



# The Old Ironsides Report



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## PSYOP team makes connections with local communities



**Maj. John A. Grench, PSYOP operations officer for 1st Armored Division and detachment commander with the 315th Psychological Operations Unit, an Army Reserve unit from San Jose, Calif., affixes a 'Next Generation' poster on the wall of a local business. The poster shows members of the new Iraqi security forces.**

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BAGHDAD, Iraq –U.S. Army Psychological Operations teams are hitting Baghdad's streets with information to combat fear and misinformation being spread by the enemies.

Soldiers from the 315th Psychological Operations Unit from San Jose, Calif., part of Task Force 1st Armored Division, are pushing out into the communities and meeting with residents to make sure that the Iraq people hear and see the truth about what is happening in their country.

"Today, we went out and distributed copies of 'Baghdad Now' and the new 'Next Generation' posters," said Maj. John A. Grench, PSYOP operations officer for 1st Armored Division and 315th detachment commander. "It is important to inform the Iraqi people of the coalition forces' intentions and what we are doing by distributing informative products and through face-to-face communication."

'Baghdad Now,' published every two weeks, tells residents about events and provides news about their neighborhoods. It is written in Arabic and English by Iraqi journalists and also contains news from the neighborhoods' military leaders.

The paper highlights the accomplishments of coalition and Iraqi community members in the rebuilding of the country, said Grench.

PSYOPS' newest communication tools are the "Next Generation" posters. The "Next Generation" posters show representatives from the new Iraqi security forces: Iraqi Police Services, Force Protection Services, Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and the New Iraqi Army.

Grench and his team hang the posters in local shops and businesses hoping Iraqis see that they are as much a part of the security of their nation as the Coalition, he said.

PSYOPS use the posters and newspapers as tools to break the language barriers and quickly spread vital, accurate information to the Iraqi public, but, Grench said, nothing is quite like personal contact.

"Building bridges' is one of the primary goals for PSYOPS," he said. "By talking to people and gaining perspective in a local area, it allows us to build a picture of the overall perception in a region. After identifying the problems, concerns and misinformation, we can come back and begin to address it."

Even with much misinformation being spread throughout Iraqi communities, Grench said that the overall attitude of Iraqis toward coalition personnel is very positive.

"Most feel good about U.S. forces," he said. "There is only a small percentage out there who are somewhat put off by Soldiers, but that is mainly because they do not know how to react to us. Those people have had very little contact with U.S. forces and quickly latch onto anything they hear because they do not know the truth. That is why we are here – to make sure they hear the whole truth."

With a circulation of more than 750,000 copies, "Baghdad Now" is reaching more Iraqis now than ever before. Distribution of the papers keeps PSYOPS forces busy in the streets of the city but also allows them time to make contact with the people and learn about them.

"I was happy to participate in the liberation of Iraq and now I am happy to participate in its rebuilding," Grench said. "If there is one thing I have learned it is these people are no different from our own people. We have the same problems, troubles, worries and fears. Over time, with our facilitation, they will learn to help themselves and take advantages of the opportunities they have never had before."

## **NEWS...**

### **Iraqis Split on U.N. Vote Recommendation**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraqi politicians gave mixed reviews Friday to a U.N. recommendation against early elections but said they would await details before deciding how to form a new government to take power from the U.S.-led coalition after June 30. Iraq's top Shiite leader, who challenged the American plan for the handover by calling for a direct vote, reportedly said he would accept only a short delay in elections and argued that any non-elected administration must have strictly limited powers.

### **Iranians Vote in Parliamentary Elections**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Torn between a reformist boycott and calls by conservatives to give "a slap to America's face," Iranians voted Friday in elections likely to return the nation's legislature to Islamic hard-liners. With thousands of reform candidates disqualified - and the ballot weighted with conservatives - the fight was more about how many votes will be cast for the 290-seat parliament than who would win. Turnout was being watched as a test of public sentiment.

### **Japan Raises Terror Alert to Highest Level**

TOKYO (AP) - Japan intensified security at airports, nuclear plants and government facilities Friday as a precaution against a possible terror attack, a National Police Agency official said. The government's heightened alert sent a shiver through global financial markets, knocking the Japanese yen to 10-week lows against the dollar.

### **Americans Begin Fleeing Fear-Gripped Haiti**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Americans began fleeing Haiti on Friday after insurgents torched police outposts and threatened new attacks in a spreading rebellion against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who defiantly declared he's ready to die for his nation. In Haiti's west, pro-Aristide supporters burned down homes in a seaside neighborhood and fired guns above the heads of residents who jumped into the ocean for safety.

### **Calif. Sued Over Legality of Gay Marriage**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - In what critics call a delay tactic, San Francisco is taking California to court on grounds its ban on same-sex marriages is unconstitutional. The city, which filed the lawsuit late Thursday, has sanctioned more than 2,900 gay unions since it began defying state law last week.

### **Bush Raises \$150M, Adds 50,000 New Donors**

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush has raised at least \$150 million since beginning his re-election effort last May, according to a campaign finance report filed Friday with the Federal Election Commission. Bush raised about \$12.9 million last month, the report showed. The campaign said it added 50,000 new donors in January.

## ***In other news...***

### **Flogging Demonstration Brings Charges**

AMES, Iowa (AP) -- A student bondage club at Iowa State University has been charged with violating university rules after a flogging demonstration in December.

The school's Office of Judicial Affairs charged the group Cuffs with assault in violation of the Student Conduct Code and Iowa law.

A letter outlining the charges was given to the group's president, Duane Long Jr. on Monday during a meeting with Bethany Schuttinga, the director of ISU judicial affairs. "Cuffs leadership planned and implemented a demonstration at a scheduled Cuffs meeting involving the striking of another person(s) with a whip, belt, flogger, paddle, cane and hand with the intention of causing pain to that person," Schuttinga said.

She said the flogging amounted to an assault, which violates the university's conduct policy and Iowa law. She said the violations were minor and will be dealt with in an administrative hearing. No criminal charges will be filed.

Cuffs, which was formed in 2000, is for students interested in bondage, domination, sadism and masochism. The group could face disciplinary actions ranging from a warning to probation, which would require the club to demonstrate the ability to comply with university rules.

Cuffs also could receive a deferred suspension, which would limit activities during club meetings and limit access to the group.

Schuttinga advised Long against performing further physical demonstrations at meetings saying such acts could result in additional charges.

Long, a senior, said he was disappointed in the decision. "I don't believe the assault laws should be used against consensual BDSM activities. To use it in that way is inappropriate," he said.

### **Pamela Anderson Happily Single**

NEW YORK (AP) -- After high-profile romances with rockers Tommy Lee and Kid Rock, Pamela Anderson is happily single - and says being a full-time mom dominates her life.

"Maybe I won't date again until my kids are 18. I'm very happy," Anderson told The Associated Press in a phone interview Thursday.

"I only have room for my kids, so that's taking all of my time. I'm a full-time mom and I focus on that," said the 36-year-old actress. Sons Brandon, 7, and Dylan, 6, are from Anderson's marriage to former Motley Crue drummer Lee.

Anderson also is busy doing voice-overs for Spike TV's animated series "Stripperella," writing a column for Jane magazine and working on two books to be published by Atria, an imprint of Simon & Schuster. The first - titled "From the Waist Up" - will be released this summer, she said.

"Small-town girl comes to California, falls into a lot of different traps here and there, shoots for a very sexy magazine, meets powerful men. It's fiction!" she said, laughing.

## **Thought for the day...**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

-- Romans 15:13

## Today in History...

### February 21, 1848: MARX PUBLISHES MANIFESTO

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On February 21, 1848, *The Communist Manifesto*, written by Karl Marx with the assistance of Friedrich Engels, is published in London by a group of German-born revolutionary socialists known as the Communist League. The political pamphlet--arguably the most influential in history--proclaimed that "the history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles" and that the inevitable victory of the proletariat, or working class, would put an end to class society forever. Originally published in German as *Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei* ("Manifesto of the Communist Party"), the work had little immediate impact. Its ideas, however, reverberated with increasing force into the 20th century, and by 1950 nearly half the world's population lived under Marxist governments.

Karl Marx was born in Trier, Prussia, in 1818--the son of a Jewish lawyer who converted to Lutheranism. He studied law and philosophy at the universities of Berlin and Jena and initially was a follower of G.W.F. Hegel, the 19th-century German philosopher who sought a dialectical and all-embracing system of philosophy. In 1842, Marx became editor of the *Rheinische Zeitung*, a liberal democratic newspaper in Cologne. The newspaper grew considerably under his guidance, but in 1843 the Prussian authorities shut it down for being too outspoken. That year, Marx moved to Paris to co-edit a new political review.

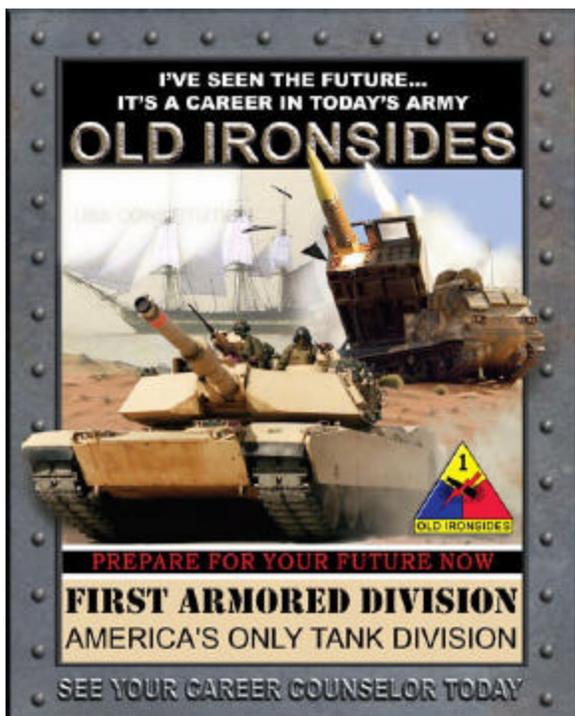
Paris was at the time a center for socialist thought, and Marx adopted the more extreme form of socialism known as communism, which called for a revolution by the working class that would tear down the capitalist world. In Paris, Marx befriended Friedrich Engels, a fellow Prussian who shared his views and was to become a lifelong collaborator. In 1845, Marx was expelled from France and settled in Brussels, where he renounced his Prussian nationality and was joined by Engels.

During the next two years, Marx and Engels developed their philosophy of communism and became the intellectual leaders of the working-class movement. In 1847, the League of the Just, a secret society made up of revolutionary German workers living in London, asked Marx to join their organization. Marx obliged and with Engels renamed the group the Communist League and planned to unite it with other German worker committees across Europe. The pair were commissioned to draw up a manifesto summarizing the doctrines of the League.

Back in Brussels, Marx wrote *The Communist Manifesto* in January 1848, using as a model a tract Engels wrote for the League in 1847. In early February, Marx sent the work to London, and the League immediately adopted it as their manifesto. Many of the ideas in *The Communist Manifesto* were not new, but Marx had achieved a powerful synthesis of disparate ideas through his materialistic conception of history. The *Manifesto* opens with the dramatic words, "A spectre is haunting Europe--the spectre of communism," and ends by declaring: "The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Workers of the world, unite!"

In *The Communist Manifesto*, Marx predicted imminent revolution in Europe. The pamphlet had hardly cooled after coming off the presses in London when revolution broke out in France on February 22 over the banning of political meetings held by socialists and other opposition groups. Isolated riots led to popular revolt, and on February 24 King Louis-Philippe was forced to abdicate. The revolution spread like brushfire across continental Europe. Marx was in Paris on the invitation of the provincial government when the Belgian government, fearful that the revolutionary tide would soon engulf Belgium, banished him. Later that year, he went to the Rhineland, where he agitated for armed revolt.

The bourgeoisie of Europe soon crushed the Revolution of 1848, and Marx would have to wait longer for his revolution. He went to London to live and continued to write with Engels as they further organized the international communist movement. In 1864, Marx helped found the International Workingmen's Association--known as the First International--and in 1867 published the first volume of his monumental *Das Kapital*--the foundation work of communist theory. By his death in 1884, communism had become a movement to be reckoned with in Europe. Twenty-three years later, in 1917, Vladimir Lenin, a Marxist, led the world's first successful communist revolution in Russia.



### 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:

- Command Career Counselor: SGM James Jaranowski, 551-9405
- Retention Operations NCO: MSG Gary Schoolfield, 551-9405
- 1st Brigade: SFC Burke, Martyrs' Monument, 550-7027
- 2nd Brigade: SSG Gibson, Presidential Palace, 551-2010
- 4th Brigade: MSG Wolfe, 551-6620
- DIVARTY: SFC Hilton, 551-7030
- DIVENG: MSG Collier, 551-6131
- DISCOM SFC Casnave, 551-9405
- Division Troops: SFC Nagle, 551-9405

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2004				As of: Friday, February 20, 2004 9:17:25 PM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	LAVA HUNTERS : - LIVING ON THE EDGE			00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - FOREVER	BOB THE BUILDER	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN		JOJO'S CIRCUS : - EASY AS PIE/TAKE A BOW		01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		IRON CHEF : - TARO POTATO/CHEN VS KUNISHIKO HASHIMOTO	CHALKZONE : - HOLE IN THE WALL / THE TERRIBLE TWO-AND-A-HALFS / SUPERHERO SNAP / I'M BACK AND BLUER THEN EVER	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS : - THE EGG-PIRE STRIKES BACK (PT. 2)	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00		WEIRD SCIENCE		YU-GI-OH! (TV-7): - BEST OF FRIENDS, BEST OF DEULISTS (PT. 1)	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NBA SHOOTAROUND			THE PROUD FAMILY : - ADVENTURES IN BEBE SITTINGS	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00	NBA - MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES @ DETROIT PISTONS		WHAT NOT TO WEAR : - MORNA	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - MECHANICAL CRANE	CNBC: THE NEWS	04:00
04:30				NHL - COLORADO AVALANCHE @ DALLAS STARS	HEADLINE NEWS	04:30
04:45		NATIONAL LAMPOON'S ANIMAL HOUSE				04:45
05:00			WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: LAKEWOOD DRIVE		HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			TRADING SPACES : - COLORADO: CHERRY AVENUE		THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30	NBA - PHILADELPHIA 76ERS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS	CINEMA SECRETS : - WHEN FANTASY BECOMES REALITY				06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	GILMORE GIRLS : - A TALE OF POES AND FIRE	ESPNEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS		WWE RAW!	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION : - PARTNERS IN CRIME		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS		HEADLINE NEWS		08:30
09:00	SPORTSCENTER	BOB THE BUILDER	SOUL FOOD	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30		JOJO'S CIRCUS : - EASY AS PIE/TAKE A BOW		TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - BOSTON: MIDWAY LANE		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	CHALKZONE : - HOLE IN THE WALL / THE TERRIBLE TWO-AND-A-HALFS / SUPERHERO SNAP / I'M BACK AND BLUER THEN EVER			PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS : - THE EGG-PIRE STRIKES BACK (PT. 2)		HOW TO BOIL WATER : - FRUIT BOWL		10:30
11:00	FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - USBA JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE BOUT: TOKUNBO OLAJIDE VS LARRY MARKS	YU-GI-OH! (TV-7): - BEST OF FRIENDS, BEST OF DEULISTS (PT. 1)	THE VIEW	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		THE PROUD FAMILY : - ADVENTURES IN BEBE SITTINGS			AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
12:00		TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - BOSTON: MIDWAY LANE	WHAT NOT TO WEAR : - MORNA	HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30				ESPNEWS		12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - MECHANICAL CRANE	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: LAKEWOOD DRIVE	ONE ON ONE : - STUCK ON YOU	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30		HOW TO BOIL WATER : - FRUIT BOWL		ACCORDING TO JIM : - THE PASS		13:30
14:00	AROUND THE HORN	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	TRADING SPACES : - COLORADO: CHERRY AVENUE	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - PERFECT	DATELINE NBC	14:00
14:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION					14:30
15:00	NBA - PHILADELPHIA 76ERS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS	WWE RAW!	GILMORE GIRLS : - A TALE OF POES AND FIRE	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - SOULLESS		15:00
16:00		ONE ON ONE : - STUCK ON YOU	THE DIVISION : - PARTNERS IN CRIME	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	16:00
16:30		ACCORDING TO JIM : - THE PASS		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - DREW BARRYMORE/KELIS		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - PERFECT	SOUL FOOD		SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
18:00	WIRE TO WIRE	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - SOULLESS		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD		18:00
18:30	NHL COOL SHOTS					18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	THE VIEW	THE ENTERTAINERS	WALL STREET JOURNAL	19:00
19:30		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	19:30
20:00	TOTALLY NASCAR	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: SYRACUSE @ GEORGETOWN	WHAT NOT TO WEAR : - MORNA	SPORTSCENTER	DATELINE NBC	20:00
20:30	NASCAR BUSCH SERIES - ROCKINGHAM 200					20:30
21:00			WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: LAKEWOOD DRIVE	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CUSA: LOUISVILLE @ CINCINNATI		21:00
22:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: NOTRE DAME @ UCONN	TRADING SPACES : - COLORADO: CHERRY AVENUE		HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30					AIR FORCE TV NEWS	22:30
23:00	PGA TOUR - NISSAN OPEN: THIRD ROUND		GILMORE GIRLS : - A TALE OF POES AND FIRE	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	23:00
23:30				HOUR OF POWER - REBUILDING BROKEN DREAMS		23:30