



# *The Old Ironsides Report*



***Saturday, January 24, 2004***

## **‘Cougar’ Squadron soldiers swap smiles with orphans**

**By Capt. Jason Tolbert, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment**

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Even in a hostile environment where the enemy could be just around the corner nothing will put a smile on a soldier's face quicker than little kids.

The soldiers of 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Camp Marlboro never pass up a chance to make life just a little bit easier for some of the less fortunate Iraqi children.

Earlier this month, these soldiers visited Al-Rhama's House for Orphans where they have made lots of little friends.

The orphanage is a privately run organization which takes care of approximately 53 girls and boys ranging from the ages of 5-19 years old.

"Most of these children either have no father or mother or no family at all and would be living on the streets if it were not for the orphanage," said Chap. (Maj.) Mathew Stuart, 2nd Squadron chaplain.

The soldiers were told about of the orphanage by a soccer coach in Sadr City.

Some of the "Cougars" took it upon themselves to collect school supplies to give to the kids. Most of the supplies given to the children were donated by soldiers' friends and families in the United States.

The supplies given to the children at the orphanage ranged from school supplies to new shoes and toys.

The soldiers delivering the packages to the children were by no means strangers at the orphanage.

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**Soldiers of 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment pose with some of the residents of the Al-Rhama's House for Orphans during a recent visit. "Cougar" Squadron soldiers frequently visit the children bringing gifts and supplies donated by family and friends back in the States. Courtesy photo.**

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Almost a month earlier on Christmas Day, Chap. Stuart coordinated a toy drop at the orphanage where most of the kids were surprised to meet the soldiers.

This time around, the kids were "extremely excited to see us again" the chaplain said.

The ongoing relationship between the Cougars living at Camp Marlboro and the children at Al-Rhama's House for Orphans will continue, he said.

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## *News...*

### **Iraqi Cleric Urges End to Demonstrations**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric Friday urged his followers to stop holding demonstrations for early elections until a U.N. team decides whether polls are feasible.

The call by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani is good news for the U.S.-led administration, which says early elections to choose an Iraqi government are impossible because of the country's precarious security.

### **Jury Troubles Prosecutor in Stewart Case**

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal prosecutor said she was worried about finding a fair jury in the Martha Stewart trial after one potential juror looked at the style maven and openly wished her luck.

Prosecutor Karen Patton Seymour asked the judge in the case to specifically ask potential jurors whether their feelings about Stewart would make it difficult to be fair to both sides, according to a transcript released Thursday.

### **Dean Derides Washington Politicians**

LONDONDERRY, N.H. (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean on Friday derided Washington politicians who "say anything just to get elected," a slap at his Beltway-based rivals.

He expanded his target to Alan Greenspan, saying the Federal Reserve chairman "has become too political" and should be replaced. The onetime front-runner, seeking to rally his sagging campaign by casting himself as a Washington outsider, criticized Greenspan as he assailed President Bush's tax cut, arguing that they were geared to benefit the wealthy.

### **NASA Gets Half-Hour of Signals From Rover**

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - NASA received data from the Spirit rover Friday morning for the first time in two days, easing scientists' anxiety that the Mars mission had come to a calamitous halt.

The six-wheeled rover communicated for 10 minutes at about 4:30 a.m. and transmitted "limited data" for 20 minutes about an hour later, officials said in statements early Friday.

### **Bob Keeshan, Captain Kangaroo, Dies at 76**

By CHRISTOPHER GRAFF, Associated Press Writer  
MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) -- Bob Keeshan, who gently entertained and educated generations of children as television's walrus-mustachioed Captain Kangaroo, died Friday at 76.

Keeshan, who lived in Hartford, Vt., died of a long illness, his family said in a statement.

Keeshan's "Captain Kangaroo" premiered on CBS in 1955 and ran for 30 years before moving to public television for six more. It was wildly popular among children and won six Emmy Awards, three Gabriels and three Peabody Awards.

The format was simple: Each day, Captain Kangaroo, with his sugar-bowl haircut and uniform coat, would wander through his Treasure House, chatting with his good friend Mr. Green Jeans, played by Hugh "Lumpy" Brannum.

He would visit with puppet animals, like Bunny Rabbit, who was scolded for eating too many carrots, and Mr. Moose, who loved to tell knock-knock jokes.

But the show revolved about the grandfatherly Captain Kangaroo, whose name was inspired by the kangaroo pouch-like pockets of the coat Keeshan wore.

"I was impressed with the potential positive relationship between grandparents and grandchildren, so I chose an elderly character," Keeshan said.

Keeshan, born in Lynbrook, N.Y., became a page at NBC while he was in high school. He joined the Marine Corps in 1945.

His first television appearance came in 1948, when he played Clarabell the Clown on the "Howdy Doody Show." Later he played Cory the clown, the host of a noontime cartoon program in New York City.

"Captain Kangaroo" debuted on Oct. 3, 1955, and Keeshan remained in that role until 1993.

Keeshan, who moved to Vermont in 1990, remained active as a children's advocate, writing books, lecturing and lobbying on behalf of children's issues.

He was critical of today's TV programs for children, saying they were too full of violence.

When Fred Rogers, the gentle host of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," died last year, Keeshan recalled how they often spoke about the state of children's programming.

"I don't think it's any secret that Fred and I were not very happy with the way children's television had gone," Keeshan said.

In 1987, Keeshan and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander co-founded Corporate Family Solutions, an organization that provided day-care programs to businesses around the country.

Keeshan believed children learn more in the first six years of life than at any other time and was a strong advocate of day care that provides emotional, physical and intellectual development for children.

"Play is the work of children. It's very serious stuff. And if it's properly structured in a developmental program, children can blossom," he said.

### *Chaplain's thought for the day...*

#### **Liberty**

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

-- John F. Kennedy

#### **SAFETY TIP**

Keep any vehicle parked along route under surveillance -- especially a vehicle that has individuals standing or working around. Be prepared to engage with defensive weapons.

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2004				As of: Friday, January 23, 2004 10:13:30 AM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS			00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - BLOOD TIES	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (YR. 6) : - LET IT GO	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN LOSES A BOOK/FRANKLIN LIKES BETTY		01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		IRON CHEF : - CHINESE CABBAGE/CHEN VS HISAO ODACHI	ROCKET POWER : - TWISTER'S HAT/ TITO-THON	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00		THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY	THE VIEW	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7): - DUEL IDENTITY (PT. 1)	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NBA SHOOTAROUND			THE PROUD FAMILY : - TWEEN TOWN	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00	NBA - HOUSTON ROCKETS @ INDIANA PACERS		LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - CATAPULT	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - SEATTLE HOMES	HOW TO BOIL WATER : - SASSY SIDES		04:30
05:00		SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: LOWELL COURT	TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - VIRGINIA BEACH: TALBOT COURT	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: SPAULDING AVENUE	HEADLINE NEWS	CNBC: THE NEWS	06:00
06:30	ESPNEWS			NBA - SAN ANTONIO SPURS @ PHOENIX SUNS	HEADLINE NEWS	06:30
07:00	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 6	HEADLINE NEWS	GILMORE GIRLS : - SWAN SONG		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION : - HERO		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (YR. 6) : - LET IT GO	INDECENT PROPOSAL	ESPNEWS	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN LOSES A BOOK/FRANKLIN LIKES BETTY		WWE RAW!		09:30
10:00		ROCKET POWER : - TWISTER'S HAT/ TITO-THON			PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30	ESPNEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS		NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR		10:30
11:00	FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE BOUT: SCOTT PEMBERTON VS OMAR SHEIKA	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7): - DUEL IDENTITY (PT. 1)	THE VIEW	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		THE PROUD FAMILY : - TWEEN TOWN			AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
12:00		TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - VIRGINIA BEACH: TALBOT COURT	LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - SEATTLE HOMES	ESPNEWS		12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - CATAPULT	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: LOWELL COURT	ONE ON ONE : - MEET THE PARENTS	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30		HOW TO BOIL WATER : - SASSY SIDES		ACCORDING TO JIM : - SLUMBER PARTY		13:30
14:00	INSIDE THE NFL	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: SPAULDING AVENUE	THE PRACTICE : - LES IS MORE	DATELINE NBC	14:00
15:00	NBA - HOUSTON ROCKETS @ INDIANA PACERS	WWE RAW!	GILMORE GIRLS : - SWAN SONG	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - FUTILITY	CNN SATURDAY MORNING	15:00
16:00		ONE ON ONE : - MEET THE PARENTS	THE DIVISION : - HERO	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20 SPECIAL EDITION	16:00
16:30		ACCORDING TO JIM : - SLUMBER PARTY		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - JESSICA SIMPSON & NICK LACHEY		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE PRACTICE : - LES IS MORE	INDECENT PROPOSAL		SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
18:00	NFL LIVE	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - FUTILITY		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD		18:00
18:30	WIRE TO WIRE					18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	THE VIEW	THE ENTERTAINERS	WALL STREET JOURNAL	19:00
19:30		NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	19:30
20:00	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 6	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: VIRGINIA @ NORTH CAROLINA	LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	SPORTSCENTER	NEWS FROM CNN	20:00
20:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - SEATTLE HOMES			20:30
21:00			WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: LOWELL COURT	WINTER X GAMES - VIII DAY 1	DATELINE NBC	21:00
22:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ATLANTIC 10: TEMPLE @ MASSACHUSETTS	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: DUKE @ GEORGETOWN	TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: SPAULDING AVENUE		HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30					AIR FORCE TV NEWS	22:30
23:00			GILMORE GIRLS : - SWAN SONG	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20 SPECIAL EDITION	23:00
23:30				HOUR OF POWER - THE POSITIVE POWER OF ONE BOOK		23:30

## *Today in history...* Jan. 24, 1943

### **Von Paulus to Hitler: Let us surrender!**

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On this day, German Gen. Friedrich von Paulus, commander in chief of the German 6th Army at Stalingrad, urgently requests permission from Adolf Hitler to surrender his position there, but Hitler refuses.

The Battle of Stalingrad began in the summer of 1942, as German forces assaulted the city, a major industrial center and a prized strategic coup. But despite repeated attempts and having pushed the Soviets almost to the Volga River in mid-October and encircling Stalingrad, the 6th Army, under Paulus, and part of the 4th Panzer Army could not break past the adamant defense of the Soviet 62nd Army.

Diminishing resources, partisan guerilla attacks, and the cruelty of the Russian winter began to take their toll on the Germans. On November 19, the Soviets made their move, launching a counteroffensive that began with a massive artillery bombardment of the German position. The Soviets then assaulted the weakest link in the German force—inexperienced Romanian troops. Sixty-five thousand were ultimately taken prisoner by the Soviets.

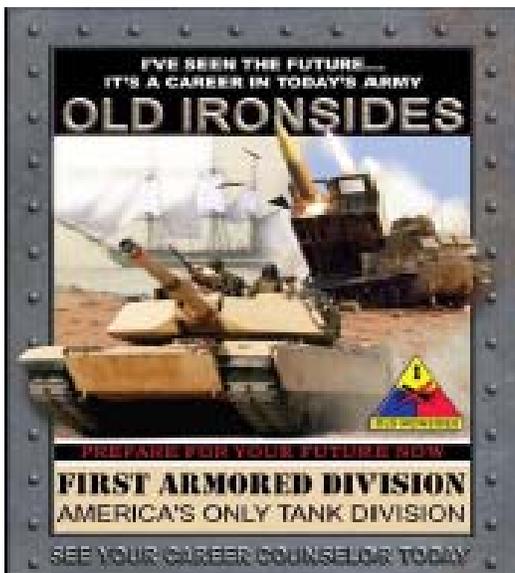
The Soviets then made a bold strategic move, encircling the enemy, and launching pincer movements from north and south simultaneously, even as the Germans encircled Stalingrad.

The Germans should have withdrawn, but Hitler wouldn't allow it. He wanted his armies to hold out until they could be reinforced. By the time those fresh troops arrived in December, it was too late. The Soviet position was too strong, and the Germans were exhausted.

By January 24, the Soviets had overrun Paulus' last airfield. His position was untenable and surrender was the only hope for survival. Hitler wouldn't hear of it: "The 6th Army will hold its positions to the last man and the last round."

Paulus held out until January 31, when he finally surrendered. Of more than 280,000 men under Paulus' command, half were already dead or dying, about 35,000 had been evacuated from the front, and the remaining 91,000 were hauled off to Soviet POW camps.

Paulus eventually sold out to the Soviets altogether, joining the National Committee for Free Germany and urging German troops to surrender. Testifying at Nuremberg for the Soviets, he was released and spent the rest of his life in East Germany.



### **Reenlistment Bonus Still Available**

The Army keeps rewarding soldiers with cash for reenlisting while deployed. Task Force 1st Armored Division soldiers with less than 10 years of service can earn from \$5,000 to \$10,000 when they reenlist.

Soldiers must reenlist for 36 months. Other factors that will determine the bonus amount include years of service and current pay grade.

For more information contact your career counselor:

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