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Sgt. 1st Class David Berry

Task Force THUNDER

Story by Spc. Dustin Perry, 1/34 BCT PAO

CAMP SCANIA, Iraq – A memorial ceremony for Sgt. 1st Class David Berry was held Feb. 27 at the dining facility courtyard, where several friends, peers and fellow Soldiers came to pay final respects to their fallen comrade.

Berry, born in Anthony, Kan., died Feb. 22 when an improvised explosive device struck his Humvee. He was 37. He had been a squad leader in Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery Regiment since the unit's mobilization for deployment in October 2005.

The ceremony began with the invocation given by Chap. (Capt.) Corey Bjertness. The ceremony continued with the singing of the national anthem, and Berry's biography, which was read by Capt. Thomas Yentsch. Capt. Sean Herbig, Berry's company commander, was the first of three speakers to offer a personal tribute.

"David was a dedicated, caring noncommissioned officer," said Herbig. "He was dedicated not only to our mission, but to the safety and well-being of his subordinates."

Berry had a widely-known quirky sense of humor, an easygoing personality and a positive disposition that endeared him to everyone who knew him, Herbig said.

"We have lost more than just a fine NCO; we have lost a brother," said Herbig. "We will remember David as a dependable and hard-working Soldier whose face will forever be burned into our memory. I will remember him as a dedicated citizen Soldier who gave his all to accomplish the mission, and a man who refused to let his squad members down.

"Goodbye, Sgt. 1st Class Berry," Herbig concluded. "Thank you for your service and sacrifice."

Sgt. 1st Class David Mugg met Berry 11 years ago when the two were both assigned to Charlie Battery, 1st Bn., 161st Field Artillery Regiment in Kingman, Kan. Berry was then a cannon crewman and soon became a gun chief – "not as flashy as some, not as fast as others, but solid and dependable," said Mugg during his tribute speech.

"I have for many years thought of Sgt. 1st Class Berry as being the best example I know of who we all claim to be – the citizen Soldier," said Mugg. "To some of us, being aggressive and forceful are a basic part of who we are, and the life of a Soldier is a natural extension of that. David was cut from a different sort of cloth; he was good-natured and easygoing, quiet to the point of almost seeming shy, and infinitely patient."

Mugg called Berry a "careful and effective NCO – the sort that can be given any task with the expectation it would be well accomplished." He then praised Berry for his unparalleled professionalism and dedication to his job.



"I think he was willing to risk his life so that an entire nation might have the opportunity to succeed," said Mugg. "I hope they appreciate his sacrifice as much as we all do, and that they make something of the chance that we are paying for with lives. I'm glad that I made the time to find out what he was made of. I will miss him."

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Salmans concluded the tribute portion of the ceremony with a short speech in which he called Berry "a Soldier's leader, willing to give you the shirt off his back if that was what was necessary." Salmans met Berry four years ago when they were attending annual training at Fort Riley, Kan.

"His was a unique leadership style; he didn't have to holler and fuss to get the point across, but his section always understood the plan," said Salmans. "Sgt. 1st Class Berry was an example of a first sergeant's ideal Soldier – always on time, in the right place, doing the right thing. [He] truly believed in the mission that we're all trying to accomplish in this country. He will be deeply missed."

The second half of the memorial included a bagpipe performance of "Amazing Grace" by James Rutmann and a speech and benediction from Bjertness. The final roll call was given by 1st Sgt. Stuart Speice, followed by the firing of volleys and the playing of taps.

Berry graduated from Chaparral High school in 1987 and had worked at the Farrar Foundry in Norwich, Kan., since then. He enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard on April 4, 1988, as a heavy anti-armor weapons infantryman.

Berry's awards and decorations include the Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Action Badge, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass and "M" Device.

Berry is survived by his wife Kathleen, their daughter Holly Gill, two grandchildren of Wichita, Kan., his parents Karl and Jackie, and his sister Laina.



Red Bull history: Medals of Honor

Staff Sgt. George J. Hall



U.S. Army, 135th Infantry, 34th Infantry Division. Near Anzio, Italy, May 23, 1944. G.O. No. 24, April 6, 1945. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. Attacking across flat, open terrain under direct enemy observation, Staff Sgt. George J. Hall's company was pinned down by grazing fire from three enemy machine guns and harassing sniper fire. Hall volunteered to eliminate these obstacles in the path of advance. Crawling

along a plowed furrow through furious machine-gun fire, he made his way to a point within hand grenade range of one of the enemy positions. He pounded the enemy with four hand grenades, and when the smoke had died away, Hall and two dead Germans occupied the position, while four of the enemy were crawling back to our lines as prisoners. Discovering a quantity of German potato-masher grenades in the position, Hall engaged the second enemy nest in a deadly exchange of grenades. Each time he exposed himself to throw a grenade the Germans fired machine-gun bursts at him. The vicious duel finally ended in Hall's favor with five of the enemy surrendered and five others lay dead. Turning his attention to the third machine gun, Hall left his position and crawled along a furrow, the enemy firing frantically in an effort to halt him. As he neared his final objective, an enemy artillery concentration fell on the area, and Hall's right leg was severed by a shell burst. With two enemy machine guns eliminated, his company was able to flank the third and continue its advance without incurring excessive casualties. Hall's fearlessness, his determined fighting spirit, and his prodigious combat skill exemplify the heroic tradition of the American Infantryman.

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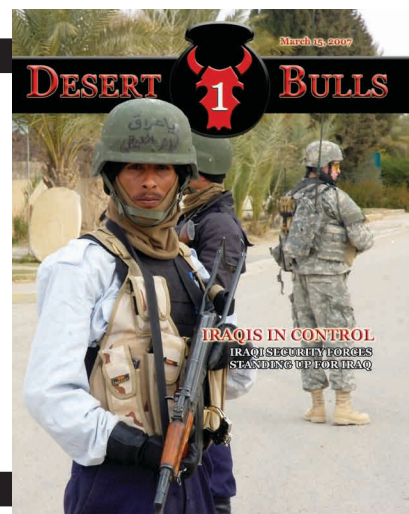
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On the cover:

An Iraqi Police officer provides security last month during a joint patrol with Minnesota Army National Guard Soldiers in Anah, Iraq. More than 10 Guardsmen are working with the IPs in this small city in western Iraq. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PAO.



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

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Colonel David J. Elicerio, USA
Commander
1st Brigade, 34th Infantry Division
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Dear Colonel Elicerio,

Thank you very much for spending time with me during my recent visit to Tallil. It was an honor to meet you and some of the fine Soldiers of the 1st Brigade. Please also extend a special thanks to Chaplain Williams for his outstanding tour of the Ziggurat at Ur. It was a real highlight of my trip.

Despite the challenges that lay ahead for the Red Bulls, I am confident you and your superb Soldiers will continue to carry out your mission and make us proud. The Department is committed to the welfare of your Soldiers and will work to take care of them and their loved ones over the coming months. I have tasked the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to coordinate actions with the National Guard Bureau and the Army Staff to address the issues you raised during my visit.

Please know how much we all appreciate the sacrifices you and your families are making, and convey my deep respect and gratitude to your Soldiers.

Sincerely,
Robert M. Gates



Expectations for your four-day pass in Qatar

■ HOUSING

1. You will share a room and be grouped together by rank.
2. The rooms have bunk beds and wall lockers. You will need to bring your own lock.

■ ENTERTAINMENT AND FOOD

1. There are two places for entertainment on post. The Top Off club, which is within walking distance of billeting. The Oasis club sells Chinese food and chicken wings but the selection is limited. The Top Off club does not sell food.
2. Both clubs sell beer, wine and wine coolers. The beer is \$3 and the wine and wine coolers are \$4. You are limited to three per day. To buy alcohol you must give your military ID and the number of drinks you purchase is recorded daily in a database for both clubs. You can't try to beat the system and drink three drinks at each club. No other places permit you to drink.

■ TOURS

1. Every day there is a tour for a fee. The culture tours cost the most at \$32 per person. Trips to the local mall are free. Other events, such as water sports, cost \$20 per day.
2. The sponsorship program allows you to leave base providing you find yourself a sponsor. To obtain one, wait in the lobby of the USO to see if someone shows up. Only mili-

tary personnel stationed at the base qualify as sponsors.

■ POST AMENITIES

1. There is a chow hall on post. The food is very good and they serve many different types of food than what is served in Iraq.
2. Chili's Restaurant is next to the pool, but the menu is limited.
3. The Pool is Olympic size and beautiful. There is also a small hot tub next to it. Both are very clean and well maintained.
4. There is a post office located on the post. You can mail any gifts you purchase instead of bringing them back with you.
5. The USO has movies playing all day. They have 15 to 20 computers in their Internet cafe, and approximately a dozen of DSN lines for MWR calls. There are many books to choose from and a coffee shop.
6. The gym complex has many services including a Dairy Queen, movie theater and day spa for massages and manicures.

■ TRAVEL

1. You will travel on the first day of your pass but that does not count toward your pass.
2. Your return flight is scheduled to be exactly five days after you arrive. Do not expect to return early. If you choose to leave early, you



Sgt. Billy Miller at the fountain of Oyster and Pearl on Doha Corniche during the cultural tour while on four-day pass in Qatar.

will be on Space A and priority will go to backlogged troops. It is a safe bet that you will not return on your planned time.

■ CLOTHING

1. Long pants are required for going off post. Pants should be free from patches, holes and excessive threading. No shorts are authorized off post. Females may wear skirts provided they are ankle length. Capri pants are not authorized.
2. Shirts with collars and mid to long sleeves are required. T-shirts are not authorized. Clothing may not display obscenities or offensive pictures or words, alcohol logos, religious statements, personage or symbols. Articles of clothing will meet standards of good taste.
3. Sandals, tennis shoes and closed toe shoes are acceptable footwear. Shower shoes or military boots are not authorized.

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The extension and your Savings Deposit Plan

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The regulations explain that those of us who take advantage of the SDP program will continue to receive interest for 90 days after we are no longer entitled to Hostile Fire Pay.



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MITT Team demonstrates training success

Story and Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Clint Wood, 1/34 BCT PAO

CAMP KASSAM, Iraq – Several soldiers of an Iraqi Army battalion suffered from serious pay problems for six to nine months before Task Force BEARCAT’s Military Transition Team arrived last April at Al Qaim, Iraq.

In a month’s time, team members 1st Lt. Paul Ives of Chisago City, Minn., and Sgt. 1st Class Luke Hagerty of Browns Valley, Minn., corrected their pay problems.

This is just one example of the success the MITT team from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division has achieved.

Under the MITT team’s guidance and mentorship, the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division, took control of its first battle space in one month.

Rawah wasn’t a calm battle space by any means. It is in the volatile Anbar Province and a former hotbed for insurgent activity. Rawah and Anah, whose citizens are almost all Sunni, were breeding grounds for the Sunni-based insurgency. By mid-2005, both towns were in the grip of al-Qaida In Iraq.

Now the IA soldiers or “Jundi,” can walk safely down the streets to local vendors’ shops or jump in their armored Humvees and safely patrol streets that were once laden with roadside bombs.

Team chief, Maj. Wade Bastian of Foley, Minn., said Rawah had such a bad reputation that two of his interpreters and several Jundi quit when they learned that the battalion was going there.

“However, since our battalion has been here, soldiers have come back to the battalion and the violence in this area has decreased significantly,” he said.

He said Marines providing security in the city also played a role in this decrease.

The Marines’ security mission includes foot patrols and providing over watch in their light armored vehicles of the heavily-fortified joint operations center.

Team member 1st Lt. Gordon Giswold of Cold Spring, Minn., said another reason for Rawah becoming safer is that the Jundi understand the Arab culture and how Arabs think better than Coalition Forces.

“They can look at someone in the street and say this guy is from Syria,” said Giswold. “We wouldn’t know.”

The word is out in Rawah that there is a “new sheriff in town”, – Lt. Col. Mohammed Kasem, the battalion commander.

On Thanksgiving, after he attended a local sheik’s wake, the sheik’s son approached him. This man, who was wanted for crimes against Coalition Forces, admitted his guilt to Kasem and told him that he will stop his illegal activities and support him.

Kasem also supports his MITT Team, one of the more than 400 in Iraq. He said it has good leadership, strong ethics and respects his Jundi. He said it completes its mission “at a high level.”

The team started its deployment by studying at the Phoenix Academy at Camp Taji for several days. It received training on new equipment, communications and weapons. The team also attended language and cultural classes.

“We found that our team was much stronger than any of the others that were in attendance due to our background of



Bottom: Maj. Wade Bastian, team chief of Task Force BEARCAT’s Military Transition Team, watches as a store owner in Rawah, Iraq, chooses some fruits and vegetables for him.

being from the same unit and working together as a team prior to arriving at Taji,” said Bastian.

Bastian’s team is trained in several tasks. For example, one day Hagerty was issuing identification cards for new Jundi. Two days later, he was the Humvee gunner providing security for a shopping mission in Rawah.

“At any given time, the staff that we have here can function at any role that we need,” Bastian said.

The staff’s duties range from administration, intelligence, operations, supply and communications.

The team, the IA and Iraqi Police all live on the small primitive camp.

The long-term goal is to recruit enough Iraqi Police to replace the IA or allow the IA to move to a back-up role, Bastian said.

Bastian said his team members were hand-picked specifically for each position.

Giswold, a full-time employee at the Directorate of Logistics at Camp Ripley, Minn., is the adviser for the battalion’s headquarters company, the transportation officer and the camp’s mayor.

He said he helped set up a garage for the Jundi, taught them how to maintain and order supplies for their vehicles.

He said the battalion has good mechanics.

“They’re so used to making things from scratch or fixing things from nothing,” he said. “They can repair pretty much anything.”

He said the most challenging thing for him in working with the Jundi has been adjusting to their culture and learning their language.

“Thank God we have interpreters because they help us a lot,” he said.

“We’ve been working with these guys for seven months now and we’ve gotten to know them pretty well,” he said. “On any patrol, I would trust them with my life and I think it goes the same way the other way.”

The team’s intelligence adviser, 1st Lt. Dave Colemer of Moorhead, Minn., a security supervisor for United Parcel Service in North Dakota, agreed.

He said after he taught the Jundi how to execute a foot patrol, they insisted that they lead the patrol and they always stayed in front of him.

“These guys are willing to learn,” he said. “They try hard. The best thing they like to do most is to prove to you what they learned from you.”

He said learning Arabic has been the biggest



An Iraqi army soldier is assisted by a dog with his entry control checkpoint duties last December near Rawah, Iraq.

challenge for him.

“By us helping and learning more words, it proves to the Iraqis that we’re here and trying to learn their language and trying to learn their culture,” he said. “It makes for better relations between the guys you have. A couple words go a long ways,” he continued.

Colemer is assisted by Staff Sgt. Brian Beto of Moorhead.

Other team members from the 1/34 BCT are Capt. John Washburn of Hope, N.D., Capt. Cory Walock of Fargo, N.D., Sgt. Scott Corbin of Anoka, Minn., and Sgt. Jason Colon of Alexandria, Minn.

Bastian said Walock and Corbin have one of the most difficult assignments because they are responsible for ensuring that the battalion receives critical supplies like food and water.

Bastian said all of his Soldiers have built a strong bond with the battalion.

“I know for a fact that Iraqi soldiers would give their life for our Soldiers,” he said. “And I know that my team would do the same for them.”



Sgt. 1st Class Luke Haggerty, a member of Task Force BEARCAT’s Military Transition Team, does an eye scan on a Iraqi army warrant officer last month at Camp Kassem, Rawah, Iraq.

Task Force THUNDER leads brigade in CMO accomplishments

Story and photos by Capt. Paul Rickert,
Task Force THUNDER UPAR

The Task Force THUNDER effects cell started its Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment last spring with seven Soldiers, no funding and no projects planned. Now, a team of 29 members manages more than 72 projects at a total cost of more than \$16 million. Originally from a field artillery unit, the Soldiers assigned to the effects cell had no civil military operations training prior to their deployment to Camp Shelby, Miss. Capt. Clay Forbes, the task force's effects coordinator, said once his staff decided its approach and what level of projects it wanted to deliver, the staff set up a collaborative partnership between it and the local governing leaders. "The biggest contributor to our success in this area is the time we spent engaging and growing relationships with local leaders," he said. "We started with small projects and gained the confidence of local leaders who then came forward with their prioritized list of needs." Forbes and his team use that list, along with the battalion commander's guidance to determine the priority of the projects and take action.

Forbes added as a result of their progress the patrols have also seen increased cooperation with local forces. Since the beginning of the deployment, his cell has focused on four areas: water, electricity, municipal vehicles and road construction. The projects brought potable water distribution to homes for the first time, electricity to homes, municipal vehicles to local villages and road construction to facilitate travel and trade between towns and schools. To date, they have assisted in the building of nine schools and renovation of two schools. The team handed out more than \$100,000 of school supplies to more than 950 children in more than 30 schools. Donors included family readiness groups and non-profit organizations such as Operation Iraqi Children. The projects that Forbes felt marked the greatest impact included the water distribution project through southern Babil, the road projects and the renovation of electrical distribution networks in Ash Shumali and Mahdhadyah. Forbes said the people have had the greatest effect on the team despite all of the accomplishments of the team.



Capt. Clay Forbes and 1st Lt. Steven Hall with local children in their classroom during a recent Task Force THUNDER CMO mission.

“The effect of seeing the smile on the face of someone who’s never tasted [potable] water before, that’s a great effect,” said Forbes.

Forbes said the cell is also working with their third Multinational Division-Center South rotation comprised of Polish and Salvadorans.

“Once we could show we could bring all the involved people together and complete a project from start to finish in a short period of time, they were willing to support us more,” said Forbes. “From then on we’ve attended weekly meetings and adhered to their reporting requirements. That shows them we have the capacity to handle the projects we’re given.”

The team received the Polish Iraqi Campaign Medal for their work with coalition forces and has been asked to serve as a conduit between MND-CS and the Embassy in Al Hillah. With the necessary relationships in place, the team was able to execute more projects. They worked to incorporate local officials and partnered with their internal

engineering and regulatory officials. They encouraged local officials to determine which contractors would be used in the area to increase ownership of the projects.

The cell continues to monitor projects throughout the construction phase. Managing project construction requires a daily presence at each of the project sites. It requires interfacing between contractors, the city and provincial engineers.

Forbes said the CMO team serves as a mediator that watches out for the public’s best interest. They also ensure contractors follow the plans of the contract.

Once a project is completed, the cell assesses the effect to see if it made the impact leaders were suggesting. Then they enter into another targeting cycle and another round of meetings with the provincial reconstruction and development committee and local leaders.

Forbes said the effects have definitely been positive.

“We certainly have legitimized local government,” said Forbes.

For more photos and videos of the Task Force THUNDER CMO team visit redbullweb.com, Units, 1-125 STRIKE.



Soldiers of Task Force THUNDER’s CMO team. Front Row: Sgt. Bryan Fontaine (left), 1st Lt. Dwight Lahti, Sgt. 1st Class Dianna Parenti, Spc. Antonio Casana, Sgt. Jeremy Charlet, Spc. Gerard Gonzalez and Interpreter Moe. Back row: Sgt. Timothy Plante (left), 1st Lt. Steven Hall, Spc. Travis Mitchell, Sgt. Jose Carreon, Spc. Jose Diaz-Torrez, Spc. Brandon Holland, Capt. Clay Forbes, Spc. Michael Saniti, Staff Sgt. Robert Hillsheim, Sgt. Michael Kehoe, Spc. Jacob Hesse, Spc. Sean McMonagle, Sgt. 1st Class William Potts, Spc. Caleb Taylor, Sgt. Jessica Collazo, Spc. Miquel Erlandson and Interpreter Dave.

**SPOTLIGHTING
THE 1/34 BCT'S
CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS
EFFORTS IN IRAQ**

IMPACTING IRAQ



By Capt. Joshua Larsen, 1/34 BCT Chief Legal Assistance Officer

180 Day extension

Deployed servicemembers get an automatic 180-day extension after demobilization to file all unfilled tax returns. The deadline postponement provision also applies to estate, gift, employment, and excise tax returns. However, the provision only applies to employment and excise tax returns of individual, sole-proprietors (generally Schedule C filers) in a combat zone. The provision does not apply to other tax and information returns, such as those for corporate income taxes, or to employment or excise taxes of an entity, such as an S Corporation or Limited Liability Company (LLC) where the owner or main person is in the combat zone.

Power of Attorney

The IRS has its own version of a power of attorney, Form 2848, which can be found at www.irs.gov or at your local legal office. This form does not need to be notarized and the Soldier simply fills out the form, signs, sends it to his or her power of attorney to do their taxes and that person signs and sends it in with the Soldier's tax return. A general or special POA can also be used. For married personnel, the Soldier's spouse can simply attach a statement stating the Soldier is deployed in a combat zone.

Minnesota military tax benefits

Deployed military personnel (all branches) who are residents of Minnesota qualify for free tax preparation of their 2006 state and federal individual income tax returns. Service members or their spouse should call Minnesota National Guard Family Programs at 651-268-8200 or 888-234-1274 to be connected with a volunteer. This service is provided by the MN CPA Association. Deployed personnel from Minnesota are entitled to a Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone, which is \$59 per each month in a combat zone, retroactive from Sept. 11, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2006. Personnel will need to fill out Form M99 and have their LES or DD-214.

Electronic filing

In order to file electronically, you may need to have the following: bank statements, social security numbers for you, your spouse, and dependents, W-2 Forms for all employers for you and your spouse, MyPay investment income forms including Savings Deposit Plan interest earned, Child care, education, and adoption costs, account and routing numbers from checking account for direct, alimony information, social security benefits, miscellaneous income, Form 1098-E for student loan interest, Form 1098 for home mortgage interest, charitable donations, medical and dental expenses, and real estate taxes.

Electronic filing options

The IRS allows taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$52,000 or less to file for free through commercial providers. The IRS will give you a choice of which free program you want and the limitations of each. More than 17 companies have offered their free services.

Militaryonesource.com is a DoD-sponsored Web site for military personnel. They provide "Tax Cut" Basic for free to prepare and electronically file your taxes as long as you are a Soldier. No AGI limitation exists for this program, however be advised that PC Magazine rated this software as somewhat clunky. You may be assaulted by ads to upgrade the program (at a cost), however if you don't need those features, don't buy them.

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/display.aspx?moduleid=e91b5716-3f>

Free File is also available in Spanish. Before starting your federal return preparation, you may also want to review the company's Free File Web site to verify whether the company supports your state income tax return. Some companies will charge fees for state tax returns. Look for the state link on the company's Web site. Some companies offer extensions for free.

<http://www.irs.gov/e-file/article/0,,id=118986,00.html>

Some companies offer free e-filing of the Form 1040EZ-T, for those who want to claim the refund credit and are not required to file a federal income tax return. You are under no obligation to buy any of the company's other products or services.

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=164032,00.html>

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For additional military tax information see Publication 3 (2005), Armed Forces' Tax Guide at www.irs.gov or visit your local legal office.

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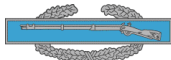
Bronze Star Medal with Valor

Logan Christopher SGT



Purple Heart

Dunlap Bruce SPC
Kalka Joel SGT



Combat Infantryman Badge

Bakkila James SFC
Baltierra Jeremy SPC
Baumhover Martin SPC
Bebensee Michael SPC
Behrens Kurt SSG
Bellamy Robert SGT
Benson Jason SGT
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Modeen Nathan SSG
Mueller Brian SGT
Mullenix Jeremy SPC
Nepper Robert SPC
Nielsen Scott SPC
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Obrecht Kyle 1LT
Olson Chad SPC
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Oshea Christopher SGT
Pajarin Brandon SPC
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Prichard Todd CPT
Pudas Craig SPC
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Romann Blake SPC
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Rossin Nicholas SGT
Rousselange Aaron SPC
Sallis Ryan SGT
Sanborn Anthony SPC
Sanchez Angel PFC
Schmidt Brett SSG
Schmidt Brian SPC
Schmidt Robert SPC
Schrage Aeisso SGT
Schumacher Daniel SGT
Schwitchenberg Daniel SPC
Sevick Timothy 1LT
Shannon Clinton SSG
Sherlund Derik SPC
Siday John SPC
Singleton Justin SGT
Smith Eric SPC
Smith Jared SPC
Stigers Michael SPC
Stinson Joshua SGT
Stupp Lindsay SPC
Thao Dominic SPC
Thoenes Brent SPC

Thompson Chad SPC
Timp Christopher SPC
Welsh Shawn SPC
Wendling Andrew SPC
Westling Theodore SGT
Whipple Kevin SPC
Whitson Stewart 1LT
Wilson Daniel SPC
Winkowski J. SPC
Wygle Derrick SPC
Yang Yang SPC
Young Andrew SPC



Combat Medic Badge

Aamodt James SPC
Dinsmore Joseph SPC
Pelton Adam SPC



Combat Action Badge

Afuh Jeremiah 2LT
Akers Christopher SPC
Alexander James SPC
Aley Glen SSG
Alle April SPC
Anderson Charles SPC
Anderson Eric SGT
Anderson Jon 1LT
Anderson Nicholas SGT
Arens Ryan PV2
Austin Benjamin SPC
Averett Christopher 2LT
Baker Lindsay SPC
Baltierra Thomas SPC
Bantle Stephen SGT
Bargman Craig SSG
Bartlett Wesley SSG
Basara Jeanette SGT
Begich Michael SPC
Behrends Thomas CSM
Bell Kenneth SPC
Bergeman Brent SPC
Bjertness Corey CPT
Bleuer Brian SGT
Bloyer David SGT
Boldra Matthew SPC
Bradford Ashley SPC
Brennan Corry SFC
Brewer Brian SSG
Brinson Christopher SGT
Brock Jason SGT
Brooks Zachary SGT
Brouwer David SPC
Brown Megan SPC
Brown Sean SPC
Buono Gabriel SFC
Butkiewicz Justin PV2
Buttke Lucas SPC
Cabrera Terry SGT
Carlisle Matthew SGT
Carlson Adam SPC
Carlsrud Nathan SSG
Carter William SPC
Chaffee Brian SGT
Chandler David SPC
Charpentier Luke MAJ
Cheatham Robert SFC
Chilson Megan SPC
Chiri Anthony SPC
Christopherson Anthony SSG
Clabo Terry SSG
Clemmer Andre 1LT
Coffey Michael SPC
Contreras Raleigh SGT
Coradorivera Luis SPC
Cordero Steven SSG
Coverdell Harold SPC
Crowe Paul SPC
Dalquist Kyle SGT
Darling Haley SPC
Day Joshua SGT
Dennis Jack SGT
Dey Michael SPC
Dickenson Joshua SPC
Diesburg Jacob SFC
Dimitino Bryan SPC
Dodson Todd SGT
Douty Brian 1LT
Dunlavey Kirk SFC
Dunn Christopher SGT
Ebert Kathryn SGT
Edwards Matthew SPC
Eldridge Seth SPC

Ellzey Dustin SPC
Elofson Michael SPC
Ennis Alicia SPC
Feuster Daniel SGT
Fish Adam SPC
Fisher Casey SGT
Flanigan Shawn SGT
Flibotte Jaime SGT
Fuller Shawn SPC
Furman Andrew SGT
Garcia-Ortiz Joan SPC
Garvalena Joseph SSG
Geidner Brian SSG
George Jesse SPC
Gilbert Charles SPC
Gill Clinton SGT
Gonnerman Cody SPC
Gonzales Gerard SPC
Gonzalez Benjamin SGT
Grace Roy SSG
Graf Joshua SGT
Graif Andrew SPC
Gutierrez Ruben SPC
Hall Shawn 1LT
Hansen Bryan SPC
Harvey Wayne SGT
Hausauer Jason SSG
Hawkinson Jon PFC
Hayden Blake SGT
Hayhurst Darin SGT
Hayner Anthony SPC
Heisler James SGT
Henderson Todd SPC
Hendricks Lucas SPC
Hibbs Derek PFC
Hildenbrand Nicholas SGT
Hintz Larry SFC
Hoang John SPC
Holmes Richard SPC
Housey Anthony SGT
Hunt Dusty SGT
Ibberson Cory SGT
Jacklovich Thomas SPC
Jacobson Louis SGT
Jensen Anthony SGT
Johnson Monty SPC
Johnson Nathan SGT
Jones Thomas CPT
Kalka Joel SGT
Kaminski Derrick SPC
Kelly Adam SSG
Kennon Thomas SPC
Kieng Chanthy SGT
Kim Andy SGT
Kimmins William 1LT
Klee Brian PFC
Knoop Keith SPC
Koelln Jeremy SPC
Koerting Robert SGT
Kohn Thomas SGT
Kottke Brandon SSG
Kramer Don SPC
Kreun Kyle SPC
Krisko Dean SPC
Kutz Alex SGT
Laguardia Brian SGT
Lambertz Jessica SGT
Lanxon Johnathan SGT
Larson Joshua SPC
Larson Justin SPC
Ledford Jody SGT
Lennox John SPC
Linddejesus Hector SPC
Liska Dennis MSG
Loey Neal SPC
Long Gary SPC
Long Robert SPC
Lund Jesse SPC
Lyttle Christopher SPC
Mack Steven PFC
Macrander Jonathan SGT
Mager Chad SPC
Marler Daniel SPC
Marrow Shurod SSG
Martin Kevin SGT
Martinez Jorge SSG
Mastbergen John 1LT
Mathis Charles PFC
Mays Jeremy SPC
McMackin Jonathan SGT
Mead Nicholas SPC
Meschke Sharon CPT
Metcalf Scott SGT
Meyer Timothy SGT
Michael Rodney SGT
Miens Travis SPC
Miller Benjamin SPC
Mitchell Marlon PFC
Mlynczak Benjamin SPC
Moe Joshua SPC
Moessner Christopher SGT
Monroy Nohemi SGT
Mulder Keith SPC

Murphy Ryan SPC
Nase Joshua SPC
Navarro Joe SGT
Neuvirth Nathan SPC
Newsome Daniel SPC
Nichols Jason PFC
Nikunen Evan SPC
Noe Leona SPC
Norgaard Adam SPC
Noyes Anthony SPC
Odonnell Michael SPC
Olson Aaron SGT
Olson Brandon SPC
Olson Tyler SPC
Orr Dwight SPC
Osse David SPC
Otto Tony SGT
Owen Joshua SGT
Owens Christopher SPC
Paben Alan SGT
Parks Randy SPC
Patrick Christopher SPC
Paulson Gary SGT
Pearson Mark SPC
Peltier Elias SPC
Pelton Adam SPC
Perez Christina SGT
Peterson Scott SPC
Phommarracksa David SPC
Plante Timothy SGT
Pond Robert SPC
Presnell Curtis SGT
Propst Jeromy SPC
Quinn Ryan SGT
Ragel Jason SGT
Rampaart Peter 1LT
Randolph Randy SFC
Rasmussen Eric SPC
Register Mitchell SPC
Rehn Jason 2LT
Resendiz Ruben SGT
Rieke Brandon SPC
Rincon Alberto SSG
Robertson Sean SGT
Robles Caleb SGT
Robles Jeronimo SPC
Romashko Nicole SPC
Ross Ryan SPC
Royce Samuel SPC
Rzotkiewicz Daniel SPC
Salas Tony SPC
Sand Luke SPC
Sanderson Joshua SPC
Saunders Mark PFC
Schilching Gregory SPC
Schilling Thomas SSG
Schmitt Lee 1SG
Schuck Anthony SPC
Schultz Timothy SPC
Schwartz Jonathan SPC
Seal Aaron SSG
Secrest Louis SGT
Self Christopher SPC
Shafer Wesley SSG
Shields Daniel SPC
Simon Michael SSG
Singletary Rayfield SSG
Skou Brian SPC
Slaymaker Kip SPC
Smelser Randy SSG
Smith Michael SPC
Spidell Sara SPC
Stahl Steven SGT
Steele Christina PFC
Stephenson Brandy SPC
Strasburg Andrew SPC
Summerfield Paul SPC
Swift Robert SSG
Tabor Patrick SPC
Taylor David SGT
Taylor Sanford SPC
Thomas Jay SSG
Thorn Jerry SPC
Threkill William SPC
Trunkhill Tyson 2LT
Utterback Bradley SPC
Vannet Bryan SGT
Verner Patrice SPC
Ward Daniel SPC
Wellman Lucas SPC
Wertz Anthony 1LT
Whitcomb Kyle SPC
Whiteman Jarrod SPC
Whitney Robert SPC
Wienshold Jonathan SPC
Wilkerson Blake SPC
Willhite Brett SPC
Wilson Brandon SSG
Wilson Michael SPC
Wings John PFC
Woodford Jeffery SPC
Xiong Sao SGT
Zinter Joel SPC

Right: Maj. Todd Aarhus, Task Force IRON, checks paperwork belonging to third country national truck drivers last November at Camp Trebil near Jordan. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PAO.

Below: A young Iraqi girl shows her cast to Sgt. Kairo E. Ruffin, a scout for Task Force SABER, on a visit to Ajeelia, Iraq. Photo by Spc. Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown, 210th MPAD.



IN OUR SIGHTS



Right: Sgt. Kent Kirkham of Task Force THUNDER walks with Iraqi soldiers before a training mission at Camp Scania. Photo by Capt. Paul Rickert, Task Force THUNDER UPAR.

Below: Spc. Jay Butwinick, a Task Force BEARCAT medic, tells an interpreter what is wrong with a little girl's arm last month during a security and an intelligence patrol near Camp Fallujah. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PAO.

