

**CENTURION
FAMILY READINESS GROUP UPDATE
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Family and Friends,

Task Force Centurion continues to conduct combat operations and support operations in our area of operations to bring peace and stability to the region.

On 17 January 2004, Blackhawk secured a townhall meeting in Khalidiyah, Iraq. In that meeting, citizens of this community came together to peacefully discuss the election process in Al Anbar Province. The meeting, a picture of democracy in action, was not possible a year ago under the dictatorship. In fact, it would not have been possible 5 months ago given the security situation in this town. The meeting did take place, peacefully, because over the last five months, dedicated soldiers of TF Centurion fought the enemy and gave their all –as a team and as individuals – each and everyday.

On 29 January 2004 the caucus elections for Khalidiyah took place. This event, possibly more than any other, points to the success of your Centurion Soldiers.

The leave and pass program should begin again in February. There was a temporary suspension based on airflow availability.

The MWR phone center, gym, and internet center are fully operational. We have some the nicest facilities in the Division AO in terms of soldier quality of life. The soldiers deserve this given their focused efforts when on a mission.

Please take care. You continue to be in our prayers.

LTC Jeff Swisher
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“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands in times of challenge and [conflict].”

Martin Luther King, Jr.