



The Old Ironsides Report

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Fallen 4-27 FA artillerymen remembered, honored

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Eight 1st Armored Division Soldiers were honored May 2 in a memorial service at Striker Forward Operating Base on Baghdad International Airport.

The Soldiers honored were: Staff Sgt. Esau G. Patterson Jr., of Ridgeland, S.C., survived by his wife Kisha, son Kevin, daughter Kesauna, and parents Esau and Carrie; Staff Sgt. Jeffrey F. Dayton, of Columbus, Miss., survived by his wife Helen and his parents James and Sheila; Sgt. Ryan M. Campbell, of Kirkville, Md., survived by his parents Mark and Mary Ann MacCombie.

Also honored were: Spc. James L. Beckstrand, of Clarksville, Tenn., survived by his wife Marilena and his parents; Spc. Justin B. Schmidt, of Bagley, Minn., survived by his parents; Pfc. Ryan E. Reed, of Colorado Springs, Colo., survived by his wife Alicia and his mother Mary; Pfc. Norman Darling, of Jamaica, survived by his wife Kimberly, his daughter Camryn, and his parents; and Pvt. Jeremy R. Ewing, of Miami, Fla., survived by his parents Hilda and Arthur.

The eight Soldiers, all assigned to Battery C, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, died April 29 in Al-Mahmudiyah, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near them. They were providing dismounted security for Task Force Iron Claw, a operation to clear improvised explosives devices from Iraqi roads, when they were killed.

“These courageous young men, who lived and fought with such passion over the past year, fell while doing their mission,” said Capt. Jim Hickman, Battery C, 4-27 FA, commander. “These men were heroes and they will never be forgotten.”

During the memorial service, leaders and fellow Soldiers shared stories with a gathering of more than 100 people which included representatives from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team and Division Artillery Combat Team.

The eight fallen men were remembered as strong Soldiers who were dedicated to their duty and their brothers in arms.



Col. Ralph O. Baker, 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander, renders honors to eight fallen Soldiers at a memorial service held May 2 at Striker Forward Operating Base on Baghdad International Airport. The soldiers, all part of Battery C, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, were killed April 29 in a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attack.

“These men did everything right,” said Lt. Col. Brian McKiernan, 4-27 FA commander. “They never complained and they understood how much was at stake. They understood that this was their duty. They were proud sons, loving husbands, doting fathers and faithful brothers. They were Soldiers, America’s finest.”

McKiernan and Hickman stressed the importance of continuing the fight against terrorism.

“These (terrorists) do not understand nor do they value the principles of freedom and human rights,” said McKiernan. “If anyone should forget why we are here, why these Soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice, let me remind you, we are fighting a global war on terrorism.”

“The deaths of our friends and fellow Soldiers will not go in vain,” said Hickman. “We will honor them by keeping up the fight against terrorism.”

Patterson, Dayton, Campbell, Beckstrand, Schmidt, Reed, Darling and Ewing were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals.

NEWS...

Escaped Iraqi Captive Hamill in Germany

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AP) - Former American hostage Thomas Hamill, who escaped his Iraqi captors after three weeks in captivity, arrived Monday in Germany for a reunion with his wife and treatment at a U.S. military hospital, a spokeswoman said. Hamill of Macon, Miss., pried open the doors of the house where he was being held on Sunday and ran a half-mile to a U.S. military convoy passing by near the town of Balad, north of Baghdad.

7 More U.S. Soldiers Reprimanded for Abuse

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Seven more U.S. Soldiers have been reprimanded in the alleged abuse of Iraqi prisoners, and the U.S. officer who oversaw Baghdad's notorious Abu Ghraib prison suggested Monday that more may be involved. On the orders of Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, six of the Soldiers - all officers and noncommissioned officers - have received the most severe level of administrative reprimand in the U.S. military, a military official said on condition of anonymity. A seventh officer was given a more lenient admonishment.

Sharon Won't Resign After Gaza Defeat

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he will rework his plan for pulling out of Gaza and four West Bank settlements in an effort to salvage the proposal following its resounding defeat in a ruling party referendum. Sharon told a meeting of lawmakers from his Likud Party that he would submit the new version to the government and the parliament for approval, according to officials who attended the meeting.

China Shows Off U.N. Peacekeeping School

LANGFANG, China (AP) - The English lesson is titled "Disturbance," and the students are equally unusual - 38 police officers training to become U.N. peacekeepers and join China's effort to expand its diplomatic role on the world stage. In a classroom at a police academy south of Beijing, the students prepare to fight crime in trouble areas abroad by reading a mock burglary investigation.

New Virus Snarls Thousands of Computers

NEW YORK (AP) - An Internet worm that takes advantage of a known flaw with the Windows operating system raced around the world Monday, snarling tens of thousands of computers and causing Internet traffic to slow. Though Microsoft Corp. had announced the flaw with the so-called Local Security Authority Subsystem Service last month, many computer owners had yet to apply the fix that the company had released.

Entertainment...

Monty Python's 'Bryan' Being Re-released

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Monty Python's Flying Circus alumnus Terry Jones doesn't mince words about why the troupe's film "Life of Bryan" is being rushed into re-release this month.

The original plan was to get the movie prints out in August, the month that marks the 25th anniversary of the Python's tale of an accidental messiah. Then came Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ."

"We just saw the opportunity and thought we'd take it," Jones said. "We're definitely trying to cash in on Mel's enormous success."

Jones, who directed the wickedly funny biblical send-up, also helmed "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" and "The Meaning of Life." A quarter-century ago, "Life of Bryan" sparked controversy and bans.

"That was rather good, really, because it gave us a lot of publicity," Jones said. "It also gave us a great ad line in Sweden, because the Swedes regard the Norwegians as having no sense of humor, and as it was banned in Norway the Swedish distributor ran a line that read, 'This film is so funny it was banned in Norway!'"

'Mean Girls' Tops Box Office With \$25M

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Maybe nice guys finish last, but "Mean Girls" came in first at the weekend box office. The comedy starring Lindsay Lohan as a student who gets swept up in the backstabbing politics of fashion, love and popularity among high school cliques earned \$25 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Although it starred 17-year-old Lohan, the presence of "Saturday Night Live" star Tina Fey, who also wrote the screenplay, appealed to grown-up moviegoers. Overall, "Mean Girls" got its strength from girl power.

Thought for the day...

Fatherhood

In the *Effective Father*, Gordon MacDonald wrote: "It is said of Boswell, the famous biographer of Samuel Johnson that he often referred to a special day in his childhood when his father took him fishing.

The day was fixed in his mind, and he often reflected upon many of the things his father had taught him in the course of their fishing experience together.

After having heard of that particular excursion so often, it occurred to someone much later to check the journal that Boswell's father kept and determine what had been said about the fishing trip from the parental perspective.

Turning to that date, the reader found only one sentence entered: "Gone fishing today with my son; a day wasted."

Today in history...

May 4, 1945 As the Nazi threat dies, the Red Army rises

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) -- On this day in 1945, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov informs U.S. Secretary of State Stettinius that the Red Army has arrested 16 Polish peace negotiators who had met with a Soviet army colonel near Warsaw back in March. When British Prime Minister Winston Churchill learns of the Soviet double-cross, he reacts in alarm, stating, "There is no doubt that the publication in detail of this event...would produce a primary change in the entire structure of world forces."

Churchill, fearing that the Russian forces were already beginning to exact retribution for losses suffered during the war (the Polish negotiators had been charged with "causing the death of 200 Red Army officers"), sent a telegram to President Harry Truman to express his concern that Russian demands of reparations from Germany, and the possibility of ongoing Russian occupation of Central and Eastern Europe, "constitutes an event in the history of Europe to which there has been no parallel." Churchill clearly foresaw the "Iron Curtain" beginning to drop. Consequently, he sent a "holding force" to Denmark to cut off any farther westward advance by Soviet troops.

May 4, 1970 Four students killed at Kent State

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) -- At Kent State University, 100 National Guardsmen fire their rifles into a group of students, killing four and wounding 11. This incident occurred in the aftermath of President Richard Nixon's April 30 announcement that U.S. and South Vietnamese forces had been ordered to execute an "incursion" into Cambodia to destroy North Vietnamese bases there. In protest, a wave of demonstrations and disturbances erupted on college campuses across the country.

At Kent State University in Ohio, student protesters torched the ROTC building on campus and Ohio Governor James Rhodes responded by calling on the National Guard to restore order. Under harassment from the demonstrators, the Guardsmen fired into the crowd, killing four and wounding 11. The Guardsmen were later brought to trial for the shootings, but found not guilty.

President Nixon issued a statement deploring the Kent State deaths, but said that the incident should serve as a reminder that, "When dissent turns to violence it invites tragedy." The shooting sparked hundreds of protests and college shutdowns, as well as a march on Washington, D.C., by 100,000 people.

The National Student Association and former Vietnam Moratorium Committee leaders called for a national university strike of indefinite duration, beginning immediately, to protest the war. At least 100 colleges and universities pledged to strike. The presidents of 37 universities signed a letter urging President Nixon to show more clearly his determination to end the war.



PRAYER BREAKFAST

To commemorate



THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

When: **6 May 04**

Where: **Bob Hope DFAC BIAP**

Time: **0645**

Guest Speaker:

Chaplain (LTC) John Read



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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	NOVA (TVPG): - BUILDING BIG: DAMS	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		00:00
00:30	THE HOT LIST	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		TREKKIES	TODAY	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	MLB - BOSTON RED SOX @ CLEVELAND INDIANS	4 QTRS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - CHIMP OFF THE OLD BLOCK	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS		CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00		NBA - PLAYOFFS - 2ND ROUND GM 1: NEW JERSEY NETS @ DETROIT PISTONS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - LISA'S FIRST WORD	SAGWA	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - BOOKWORM	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		04:30
05:00			MONK (TVPG): - MR. MONK AND THE EARTHQUAKE	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS 2ND ROUND GM 6: DETROIT RED WINGS @ CALGARY FLAMES		THE PRACTICE (TV14): - THIS PUD'S FOR YOU	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30		ESPNEWS				06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE THE ACTOR'S STUDIO (TVPG): - JEFF BRIDGES	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	BRUCE LEE: A WARRIOR'S JOURNEY	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		08:25
08:30	NHL 2NIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NBA FASTBREAK	SESAME STREET			NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		09:13
09:30	ESPNEWS					09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	SAGWA	FROM THE FAR EAST TO THE OLD WEST: CHINESE & JAPANESE SETTLERS IN MONTANA	ARTHUR (TVY): - KIDS ARE FROM FROM EARTH, PARENTS ARE FROM PLUTO	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - DOUG'S CONCERT CRISIS		10:30
11:00	MLB - CHICAGO WHITE SOX @ BALTIMORE ORIOLES	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - CHIMP OFF THE OLD BLOCK	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - RANDOM ACTS OF MIRANDA	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	ALL THAT!	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - LISA'S FIRST WORD	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - BOOKWORM	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			AMERICAN IDOL: THE FINAL FIVE	ESPNEWS	CNN DAYBREAK	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
13:30				HEADLINE NEWS		13:30
13:52				PACIFIC REPORT		13:52
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE (TV14): - THIS PUD'S FOR YOU	7TH HEAVEN (TVPG): - I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT!	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				14:30
15:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - 2ND ROUND GM 6: DETROIT RED WINGS @ CALGARY FLAMES	TODAY	INSIDE THE ACTOR'S STUDIO (TVPG): - JEFF BRIDGES	STAR TREK: NEMESIS	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			BRUCE LEE: A WARRIOR'S JOURNEY			16:00
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	ARTHUR (TVY): - KIDS ARE FROM FROM EARTH, PARENTS ARE FROM PLUTO			HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:15					HEADLINE NEWS	17:15
17:30		DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - DOUG'S CONCERT CRISIS			CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:37					PACIFIC REPORT	17:37
17:45				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00	NBA FASTBREAK	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - RANDOM ACTS OF MIRANDA	FROM THE FAR EAST TO THE OLD WEST: CHINESE & JAPANESE SETTLERS IN MONTANA		THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	TOTALLY NASCAR	ALL THAT!	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):			18:30
18:45				THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		18:45
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - CHIMP OFF THE OLD BLOCK			19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS			19:30
19:45				ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		19:45
20:00	ESPNEWS	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - LISA'S FIRST WORD		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:15				PRIMAL FEAR		20:15
20:19	BASEBALL TONIGHT					20:19
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - BOOKWORM			20:30
21:00	NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SERIES - AUTO CLUB 500	7TH HEAVEN (TVPG): - I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT!	AMERICAN IDOL: THE FINAL FIVE		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
22:00		STAR TREK: NEMESIS	THE PRACTICE (TV14): - THIS PUD'S FOR YOU		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:15				TO GILLIAN ON HER 37TH BIRTHDAY		22:15
23:00			INSIDE THE ACTOR'S STUDIO (TVPG): - JEFF BRIDGES		HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30					INSIDE POLITICS	23:30