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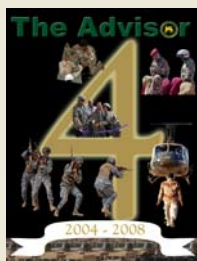


Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class William Lovelady

U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, Multi-National Forces-Iraq commanding general, addresses Iraqi and Coalition dignitaries at a celebration of the transfer of 1000 M-1114 up-armored Humvees to the Iraqi Security Forces. For more information, see story page 10.

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# Change of Command

Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq and NATO Training Mission - Iraq  
3 July 2008

General Petraeus, distinguished guests, thank you all for attending the change of command today. It is with great humility I take command of this unique combined, joint, and multinational organization –the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq and the Nato Training Mission – Iraq.

We will remain committed to support the government of Iraq to recruit, train, and generate credible Iraqi Security Forces who will willingly defend their country against all enemies in order to protect the Iraqi population.

In concert with our Iraqi brothers and a distinguished team of professionals and experts from the 18 nations’ armies, navies, marines, air forces and civilians we will continue to produce security forces and enhance the ministerial capacity in the wazarat al deefa, wa wazarat al dak heleya.

NATO’s contributions will continue to add to the overall effort focusing on police training, academic training, mentorship and command and control efficiencies.

Progress is being made, it is tangible and improvements can be seen throughout the country daily. Iraqi Security Forces have been successful in the past and will be successful in the future ... but challenges on the horizon remain. We will face these challenges together, issue by issue, side by side, hand in hand. Decisions made today will determine our success in the future.

I would like to personally thank Lt. Gen. Dubik for his uncommon leadership the last 13 months in command. Your support and advice was invaluable as Iraq Security Forces grew in number, capability and credibility. Thank you for incredible vision and guidance. We all wish you and your family continued success as you begin your next adventure.

Thank you all for attending the ceremony today.

Lt. Gen. Frank G. Helmick-Commanding

Lt. Gen. David Petraeus assumes command of Office of Security Transition 4 June

Iraqi Special Police Public Order Division activated with assistance from Coalition Police Training Team

Iraqi National Guard joins the ranks of the national army

MNSTC-I stands up 28 June

NTM-I established. Lt. Gen. Petraeus assumes command

Five Iraqi Airmen travel to Little Rock, Ark., to train at C-130E flight school

First mechanized brigade activated 23 January

JUN 2004 AUG NOV JAN 2005

# U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Frank Helmick

Assumed command July 2008

Prior to assuming command Lt. Gen. Helmick was the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force. He was commissioned a second lieutenant from the U.S. Military Academy in 1976.

Helmick has held numerous command and senior staff positions around the world.

These include Commander 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Commander Ranger Training Brigade, Fort Benning, Ga.; Chief Operations and Intelligence Division J-34, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.; and the Senior Military Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Defense from 2004 to 2006.

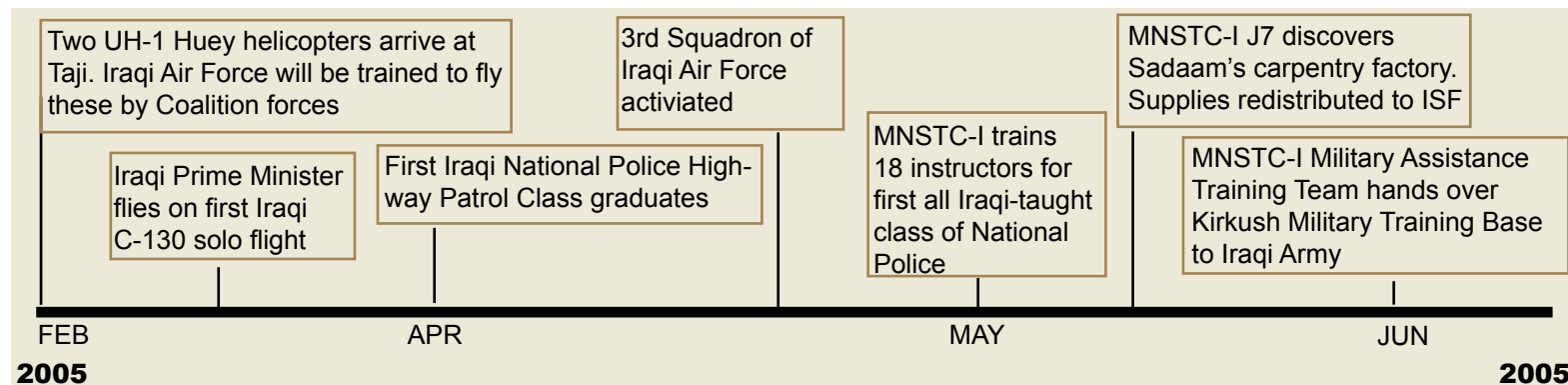
Helmick has attended a variety of military schools starting with the United States Military Academy and the Infantry Officers Basic Course. Following his initial assignment



with the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, he attended the Armor Officer Advanced Course, and the Naval Postgraduate School. In 1989 he attended the United States Armed Forces Staff Course at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. Helmick graduated from the United States Army War College in 1998.

His awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense

Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, He wears the Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge. ■



# U.S. Army Lt. Gen. James M. Dubik

June 2007-July 2008

Lt. Gen. James M. Dubik assumed command of Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq and NATO Training Mission-Iraq June 10, 2007. Previously, Dubik was the Commanding General of I Corps and Ft. Lewis, Wash. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry from Gannon University as a Distinguished Military

Infantry Division (Light) and the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., during which time he commanded US and multi-national forces in northern Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy. He then served as Assistant Division Commander for Support, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas then

and Doctrine Command, Fort Lewis, Wash., and Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Dubik attended a variety of military schools including the Infantry Officer Basic Course, United States Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and Senior Service College Fellowship. He completed the Advanced Operations Studies Fellowship, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government's executive program for national and international security; and the National Security Leadership Course at The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He has received numerous awards and decorations and wears the Ranger



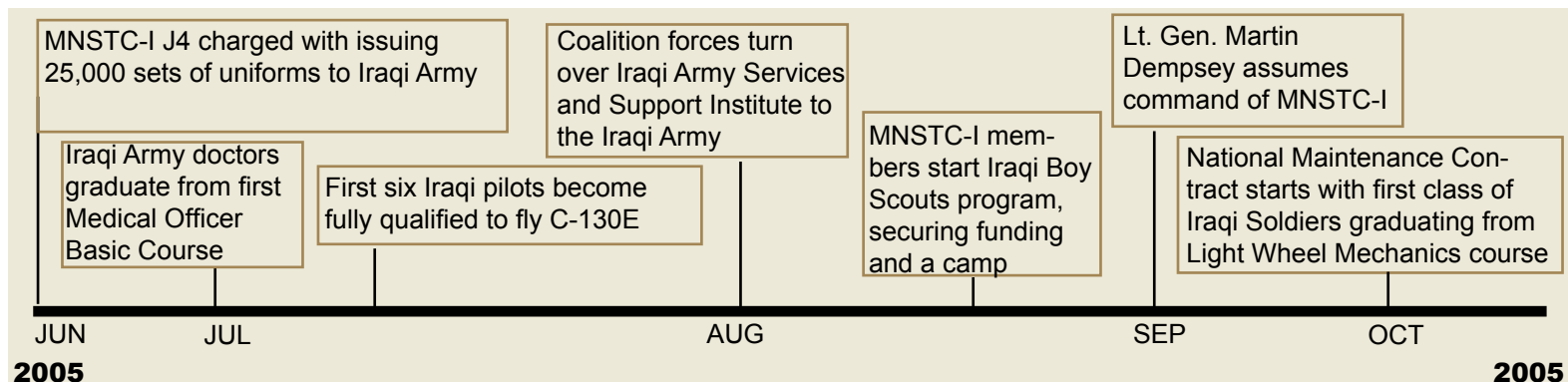
Graduate in 1971.

He held numerous command and senior staff positions with airborne, ranger, light and mechanized infantry units around the world. He commanded the 5th Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th

Deputy Commanding General TASK FORCE EAGLE and Multi-National Division (North) Operation Joint Forge, Bosnia-Herzegovina. He was Deputy Commanding General for Transformation, U.S. Army Training

tab, Airborne and Air Assault wings as well as the Expert Infantryman and Master Parachutist badges and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Dubik will retire after 37 years of Army service. ■



# U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey

September 2005-June 2007

Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey became Acting Commander U.S. Central Command Mar. 28, 2008.

Dempsey graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as an Armor Officer in June 1974.

His first duty assignment was in the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment where he served as a Scout and Support Platoon Leader and Squadron Adjutant. In January 1979, after completing the Armor Officer Advance Course, Dempsey became the Motor Officer for 1st Squadron, 10 Cavalry at Fort Carson, Colo.

Later he commanded Alpha and Headquarters Troops 1st Squadron, 10 Cavalry as well as serving as the Squadron Operations Officer.

In August 1982, Dempsey began studies at Duke University earning a Masters of Arts in English.

In 1984 he was assigned to the English Department at West Point.

He performed duties as an instructor and later Assistant Professor in the department until the summer of 1987 when he was assigned to Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he earned a master's degree in Military Art and Science.

In July 1988, Dempsey reported to the 3rd Armored Division, Friedburg Germany, where he served as the Executive Officer 4th Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment and then became the Operations Officer and later Executive Officer for 3rd Brigade, 3rd Armored Division deploying in support of both Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM.

In July 1991, Dempsey assumed

Command of 4th Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division.

In 1993, Dempsey was assigned as the Chief of Armor Branch at U.S. Total Army Personnel Command. He then continued his studies at the National War College in 1995, earning a master's in National Security and Strategic Studies.

In July 1996, Dempsey returned to Fort Carson, taking Command of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Following this assignment, he served as the Assistant Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs Europe and Africa J5 and Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Staff, Washington D.C. from July 1998 through September 2001.

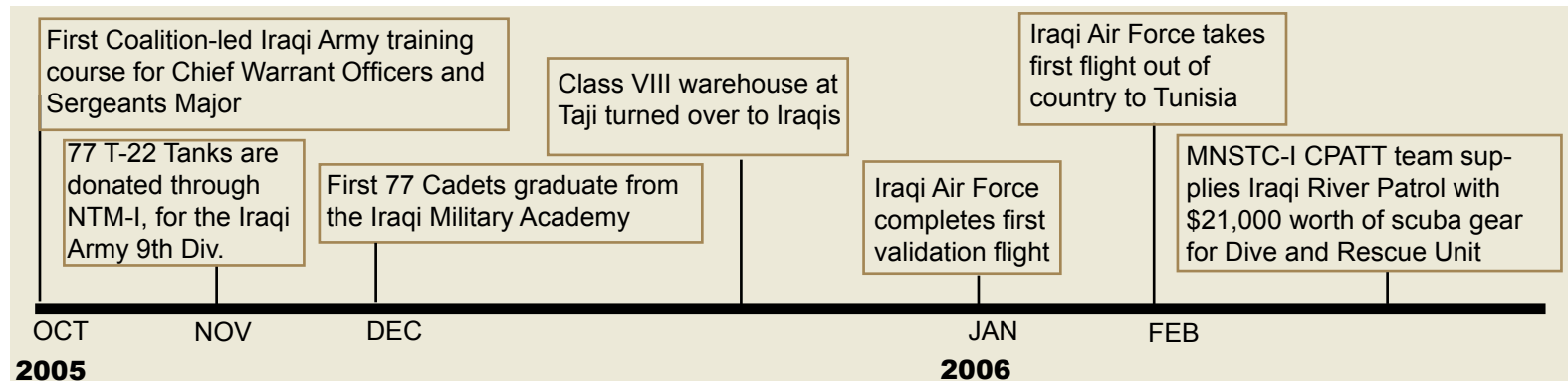
From September 2001 to June 2003, Dempsey served as the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program, Saudi Arabia. Dempsey left Saudi Arabia in June of 2003 to take command of the 1st Armored Division and deployed in Iraq in Support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

After 14 months in Iraq, he redeployed the division to Germany.

In September 2005, Dempsey assumed command of Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq until the summer of 2007. In August of 2007, Dempsey assumed the position of Deputy Commander, US CENTRAL COMMAND.



Dempsey's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star with "V" Device, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge. ■



# U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus

June 2004-September 2005

Gen. David H. Petraeus assumed command of the Multi-National Force-Iraq on February 10th, 2007, following his assignment as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He was the first commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, from June 2004 to September 2005, and the NATO Training Mission- Iraq, which he commanded from October 2004 to September 2005.

That deployment to Iraq followed his command of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), during which he led the "Screaming Eagles" in combat

throughout the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was deployed for one year on Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia, where he was the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations of the NATO Stabilization Force and the Deputy Commander of the US Joint Interagency Counter-Terrorism Task Force-Bosnia.

He spent two years at Fort Bragg, N.C., serving first as the Assistant Division Commander for Operations of the 82nd Airborne Division and then

as the Chief of Staff of XVIII Airborne Corps.

Petraeus was commissioned in the Infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1974. He has held leadership positions in airborne, mechanized, and air assault infantry units in Europe and the United States, including command of a battalion in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and a brigade in the 82nd Airborne Division.

He has held a number of staff assignments: Aide to the Chief of Staff of the Army; battalion, brigade,

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Petraeus was the General George C. Marshall Award winner as the top graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Class of 1983. He subsequently earned MPA and Ph.D. degrees in international relations from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and later served as an assistant professor of International Relations at the U.S. Military Academy. He also completed a fellowship at Georgetown University.

His awards include; the Defense

Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Defense Superior Service Medal, four awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal for valor, the State Department Superior Honor Award, the NATO Meritorious Service Medal, and the Gold Award of the Iraqi Order of the Date Palm.

He is a Master Parachutist and is Air Assault and Ranger qualified. He has also earned the Combat Action Badge and

French, British, and German Jump Wings.

In 2005 he was recognized by the U.S. News and World Report as one of America's 25 Best Leaders. ■



and division operations officer; Military Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander - Europe; Chief of Operations of the United Nations Force in Haiti; and Executive Assistant to the

Iraqi Air Force and Coalition partners open New Al Muthana Air Base

Iraqi River Patrol receives five new fast boats from Coalition forces

Joint Operations Center opens in Baghdad for Iraqi Ground Forces Command

Iraqi Army Capt. Arkan earns Ranger tab at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Iraqi National Police take control of Al Hillah from Coalition forces

Iraqi Airmen conduct first responder exercise at New Al Muthana Air Base

Iraqi Army takes over \$18 million maintenance contract at five Regional Support Units

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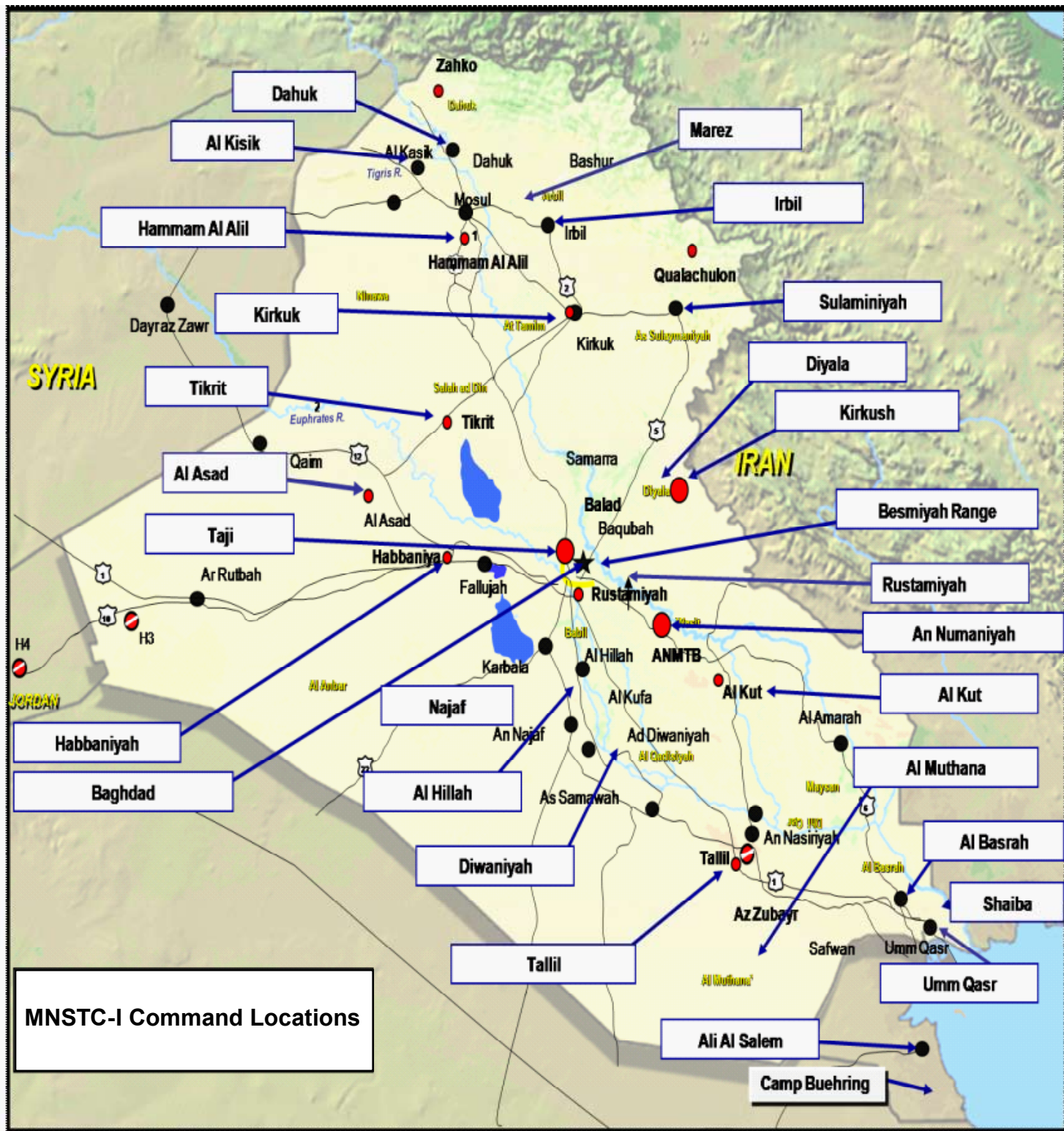
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**MNSTC-I Command Locations**

4,882 police personnel have completed Basic Criminal Investigation course

16 Iraqi Police go to Stennis Space Center for riverine training

National Forensics Academy opens to train ISF crime scene investigators

Iraqi Air Force takes over maintenance of C-130s

Ministry of Defense assumes operational control of Air Force, Navy and 8th Iraqi Army Div.

MoD and Ministry of Justice assemble tiger team to process detainees

Transfer of Forward Operating Base Duke to ISF. Begins process of turning over southern FOBs

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# UK Army Brigadier Johnny Torrens-Spence

## Deputy Commanding General

Brigadier Johnny Torrens-Spence CBE joined the Army in 1971 and was commissioned into the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards before attending St. Andrews University.

He returned to regimental duties in 1977 and served until 1984 as Platoon Commander, Company second in command, and then as a Company Commander; including a tenure as Adjutant of the North Irish Horse, a British Army Territorial unit; and as a member of the 1980 Joint Services Expedition to Ellesmere Island in the Canadian High Arctic.

After a year long military technology

course in the UK, he attended the Indian Staff College in 1985 gaining a Masters degree in International Relations. This was followed by a series of staff appointments in the Ministry of Defence, mostly involving equipment, requirements definition and procurement.

He commanded his regiment, newly amalgamated and renamed The Royal Dragoon Guards, in Germany from 1993 to 1995. After an assignment as Project Manager of the Challenger 2 Main Battle Tank procurement programme, he was appointed in 1997 as the first commander of the newly formed British Army Reconnaissance Brigade.

More recently he was posted as the Military Attaché in Pakistan and with the British Embassy in Washington, DC.

In his career he has served on operational tours in Cyprus, Northern Ireland (2) and Bosnia; the latter as Chief G3 of SFOR in 1998.

His book "Historic Battlefields of Pakistan" was published in 2006 and he is currently working on a biography of Abu Rayhan Al Biruni, a 10th Century Islamic scholar from Khiva in modern Uzbekistan.

Married with 3 children, his hobbies include: fishing, hill-walking, military history and most definitely not golf. ■

# USMC Sgt. Maj. Daniel Terwilliger

## Senior Enlisted Advisor

Sergeant Major Daniel Terwilliger enlisted in July 1979 and attended basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. followed by Communications Electronics School in Twentynine Palms, Calif. and was assigned to the 8th Communications Battalion at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In March 1983, Terwilliger attended Drill Instructor School at Parris Island and was assigned to H Co, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

Next he served with Communication Co, 3rd Marine Division, as a Communications Watch Officer and then SNCOIC of the Mobile Satellite Communications Unit, Division Headquarters.

In 1987 Terwilliger was transferred to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. at the Base Communications Center

followed by NCO School Instructor and Squadron Training Officer. He challenged the Drill Instructor Course at Parris Island in 1990 and was assigned to 3rd Recruit Training Battalion where he served as a Senior Drill Instructor and Series Gunnery Sergeant.

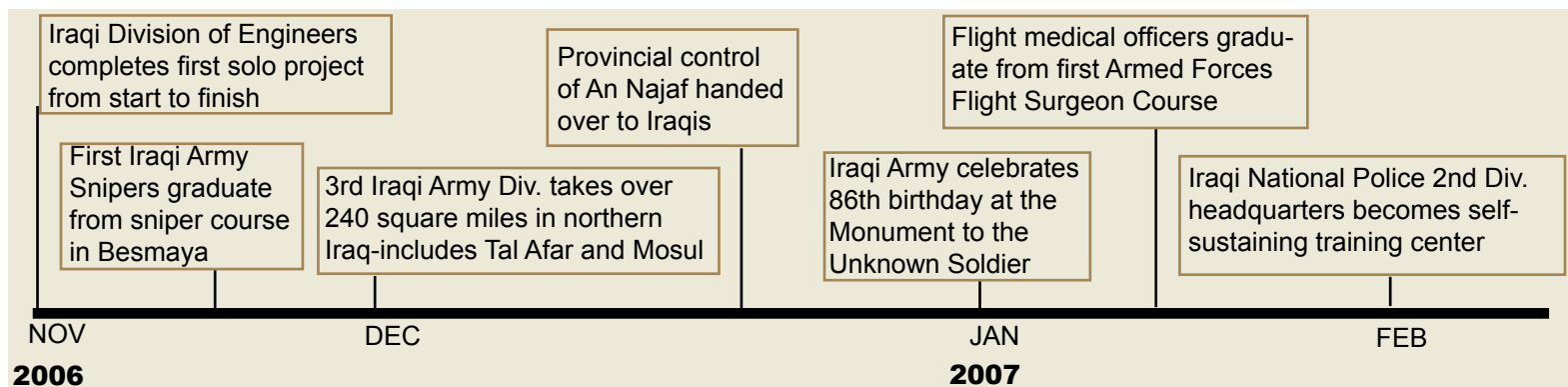
Terwilliger was selected to attend the Coalition and Special Warfare Division School in Quantico, Va., in 1993 and was assigned to the Technical Assistance Field Team in Jubail, Saudi Arabia as a U.S. Marine Advisor to the Royal Saudi Marines. He returned to Parris Island in 1994 where he was assigned as the SNCOIC of the Depot Communications Center until his selection to first sergeant when he joined India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. Followed by assignment to the 2d Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary

Force at Camp Lejeune, in 1997 where he served as a Company 1stSgt until transfer in 2001 to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-122 at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

After promotion to Sergeant Major in 2004 he was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-31 followed by Marine Aircraft Group-31 and assignment in October 2005 as an advisor to the 201st Corps of the Afghanistan National Army Embedded Training Team, and all supporting Coalition Forces in the 201st Corps Area of Operations.

In June 2006, Terwilliger resumed his duties as the MAG 31 Sergeant Major before assuming the duties as the Sergeant Major, Training and Education Command in February, 2007.

He became the MNSTC-I Senior Enlisted Advisor May 27, 2008. ■



# Coalition forces celebrate transfer of 1000 up-armored humvees to Iraqis

By U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class William Lovelady

MNSTC-I PAO



TAJI, Iraq - Senior Iraqi and Coalition force leaders celebrated the transfer of 1,000 M-1114 up-armored humvees to the Iraqi Security Forces at the Iraqi Army Services and Support Institute, here, June 26.

Iraqi National Security Advisor, Dr. Rubaie thanked U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, Multi-National Forces-Iraq commanding general, and the Coalition forces for their contributions. He said this is just another step to enable Iraq to be self-defending and self-reliant.

"We look forward to that day when we stand alone to fight the terrorists and join our forces with the American forces to



Photos by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class William Lovelady

**A M-1114 up-armored humvee painted in Iraqi Ministry of Interior colors passes in review at a celebration of the transfer of 1000 up-armored Humvees to the Iraqi Security Forces.**

fight the global war on terrorism," Rubaie said.

Petraeus praised the Iraqi Security Forces for their advancements. The transfer of the humvees will help make the Iraqi Soldiers and Police safer, more mobile and more capable.

"No one now disputes the progress made in the security arena or in the political and economic arenas," said Petraeus. "The transfer of the 1000th humvee is an important milestone for those who remember when Iraq had no up-armored humvees and virtually no vehicles."

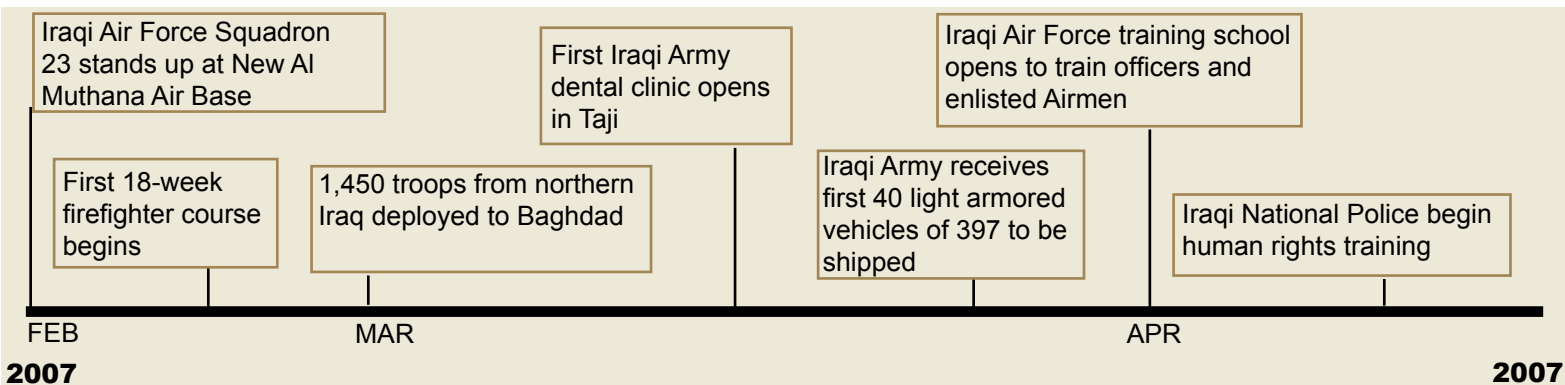
Just as important as the transfer of vehicles, IASSI trains the Iraqi Soldiers and police who will operate them. For each humvee that rolls out the gate, there are several newly trained drivers.

"Every week we get new humvees and new students," said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Parris who oversees the training. "They are supposed to do in-processing the first day then start training, but so many students and vehicles are arriving that

**HUMVEE continued page 11**



**Iraqi Soldiers learn about humvee operation from their Iraqi instructors at the Iraqi Army Services and Support Institute. After three days of training, they will take their M-1114 up-armored humvee into service.**



**HUMVEE from page 10**

sometimes they start training on day one."

All the humvees came from the U.S. with military units deploying to Iraq. At the end of their service, the vehicles are purchased from the U.S. government through the Foreign Military Sales program. They are then refurbished by Iraqi mechanics at a facility here and all systems, including brakes and steering are inspected. The fluids and belts are replaced along with suspension components like the upper and lower ball joints and the coil springs.

Once they are mechanically refurbished, they are repainted with the color schemes of the Iraqi Army or the Iraqi Ministry of Interior. Almost as soon as a vehicle is refurbished there is a new driver ready to train with it.

One of the new drivers, Iraqi Army Private First Class Basim Fahim, a former taxi driver, said driving one of these humvees will enable him to do better work as a soldier, providing service to Iraqi civilians.

"It will help protect Iraq from the bad guys coming over the border," said Fahim.

Since some of the students have never driven a vehicle. The three-day Humvee driver course starts with the basics of vehicle operation and driving.

After the initial familiarization, the soldiers start driving-first on a small course, then on the hard road, and finally on a large off-road course, which includes night driving.

This ceremony also marked the first transfer of up-armored humvees to the Iraqi Ministry of Interior under a program that began in March 2008. The goal is to transfer 8,500 vehicles to the Iraqi Security Forces by the end of 2009. ■

# Iraqi Police get new Ford cargo trucks

## Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq Public Affairs

MNSTC-I PAO



**BAGHDAD**-The Iraqi National Police received 82 Ford F-550 cargo trucks Saturday, adding to their growing fleet of vehicles to help provide better protection

to the citizens of Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Najiem Al Khazaaly, National Police spokesman said these new vehicles will help improve the logistical support capabilities to National Police units and aid them in responding faster to emergencies and operations.

The Directorate of Interior Affairs arranged the transfer of the vehicles to the NP through the Iraqi Security Forces Fund to speed up the development and capabilities of the NP force.

The Ford F-550 Superduty crew cab trucks have a one ton load capacity, a V-8 gas engine and a tarp covering the cargo area. Iraqi Brig. Gen. Alaa Noori Al A'azzawi, Sustainment Brigade commander said, "This truck will provide expanded and rapid transportation capabilities that we desperately need and is a great truck for our mission."

The NP have played an important role in restoring peace in communities around Baghdad such as Doura, Adhamiyah and Sadr City in recent months. They have maintained a high visibility in the community to help develop connection with the local citizens and keep the peace.

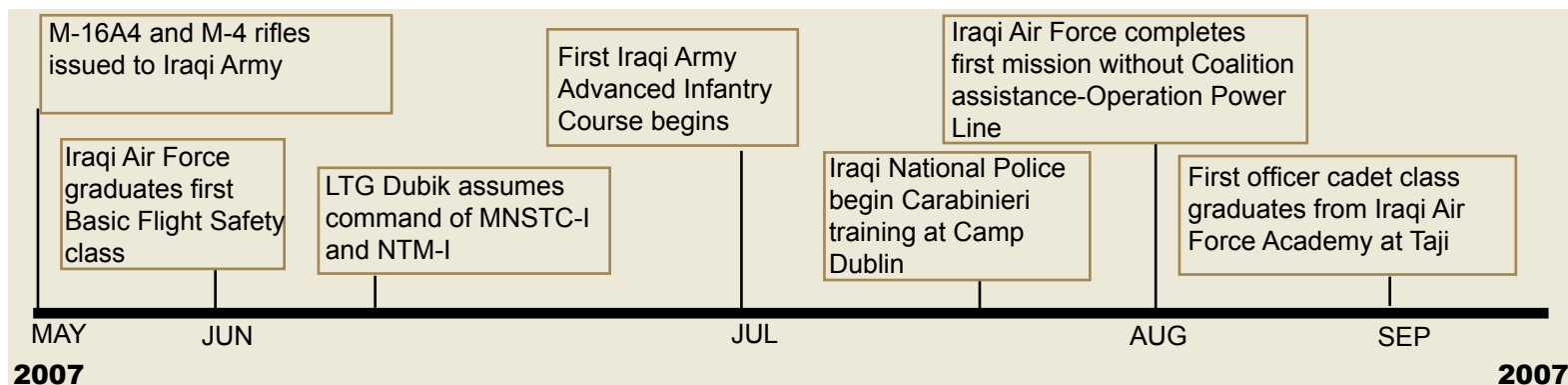
During recent operations in Basrah, Mosul, Sadr City, and Amara, the NP were a key part of these successful operations that restored calm. They arrested several criminals and seized large quantities of weapons.

"Wherever the National Police have been assigned, they have taken over security in that area and proven their ability to restore peace and order," said Senior Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Interior Adnan Al-Asadi. ■



Courtesy photo

**The Iraqi National Police receive the first of 82 Ford F-550 trucks that will allow them to transfer more equipment and supplies to units faster.**



# New Besmaya NCO obstacle course opens

By U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class William Lovelady

MNSTC-I PAO



Center here, with a ribbon cutting ceremony June 25.

The new \$281,000 obstacle course was dedicated to the Iraqi Army Non-Commissioned Officer Corps. This is an important milestone in the continuing development and growth of the Iraqi Army and will provide greater soldier training while developing NCO leadership within its ranks.

To emphasize the importance of the NCOs at the ceremony, there were no official speeches by the senior officers at the event. Instead an Iraqi Soldier read the Iraqi Soldier's Creed followed by an Iraqi NCO who read the Iraqi Non-Commissioned Officer's Creed:

*I am an Iraqi Noncommissioned Officer  
I lead soldiers  
I am professional and highly experienced  
I lead from the front  
I am an example of discipline and high morals  
I ensure (keep) the discipline of my Soldiers  
I place the interests of my country and my soldiers over my own personal interests  
I ensure that my soldiers are*



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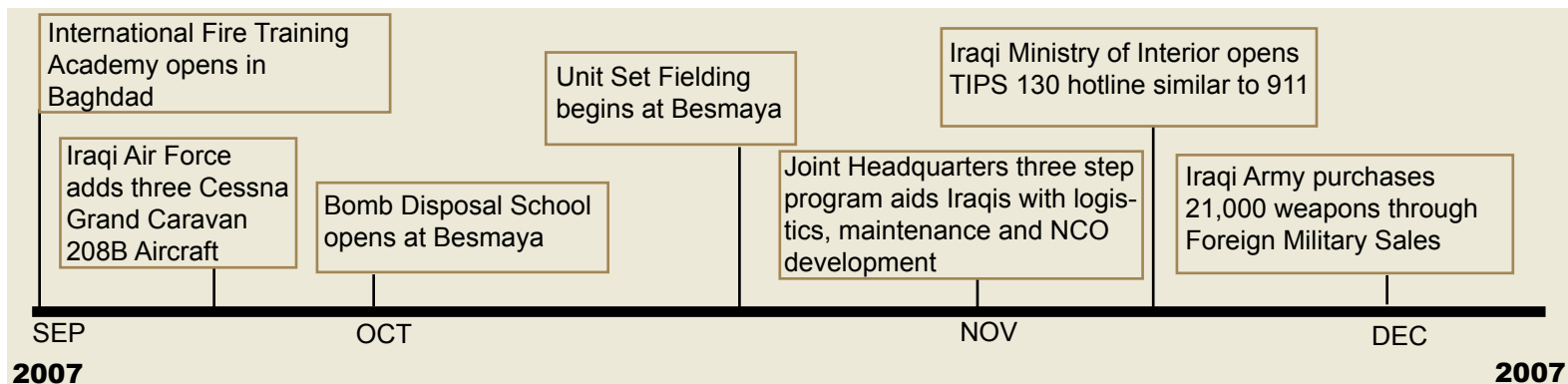
## Iraqi Soldiers navigate the new Combat Assault Course at Besmaya Combat Training Center

*well trained and prepared to fight courageously  
I work hard so the officers over me can accomplish their missions without having to accomplish mine  
I obey those above me and work on gaining their trust  
I will never compromise my integrity  
I will never forget nor will I allow my brothers and colleagues to forget-- that we are professional Noncommissioned Officers  
I will always be loyal to my country, to the people of Iraq, and to the army of Iraq  
I am an Iraqi Noncommissioned Officer  
After the ribbon was cut opening the*



course, the Soldiers and NCOs gave a demonstration for the assembled guests.

Iraqi Army Staff Lt. Gen. Hussain, Deputy Chief of Staff for Training of the Iraqi Joint Headquarters congratulated the men for their spirited performance. ■



An Iraqi Army soldier proudly waves an Iraqi flag after completing a training demonstration, Dec. 12, 2004.



Courtesy photo



Courtesy photo

An Iraqi policeman tears up the course while conducting an off-road test drive at a base outside Baghdad May 12, 2006. The Iraqi policemen underwent a four-day training session before taking control of three Humvees.



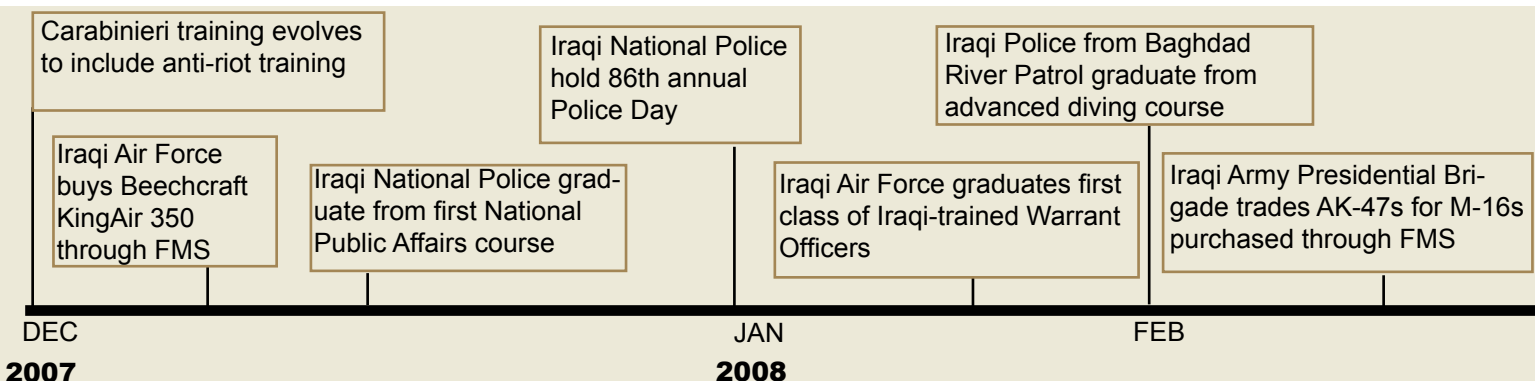
Courtesy photo

Graduates of the Iraqi firefighter course at Basrah, put on a demonstration that displays their ability to utilize a variety of techniques to save a lives in the event of a building collapse.



U.S. Navy Sailors fire blanks from shore to simulate a real world situation that may occur on the Tigris. The Sailors trained a group of eight Iraqi Police on boat handling techniques and various weaponry at the Stennis Space Center, Miss.

Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Brien Aho



# Stage show at MoI highlights need for Iraqi national unity

By MNSTC-I Public Affairs Office

MNSTC-I PAO



**BAGHDAD** – Actors singing and dancing across a stage are a rare scene in Baghdad these days, where there has been plenty of real-life drama. But, as security has improved dramatically in the past year, so has hope increased for a new peaceful Iraq.

A play performed at the Ministry of Interior June 30, highlighted the need for national unity and the role of the

police in securing Iraq's future.

The actors drew laughter and applause from the audience in the play about Iraq security with scenes about getting through checkpoints, feuding tribesmen, Iraqi Police and even two lovers forced apart because of tribal differences. In the play, the villain spreads rumors that cause the two villages to fight each other. After the policeman from one village saves the life of the policeman from the other village, they work together and capture the villain. Then they help the people resolve their differences and establish harmony among the two villages. The scene ends with dancing and joyful singing after two lovers from the villages get married.

"We have to be one nation," shouts an actor portraying a Sunni tribesman. "Iraq needs to be stronger. We need

more progress, we need to be one."

In a speech before the opening of the show, Minister of Interior Jawad Bolani said the Ministry has undergone tremendous growth and change in the past two years.

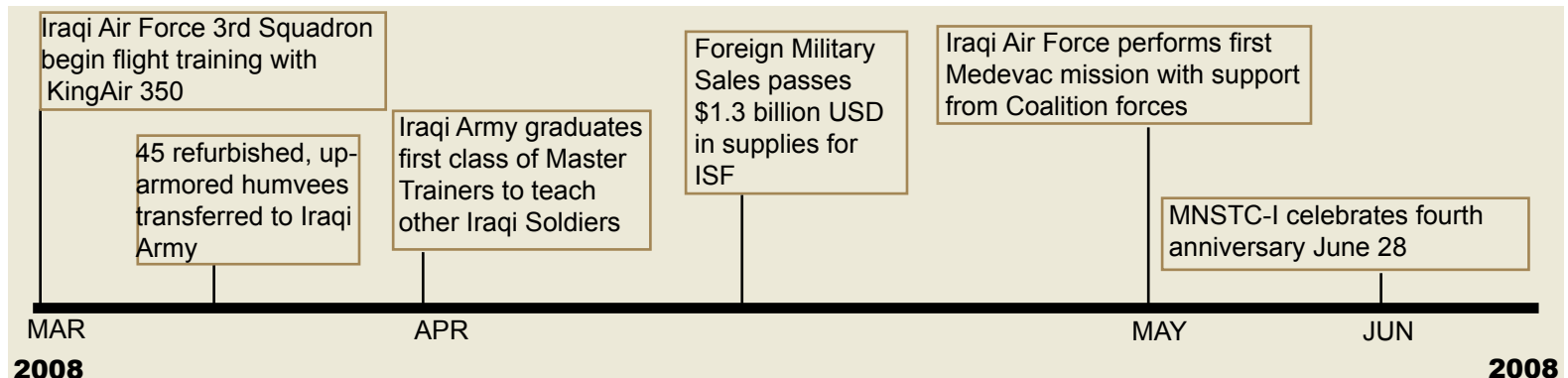
"As the Ministry of Interior improves, all of Iraq will improve. The freedom of each individual will grow. All the departments of the Ministry of Interior, the Iraqi Police, the National Police, the Iraqi Civil Defense, all directorates are working for the citizens now on the borders, in the villages and in the cities."

"Our message is the Iraqi Police will respond to his country. We should remember and thank all those in the Ministry of Interior who have given their blood for Iraq. They will not be forgotten. God bless the Iraqi people." ■



Photo by Noah Miller

Well known Iraqi actors presented a play at the Ministry of Interior recently about Iraq security and the desire for national unity.



# In Memory of MNSTC-I's Fallen

**Maj. Stuart Wolfer**  
United States Army

**Douglas Thomas**  
International Police Liason Officer

**Col. Stephen Scott**  
United States Army

**Mike Dawes**  
International Police Liason Officer

**Staff Sgt. Christopher Frost**  
United States Air Force

**Michael Tatar**  
International Police Liason Officer

**Richard Hickman**  
International Police Liason Officer

**Master Sgt. Tulsa Tuliau**  
United States Army

**Roland Barvels**  
International Police Liason Officer

**Deborah Klecker**  
International Police Liason Officer

**Samuel Parlin**  
International Police Liason Officer

**Leon Kimbrell**  
International Police Liason Officer

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## We Will Never Forget

## **ISOF, elite ISF units continue clean up operations in Amarah**

**BALAD, Iraq** – Iraqi Special Operations Forces, the Hillah Special Weapons and Tactics team and the Baghdad National Emergency Response Unit are playing key roles in the Government of Iraq’s massive campaign to disrupt the criminal elements in the city of Amarah.

With the cooperation of tribal leaders and many of the local citizens, Iraqi Security Forces began setting the foundation to enforce the rule of law in the city, June 19. ISOF, Hillah SWAT and the Baghdad National ERU conducted several precision operations throughout the city targeting Special Groups criminals and abettors.

According to Iraqi Brig. Gen. Noa’amam Dakeel Jawad, the Iraqi National ERU commander, ISOF and ISF will continue to conduct operations in the area until the citizens of Amarah are safe and free from the criminals in their city.

“The ERU, ISOF and Hillah SWAT have all played a large role on missions of high importance,” he said. “Things have been successful and will continue to be.”

In the past several days, Jawad and his men, along with Hillah SWAT and ISOF, have detained more than 20 individuals on warrants issued by the Ministry of Interior.

The past weeks’ clearing efforts have allowed the Iraqi government to take control of Amarah and work to establish a lasting presence for security and stability. Many Special Groups criminals, particularly the top-level criminals, fled the area to avoid capture.

Multi-National Corps – Iraq PAO

## **ISF detain nine suspected AQI members throughout northern Iraq**

**BALAD, Iraq**– Iraqi Security Forces detained nine suspected al-Qaeda in Iraq members in an operation to disrupt criminal activities throughout northern Iraq, June 23 – 28.

The 3rd Iraqi Army Division detained five suspected AQI believed to be leaders of a large-scale smuggling operation, June 28. The suspects were detained at a suspected smuggling safe house in a village on the Syrian border northwest of Mosul. The IA confiscated approximately 1,400 cartons of cigarettes valued at around \$49,000.00. Money generated from the black market sales of contraband is reportedly used to support criminal and foreign fighters.

In another operation in Balad, the 4th IA Div. detained a suspected AQI cell leader from the Rowad village area of Baghdad, June 27. The suspect, who was seeking refuge from Iraqi and Coalition forces’ clearing efforts in Baghdad, is believed to be involved in small-arms fire attacks against Iraqi and Coalition forces. Another suspected criminal was also detained during the operation.

In Samarra, approximately 125 kilometers north of Baghdad, U.S. Special Operations Forces recovered approximately 100 pounds of potassium nitrate bags from what is believed to be a former AQI safe house June 26.

In Tikrit, the Tikrit Special Weapons and Tactics unit conducted an operation to disrupt criminals and foreign fighters, and AQI logistical capabilities June 25. SWAT discovered, and later destroyed, a fuel point believed to provide logistical

capabilities to criminals in the western part of the Jazeera Desert-Thar Thar region. During the same operation, SWAT also found a possible AQI bed-down site.

In Bayji, 40 kilometers northwest of Tikrit, the Bayji Emergency Service Unit detained two suspected criminals, one believed to be a facilitator for AQI and the Islamic State of Iraq, a front organization for AQI, June 23. They also confiscated a small weapons cache consisting of anti-tank mines, rocket propelled grenades, grenades, AK-47s, rockets and more than 5,000 assorted rounds of ammunition.

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## **MND-B Soldiers, NPs discover weapons caches**

**BAGHDAD** – Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers and Iraqi National Police discovered two weapons caches June 29, in the Rashid district of southern Baghdad.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., police from the 5th Brigade, 2nd National Police Division discovered five 107 mm rockets, five 120 mm mortar rounds, six 81 mm mortar rounds, 20 60 mm mortar rounds, 10 blocks of plastic explosives, three rocket propelled grenades, and four rocket fuses in the Risalah neighborhood. The police moved the munitions to their compound where an explosives ordnance disposal unit handled the cache.

Soldiers from the 22nd Infantry Regiment, attached to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, received a tip from a concerned Iraqi citizen that led to the confiscation of an RPG launcher and three blocks of plastic explosives at approximately 1:45 p.m. in the Zubaida community. An EOD team hauled the munitions to a Coalition forces base for destruction.

Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

## **Soldiers uncover cache in Amarah**

**CAMP VICTORY, Iraq** – A tip by an Iraqi citizen led Iraqi Army soldiers to a house containing a large cache of munitions and weapons in the al-Husayn district of Amarah, June 29.

The IA soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 39th IA Brigade seized 217 rocket propelled grenades, 354 blocks of C-4, more than 40 explosively formed projectiles, 152 copper discs used for making EFPs and six surface-to-air missiles.

The weapons were found hidden throughout the house and on the roof.

Multi-National Division – Center PAO

## **IA finds weapons near Al Latif**

**BASRAH, Iraq**– Iraqi Army and British soldiers seized a weapons cache northwest of the Al Latif district of Basra, Iraq June 25.

Iraqi Army Soldiers from the 52nd Brigade, 14th IA Division and their advisors from the British 7 (Armoured) Brigade found a cache consisting of 25 107 mm rockets, homemade rocket launchers, 40 mortar shells, two heavy machine guns, and a large quantity of ammunition.

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## **NPs seize cache in New Baghdad**

**BAGHDAD** – Iraqi National Police seized a cache in the New Baghdad security district of eastern Baghdad June 29.

While conducting a dismounted patrol in Muhalla 748, NPs assigned to the 8th Brigade, 2nd National Police Division received a tip from an area resident that led them to a cache. The NPs uncovered a cache containing improvised explosive devices, 21 60 mm mortars, 12 mortar fuses, mortar charges, 9 mm pistols, and an 11 mm pistol.

Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

## **IA, MND-B Soldiers seize munitions north, west of Baghdad**

**BAGHDAD** – Iraqi Army and Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers, aided by tips from Iraqi civilians, seized six munitions caches north and west of Baghdad June 26.

MND-B Soldiers with the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, seized a munitions cache near the town of Tarmiyah, north of Baghdad, at approximately 6:30 a.m. June 26. The cache consisted of a 120 mm mortar round, a 100 mm Illumination mortar round, four 57 mm high-explosive projectiles, six 107 mm HE rocket warheads, a surface-to-air missile, a 155 mm HE projectile, 11 82 mm HE mortar rounds, 24 57 mm rocket motors, an improvised explosive device, 300 electric blasting caps, empty artillery casings, various small-arms ammunition, explosives, propellants and other various IED-making materials.

Approximately four hours later, Soldiers with the 27th Inf. Regiment seized a nitric acid chemical cache west of Camp Taji at approximately 10:20 a.m. consisting of nine 5-gallon jugs of nitric acid.

Soldiers from the 37th Bde, 9th IA Div., along with Soldiers from the 14th Inf. Regt., seized a weapons cache in Tarmiyah Qada at approximately 12:10 p.m. consisting of nine boxes of heavy machine gun rounds.

Two hours later, soldiers with the 37th Bde., 9th IA Div., seized a cache in

Abayachi, north of Baghdad, containing two 120 mm mortar rounds, a 122 mm artillery round, 100 heavy machine gun rounds, a heavy machine gun base plate, an unknown machine gun and a 107 mm rocket motor.

Based on an Iraqi citizen's tip, Soldiers from the 2nd SBCT, 25th Inf. Div., seized a munitions cache north of Abu Ghuraib at approximately 5:45 p.m. The cache consisted of an unknown home-made explosive, a blasting cap, bomb-making material, and a grenade and fuse.

Approximately 15 minutes later, Soldiers from the same unit seized another cache consisting of 24 82 mm mortar rounds.

Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

## **IA finds weapons cache in Diyala Province**

**TIKRIT, Iraq** – Iraqi Army Soldiers found a weapons cache in the Diyala Province, June 26.

The cache contained more than 1,000 pounds of homemade explosives, three improvised explosive devices, 10 anti-tank mines, four rockets and various IED-making items.

Multi-National Division – North PAO

## **IA soldiers seize weapons in Sadr City**

**BAGHDAD** – Iraqi Army soldiers working to secure the area in the Sadr City district of Baghdad uncovered several weapons caches June 26.

Soldiers with the 3rd Brigade, 1st IA Division found a rocket propelled grenade at approximately 6 a.m.

At approximately 6:30 a.m., they discovered a tank shell and 30 minutes later a 155 mm round.

At about the same time in a separate mission, soldiers with the 3rd Bde., 1st IA Div. uncovered three AK-47's and a 60 mm mortar stand.

Soldiers with the 3rd Bde., 1st IA Div. discovered a cache inside a school at approximately 8:30 a.m. consisting of two 120 mm rounds, two explosively formed projectiles, two grenades, an AK-47, an RPG launcher, four RPG anti-tank rounds, 30 grenade blasting caps, a GC rifle, three propellant charges and two sniper rifles.

About 45 minutes later, they discovered

another cache in a different school consisting of eight 130 mm rounds, six 82 mm mortar rounds, a 120 mm mortar round, a 57 mm round, a 155 mm round and an RPG.

Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

## **Court of Iraq convicts, sends criminals to jail**

**BAGHDAD** – The Central Criminal Court of Iraq in Baghdad convicted two criminals and sentenced them to time in prison, June 24.

The first criminal was sentenced to two years in prison after being convicted of possession of illegal weapons. He was a former Iraqi security volunteer and was found in possession of body armor, an AK-47 and two magazines when he was detained.

The second criminal was sentenced to 20 years after being convicted of possession of a small weapons cache. He was found in possession of a sniper rifle, a grenade, several loaded magazines, a pressure switch with crush tubing, a 57 mm rocket, blasting caps and construction detonation cord.

Multi-National Division – Baghdad PAO

## **Citizen tip leads MND-B forces to seize vehicle with 9 IRAMs**

**BAGHDAD** – Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers discovered a vehicle with 9 improvised rocket assisted mortars in the bed of a vehicle in the Kadamiyah district of Baghdad at approximately 4:40 p.m. June 24.

The Soldiers discovered the IRAMs based on a tip from a local Iraqi.

Iraqi and MND-B explosive ordnance disposal personnel were notified of the munitions-laden vehicle. They determined the best method to dispose of the ordnance was by controlled detonation.

A series of three controlled detonations rendered the rockets safe to approach. The controlled detonations were conducted safely, with no injuries to local Iraqis or damage to private property. Then, the IRAMs were removed from the site for disposal.

Multi-National Division–Baghdad PAO