



The Old Ironsides Report

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Division leader explains mission extension to families

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WIESBADEN, Germany -- Iron Spouses and family-members, anticipating the announcement extending their loved-ones in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, gathered throughout the 1st Armored Division's communities over the past week to discuss issues and have their questions answered.

Thursday's much-anticipated announcement came, sparking a flurry of questions from families about their Soldiers on the ground in Iraq. In order to get the story straight, Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, 1st Armored Division Commanding General, sent back a command representative.

Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, returned from Iraq last week, beginning a tour of 1st Armored Division communities in Hanau, Friedberg and Giessen on Friday, addressing the concerns of family-members.

Hertling, the assistant division commander for support, continued his meetings with families in Wiesbaden and Dexheim on Monday, rounding out with the Baumholder community on Tuesday.

Hertling began his address in each community with a short briefing on the overall situation in Iraq and followed with an explanation specific to the units relevant to each gathered crowd.

"You have to share your emotions with someone," said Hertling to a capacity crowd in the Friedberg Theater. "One of the reasons I came back here was just that."

The first question asked by the family members was for an explanation of why 1AD had to be extended. Hertling went on to explain some of the reasoning for the extension of 1AD troops.

"Decisions were made to ask the 1st Armored Division to stay, not because we were available, but because everybody down there knows we are good at what we do," said Hertling, continuing to emphasize the importance of 1AD's contributions to the Global War on Terror.

"The U.S. and the enemy have our hands around each other's throats. We have got to see this thing through and win," said Hertling emphatically to the crowd in 2nd Brigade Combat Team's home in Baumholder.

After Hertling's initial briefing, the question and answer sessions lasted for several hours in each community. Issues addressed ranged from increased compensation for Soldiers in theater more than 365 days to renewing expired powers of attorney.

Hertling explained why some family members were



Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, 1st Armored Division assistant division commander for support, talks with family members at the Taunus Theater in Wiesbaden April 18.

having difficulty communicating with their Soldiers. The infrastructure that had been set up to support internet-café and phone banks had been turned over to incoming units or dismantled as the division began its redeployment move to Kuwait. However, the process of increasing the quality of life for Iron Soldiers has begun all over again as units settle back in, said Hertling.

Hertling's overall message to the families was that the command of 1AD, the 104th Area Support Group and the various base support battalions are aware of the concerns of the families and soldiers and will do everything to support them in these tough times.

For more information or to have your questions answered, visit the following Websites:

http://www.hanau.army.mil/HanauWeb/04_services/newsfrontvtc.asp

http://www.hanau.army.mil/HanauWeb/04_services/newfront/form2.htm

NEWS...

Suicide Car Bombs Kill 68 in Basra, Iraq

BASRA, Iraq (AP) - Five suicide attackers detonated car bombs against police buildings during rush hour Wednesday, killing 68 people, including kindergartners and middle school girls burned to death in their passing school buses. It was the bloodiest attack in this southern, mainly Shiite city since the U.S.-led occupation began a year ago. Two more car bombers were captured before they could attack, Basra Gov. Wael Abdul-Latif said, adding that he believed al-Qaida was behind the bombings.

Nine Killed in Saudi Car Bomb Explosions

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Two car bombs blasted the Saudi national police headquarters Wednesday, killing at least nine people and wounding 125 others, just days after a U.S. warning of a possible terrorist attack. Facades were torn off buildings near the explosions, revealing rooms still ablaze. Cars parked nearby were smashed by debris.

Kerry Responds to Combat Injury Questions

WASHINGTON (AP) - John Kerry's campaign is posting his military records on the Internet as his critics question the combat injuries that earned him three Purple Hearts and an early exit from Vietnam. The first records posted Tuesday night on Kerry's campaign Web site documented the awards that have been a highlight of Kerry's biography.

Greenspan Tells Congress Rates Will Rise

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress that America's economic recovery has good momentum and that low, short-term interest rates will have to rise at some point, though he didn't say when. "Looking forward, the prospects for sustaining solid economic growth in the period ahead are good," Greenspan said.

Thought for the day...

Assumptions

Tim Purcell in Leadership Magazine told of a "tough factory manager who was walking through the packing room one day and saw a young man lounging on a shipping crate, whistling and relaxing.

He stopped and asked him his weekly salary. The young man answered, "\$200." At that, the manager pulled out his wallet, handed the young man the money and told him, "Here's a week's pay. Get out!"

The manager immediately found the department head and demanded to know who had hired that young man. The department head replied, "We didn't hire him. He was just here to pick up a package."

Assumptions can be costly; it therefore saves both time and resources to 'look before you leap.'

Sports and courts...

Ginsburg to Hear Clarett Case Against NFL

By RUSTY MILLER, AP Sports Writer
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -- Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Wednesday asked the NFL to respond to Maurice Clarett's request for a stay of a federal appeals court's decision preventing the former Ohio State tailback from being in this weekend's draft.

Ginsburg asked the league to respond by Thursday morning. There was no word on when she planned to act on Clarett's emergency request or whether she would refer the request to the other eight justices.

Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, filed the emergency appeal with the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

In 1971, lawyers for Detroit high school star Spencer Haywood followed the same approach. A stay preventing Haywood from going in the NBA draft was tossed out by Justice William O. Douglas, opening the door for underclassmen and teenagers to play pro basketball.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued the stay on Monday, putting a hold on a lower-court ruling that said the NFL can't force players to wait three years after high school before turning pro.

The NFL said the appellate decision will ultimately stand.

"There was ample support for the ruling of the 2nd Circuit, which thoroughly considered and completely rejected the arguments that Mr. Clarett's lawyers have presented to the Supreme Court," NFL executive vice president Jeff Pash said.

Southern California sophomore receiver Mike Williams filed his own lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan on Monday, saying the NFL issued conflicting statements about eligibility for the draft which caused him to sacrifice his college career.

If they wind up being eligible, Williams would be expected to go in the first round of the draft, while Clarett might not be taken until the second or third round.

Clarett argued in Tuesday's filing that the NFL wouldn't suffer any harm if he's allowed in the draft - but he would be harmed if he is blocked.

Clarett led Ohio State to a national title as a freshman, but was ruled ineligible as a sophomore for accepting money from a family friend and lying about it to NCAA and university investigators. Williams declared for the draft after a lower court ruled in Clarett's favor.

Clarett, 20 and out of high school two years, would be eligible for the draft next year under the current rule. He dropped out of classes at Ohio State after the winter quarter.

U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled in February that Clarett should be allowed in the draft. She said the rule excluding him violates antitrust law and unjustly blocks a player from pursuing his livelihood.

Ginsburg is a Clinton administration appointee who oversees matters from the New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit.

There is no court deadline for Ginsburg to act on the request, but Clarett's lawyer said if no decision is rendered before the draft Clarett "will suffer substantial irreparable injury."

If Ginsburg or the full court turns down the request, the lower court's decision against Clarett stands.

Should the court decide against Clarett - and by extension, Williams - the players could only return to play college football if they met academic standards and their universities successfully petitioned the NCAA for reinstatement.

The NFL also could be compelled legally to include Clarett and Williams in a supplemental draft. Former stars such as Reggie White, Cris Carter and Bernie Kosar entered the NFL after being taken in supplemental drafts.

Today in history...

April 22, 1915: GERMANS INTRODUCE POISON GAS

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On April 22, 1915, German forces shock Allied soldiers along the western front by firing more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas against two French colonial divisions at Ypres, Belgium. This was the first major gas attack by the Germans, and it devastated the Allied line.

Toxic smoke has been used occasionally in warfare since ancient times, and in 1912 the French used small amounts of tear gas in police operations. At the outbreak of World War I, the Germans began actively to develop chemical weapons. In October 1914, the Germans placed some small tear-gas canisters in shells that were fired at Neuve Chapelle, France, but Allied troops were not exposed. In January 1915, the Germans fired shells loaded with xylyl bromide, a more lethal gas, at Russian troops at Bolimov on the eastern front. Because of the wintry cold, most of the gas froze, but the Russians nonetheless reported more than 1,000 killed as a result of the new weapon.

On April 22, 1915, the Germans launched their first and only offensive of the year. Known as the Second Battle of Ypres, the offensive began with the usual artillery bombardment of the enemy's line. When the shelling died down, the Allied defenders waited for the first wave of German attack troops but instead were thrown into panic when chlorine gas wafted across no-man's land and down into their trenches. The Germans targeted four miles of the front with the wind-blown poison gas and decimated two divisions of French and Algerian colonial troops. The Allied line was breached, but the Germans, perhaps as shocked as the Allies by the devastating effects of the poison gas, failed to take full advantage, and the Allies held most of their positions.

A second gas attack, against a Canadian division, on April 24, pushed the Allies further back, and by May they had retreated to the town of Ypres. The Second Battle of Ypres ended on May 25, with insignificant gains for the Germans. The introduction of poison gas, however, would have great significance in World War I.

Immediately after the German gas attack at Ypres, France and Britain began developing their own chemical weapons and gas masks. With the Germans taking the lead, an extensive number of projectiles filled with deadly substances polluted the trenches of World War I. Mustard gas, introduced by the Germans in 1917, blistered the skin, eyes, and lungs, and killed thousands. Military strategists defended the use of poison gas by saying it reduced the enemy's ability to respond and thus saved lives in offensives. In reality, defenses against poison gas usually kept pace with offensive developments, and both sides employed sophisticated gas masks and protective clothing that essentially negated the strategic importance of chemical weapons.

The United States, which entered World War I in 1917, also developed and used chemical weapons. Future president Harry S. Truman was the captain of a U.S. field artillery unit that fired poison gas against the Germans in 1918. In all, more than 100,000 tons of chemical weapons agents were used in World War I, some 500,000 troops were injured, and almost 30,000 died, including 2,000 Americans.

In the years following World War I, Britain, France, and Spain used chemical weapons in various colonial struggles, despite mounting international criticism of chemical warfare. In 1925, the Geneva Protocol of 1925 banned the use of chemical weapons in war but did not outlaw their development or stockpiling. Most major powers built up substantial chemical weapons reserves. In the 1930s, Italy employed chemical weapons against Ethiopia, and Japan used them against China.

In World War II, chemical warfare did not occur, primarily because all the major belligerents possessed both chemical weapons and the defenses--such as gas masks, protective clothing, and detectors--that rendered them ineffectual. In addition, in a war characterized by lightning-fast military movement, strategists opposed the use of anything that would delay operations. Germany, however, did use poison gas to murder millions in its extermination camps.

Since World War II, chemical weapons have only been used in a handful of conflicts--the Yemeni conflict of 1966-67, the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-88--and always against forces that lacked gas masks or other simple defenses. In 1990, the United States and the Soviet Union signed an agreement to cut their chemical weapons arsenals by 80 percent in an effort to discourage smaller nations from stockpiling the weapons. In 1993, an international treaty was signed banning the production, stockpiling (after 2007), and use of chemical weapons. It took effect in 1997 and has been ratified by 128 nations.



1ST ARMORED DIVISION RETENTION

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM REDEPLOYMENT SUPPORT



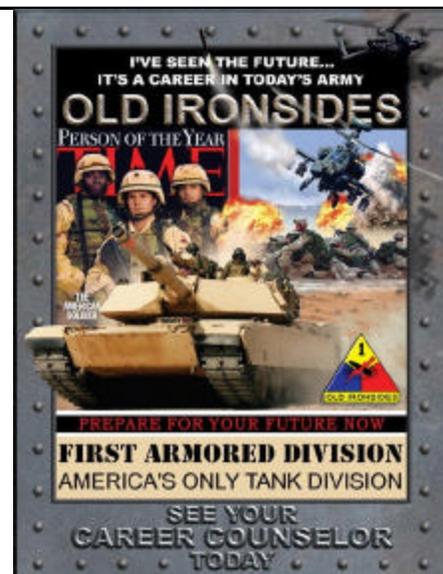
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When the wheels go up heading back to Germany the money goes away

EXAMPLES OF BONUS PAYMENTS:

	3YR REUP	4YR REUP	5YR REUP	6YR REUP
SPC W/3 YEARS	\$4317.00	\$6650.00	\$8547.00	\$10,000.00
SGT W/6 YEARS	\$2663.00	\$7457.00	\$9588.00	\$10,000.00
SSG W/8 YEARS	\$3145.00	\$7925.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

*BONUS PAYMENTS VARY BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF YEARS REENLISTED FOR AND THE NUMBER OF MONTHS PRIOR TO ORIGINAL ETS SOLDIER REENLISTS. THESE FIGURES ARE BASED UPON A SOLDIER REENLISTING 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO ORIGINAL ETS DATE. SEE YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH MONEY YOU ARE ENTITLED TO.

"STAY STRONG, STAY PROUD, STAY 1AD"



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As of: Wednesday, April 21, 2004 8:47:45 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - D-DAY DECEPTIONS	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS TODAY	AFNEWS ON ASSIGNMENT	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		STAR TREK II: THE WRATH OF KHAN		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER				HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NBA - PLAYOFFS - 1ST ROUND GM 2: MILWAUKEE BUCKS @ DETROIT PISTONS	MLB - ST. LOUIS CARDINALS @ HOUSTON ASTROS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - BLOOD SISTERS	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS		CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - A STREETCAR NAMED MARGE	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (TVY): - CALL IT A DAY	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - THEOGATE	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		04:30
05:00			DHARMA & GREG (TV14): - EDUCATING DHARMA (PT. 1)	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30	NBA - PLAYOFFS - 1ST ROUND GM 2: DENVER NUGGETS @ MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES		MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - PERFECT DAD			05:30
06:00		BASEBALL TONIGHT	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - POSSE COMITATUS	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	DOMINICK DUNNE'S POWER, PRIVILEGE, AND JUSTICE (TVPG): - A MARRIAGE OF INCONVENIENCE	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS	JOURNEYS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - THE PEOPLE OF THE FLAME	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		08:25
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	ESPNEWS	SESAME STREET	MASTERPIECE THEATER (TVPG): - THE JURY (PT. 1)		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		09:13
09:30	TOTALLY NASCAR					09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (TVY): - CALL IT A DAY		DISNEY'S HERCULES (TVY): - THE BIG KISS	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		HEY ARNOLD! (TVY): - BEST MAN/ COOL PARTY		10:30
11:00	MLB - OAKLAND ATHLETICS @ SEATTLE MARINERS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - BLOOD SISTERS	POKEMON: JOHTO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	JACKIE CHAN ADVENTURES (TVY7): - QUEEN OF SHADOWKHAN	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - A STREETCAR NAMED MARGE	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - THEOGATE	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):	ESPNEWS	60 MINUTES II	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
13:30			MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - PERFECT DAD	HEADLINE NEWS		13:30
13:52				PACIFIC REPORT		13:52
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - POSSE COMITATUS	SCRUBS (TV14): - MY JOURNEY	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	14:00
14:25				SCRUBS (TV14): - MY WHITE WHALE		14:25
14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				14:30
14:50				REEL TIME		14:50
15:00	MLB - SAN DIEGO PADRES @ SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS	TODAY	DOMINICK DUNNE'S POWER, PRIVILEGE, AND JUSTICE (TVPG): - A MARRIAGE OF INCONVENIENCE	THE BACHELOR (TV14):	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			JOURNEYS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - THE PEOPLE OF THE FLAME	E.R. (TVPG): - MISSING		16:00
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	DISNEY'S HERCULES (TVY): - THE BIG KISS	MASTERPIECE THEATER (TVPG): - THE JURY (PT. 1)	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:22				PACIFIC REPORT		17:22
17:30		HEY ARNOLD! (TVY): - BEST MAN/ COOL PARTY		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00	NBA FASTBREAK	POKEMON: JOHTO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	JACKIE CHAN ADVENTURES (TVY7): - QUEEN OF SHADOWKHAN		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - BLOOD SISTERS			19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		19:30
20:00	ESPNEWS	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - A STREETCAR NAMED MARGE	THE WRONG MAN	FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:19	BASEBALL TONIGHT					20:19
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - THEOGATE			20:30
21:00	MLB - FLORIDA MARLINS @ PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES	SCRUBS (TV14): - MY JOURNEY	AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):		60 MINUTES II	21:00
21:25		SCRUBS (TV14): - MY WHITE WHALE				21:25
21:30			MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - PERFECT DAD			21:30
21:45				AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN		21:45
21:50		REEL TIME				21:50
22:00		THE BACHELOR (TV14):	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - POSSE COMITATUS		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00		E.R. (TVPG): - MISSING	DOMINICK DUNNE'S POWER, PRIVILEGE, AND JUSTICE (TVPG): - A MARRIAGE OF INCONVENIENCE		HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30					INSIDE POLITICS	23:30