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Official: Army seeks to apply short-term stop loss to all active-duty in Iraq

By Lisa Burgess, Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army is seeking congressional approval to place all active-duty soldiers currently deployed in support of Operation Iraq Freedom under a short-term stop-loss action, a senior Army official said Monday.

The new stop loss, which could come as early as this week, “will only be [in place] for a few months,” the official said. “It’s not Armywide, and it’s not MOS,” or skills-based, as previous stop-loss actions have been.

The purpose of the new stop loss “is to bridge the gap” between the 130,000 soldiers currently in Iraq, or “OIF 1,” as Pentagon leaders call the rotation, and the next round of some 110,000 replacements, which the Pentagon has dubbed “OIF 2,” the official told Stars and Stripes.

Stop losses prevent service members from retiring or leaving the service at their scheduled time.

The impending Army stop loss was first reported Saturday by the Los Angeles Times, which did not say which soldiers would be affected.

The action “will buy units more time” to better organize the changeover, which will take place beginning in March, the official said.

That swap, which Army officials are calling “the surge,” is the largest, most complex movement of U.S. military personnel since World War II.

The Army is preparing for the surge and will be ready when it happens, the official said. But moving so many people, while at the same time preventing the moves from hurting stabilization efforts in Iraq, is an enormous challenge, the official said.

Limiting individual personnel movements between now and the end of the surge will minimize unit-level disruptions to the process, the official said.

For those soldiers in Iraq who are due to get

out of the Army, “instead of getting on a plane and coming home by themselves [if they have an exit date coming up], they’ll come home with the rest of the unit,” the official said. “It’s not that much extra time.”

The official did not know precisely how many soldiers would be affected by the new stop loss, or whether the same provisions will hold for soldiers in Afghanistan.

Details of the stop-loss program won’t be officially announced until Army officials have first presented the plan to Congress, “some time this week,” the official said.

All the services used stop loss to some extent after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, but only the Army still has programs in place.

In fact, the coming stop loss will be the Army’s third major order of its kind since war in Iraq was considered imminent last January.

At that time, the Army placed unit stop-loss restrictions on all soldiers deploying to the Middle East theater, both active and Reserves.

The unit stop-loss order began 90 days before the troops arrive in Iraq or the surrounding theater, and doesn’t end until 90 days after the soldier returns home from deployment.

The January stop loss was lifted for active units May 29 — but not for Reserve or National Guard soldiers whose units are now deployed or about to deploy. The reserves remain under the program.

The disparity between the “stopped” deployed reserve troops and the “unstopped” deployed active-duty troops has been the source of much unhappiness, judging by letters sent to Stripes from the first group.

Then, on Nov. 13, the Army issued a so-called “unit” stop loss for all active-duty soldiers involved in OIF 2.

That leaves only the currently deployed active-duty soldiers “unstopped,” a status that will change if the Army has its way this week.

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News...

India, Pakistan Agree to Hold Peace Talks

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - India and Pakistan took a giant leap to put more than a half-century of bloodshed behind them, agreeing Tuesday to start talks next month on core disputes of nationalism and religion that have taken the nuclear-armed nations into three wars.

The talks will touch on all topics, including the flash point issue of Kashmir, foreign ministers from both countries said in a joint statement.

Jury Selection Begins in Stewart Case

NEW YORK (AP) - Hundreds of potential jurors in the Martha Stewart trial filed into a federal courthouse Tuesday to fill out questionnaires drawn up by prosecutors and the homemaking maven's defense team. Filling out the questionnaires marked the beginning of jury selection in Stewart's trial on charges she lied to the government about her sale of ImClone Systems stock in 2001.

Rover Yields 3-D, 360-Degree View of Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - Armed with a new 3-D black-and-white panoramic picture of the martian landscape, NASA scientists are peering through the eyes of the rover Spirit and happily debating what places their machine should visit. After a flawless landing on the Red Planet, the rover Spirit sent back images Monday of a barren, rock-strewn landscape scientists hopes will yield clues to whether Mars was once hospitable to life.

Audit: Church Complying With Abuse Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly all of the nation's Roman Catholic bishops are carrying out a new mandatory policy they adopted to prevent sex abuse by priests, according to a church audit released Tuesday. Critics said the study was fundamentally flawed. The review found 90 percent of the 195 U.S. dioceses were fully complying with the plan, which dictates how guilty priests should be punished and requires bishops to take steps to protect children. Among the 20 considered out of compliance are the archdioceses of New York; Anchorage, Alaska; and Omaha, Neb. Four dioceses were not audited.

And in other news...

Woman Wins \$162M Mega Millions Jackpot

By JOE MILICIA, Associated Press Writer
CLEVELAND (AP) -- A woman turned in the winning ticket for the \$162 million Mega Millions multistate lottery jackpot, and it was not the one who claimed she lost it, lottery officials said Tuesday.

Rebecca Jemison, a hospital worker from South Euclid, turned in the 11-state jackpot at Ohio Lottery headquarters in downtown Cleveland, officials said. The lottery validated the sole winning ticket Tuesday morning for the drawing a week ago.

"I think I checked it about five or six times to make sure to see was it real," Jemison said at a news conference at lottery headquarters.

She said she told her mother even before telling her husband.

"One thing I want to make clear: Luck had nothing to do with it. It was truly a blessing, truly a blessing," she said.

Earlier, a Cleveland woman, Elecia Battle, 40, filed a police report saying she lost the ticket last week. Police said her story was credible, but the Ohio Lottery said whoever turned in a valid ticket was legally entitled to the winnings.

About 30 people with flashlights searched for the ticket Monday night outside the suburban Cleveland store that sold the ticket after Battle's police report became public.

Jemison said she was angry and pushed to turn in the ticket after Battle's story was on the news. Jemison said she played the winning numbers occasionally over the past several years.

Battle's lawyer, Sheldon Starke, did not immediately return a call seeking comment on the lottery's announcement. He had said she intended to make a case that the winning ticket was lost property.

"If there is one type of property that is not presumed to be abandoned, it's money ... Anyone who finds it is not the owner," he said.

Battle told police that the numbers - 12, 18, 21, 32 and 46 and Mega Ball 49 - represented family birthdays and ages.

Safety tip...

VEHICLE REGULATIONS APPLY- EVEN IN A WAR ZONE

- KEVLAR HELMETS & SEATBELTS MUST BE WORN
- TROOP STRAPS MUST BE IN PLACE
- ALL LIMBS MUST BE KEPT INSIDE VEHICLES
- NO SMOKING IN ANY VEHICLE
- SPEED LIMITS MUST BE OBEYED
- TROOPS WILL BE CARRIED ONLY WHEN TROOP SEATS ARE AVAILABLE
- TROOPS CANNOT BE CARRIED WITH CARGO

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Fear

One key to Patton's success was that he learned how to deal with his fear.

He declared, "The time to take counsel of your fears is before you make an important battle decision. That's the time to listen to every fear you can imagine. When you have collected all the facts and fears and made your decision, turn off all of your fears and go ahead!"

If someone who considered himself a coward could do it, so can you.

"Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually." 1 Chronicles 16:11

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THEY WERE EXPENDABLE	TODAY		00:00
00:30	ESPNEWS	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN				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	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: MEMPHIS @ VILLANOVA	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: INDIANA @ WISCONSIN	RUGRATS : - CYNTHIA COMES ALIVE/ TRADING PHIL	BOB THE BUILDER	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - AS SEEN ON TV/ CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - SWEETS AND SOUR MARGE	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - PILOT			04:30
05:00	NBA FASTBREAK TUESDAY	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: LSU @ ARKANSAS	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 1	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			THE SHIP : - EPISODE 2	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	CNBC: THE NEWS	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	TANK SCHOOL	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				LAURA MCKENZIE'S TRAVEL TIPS - LOS ANGELES & CATALINA, CA		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - FIM: SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX (PRAGUE)	HEADLINE NEWS	SUICIDE MISSIONS : - DEEP SEA RESCUE		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	SESAME STREET	THE SEARCHERS	BABY LOONEY TUNES : - THE BRAVE LITTLE TWEETY	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30				THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS : - NORMAL BOY/BIRTH OF A SALESMAN		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BOB THE BUILDER		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		LIBERTY'S KIDS (EPS 14-26)		10:30
11:00	FIA SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP - PORTUGAL	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	RUGRATS : - CYNTHIA COMES ALIVE/ TRADING PHIL	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - AS SEEN ON TV/ CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00	NHL - CALGARY FLAMES @ NY ISLANDERS		THE SIMPSONS : - SWEETS AND SOUR MARGE	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - PILOT	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		LAURA MCKENZIE'S TRAVEL TIPS - LOS ANGELES & CATALINA, CA				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			THE SHIP : - EPISODE 1	THE PARKERS : - DEAD CLOWN WALKING	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30				THE PARKERS : - THE HOLD UP		13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 2	EXTREME MAKEOVER	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30	SPORTSCENTER	JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00		TODAY	TANK SCHOOL	THE OC : - THE GAMBLE	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
15:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: LSU @ ARKANSAS					15:30
16:00			SUICIDE MISSIONS : - DEEP SEA RESCUE	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		BABY LOONEY TUNES : - THE BRAVE LITTLE TWEETY	THE SEARCHERS		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30	SPORTSCENTER	THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS : - NORMAL BOY/BIRTH OF A SALESMAN		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	LIBERTY'S KIDS (EPS 14-26)		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS : - CYNTHIA COMES ALIVE/ TRADING PHIL	THE WOMAN IN RED		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - AS SEEN ON TV/ CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?			19:30
20:00	NBA FASTBREAK	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - SWEETS AND SOUR MARGE		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	NFL LIVE	HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - PILOT			20:30
20:45				PLANET OF THE APES		20:45
21:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE PARKERS : - DEAD CLOWN WALKING	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 1		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:30		THE PARKERS : - THE HOLD UP				21:30
22:00	NHL - COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS @ COLORADO AVALANCHE	EXTREME MAKEOVER	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 2		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30				CINEMA SECRETS : - AMAZING CREATURES		22:30
23:00		THE OC : - THE GAMBLE	TANK SCHOOL	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Jan. 7, 1955

Marian Anderson debuts at the Met

(Library of Congress) Famed contralto Marian Anderson made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City on **January 7, 1955** as Ulrica in Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera*. She was the first African American to perform with the company.

Anderson was born in Philadelphia on February 27, 1897 and began her musical training at the age of six with the Union Baptist Church choir. Rejected by a local music school because of her race, Anderson had private voice lessons funded by her family, church, and friends.

She toured the United States extensively, appearing in concerts and recitals, and, in 1925, won first prize in the New York Philharmonic voice contest. The contest yielded a number of performance dates, but it was not until she traveled to Europe that she gained major recognition.

Anderson encountered racial prejudice throughout her career, but the most famous incident of discrimination took place in 1939 when she was barred by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) from performing at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Several years earlier, the DAR responded to protests over mixed seating during performances of black artists by instituting a policy banning African-American artists from performing at the hall. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was the most prominent member to resign from the organization in protest. At the invitation of the federal government, Anderson performed before an audience of approximately 75,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939.

The action of the DAR reflected the racial prejudices prevalent in the period. Prior to the abolition of legalized segregation in the 1950s, African Americans were simply barred from attending cultural events in many parts of the country. In January 1939, a writer employed by the Folklore Project of the Federal Writers' Project mentioned Anderson to Katy Brumby, an African-American woman she was interviewing in Birmingham, Alabama. "We were listening, one day, to Marian Anderson . . . singing over the radio," the writer reported in "The Story of Katy Brumby," an American Life Histories, 1936-1940 interview. "After the rich . . . voice had stopped, I said I'd heard she was coming to Birmingham for a concert in the Spring." "I don't guess they'll let us hear it," Brumby replied.

Marian Anderson retired from singing in 1965 after an extended farewell tour. Among the honors and rewards she received for her incomparable voice and efforts towards breaking the color barrier for African-American performers was the U.S. National Arts Medal, awarded to her in 1986. Anderson died in 1993 at the age of ninety-six.

The Army keeps rewarding soldiers with cash for reenlisting while deployed. Starting Jan. 1, 2004, 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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