



BUSHMASTER's NEWSLETTER BRAVO COMPANY 1-16IN APRIL 2004

Bravo Company Grief Management Night

We as a company will be having an evening tailor made for our current needs. Please come Monday April 26th to the ACS building at 6:30pm-8:30pm to share with each other in the company. We will be supported by the Chaplains and Social services. Childcare is provided just arrive at 6:15pm & bring their shot records.

Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

Go ahead and 'Chill Out'. Join us for a few hours of fun and relaxation. The 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the ACS building 12:00-3:00 pm. The first session is usually an activity (cooking, crafts, games) or workshop. A support group lead by licensed social workers is held during the 4th Mondays. Free childcare with shot record (6 weeks to 5 years old).



**FAMILY READINESS GROUP NEWSLETTER
BRAVO COMPANY 'BUSHMASTERS'**

A Message from Bushmaster 6

Family and Friends of Bravo Company,

March was a very busy and emotional month for the Bushmasters. Operationally, the company conducted numerous patrols, protected and secured key border and entry ways into the city and conducted a successful transfer of authority for the incoming Marine units. Additionally, there were quality of life improvements that greatly benefited the soldiers of Bravo Company. Among the improvements were:

- (a) Power Generation established in the barracks. Soldiers now have air-conditioning!!!!
- (b) 1-16IN has finished "The Iron Works" Weight Room allowing soldiers to stay in shape while deployed.

While the quality of life was improving and missions were being executed successfully, the Bushmaster family was experiencing loss and hardship. The company suffered tragic losses with the deaths of SSG Joe Dunigan Jr. and SPC Hill. Our thoughts and prayers remain with their families during this difficult time. We also had 5 others seriously wounded in action. Although deeply saddened by these incidents, the Bushmasters have become a stronger and more tight knit organization.

I am very proud of our soldiers. They routinely demonstrate their tremendous abilities and execute all missions with courage and professionalism. The soldiers of Bravo Company are continually receiving complements and praise from the Battalion, Brigade and Division leaders. Simply put, they are doing great.

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A Message from Bushmaster 7

The Family Tradition

Keeping the soldiers of this company "Fit to Fight" is our singular driving endeavor. Thanks to the wonderful job of the Family Readiness Group, the soldiers of Bravo Company are able to focus on their daily missions. They are focused and ready to conduct the business of cleaning up Iraq and bringing stability to this long suffering nation. None of this would be possible without the support of all the hard working families of the FRG.

Patrolling our new sector and learning the different personalities of the sheiks is time consuming and hard work. When the soldiers return, they are generally greeted by letters from home, a hot meal and a cool place to relax. The Iron Ranger Battalion has built a game room called "Machine Gun Joes". Soldiers can have an alcohol free beverage while paying video games or watching a movie. Nothing is too good for these fine soldiers and the Chain of Command will do everything in their power to ensure their safety and comfort until we all return home.

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