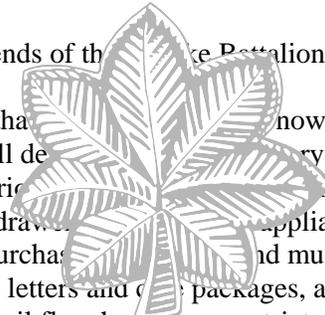




# **4-3 ADA BN**

## **“I Yield Not, I Strike”**

**Battalion Newsletter**  
**May 2004**



Greetings to Soldiers, Family Members and Friends of the 4-3 Air Defense Artillery Battalion,

They say home is where the heart is, and while that is true, we know that we are away from our homes and families, and our hearts are surely with you all, we are still doing our best every effort at domesticating ourselves here for the duration of our deployment. Work continues furiously in expanding our living areas to make Tikrit feel more like home. Every day, we are purchasing rugs, drapes, and appliances to make I Strike Soldier living spaces more comfortable. In addition to what we are purchasing, and much more importantly, I Strike Soldiers are displaying photos of their families, holding onto letters and care packages, and reading emails, all of which have come to help make this place feel closer to home. The mail flow has been constricted by recent events in Fallujah, but even the slow trickle that still comes in serves to brighten everyone's day. Thank you for continuing to support your soldiers with your packages and letters.

Although we are very busy with our critical mission, we are continuing to provide opportunities for soldiers to power down and enjoy some time to relax. Our MWR Facility is expanding greatly and offering more and more ways for soldiers to enjoy some down time. The gym is growing with more and better equipment, more movies are coming in to show at the theatre, and plans are in the work for repair of a great indoor pool. Also, we are planning on conducting a 5k run, called the Danger Dash, where the soldiers can display how much faster they have become since they have had a better opportunity to run and work out.

I Strike Soldiers are also continuing to make their mark in the First Infantry Division and beyond, with acts of courage under fire, and bravery under adversity. SPC Jimmy Shorey of Alpha Battery recently provided first aid to a soldier and civilian who were hurt in a small explosion near our FOB, and SPC Magnuson was directly responsible for saving the life of a reserve soldier who was severely wounded in an IED attack during a convoy. These are just two examples of a few soldiers who have displayed all the characteristics of the I Strike Battalion and honored the traditions of the Big Red One.

In addition to providing force protection and saving soldiers' lives, the 4-3 Air Defense Artillery Battalion is also proud to have established Operation ICAN (Iraqi Children Assistance Network), whereby donated school supplies can be distributed to local children in Tikrit. As a battalion, we have adopted 5 schools and are working to make them safer places for the students, but ICAN will directly affect all the schools in the First Infantry Division's sector and will be used to support the greater primary effort of bringing all of our soldiers home safely. Visit the website at [www.operationican.com](http://www.operationican.com) to learn more.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your attendance at the Monthly FRG Slideshow. The soldiers here enjoy posing for pictures when they know that their wives and families will be seeing them displayed prominently on the big screen. Also, we have established a website where you can view more pictures and find out more information on our activities in Iraq, visit it at [www.4-3adairaq.com](http://www.4-3adairaq.com) Please send your comments or suggestions to us at [adairaq@yahoo.com](mailto:adairaq@yahoo.com) and continue to communicate with your soldiers. They love hearing from you.

Take care and God Bless,

LTC James E. Spurrier  
I STRIKE!!!

# Command Sergeant Major's

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Hello " I STRIKE " family. We hope all of you are in the best of health and taking one day at a time. The soldiers here are doing an excellent job performing their mission. They are constantly receiving accolades from soldiers of other units and civilians at the Forward Operation Base (FOB). The Chain of Command is very proud of the "I STRIKE" soldiers; they are serving our nation proudly. I ask the family members and loved ones to continue the support and loving care that soldiers need in such an environment as Iraq. Don't forget to tune in to the 4-3 ADA website [www.4-3adairaq.com](http://www.4-3adairaq.com). Keep the mail, goodies, and love coming! Thanks.

The weather here will be changing in the very near future from hot to hotter. Soldiers need to start hydrating now and prepare themselves for the rising temperatures. Our goal is not to have any heat-related injuries.

I send thanks to the rear detachment personnel for making it happen. The leaders are there to assist and support 24/7.

The leadership welcomes all new unaccompanied and accompanied soldiers with their family members to the 4-3 ADA family. Hopefully, our sponsorship program made your transition to Germany a very successful one and will continue to make this move satisfactory. We also bid farewell to the soldiers and family members who contributed greatly to the success of the battalion in support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. You have definitely made a difference. Thank you. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors; our thoughts and wishes are with you always.

Congratulations to the parents of new babies, wedding anniversaries, and all other significant events such as promotions, birthdays, graduations, and etc. The same goes to single and unaccompanied married soldiers. I wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers in the "I STRIKE" family.

The norm " I STRIKE " family: be safety conscious 24/7. Take care of yourselves and your family members. I wish you all a healthy, happy, and blessed day everyday. "DO the DOs and DON'T DO the DON'Ts.

ROGER A. CHASE  
CSM, USA  
I STRIKE, DUTY FIRST





## Chaplain's Corner



Before stating the “Lord’s Prayer,” God gave us this guidance; “But you, when you pray, <sup>a</sup>go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and <sup>b</sup>your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.” Now, the Lord was not telling us that this is the only way to pray or that we can only pray to Him in a quiet place. However, He does want us to set aside a time in our day that we can get alone with Him and speak to Him. This should be a place that is away from all the distractions. Here on FOB Danger, as you can only imagine, there is not a lot of those “quiet places” to go to.

As I began to reflect on this matter, I began to envision a place where the soldiers could come into a building that was just for that purpose, a quiet place to be alone with God. From the very beginning the BN Commander and Executive Officer gave their full support to ensure that this became a priority. Now it was up to God to make it a reality, and that He did. On March 21, 2004 at 2000, the 4-3 ADA Chapel/Prayer Room was dedicated to God.

The Chapel/Prayer Room provides the soldier with a quiet sanctuary to be alone with God. The atmosphere also evokes the spirit of prayer with soft worship music playing in the background and an altar to go before the Lord. There is also a small library in the back of the Chapel with books of spiritual encouragement and discipleship, not to mention the numerous Bibles and devotionals for the soldiers’ everyday use.

In an area of war, it is amazing that this Chapel/Prayer Room came to fruition, but we must remember that with God “all things are possible.” I would like to thank all of the Soldiers, leadership, and most of all God for helping build this facility.

In order to take full advantage of our new Chapel/Prayer Room, please, if your soldier mentions that they are in need of spiritual guidance or reflection, remind them that they have a special place of their own. Please encourage them, if they need, to visit the Chapel/Prayer Room and spend time with God behind a closed door. Thank you and God Bless.

God’s richest blessings,

Lane J. Creamer  
Battalion Chaplain

# ***THE SABER TEAM***

Greetings from the Sabers in Tikrit, IRAQ,

Another month has just passed by and the Saber Team is moving as fast as ever. 1LT Bonner, SSG Griffith and the entire Support platoon are doing a great job of providing supplies and assistance to the personnel at OBJ Midland. Together, they have commanded over 25 Combat Patrols into hostile territory over the last two months. The Sabers, along with multiple support agencies, were charged with improving the level of Force Protection for FOB Danger by burning the marsh to provide some stand off against infiltrators. A reporter from AFN was present and conducted numerous interviews; therefore, everyone should be seeing us on TV in the near future. CPT Pires, SSG Canada and the rest of the S-4 shop are providing the batteries with the hard to find items, like lawn mowers, AFN satellites, refrigerators and concrete bunkers, all of which are required to increase the standard of living for our soldiers. MAJ Brandt and the S-3 section planned and supervised the building of a small arms range that will be available to every soldier on FOB Danger. The S-5, 1LT Diffenbach, and 1LT Romito, and the S-6 shop have worked together to build two battalion web sights, [www.4-3adairaq.com](http://www.4-3adairaq.com) and [www.operationican.com](http://www.operationican.com). In it, family members can view numerous pictures of their Sabers, Archers, Lions or Dogs, with updates every week.

This month, we have a number of soldiers that I feel deserve special recognition. I would like to congratulate both Coloma and Marlow for their lateral promotions to Corporal. 1SG and I have stressed to every soldier that if you act like an NCO, we will make you an NCO. These two soldiers have definitely proven that they deserve Chevrons and are ready to join the ranks of the NCO! Speaking of future NCOs, SPC Gozzo was the only Saber selected to attend the Battalion promotion board in April. His performance was nothing less than extraordinary, and he was immediately selected to represent the Sabers in the Soldier of the Quarter board on 27 April. We are confident that he will do great. He will also be joined by SGT Bowen who will represent the Saber NCOs at the NCO of the Quarter board. We also had numerous senior NCO promotions this month. I would like to congratulate SSG Thompson and SSG Leday for their promotions to Sergeant First Class. Two outstanding NCOs ready for an increased level of responsibility. I would also like to note that our "TOP" NCO is finally getting paid for the job he has been doing, 1SG Dominguez was officially promoted and will begin receiving his just awards this month. We all would like to send out our congratulations to SFC Kelly and his family. He was selected for promotion to Master Sergeant and will be taking over as 1SG for Alpha Battery in the near future. So as you can tell, we are working hard and staying very busy with both the mission and career progression.

I was very excited to hear that everyone enjoyed the messages from Iraq from last month. As a result, I feel obligated to keep a good thing going. So please keep up the excellent support you provide to your loved ones and every family member in the Saber battery. If you have ideas or requests that might make the newsletter more informational and enjoyable, please send me an email at [mark.bird@us.army.mil](mailto:mark.bird@us.army.mil) and I will see what I can do to accommodate your request. Remember, YOU are just as much apart of the Saber Team as any soldier. Now, please enjoy more messages from Iraq:

# MESSAGES FROM IRAQ II

Heike, Jane, Daisy, Manuel, Alexandra, Oma, Do not worry about me, I will be home soon.  
PS: I miss your cooking!  
SSG Irizarry

Hey Guys, Love you and miss you a lot. See you sooner then you think PS: I miss your cooking also!!  
SSG Smith

Boys, I wish I could be your coach this year. Annika, I wish I could help you in track and soccer. Andrea, I wish I could hold you close. PS: I really miss your cooking!!!

Hey Guys, Love you and miss you a lot. See you sooner then you think PS: I miss your cooking too!!!!  
SSG Smith

Nicole, Chris, and Nikela, Love you, Miss You, And always thinking of you...Take care.  
PS: I still miss your cooking!!!!  
SFC Dowdell

I told this Iraqi the other day, "don't take your anti-American aggression out on me"  
SPC Hines

Hello to family and friend...Keep me in your thoughts and prayers, as I do the same. PS. Hello Carla, Aleisha, and Ashley!  
CW2 Hicks

To Jill, Elizabeth, Aria, and Nolan, I don't feel bad, just homesick. I'm not alone, just lonely without you guys. Honey, thanks for the support, I love you.  
C-ya in my dreams  
SPC Sanchez

Don't worry about your husbands out at OBJ Midland, I am taking care of them and they are taking care of me. TEAMWORK!  
SGT Watts

Heir ist das tagliche leben leicht. Wir kriegen 3 mal am Tag kostenloses essen. Ein fries mehrfach zimmer mit mehrere leute drin. Am bestens bekommen wir das gleich klamotten zu tragen! Da gibt viele Wachen mit munitionen um die ganzen lager 'rum. Ich wundere ob es hier ein Knast ist? Wir werden es raus finden weil das Gericht hatten uns ein Jahr gegeben. Sonst das einkommen ist besser.  
SSG Thompson

To my family and friends back in Germany, I miss you all and can't wait until I come home. I miss you all so much, especially you Nicole.  
Tell Mali that daddy misses him so much.  
SPC Page

Was is los Doretta  
Ich shreibe zu dir (meine prizessen) irgendwas. Du sollst wissen ich bin OK und ich denk an dir. Halte mal deine "worrying", ich werde bald da hom' sein.  
Ich liebe dich sehr viel  
SPC Wright

A Poem by SPC Magnuson:  
I am here in Iraq, Its hot, that's a fact  
Going on Convoy, Boy what a joy  
Going home on R&R, Boy it seems far  
Sitting here in Danger, With my Captain that's a Ranger  
Burning the Iraqi marsh, Dang that was harsh  
I wish I was back in the DFAC, Because Hodgie guard is wack  
I love you Amanda and Chris, writing to you is on my too do list  
To everyone back in Kitizingen, Hurry up and listen  
Get here quick, before I get Sick

Hello from OBJ Midland, everything is going outstanding, except the guys missing home. We here at Midland just want you all to know you are in out thoughts everyday. Take care of yourselves so that WE have something to come home to. Debby, I love you baby. I miss you so much and I can not wait to see you again. It won't be long so be ready!  
SGT Hughes

To everyone back home, we are all good and staying safe. We all work together for the same goal, getting back home to our loved ones. For Jurgita, stay strong and be good. I love you very much and will be home soon. See ya when I see ya.  
SPC Jones, Daniel

***I miss everything that I am fighting for, but I will be home soon!!!!*** PFC Mase

As you can see, the Sabers have very high morale and are eager to accomplish any mission in support of this great organization. My HOAH'S continue to motivate me with outstanding results regardless of the mission at hand. Thank you for supporting your loved ones and allowing them to focus on the mission while being eager to return to their family and friends on the upcoming R&R rotations. Well, that's all for now. See you next month.  
Sincerely,

***ISG Dominguez  
SABER 7***



***CPT Bird  
SABER 6***



MAY 2004  
OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM  
FOB DANGER, IRAQ

Warm greetings from Tikrit,

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Easter and Spring Break. Soldiers here were afforded the opportunity to attend church services. Soldiers were also treated to a wonderful dinner that was prepared in the FOB Danger Dining Facility. The food was outstanding and the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Band played all of our favorite selections during the meal. Currently we are not feeling the great heat wave that will soon consume all of us here. We have been blessed with ideal temperatures and clear skies. We are preparing for a very warm summer.

The soldiers have settled in very nicely here in Tikrit. We continue to maintain a high standard in all of our missions that we are involved in. 1SG and I recently returned from Camp Warhorse where two of our soldiers, PVT Ohara and PVT Leahy, are working. The men are doing great and are being taken care of by the soldiers of 3<sup>rd</sup> BDE. We are currently involved in the Force Protection Mission here on the FOB. Men from the battery also provide protection for combat patrols, and escort missions off of the FOB. Archer soldiers have also given some of their time and effort in trying to make the live of Iraqi kids better through the schools rebuild program.

On behalf of all the men here I want to thank all of the spouses and friends of the Archer family for participating in the DFAC Dinners and the FRG meetings. We were able to view the photos from these events, and they simply made our day. It is always encouraging to see the pictures of our loved ones, especially living so far away. Please continue to send photos and we will do the same here. I hope you enjoyed the photos that we sent for the April DFAC dinner. The mail has been slow here due to the events in southern Iraq. Mail and Care Packages are a major morale booster for our soldiers. Keep the mail coming, our soldiers really appreciate it.

In April we had to say goodbye to SGT Sutton and family. SGT Sutton is leaving the battalion to join the elite Special Forces. He and his family will be sorely missed. SGT Sutton is truly a professional soldier that will succeed in all of his endeavors. May will also be a truly sad time, as we will say goodbye to the most professional, outstanding NCO that I have ever known. 1SG Pinkney and his lovely family are leaving us to pursue future assignments and schooling at the Sergeant Majors Academy. Kristal, Kiara, and Breona (Little Momma) were a true blessing for the Battery. On behalf of all the soldiers and family members of Archer Battery, I would like to thank the Pinkney family for their dedicated service and sacrifice for the men of Archer Battery. 1SG Pinkney is a class act that will never be followed. He was the heart and soul of A/4-3 ADA for three outstanding years. I salute you.

***Thanks again to Valerie Chisolm and SFC Zackery for their outstanding support. Thanks to the members of the Archer FRG for sticking together and supporting our men here in Iraq. We are strong here because of the solid foundation we have back in Kitzigen Germany. God Bless You All!!!***

Duty First!!!!!!!!!!  
CPT Ron Lofton

# FRG LEADER'S DESK

Hello Everyone

I would again like to extend an open invitation to all of the wives to the next FRG meeting. Our meeting place has changed. We will now meet in HHB's day room, which is the building next to Alpha. We will still meet at 6:30 on the First Tuesday of the month.

I have been taking pictures of the wives and children and making a slide show, which I have been e-mailing to CPT Lofton for him to share with our spouses. The feedback I have received from this has been great. Everyone has shown interest in seeing their husbands on slides sent to the rear, lets return the favor and send some good slides in return.

Again anyone interested in adopting a single soldier to send a care package to please let me know and I will provide a name for you. We have 60 single soldiers if everyone could adopt 3 we could easily afford to send care packages to all of them.

We will be participating in a Flea Market held at the High School on May 8. If you have any items you can donate please let me know and arrangements can be made to pick up the item or items. The proceeds from this will go directly to the battery.

Please if anyone has any events or functions they would like to participate in as a FRG please let me know.

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. What a great time to get out and explore this beautiful country. As an FRG we could even have some day trips with a tour guide, but of course we need to decide now and make the proper arrangements.

Take Care and God Bless

Valerie Chisolm

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	<b>REENLISTMENTS</b>  SGT Cesar Patino SPC Michael Harbour
<b>AWARDS</b>  SGT Russell Sutton-PCS Award: ARCOM	<b>PROMOTIONS</b>  SSG Thomas Oberfoell SGT Tommy L'Hussier PFC Stephan Sullivan PFC Justin Lacroix PFC Michael Taft



## BLACK LIONS B/4-3 ADA



### Commander's Notes

By the time you read this, we'll be close to three months into this deployment. For some people the time has been a blur, and for others it has passed more slowly. Long deployments such as this are an endurance exercise; you have to run it like a marathon, not like a sprint. This month I thought I'd share some advice with the families that I've already given to the soldiers.

1. Don't count the days or weeks. Knowing exactly how many days are left until you're reunited can make things harder. You'll either be depressed (in the beginning) or anxious (in the end). Take each month as it comes.
2. Take up a hobby. I've asked every soldier to try something they've always wanted but never had time to work on before. By the time they get home they should be accomplished painters, skilled guitar players, and in one case, a world-class roofer.
3. Keep yourself busy, but not so busy that you get burned out. If you don't have anything to do the time will drag by slowly. The FRG is a great resource for activities. However, if you're so busy that you collapse in a heap every night you'll be a wreck long before we return.
4. Write letters. Although email and phone calls are great, nothing is more exciting (and disappointing) than mail call each day. You have to send letters to get letters.
5. Remember your friends. As we pull together we'll experience each other's joys and sorrows. It is essential that each of us surrounds ourselves with a support network of friends and loved ones. Your soldiers have each other for support, and I'd ask the families to have the same sort of network in place.

We'll have more stories (and more photos) for the next FRG meeting. Don't forget to look at the Bravo section of the new battalion website, [www.4-3adairaq.com](http://www.4-3adairaq.com). Thanks! - CPT Henke

### 1SG Stanley's Corner

It is hard to believe another month has gone by and it is May already! We all have kept busy providing force protection for FOB Danger and making continuous improvements. As with any defensive measure, you never actually finish your preparations. Once one measure is taken you look for ways to improve what you have done so far. As the days pass we are starting to notice a trend in the temperature as well and pretty soon it will be hot enough to cook eggs on the deck of a Bradley, which we will attempt and photograph for posterity.

I am sure everybody has heard about the current mail situation, but I ask all family members to keep the mail coming. We never really know from day to day if there will be a mail delivery and our mail clerk, SPC Knutsen, gets a call every day saying there is no mail, which usually turns out to be wrong, so the whole Battery now rejoices when SPC Knutsen announces that there will be no mail that day. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers and hold the home front for us.

-1SG Stanley, Black Lion 7

## Promotions

PFC Badarak  
PFC Ebberts

## Re-enlistment

CPL Scheffler – 6 Years, Fort Bragg

# Messages from Tikrit

Since the FRG sent messages to us, we thought we'd return the favor!

Mom and Dad,  
I can't tell you how much the "Ragin' Cajun," the soldiers of 2<sup>nd</sup>, and I appreciate your support. Thank you once again for everything.  
1LT "Char Char" Cromwell

I want to thank my family and friends for supporting us.  
SPC Dindin

Mi Quierda Angie,  
Te amo y te extraño a ti y los nenes, estoy bien. Saludos desde Irak.  
Tu marido.  
SSG Irizarry

Kathy,  
Congrats on your conquest in Bingo! Next stop, middle Europe!  
Love always, Glenn (aka "CPT Henke")

Dear Yvonne,  
Thank you for supporting all the 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT wives. I love you very much.  
Thumper 7

I would like to thank my mommy for her support.  
SPC Vanderslice

I like to say hi to my family and thank them for all the support.  
PFC Will

Ich vermiss dich, und die kleine Jaymie so ganz viel. Du bist mein alles fuer immer und ewig...Dein Hasi (Zach). PS: Und einen dicken fetten kuss.  
SGT Bulley

To Carrie Brown,  
I love you and miss you baby. Keep the light on for me, for I will be home soon. I'm always with you.  
Love always, PV2 Derrick Brown

Hi baby, hope that you and Alec are doing well, so that one day we can built up to 100 KT's. Love you both. Your husband and father, SPC Edwards

Thank you. Thank you everyone ever. Have an "I STRIKE" day.  
PFC Parson

To Chari Bell,  
I miss u love, can't wait to come home to you. To give you a well deserved break.  
Love, SPC Bell

Denice and the Kids,  
Hi, How are you? I hope you're doing fine. I miss you and love you guys. Take care and be safe. Love Erik [SPC Welch]

Hello Melissa, things here are going slow but I'm sure they will pick up soon. I can't wait until R&R. Tell Ryan Daddy loves him, see you soon baby. Love Michael [SSG Taylor]

I would like to thank my family and friends for their support.  
PFC Floyd

Hi Honey, I love you.  
SSG Reale

Hello there friends and family. Hope to see you soon.  
PFC Jim

I would like to thank my family and girlfriend for their support during OIF.  
Uncle Jesse Rules!  
SPC Kenney

3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon "Outlaws"  
To all the friends and family of 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon's soldiers, we send our deepest thanks for all the support and prayers you have given us during this deployment. We ask that you continue your support of your soldiers here in Iraq and eagerly count the days until our return to you in Germany.  
- Outlaw 6 and Outlaw 7

[From PFC Stavola] Hey Babe, hope you enjoyed your trip home. Can't wait to come home and see you guys. Continue to hold things down and don't forget to hug and kiss Olivia for me. See you soon, Love John.

**Welcome to the Bravo FRG corner!** First I would like to invite all of you to your monthly meetings they are held the First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the battery dayroom. Come out and meet some new people and see what is happening here and in Iraq. Our next meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. I hope to see you all there.

***New to the Bravo Family:***

SGT Morris and his wife

***New additions to the Bravo Family:***

Congratulations to Sgt. & Mrs. Lile on the birth of their son Conner.

**Up coming events:**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** We are looking at taking a trip to Geisselwind. This will be finalized at our

next FRG meeting.

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE SINGLE SOLDIER DONATION BOX!**

If you have any suggestions for trips or activities please contact me.

Rose Scheffler

Home - 09321-927259 Cell – 0160-91408694



***“Notes from Family and Friends”***

**CPL Jack Scheffler,**

Be careful and come home safe.

Jerry and Willie

TO PFC ERIC S. HARTER,  
WE ALL MISS YOU VERY MUCH. OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH SUCH PRIDE AT YOUR CONSTANT BRAVERY AND PATRIOTISM. KNOW THAT WE ARE ALWAYS AT YOUR SIDE, AND YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS YOU.  
LOVE MOM, DANNY, SHANA AND THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY.

**Lt. Dennis Nishikawa**

We are always thinking about you, Dennis. Please take care of yourself. We want hear from you.

Love you so much. From your Dad and Mom



**SGT Inman,**

We love and miss you very much!  
Can't wait to see you again. Excel and do it well!

Love, Leslie and Kyler

*you. Stay safe! P.S- I haven't spent all your money!*

**SGT Binns,**

Josh we are very proud of you for everything that you're doing. Keep safe and don't worry about your girls, we are doing fine and we'll be waiting for you when you get back. XOXO

Love You Tiffany and Abigail

**Hello Mr. Taylor!!! :)**

Me and little man miss you a lot. We are very proud of you. Love, Melissa and Ryan

**Sgt McHattie**

*you have only been gone for 2 months but it already seems like forever, we really miss and love you, we can't wait to see you again.*

*Love Daniela, Justin and Jesse*

**SSG Baker,** *You've been gone a couple months, it seems like a year, I can't wait until you are home so that can be near. I wait here patiently, that is what I have to do, and hope that you know how much I love and miss*

**CPL Scheffler,**

I Love you, and I miss you so much! Take care of yourself and be safe. We are doing fine and can't wait until you come home.

Love – Rose



**SPC Joaquin Yanez,**

Just a little note to say, "We Love You and God Bless You"  
From your Wifey Wendy, son Matthew and soon to be baby.....

And to all the 3rd Platoon Outlaws " God Bless You All "

**SSG Hicks, Matthew - I love you, miss you and I'm**

*going SHOPPING and I'm spending your Money!*  
*Love Kelli Hicks*





## Hello Dawg Friends and Families,

Delta Battery is doing great things for the Division. Things have continued to move fast. Delta Battery has completed its first set of rotations and will now work to improve on what is already established. Delta Battery has successfully conducted over 100 combat patrols in the last month. Your spouses are working hard towards accomplishing all their missions and the entire Division notices their efforts.

The R and R program is beginning and the first group will be returning home to spend some well-deserved time with family and friends in the month of May. The battery leadership will do our best to ensure as many soldiers as possible are given the opportunity to have R and R. Those individuals not receiving R and R will have an opportunity to spend a three-day pass at one of two resorts located in the Middle East.

I encourage you to maintain contact with the Battery Family Readiness Group. The rear detachment is working hard to give you the latest information and they can answer any questions you have with facts not rumors.

Congratulations to our newest Dawg, Joshua Moore, and the rest of the promotees for the month. SPC Glover is now a promotable Specialist. Congratulations SPC (P) Glover.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact anyone in the chain of command at any time.

“Seek and Destroy”  
Eric Winterrowd, CPT

### Congratulations to the newest Dawgs

Joshua Kevin Moore 52cm 3.25kg 7 April 2004

### Congratulations to the following individuals on their April promotions:



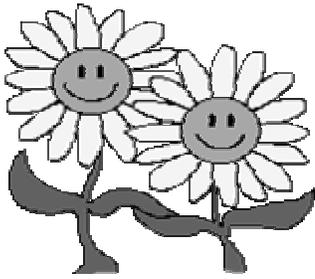
CPL William Hamby



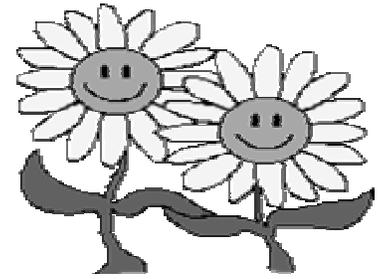
SPC Sean Meyer

### Happy May Birthday to the following soldiers:

SPC Alonzo, Daniel	28th
SFC Benson, Michael	19th
SPC Brendel, Timothy	18th
SPC Chavira, Abel	24th
SPC Clay, Anthony	9th
CW2 Doaty, Jerome	29th
PFC Edison, Jeremy	21st
PFC Martinez, Gene	7th
PFC Palkki, Matthew	12th
SPC Puckett, Joel	7th
SPC Vaughan, William	17th



# HHB FRG NEWS



Hi,

Another month has gone by and I hope everyone is doing well. We had a terrific Easter party, and I wanted to thank all the ladies who came out and helped. We have a lot of activities planned for May, so come out and get involved! To those of you planning on taking vacations this summer, please let me or SFC Pinon (09321-702-2985) know where you can be reached if the need should arise. At this time I am accepting donations for the May 8<sup>th</sup> flea market. You can drop your "treasures" off to SFC Pinon at the battery (call first). As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, and if you have not been contacted by the FRG, let me know, we may not have your phone number listed correctly on our roster.

Take Care,

*Christa Bird*

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## Upcoming Events

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – FRG Meeting 6:30pm BN conference room, bring a finger food.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**- Flea market fundraiser@WHS

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**- Trip to Miltenberg with partnership unit.

(contact Suzanne Dugan at 09321-702-2701 for info and to reserve your seat.)

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**- Possible date for monthly BN dinner.



***Thank you Volunteers!  
Ya'll are AWESOME!!***

***\*\*Don't forget to call Suzanne Dugan @ BN to log your miles if you are doing the Walk to Iraq.***

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