

CENTURION  
FAMILY READINESS GROUP UPDATE  
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Family and Friends,

TF CENTURION continues to conduct offensive operations in or to increase the security in our area of operations. The offensive operations and the area denial mission have had success. The area denial missions have dramatically reduced the number of attacks in the region. Simultaneously we are assisting in the training and equipping of the local police force. We also continue to conduct civil affairs projects in an effort to repair local schools, police stations, and medical clinics.

On Thanksgiving, we were very blessed to have time for a very nice meal in one of our two dining facilities. All soldiers had the opportunity to sit down and enjoy the holiday meal. The food was well prepared, and it was plentiful. We did have to draw extra rations for the last 70 soldiers. They waited patiently for their feast.

All of the soldiers that I talked to spoke proudly of their families, and what the holiday was like in their homes. We can never make a holiday as special as being home with our families. However, we kept as many traditions as possible. We had turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, ham, roast beef, mashed potatoes, and desserts galore. In the finest of traditions, we had turkey ala king on the day after Thanksgiving. That's right, turkey leftovers after the holiday.

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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