

'1st Team's' CG praises 'Iron Soldiers' courage, professionalism



Maj. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, Task Force 1st Armored Division commanding general, Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz III, Multi-national Corps, Iraq commanding general and Maj. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, the 1st Cavalry Division commanding general, prepare to the complete transfer of authority between the divisions during ceremonies held April 15 in Baghdad. Photo by Sgt. Christopher Stanis, 1AD PAO.





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 Victory North, Baghdad
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June 13, 2004

MARTY
 Dear General Dempsey:

You and the great Iron Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division have performed monumental feats for our nation and the Iraqi people. The Nation and our Army owe you a large debt of gratitude.

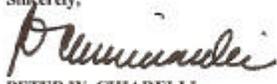
The men and women of the 1st Cavalry have a special place in our hearts for your contributions—contributions that we have been honored to witness first-hand. Virtually every part of our ability to conduct this mission is attributable in some major way to America's Tank Division. From the great insights into the mission requirements throughout the districts of Baghdad, to our living conditions, to the hard-earned knowledge of the goals and aspirations of the citizens of Baghdad, you were on target every time.

I know you are proud of your great Soldiers, and we share in that pride. From leaders to led, from private to general, we know that our success will be measured by how well we learned the lessons taught by you and your commanders and staff. Just as importantly, the relationships we developed along the way are indelible.

The professionalism displayed by every Soldier in America's Tank Division faced with a last minute extension in theater, is a testament of your leadership and the leadership of your non-commissioned officers. You have set the standard and made our entire Army proud.

You have my thanks and the thanks of the 29,000 Soldiers and Airmen of Task Force Baghdad. Your Iron Soldiers are forever fixtures in the lore of the First Team. Your patience and wisdom will be remembered fondly for generations of 1st Cav Troopers.

With our Highest Regards, Iron Soldiers!

Sincerely,

PETER W. CHIARELLI
 Major General, U.S. Army
 Commanding Officer

MG Martin Dempsey
 1ST Armored Division
 Baghdad, Iraq

MARTY,
 I HOPE YOU WILL SHARE THIS WITH YOUR LEADERS AND SOLDIERS... THEY'RE ALL HEROES.
 PETS



Quote of the Day...

"The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object."

-- Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), 3rd US President, author Declaration of Independence

Oddly Enough...

Blow Drying Excuse Fails to Save Speeding Driver

WELLINGTON (Reuters) - A New Zealand man caught driving at more than twice the legal speed limit claimed he needed to step on the gas in order to blow dry his car.

Roger Daniel, 37, made the novel excuse after he was nabbed traveling at more than 75 mph in a 30 mph zone in the northern town of Whangarei, the Dominion Post newspaper reported on Wednesday.

"I have a bad back and just thought I would do that to dry the car instead of having to chamois it dry," he told police.

The explanation failed to impress and Daniel was fined \$191 and had his license suspended for six months.

Crooks in Pick-Your-Own Strawberry Heist

BERLIN (Reuters) - German police are hunting three bandits who held up a self-service strawberry farm with a pistol and a knife -- for a five-pound basket of strawberries.

Germany's AZ newspaper reported on Wednesday that the three men filled their basket with strawberries at a "pick-your-own" farm in the southern town of Taufkirchen near Munich.

When the farm saleswoman approached the men in the field to take their money, they drew their weapons. She fled while the thieves escaped in their nearby car, the daily reported.

Dairy Queen Mascot Tackled Near Store

OREM, Utah (Associated Press) - It's not easy being a giant ice cream cone — just ask Andrea Wilcox. Wilcox was trying to lure customers to a suburban Salt Lake City Dairy Queen restaurant last weekend by wearing an inflatable "Curly Top" suit when she was suddenly tackled for no apparent reason.

"I heard a truck drive up behind me, so I turned around and was waving at them when a kid jumped out and ran toward me," said Wilcox, who didn't get a good view of the person. "I thought, 'What is he doing?' and he just tackled me like a football player."

Manager Sophie Thomas devised a new policy when it comes to wearing Curly Top.

"I will now only let them out there if there are two of them," she said.

The incident did not frighten Wilcox too much. About 15 minutes after the attack, she was back out waving to passers-by.

Another local restaurant chain has experienced a different kind of abuse when it comes to mascots.

Joe Johnson, owner of Little Caesars franchises in Utah, said they have never had their roadside mascots attacked, but people have thrown items such as mustard and ketchup packets.

Chaplain's Thought for the Day...

Giving Encouragement

The Duke of Wellington, the British military leader who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, was not an easy man to serve under. He was brilliant, demanding, and not one to shower his subordinates with compliments. Yet even Wellington realized that his methods left something to be desired. In his old age a young lady asked him what, if anything, he would do differently if he had his life to live over again. Wellington thought for a moment, then replied. "I'd give more praise," he said.

Today in History...

(Historynet.com)

240 BC Eratosthenes estimates the circumference of Earth using two sticks.

1536 Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife, is beheaded.

1778 General George Washington's troops finally leave Valley Forge after a winter of training.

1821 The Ottomans defeat the Greeks at the Battle of Dragasani.

1846 The New York Knickerbocker Club plays the New York Club in the first baseball game at Elysian Field, Hoboken, New Jersey.

1862 President Abraham Lincoln outlines his Emancipation Proclamation. News of the document reaches the South.

1885 The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York City from France.

1933 France grants Leon Trotsky political asylum.

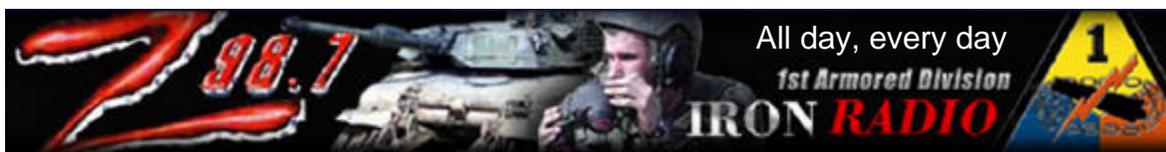
1942 Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrives in Washington D.C. to discuss the invasion of North Africa with President Roosevelt.

1944 U.S. Navy carrier-based planes shatter the remaining Japanese carrier forces in the Battle of the Marianas.

1958 Nine entertainers refuse to answer a congressional committee's questions on communism.

1973 The Case-Church Amendment prevents further U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia.

1987 The U.S. Supreme Court voids the Louisiana law requiring schools to teach creationism.



For your Information...

8TH FINANCE KEY DATES AND ACTIONS

16 JUN to 10 JUL:

BIAP Check Cashing & Casual Pay

M-W-F 0900-1700 hrs

17 JUN:

All Paying Agents must Clear
8th Finance Bn

POC- CPT Miller @ 551-9308

*Early Clearance is Highly Encouraged

**IRON
FINANCE!**

26 JUN:

Last Day for Turn-In of 365 BOG Paperwork

Include Soldiers Eligible through 30 Jun



Reenlistment Bonus Incentives continue.

The Army continues to pay soldiers for remaining part of the team. Recently, some bonuses have been retroactive as far back as March 18, 2003.

If a Soldier reenlisted between March 18 and Sept. 18, 2003 for either option E1 (Regular Army) or E2 (Current station stabilization) and did not receive a bonus, he or she should contact their Career Counselor and see if they qualify for the bonus.

The most current update to the Selective Reenlistment Bonus program is MILPER Message 04-163 dated 05/14/2004.

myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2004					As of: Saturday, June 19, 2004 5:11:02 AM	
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00			THE X-FILES (TV14): - AGUA MALA	CLIFFORD'S PUPPY DAYS	HEADLINE NEWS	0:00
0:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		LITTLE BILL (TVY): - SAME MOON, SAME SUN, SAME STAR/ALL TOGETHER NOW	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	0:30
1:00	SPORTSCENTER	FATHER OF THE BRIDE PART II	THE VIEW (TVPG):	ROCKET POWER - A ROCKET X-MAS	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	1:00
1:30				WHAT'S NEW SCOOPY DOO? (TVY): - IT'S ALL GREEK TO SCOOPY	CBS EVENING NEWS	1:30
2:00	MLB - INTERLEAGUE - KANSAS CITY ROYALS @ PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES (JIP)		BURT WOLF'S LOCAL FLAVORS (TVG): - OTTOWA, CANADA	POKEMON: JOHTO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (TVY): - FREEZE FRAME	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	2:00
2:30			A MAKEOVER STORY (TVG): - ROCK'N RINSE	KENNY THE SHARK (TVG): - TWO DAYS OF THE PARROT/MY OLD SCHOOL		2:30
3:00		THE TRUMAN SHOW	AIRLINE (TVPG): - KIDS... WHOD HAVE THEM?	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - OVER THE HILL	HANNITY & COLMES	3:00
3:30			AIRLINE (TVPG): - BEYOND OUR CONTROL	SCOUT'S SAFARI (TVG): - BRUSHFIRE		3:30
4:00	MLB - INTERLEAGUE - NY YANKEES @ LOS ANGELES DODGERS		TRADING SPACES (TVG): - NEW YORK: HALF HOLLOW TURN	WARRIOR BOXING - WBO JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	THE NEWSHOUR	4:00
5:00		HEADLINE NEWS	EVERWOOD (TVPG): - FAMILY DYNAMICS		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	5:00
5:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	5:30
6:00		HEADLINE NEWS	STRONG MEDICINE (TV14): - ADMISSIONS	SPORTSCENTER	LARRY KING LIVE	6:00
6:30		HEADLINE NEWS				6:30
7:00	ESPNEWS	CLIFFORD'S PUPPY DAYS	WIT	WWE RAW! (TV14):	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	7:00
7:30	RACELINE	LITTLE BILL (TVY): - SAME MOON, SAME SUN, SAME STAR/ALL TOGETHER NOW				7:30
8:00	SPORTSCENTER	ROCKET POWER - A ROCKET X-MAS		HEADLINE NEWS	PAULA ZAHN NOW	8:00
8:30		WHAT'S NEW SCOOPY DOO? (TVY): - IT'S ALL GREEK TO SCOOPY		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS		8:30
9:00	MONSTER TRUCK SHOW - MONSTER JAM	POKEMON: JOHTO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (TVY): - FREEZE FRAME	THE VIEW (TVPG):	ENDURANCE	NIGHTLINE	9:00
9:30		KENNY THE SHARK (TVG): - TWO DAYS OF THE PARROT/MY OLD SCHOOL		GOOD EATS (TVG):	ARMY NEWSWATCH	9:30
10:00	MLB - INTERLEAGUE - BOSTON RED SOX @ LOS ANGELES DODGERS	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - OVER THE HILL	BURT WOLF'S LOCAL FLAVORS (TVG): - OTTOWA, CANADA	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	10:00
10:30		SCOUT'S SAFARI (TVG): - BRUSHFIRE	A MAKEOVER STORY (TVG): - ROCK'N RINSE			10:30
11:00		ENDURANCE	AIRLINE (TVPG): - KIDS... WHOD HAVE THEM?	HEADLINE NEWS	CNN LIVE	11:00
11:30		GOOD EATS (TVG):	AIRLINE (TVPG): - BEYOND OUR CONTROL	ESPNEWS		11:30
12:00		ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - NEW YORK: HALF HOLLOW TURN	MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - CANDY WARS	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	12:00
12:30				HALF & HALF (TVPG): - THE BIG EXPECTATIONS EPISODE		12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	WWE RAW! (TV14):	EVERWOOD (TVPG): - FAMILY DYNAMICS	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - AN KHE	20/20	13:00
14:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT	MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - CANDY WARS	STRONG MEDICINE (TV14): - ADMISSIONS	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - CAN I GET A WITNESS?	SATURDAY TODAY	14:00
14:30		HALF & HALF (TVPG): - THE BIG EXPECTATIONS EPISODE				14:30
15:00	TOTALLY NASCAR	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - AN KHE	WIT	HEADLINE NEWS		15:00
15:30	I, MAX			SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') (TV14): - LINDSAY LOHAN/USHER	HEADLINE NEWS	15:30
16:00	SPORTSCENTER	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - CAN I GET A WITNESS?			MSNBC LIVE	16:00
17:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE VIEW (TVPG):	KICKIN' IT	WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT	17:00
17:30	SPORTSCENTER	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	17:30
18:00		SPORTSCENTER	BURT WOLF'S LOCAL FLAVORS (TVG): - OTTOWA, CANADA	ESPNEWS	DATELINE NBC	18:00
18:30	GOLF - 104TH U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: THIRD ROUND		A MAKEOVER STORY (TVG): - ROCK'N RINSE	BEYOND THE GLORY		18:30
19:00		FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS: DEMETRIUS HOPKINS VS AL GONZALEZ	AIRLINE (TVPG): - KIDS... WHOD HAVE THEM?			19:00
19:30			AIRLINE (TVPG): - BEYOND OUR CONTROL	GILLETTE WORLD SPORT		19:30
20:00			TRADING SPACES (TVG): - NEW YORK: HALF HOLLOW TURN	RIP CURL PRESENTS - WAHINE CLASSIC	HEADLINE NEWS	20:00
20:30				ESPNEWS	ARMY NEWSWATCH	20:30
21:00		MLB - NY YANKEES @ LOS ANGELES DODGERS	EVERWOOD (TVPG): - FAMILY DYNAMICS	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	21:00
21:30				HOOR OF POWER - RECAPTURE THE WONDER		21:30
22:00			STRONG MEDICINE (TV14): - ADMISSIONS	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY - TRADING GOLD FOR DUST	FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30				CORAL RIDGE HOUR - OVERCOMING LIFE'S PROBLEMS: PROBLEMS: FAULT-FINDING		22:30
23:00			WIT	CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP - THE OTHER SIDE	FOX NEWS LIVE	23:00
23:30				CAFE VIDEO - IN THE NAME		23:30