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2nd BDE, 82nd Airborne hands off community to DIVARTY

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - The 1st Armored Division Artillery (DIVARTY) Combat Team accepted authority of the Al Rashid district in southern Baghdad from 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, during a Transfer of Authority (TOA) ceremony at Camp Falcon Jan. 23.

With numerous local District Advisory Council members watching the ceremony, Col. Jon Brockman, DIVARTY commander, accepted the job of helping rebuild Baghdad's southern district of more than 1.5 million people from Col. Kurt Fuller, commander of the 2-82.

The Fort Bragg, N.C., unit has overseen the operations under Task Force 1st Armored Division's southern area of responsibility since July.

Fuller and his paratroopers have been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since February 2002, and are currently in the process of redeploying back to North Carolina.

As the 2nd Brigade colors were carefully rolled up by Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Riley, the brigade's senior noncommissioned officer, Fuller seemed emotional as he reflected back to the past four months in what he described as "The safest district in Baghdad."

"Because we are able to conduct this TOA today is a testament to the improvement in the security situation now, compared to last July when I took command," Fuller said. "I am very proud of my paratroopers' efforts in this area. I am equally proud of their efforts in rebuilding this area, restoring infrastructure, rehabilitating neglected schools, restoring civil functions and generating a local government structure where one never before existed."

Brockman told the soldiers and community members that he hoped to continue moving forward with the many accomplishments the paratroopers have accomplished over the past six months.

Some of the 2-82's achievements since July include:

- recruited, trained, equipped and employed 2,900 facility protection service guards;
- created a full battalion of nearly 1,000 Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) guardsmen;
- removed more than 2,000 war wrecks;
- refurbished the Thurwa Veteran's Clinic at a cost of \$130,000;
- hired more than 2,000 local citizens to help clear the streets of debris and trash, provide security, and repair the infrastructure; and,
- administered the repair of 13 of 16 technical schools at a cost of \$400,000.

"As impressive as this list is, and I am very proud of all the accomplishments we have made," Fuller said. "Perhaps the most impressive part is the simple optimism and cooperation that has solidified across Al Rashid district as we have worked together, coalition and Iraqi citizen, for the common goal of a free, democratic Iraq."

Fuller said his sincere wish is that all Iraqis are able to make the most of this unprecedented opportunity to build a better life - and make it what they want it to be.



The 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division's colors are cased during transfer of authority ceremonies Jan. 23. The paratroopers turned over control of the Al Rashid district to the 1st Armored Division's Division Artillery Combat Team.

"I know I am leaving this district in good hands," he said.

As the red, white and blue colors of 2-82 disappeared into the drab green protective case, the battle streamers of DIVARTY were unveiled. It is the first time the unit has acted as a maneuver element in theatre.

"Our mission remains the same as the Falcons'," said Brockman. "We will maintain the same high standards of excellence of Task Force Falcons."

From cordon and search operations to combat raids, the soldiers from the two units have been working side-by-side learning about the community and how to successfully complete the mission.

Brockman praised Task Force Falcon's hospitality during the transition period and their willingness to share information about the keys to success in achieving and maintaining a safe and secure environment in the Al Rashid district of Baghdad.

"The Falcons are a truly great combat team and their aggressiveness, dedication to duty, and selfless service have contributed immensely to the security of the Al Rashid district and allowing it to be one of the most secure areas of Baghdad," he said.

Brockman said his DIVARTY Combat Team (DCT) looks forward to working with the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps, specifically the 504th battalion and Alpha Company, 36th Battalion, which call Camp Falcon home.

"We will continue the great efforts and initiatives of [Fuller] and his Falcons by training, supporting, and integrating the ICDC in all of our operations," he said.

DIVARTY will continue to support the facility protective services in securing and protecting highways and facilities in the Al Rashid sector, he said.

"We are committed to working with you in growing democracy in Iraq. Our priorities will remain security, governance, power, and education," he said.

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News...

U.S. Searches for Missing GI, Two Pilots

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - U.S. forces aided by Iraqis searched the muddy waters of the Tigris River on Monday in northern Iraq for a soldier and two pilots missing after a helicopter crashed while searching for a patrol boat that had capsized. Separately, a man was killed when he stepped on a roadside bomb as he got off a bus in a Baghdad suburb on Monday, Iraqi Civil Defense Corps 2nd Lt. Mustafa Tariq said. The explosion left the bus badly mangled and wounded three other passengers, one critically, he said.

Sept. 11 Panel Explores Border Security

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were allowed into the country despite carrying fraudulent visas and being questioned by customs agents, an independent commission investigating the terrorist attacks said Monday in releasing new details about the attack. For example, hijacker Saeed al Ghamdi was referred to immigration inspection officials in June 2001 after he provided no address on his customs form and only had a one-way plane ticket and about \$500. But Al Ghamdi was able to persuade the inspector that he was a tourist.

Hill Budget Office Sees 10-Year Deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal deficits will total nearly \$2.4 trillion over the next decade, the Congressional Budget Office projected Monday, a worsening of nearly \$1 trillion since its last forecast in last August. According to numbers obtained by The Associated Press, Congress' nonpartisan fiscal analyst also projected that the red ink would hit a record \$477 billion this year.

Dean, Kerry Trade Foreign Policy Barbs

PLYMOUTH, N.H. (AP) - Howard Dean, swapping criticism of foreign policy with Democratic presidential rival John Kerry, on Monday questioned Kerry's judgment in voting against the Persian Gulf War in 1991 while supporting the 2002 resolution to invade Iraq. "I think it should be the other way around," Dean said as he and other candidates entered the final day of campaigning before New Hampshire's leadoff primary. "Where was John Kerry when George Bush was giving out all this misinformation?"

SAFETY TIP

Rear security element must be alert for suspicious activity or peculiar behavior by civilian vehicles driving around your convoy.

They may be attempting to slow or stop your convoy to execute an attack.

In other news...

Break-Dancers Perform for the Pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) -- In an unusual spectacle at the Vatican, Pope John Paul II presided over a performance of break-dancers who leaped, flipped and spun their bodies to beats from a tinny boom box.

The 83-year-old pontiff seemed to approve, waving his hand after each dancer completed a move, then applauding for the entire group. He watched the performance Sunday from a raised throne.

"For this creative hard work I bless you from my heart," he said.

During the show, one dancer - part of a Polish group that helps poor and marginalized youths - planted his head on the inlaid marble floor of the Vatican hall and spun to loud applause from his group and from Vatican officials. Another performer flung his body around in a series of spins and handstands.

"Artistic talent is a gift from God and whoever discovers it in himself has a certain obligation: to know that he cannot waste this talent, but must develop it," John Paul said.

Earlier Sunday, members of an Italian Catholic youth organization enthusiastically cheered the pope's weekly remarks in St. Peter's Square. A few were invited into his papal apartment and helped him release doves from his window.

The pope, who suffers numerous ailments but appeared relatively strong Sunday, called out to the other children cheering below his window.

"I love you all. I love you very much," he said.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Being a Winner

A Quote from the movie "Hoosiers:"

"Forget about the crowds, the size of the school, their fancy uniforms, and remember what got you here, focus on the fundamentals we have gone over time and time again, and most importantly don't get caught up thinking about winning or losing this game.

If you put your efforts and concentration on playing to your potential, being the best you can be, I don't care what the scoreboard says at the end of the game; in my book we're going to be winners."

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As of: Monday, January 26, 2004 9:03:18 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	MONSTER GARAGE : - DELIVERY TRUCK	TODAY		00:00
00:30	ESPNEWS	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		PATRIOT GAMES		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: TEXAS @ TEXAS TECH	NFL LIVE	ROCKET POWER : - RAINY DAYS & SUNDAES	DRAGON TALES : - BACK TO THE STORY BOOK/ DRAGON SCOUTS	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30		THE SPORTS REPORTERS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - BOY TOY/ INSPECTION DETECTION	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00		NHL - DETROIT RED WINGS @ DALLAS STARS	THE SIMPSONS : - POPPA'S GOT A BRAND NEW BADGE	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	CNBC: THE NEWS	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR			04:30
05:00	WINTER X GAMES - VIII DAY 3		J.A.G. : - FRIENDLY FIRE	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			THE PRACTICE : - INTER ARMA SILENT LEGES	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	CELEBRITY PROFILES : - LEAH REMINI	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - MWC: BYU @ NEW MEXICO	HEADLINE NEWS	GOOD WILL HUNTING		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		SESAME STREET		DISNEY'S PB&J OTTER : - BUTTER THE BALLOONATIC/ GIZMTRONIC TRON RAFFLE	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30				WHAT'S NEW SCOOPY DOO? : - SCOOPY-DOO CHRISTMAS		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	DRAGON TALES : - BACK TO THE STORY BOOK/ DRAGON SCOUTS		THAT'S SO RAVEN : - SMELL OF VICTORY	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	THE AMANDA SHOW		10:30
11:00	SPORTS SPECIAL - 2003 FIREFIGHTERS' COMBAT CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - RAINY DAYS & SUNDAES	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30	SPORTS SPECIAL - 2003 FIREFIGHTERS' COMBAT CHALLENGE RELAYS	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - BOY TOY/ INSPECTION DETECTION	HEADLINE NEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	11:30
11:46						11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS		THE SIMPSONS : - POPPA'S GOT A BRAND NEW BADGE	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00	SPORTSCENTER		J.A.G. : - FRIENDLY FIRE	SMALLVILLE : - PRODIGAL	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
14:00	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - MEN'S QUARTERFINAL	HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE : - INTER ARMA SILENT LEGES	SPIDER-MAN	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00		TODAY	CELEBRITY PROFILES : - LEAH REMINI		GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			GOOD WILL HUNTING			16:00
16:15				HEADLINE NEWS		16:15
16:30	SPORTSCENTER					16:30
16:37				PACIFIC REPORT		16:37
16:45				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:45
17:00		DISNEY'S PB&J OTTER : - BUTTER THE BALLOONATIC/ GIZMTRONIC TRON RAFFLE			HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30	FIA SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP - SPA	WHAT'S NEW SCOOPY DOO? : - SCOOPY-DOO CHRISTMAS			CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45						17:45
18:00		THAT'S SO RAVEN : - SMELL OF VICTORY		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00					THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	ESPNEWS	THE AMANDA SHOW	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES			18:30
18:45				ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:45
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - RAINY DAYS & SUNDAES			19:00
19:15				DAD		19:15
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - BOY TOY/ INSPECTION DETECTION			19:30
20:00	WINTER X GAMES - VIII DAY 3	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - POPPA'S GOT A BRAND NEW BADGE		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR			20:30
21:00	SPORTSCENTER	SMALLVILLE : - PRODIGAL	J.A.G. : - FRIENDLY FIRE		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:30				BLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY		21:30
22:00	WIRE TO WIRE	SPIDER-MAN	THE PRACTICE : - INTER ARMA SILENT LEGES		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30	NFL LIVE					22:30
23:00	ESPNEWS		CELEBRITY PROFILES : - LEAH REMINI	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30	ESPNEWS			HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Jan. 27, 1926

BAIRD DEMONSTRATES TV

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On January 27, 1926, John Logie Baird, a Scottish inventor, gives the first public demonstration of a true television system in London, launching a revolution in communication and entertainment.

Baird's invention, a pictorial-transmission machine he called a "televisor," used mechanical rotating disks to scan moving images into electronic impulses. This information was then transmitted by cable to a screen where it showed up as a low-resolution pattern of light and dark. Baird's first television program showed the heads of two ventriloquist dummies, which he operated in front of the camera apparatus out of view of the audience.

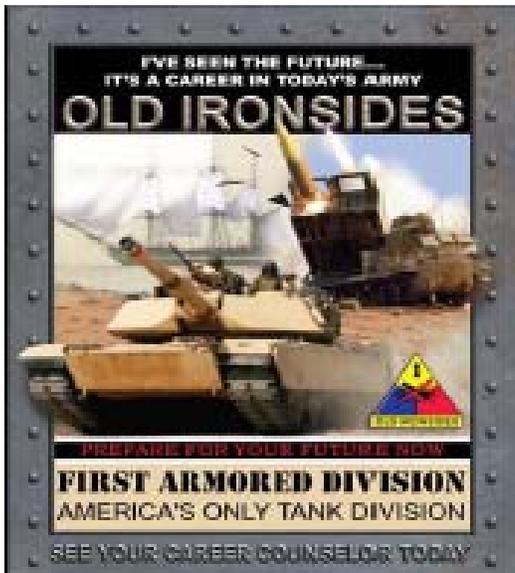
Baird based his television on the work of Paul Nipkow, a German scientist who patented his ideas for a complete television system in 1884. Nipkow likewise used a rotating disk with holes in it to scan images, but he never achieved more than the crudest of shadowy pictures. Various inventors worked to develop this idea, and Baird was the first to achieve easily discernible images.

In 1928, Baird made the first overseas broadcast from London to New York over phone lines and in the same year demonstrated the first color television.

The first home television receiver was demonstrated in Schenectady, New York, in January 1928, and by May a station began occasional broadcasts to the handful of homes in the area that were given the General Electric-built machines. In 1932, the Radio Corporation of America demonstrated an all-electronic television using a cathode-ray tube in the receiver and the "iconoscope" camera tube developed by Russian-born physicist Vladimir Zworykin. These two inventions greatly improved picture quality.

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) inaugurated regular high-definition public broadcasts in London in 1936. In delivering the broadcasts, Baird's television system was in competition with one promoted by Marconi Electric and Musical Industries. Marconi's television, which produced a 405-line picture--compared with Baird's 240 lines--was clearly better, and in early 1937 the BBC adopted the Marconi system exclusively.

Regular television broadcasts began in the United States in 1939, and permanent color broadcasts began in 1954.



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.

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