



4-3 ADA BN

“I Yield Not, I Strike”

Battalion Newsletter
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Greetings to Soldiers, Family Members and Friends of the I Strike Battalion,

The end of August is a wonderful time for us here in Tikrit because it signifies the end of the summer months. From here on out it only gets cooler, and not a minute too soon. We crossed the halfway point this month with 6 months here in Iraq, and that is a milestone of which we can all be proud. Only another 6 months to go according to the Division's timeline, and we should be home around February of next year. Division Transfer of Authority (TOA) is scheduled for sometime in January right now and that means that we will be returning soon thereafter in the month of February.

The R&R program is still continuing to achieve very positive results, and both soldiers who return from it and soldiers who are preparing to go are all excited to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. For that reason, the I STRIKE Battalion continues to support it and acquire as many slots as possible for our soldiers. To give as many soldiers as possible the opportunity for R&R, the program will be extended into mid-December.

We completed a goal this summer of fixing up some local elementary schools before the coming school year, and were very impressed by the work. We hired local contractors to clean septic tanks, install new water storage tanks, fix plumbing in the bathrooms, and a variety of other issues that made life at the schools almost unbearable. This month we will be visiting a local neighborhood as well and passing out toys and school supplies in an effort to prepare the children for the new school year in September. We will be joined by the new Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) as well, because it is important that we bolster their credibility within their own community. With the ultimate goal of turning the security of this country over to the ISF, the "I Strike" Battalion is playing a vital role in the transition of Iraq to a stable, secure, and viable Iraqi government.

Please continue to communicate with your soldiers. They look forward to receiving mail, packages, and emails. By supporting them, you help support America's mission and help ease the burden of this deployment. Thank you also for your support of the Battalion through your attendance of the monthly FRG Dinners/Bingo Nights. I have been very pleased by the positive comments coming from those of you who have been attending them.

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 you all are enjoying the closing weeks of the summer and preparing for the upcoming school year also. Most of you are probably saying, "where did the summer go?". I can tell you this; we had enough high temperatures during the summer months for the majority of the states within the United States. The temperatures will decrease by some degrees next month. The cooler it gets here will be a sign of fewer days leading to mission accomplishment. That day will be well-deserved for the 4-3 ADA Soldiers who have performed in an outstanding manner since day 1 of OIF II. We will continue to maintain focus on our primary mission. Our mission is not complete until all of the "I STRIKE" Soldiers are home with their loved ones, family, and friends.

We welcome the new members to the "I STRIKE" Battalion and wish the departing soldiers and their family members the very best in their future endeavors. Thank you all for being a valuable member of 4-3 ADA Battalion and part of history. Your achievements make this battalion one of the best Air Defense Artillery units in the United States Army. You were a vital contributor and definitely made a difference.

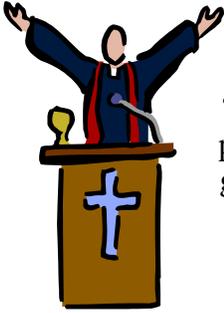
The Soldiers are performing other activities when they are not engaged in their crucial mission. The following Soldiers are winners of the NCO or Soldier of the Quarter Board that were conducted during OIF II: SSG Whitaker (Alpha), PFC Lyons (Alpha), SGT Laverdiere (Bravo), SGT Lillard (Delta), SGT Verdonk (Alpha), and SPC Rodriquez (Bravo). A great performance by outstanding Soldiers!

Congratulations to all the parents of newborns, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions. Also, congratulations to all soldiers and family members who were promoted and recommended for promotion in the future. We wish the speedy recovery of sick family members and also pass our condolences to members of the battalion for loss of their loved ones.

Take care of yourselves and your family members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I wish you all a happy, healthy, safe, and bless day, everyday. Take that precious day one day at a time. Stay vigilant, safe, and have a thankful day. "DO the DOs and DON'T DO the DON'Ts.

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





“The Olympic Champion”

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. And everyone who competes in the games exercises self control in all things. Then they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.”

1 Corinthians 9:22-26

Many of us have had the recent opportunity to watch some of the Olympics. It is amazing to me to ponder the years of preparation that goes into just becoming an Olympic athlete. There are the early morning practices where they wake up before the Sun. I am sure there were many days in which they considered hitting the snooze button and going back to sleep. I am sure there were times of intense physical pain where they had to ask themselves, “Is it worth it to go on.” I am sure there were times when they wanted to give 75% to a given practice instead of a 100%. However, each one of them had a goal to be an Olympic Champion and they kept that at the forefront of their mind. If we asked each one of them was it worth it, they would respond, that all of the sacrifices that had to be endured was all worth it just to be called an “Olympian.”

In similar fashion, the apostle Paul was familiar with what it took to be a stellar athlete. He also knew that the Corinthian Church lived in the country that invented the Olympics. So, he writes this letter using the analogy of an athletic runner. He tells us that no runner ever trains and goes through all of this preparation just to enter a race expecting to lose. On the contrary, the star athlete trains so that on race day he is prepared and is looking forward to winning first prize. In the same way, we should be training our spiritual bodies through prayer, fasting, and reading the Scriptures.

In this way, we may go out each day and “press toward the prize of our high calling.” Each day, we must run the race that has been given to us with excellence and to the utmost of our God-given ability.

An Olympian runs every race in hopes of a gold medal. You, as a spiritual Olympian, can run the race knowing, not hoping, that you will win the ultimate prize, God Himself. What a wonderful gift that we can receive Him each and everyday and know that one day we will be with Him for eternity. Let us run the race with excellence and never forget who we are running for and our ultimate prize.

Blessings,

Chaplain Creamer



THE SABER TEAM

Greetings from the Sabers in Tikrit, IRAQ,

Well another month has come and gone. We have passed the half way mark and are just beginning to position ourselves for all of the things that we have to do to prepare for the redeployment. The 42 ID is coming to visit us soon and they will assess the battalion's mission and personnel requirements, then sometime in the near future, they will designate a unit to replace us. Until then we will continue to execute our mission of providing force protection for TF Danger.

Currently we have soldiers from the Early Warning and Support Platoon assisting Alpha battery at the main Entry Control Point while they are at OBJ Midland conducting Gunnery on the Bradley's. We were also rotating in to the towers with Bravo battery through out the beginning of the month during there gunnery. Every battery is working together to best accomplish our mission while simultaneously trying to provide a little relief to some of the soldiers who have been on the towers through out the deployment. After this rotation with the line batteries, we have developed a better understanding on how important and difficult their job really is. It was over 110 degrees every day of August, and the line batteries continue to pull security without any relief or complaints. Even the Staff has begun to rotate into the towers. MAJ Denman was instrumental in establishing a rotation of Staff members to get out of the TOC and into the towers. This enables the soldiers normally in the towers to receive a day off once every two to three weeks. It may not seem like much but considering they have not had a day off in the last six months, but it really means a lot to the individual soldier. This just goes to show that teamwork is the foundation of the "I Strike" battalion and the Big Red One.

As most of you have noticed, the allocations for R&R went down significantly this month. However, the S-1, CPT Mullins, just returned from a conference at Division and just informed each battery what their allocations are for the duration of the deployment. Every battery in the battalion is currently scheduled to receive OVER 100% of R&R slots. We are gathering the leaders together very soon, and in less then a week, every soldier still waiting for R&R slots will know when they will be receiving a date for R&R. So be sure to ask your Hero when he or she is scheduled for R&R, they will finally be able to give you a straight answer. Well, the R&R slots for September are settled and the allocations are as follows:

01 SEP 04	09 SEP 04	17 SEP 04	26 SEP 04
SPC Wolfertz	SPC Shaw	SPC Parker	SGT Hughes
SGT Pecham	SFC Bryant	PFC Dang	CH Creamer
SSG Irizari	SFC Miller	PFC Benenson	CPT Burch
CPT West	SFC Kruger	CPT Bird	

Well that is all for now, remember to check out the updates to the battalion web sights, www.4-3adairaq.com and www.operationican.com. Pictures of your soldiers are updated each week. Please continue the outstanding support you have been providing your loved ones. See you next month.



CPT Bird
SABER 6



Greetings from the 1SG

First and foremost let me take this opportunity said Hello to all the spouses and family member of Saber battery, for those of you who don't know me my name is 1SG Bullock the former 1SG of Delta battery. I look forward to continuing the great work 1SG Dominguez and CPT. Bird has started with this battery; I will put fore my best effort to continue the tradition. I ask that you welcome my family, my lovely wife Donna and four daughters Teneshia, Melba, Nellie and Bianca as a part of the FRG. The Command team is commit to ensuring that each and every soldier be afforded the chance to go on R&R, but because the number of slots assign each month unfortunately every can go as requested, so I ask you to be patient thank you. In the coming months as we started the countdown to the time for redeployment I ask that you continue to keep us in you prayer until everyone is safety home.

SABER 7

Early Warning Families,

SFC Dowdell from the Early Warning platoon here in Iraq. I would like to say thank the family members and loved ones for the continued support that you all have been providing during our deployment. You definitely make a difference in our mission. Thank You! We would like to send our congratulations to SGT Robinson on his marriage Christina Kruger this past July. The Early Warning Platoon welcomes SPC Decosta to the Noncommissioned Officer Corps; he will be promoted 1 September. Congratulation also goes to SGT Perches for his promotion to Staff Sergeant. The platoon once again represented the battalion at the 3rd Brigade soldier of the month board with PFC Malarkey taking second place. The platoon as a whole would like to thank all the family support for the care packages, and letters that have been received. These items are much appreciated and help to keep the focus on the mission. Thank you for all the help and support.

Watch Dog 7 SFC Dowdell

Greetings from the Medics of 4/3 ADA,

The medics have been steadily seeing patients and administering immunizations on a daily basis. The consolidated aid station sees both soldiers and EPWs, providing them with the best care available. Our medics continue to teach Combat lifesaver classes, volunteer for combat patrols and provide aid to the soldiers at OBJ Midland. We have also been focusing on our annual re-certification test due by 06 SEP 04. I expect everyone to do great. Duty First!

CPT West

Greetings from the MOTOR POOL,

Thankfully we are now beyond the midway point in the deployment. We realize that the upside to reaching this juncture is that the day of return is drawing nearer. We want to thank all those who have supported us to this point. The care packages, letters, and e-mails are greatly appreciated. SPC Michael Sanchez wishes to send the following message to his wife Jill and their kids, "I send my love and faith, hugs the kids, and see ya in six months." PFC Quoc Dang sends the following message to his wife Sam, "Hello wife, I can't lie to you, so all I'm gonna say is I love and miss you. We'll talk about my situation alone. Love Quoc." SPC Wright sends the following message to his wife Doretta and daughter Jasmin, "How's everything going with you and Jasmin?" I love and miss my two princesses with all my heart, Love Tony."

SSG Artis

Greetings from the Support Platoon,

During the month of August support platoon was very busy. SSG Francis set up a dining facility tent at Objective Midland for the soldiers to eat chow inside. The rest of the platoon was on numerous Combat patrols, gate guard and supporting the Iraqi National Guard Graduation. We are proud of all the soldiers that make up the support platoon. We would like to welcome the newest soldiers to the platoon SPC McDowell who will be working with the Dining Facility Section.

SSG Griffith RUFF RYDER 1

Greetings from the Battalion Staff and ADADO

Battalion Staff personnel wish all the families and soldiers the best We would like to welcome the newest member to the staff, actually to the Division Staff at ADADO, MAJ Labadini. We look forward to making him apart of the team. Congratulation goes to SSG Miller, who will be promoted to SFC on September 1st. SFC Carreon is diligently working to get all our soldiers AFN, while SGT Sweetin's superior Playstation skills allowed him to win the FOB Danger Madden Football Tournament. And our newest staff officer, 2LT Schmor, is quickly becoming a cagey veteran. Until next month, keep us in your prayers and we hope to see you soon!!

THE STAFF!



HHB FRG NEWS

Hi,

Yeah!! School has started. It is time to gear up for fall and all the activities we have planned. Our biggest project will be planning on what to do for the soldiers for Christmas and homecoming. We have a lot of ideas in the works, but we need to finalize those ideas and start the preparations. If you would like to be involved, please come out to the Sept 14th meeting.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. Hope to see you on the 14th!

Christa Bird

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Upcoming Events

September 14th

@ 6:30pm BN classroom-FRG Meeting-**POTLUCK**

September 24th

@ 5:30pm DFAC BN Dinner

October 1st

4/3 ADA sponsored community Bingo

October 4th

@ 6:30pm BN classroom-FRG Meeting

October 8th

@ 9:30am Book club discussion of Anna Karenina at Leighton Book Mart

COOKING DANGEROUSLY

As the gallant soldiers of the Big Red One and supporting elements continue their mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, enterprising spouses are embarking on a task of our own. The Leighton Barracks Family Readiness Group Advisors' Forum invites you to share your favorite recipes for a fundraiser cookbook: "Cooking Dangerously". The purpose of the cookbook is threefold:

1. The cookbook serves as a keepsake – a memento of this most challenging and rewarding year. It will serve as a reminder of the wonderful friends we have made and the incredible community spirit shared throughout the deployment.

2. Spread across 10 communities throughout Bavaria, the cookbook will further link Division units and supporting elements through a shared endeavor.

And, most importantly,

3. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will be donated to a memorial fund for our fallen soldiers.

We hope that you will share in the spirit in which this cookbook is envisioned. Attached you will find a form to submit your own favorite recipes. You may submit your recipes by either hard copy using the form or soft copy at

Cookbooklid@yahoo.com. Please double-check your recipes for accuracy.

Note that "Relationship" is requested on the form. We hope that not only spouses submit recipes, but that soldiers' families and friends will also submit them making this a true family-based effort. Please share this invitation with your FRG, family and friends, and all soldiers of your unit. Encourage them to involve their families too.

Our goal is to have the first batch of cookbooks available for purchase by the first of the year. Of course, we hope that you will order a cookbook for yourself and a few for gifts.

Thank you so much for your help with this rewarding project and your support of soldiers and families.

With thanks and kindest regards,

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ARCHER BATTERY NEWSLETTER

Hello from Archer 6 and Archer 7,

August has rolled by and we welcome September with hopeful wishes for cooler weather. Our soldiers have achieved great success this month in several tasks. We occupied Objective Midland and conducted a Bradley Live Fire exercise. Soldiers were also able to familiarize and qualify on our crew-served weapons. We will continue to train while deployed in order to sustain our well-honed combat skills.

The Olympic Games have provided us a chance to change our daily routine. With AFN here, we get to watch what those in Germany get to watch. We are all keeping up with the medals, and are supporting our athletes.

R+R has been quite successful this month with 18 slots! We will send 14 more soldiers home in September, and plan to get 100% of the rest out in October and November. All of the soldiers who requested September, October and November are going on time. August was a little tougher since many more soldiers requested than slots were available.

We welcome SSG Porter and PFC Burdette to the Archer family. They arrived at the end of the month and are going to provide some relief to our HQ crew and Third platoon. Thanks to the Rear Detachment for getting them prepared.

Thanks for all the hard work the families and friends of Archer soldiers are doing to support our efforts in the war on terrorism. We have crested the halfway point and are looking forward to each new month. We will continue to occupy Objective Midland in September, as well as change the pace of our operations on FOB Danger. Soldiers will find September a little more forgiving for time off, a much needed break after two months of solid heat and long hours! Our soldiers have performed honorably and have been successful in every mission. Their competence and confidence are better than ever.

As always, August has been a pleasure to serve with the great soldiers and families of Archer Battery. Remain positive and thanks again for all the hard work! I STRIKE! DUTY FIRST!

Much thanks and best regards,

CPT Ryan Hellerstedt
1SG Alonzo Kelly



Alpha FRG

Dear Alpha Battery Spouses and Families,

I commend all of you for your courage over the last few months as our soldiers have been deployed to Iraq. Some days have gone by quickly as we have been busy with projects, jobs, trips, social events, children, friends, extended family members, and regular tasks that help the clocks keep ticking. Other days have been slow, sad, and lonely as we reminisce of the most precious moments spent with our soldiers. With all the ups and downs everyone is still hanging in there and looking forward to the ever so desired day when we will greet our men with hugs, kisses, and oh so happy tears!! While some have had their well deserved R & R time, others are eagerly awaiting and counting down for the visit.

You are serving our country as much as your soldier is. Your sacrifices are huge! Many thanks to all of you for being strong and supportive. As a result, you are helping this to be a successful deployment for Alpha Battery, and 4-3 ADA.

As you know, my husband, CPT Ryan Hellerstedt, took command of Alpha Battery in June. He speaks highly of this battery and is very grateful to have well focused and reliable men all around him. He said to me last night, "The soldiers are the next best thing to my family."

In closing, I would like to invite all of you to the monthly FRG meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 September at 1830 in the HHB day room. We are finally on the down-hill side of this deployment, which means a lot of fun events to prepare for. Now that I am back in town, I have joined Valerie Chisolm in leadership of the group and I am very excited about the upcoming projects that we will be doing in support of our troops. We are preparing for Christmas and we have over 100 soldiers in Alpha Battery to consider for treats and/or gifts and we do not want any Alpha soldier to be left out. (*That includes the single soldiers*) We will need everyone's help to make the holiday a success. Of course we have other events before that to think about, and nobody would forget the welcome home hooah that must be put together. I look forward to seeing you all. Valerie and I need your ideas and your hands on help when you are available! If you have questions about "whens" and "wheres" or any other information pertaining to 4-3 ADA FRG, give your point of contact a call. Or you can always contact Valerie or me.

Have a great day!

Sherry Hellerstedt

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BLACK LIONS

B/4-3 ADA

"Only the Strong Survive!"



Commander's Notes

This month we received a 14 R&R slots for September, a decrease from what we anticipated. In July we received 17 slots and in August we received 18 slots. We were planning to receive 18 in September as well. However, the Division has allocated additional slots to 2/25th Infantry Division (a subordinate unit to Task Force Danger) so that they can get 100% of their soldiers through R&R. This forced us to adjust the R&R schedule in order to accommodate this change in slots.

However, there is a good news side to this story. The 1st Infantry Division has changed the end dates for R&R, allowing us to send people in December. This gives us approximately three more R&R groups to work with. *It also means that some soldiers will be home for Christmas.*

1SG Dominguez and I know that R&R is the single most important morale issue down here, followed closely by the Internet availability. We are working closely with the platoon sergeants to ensure that every soldier who wants to go home gets the opportunity. The Black Lion team deeply appreciates your patience and unwavering support.

CPT Henke
Black Lion 6

1SG Dominguez's Corner

Let me start off by saying hello to all the families and friends from Tikrit, Iraq. Operations here at FOB Danger continue to move at a very fast pace. We had a lot of fun this month destroying many targets during Gunnery. We have accomplished many additional tasks and continue to focus on upcoming missions.

Once again we have proven to all others what the Black Lions are capable of. Congratulations go out to PFC Hoffman as he demonstrated his winning attitude and performance. He competed for and won the Mechanic of the Quarter competition. This allows us to brag about winning back-to-back titles. He will proceed for the Battalion Mechanic of the Year Competition in the near future. Next event will be when SPC Rodriguez competes for the upcoming Soldier of the Quarter Board. He has trained hard and will represent the Black Lions with the highest of standards. The Black Lions also represented with determination to win during a recent 5K run. PFC Stewart finished in third place and several others placed within the top 10 finishers.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone for their outstanding support for their loved ones through out this deployment. I truly believe that the high morale of the soldiers is a direct reflection of that great support. Soldiers look forward to their off time to call home or get on line with their loved ones. If there is any soldier that fails to call home, please let me know so I can "march them" to the phone center.

Satellite television has become a hot item. With Olympics on every day and football pre-season games, soldiers are staying out of the sun and enjoying the great competition. We are all awaiting Super Bowl time, since this will be our sign to depart back to Germany.

1SG Dominguez
Black Lion 7



Rumors of the Month

Rumor 1: "The battery will be home for Christmas."

FALSE: The battery redeploys with the rest of 4-3 ADA in February, as planned.

Rumor 2: "If a soldier reclassifies he can come home as early as November."

FALSE: Reclassification and reenlistment do not change redeployment dates.

R&R Slots for September

Please remember that the OML can be adjusted based on changing circumstances (for instance, a family emergency not falling under emergency leave). If you have any questions, please contact CPT Henke, 1SG Dominguez, or SFC Lewis. The FRG is not involved in the OML.

<u>1 – 20 September</u>	<u>9 – 28 September</u>	<u>17 Sep – 5 Oct</u>	<u>25 Sep – 13 Oct</u>
SPC Graves	SGT Milstead	SFC Leday	1LT Gallardo
SPC Kenney	SPC Reed, Josh	SPC Evans	SSG Hicks
SPC Fino	SPC Delaney	PFC Harter	SSG Lee
PV2 Brown	SPC Scheffler		

COMING SOON

The first battery FRG meeting of the fall is scheduled for 14 September. This will also mark the world premier of "One Crazy Summer." This is the latest installment of the ongoing series of videos of the soldiers from downrange. Please join us and we'll see you there!

GOT AN IDEA FOR THE FRG?

If you have an idea for an activity, trip, or meeting, please let Cherie Tracy know. Remember, this is *your* family readiness group!

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<p>Hello Darlin, Say Hi to the boys and my mom and I will see you guys soon. I think about you every day and miss you all. Love Jack</p>	<p>Katie, Give the kids a kiss and hug from Daddy. Caudle</p>	<p>Helen, Thanks for putting up with all my time away and still loving me. Keep the girls going and I promise to take them out and give you some down time. Love. Michael</p>
<p>Hey Tiff and Abbi Things here are good. I'll be home in a little while. Take care, Your husband and father, Josh</p>	<p>Hey Jess, I miss you guys. Tell Olivia daddy will be home soon. I love you. John</p>	<p>Hey Barbara, I miss you and the little man. Tell your mom and dad I said hello and miss them too. Love you, Ramiro</p>
<p>To the FRG Hello everyone! Hope yall are not freezing to death. Thanks a lot for the care package on my birthday and thanks for keeping me in your prayers! PFC Pickeral</p>	<p>Hello Stephanie and Denisha Just wanted to say I love you and I'll be home soon. Take care and God bless. Love always, Lee</p>	<p>To My Family How U guys doing? I love U two a lot and miss ya'll. Can't wait to see you babe and you 2 son. Everyone else thanx 4 the support. Much alofa's, SPC Tuinei</p>
<p>To FRG Members, Hi I am SFC Reed. I am the new platoon sergeant for 3rd platoon. For the short time I've been in the battery, I have noticed your hard work and dedication in supporting our soldiers. Bravo soldiers have made a broad statement in performing their duties, and I can say it is a direct result of the sacrifice, and care that you all send to each solder to show your support. I thank you! SFC Casey Reed</p>	<p>Thank you for sending me a birthday care package, it really meant so much! SGT(P) Lee</p>	<p>Hi FRG Members I'm SPC Michael Moore and I just touched down in Iraq about a week ago and the transition from Rear Detachment to a hostile area was a big step and also a big change for me mentally and physically. I'm still learning and am trying to prove myself to my platoon and battery. Family members, the FRG is there, use them to the max. The soldiers and NCO's are there to help you to the best of their ability. Sincerely yours, SPC Michael Moore</p>
	<p>To Wendy, Matt, & Maya Missing you guys and thinking of you daily. Take care, be safe, and God Bless! SPC Yañez</p>	
	<p>To the Black Lion Families and Friends, Your support over the past seven months has been phenomenal. Without your love and continuous support, we could not do our mission. Thank you for everything you do. CPT Glenn Henke</p>	



Dawg Friends and Families,

As we pass the halfway point for Operation Iraqi Freedom II, Delta Battery continues to stand ready to accomplish any mission. In mid September, Delta will reassume the mission at OBJ Midland. This will allow the soldiers to requalify on their Avenger Weapon Systems and personal weapons. We are currently augmenting the other Batteries as they rotate to OBJ Midland. This rotation is beneficial for our soldiers because it fights complacency and gives them a chance to perform a different mission. Beginning in October, Delta will begin training on the tasks needed for redeployment to Germany.

R & R and RRMP continue to be the best programs for soldier morale. During the month of September, Delta will send 15 soldiers on R & R to visit their friends and family. RRMP slots give the soldiers opportunities to take a short break while remaining in theater. The response to these two programs has been overwhelmingly positive and Delta will continue to send as many soldiers as possible. Last month we received an extra R & R slot and we will seek to receive more throughout September. The majority of soldiers who deployed to Kosovo have received R & R slots and the remainder will receive slots next month.

The Rear Detachment and FRG continue to work hard to keep family members updated on the latest information about the unit and the deployment. I encourage you to continue to support the FRG and attend the monthly meetings to stay abreast of the latest information on the deployment. There are many rumors circulating about the redeployment. Please stay in contact with the FRG to receive accurate information. There will be many changes to the redeployment plan and different units will redeploy at different times just like we deployed so what is true for one unit may not be true for another. The Delta Battery and Battalion web sites are regularly updated with new pictures so check them for updates.

Congratulations to the following soldier on his promotion:

PFC Kane to SPC

I would like to sincerely thank the Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, Soldiers, and their families for the support they have given to Delta Battery, my family, and me over the last 16 months. CPT John Pires will assume command of Delta Battery on 15 September. He has done a great job as the Battalion S4 and will continue to do great things as the commander of Delta Battery. Please continue to give him and the rest of Delta Battery your support as they begin the final months of the deployment.

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

“Seek and Destroy”
CPT Eric Winterrowd

Happy September Birthday to the following soldiers:

SFC Holloway	4 September
SSG Waller	6 September
PFC Suarez	8 September
SGT Magnon	23 September
SGT Keune	26 September
PFC Brieno	29 September
PFC Campbell	29 September



You can view the 4-3 ADA Battalion Newsletter as well as photographs from the deployment online at - <http://www.4-3adairaq.com>

EuroDisney Trip

October 10, 2004

Express Trip

- An Express Trip means the bus will depart late evening/early morning time frame (Sat/Sun). Exact departure time TBA.
- The bus will arrive at Euro Disney the following morning (Sunday) and leave that evening
- The bus will arrive early morning hours of the following day (Monday)



Bus Fee: **26 €**per person

Entrance Fee: Disneyland Park **OR** Walt Disney Studios
40 €Adult **30 €**Ages 3-11 **Free**-under 3

**Please make your reservation with a deposit of
26€per person EARLY.**

Call Mrs. Dugan @ 09321-702-2701 with questions.
Balance (Entrance Fees) is due by September 30th.

***Please Note:** If we do not fill the bus with people from the 4-3 ADA by September 24th, we will open up the seats to people outside the unit. Deposits are non-refundable. If the bus is not filled by September 30th, the trip will be cancelled. This is not a fund raiser, the prices above cover costs only.*

The [September Out and About](#) was sent out prior to the first of September and can be found on the website at:
<http://www.98asg.wuerzburg.army.mil/417> then hit on the Community Info. Source button and select Out and About.

You can view the 4-3 ADA Battalion Newsletter as well as photographs from the deployment online at - <http://www.4-3adairaq.com>