Robert J. Hibbs, 2nd Bn., 28th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. Second Lt. Hibbs was in command of a 15-man ambush patrol, part of the 2nd Battalion, when his unit observed a company of Viet Cong advancing along the road toward the battalion's position. Informing his command post by radio of the impending attack, he prepared his men for the oncoming Viet Cong,



emplaced two mines in their path and, when the insurgents were within 20 feet of the patrol's position, he fired the two anti-personnel mines, wounding or killing half of the enemy company. Then, to cover the withdrawal of his patrol, he threw hand grenades, stepped onto the open road, and opened fire on the remainder of the Viet Cong force of approximately 50 men. Having rejoined his men, he was leading them toward the

battalion perimeter when the patrol encountered the rear elements of another Viet Cong company deployed to attack the battalion. With the advantage of surprise, he directed a charge against the Viet Cong, which carried the patrol through the insurgent force, completely disrupting its attack. Learning that a wounded patrol member was wandering in the area between the two opposing forces and although moments from safety and wounded in the leg himself, he and a sergeant went back to the battlefield to recover the stricken man. After they maneuvered through the withering fire of two Viet Cong machine guns, the sergeant grabbed the dazed Soldier and drug him back toward the friendly lines while 2nd Lt. Hibbs remained behind to provide covering fire. Armed with only an M-16 rifle and a pistol, but determined to destroy the enemy positions, he then charged the two machine gun emplacements and was struck down. Before succumbing to his mortal wounds, he destroyed the starlight telescopic sight attached to his rifle to prevent its capture and use by the Viet Cong. 2nd Lt. Hibbs' profound concern for his fellow Soldiers, and his intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.

Sgt. James W. Robinson Jr., 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Co. C was engaged in fierce combat with a Viet Cong battalion. Despite the heavy fire, Sgt. Robinson moved among the men of his fire team, instructing and inspiring them, and placing them in advantageous positions. Enemy snipers located in nearby trees were inflicting heavy casualties on forward elements of Sgt. Robinson's unit. Upon locating the enemy sniper whose fire was taking the heaviest toll, he took a grenade launcher and eliminated the sniper. Seeing a medic hit while administering aid to a wounded sergeant in front of his position and aware that now the two wounded men were at the mercy of the enemy, he charged through a withering hail of fire and dragged his comrades to safety, where he rendered first aid and saved their lives. As the battle continued and casualties mounted, Sgt. Robinson moved about under intense fire to collect from the wounded their weapons and ammunition and redistribute them to able-bodied Soldiers. Adding his fire to that of his men, he assisted in eliminating a major enemy threat. Seeing another wounded comrade in front of his position, Sgt. Robinson again defied the enemy's fire to affect a rescue. In so doing he was



himself wounded in the shoulder and leg. Despite his painful wounds, he drug the Soldier to shelter and saved his life by administering first aid. While patching his own wounds, he spotted an enemy machine gun which had inflicted a number of casualties on the American force. His rifle ammunition expended, he seized two grenades and, in an act of unsurpassed heroism, charged toward the entrenched enemy weapon. Hit again in the leg, this time with a tracer round which set fire to his clothing, Sgt. Robinson ripped the burning clothing from his body and staggered indomitably through the enemy fire, now concentrated solely on him, to within grenade range of the enemy machine gun position. Sustaining two additional chest wounds, he marshaled his fleeting physical strength and hurled the two grenades, thus destroying the enemy gun position, as he fell dead upon the battlefield. His magnificent display of leadership and bravery saved several lives and inspired his Soldiers to defeat the numerically superior enemy force. Sgt. Robinson's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, at the cost of his life, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflect great credit upon the 1st Infantry Division and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Sgt. Donald R. Long, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Troops B and C, while conducting a reconnaissance mission along a road were suddenly attacked by a Viet Cong regiment, supported by mortars, recoilless rifles and machine guns, from concealed positions astride the road. Sgt. Long abandoned the relative safety of his armored personnel carrier and braved a withering hail of enemy fire to carry wounded men to evacuation helicopters. As the platoon fought its way forward to resupply advanced elements, Sgt. Long repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire at point blank range to provide the needed supplies. While assaulting the Viet Cong position, Sgt. Long inspired his comrades by fearlessly standing unprotected to repel the enemy with rifle fire and grenades as they attempted to mount his carrier. When the enemy threatened to overrun a disabled carrier nearby, Sgt. Long again disregarded his own safety to help the severely wounded crew to safety. As he was handing arms to the less seriously wounded and reorganizing them to press the attack, an enemy grenade was hurled onto the carrier deck. Immediately recognizing the imminent danger, he instinctively shouted a warning to the crew and pushed to safety one man who had not heard his warning over the roar of battle. Realizing that these actions would not fully protect the exposed crewmen from the



deadly explosion, he threw himself over the grenade to absorb the blast and thereby saved the lives of eight of his comrades at the expense of his life. Throughout the battle, Sgt. Long's extraordinary heroism, courage and supreme devotion to his men were in the finest tradition of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.

Capt. Euripedes Rubio, Jr., 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Capt. Rubio was serving as communications officer, when a numerically superior enemy force launched a massive attack against the battalion defense position. Intense enemy machine gun fire raked the area while mortar rounds and rifle grenades exploded within the perimeter. Leaving the relative safety of his post, Capt. Rubio received two serious wounds as he braved the withering fire to go to the area of most intense action where he distributed ammunition, re-established positions and rendered aid to the wounded. Disregarding the painful wounds, he unhesitatingly assumed command when a rifle company commander was medically evacuated. Capt. Rubio was wounded a third time as he selflessly exposed himself to the devastating enemy fire to move among his men to encourage them to fight with renewed effort. While aiding the evacuation of wounded personnel, he noted that a smoke grenade which was intended to mark the Viet Cong position for air strikes had fallen dangerously close to the friendly lines. Capt. Rubio ran to reposition the grenade but was immediately struck to his knees by enemy fire. Despite his several wounds, Capt. Rubio scooped up the grenade, ran through the deadly hail of fire to within 20 meters of the enemy position and hurled the already smoking grenade into the midst of the enemy before he fell for the final time. Using the repositioned grenade as a marker, friendly air strikes were directed to destroy the hostile positions. Capt. Rubio's singularly heroic act turned the tide of battle, and his extraordinary leadership and valor were a magnificent inspiration to his men. His remarkable bravery and selfless concern for his men are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Capt. Rubio and the U.S. Army.



PSG Matthew Leonard, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. His platoon was suddenly attacked by a large enemy force employing small arms, automatic weapons,





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and hand grenades. Although the platoon leader and several other key leaders were among the first wounded, Platoon Sgt. Leonard quickly rallied his men to throw back the initial enemy assaults. During the short pause that followed, he organized a defensive perimeter, redistributed ammunition, and inspired his comrades through his forceful leadership and words of encouragement.

Noticing a wounded companion outside the perimeter, he dragged the man to safety but was struck by a sniper's bullet which shattered his left hand. Refusing medical attention and continuously exposing himself to the increasing fire as the enemy again assaulted the perimeter, Platoon Sgt. Leonard moved from position to position to direct the fire of his men against the well-camouflaged foe. Under the cover of the main attack, the enemy moved a machine gun into a location where it could sweep the entire perimeter. This threat was magnified when the platoon machine gun in this area malfunctioned.

Platoon Sgt. Leonard quickly crawled to the gun position and was helping to clear the malfunction when the gunner and other men in the vicinity were wounded by fire from the enemy machine gun. Platoon Sgt. Leonard rose to his feet, charged the enemy gun and destroyed the hostile crew despite being hit several times by enemy fire. He moved to a tree, propped himself against it, and continued to engage the enemy until he succumbed to his many wounds. His fighting spirit, heroic leadership, and valiant acts inspired the remaining members of his platoon to hold back the enemy until assistance arrived. Platoon Sgt. Leonard's profound courage and devotion to his men are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and his gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.

2nd Lt. Harold B. Durham, Jr., 6th Bn., 15th Field Artillery Regt.

Second Lt. Durham, artillery, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the cost of his life above and beyond the call of duty while assigned to Battery C. Second Lt. Durham was serving as a forward observer with Company D, 2nd Bn., 28th Inf. Regt. during a battalion reconnaissance-in-force mission.



At approximately 10:15 a.m. contact was made with an enemy force concealed in well-camouflaged positions and fortified bunkers. Second Lt. Durham immediately moved into an exposed position to adjust the supporting artillery fire onto the insurgents. During a brief lull in the battle, he administered

emergency first aid to the wounded in spite of heavy enemy sniper fire directed toward him. Moments later, as enemy units assaulted friendly positions, he learned that Company A, bearing the brunt of the attack, had lost its forward observer. While he was moving to replace the wounded observer, the enemy detonated a Claymore mine, severely wounding him in the head and impairing his vision. In spite of the intense pain, he continued to direct the supporting artillery fire and to employ his individual weapon in support of the hard pressed infantrymen. As the enemy pressed their attack, 2nd Lt. Durham called for supporting fire to be placed almost directly on his position. Twice the insurgents were driven back, leaving many dead and wounded behind. Second Lt. Durham was then taken to a secondary defensive position. Even in his extremely weakened condition, he continued to call artillery fire onto the enemy. He refused to seek cover and instead positioned himself in a small clearing which offered a better vantage point from which to adjust the fire. Suddenly, he was severely wounded a second time by enemy machine gun fire. As he lay on the ground near death, he saw two Viet Cong approaching, shooting the defenseless wounded men. With his last effort, 2nd Lt. Durham shouted a warning to a nearby Soldier who immediately killed the insurgents. Second Lt. Durham died moments later, still grasping the radio handset. Second Lt. Durham's gallant actions in close combat with an enemy force are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

SPC. Robert F. Stryker, 1st Bn., 26th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Spc. Stryker, U.S. Army, distinguished himself while serving with Company C. Spc. Stryker was serving as a grenadier in a multicompany reconnaissance in force near Loc Ninh. As his unit moved through the dense underbrush, it was suddenly met with a hail of rocket, automatic weapons and small arms fire from enemy forces concealed in fortified bunkers and in the surrounding trees. Reacting quickly, Spc. Stryker fired into the enemy positions with his grenade launcher. During machine the devastating exchange of fire, Spc. Stryker detected enemy elements attempting to encircle his company and isolate it from the main body of the friendly force. Undaunted by the enemy gun and small-arms fire, Spc. Stryker repeatedly fired grenades into the trees, killing enemy snipers and enabling his comrades



to sever the attempted encirclement. As the battle continued, Spc. Stryker observed several wounded members of his squad in the killing zone of an enemy claymore mine. With complete disregard for his safety, he threw himself upon the mine as it was detonated. He was mortally wounded as his body absorbed the blast and shielded his comrades from the explosion. His unselfish actions were responsible for saving the lives of at least six of his fellow Soldiers. Spc. Stryker's great personal bravery was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Lt. Col. Charles C. Rogers, 1st Bn., 5th Field Artillery Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Lt. Col. Rogers, Field Artillery, distinguished himself in action while serving as commanding officer, 1st Battalion, during the defense of a forward fire support base. In the early morning hours, the fire support base was subjected to a concentrated bombardment of heavy mortar, rocket and rocket propelled grenade fire. Simultaneously the position was struck by a human wave ground assault, led by sappers who breached the defensive barriers with bangalore torpedoes and penetrated the defensive perimeter. Lt. Col. Rogers, with complete disregard for his safety moved through the hail of fragments from bursting enemy rounds to the embattled area. He aggressively rallied the dazed artillery crewmen to man their howitzers and he directed their fire on the assaulting enemy. Although knocked to the ground and wounded by an exploding round, Lt. Col. Rogers sprang to his feet and led a small counterattack force against an enemy element that had penetrated the howitzer positions. Although painfully wounded a second time during the assault, Lt. Col. Rogers pressed the attack killing several of the enemy and driving the remainder from the positions. Refusing medical treatment, Lt. Col. Rogers reestablished and reinforced the defensive positions. As a second human wave attack was launched against another sector of the perimeter, Lt. Col. Rogers directed artillery fire on the assaulting enemy and led a second counterattack against the charging forces. His valorous example rallied the beleaguered defenders to repulse and defeat the enemy onslaught. Lt. Col. Rogers moved from position to position through the heavy enemy fire, giving encouragement and direction to his men. At dawn, the determined enemy launched a third assault against the fire base in an attempt to overrun the position. Lt.



Col. Rogers moved to the threatened area and directed lethal fire on the enemy forces. Seeing a howitzer inoperative due to casualties, Lt. Col. Rogers joined the surviving members of the crew to return the howitzer to action. While directing the position defense, Lt. Col. Rogers was seriously wounded by fragments from a heavy mortar round which exploded on the parapet of the gun position. Although too severely wounded to physically lead the defenders, Lt. Col. Rogers continued to give encouragement and direction to his men in the defeating and repelling of the enemy attack. Lt. Col. Rogers' dauntless courage and heroism inspired the defenders of the fire support base to the heights of valor to defeat a determined and numerically superior enemy force. His relentless spirit of aggressiveness in action are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

1st Lt. Gary L. Miller, 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous intrepidity and gallantry in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. First Lt. Miller, infantry, Co. A, was serving as a platoon leader at night when his company ambushed a hostile force infiltrating from Cambodian sanctuaries. After contact with the enemy was broken, 1st Lt. Miller led a reconnaissance patrol from their prepared positions through the early evening darkness and dense tropical growth to search the area for enemy casualties. As the group advanced they were suddenly attacked. First Lt. Miller was seriously wounded. However, the group fought back with telling effect on the hostile force. An enemy grenade was thrown into the midst of the friendly patrol group and all took cover except 1st Lt. Miller, who in the dim light located the grenade and threw himself on it, absorbing the force of the explosion with his body. His action saved nearby members of his patrol from almost certain serious injury. The extraordinary courage and selflessness displayed by this officer were an inspiration to his comrades and are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army.



SPC. Robert D. Law, Co. 1 (Ranger), 75th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Spc. Law distinguished himself while serving with Co. 1. While on a long-range reconnaissance patrol in Tinh Phuoc Thanh province, Spc. Law and five comrades made contact with a small enemy





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patrol. As the opposing elements exchanged intense fire, he maneuvered to a perilously exposed position flanking his comrades and began placing suppressive fire on the hostile troops. Although his team was hindered by a low supply of ammunition and suffered from an unidentified irritating gas in the air, Spc. Law's spirited defense and challenging counterassault rallied his fellow Soldiers against the well-equipped hostile troops. When an enemy grenade landed in his team's position, Spc. Law, instead of diving into the safety of a stream behind him, threw himself on the grenade to save the lives of his comrades. Spc. Law's extraordinary courage and profound concern for his fellow Soldiers were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Staff Sgt. James L. Bondsteel, 2nd Bn., 2nd Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Staff Sgt. Bondsteel distinguished himself while serving as a platoon sergeant with Co. A, near the village of Lang Sau. Co. A was directed to assist a friendly unit which was endangered by intense fire from a North Vietnamese Battalion located in a heavily fortified base camp. Staff Sgt. Bondsteel quickly organized the men of his platoon into effective combat teams and spearheaded the attack by destroying four enemy occupied bunkers. He then raced some 200 meters under heavy enemy fire to reach an adjoining platoon which had begun to falter. After rallying this unit and assisting their wounded, Staff Sgt. Bondsteel returned to his own sector with critically needed munitions. Without pausing he moved to the forefront and destroyed four enemy occupied bunkers and a machine gun which had threatened his advancing platoon. Although painfully wounded by an enemy grenade, Staff Sgt. Bondsteel refused medical attention and continued his assault by neutralizing two more enemy bunkers nearby. While searching one of these emplacements, Staff Sgt. Bondsteel narrowly escaped death when an enemy Soldier detonated a grenade at close range. Shortly thereafter, he ran to the aid of a severely wounded officer and struck down an enemy Soldier who was threatening the officer's life. Staff Sgt. Bondsteel then continued to rally his men and led them through the entrenched enemy until his company was relieved. His exemplary leadership and great personal courage throughout the four-hour battle ensured the success of his own and nearby units, and resulted in the saving of numerous lives of his fellow



Soldiers. By individual acts of bravery he destroyed 10 enemy bunkers and accounted for a large toll of the enemy, including two key enemy commanders. His extraordinary heroism at the risk of his life was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

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Pfc. Ross A. McGinnis, 1st Bn., 26th Inf. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty: Pfc. Ross A. McGinnis distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an M2 .50-caliber Machine Gunner, 1st Platoon, Co. C, 1st Bn., 26th Inf. Regt, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 4, 2006. That afternoon his platoon was conducting combat control operations in an effort to reduce and control sectarian violence in the area. While Pfc. McGinnis was manning the M2 .50-caliber Machine Gun, a fragmentation grenade thrown by an insurgent fell through the gunner's hatch into the vehicle. Reacting quickly, he yelled "grenade," allowing all four members of his crew to prepare for the grenade's blast. Then, rather than leaping from the gunner's hatch to safety, Pfc. McGinnis made the courageous decision to protect his crew. In a selfless act of bravery, in which he was mortally wounded, Pfc. McGinnis covered the live grenade, pinning it between his body and the vehicle and absorbing most of the explosion. Pfc. McGinnis' gallant action directly saved four men from certain serious injury or death. Pfc. McGinnis' extraordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.



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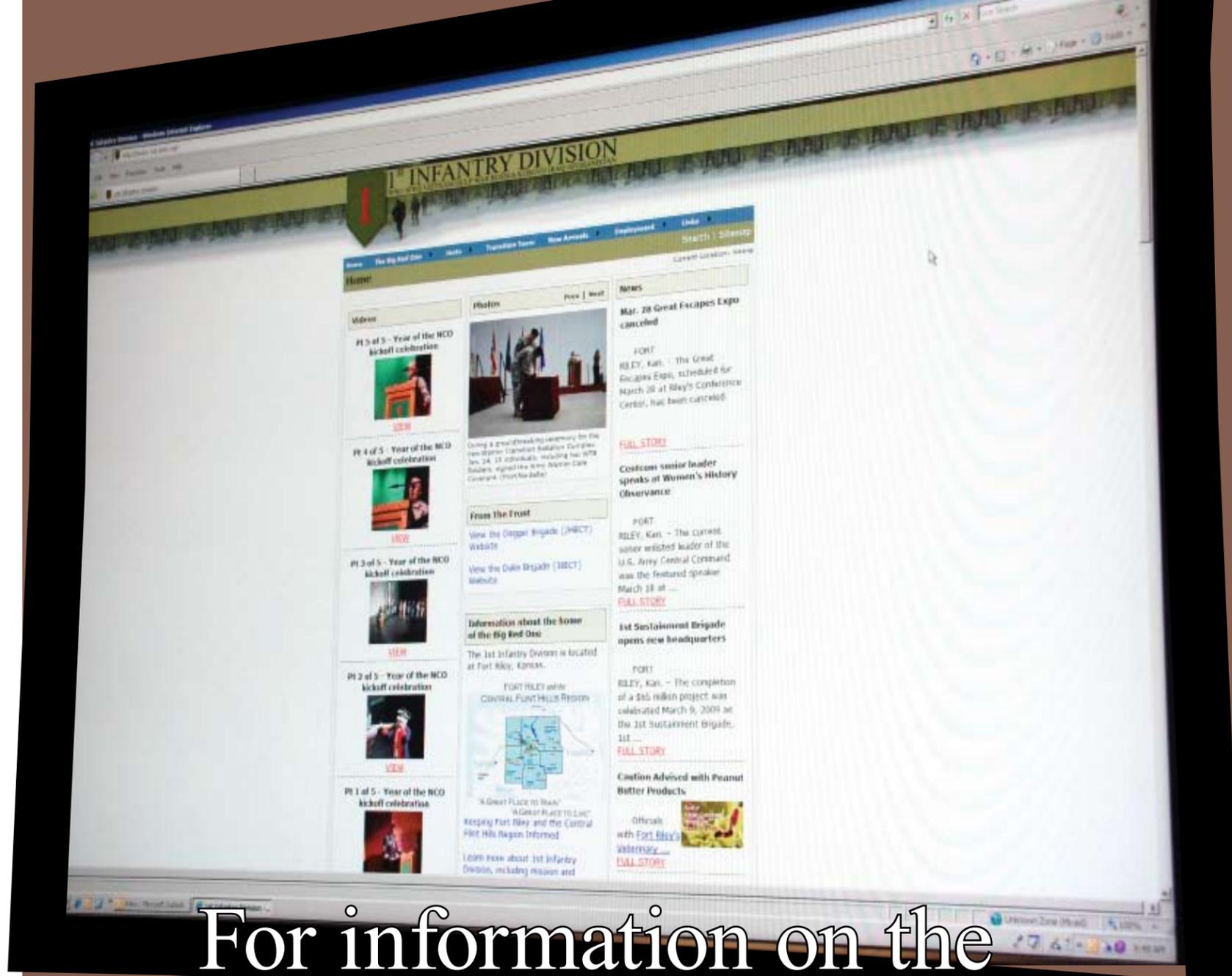
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Staff Sgt. Vasquez, Mark	2003	Sgt. Colvill, Robert Jr.	2004	Spc. Martin, Ryan	2004
Sgt. Young, Ryan	2003	Spc. Sampler, Sonny	2004	Pfc. Ludlam, Jason	2004
Pfc. Smith, Jeremiah	2003	Pfc. Barcus, Collier	2004	Staff Sgt. Sprayberry, Marvin III	2004
Sgt. Lister, Joseph	2003	Spc. Emmanuel, William IV	2004	Capt. Kenny, Christopher	2004
Sgt. Black, Jarrod	2003	Pfc. Kreider, Dustin	2004	Sgt. Matteson, James	2004
2nd Lt. Bryant, Todd	2003	Cpl. Herndon, Joseph II	2004	Sgt. Prewitt, Tyler	2004
Sgt. Singh, Uday	2003	Spc. McConnell, Daniel	2004	Spc. Hayes, Erik	2004
Sgt. Sweet, Thomas II	2003	Spc. Lambert, James	2004	Cmnd. Sgt. Maj. Faulkenberg, Steven	2004
Sgt. Corral, Dennis	2003	Spc. Rosas, Richard	2004	Staff Sgt. Rosales, Victor	2004
Staff Sgt. Cutchall, Christopher	2004	Spc. Nolasco, Marcos	2004	1st Lt. Iwan, Edward	2004
Sgt. Shepard, Daniel	2004	Spc. Campbell, Michael	2004	Capt. Sims, Sean	2004
Capt. Tipton, John	2004	Spc. Christensen, Jeremy	2004	Spc. Ehrlich, Andrew	2004
Staff Sgt. Dunigan, Joe Jr.	2004	Pfc. Blodgett, Nicholas	2004	Spc. Vandayburg, Allen	2004
Spc. Hill, Christopher	2004	Capt. Houghton, Andrew	2004	Cpl. Thibodeaux, Joseph	2004
Sgt. Ramirez, Christopher	2004	Spc. Dixon, Anthony	2004	Pfc. Wiscoviche, William	2004
1st Lt. Santoriello, Neil	2004	Sgt. Hernandez, Armando	2004	Lance Cpl. Sims, John	2004
2nd Lt. Smith, Brian	2004	Pfc. Witt, Owen	2004	Cpl. Lee, Bum	2004
2nd Lt. Graham, Jeffrey	2004	Sgt. 1st Class Miller, Marvin	2004	Pfc. Carman, Benjamin	2004
Spc. Ling, Roger	2004	Spc. Wentz, Cody	2004	Lance Cpl. Cherry, Marcus	2004
Sgt. Moothart, Travis	2004	Spc. Brown, Phillip	2004	Pfc. Cobb, Christopher	2004
Spc. Karr, Michael Jr.	2004	Staff Sgt. Koenig, Lance	2004	Lance Cpl. Crowley, Kyle	2004
Capt. August, Matthew	2004	Spc. Holmes, James	2004	Pfc. Jerabek, Ryan	2004
Staff Sgt. Landrus, Sean	2004	Sgt. Bryant, Jack Jr.	2004	Lance Cpl. Gonzales, Benjamin Jr.	2004
1st Lt. Hufstedler, Doyle	2004	Spc. Martinez, Michael	2004	Pfc. Roberts, Anthony	2004
Sgt. Mitchell, Sean	2004	Spc. Froelich, Adam	2004	Pfc. Ayon, Erick	2004
Sgt. 1st Class Hoffman, James	2004	Pfc. Lynch, Jason	2004	Pfc. Calavan, Cody	2004
Pfc. Cleston, Raney	2004	Spc. Kondor, Martin	2004	Cpl. Mendez-Aceves, Fernando	2004
Pvt. Davis, Brandon	2004	Staff Sgt. Garyantes, Joseph	2004	Pfc. Layfield, Travis	2004
Staff Sgt. Dennie, Mike	2004	Sgt. Enos, Peter	2004	Staff Sgt. Walker, Allan	2004
Spc. Carrasquillo, Jocelyn	2004	Spc. Henry, Joshua	2004	Lance Cpl. Reynosa-Suarez, Rafael	2004
Staff Sgt. Voss, Michael	2004	Sgt. 1st Class Jones, Raymond	2004	2nd Lt. Wroblewski, John	2004
Capt. Cash, Christopher	2004	Spc. Zangara, Nicholas	2004	Lance Cpl. Green, Jeffrey	2004
Spc. Desens, Daniel Jr.	2004	Staff Sgt. Mallet, Toby	2004	Lance Cpl. Powers, Caleb	2004
Staff Sgt. Olson, Todd	2004	Sgt. Todacheene, Lee	2004	Pfc. Collins, Jonathan	2004
Sgt. Talbert, Deforest	2004	Spc. Cox, Gregory	2004	Pfc. Dang, Andrew	2004
Spc. Mccune, Donald II	2004	Sgt. 1st Class Hicks, Gregory	2004	Cpl. Schrage, Dustin	2004
Spc. Daclan, Edgar Jr.	2004	Spc. Sturges, William Jr.	2004	Pfc. Mabry, Christopher	2004
Spc. Ford, Jason	2004	Spc. Chappell, Jason	2004	Pfc. Hallal, Deryk	2004
Spc. Laramore, Tracy	2004	Sgt. Rosenburg, Randy	2004	Pfc. Langhorst, Moisees	2004
Spc. Matthews, Clint	2004	Pfc. Callahan, Mackenzie	2004	Pfc. Morris, Geoffrey	2004
Spc. Jacobs, Morgan	2004	Capt. Humayun, Khan	2004	Sgt. Conde, Kenneth Jr.	2004
Capt. Kurth, John	2004	Sgt. Martinez-Luis, Trinidad	2004	Lance Cpl. Savage, Jeremiah	2004
Pfc. Harris, Torry	2004	Sgt. Uvanni, Michael	2004	Cpl. Parker, Tommy Jr.	2004
Staff Sgt. Nunes, Todd	2004	Pfc. Brown, Nathan	2004	Lance Cpl. Otey, Deshon	2004
Pfc. Amos, John II	2004	Spc. Akintade, Segun	2004	Lance Cpl. Lopez, Juan	2004
Pfc. Edwards, Shawn	2004	Pfc. Sutphin, Ernest	2004	Lance Cpl. Contreras, Pedro	2004
Spc. Garmback, Joseph Jr.	2004	Spc. Bowen, Samuel	2004	Lance Cpl. Bolding, Todd	2004

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Sgt. Read, Brandon	2004	Staff Sgt. Balkissoon, Terrence	2005	Spc. Johnson, Rodney	2007
Spc. Flores-Mejia, Jose	2004	Spc. Dickison, Christopher	2005	Staff Sgt. Hollinsworth, Courtney	2007
Master Sgt. Tarango-Griess	2004	Spc. Rice, David	2005	Spc. North, Christopher	2007
Staff Sgt. Fischer, Jeremy	2004	Sgt. Brown, Jeffrey	2006	Pfc. Walberg, Steven	2007
Pfc. Phelps, Chance	2004	Sgt. Mennemeyer, Steven	2006	Spc. Gajdos, Shawn	2007
Staff Sgt. Peters, Dustin	2004	Staff Sgt. Hartman, John	2006	Spc. Payne, Cameron	2007
Sgt. Ladd, Joshua	2004	Capt. Clayton, Hayes	2006	Spc. Craig, Andre Jr.	2007
1st Lt. Stovall, Matthew	2004	Sgt. 1st Class Wheelous, Dexter	2006	Pfc. Harrelson, James	2007
Sgt. 1st Class Hartman, David	2004	Col. Felts, Thomas	2006	Spc. Lane, David	2007
Pfc. Frye, Nicole	2004	Sgt. Carter, Lawrance	2006	Sgt. Murray, Joel	2007
Spc. Neeley, Charles	2004	Cpl. Palacios-Rivera, Eric	2006	Pvt. Shelton, Randol	2007
Airman 1st Class Anderson, Carl	2004	Sgt. White, Lucas	2006	Sgt. 1st Class Doster, James	2007
1st Lt. Tyson, Andre	2004	Cpl. Garcia, Justin	2006	Sgt. Crow, William Jr.	2007
Sgt. McCaffrey, Patrick Sr.	2004	Pfc. Andino, Edwin II	2006	Spc. Cajimat, Jay	2007
Staff Sgt. Ottolini, Michael	2004	Sgt. Merrill, Jason	2006	Cpl. Reeves, Joshua	2007
Spc. Mahlenbrock, David	2004	Staff Sgt. Narvaez, Joe	2006	Spc. Garcia, Victor	2007
Sgt. Reed, Tatijana	2004	Pfc. Newgard, William	2006	Spc. Domino, Chadrick	2007
Pfc. Dantzler, Torey	2004	Pfc. Kavanagh, Eric	2006	Cpl. Catalan, Romel	2007
Spc. Nieves, Isaac	2004	Pfc. Balint, Paul Jr.	2006	Cpl. Ashley, Benjamin	2007
Sgt. Webb, Charles	2004	Sgt. Mock, Willsun	2006	Spc. Brownweeks, Ari	2007
Spc. Gomez, Marva	2004	Pfc. Allman, Daniel II	2006	Staff Sgt. Rivera-Santiago	2007
Sgt. Wood, Brian	2004	Pfc. Kim, Jang	2006	Sgt. Patterson, Nicholas	2007
Spc. Trevithick, Richard	2004	Spc. McGinnis, Ross	2006	Staff Sgt. Gray, Yance	2007
Sgt. 1st Class Villanueva, Joselito	2004	Staff Sgt. Sizemore, Garth	2006	Sgt. Hardegree, Michael	2007
Spc. Win'e, Trevor	2004	Pfc. Hill, Ryan	2006	Sgt. Mora, Omar	2007
Sgt. Eckhart, William	2004	Staff Sgt. Ciraso, Kristofer	2006	Spc. Elrod, Steven	2007
Sgt. Wahl, Gregory	2004	Spc. Hess, Jordan	2006	Spc. Brown, Michael	2007
Pfc. Marcus, Lyndon Jr.	2004	Spc. Steinbacher, Nicholas	2006	Sgt. Wright, Gregory	2007
Sgt. 1st Class Gottfried, Richard	2004	Pfc. West, Theodore	2006	Sgt. Kingman, Jonathan	2007
Pfc. Castellano, Stephen	2005	Sgt. Bubeck, John	2006	Sgt. Ayers, Robert III	2007
Sgt. Kinzer, William	2005	Spc. Preston, Aaron	2006	Cpl. Meza, Gilberto	2007
Sgt. Childress, Kyle	2005	Spc. Nelson, Andrew	2006	Spc. Walker, Aaron	2007
Spc. Luna, Kevin	2005	Sgt. Cornell, Wayne	2007	Spc. Geiger, Wayne	2007
Spc. Wooten, Curtis III	2005	Spc. Richardson, Stephen	2007	Sgt. Milledge Joseph	2007
Pfc. Leon-Perez, Jesus	2005	Spc. Fuentes, Daniel	2007	Cpl. Marchand, Jason	2007
Staff Sgt. Stevens, Joseph	2005	Spc. Morales, Jason	2007	Spc. Sunsini-Pineda, Astor	2007
Spc. Yolkin, Viktor	2005	Pvt. Saucedo, Oscar Jr.	2007	Spc. Cady, Frank III	2007
Sgt. Carlson, Michael	2005	Pfc. Wilkey, David	2007	1st Lt. Jones, Ryan	2007
Sgt. Marin, Javier Jr.	2005	Spc. Florexil, Camy	2007	Staff Sgt. Long, Brian	2007
Pfc. Becker, Gunnar	2005	Staff Sgt. Butkus, Jason	2007	Spc. Salinas, Eric	2007
Sgt. Torres, Daniel	2005	Spc. Leckel, Daniel	2007	Spc. Rojas-Gallego, Christian	2007
Staff Sgt. Bayow, Stephen	2005	Spc. Adair, James	2007	Staff Sgt. Santos, Fernando	2007
Sgt. 1st Class Warren, Mark	2005	Spc. Genevie, Aaron	2007	Spc. Verdeja, Justin	2007
Pfc. Brangman, David	2005	Spc. Dixon, Robert	2007	Pfc. Veitch, Jeremiah	2007
Sgt. Knox, Rene Jr.	2005	Pfc. Johnson, William	2007	Pfc. Gibson, Derek	2007
Spc. Gooding, Dakotah	2005	Spc. Pittman, Michael	2007	Spc. Freeman, Walter Jr.	2007
Sgt. Lake, Chad	2005	Spc. Long, Braden	2007	Staff Sgt. Fontenot, Jarred	2007

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Pfc. Iwasinski, Kenneth	2007	Staff Sgt. Soto-Pinedo, Karl	2007	Sgt. Aultz, Corey	2007
Sgt. Polo, Joe	2007	Spc. Guerrero, Mario	2007	Sgt. Gist, Milton Jr.	2007
Sgt. Joya-Mendoza, Glann	2007	Sgt. Deleon, Mario	2007	Staff Sgt. Ruoff, Michael Jr.	2007
Pfc. Hiltz, Cory	2007	Spc. Moore, Joshua	2007	Sgt. 1st Class Buchan, Raymond	2007
Sgt. Kim, Shin	2007	Sgt. Cuellar, Bacilio	2007	Pfc. Kim, Louis	2007
Sgt. Martinez, Michael	2007	Spc. Lundin, James	2007	Sgt. Brooks, Edward	2007
Spc. Workman, Dustin II	2007	Staff Sgt. Bechert, Michael	2007	Spc. Gilbertson, Kevin	2007
Pfc. Borhnsen, Kyle	2007	Spc. Neiberger, Christopher	2007	Sgt. Bushnell, William	2007
Sgt. Carr Robert	2007	Sgt. 1st Class Gutierrez-Rosales, Luis	2007	Pfc. Davis, William	2007
Spc. Baylis, Matthew	2007	Sgt. 1st Class McKinney, Jeffrey	2007	Spc. Spencer, Raymond Jr.	2007
Pfc. Davis, Steven	2007	Spc. Gilmore, Richard III	2007	Cpl. Stacey, Jeremy	2007
Spc. Naylor, Brynn	2007	Kaghem, Hussain	2007	Sgt. Santini, Ed	2007
Sgt. Dahl, Joel	2007	Spc. Clouser, Zachary	2007	Sgt. Allen, John	2007
Cpl. Hamm, Johnathan	2007	Spc. Gomez, Daniel	2007	Pfc. Landry, John Jr.	2007
Sgt. 1st Class Cooper, David Jr.	2007	Spc. Hartge, Nicholas	2007	Sgt. Thrasher, Robert	2007
Pfc. Gautier, Aaron	2007	Pfc. Garcia, Alberto Jr.	2007	Pfc. Rossi, Jonathan	2007
Pfc. Hensel, Shawn	2007	Spc. Agami, Daniel	2007	Spc. Thorsen, Brandon	2007
Sgt. Glawson, Curtis	2007	Spc. Hebert, Anthony	2007	Spc. McDonald, Sean	2007
Spc. Milo, Avealalo	2007	Spc. Leemhius, Thomas	2007	Al-Ahabi, Akeel	2007
Sgt. Kline, Keith	2007	Pfc. Marsh, Chad	2007	Cpl. O'Brien, William	2008
Maj. Ahearn, James	2007	Staff Sgt. Campos, Juan	2007	Cpl. Crookston, Duncan	2008
Capt. Belser, Donnie Jr.	2007	Sgt. Montenegro, Alphonso	2007	Pfc. Miller, Patrick	2008
Capt. Steele, Joshua	2007	Sgt. Wood, Ryan	2007	Cpl. Bennett, Durrel	2008
Capt. Lewis, Darrell	2007	Abdulghani, Yehyah	2007	Capt. Casey, Thomas	2008
Master Sgt. Gillespie, Randy	2007	Spc. McCants, Marquis	2007	Capt. Norman, Michael	2008
Master Sgt. Magnani, Patrick	2007	Sgt. 1st Class Brown, Scott	2007	Capt. Burgos-Cruz, Ulises	2008
Maj. Ofeciar, Henry	2007	Abdalsaaahib, Aziz	2007	Maj. Olmsted, Andrew	2008
Sgt. 1st Class Ball, Scott	2007	Spc. Gilmore, Joseph	2007	Maj. Rogers, Alan G.	2008
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Sgt. 1st Class Sutton, Greg	2007	Spc. Haslip, Travis	2007	Spc. Perez, Orlando	2008
Sgt. 1st Class Hennen, John	2007	Sgt. Medlin, Jean	2007	Cpl. Gudridge, James	2008
Sgt. 1st Class Henderson, Christopher	2007	Staff Sgt. Moore, Christopher	2007	Pvt. Delgado, George	2008
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Sgt. Argonish, Jan	2007	Spc. Young, Donald	2007	Master Sgt. Weaver, Davy	2008
Sgt. 1st Class Dunham, Robert	2007	Pfc. Guyton, Larry	2007	Lt. Col. Walton, James	2008
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Staff Sgt. Gonzalez-Iraheta, Felix	2007	Maj. Brookshire, Sid	2007	PO 2nd Class Carbullido, Anthony	2008
Spc. Dallam, Ryan	2007	Staff Sgt. Hubbell, Darren	2007	Sgt. 1st Class Todd, David Jr.	2008
Pfc. Lopez-Rodriguez, Damian	2007	Cpl. Gharfauros, Joe Jr.	2007	Capt. Hays, Bruce	2008
Spc. Flores, John	2007	Pfc. Bentz, David III	2007	Capt. Desolenni, Bruno	2008
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Spc. Starceovich, Lucas	2007	Spc. Howells, Alun	2007	Capt. Bunting, Brian	2009
Spc. Blodgett, Clinton	2007	Staff Sgt. Martinez, Virgil	2007	Sgt. Thompson, Daniel	2009
Sgt. Dressler, Shawn	2007	Tawfeeq, Ri'ad	2007	Lt. Choe, Florence	2009
Spc. Brown, Joshua	2007	Sgt. Watt, Kimel	2007	Lt. Toner, Francis IV	2009



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