



The Old Ironsides Report



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Celebrating our 250th Issue

Memorial concert rocks Martyrs' Monument



Ron Steta, lead guitar, performs well-known and beloved hits for Soldiers of the Ready First Brigade Combat Team during a concert at Martyrs' Monument Feb. 10.

Concert review and photo by Capt. Jean-Pierre Brown, 1st BCT PAO Representative

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Task Force 1st Armored Division Soldiers serving in the Martyr's Monument neighborhood of Baghdad were sent back in history for one night as they were treated with pleasant sounds from songs beloved by many during a concert Feb. 10.

Members of a contemporary rock band, some former members of headliner bands such as The Mamas and the Papas, The Turtles, and Cheap Trick performed during the two-hour show. The band's musical lineage includes accompanying stars such as The Police, Chicago and The Boss – Bruce Springsteen.

Members of the band included Joe Cantafio, lead vocal, Ron Steta, lead guitar, Jon Brant, bass, Tim Scruggs, drums and Vic Lubieniecki on keyboards.

Cliff Russell, though not a member of the group, encouraged the band to reunite and come to Iraq to support Soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He personally experienced the heart-felt loss and devastation when his brother was killed on September 11, 2001.

Cliff did not have to work too hard when he approached Cantafio with the suggestion to get the band together and tour. Joe quickly called the gang and they were off to South West Asia.

Their music can only be classified as shock and awe.

Before the show, Soldiers' anticipation was over-whelming and when the first chord was struck, the screams and whistles could be heard across Baghdad. Tears of joy and excitement ran down everyone's faces.

The group's main goal was to let Soldiers know that that they are not forgotten by those back home.

With the beat of the drums, the blare of the guitar, they accomplished their mission to the Soldiers' enjoyment.

After the concert the band found little space to move and little time to go to sleep.

Soldiers were fascinated with this historical event and had many questions for the performers.

The group was well welcomed and embraced by the audience. The soldiers of the Ready First Combat Team left the auditorium that night with renewed spirits.

Between the music and the heart-felt speech by Cliff about his brother's death, everyone attending understood the true meaning of brotherhood and patriotism.

The "Ready First" team certainly received the miracle of music and inspiration. The concert will certainly be remembered as an inspiring break for those who attended.

NEWS...

Bombings Kill 3 Soldiers, Wound 6 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Roadside bombs have claimed more American lives, killing three U.S. soldiers in separate attacks in Baghdad and Sunni Muslim areas to the north of the capital. At least six soldiers were injured in the attacks, one critically. In the biggest attack, one soldier from Task Force Iron Horse was killed and four were wounded in a roadside bombing in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. One of the wounded was critically injured and the other three were in guarded condition, the military said.

Bush to Meet With National Guard Members

WASHINGTON (AP) - After trying to quell stories about his Vietnam-era military record, President Bush is seeking to move beyond it by meeting with National Guard members in Louisiana. Bush was spending Tuesday at Fort Polk, La., giving a speech to thank troops there for their service and sacrifice, White House aides said. Two soldiers killed by a roadside bomb while on mounted patrol in Iraq last week were assigned to Fort Polk.

Dean Insists Run Won't End in Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Democratic front-runner John Kerry looked to Wisconsin on Tuesday for a victory to snuff out the struggling campaign of Howard Dean, who denied his organization was in turmoil and that a loss would end his bid for the nomination. "We're moving forward and we're gonna go to Super Tuesday and on beyond that. We have very strong field organizations," Dean told "Today" on NBC. "I think there needs to be a continued debate in the party about what we're doing."

Gay Marriage Foes to Appear in Court

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Their wedding march on City Hall produced marriage licenses in the hundreds, but gay and lesbian couples who took part may not even finish opening gifts before their nuptials are null and void. Opponents of Mayor Gavin Newsom's decision to defy state law and have marriage licenses issued to gay and lesbian couples were to have their day in court Tuesday, with hearings scheduled on the petitions of two groups.

Canadian Politicians Denouncing 'Conan'

TORONTO (AP) - Canadian politicians are denouncing "The Late Show with Conan O'Brien" over a sketch in which a cigar-chomping sock puppet hurled insults at French Canadians. The NBC show came to Toronto last week with the help of \$750,000 in Canadian taxpayers' money, a trip that Canadian promoters hoped would help rebuild the city's tourist industry after an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome last year.

Thought for the day... Seek His Face

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33).

We need our God; He is to be had for the seeking; and He will not deny Himself to any one of us if we personally seek His face.

--Charles Spurgeon

Sports...

Athletes Are at Heart of Steroid Case

By ROB GLOSTER, AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- No athlete has been charged. None was named in documents released last week when federal prosecutors charged four men with participating in a steroid-distribution ring that allegedly supplied dozens of sports stars.

But athletes, identified in those documents by such labels as a "current NFL player" or an "Olympic gold medal track and field athlete," are at the heart of the case against the four men - all of whom pleaded innocent last week.

Dozens of athletes from five sports, including the NFL and major league baseball, testified last fall before the panel that issued the indictments. Some of those athletes could be called to testify at a trial.

And though they so far have neither been charged nor identified, some of those sports stars could face sanctions from their sport - or perjury charges from the federal government.

They were offered limited immunity in exchange for testimony, but could be charged with perjury if prosecutors believe they lied about their drug use.

And even those who told the truth could be in trouble. Olympic athletes who admitted to grand jurors that they took steroids and other banned drugs would not be prosecuted in court, but they could be suspended from competition - even if they never failed a drug test.

Section 9 of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's protocol gives that agency the authority to bring a drug case against an athlete in lieu of a positive drug test "when USADA has other reason to believe that a potential doping violation has occurred, such as admitted doping."

In such cases, the protocol document says the USADA would initiate the case and send it to a three-member USADA review board for consideration.

The USADA covers anti-doping issues for U.S. Olympic athletes, including those in sports such as track and field. NFL and baseball players would not face USADA sanctions, except in the case of baseball players who also participate in international tournaments. But such sanctions would not extend to major league games.

Prosecutors planned to discuss more details of their case at a news conference Tuesday afternoon in San Francisco. On Monday, the U.S. Olympic Committee announced that shot putter Kevin Toth tested positive for the steroid THG and the stimulant modafinil at the U.S. championships last June at Stanford, where he won his first national title. He could be suspended for two years.

Toth, who testified before the grand jury, is the most recent of nine U.S. track and field athletes who flunked tests for THG or modafinil at those championships.

Terry Madden, the USADA's chief executive officer, said last week's indictments could lead to sanctions against other athletes.

"We fully expect that developments in the U.S. attorney's proceedings and our ongoing investigation will lead to the initiation of more doping cases against athletes and others," he said last Thursday after the indictments were announced.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said last Thursday in announcing the indictments that steroids were supplied to dozens of athletes in the NFL, baseball and track and field, and that "we have not limited prosecution in this setting to those who are being prosecuted today."

Troy Ellerman, an attorney for two of the indicted men, said it was ludicrous that no athlete was indicted.

"When Ashcroft comes out and makes the statement that we want to preserve the integrity of sports and the athletes, well then, why didn't they indict the athletes?" Ellerman asked. "The athlete is the one that sends the message to the little kid on the street, who looks at it and just sees the athlete got a free pass."

Today in History...

February 18, 1856: Know-Nothings convene in Philadelphia

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) --- The American Party, also known as the "Known-Nothing Party," convenes in Philadelphia to nominate its first presidential candidate.

The Know-Nothing movement began in the 1840s, when an increasing rate of immigration led to the formation of a number of so-called nativist societies to combat "foreign" influences in American society. Roman Catholic immigrants from Ireland and Italy, who were embraced by the Democratic Party in eastern cities, were especially targeted. In the early 1850s, several secret nativist societies were formed, of which the "Order of the Star-Spangled Banner" and the "Order of United Americans" were the most significant.

When members of these organizations were questioned by the press about their political platform, they would often reply they knew nothing, hence the popular name for the Know-Nothing movement.

In 1854, the Know-Nothings allied themselves with a faction of Whigs and ran for office in several states, calling for legislation to prevent immigrants from holding public office. By 1855, support for the Know-Nothings had expanded considerably, and the American Party was officially formed.

In the same year, however, Southerners in the party sought to adopt a resolution calling for the protection of slavery, and some anti-slavery Know-Nothings defected to the newly formed Republican Party.

On February 18, 1856, the American Party met to nominate its first presidential candidate and to formally abolish the secret character of the organization. Former president Millard Fillmore of New York was chosen, with Andrew Donelson of Tennessee to serve as his running mate. In the subsequent election, Fillmore succeeded in capturing only the state of Maryland, and the Know-Nothing movement effectively ceased to exist.

Reenlistment bonus available until soldiers depart Theater

Currently, more than 1,400 soldiers have taken advantage of the deployed force reenlistment bonus since October. Soldiers must understand the bonus is no longer available once they redeploy to their home station.

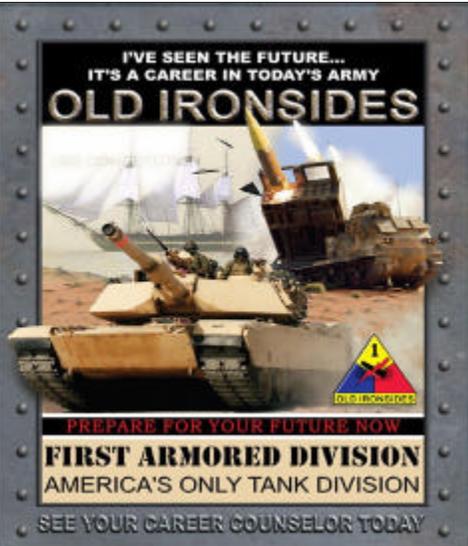
The most frequently asked question from soldiers is "how long am I eligible for the reenlistment bonus?"

The answer is simple: once a soldier leaves Iraq, Afghanistan, or Kuwait, the lump sum tax-free bonus no longer exists.

As we begin to redeploy, our Career Counselors and key retention personnel will become much less accessible as they will be spread thin throughout Iraq, Kuwait, and Germany.

Soldiers eligible for this incentive are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity well in advance of their expected redeployment date. Soldiers should contact their Career Counselors who are standing by to assist our Iron Soldiers in continuing to serve proudly and "Stay Army."

For more information, contact your career counselor:



TASK FORCE 1ST ARMORED DIVISION
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE



At HHC ANNEX area
at 1030hrs.



Come over and join us in
our celebration!

The guest speaker is:

COL D.A. HARRIS

4th BCT CDR

123rd MSB Choir (Voices of Power) will
sing a Great music selection!!

Poetry and more ...

February 20, 2004



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2004			As of: Tuesday, February 17, 2004 3:01:41 PM			
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00			STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION :- A FISTFUL OF DATAS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	00:00
00:30				JUDGE JUDY		00:30
01:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (EPS 1-13) :- TANKS, SATELLITES, AND PARACHUTES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	01:00
01:25				GUIDING LIGHT		01:25
01:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	01:30
02:00	NBA FASTBREAK	HEADLINE NEWS	SUICIDE MISSIONS :- SNIPERS		LARRY KING LIVE	02:00
02:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		02:13
02:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS				02:30
03:00	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	SESAME STREET	THE TIGER WOODS STORY	BETWEEN THE LIONS :- HAYDAY	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	03:00
03:30	TOTALLY NASCAR			THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS :- SEE JIMMY RUN/TRADING FACES		03:30
04:00	SPORTSCENTER	BLUE'S CLUES - SUPERFRIENDS!		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	PAULA ZAHN NOW	04:00
04:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (TV-7): - LIFETIME		04:30
05:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CUSA: LOUISVILLE @ TCU	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER :- THE LONGEST DAY	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	05:00
05:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	05:30
05:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				05:46
05:52				PACIFIC REPORT		05:52
06:00			THE SIMPSONS :- SIMPSON AND DELILAH	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	06:00
06:30			THE COSBY SHOW :- HALLOWEEN	HEADLINE NEWS		06:30
06:35		GUIDING LIGHT				06:35
06:52				PACIFIC REPORT		06:52
07:00	SPORTSCENTER		AMERICAN IDOL	THE PARKERS :- INTERNSHIP	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	07:00
07:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				07:17
07:30				THE SIMPLE LIFE		07:30
08:00	NHL - PHILADELPHIA FLYERS @ TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	HEADLINE NEWS	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION :- A FISTFUL OF DATAS	EXTREME MAKEOVER :- LORI AND PETER	CNN DAYBREAK	08:00
08:30		JUDGE JUDY				08:30
09:00		TODAY	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (EPS 1-13) :- TANKS, SATELLITES, AND PARACHUTES	THE OC :- THE HEIGHTS	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	09:00
10:00			SUICIDE MISSIONS :- SNIPERS	HEADLINE NEWS		10:00
10:22				PACIFIC REPORT		10:22
10:30	SPORTSCENTER			TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		10:30
11:00		BETWEEN THE LIONS :- HAYDAY	THE TIGER WOODS STORY		HEADLINE NEWS	11:00
11:30	NBA FASTBREAK	THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS :- SEE JIMMY RUN/TRADING FACES		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	11:30
11:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	11:45
12:00	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	A WALK IN YOUR SHOES			THE EARLY SHOW	12:00
12:30	TOTALLY NASCAR	STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (TV-7): - LIFETIME		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER :- THE LONGEST DAY	OFF LIMITS		13:00
13:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS			13:30
14:00	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS :- SIMPSON AND DELILAH		FOX NEWS LIVE	14:00
14:30	NBA FASTBREAK	HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW :- HALLOWEEN			14:30
14:45				CAPTAIN NEWMAN, M. D.		14:45
15:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE PARKERS :- INTERNSHIP	AMERICAN IDOL		FOX NEWS LIVE	15:00
15:30		THE SIMPLE LIFE				15:30
16:00	FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - NABF FLYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT: BRIAN VILORIA VS GILBERTO KEB-BAAS	EXTREME MAKEOVER :- LORI AND PETER	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION :- A FISTFUL OF DATAS		FOX NEWS LIVE	16:00
17:00		THE OC :- THE HEIGHTS	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (EPS 1-13) :- TANKS, SATELLITES, AND PARACHUTES	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30				HEADLINE NEWS	CNN'S INSIDE POLITICS	17:30
18:00	THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	SUICIDE MISSIONS :- SNIPERS	TODAY		18:00
18:30	THE HOT LIST	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	18:30
19:00	AROUND THE HORN		THE TIGER WOODS STORY		LESTER HOLT LIVE	19:00
19:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				19:30
20:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	20:00
20:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	20:30
21:00	NHL - PHOENIX COYOTES @ DETRIOT RED WINGS	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: TEXAS TECH @ COLORADO	ROCKET POWER :- MR. B IS IN THE HOUSE/ EARNEST OTTO	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE :- YOU GO, OJO	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	21:00
21:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	21:30
22:00			THE SIMPSONS :- THE SIMPSON'S HALLOWEEN SPECIAL	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	CNBC: THE NEWS	22:00
22:30			THE COSBY SHOW :- DENISE DRIVES			22:30
23:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: DUKE @ WAKE FOREST	DHARMA & GREG :- HELL NO, GREG CAN'T GO	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	23:00
23:30	NHL 2NIGHT		MY WIFE AND KIDS :- OF BREASTS AND BASKETBALL			23:30