

CENTURION
FAMILY READINESS GROUP UPDATE
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Family and Friends,

TF CENTURION continues aggressive operations in our area of operations. Although progress is sometimes difficult to measure, we continue to have a positive effect in the area. The area denial missions have dramatically reduced the number of attacks in the region. We have renovated local medical clinics and schools with our civil affairs projects. Our goal is to provide assistance to every primary and secondary school in our area before the New Year.

UNIT UPDATES

Raiser's activities continue to span the spectrum of work. All platoons provide their specified support tasks to the task force. In addition, the soldiers are the camp's guard force and rapid reaction force. Archangel has also begun dismounted patrols in nearby communities. Wolf continues an area denial mission. Support platoon provides support and is the QRF. The Medics continue the high quality of medical care to the task force. The staff plans and coordinates everything from offensive missions to the handling of contracts for Iraqi school repair. The mechanics continue to keep vehicles rolling despite the fact that we have put nearly two years worth of normal training miles on our vehicles since we arrived in Iraq.

Apache continues the quick reaction force mission. They recently captured some targeted individuals and a cache in a series of cordon and searches. Apache soldiers also conduct an area denial mission as well as dismounted patrols in the local area. The platoons on other basecamps remain very busy too, but all are living comfortably in renovated areas.

Cobra has participated in several major operations with the task force. We recently went into a new area, and Cobra played a major role in those searches. They also conducted several school assessments during the same period. Cobra opened their second set of billets. The third and fourth sets are nearly complete too. Each soldier will have well over the required 80 sq ft living space when complete.

Bulldawg moved into their new barracks. In operations, Bulldawg completed the fence work at the ammunition supply point. They also discovered several caches of weapons. One took two days to reduce because of its size. Bulldawg will begin assisting with mounted patrols as we near completion of force protection projects.

Blackhawk continues with the forward operating base mission. They also have conducted many searches over the last few weeks. Their HMMWVs now have steel doors to add some protection. Their barracks are also complete.

Bounty has been very active conducting raids to capture bomb makers in their area of operations. They have been successful in capturing their targets. Bounty has completely moved into new billets. These are open bay rooms with a platoon in each. The billets are strategically located next door to the 1 BCT dining facility.

We received the MWR package, but a vital part is unserviceable. The division has provided great assistance by flying personnel to the other side of the country to find the serviceable component. The phone and internet package remains our number one priority as far as quality of life for the soldiers.

The holidays are a difficult time to be away from loved ones, but the Centurions continue onward with their mission to bring peace to Iraq. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

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