



**4-3 ADA BN**  
**“I Yield Not, I Strike”**

Battalion Newsletter  
February 2004



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

The long-expected time for deployment is almost at hand, and I can think of no better way to begin such a mission than by the professional way our soldiers have accomplished the various pre-deployment tasks during the past month. From the safe return from Block Leave to the ISA operations all over Germany, the "I Strike" soldiers have set the standard for the Division. Many leaders from other deploying units have commented to me how impressed they are by your discipline and professionalism. For that I thank you.

I trust that everyone enjoyed their leave and were able to spend time with their loved ones during the holiday season. The break was well-deserved and also necessary, as we have witnessed recently how busy we can get and how much work needed to be accomplished in such a short time. Again, my congratulations on an excellent job and a hearty thanks for a safe return from Block Leave.

We have been very busy lately conducting one of the largest movements in U.S. History, and unfortunately the weather was not very cooperative. I am proud to say, though, that we never lost focus and always accomplished our tasks with safety as the first priority. As always, 4-3 NCOs led the way and made sure that all our soldiers maintained their discipline and bearing in order to achieve our goal of efficient success and zero accidents. One NCO in particular merits specific mention. SGT Errol Davis of HHB was the most instrumental person this month in ensuring that all of our equipment was properly weighed, moved, and loaded. He suffered through many late nights and countless setbacks that were out of his control, but endured by his willpower and dedication to duty. Without his Herculean efforts, I am confident that we would not have been so successful as we were.

With our vehicles finally on their way to Iraq, we can now focus on preparing our families and ourselves for the long deployment ahead. I encourage every soldier to maximize the amount of quality time they have with their families, and I encourage every family member to talk with your soldiers about the upcoming deployment. A difficult road lies ahead, but with open, honest communication, each and every "I Strike" family can grow and gain from this experience. The 4-3 Battalion will help you in this endeavor by publishing this newsletter from Iraq, so you can keep in touch with all of our accomplishments. Continue to support your FRG, as they will continue to support you throughout the coming year. The FRGs will be instrumental to the Rear Detachment, who will in turn play a key role in supporting the "I Strike" Battalion during its deployment.

On the eve of our departure we stand tall and proud, emboldened by the knowledge that we are part of America's main effort. Remember that you, too, as the "I Strike" families, also play a key part in our success. Auf Wiedersehen from Germany, and I will greet you all again from Iraq.

Take care and God Bless,

LTC James E. Spurrier  
I STRIKE!!!

# Command Sergeant Major's

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Hello to the " I STRIKE " family. We appreciate all the soldiers performing an outstanding and safe job during the very time-consuming predeployment phase of our OIF II Operation. The leadership knew what the plan was and made it happen; the ISA and convoy operations were a major success. Now it's time for us to prepare both mentally and physically for the upcoming mission. Most importantly, prepare the family members for the extensive separation; spend quality time with your loved ones and fulfill all of your obligations. Again, I ask the family members to utilize the 417th BSB and Kitzingen community that is loaded with pertinent, beneficial, and educational information related to deployment. The outdoor recreation center provides adventure/leisure trips and rents out family oriented equipment. The child and youth services provide enjoyable activities for the young family members. The Army Community Services is a great place to visit; visit the Web Site at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites>. The information is available for all soldiers and their family members.

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; you 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.

The time will arrive very soon for the deploying 4-3 ADA soldiers to perform our mission. I ask the family members to be a part of the family readiness group. The rear detachment personnel are looking forward to making this separation less painful and stressful for family members. We know the separation will not be easy in any way. " I STRIKE " family, we are family!

Congratulations to the parents of new babies, wedding anniversaries, and all other significant events such as promotions, birthdays, etc. The same goes to single and unaccompanied married soldiers.

The " 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

# ***THE SABER TEAM***

Hello Sabers and all of our family members,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to everyone. My name is CPT Mark Bird, and I am the new Battery Commander for HHB. I assumed command on 08 January 2004, but I have been in and around the Battery for some time now. I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of the soldiers and family members within HHB, and I am excited about the opportunity to get to know and meet everyone else. Most of you have already met my wife, Christa. She has proudly served as the HHB FRG Leader since October 2003 and she will continue to be there for the FRG throughout our deployment. Together, we look forward to assisting each family in preparing for the pending deployment, as well as establishing and maintaining contact between our Sabers and their loved ones throughout the deployment in Iraq.

January was a long month for everyone in the battalion, but especially for the soldiers of HHB. A new commander, a new way of doing things and little time to adjust, equated to long hours each day and sometimes long hours into the night. However, the soldiers of HHB performed admirably. Not only did they properly prepare every piece of equipment for deployment, but they successfully completed ISA operations and a two-hour vehicle convoy to the barge site without a single incident. Everyone in HHB pulled together to accomplish the mission as a team, proving that "Teamwork is the foundation of the Big Red 1."

The beginning of February will be focused on spending as much quality time with our loved ones as possible. But, it is also time to ensure that all of those loose ends are tied up. Wills, powers of attorney and financial matters need to be completed prior to deployment to ensure a successful transition. Also in February, the BN FRG is sponsoring a Valentine's Day flower sale. Soldiers who purchase flowers can have them delivered to loved ones who live on military installations free of charge, while loved ones who reside on the economy will be able to pick up their flowers at the battalion conference room on 13 February. The second part of February will include movement to Kuwait and continued preparations for the division's movement to Iraq. Most of our soldiers will be facing a bold, new challenge and they will be looking for guidance from the more experienced leaders who have faced this challenge before. We will face these new challenges together and share them with you through our letters, email and phone calls. We have distributed our address in Iraq to all of our soldiers, so feel free to start sending letters and packages so they can be waiting there when we arrive. I will also be sending pictures back to Christa, and she will show them prior to every FRG meeting.

Again, I would like to thank each and every Saber for their hard work and dedication to the mission, as well as thank each and every family member for supporting the greatest asset America has to offer, "An American soldier, on Duty for my country!"

Sincerely,

CPT Mark Bird  
***SABER 6***

## SABER FRG NEWS

I just want to thank everyone who came to the last meeting! We had an awesome turnout and the pies were delicious! I would also like to thank all of you who have volunteered your time to support the families of HHB and the Battalion. Our next meeting is Tuesday February 3rd in the Battalion classroom. We will be going over our activities calendar and passing along last minute deployment information. Since this may be the last FRG meeting before the deployment, please come out and meet everyone! We are not doing anything special as far as food this time, but you are more than welcome to bring something if you would like. I look forward to seeing ya'll there. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.  
Christa Bird  
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birdchrista@hotmail.com

\*\*If you are pregnant and due after the deployment, could you please call or email me at the above address with your name, due date, address and directions to your home, and whether or not you would like help (Ride to hospital, help with other children, and meals brought to your house). We don't know who needs help unless you tell us!\*\*

### SABER Hail and Farewells

*PVT Loucks  
PV2 Grawn  
PV2 Malarkey  
PV2 Tate  
PVT Rangel*



### *SABER Weddings*

*Congratulations to:*

*SFC Matthew and Magdalena Figner,  
Married on 29 January 2004.*

*PFC Joshua and Stphanie Benenson,  
Married on 30 January 2004.*

### **SABER OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to:

SGT Errol Davis

SGT Davis served as the Unit Movement Officer for the entire battalion. He ensured that all vehicles and storage containers in the battalion were successfully shipped and will be awaiting our arrival in Kuwait. His incredible effort was vital to the overall success of the Sabers and the Strike Fear Battalion.

# EARLY WARNING!

*Hello Early Warning Families,*

Early Warning has just wrapped up a tiring, yet necessary, two weeks of pre-deployment operations. We spent many a long night making sure our equipment was ready to go. I am proud of the soldiers and noncommissioned officers of the platoon, who not only worked on their own equipment, but ensured that the rest of the battery was prepared to deploy as well. A special thanks goes to SGT Tran, who took on the additional duty of supervising storage of all hazardous materials from Headquarters Battery.

Included in the pre-deployment operations was an Installation Staging Area (ISA) operation at Harvey Barracks, which made certain that our vehicles met the Division maintenance standards to deploy.

The platoon also participated in a two-hour convoy to Babenhausen to conduct barge-loading operations, where they said goodbye to their vehicles, not to meet again until Kuwait.

In the past two weeks, the early warning soldiers were also able to find the time to conduct training specific to their radar mission downrange. In addition to refreshing their MOS-specific skills, the training afforded Early Warning the ability to cross-train with soldiers from 17<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, and exchange tactics and techniques.

What's more, the platoon has been able to conduct Individual Readiness Training (IRT) to prepare them for possible situations they may encounter down-range. This training, combined with the pre-deployment readiness process, will make sure that our soldiers are as prepared as possible for Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

I look forward to working with Early Warning during this upcoming deployment. In my one month as Early Warning platoon leader, I have already met individuals and witnessed actions that make me believe that the platoon is capable of adapting to an adverse environment. I have the utmost confidence in the leadership of the noncommissioned officers, as well as the determination of the more junior enlisted soldiers waiting for a chance to demonstrate their leadership and organizational skills to the platoon.

David Williams  
1LT, Air Defense  
"E-Dub!"





# Archer Battery FRG Newsletter!



## HAILS

SGT James Baret  
Previous Station- 3ACR, Ft. Carson, CO  
Alpha Position - 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT, Team Leader

SPC Jeremy Thomas  
Previous Station- 3ACR, Ft. Carson, CO  
Alpha Position – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT, Bradley Crew Member

SPC Daniel Noriega  
Previous Station – 3ACR, Ft. Carson, CO  
Alpha Position – HQ PLT, NBC Specialist

PVT Michael Martinez  
Previous Station- AIT, Ft. Bliss, TX  
Alpha Position- 1<sup>st</sup> PLT, Bradley Crew Member

**DEPLOYMENT IS UPON US.  
HELP ARCHER BTRY  
SOLDIERS BY SUPPORTING  
THE FRG TODAY!**

All Alpha Battery ISA and railhead operations were completed successfully and without incident during the month of January. The Alpha Battery FRG would like to thank the families of Alpha Battery soldiers for their support.

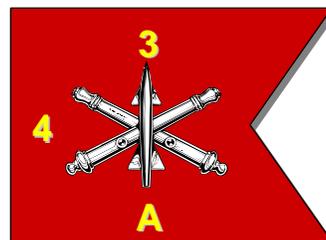
Please make sure all of your PDP information is updated and check your financial situation before our soldiers depart. Every bit of preparation we can make at home will make it that much easier for your soldier downrange.

## **ARCHER FRG LEADER**

Please enjoy the remainder of your time with your loved ones. As you help our soldiers get ready for deployment, remember that every bit more they are prepared, will make it that much easier for them while they are in Iraq. Please contact me if you have any questions during this busy time.  
Thank you,  
Valerie Chisolm

## **PROMOTIONS**

SFC Albert Guest  
SGT Timothy Watkins





# COMMANDER'S CORNER

February 2004

Greetings Archer Family,

CPT Lofton here to give you a monthly summary of the great achievements our soldiers are performing. I would like to thank everyone who supported the FRG meeting in January. We were able to present a slide show presentation regarding the area of operation that Alpha Battery is assigned to. The meeting also provided the opportunity to answer pertinent questions regarding the deployment. I highly encourage everyone to attend the final meeting (3 FEB 04) we have prior to the deployment. The FRG will continue to meet, however this is the last opportunity that soldiers and spouses will have to fellowship amongst each other prior to the deployment.

January was an extremely busy month for the Battery. The men spent many hours preparing equipment for deployment. The Battery prepared and shipped equipment during the middle of the month. A great team effort produced one of the most successful equipment movement operations in division history. All soldiers and leaders, who inspected the Battery's equipment, gave high praise for the professional manner in which we prepared and handled our equipment. I really appreciated the patience and care spouses and significant others in the battery provided to the soldiers during the long hours in January. The month of January was also time to finalize preparation for individuals who needed to qualify on weapons and pre-deployment training.

The month of February brings the challenge of deployment to the division. The men are prepared and ready for the challenge. We encourage all soldiers to spend as much quality time with their families and significant others as possible. The battalion looks to deploy in the middle of February. There is time available to say goodbye to our men just prior to leaving. We will continue to ensure there is constant communication throughout the deployment. As the commander of the Alpha Battery I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for all the support the women of our battery have provided to us during these long months of preparation. It is the number one priority of the leadership in the battery to ensure all our men will return safely. Please give 100% support to Valerie Chisolm and SFC Zackery over the next year. Please have a Happy Valentines Day. May God grant you the gift of tranquility and peace during the deployment.

Warmest Regards,

CPT Ron Lofton Jr.





## **Black Lions B/4-3 ADA**



### **Rear Detachment Commander's Notes**

As our Commander CPT Henke told the families last month, our intent as we lean forward to the deployment, is to allow our soldiers as much time with their families as possible while still providing them the necessary skills for the deployment. One of the ways we are doing that is with the Rear Detachment team. In order to make the transition to the deployment easier, we would like to see more family members attending the FRG meetings.

As the time becomes closer for your husbands to deploy, the need to pull together and become as one family increases. To be able to accomplish this everyone should attend the last FRG meeting prior to the deployment. I also need to know who is planning on going to the States during the deployment. If you plan on going to the States it would be nice for you to let myself now so I can do a Dependent Leave Form. This form is just for my information so I am able to contact you if need to be.

During the first forty-five days of the deployment I will be the main source of information do to the limited phone services. I will be making phone calls to all the wives in the evenings to give updated information or just to find out how everything is going.

We need volunteers to help support some of the activities that we have planned. One is what I call a "Day Out," and for the bowling league. I currently have about 12 people interested in this activity.

Once again I would like for everyone to attend the FRG meeting on the 3 FEB 04.

SSG Robert Gellerman  
Rear Detachment Commander

### **Commander's Corner**

As you all know, this past month was extremely busy for the battery. We had to prepare every vehicle, load up our equipment, pack our gear, conduct the ISA, and finally put everything onto trains headed to the port. Throughout the entire month the soldiers and leaders have proved that there aren't many challenges they can't handle. The entire team pulled together and accomplished the mission so well that they made it look easy. The 1SG and I are extremely proud of the soldiers and extremely grateful for the support and understanding of the families.

This month marks the end of the battery's time in Kitzingen until 2005. Soon we'll gather, say our farewells, and board busses. We'll drive to the airfield and then fly to Kuwait, ready to execute our mission for the next year. Each soldier and family member will have ample opportunity to reflect on what the life of soldiering truly means and how they contribute to that lifestyle. As we prepare to execute a battalion "Right Face" and march to war, take this time to ensure you are ready for the year ahead. Talk to each other, not only about the particulars about where the checkbook is stored and when the insurance must be paid, but also about your relationships and what they really mean. Make these last few weeks matter.

Thank you all for your support over the past six months. Our next report will be from Iraq, where Black Lion soldiers will set the standard.

Captain Glenn Henke  
Commander, B/4-3 ADA  
Black Lions



### **FRG Notes**

Good day to all. I am your newsletter publisher, Helen Jenson. I will be informing you of the upcoming events, and making sure you will know what is happening. I would like some ideas from all of you, so if you would please put them in the suggestion box at the FRG meetings. Please contact me at 09321-267752, if you have any trip information, favorite restaurant, tips, traveling, stories, articles, quotes. Or you can email me at [torchlight1230@yahoo.com](mailto:torchlight1230@yahoo.com). I also noticed that some of you will be traveling home. I can send the newsletter through e-mail. Or if you would like your loved ones back home to get the upcoming newsletters as well. All you need to do is give me their name and address, or e-mail. Thank you for your patience. The next newsletter will be out shortly after the Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### **Promotions**

SPC KENNEY  
SPC LAVERDIERE  
SPC DIOLIO  
SPC REED  
SPC RODRIGUEZ  
SPC KONG  
PFC SHEA  
PFC PETTY  
PV2 BADARAK

### **AWARDS**

SSG BAKER- Army Commendation Medal

### **Welcome the newest Black Lions!**

SGT FRAZIER, a 14R from Ft. Stewart  
PV2 EBERT, a 63Y from AIT

### **Upcoming Events**

2 FEB 04 BN FRG MEETING  
3 FEB 04 BTRY FRG MEETING  
5 FEB 04 BTRY POTLOCK DINNER/ 1800 BN CLASSROOM



## Top 10 Signs You Might Be a Black Lion



1. You use cordite as cologne.
2. When somebody says "Let's go shopping," you grab the Blackhawk catalog.
3. Instead of getting shaving razors, you get a new knife sharpening stone.
4. You refer to BDUs with running shoes as your "PTs."
5. Bedtime stories to your kids involve hand grenades and claymores.
6. Most of the sites on your Internet Favorites require a Federal firearms license.
7. You think that 300m is a close target.
8. There are range cards and target silhouettes in your room instead of beer posters.
9. Five words: Will Work For Weapons Parts.
10. You think the "L" in the Army Values should be "Lethality."

**DUTY FIRST!**





# DELTA DAWGS



## ~The Commander's Corner~



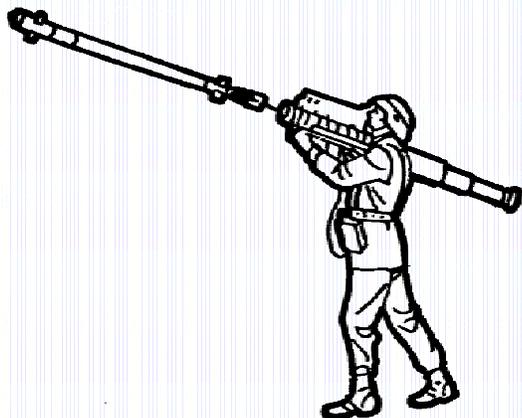
Hello Delta Family Members,

As you are reading this, your spouses are within a few weeks of beginning their deployment to Iraq. Your spouses have worked extremely hard since block leave ended. The preparation of all equipment and moving it out of country was our largest task. Your spouses accomplished this to an extremely high standard. They moved 60 pieces of rolling stock through the inspection site in only 3.5 hours. Then the next day they convoyed for two hours and had the entire convoy ready to load on barges without incident. I appreciate their hard work and the sacrifices made to make this mission a success.

The next few weeks will be filled with last minute preparation for deployment. We have administrative issues to complete, a range for those individuals not yet qualified on their assigned weapons, and some cleaning/reorganization to complete. There should not be many long days of work left and I will maximize the amount of time your spouse can spend with you and your family.

I encourage all spouses to attend the deployment brief on the 29<sup>th</sup> and attend the monthly FRG meetings. If you do not have access to the Delta FRG site on the web, you are missing out on the most current information I can provide. While deployed this site will continue to be updated to keep you informed on Delta's activities. Please feel free to contact the chain of command at anytime to discuss issues you may have.

Sincerely,  
CPT Eric Winterrowd



## **PLATOON INFO**

### **HQ PLATOON**

Happy New Year, Dog Pound! I hope you all enjoyed your block leave. January has been a very, very busy month for all. Pre-deployment operations have kept our soldiers working late into the night. We would like to thank you, our families and friends, for your continued support and understanding.

The motor pool crew did a superior job preparing vehicles for the final ISA at Harvey on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. Their hard work and dedication were proven when all fifty of the Battery's vehicles made it through ISA operations in three hours with no frustrations. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, all vehicles were taken to Babenhausen to be placed on the barge.

The Dog Pound also would like to congratulate their newest NCO, SGT Stephens. SGT Stephens pinned on E-5 on 22DEC03.

Again, I would like to remind you that your support is an important factor as we get closer to deployment for OIF II. As I am sure you are tired of seeing bills from and the inside of Clothing and Sales, it is because of you that Delta Battery will be prepared for a successful deployment.

2LT Gannon  
HQ Dog Pound.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLATOON**

Greetings to all,

2LT Berisford with news from the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon 'Renegades.' Much has happened in the last month. Block leave was a wonderful break for everyone, since then there have been no breaks. However, the long hours of preparation have paid off. We have successfully completed the ISA and barge loaded the vehicles. All connexs have been packed and all the necessary deployment equipment is loaded. The last of our soldiers have went to the small arms range and have further proven they are ready for the mission at hand.

Now is a period of waiting. This is the time to take advantage of the few days we have left with our loved ones before deployment. Please ensure that all personal affairs are in order; use this short time wisely.

Again if there is anything I can assist you with, let me know.

I realize that there are still many unanswered questions about this deployment. I will continue to answer these questions as quickly as possible. I hope that everyone understands that this is a very fluid environment and things are constantly changing. Thank you again for your help in this difficult time.

2LT Berisford  
1/D/4-3 ADA

### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLATOON**

Dear Family and Friends of the Dirty Dawgs of 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon,

After a very relaxed Holiday Block Leave, the Dirty Dawgs returned to a very busy battery. The platoon contributed extensively to the battery's effort of packing and loading equipment for our upcoming deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The end of January and early February will bring additional pre-deployment preparations and more time to spend with families as well as more opportunities to take care of personal business.

I will do my best to keep you posted of future adventures of the Dirty Dawgs while down range via email or postal when possible. The Dirty Dawg Soldiers of 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon want to Thank, YOU, the family and friends, for your constant support and patience as the unit prepares for this upcoming mission in Iraq.

Thanks again for all you have given to the Dirty Dawgs!!!

**SEEK AND DESTROY!!!**

1LT Ro Clemente  
2<sup>nd</sup> PLT- "DIRTY DAWGS!!!"

### **3<sup>RD</sup> PLATOON**

Families and Friends,

I want to express my appreciation to all of those who have supported the 3/D soldiers in the past few weeks. I know that we have been working hard for this deployment since we came back from block leave, but the process has gone much smoother because of you. We have recently packed up all of our trailers with the gear that we are taking to Iraq. In addition all of the vehicles have been loaded onto the barge. With that done successfully, we can get back on a regular schedule for a short time.

If it has not already been put out we are getting a 4 days weekend the 30<sup>th</sup> of January thru the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. With all of the long days and nights in the past couple of weeks, this is some much deserved time off for all. I want to especially thank Mrs. Glendenning and family for their support.

2LT John F. Bierce  
3/D/4-3 ADA

### **4<sup>TH</sup> PLATOON**

Hello Madd Dawg Families.

Hopefully all of you enjoyed the block leave period and spent much time with your loved ones over the holidays. As the trend in prior months, 4D as well as all of Delta Battery has been hard at work. The many hours of preparation of vehicles and personnel will go a long way in ensuring success in our deployment to Iraq.

Other tasks of creating wills and assuming power of attorney for families members remaining in Germany is also a necessary mission to enable those left behind the security of carrying on financial affairs while our soldiers are down range.

On other fronts, the Madd Dawgs will head into ISA operations at Harvey barracks where our vehicles will be checked out before getting on the barge to Kuwait. Connexs are packing and being sealed during this week, only due to the dedication of the soldiers committed to their duty.

It is the hope of our battery that after our vehicles and Mil Vans are shipped off, we will be able to spend some additional time with families and friends as we all await the call forward.

It is with much pride that I commend you and your families for the sacrifice you make for your country to guarantee the freedoms that most Americans take for granted. It is a worthy and just mission that will only ensure peace in our country and safety of our people. We will do good things in Iraq and it is the soldiers of 4<sup>th</sup>

platoon that will lead the way and set the standard for all.

1LT MacElroy  
Platoon Leader  
Madd Dawgs!

### **5<sup>th</sup> PLATOON**

Hello Atomic Dawgs!! Happy New Year! I trust everyone was able to enjoy a well deserved few weeks of leave. Congratulation to SPC Brendel who got married while back in the States. We wish them a happy life together.

Our new platoon is coming together well in the short time we've had together. We worked hard to train for our upcoming mission and now we are putting the finishing touches on the deployment. The Atomic Dawgs have done a great job to get all our equipment ready and put in some long hours. We really appreciate their hard work and wonderful attitude during these stressful couple weeks. For the time left we can focus on all the personal issue and help with 5th Platoon's extended family.

FRG is a great tool for this!! Stay involved with them and you will always have all the up to date information on the deployment. This mission has been a long time coming and we are excited to do our jobs and serve our country.

Take care and God Bless!

1LT Tucker  
5th Plt, D Btry  
Atomic Dawgs  
Go Buckeyes!





## A note from our Leader



Hello everyone,

I again wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped out or contributed in some way to the Delta Battery FRG. I appreciate the help decorating for the BN Christmas party and dayroom and baking for the single soldiers. I especially wanted to thank the people who came out to help wrap Christmas presents at the PX. We had more business than we knew what to do with and made much more money than we had expected. We are making great strides towards our goal of a very inexpensive battery trip this summer. In addition, a special thanks goes out to Isabelle Jennings who puts together the Delta section of this newsletter every month.

The deployment is just around the corner (or already here—depending on the date you receive this newsletter) and I just wanted to encourage everyone to take part in the FRG in any way you can. It's always nice to have a whole group of people you can count on if need be. Please feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions or concerns at 09321-923265 or e-mail me at [susanwint@hotmail.com](mailto:susanwint@hotmail.com).

Our next FRG meeting will be **TUESDAY 3rd Feb. at 1830** at the Delta Dayroom. Free childcare will be offered from 1815 to 2100; reservations should be made at DSN 355-8364, civ. 09321-305-8364.

Out website address is: [dawg\\_frg@yahoo.com](mailto:dawg_frg@yahoo.com) Please feel free to contact us!



Congratulations to SGT Riley for his baby girl Mercedes born in

December!



# REAR DETACHMENT

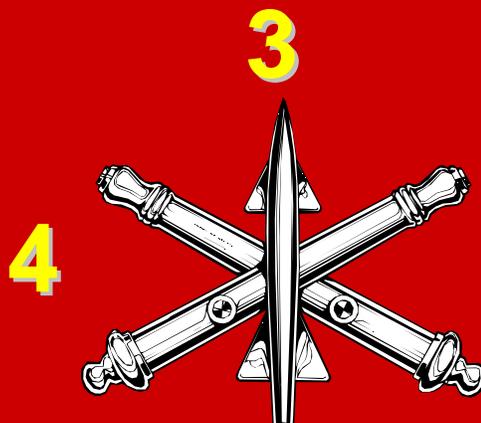


"I Strike! Another month has quickly come and gone for our 4-3 ADA family. As the Rear Detachment, we would like to extend an invitation to all spouses to contact their Family Readiness Group leaders or the Family Readiness Liaisons for their soldier's battery and find out how to get involved! We are going to have several functions in the next few months that provide the opportunity to get to know each other. One of these functions will be a "Commander DFAC Dinner". The purpose is to have all family members come enjoy a meal at the dining facility on Larson and have the opportunity to hear information concerning their soldiers in Iraq, rumor boards, and perhaps a slide-show of our deployed battalion. It also allows family members to address concerns with the Rear Detachment Command Team in an open and friendly environment. Look for the first one in March!

SFC Elam's wife, Silke Elam, has generously offered her language skills to any German speaking spouse who does not feel comfortable speaking English and needs help with Army related issues. Her phone number is 09321-924-375.

Please come out this week and attend the FRG meetings. Your battery meets every first Tuesday of the month and free childcare is available. Please call your phone point of contact for more information. Thanks for what you do as a soldier and as a family member supporting our great Army!"

CPT Ryan Hellerstedt  
SFC Mike Elam



**REAR D**

The end