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Jacobs assumes command of 354th CA brigade

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Soldiers from the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, an Army Reserve unit from Riverdale, Md., part of Task Force 1st Armored Division, welcomed their new commanding officer during a change of command ceremony at the Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Center (HACC) in Baghdad, Jan 6.

Col. Jeffrey A. Jacobs assumed command of the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade from Col. Vincent T. Taylor.

“Over the past few weeks Col. Jacobs has convinced me that he will take this unit to new heights,” said Taylor during the ceremony. While this is his fourth command, Jacobs said he is eager to command the 354th because of its hard-working reputation and accomplishments during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“There is no greater honor than commanding American soldiers,” said Jacobs. “This is especially true today as I assume command of this great brigade that has done marvelous things, while providing civil-military operations support for the 1st Armored Division in combat.”

Jacobs says he plans to enforce the Army standards, while continuing a high level of quality support until the brigade completes its mission.

“There is only one standard, and that’s the Army standard—and we will enforce that standard,” said Jacobs. “The goal is to accomplish the mission, however long it takes, and that’s what we’re going to do, while providing first-class civil affairs support to the 1st Armored Division.”

Jacobs commanded the 2nd Military Police Battalion, 108th Regiment, 108th Regiment, 108th Division (Institutional Training) at Fort Jackson, S.C., until assuming command of the 2125th Garrison Support Unit in June 2001. Jacobs then went on to command the 2125th on active duty at Fort Bragg, N.C., in support of Operation Noble Eagle from October 2001 through December 2003.

Jacobs is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. His decorations include the



Brig. Gen. David N. Blackledge, commanding general with the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, passes the brigade colors to incoming commander Col. Jeffrey A. Jacobs, 354th Civil Affairs Brigade.

Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from United States Military Academy, a doctorate from Georgetown University, and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

In civilian life, he is an assistant attorney general for the state of South Carolina.

In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade re-established port operations and the Oil-For-Food distribution system in the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr in March 2003. The brigade then established the Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Center (HACC) to coordinate civil-military operations and facilitate coordination among the coalition forces, intelligence officers, non-government organizations and the Coalition Provisional Authority.

News...

Terror Alert Level Lowered to Yellow

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration lowered the national terror warning level Friday as Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said that an urgent threat had passed. However, the airline industry remained at high alert. "I know we are all thankful that nothing happened," said Ridge, announcing the lowering of the threat level for most of the country at a news conference.

Supreme Court to Rule on Terror Detainee

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court expanded its review of government anti-terrorism measures Friday, agreeing to hear the case of a U.S.-born man captured during the fighting in Afghanistan and held incommunicado and without charges. The high court said it will consider the appeal from Yaser Esam Hamdi, whom the government has labeled an enemy combatant ineligible for ordinary legal protections and a danger to the United States.

Unemployment Rate Falls; Few Jobs Added

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's unemployment rate dropped to 5.7 percent in December to the lowest level in 14 months, but employers finished the year without many help wanted signs for the holidays, adding just 1,000 new jobs. The 0.2 percentage point drop in the jobless rate occurred because fewer people were looking for work, the Labor Department said Friday. More than 300,000 people gave up their search for jobs and dropped out of the pool of available workers.

AP: Bush Admin. to Pursue Clean Air Suits

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration aggressively will pursue eight Clinton-era clean air lawsuits against utilities, even as it fights in court to overhaul the rules by which those lawsuits were brought, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency said Friday. "We will go forward with all of the filed cases," EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. But in prepared remarks to a utility industry group he characterized the litigation as being in a "hopeless stalemate."

SAFETY TIP

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Electrical appliances are not created equally. They all work at different amperage. You must know how many amps your appliance is rated. It's usually found on the product sticker located on the appliance.
- Most LSA electrical systems are rated at 15 Amps.
- If your appliance rating exceeds 15 amps, or the total draw of multiple appliances on the same circuit exceeds 15 amps, don't plug them in!!

It may cause a fire.

In other news...

Vt. Town Wants to Secede to New Hampshire

KILLINGTON, Vt. (AP) -- Officials in the popular ski resort area of Killington want the town to secede from Vermont and join neighboring New Hampshire in a dispute over taxes.

They say the town's restaurants, inns and other businesses send \$10 million a year to the state capital in sales, room and meal taxes, but the state returns just \$1 million in state aid to Killington.

Even more galling to the town is a statewide property tax imposed in 1997 to fund schools. The town of 1,092 won a Superior Court order that called the state's method of assessing local properties "arbitrary and capricious," but the state Supreme Court reversed that decision.

"It kind of reminds us of Colonial days," Town Manager David Lewis said Thursday. "The Colonies were being faced with the Stamp Act, the Tea Act, the Sugar Act. England wasn't giving them any rights. They were treating the Colonies as just a revenue source."

New Hampshire, just 25 miles east, has no income tax or sales tax.

Killington's Select Board wants to put the secession idea before voters on Town Meeting Day in March.

Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz said Killington has little chance of secession "absent an armed insurrection type of thing. ... A town is a construction of the state and exists at the pleasure of the Legislature."

New Hampshire Deputy Secretary of State David Scanlan said he would be flattered if Vermont wanted to join New Hampshire - but he's not making any promises.

In Killington, not everyone likes the idea.

"I love having a Vermont address. I'm proud of it. It's a cool place to live," said resident Steven Kelly.

Ventura to Be Harvard Visiting Fellow

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) -- The Body is heading to Harvard.

Former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, known as Jesse "The Body" during his pro wrestling career, will join Harvard's Institute of Politics as a visiting fellow for part of the spring semester.

Ventura would be considered the same as any other visiting fellow, his colorful history notwithstanding, Harvard officials said.

Specifics of Ventura's time at the institute, which is part of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, have not been completed. The institute invited him to Cambridge at the suggestion of students.

Once known for wearing a feather boa into the wrestling ring, Ventura served four stormy years as governor of Minnesota. His one term ended when he decided in 2002 not to run again.

He began hosting an MSNBC show called "Jesse Ventura's America" in October, but the network took the show off air the last month.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Standing At Your Post

"Our duty is to stand at our post however difficult our surroundings and unfriendly our company, and if we are sure that God has set us there, we may be sure that He is with us there and that there we can live the life and witness to His name."

From Maclaren's expositions of the Holy Scriptures Volume 15, Page 80.

The Old Ironsides Report January 10, 2004

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	NFL FILMS PRESENTS - GAME OF THE WEEK	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 : - TRIANGLE	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (YR. 6) : - THIS IS YOUR LIFE, BEAR!	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN'S BIG GAME/FRANKLIN'S READING CLUB		01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		IRON CHEF : - MOCHI/CHEN VS TOSHIYOKI NAKAGAWA	ROCKET POWER : - HOME SWEET HOME/WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE SKI	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NFL LIVE	DUMB AND DUMBER	MRS. AMERICA PAGEANT	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7) : - CHAMPION VS. CREATOR (PT. 2)	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NBA SHOOTAROUND			THE PROUD FAMILY : - PULP BOOT CAMP	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00	NBA - INDIANA PACERS @ DALLAS MAVERICKS			OPERATION JUNKYARD : - WATER BAILER	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30				HOW TO BOIL WATER : - BREAK AN EGG		04:30
04:45		CASUALTIES OF WAR				04:45
05:00			WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: THORNTREE DRIVE	TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - LOUISVILLE: NORTHRIDGE DRIVE	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			TRADING SPACES : - MARYLAND: FAIRWAY COURT	HEADLINE NEWS	CNBC: THE NEWS	06:00
06:30	ESPNEWS	CINEMA SECRETS : - RACING THROUGH TIME		NBA - SACRAMENTO KINGS @ PHOENIX SUNS		06:30
07:00	FIGURE SKATING - 2004 U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS	HEADLINE NEWS	GILMORE GIRLS : - LORELAI OUT OF WATER		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION : - DONT ASK		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (YR. 6) : - THIS IS YOUR LIFE, BEAR!	TRUE GRIT	ESPNEWS	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN'S BIG GAME/FRANKLIN'S READING CLUB		WWE RAW!		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	ROCKET POWER : - HOME SWEET HOME/WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE SKI			PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS		NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR		10:30
11:00	PGA TOUR - MERCEDES CHAMPIONSHIPS: SECOND ROUND	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7) : - CHAMPION VS. CREATOR (PT. 2)	MRS. AMERICA PAGEANT	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		THE PROUD FAMILY : - PULP BOOT CAMP			AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
12:00		TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - LOUISVILLE: NORTHRIDGE DRIVE		HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30				ESPNEWS		12:30
13:00		OPERATION JUNKYARD : - WATER BAILER	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: THORNTREE DRIVE	ONE ON ONE : - WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30		HOW TO BOIL WATER : - BREAK AN EGG		ACCORDING TO JIM : - YOU GOTTA LOVE SOMEBODY (PT. 2)		13:30
14:00		ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	TRADING SPACES : - MARYLAND: FAIRWAY COURT	THE PRACTICE : - BURNOUT	DATELINE NBC	14:00
14:30	SPORTSCENTER					14:30
15:00		WWE RAW!	GILMORE GIRLS : - LORELAI OUT OF WATER	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - DOMINANCE	CNN SATURDAY MORNING	15:00
15:30	FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - JERMAIN TAYLOR VS ALEX RIOS					15:30
16:00		ONE ON ONE : - WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME	THE DIVISION : - DONT ASK	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	16:00
16:30		ACCORDING TO JIM : - YOU GOTTA LOVE SOMEBODY (PT. 2)		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - KELLY RIPA/OUTKAST		16:30
17:00		THE PRACTICE : - BURNOUT	TRUE GRIT		SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
17:30	NHL COOL SHOTS					17:30
18:00	SPORTSCENTER	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - DOMINANCE		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD		18:00
19:00	NFL COUNTDOWN	HEADLINE NEWS	MRS. AMERICA PAGEANT	THE ENTERTAINERS	WALL STREET JOURNAL	19:00
19:30		NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	19:30
20:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: MICHIGAN STATE @ WISCONSIN	SPORTSCENTER		HOOR OF POWER - THE POSITIVE POWER OF ONE PERSON	NEWS FROM CNN	20:00
20:30				CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - A POWERFUL PRAYER TO PRAY		20:30
21:00		NHL - COLORADO AVALANCHE @ DALLAS STARS	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: THORNTREE DRIVE	CORAL RIDGE HOUR - WHOLLY FOLLOWING THE LORD	DATELINE NBC	21:00
21:30				THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - THE STORY OF SARAH AND HAGAR		21:30
22:00	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - 2004 EAST-WEST SHRINE GAME		TRADING SPACES : - MARYLAND: FAIRWAY COURT	CAFE VIDEO : - BEST LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM THE PAST	HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30				WISHBONE : - FLEABITTEN BARGAIN	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	22:30
23:00			GILMORE GIRLS : - LORELAI OUT OF WATER	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	20/20	23:00
23:30				FOX NFL SUNDAY		23:30

Today in history... Jan. 10, 1920

LEAGUE OF NATIONS INSTITUTED

On January 10, 1920, the League of Nations formally comes into being when the Covenant of the League of Nations, ratified by 42 nations in 1919, takes effect.

In 1914, a political assassination in Sarajevo set off a chain of events that led to the outbreak of the most costly war ever fought to that date. As more and more young men were sent down into the trenches, influential voices in the United States and Britain began calling for the establishment of a permanent international body to maintain peace in the postwar world. President Woodrow Wilson became a vocal advocate of this concept, and in 1918 he included a sketch of the international body in his 14-point proposal to end the war.

In November 1918, the Central Powers agreed to an armistice to halt the killing in World War I. Two months later, the Allies met with conquered Germany and Austria-Hungary at Versailles to hammer out formal peace terms. President Wilson urged a just and lasting peace, but England and France disagreed, forcing harsh war reparations on their former enemies. The League of Nations was approved, however, and in the summer of 1919 Wilson presented the Treaty of Versailles and the Covenant of the League of Nations to the U.S. Senate for ratification.

Wilson suffered a severe stroke soon in the fall of that year, which prevented him from reaching a compromise with those in Congress who thought the treaties reduced U.S. authority. In November, the Senate declined to ratify both. The League of Nations proceeded without the United States, holding its first meeting in Geneva on November 15, 1920.

During the 1920s, the League, with its headquarters at Geneva, incorporated new members and successfully mediated minor international disputes but was often disregarded by the major powers. The League's authority, however, was not seriously challenged until the early 1930s, when a series of events exposed it as ineffectual. Japan simply quit the organization after its invasion of China was condemned, and the League was likewise powerless to prevent the rearmament of Germany and the Italian invasion of Ethiopia. The declaration of World War II was not even referred to by the then-virtually defunct League.

In 1946, the League of Nations was officially dissolved with the establishment of the United Nations. The United Nations was modeled after the former but with increased international support and extensive machinery to help the new body avoid repeating the League's failures.



SAFETY



ANTICIPATED CONDITIONS ON REDEPLOYMENT

- **ZERO VISIBILITY MUST BE ADDRESSED IN RISK ASSESSMENT**
- **PPE (GOGGLES AND SCARVES) SAVE EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACTS**