



The Old Ironsides Report

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Soldier puts belief in democracy in to service

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — On any given day, the Soldiers of the Analysis and Control Element with the 1st Armored Division are hard at work filtering through the various threads of information gathered from intelligence sources on potential threats to Iraqi and Coalition Forces.

One such Soldier is Pvt. Thomas W. Trinkle, a Lansing, Kan. native.

"I'm a Signals Intelligence Analyst," the 19-year-old said. "I mainly write reports that cover all of the intercepted signals of enemy transmissions."

Trinkle, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, works in the division's Tactical Operations Center, at Baghdad International Airport.

"The ACE platoon is further broken down into sections according to what each person's specific duties are," Trinkle added. "My job mostly entails looking through databases of information and writing briefs for the generals on whatever information I find that is worth bringing to their attention."

Trinkle, who graduated from Advanced Individual Training in October, spent only a month in Wackernheim, Germany, the 501st MI's home station, before joining his fellow division soldiers who were already deployed in Baghdad.

While Trinkle has only been in the military for a short while, he has been around it for most of his life.

"Neither of my parents were in the military, but I spent most of my childhood in Lansing which is about five miles from Fort Leavenworth, (Kan.," he said. "The town's main industry was providing housing for all the military families that worked there."

Trinkle ultimately joined the military for several reasons.

"I joined the military to see the world and get some money for college," he said.

The main reason he enlisted however, was his enthusiasm for politics and his ambition to some day have an effect on democracy.

"The primary reason is because I don't believe someone can have a valid influence in politics unless they understand what Soldiers go through and has actually experienced what it is like," he said.

Trinkle added that while he wants to get into politics, he doesn't want to be a politician, he wants to be a political journalist.

"I want to be able to influence politics through the written word," he said. "Ever since I became interested in politics, my strong belief has always been that governments exist to serve the people."

Trinkle became interested in politics when he was in high school. He studied political issues while on his high school debate team and student congress.

"I learned in debate to try to look at any given situation from both sides so that when I debate a topic, I can debate it as fairly and evenly as possible," he said. "So I started looking at some of the things that go on around the world and I saw a lot of corruption. I don't necessarily think democracy is perfect, but



"I think that if I don't try to affect some positive change in government, then what is the point of me believing so much in it?" said Pvt. Thomas W. Trinkle, an intelligence analyst with the 1st Armored Division Analysis and Control Element. Trinkle has aspirations to be a political journalist following the end of his enlistment in the Army.

it's certainly the best way to allow everyone's voice to be heard."

Trinkle's belief in democracy has played a part in bringing him into the Army, but now that he's living out his ideals firsthand, he feels it is easy to lose sight of the big picture.

"Something I think a lot of us soldiers forget is that when you come here, you're not just coming to protect Americans and yourself, you're coming to bring peace and democracy to a country that has been coerced to believe that democracy and Americans are evil," he said. "The point is that if we can bring democracy to what was one of the worst dictatorships in the world, then we can bring it anywhere."

NEWS...

Bush and Blair Praise U.N. Plan for Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, with a strong second from British Prime Minister Tony Blair, signaled support Friday for an interim government to take power in Iraq on June 30 and said the plan under development by a U.N. envoy is "broadly acceptable to the Iraqi people." The authority of the coalition backed by the United States will expire on the June 30 deadline previously set, Bush said, adding that American- and British-dominated military forces "will remain in Iraq to help the new government succeed."

U.S., Fallujah Leaders Hold Negotiations

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - U.S. military and civilian officials met Friday with leaders from Fallujah, the first known direct negotiations involving Americans since the siege of the city began April 5. Nine civilians died in violence elsewhere in Iraq. In the south, the most influential Shiite cleric in Iraq warned the Americans not to enter the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala. A U.S. commander said there were no such plans.

CIA Warned of Attack 6 Years Before 9/11

WASHINGTON (AP) - Six years before the Sept. 11 attacks, the CIA warned in a classified report that Islamic extremists likely would strike on U.S. soil at landmarks in Washington or New York, or through the airline industry, according to intelligence officials. Though hauntingly prescient, the CIA's 1995 National Intelligence Estimate did not yet name Osama bin Laden as a terrorist threat.

AP: Book Alleges Secret Iraq War Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush secretly ordered a war plan drawn up against Iraq less than two months after U.S. forces attacked Afghanistan and was so worried the decision would cause a furor he did not tell everyone on his national security team, says a new book on his Iraq policy. Bush feared that if news got out about the Iraq plan as U.S. forces were fighting another conflict, people would think he was too eager for war, journalist Bob Woodward writes in "Plan of Attack," a behind-the-scenes account of the 16 months leading to the Iraq invasion.

Thought for the day...

Leading by Example

One day during the American Revolution an officer on horseback wearing civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers repairing a small redoubt. He asked their leader, busy shouting instructions, why he was not assisting his exhausted men. "Sir," the leader retorted indignantly, "I am in charge!"

The stranger apologized, dismounted, assisted the soldiers himself, and, some time later, turned to the leader to say, "The next time you have a job like this and not enough men to do it, go to your Commander in Chief, and I will come and help you again."

Entertainment...

Satellite May Be Cable TV of Radio

By ELLEN SIMON, AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- If traditional radio decides Howard Stern is too hot to handle, satellite radio is waiting with an armload of wet T-shirts.

Even if the prince of "shock jocks" stays where he is, the two nationwide satellite radio companies hope the Stern controversy can help them become the radio equivalent of cable TV - a popular destination for racy, raunchy, unregulated content.

When the National Association of Broadcasters meets Sunday in Las Vegas, much table talk will center on the unprecedented scrutiny from the Federal Communications Commission, record indecency fines and the threat that the FCC could yank licenses for repeat offenders.

Like cable television, satellite radio does not face federal indecency scrutiny because it is only available to paid subscribers. So the indecency dust-up has satellite radio companies executives salivating.

XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio, the No. 1 and No. 2 players, lose money and have only 2 million subscribers total. But subscriber numbers have been growing quickly, and Stern has been talking on the air about a move to satellite radio.

"Broadcasters are scared," said Bob Richards, a partner in SkyWaves, an independent satellite radio research company in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Stern started ruminating about a move to satellite after the FCC fined Clear Channel Communications \$475,000 earlier this month for Stern show indecency. Clear Channel then dropped Stern from its six stations that broadcast his show.

The agency also fined Clear Channel \$755,000 earlier this year for comments made by a Tampa, Fla., radio personality known as "Bubba the Love Sponge."

Stern's show still airs on 35 stations and has an estimated 15 million listeners. His contract is with Infinity Broadcasting and the company has repeatedly said it would stand by him, even as it fights indecency.

An Infinity spokeswoman refused to comment about the contract this week. Stern did not return an e-mail requesting comment.

Hugh Panero, president and CEO of XM, which has 1.7 million subscribers who pay \$9.95 a month for the basic package, said his company would be happy to talk to Stern.

"In the radio business, there are few celebrities and talents that have lasted 20 years, and he's one of them," Panero said this week during a satellite industry panel discussion. But he added that any talk of Stern moving to satellite is premature, given the Infinity contract.

The satellite stations have been trying to lure a larger audience with local traffic and weather and big-name sports. Sirius will carry all NFL games this year and XM has a deal with NASCAR.

But executives at both companies have bigger ambitions. They'd like to become the radio version of cable TV.

Both radio companies already have sexy shows.

XM puts an "XL" next to channels that air adult content and charges extra for some. Among its adult fare is the "Raw" hip-hop show and the Playboy radio station, which airs the "Playboy Advisor" and a show "Night Calls" with hostesses Juli and Tiffany.

Sirius, which has 261,000 subscribers who pay \$12.95 a month, has a show called "Raw Dog Comedy," which it advertises as "uncensored, unregulated and undeniably funny."

Bubba the Love Sponge, whose name was Todd Clem before he legally changed it to his radio moniker, is rumored to be in talks with Sirius, said Tom Taylor, editor of Inside Radio. The talk show host was traveling and unavailable for comment.

Today in history...

April 17, 1790: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DIES

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On April 17, 1790, American statesman, printer, scientist, and writer Benjamin Franklin dies in Philadelphia at age 84.

Born in Boston in 1706, Franklin became at 12 years old an apprentice to his half brother James, a printer and publisher. He learned the printing trade and in 1723 went to Philadelphia to work after a dispute with his brother. After a sojourn in London, he started a printing and publishing press with a friend in 1728. In 1729, the company won a contract to publish Pennsylvania's paper currency and also began publishing the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, which was regarded as one of the better colonial newspapers. From 1732 to 1757, he wrote and published *Poor Richard's Almanack*, an instructive and humorous periodical in which Franklin coined such practical American proverbs as "God helps those who help themselves" and "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

As his own wealth and prestige grew, Franklin took on greater civic responsibilities in Philadelphia and helped establish the city's first circulating library, police force, volunteer fire company, and an academy that became the University of Pennsylvania. From 1737 to 1753, he was postmaster of Philadelphia and during this time also served as a clerk of the Pennsylvania legislature. In 1753, he became deputy postmaster general, in charge of mail in all the northern colonies.

Deeply interesting in science and technology, he invented the Franklin stove, which is still manufactured today, and bifocal eyeglasses, among other practical inventions. In 1748, he turned his printing business over to his partner so he would have more time for his experiments. The phenomenon of electricity fascinated him, and in a dramatic experiment he flew a kite in a thunderstorm to prove that lightning is an electrical discharge. He later invented the lightning rod. Many terms used in discussing electricity, including positive, negative, battery, and conductor, were coined by Franklin in his scientific papers. He was the first American scientist to be highly regarded in European scientific circles.

Franklin was active in colonial affairs and in 1754 proposed the union of the colonies, which was rejected by Britain. In 1757, he went to London to argue for the right to tax the massive estates of the Penn family in Pennsylvania, and in 1764 went again to ask for a new charter for Pennsylvania. He was in England when Parliament passed the Stamp Act, a taxation measure to raise revenues for a standing British army in America. His initial failure to actively oppose the controversial act drew wide criticism in the colonies, but he soon redeemed himself by stoutly defending American rights before the House of Commons. With tensions between the American colonies and Britain rising, he stayed on in London and served as agent for several colonies.

In 1775, he returned to America as the American Revolution approached and was a delegate at the Continental Congress. In 1776, he helped draft the Declaration of Independence and in July signed the final document. Ironically, Franklin's illegitimate son, William Franklin, whom Franklin and his wife had raised, had at the same time emerged as a leader of the Loyalists. In 1776, Congress sent Benjamin Franklin, one of the embattled United States' most prominent statesmen, to France as a diplomat. Warmly embraced, he succeeded in 1778 in securing two treaties that provided the Americans with significant military and economic aid. In 1781, with French help, the British were defeated. With John Jay and John Adams, Franklin then negotiated the Treaty of Paris with Britain, which was signed in 1783.

In 1785, Franklin returned to the United States. In his last great public service, he was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and worked hard for the document's ratification. After his death in 1790, Philadelphia gave him the largest funeral the city had ever seen.

FOB IRON'S SUNDAY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

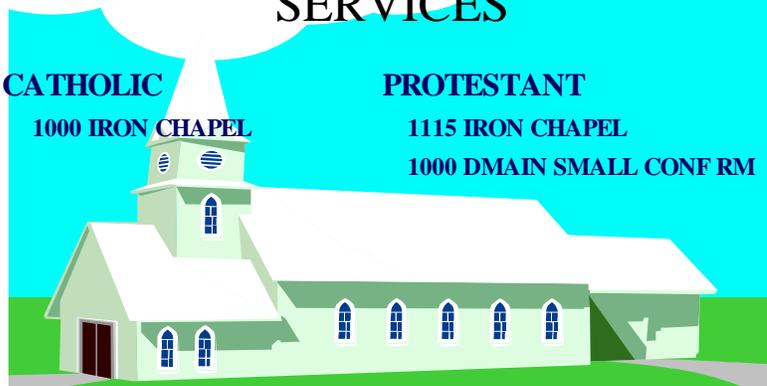
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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	SPORTS SPECIAL - SPORTSCENTER NFL DRAFT SPECIAL	HEADLINE NEWS	TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - MONKEYS	TODAY		00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - AQUARIUM OF THE AMERICAS		HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - FLOODED		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		THE X-FILES (TV14): - THE BEGINNING	BOB THE BUILDER	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		JOJO'S CIRCUS (TVY): - THE LEGEND OF CLOWNFOOT	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00		4 QTRS	THE VIEW (TVPG):	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - BORN AGAIN KRABS/SAFETY FREAK	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NHL - PLAYOFFS - 1ST ROUND GM 5: NY ISLANDERS VS TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	4 QTRS		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS (TVY): - OPERATION: RESCUE JET FUSION (PT. 2)	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00		MLB - NY YANKEES @ BOSTON RED SOX	WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - ANN	POKEMON: JOHTO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30				ROMEO (TVY): - THE FAKING OF THE PRESIDENT		04:30
05:00			TRADING SPACES (TVG): - KNOXVILLE: FOURTH AND GRILL	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - EL ORO DE MONTEZUMA	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30				THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVY7): - TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE		05:30
06:00	MLB - LOS ANGELES DODGERS @ SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS		TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SANTA CLARA: LAFAYETTE STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30				WWE RAW! (TV14):		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	EVERWOOD (TVPG): - MY BROTHER'S KEEPER		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS		IRL AUTO RACING - FIRESTONE INDY JAPAN 300	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - VIRGIN TERRITORY		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	ESPNEWS	BOB THE BUILDER	ROAD FROM COORAIN, THE		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	TOTALLY NASCAR	JOJO'S CIRCUS (TVY): - THE LEGEND OF CLOWNFOOT				09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - BORN AGAIN KRABS/SAFETY FREAK		ESPNEWS	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS (TVY): - OPERATION: RESCUE JET FUSION (PT. 2)		NAVYMARINE CORPS NEWS		10:30
11:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - 1ST ROUND GM 5: OTTAWA SENATORS VS TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	POKEMON: JOHTO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	THE VIEW (TVPG):	ENDURANCE	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		ROMEO (TVY): - THE FAKING OF THE PRESIDENT		GOOD EATS (TVG):	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
12:00		LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - EL ORO DE MONTEZUMA	WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - ANN	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30		THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVY7): - TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE				12:30
13:00		ENDURANCE	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - KNOXVILLE: FOURTH AND GRILL	HEADLINE NEWS	MSNBC INVESTIGATES	13:00
13:30	ESPNEWS	GOOD EATS (TVG):		YOUR CORPS		13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SANTA CLARA: LAFAYETTE STREET	MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - HE'S HAVING A BABY	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	14:00
14:30				ACCORDING TO JIM (TVPG): - VEGAS, BABY (PT. 1)		14:30
15:00	MLB - OAKLAND ATHLETICS @ ANAHEIM ANGELS	WWE RAW! (TV14):	EVERWOOD (TVPG): - MY BROTHER'S KEEPER	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - DISASTER RELIEF	CNN SATURDAY MORNING	15:00
16:00		MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - HE'S HAVING A BABY	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - VIRGIN TERRITORY	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - EMBEDDED	20/20	16:00
16:30		ACCORDING TO JIM (TVPG): - VEGAS, BABY (PT. 1)				16:30
17:00		THE WEST WING (TVPG): - DISASTER RELIEF	ROAD FROM COORAIN, THE	HEADLINE NEWS	SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
17:30				SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04") (TV14): - JANET JACKSON/SIMON COWELL		17:30
18:00	SPORTSCENTER	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - EMBEDDED				18:00
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	YOUR CORPS	THE VIEW (TVPG):	KICKIN' IT	WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT	19:00
19:30		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	19:30
20:00	WNBA - 2004 DRAFT	SPORTSCENTER	WHAT NOT TO WEAR (TVPG): - ANN	BEST DAMN SPORTS SHOW PERIOD	CNN LIVE	20:00
21:00	BEYOND THE GLORY	NBA SHOOTAROUND	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - KNOXVILLE: FOURTH AND GRILL	BALLROOM BOXING	CNN LIVE	21:00
22:00	WIRE TO WIRE	NBA - PLAYOFFS - 1ST ROUND GM 1: BOSTON CELTICS @ INDIANA PACERS	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SANTA CLARA: LAFAYETTE STREET	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30	GILLETTE WORLD SPORT			ESPNEWS	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	22:30
23:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - 1ST ROUND GM 6: DETROIT RED WINGS @ NASHVILLE PREDATORS		EVERWOOD (TVPG): - MY BROTHER'S KEEPER	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	23:00
23:30				HOUR OF POWER - THE BEST IS YET TO COME		23:30