



# THE STRIKER STATEMENT

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## CONQUERORS

**LOGPAC, The "Lifblood" of Task Force 1/35 AR**  
By CPL Erik P. Aass, HHC

A formidable scene will greet any individual standing outside the gates of the Baghdad Forward Operating Base (FOB), or "Green Zone", in the mornings. A large and heavily armed convoy, consisting of gun trucks, fuel trucks, and cargo trucks, is headed to the Baghdad International Airport (BIAP). This is the Support Platoon of HHC 1-35 AR going on their daily Logistical Package (LOGPAC) run to the BIAP. This LOGPAC is the "lifblood" of the "Green Zone".

SGT Andrew Rayman, a squad leader in the Support Platoon, bluntly stated, "LOGPAC gets you everything you need." Everything from fuel, spare parts, medical supplies, and mail are transported on LOGPAC. While electrical systems in Baghdad are being renovated, the thousands of gallons of fuel transported by the Support Platoon soldiers are used not only to fuel tactical vehicles, but also to supply several dozen generators for both military units and civilian organizations.

In addition to transporting fuel and supplies, the Support Platoon also provides security for the convoys by manning "gun-trucks". They provide firepower for protecting supply convoys as they travel along routes threatened by improvised explosive devices (IED) and ambushes. Soldiers on the gun trucks ride in machine gun turret mounts. Although it is a dangerous job, many of the support platoon soldiers enjoy it because it provides them with a higher vantage point from which they can provide security. PFC Daniel Sisto, a Support Platoon soldier, likes riding in the machine gun turret. He

says, "You get to see everything, every part of the convoy. It's like you are taking care of all the soldiers in the convoy, like you are protecting them."

Cargo trucks traveling with the LOGPAC conduct a link up with 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion and 123<sup>rd</sup> Main Support Battalion at the BIAP to pick up spare parts and supplies. Vehicles and equipment are maintained with these supplies. Soldiers are equipped with new uniforms and equipment like "camelbacks," as well as cleaning supplies for their living environments. It is also during LOGPAC that mail is picked up for the over 800 soldiers in Task Force 1-35.

PVT Riggs enjoys going on LOGPAC missions because it gives him the opportunity to get away from the daily grind of operations inside the Green Zone. He knows that he is taking part in a vital function, and says that they have to remain vigilant, watching for ambushes and IEDs. "So far we've been pretty lucky," says Riggs. "A lot of things happen on the highway going to the BIAP. We've missed IEDs and gunfire by minutes on a few occasions." In addition, they have had very few vehicle breakdowns in eight months of driving. That is a testament to the care the soldiers and leaders take in maintaining their vehicles.

CPL Clinton Brantley has been on dozens of LOGPAC missions since he arrived in Baghdad last May. He likes assisting with LOGPAC because he gets to see the scenery. He knows that LOGPAC convoys have often been targets for attacks, but he also states that, "most of the people around here know that we are here to support them, and they are positive in general." He often gets waves from people driving on the highway, and sees little kids running along the side of the road giving him the "thumbs up."

LOGPAC is essential to the accomplishment of the mission of Task Force 1-35. The Support Platoon soldiers know that they play a vital role in sustaining the support system for the Green Zone. These soldiers are performing a duty that provides assistance to a greater mission. The HHC/TF 1-35 Support Platoon provides support to many military units and civilian organizations that are supporting the reconstruction of Iraq.



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## REGULARS

Soldiers in Task Force 1-6 Infantry took donated toys this past Saturday to El Alwea Pediatric Hospital. The toys were donated by the families of a number of soldiers from throughout the battalion in an effort to bring happiness to underprivileged children in Baghdad. TF 1-6 IN is working to not only safeguard the community, but to improve the standard of living by promoting new jobs through various renovation programs in the Karada Neighborhood.



**Even the smallest gift raises spirits in Iraq.**

These renovation programs are geared toward community facilities and education centers. The sanctions of the old Saddam regime have left many of these education centers and public hospitals in disarray. Newly donated funds have enabled TF1-6 IN and other units in Baghdad to begin new projects that employ both Iraqi contractors and laborers.

Employing Iraqi contractors and workers will instill a sense of pride and accomplishment in their neighborhoods and the Baghdad community. Contractors also have the opportunity to demonstrate their craftsmanship and dedication to their community. TF 1-6 IN leaders and the Neighborhood Advisory Councils work together to identify local needs and match them to available resources to benefit the largest number of local citizens.

Once the projects are identified, local engineers are employed to develop scopes of work that are then used to solicit bids from local contractors to complete the work. Ordinarily a low bidding contractor is chosen to complete the project and a

request for funds is submitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. Upon funding approval, the contract is signed and work begins according to an agreed upon schedule. Upon completion of the project the work is inspected by the same local engineer who developed the scope of work, for quality and adherence to the published standards.

These neighborhood renewal and renovation projects along with ongoing security operations are just some ways TF 1-6 IN is working with the Neighborhood Advisory Councils in the Karada District in order to provide more stability and jobs within the communities. TF 1-6 IN has spent more than \$2.2 million and completed 68 renovation projects in Karada District and has an additional nine underway with nine more out for bidding. The focus of all projects will continue to be the improvement of the community through the renovation of education centers and other community facilities along with employment of community contractors and workers.

The visit to El Alwea Pediatric Hospital is a practical example of the ongoing effort to engage the local community while working to make substantive improvements in the facilities that serve the largest numbers of citizens. During the visit TF 1-6 IN representatives identified critical needed improvements not included in the original scope of work.

The local Iraqi engineer returned to the hospital to expand the scope of work and the project was announced to local contractors for bids one week later. Within two weeks it is expected that funding will be committed to the renovation project, a contract will be signed with a local contractor and work will begin. Thus, the collaborative effort between Coalition Forces and local Iraqi leaders will take another step forward in improving the quality of life for the Karada District.

## EVENTS

- Suicide Prevention Presentation - Monday, February 9 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the BN Conference Room. Anyone is welcomed to attend - bring a friend. Donuts and juice will be served. POC Kimberly McHugh at BC 904 787.



## GATORS



**BG Dempsey congratulating CPT Hormann and 1SG Mapes on a job well done by A. company (2-6) at the MOAC/Assasins Gate during the bombing on Jan 18th.**



**The Assassin Gate just following the bombing on January 18, 2004.**

The last week in January for TF 2-6 was marked by continued training to maintain our combat skills, and as always, exciting real world missions. The main highlight of the battle focused training that was conducted was B CO (mech) training at the 2BCT "shoothouse". The shoothouse is located near the same range where Bradley Gunnery training was conducted in late December and early January. The shoothouse is designed to accommodate infantry squads firing live ammo as they practice close quarters combat techniques. The training was facilitated by Department of Defense contracted

civilians, most of whom are former military NCO's and Officers, of various combat related branches of the Army. The training went off without a hitch and the skills that are reinforced during close quarters combat training is invaluable in an environment such as Iraq.

The first day of February brought some welcome entertainment for the men of TF 2-6. At our "Gatorbite Inn" a superbowl party was enjoyed by many from the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> up until the very early hours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> when the game ended. Food and near beer were served throughout the event. There was a "quarterback challenge" game set up courtesy of HHC, a pool tournament, and a John Madden 2003 XBOX competition. With all the entertainment available more than a few men decided to sacrifice a few valuable hours of sleep to enjoy themselves. It was truly an unforgettable superbowl gathering that will be reflected upon by all who attended.

With one more month passing and another calendar page being turned the men look forward to redeployment. There is a lot of planning and work involved but TF 2-6 is up to the challenge to make it successful and safe. While plans are already under way to redeploy, the main focus of the "Gators" is still to be successful in maintaining a safe and secure environment for the people of Iraq.

## THUNDER

### HHB

The holiday season in Hurricane land has come and gone, and January has brought a new year and a newfound feeling of accomplishment. Just one year ago, we began the arduous process of deploying to Iraq. Little did we know what lay ahead and how tough it would be, but you stood beside us the whole time. The Hurricanes would like to take this opportunity to thank the families once again for their continued love and support. Without you, we would not be half as successful as we have been.

February will be one of the busiest months we have had since arriving. We are beginning the difficult, but exciting task of preparing for redeployment. We are over 75% complete with this deployment. We have also almost fully recruited and





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trained an entire Iraqi platoon in the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC). SGT Tamayo, SGT Cates, and SGT Morris have taken on the task of training the platoon, 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon, D Company, 302d Infantry. These Iraqi soldiers look almost as good as our soldiers do, and with continued practice, these soldiers will be an effective force for the stability of the new Iraq.

The Predator, Stalker, and Hunter platoons keep going above and beyond the call of duty in performing a variety of special duties for the battalion, while the Commo and Survey platoons have quickly become the maneuver units in HHB. Recently, we moved a 300-ton generator through our sector safely and quickly, or as quickly as something that weighs that much can move. Without the dedication and hard work of your husbands, this would not be possible.

Gunnery is fast approaching and as always, the Hurricanes will play a huge role. While not actively involved in gunnery, we will be extra busy picking up the slack for the units that are gone. HHB will continue to prove why it is the best and most talented battery in 4-27 FA as we showcase our wonderful soldiers throughout the battalion.

In closing, we would like to remind you that we are almost home. In a few short months, we will all be home enjoying a beautiful Germany summer, which has to be better than the Iraqi one we had last summer! These soldiers miss and love you very much and cannot wait to get home to you. Until then, we will continue to make you proud.

## PIONEERS

It has been another action packed month for the Bulldogs of the 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion. We have literally completed thousands of direct support work orders since the beginning of the deployment. No doubt, we will knock out thousands more before we leave. Everyone is excited at the thought of nearing the end of this deployment, but knows there is a lot of work still left to do. We will remain vigilant to the end and ensure the 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT can keep rolling. In addition to regular direct support maintenance, the

Bulldogs have been busy with some "extracurricular" activities. Many of our soldiers have volunteered their time with Iraqi children at a local orphanage, as well as, helping renovate a near by elementary school. On a larger scale, there is contract in the works to provide clean drinking water to an Iraqi village adjacent to the Modern Pioneer Compound. These are just a few examples of the Bulldogs taking support to another level!

On the long road back to Baumholder there will be many more opportunities for the Bulldogs to show their skills and ingenuity. No matter where the 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT goes, they will never have to look back for support. No matter what, Bravo Company 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion will keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT able to "Strike Hard!"

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### **Pay Your Teachers**

GALATIANS 6:6-7

*Those who are taught the word of God should help their teachers by paying them. Don't be misled.*

Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! A law of human behavior is that you will get more of what you reward, or support. If those who teach the Bible are not supported, less people will teach the Bible. This is not the will of God!

If we expect to keep learning, we must support teachers. Otherwise, without support, there will be no teachers. Then who will be left to teach us? Basketball players? Movie stars?

1 CORINTHIANS 9:11-14

*We have planted good spiritual seed among you. Is it too much to ask, in return, for mere food and clothing? If you support others who preach to you, shouldn't we have an even greater right to be supported? Yet we have never used this right. We would rather put up with anything than put an obstacle in the way of the Good News about Christ. Don't you know that those who work in the Temple*



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*get their meals from the food brought to the Temple as offerings? And those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrificial offerings. In the same way, the Lord gave orders that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it.*

God's plan is for us to support those who teach His Word. This will insure an ample supply of people ready to continue teaching you, and others, the things of God. How valuable is that to you?

## **BAUMHOLDER INFORMATION** **FEBRUARY**

- 10 African Music and Dance Troup, 11:30am, Rheinlander
- 13 USAREUR Training Holiday
- 14 Valentines Day
- 16 Presidents Day (holiday)  
LN Employee Shop Day
- 23 Rose Parade, downtown Baumholder, 2pm
- 24 Town Hall, 4pm, Rheinlander
- 25 Deployment Support Group, 9am  
LINKS, 10am
- 27 Job Fair, Rheinlander, 9am-4pm

## **MARCH**

- 7 Breakfast at Rheinlander
- 11 Volunteer Reception
- 15 USAREUR Training Holiday
- 30 Town Hall, 4pm
- 31 Deployment Support Group, 9am  
LINKS, 10am

## **APRIL**

- 2 USAREUR Training Holiday  
No DODDS School
- 4 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 5-9 DODDS Spring Break
- 9 Good Friday, German Holiday
- 11 Easter Sunday  
Brunch at Rheinlander
- 12 Easter (Ostermontag), German Holiday
- 27 Town Hall
- 28 Deployment Support Group, 9am  
LINKS, 10am

## **DoDDS CALENDAR**

- 1st Tuesday of the month SAC Meeting, Baumholder High at 1630
  - 3rd Thursday of the month SAC Meeting, Wetzel Elementary at 1430
- 16 Feb No School, Presidents' Day
  - 02 April No School, Teachers Work Day
  - 05 April Spring Recess Begins
  - 12 April Instruction Resumes
  - 30 April 1700 Buccaneer Night
  - 13 May Acceleration Date
  - 31 May No School, Memorial Day
  - 04 June High Graduation
  - 09 June Last Day of School

## **Public Affairs Host Nation Events**

**Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 485-1600**

- 5Feb Lichtmess market at St. Wendel
- 7&21Feb Flea market at Metz, France
- 8Feb Flea market Idar-Oberstein, Vollmersbachstrasse
- 19Feb Old Women Fasching (tie cutting)
- 24Feb Fasching market at Kusel

## **Fasching Parades:**

- 21Feb Street Fasching at Kusel, 1000
- 22Feb Fasching Parade at Kirchenbollenbach, 1400
- 22Feb Fasching Parade at St. Wendel, 1400
- 23Feb Fasching Parade at Idar-Oberstein, 1410
- 23Feb Fasching Parade at Fischbach, 1400
- 23Feb Fasching Parade at Baumholder, 1410
- 23Feb Fasching Parade at Kirn, 1411

## **Children Fasching events:**

- 15Feb Costume ball at Kirn, Hellbergturnhalle, 1411
- 22Feb Fasching party at Berschweiler, Dr. Darge Gym
- 22Feb Costume ball at Kusel, Lehnstrasse, 1400
- 22Feb Fasching party at Rohrbach, 1400
- 22Feb Fasching party at Leitzweiler
- 22Feb Fasching party at Hahnweiler
- 23Feb Fasching party at Baumholder, 1500
- 23Feb Fasching party at Fohren-Linden, 1400
- 23Feb Costume ball at Heimbach, 1411
- 24Feb Fasching party at Thallichtenberg



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## RHEINLANDER EVENTS

- Celebrate Black History month with a performance by BI-OKOTO, African Dance and Music Group. Performance is February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1130 in the Rheinlander Convention Center. DSN 485-8779.
- Let your voice be heard at the Army Family Action Plan Conference. Conference runs 19-20 February at the Rheinlander Convention Center. Call DSN 485-6985 for more information or to volunteer.
- Job Fair Friday, 27 February at the Rheinlander from 900-1600. Call DSN 485-6046.
- Family Night- Pizza, pasta, and salad buffet
- Wednesdays, 18-2100, ONLY \$4 for kids under 12!
- Internet only 9 cents/minute in the Cyber Zone!!

## OUTDOOR REC TRIPS

- Polish pottery shopping. Get your friends together and join Outdoor Recreation on Friday 6 February for an express trip to Poland. Cost is \$75 for adults and \$55 for children.
- Frankfurt Zoo, 28 February. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Includes transportation and admission.
- Skiing and Snowboarding in the Black Forrest 7 & 24 February \$35.
- Ski-Snowboarding to Austria 13-16 February \$265.
- **Seats are limited – so call today to reserve your space! DSN 485-7182.**

## CYS

Joanne Hernandez, 485-7198

### **Torch Club Valentine's Day Dance**

Date: Friday, 13 Feb at the Underground

Time: 1900-2300

Cost: \$3

Middle School Program

Must be registered with Youth Services

### **Sweetheart Dance**

Date: Sat, 14 Feb, at the Teen Café

Time: 2000-2400

Cost: \$3

High school youths, 9th – 12th grade

Must be registered with Youth Services

### **High School Dining Out**

Date: Sat, 28 Feb, Mexican in Kaiserslautern

Time: 1600-2100 (Depart from the Teen Café)

Cost: Order off the menu

### **Kids' Night Out**

1st-6th grade @ Wetzel SAS 485-7475/8792

Sat, 21 Feb

1800 – 2200

Must be registered with CYS

Pay at time of sign-up, \$6/child

Spaces limited.

### **Parents' Night Out**

Infant-Kindergarten @ Wetzel CDC 485-7133/7284

Sat, 21 Feb 1800 – 2200

Must be registered with CYS

Pay at time of sign-up, \$10/child

Spaces limited.

### **Spring Youth Sports**

Registration 2-27 February, ages 5-18.

Baseball and Softball. Volunteer coaches needed.

Skills assessment 6 March and practice begins 15

March. Call DSN 485-7276.

## COMMUNITY RECREATION DIVISION

**POC:** Jeffrey Milkes at DSN 485-6352

The Rec Emporium has a new name – The

Rolling Hills Athletic Club. Membership fees will also

change – one price will cover the entire facility.

### **- Water Aerobics at the Rec Emporium**

MWF at 12:00; T Th at 18:30

- The bowling center will be closed January through

March for renovations!

## ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING (AFTB)

**Next Class:** March 10 from 8:30-1400, **Level 1**

All classes are held at the AFTB Classroom. Health

Clinic Complex Building 8745 Room 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

For any questions please call Mari Haley, AFTB

Program Coordinator at 485 - 8542 or 06783 - 6 -

8542.



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## NEW AEROBICS SCHEDULE

POC: Edna Price

### **Mountaineer Gym M-Th at 9:00**

M- Resist-a-Ball

T – Step

W- Yoga

Th- Interval/Circuit

### **Hall of Champions M-Th at 17:00**

M- Interval/Circuit

T-Yoga

W- Step

Th- Resist-a-Ball

### **Hall of Champions M-Th at 18:30**

M- Step

T- Resist-a-Ball

W- Interval/Circuit

Th- Yoga

**NOTE:** Hand weights, yoga mats and resist-a-balls are not provided. They can be purchased at the sports store in Baumholder or Vogelweh. All classes last approximately 1 hour.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

### **Instructional Classes**

-12 February, Quilting Class "Valentines Wall Hanging" \$25.

-14 February, Valentines Day children's ceramic party \$5

-21 February, Kids Play Day "Making Fasching Masks" \$5

**Call DSN 485-6687 for more information or to register.**

## AUTO SKILLS CENTER

### **Instructional Classes**

--Basic Auto Maintenance 12 & 26 February

--Introduction to Brake Systems 3 & 17 February.

**All classes begin at 1400 and are free with bay rental. Call DSN 485-6117**

## RE-INTEGRATION AFTER DEPLOYMENT

ACS Spouses Reunion Training. Training can help reduce reunion stress, improve marital communication and teach signals that may indicate a need for help. Training is every Wednesday. Child

care is available provided your reserve with ACS in advance. **We can even come to your FRG meeting for group training sessions (day or evening).** Call DSN 485-8188.

## BAUMHOLDER EDUCATION CENTER

- Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) 09-25 Feb 2004
- Term 3 College and Adult Education Courses 19 Jan – 12 March 2004
- Adult Education English as a Second Language (ESL) Course Wed/Fri 1100-1300 Hrs
- Effective Military Writing I (ASEP class for NCO's) Feb 23-27 1300-1700 Hrs
- Army Emergency Relief Spouse Education Assistance Application Deadline: 01 Mar 04 For Term 4
- New financial aid forms for 2003-04 now available.

**Visit the Education Center in building 8332 or call 485-7557**

<http://www.baumholder.army.mil/education>

## ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST INFORMATION

- Absentee ballots may be requested from your state of residence. Please follow instructions below:
- Go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)
- In left menu bar, click on " On-line Federal Post Card Application".
- Go to bottom of this page and click on " Click Here To Get Form".
- Click on your respective state of residence for "OFPCA". (The state VAG will give you more detailed information for individual state guidelines.)
- Read ALL instructions before downloading the form.
- Fill out the absentee ballot request form and mail per directions of your state.
- (Generally, this is mailed to the Supervisor of Elections in your state capital.)

Stop by the Main PX and meet your Community Voting Assistance Officers. They



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will be there on Feb 5th from 11am-2pm to hand out flyers and answer questions.

222<sup>nd</sup> BSB Community Voting Officer: MSG Lester Reed: 485-7138  
222nd BSB Community Alternate Voting Assistance Officer: Ms. Tyler at DSN : 485-8892 Civilian: 06783-6-8892

## MEDICAL CARE DURING REINTEGRATION PERIOD

- **Priority of resources will go to returning soldiers**
- Acute Care only for six week period
- Well Baby and OB Care will continue as usual
- Access to Pediatric Care should not be impacted
- Wellness visits and other routine services postponed
- Medical Refills and CYS Physicals will be done on walk-In basis on Thursday evenings
- Physical Therapy will be AD Only
- **Use of Krankenhause during clinic hours will be authorized**

## TAX CENTER

FREE Income Tax Assistance!  
Federal & State Returns  
Electronic Filing

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Free IRS tax training will be provided  
Call 485-6506 now!

LOCATION: Building 8670, next to Community Bank  
DSN: 485-8644  
OPENING DAY: 31 January 2004  
HOURS: Mon-Thurs 0900-1700 Fri 0900-1500

## BAUMHOLDER COMMUNITY SPOUSES CLUB

**Cathy Hurley, 485-7184**

Come join us at the February luncheon on February 18 at 1130 in the Rheinlander. The theme is "Heart to Heart Tea". There will be an English bone china vendor and our own CPT Frizelle will be speaking on "Heart Healthy Tips". Childcare will be provided on

site if you contact Cher Lim by February 4 at cher.lim@us.army.mil or BC/189 302

## **It's Not Too Late to Join!**

Memberships are available for \$8.00 for the rest of the year (ending in May 2004). Applications are available at the Thrift Shop and the Welcome Center or contact the Membership Secretary, [Jill.Watson@us.army.mil](mailto:Jill.Watson@us.army.mil) for further information.

## **BCSC Spring Bazaar - The Place to Shop!**

The BCSC Spring Bazaar is coming to town! The bazaar will be held February 27 - February 29 in the Hall of Champions from 1000 - 2000 on Friday and Saturday and 1000 - 1800 on Sunday. Admission is free to all valid ID card holders and their guests. If you would like to volunteer at the bazaar, please contact the Bazaar Chairperson at [ginalyn.cowles@us.army.mil](mailto:ginalyn.cowles@us.army.mil).

## NEW PARENT EDUCATION & SUPPORT PROGRAM

**Melody Tavera & Jean-Marie Williams, 485-6932/6931**

Nurturing Parenting: Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers

- 12 two-hour sessions which meet one day a week for 12 weeks
- Every Monday, 1600 – 1800, starting 16 Feb 04
- Classes will take place in Bldg. 8222 (formerly the Baumholder USO office).
- Two separate groups – one for parents and one for children which meet concurrently.

Parents & children engage in a 30-minute family nurturing time which includes games, songs, infant & child massage, and a snack!



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