



THE BIG RED ONE CREED

TEAMWORK is the foundation of the Big Red One. I shall never fail my team, for I maintain the standard. My conduct and self-discipline set the example for others to follow.

HONOR is what I stand for—an American Soldier on duty for my country. My loyalty is intense. I display care for my fellow Soldiers and my chain of command through courage, respect, integrity and compassion.

I have learned to **ENDURE**, to thrive in adversity. The harsh reality of combat gives me the enthusiasm for realistic training. I am physically and mentally strong to meet the demanding situations my unit encounters.

We are one in the Big Red One. Our BROTHERHOOD gives us strength to fight on to any objective and accomplish the mission as our veterans have done before us. I live the legacy of my division.

READINESS is my priority. To be ready for any mission, anytime, anywhere. My business is first-class training and living high standards of care and equipment, weaponry and tactical and technical competence.

My **ORGANIZATION** is my strength. The BRO is bigger than any one individual. It gives me purpose, self-confidence, competitive spirit, intestinal fortitude and the desire to fight with all my heart.



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Cover: A UH-60 Black Hawk crew chief serving with the Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., scans the Iraqi countryside Nov. 3. PHOTO BY SPC. ROLAND HALE, CAB PAO

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1 year later: coming home

ne year ago this month, the Soldiers of the Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division finished packing the last pieces of equipment and supplies and for the first time in the division's 93-year history, deployed as a modular headquarters element completely separate from all of the brigades of the division.

A tremendous year for the 1st Infantry Division has now passed. A year characterized by partnering with Iraqi Security Forces and leading United States military forces in the southern half of Iraq, an area which encompasses the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, the port cities of Basra and Umm Qasr, the ruins of ancient Babylon and Mesopotamia, and the final resting places of Alexander the Great and the prophet Ezekiel.

The partnership between the Big Red One and our Iraqi Security Forces has grown and strengthened during the past 12 months. One of the first things we accomplished when we arrived in Iraq last year was assisting the ISF to safeguard their national elections—a positive indication of a sovereign country on the path to democratic success.

On Sept. 1, we met another historic milestone as operations changed from Operation Iraqi Freedom to Operation New Dawn, signifying that the people and leaders in Iraq now have the front seat in determining the course of their country, but we remain with them as vigilant partners committed to success for themselves and their children.

As our partners have grown in ability and confidence, so has the scope of their operations. In October, the Iraqi Security Forces hosted the first regional joint strategic military exercise between the Iraqi Army, Department of Border Enforcement and the Iraqi Police. Our advice and assistance helped them take this highly important step.



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We have also been very active in coordinating the efforts of nine State Department-led Provincial Reconstruction Teams who are the key interface between the nine southern provinces and the U.S. government political, economic, social, and infrastructure efforts. Thanks to our Heartland neighbors Kansas State University and the city of Manhattan who helped us prepare for this "soft power" role before we deployed. As we close our mission and leave Iraq, we do so with confidence that the conditions have been set for a secure, stable and sovereign nation for generations to come.

During the year we have been away, Fort Riley has continued to be a busy place where the Fort Riley Campaign Plan 2015 guided our pursuit toward being the premier division-level installation. Brig. Gen. David Petersen and Command Sgt. Maj. Buddy Wallace have been our command team at our "home in the heartland" and have done an outstanding job of preparing the brigades for deployment while keeping Fort Riley on an upward and forward pathway. Working with the Fort Riley Garrison and the Fort Riley Mission Support Element, the accomplishments are many and more than we know. We, who are de-

ployed, are proud of their work and their accomplishments which are also an important part of this historic deployment.

I also extend a very sincere "thank you" to our neighbors and friends in the Central Flint Hills Region. You also experience the deployments and the consequences thereof. But, because of your support, our Families are cared for as though they are your own, and we have felt your care and your support with every good wish, every prayer, and every package sent in our direction. To all of you who kept the home fires burning—our Families, civilians and community members, we owe a huge debt. Because you took care of things at Fort Riley, we were able to focus completely on the mission in front of us.

Finally, to our Families who await our return while carrying on with everyday life with all of its complex challenges. Our Families are our inspiration and our reason for serving abroad. They are the best example of strength and resilience and we are very, very proud of them.

As we return to Fort Riley, another chapter in the history of the 1st Inf. Div. comes to a close. Our Soldiers will be reunited with their Families and undergo reintegration and resiliency training so that their transition both at home and on the job is as smooth and seamless as possible. The process of returning after being away so long sometimes comes with a few bumps in the road, which is why we must make it a priority to ensure our Soldiers have ample opportunity to strengthen themselves mentally, physically and at home. This is the final installment of the columns written from Iraq. May God bless the completion of our work here, and at Fort Riley, until we can be rejoined. No Mission too Difficult, No Sacrifice too Great.

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Command Sergeant Major DANGER 7

Successes abound in 2010

he Soldiers who fill the ranks of the 1st Infantry Division made sure that 2010 would not be easily forgotten. They filled the past year with acts of courage, tenacity and resilience—stories that have a way of sticking with you.

Courage, the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger and pain with bravery, is a quality long upheld in the Big Red One. In January, Sgt. 1st Class John Null, of our 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, was recognized at the All-American Bowl as a hero for high school football players to emulate. Null, a veteran of three combat tours to Iraq, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with V Device for valor during a fierce fire fight that occurred during his second deployment. Fifteen Soldiers from Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion were also awarded Army Commendation Medals with V Device for their actions in responding to an indirect fire incident on July 9. Courage under fire is demanded of our Soldiers, and time and time again, they live up to the standard.

In October, Staff Sgt. Jimmy Wilson, competed on behalf of Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division in the All-Army Combatives tournament. At 46, he was significantly older than most of his



Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne

opponents, but that didn't deter him. He placed in the top six in his weight bracket. His stubborn persistence and refusal to fail – the tenacity to continually get up and face the enemy—is what makes our Soldiers great. Because of that character trait, they can rely on each other and we can rely on them.

In June, the Families of five Soldiers

and one Airman came to Fort Riley for a solemn ceremony. As the memorial stones were unveiled in Victory Park, many words were used: love, pride, dedication, immortality. Those words may have meant something different to each person, but for the Families who live on after the loss of a loved one, there

is only one word that can be used: resilient. Life for them will never be the same—there is no exact return to how things used to be. However, their buoyant spirit moves them forward, and while not forgetting their loved one, they live out life to the fullest, realizing who gave them the ability to do so.

They are everyday heroes—sons, daughters, spouses, parents and friends, but each has answered the nation's call. Because of them, every year, we can look back at monumental achievements.

During 2010, the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team returned to Fort Riley after 12 months in Iraq. The 1st HBCT, 2nd HBCT, along with the Combat Aviation Brigade all deployed to Iraq and the 1st Sustainment Brigade deployed to Kuwait. The 3rd IBCT is working hard to prepare for a one-year deployment to Afghanistan, and they will leave Fort Knox in early 2011. The Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion deployed for the first time since 2003, this time under a new modular standard, and will return to Fort Riley very soon.

It's important to note the achievements of our Soldiers. They are the successes we must build on to achieve even greater things in the coming year.

Now, get after it!

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The Devils you know

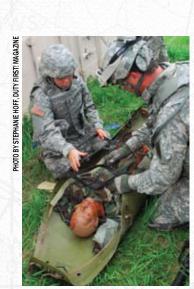
Spc. Aaron Crichlow of HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, completes a challenge Oct. 6 on Water Tank Hill while completing an obstacle course in the company's "Headhunters Stakes." The competition was conducted Oct. 5-7 and included testing in marksmanship, completing a combat fire range and a ruck march.





PHOTO BY SGT. KEVEN PARRY, 1ST HBCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brig. Gen. David Petersen, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley deputy commanding general-rear, passes the colors of 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team to Col. Eric Welsh during a change-of-command ceremony May 25 on Custer Hill Parade Field.





ABOVE: Col. Eric Welsh, brigade commander (left) and Command Sgt. Maj. John Jones, brigade command sergeant major, case the unit's colors Sept. 20 on Custer Hill Parade Field. The Fort Riley community said goodbye to approximately 950 Soldiers of the "Devil" brigade during the deployment ceremony. LEFT: Pvts. 1st Class Amanda Robertson and Don Radke, HHC, Special Troops Bn., prepare to evacuate a mannequin that received simulated leg and arm amputations April 21 at the Medical Simulation Training Center.





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Daggers
staying sharp

RIGHT: Soldiers begin to drive their MRAP vehicles out of the Special Troops Battalion's motor pool Sept. 21. The Soldiers were taking part in a familiarization course with the MRAPs, which are the primary means of personnel transport while deployed.





PHOTO BY SPC. DANIEL STOUTAMIRE, 2 HBCT PAO



King Field House.



Soldiers from the Assault and Obstacle Platoon, C Co. Special Troops Battalion, move through smoke on their way to breach concertina wire during a training exercise June 23 on Fort Riley.







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Putting our Dukes









FROM BOTTOM LEFT, CLOCKWISE:

Sgt. Zachary Reese, 1st Bn., 26th Inf. Regt., is congratulated on receiving the Silver Star Medal as his wife, Reina looks on during a ceremony Oct. 18, at Sadowski Field **House in Fort Knox, Ky. The Silver** Star is the third highest military decoration awarded for valor in the face of the enemy; a Soldier from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team plots points on a map Nov. 9, during the land navigation portion of the Soldier of the Year competition. The competition tested Soldiers' mental and physical endurance in a series of events; Soldiers of B Battery, 1st Bn., 6th FA Regt., prepare to fire during a live howitzer exercise in March at Fort Knox; Spc. Evan Teaster from HHC, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Infantry fires his M4 rifle to qualify during the Soldier of the Year competition Nov. 9 at Fort Knox, Ky; A Battery, 1st Bn., 6th FA Regt., prepares for a live-fire exercise in early March at Fort Knox; Pvt. Joshua Howard, C Co., 201st Brigade Support Battalion, prepares to perform a needle chest decompression on a dummy March 24 during a training exercise at Fort Knox. The training was designed to prepare them for Expert Field **Medical Badge certification testing** in the future; Pfc. Alejandro Miranda with 6th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., places a claymore mine Nov. 9 during the warrior tasks and battle drills portion of the Soldier of the Year competition. Miranda placed third in the competition.

4TH

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Staff Sgt. Christopher Hurd of B Co., 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Regt.,

Co., 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., greets his family April 26 in building 88312 following a redeployment ceremony for approximately 130 Soldiers of the 4th Inf. Brigade Combat Team.



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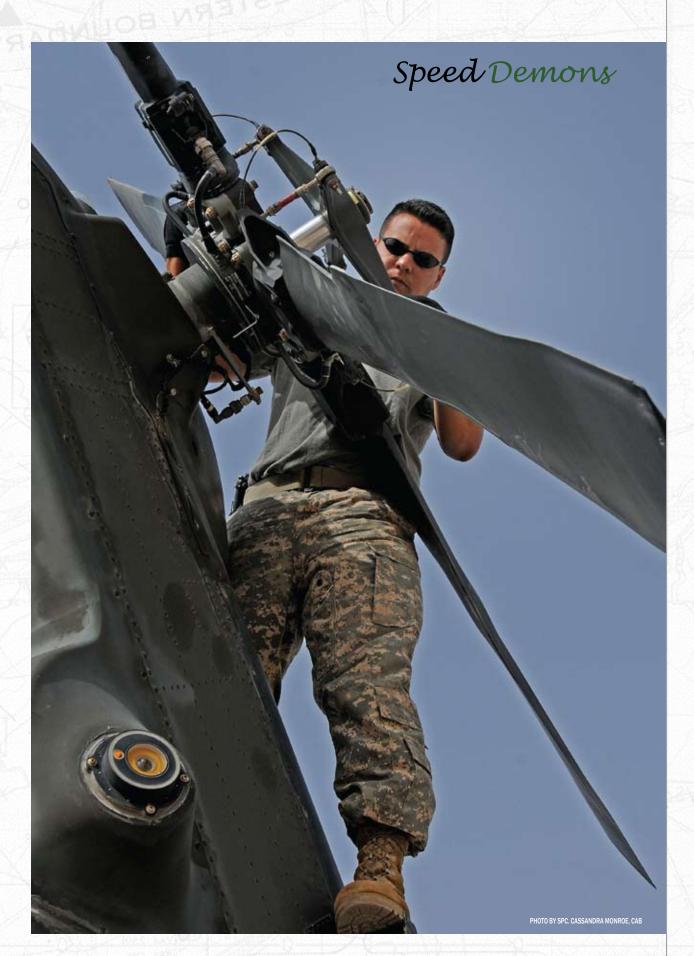


ABOVE LEFT: Staff Sgt. Lucas Horn, HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., puts on his personal protection equipment before the "Ranger Resiliency Ride," on July 7. The ride was designed to mentor new riders while building unit cohesion. BELOW LEFT: Soldiers of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team salute following the uncasing of the unit colors during a redeployment ceremony Aug. 2 at Fort Riley. ABOVE: Soldiers of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team participate in a single team elimination Spades Tournament during their deployment, hosted by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Office at the Oasis Rec. Center on Camp Buehring.



TOP: Servicemembers from throughout Contingency Operating Base Speicher participate in the Iron Dragon Fitness Test. The Iron Dragon Fitness Test is designed to recognize and reward Soldiers who exceed the Army Physical Fitness Test standards. ABOVE: An image of the Golden Mosque, Jan. 20 from the rooftop of a hotel, as it is currently being rebuilt and restored after being bombed by insurgents on Feb. 22, 2006. The mosque was located in the area of operations for 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., during its deployment in 2010.

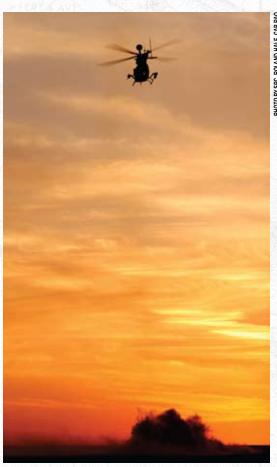
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Combat Aviation Brigade











LEFT: Chief Warrant Officer Jeremy Cruz, C Co., 2nd General Support Aviation Bn., 1st Aviation Regt., performs preventative maintenances checks and services on the back tail rotary of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter before a flight training mission Aug. 26 at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, near Tikrit, Iraq. Chief Warrant Officer Cruz works with another pilot, a flight medic and a crew chief on the helicopter that is specifically reserved for medical evacuation assistance to Soldiers, civilians and Iraqi residents in the United States Division-North region. FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE: A Black Hawk helicopter from the 2nd General Support Aviation Bn., 1st Aviation Regt. takes off from Camp Taji, Iraq, along with a Huey helicopter from the Iraqi Army's 2nd Squadron, Taji Wing. The battalion regularly conducts partnership flights with the squadron in the Baghdad area; An OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter from Task Force Saber, Combat Aviation Brigade, pulls away after destroying its target with a rocket during an air-to-ground integration training exercise with the Iraqi Army on May 21 outside of Camp Al Asad; Combat Aviation Brigade Commander Col. Frank Muth and Brig. Gen. David Petersen, deputy commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div.-rear, salute the flag during the CAB deployment ceremony March 2 at Marshall Army Air Field; an Apache attack helicopter pilot, serving in Iraq with the Combat Aviation Brigade, climbs into the backseat of his helicopter Sept. 23 at Camp Taji. The brigade's Apache helicopters are used to provide security for both the U.S. military and Iraqi Security Forces across the country; Aviators from the Combat Aviation Brigade, and the Iraqi Army's 2nd Squadron, Taji Wing, pose for a photo Oct. 10 at Camp Taji, before a partnership flight.

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1ST SB

assumption of responsibility ceremony.



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RIGHT: Emma Huang, 4, holds on tight to her father, Capt. **Tim Huang, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment** Brigade, following the 1st Sust. Bde.'s deployment ceremony in King Field House on March 15. FAR RIGHT: Staff Sgt. Gregory Zemke keeps alert as his battle buddies, Staff Sgts. Jacob Hanson (right) and Kieshu Manning perform first aid on Staff Sgt. Christopher Hilton and Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Cole, all of Headquarters and **Headquarters Company, 1st** Sustainment Brigade, during an IED Lane Training exercise Feb. 5 at Fort Riley.



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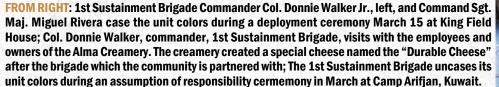








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The Bold & the Dauntless









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ABOVE LEFT: Choby, a mix-breed is awarded with a tennis ball thrown by his handler, Spc. Jason Bourcier of the Engineer Canine Company, 5th Eng. Bn., March 17 at Yuma Proving Grounds. Choby is designated as a mine-detection dog and is utilized to provide area and route clearance and mine field extraction. ABOVE: Staff Sgt. David. Gerts, Engineer Canine Company, 5th Eng. Bn., 4th MEB, shares water with his military working dog, Axel, a mix breed, March 17 at Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz. Canines assigned to the unit specialize in extracting minefields as well as unexploded ordnances and casualty-producing devices. The teams were required to complete three weeks of certifications at Yuma Proving Grounds before deploying.

ABOVE: Soldiers of 232nd Horizontal Engineer Co., 94th Engineer Bn., 4th Maneuver **Enhancement Brigade, convoy** into a mock village May 18 at **Home Station Training Lanes.** The Soldiers were conducting small unit training while completing simulated scenarios. TOP LEFT: Soldiers of 232nd Horizontal Engineer Co., 94th Engineer Bn., prepare to evacuate 1st Lt. Jeremiah Nichols after he received a mock wound to the head during a simulated training scenario May 18 at the Home **Station Training Lanes.**

4TH MEB





HOTOS BY 4TH MEB PAC

ABOVE: Soldiers of the 512th MP Company stand ready to deploy during a ceremony in February. LEFT: Spc. Nicholas Lake, a heavy equipment construction operator assigned to the 103d Engineer Company, separates piping from a local veteran's home in Mansfield on October 23. Lake is one of ten Soldiers who volunteered during 'Make a Difference Day' to make a local veteran's home handicap accessible.

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75[™] FIRES

Tough as Diamonds



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ABOVE: As the sun sets on Dona Ana Range, New Mexico, two M270 Multiple-Launch Rocket System, or MLRS, vehicles prepare for a night live-fire range during Operation Dragon Strike. The launchers are assigned to 3rd Bn., 13 FA Regt. OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Master Sgt. Alex Easterbrooks and Spc. Brett Hicks, 75th Fires Brigade, point out a target from on top of Thompson Hill Tower Complex Aug. 17, as part of Operation Diamond Inferno. The two worked with other Soldiers from Fort Sill as well as Marines and Sailors as part of the huge joint exercise meant to practice joint operations in battle.





PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. WILLIAM SALLETTE, 75TH FIRES BRIGADE PAO



PHOTO BY SSG DAVID CHAPMAN, 75TH FIRES BRIGADE

TOP, CLOCKWISE: Soldiers of the 75th Fires Brigade and Marines of the Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, rush to an awaiting helicopter as they are picked up from a hilltop after calling in close air and artillery support during Operation Diamond Inferno; Soldiers of the 15th Finance Detachment guide a trailer into place as they load a C-17 aircraft for a support mission to Haiti; Soldiers of C Battery, 2nd Bn., 18th FA Regt., fire a M28A1 Reduced Range Practice Rocket, from their Multiple Launch Rocket System vehicle in support of the 75th Fires Brigade's Operation Diamond Inferno.



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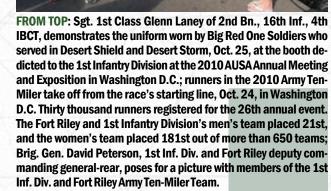
STEPHANIE HOFF, DUTY FIRST! MAGAZINE Brig. Gen. David Peterson, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley deputy commanding general-rear, congratulates Lt. Col. Ted Leblow of **Headquarters and Headquarters Company**, **2nd Heavy Brigade** Combat Team, Oct. 24 after Leblow completed the 2010 Army Ten-Miler in Washington D.C. Leblow completed the race with a time of 59:40 that awarded him 165th place out of more than 21,000











A brotherhood of Defenders





DHHB & AUSA

> Kirk Schulz, Kansas State University president, and Jeff Morris, university vice president for communications and narketing, lead their group down the steps of the Ziggurat of Ur on Nov. 11. KSU leadership visited 1st Inf. Div. Jeaders deployed rom Fort Riley, Kan., to better understand what Soldiers go through to facilitate their higher education needs if Soldiers decide to continue school after deployment.





FROM TOP: Brig. Gen. Ricky Gibbs, United States Division-South deputy commanding general of maneuver, and staff Brig. Gen. Dhafar Nathmy Jamil, 4th Region Department of Border Enforcement commander talk about the map exercise Oct. 5 at the 4th Region Department of Enforcement Headquarters in Basra, Iraq, moments after it finished; Maj. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, re-enlists Staff Sgt. Amos Wade and Spc. Darnell Jonas, both of the 1st Inf. Div. Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, in a Blackhawk 5,000 feet over Iraq; Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks and Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne case the division's colors during a deployment ceremony Dec. 4 at Fort Riley.







1ST ID BAND & CGMCG

Sights & sounds of a division





Hagin, of the 1st Inf. Div. Band, performs Oct. 24 at the Hooah Tent representing the "Big Red One" and Fort Riley at the 2010 Army Ten-Miler. The Big Red One's Hooah tent featured historical depictions of the unit, live music, performed by members of the 1st Inf. Div. Band, and complimentary food; Spc. Jonathan Akhondi, a lead singer for Controlled Detonation, the 1st Infantry Division's official rock band, performs for troops Oct. 30 at Camp Taji, Iraq; Spc. Myron Zenker, drummer for Controlled Detonation, the 1st Infantry Division's official rock band, plays Oct. 30 for troops on Camp Taji, Iraq; members of the **Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard ride in** the Manhattan Veterans Day Parade.



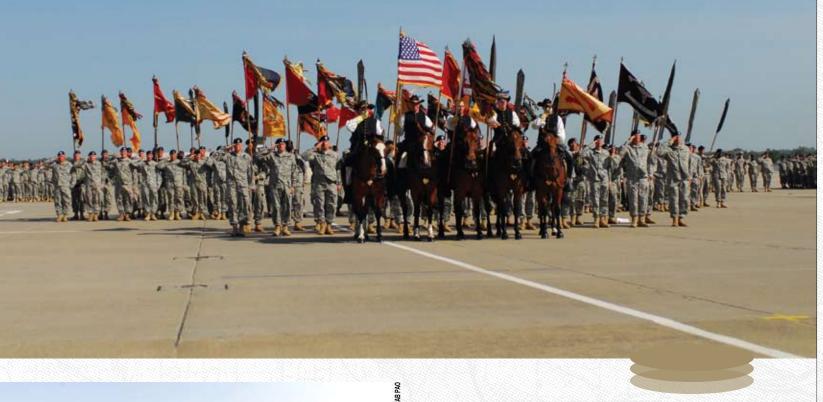




TOP, CLOCKWISE: The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard presents the colors as 1st Infantry Division Soldiers dressed in period uniforms stand in formation during the Army's 235th and the 1st Inf. Div.'s 93rd Birthday celebration June 15 at the 1st Inf. Div. Headquarter's Parade Field; Command Sgt. Maj. "Buddy" Wallace, Command Sergeant Major for the 1st Infantry Division-rear, passes the 1st Inf. Div. Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard unit colors to incoming 1st Sgt. John Wear on Nov. 4 during a Change of Responsibility Ceremony; Spc. David Williams, 1st Infantry Division Mounted Color Guard, takes out his target during the Mounted Pistol competition while his horse, Saber, takes care of the jump Sept. 30 during the 2010 Annual Bivouac & National Cavalry Competition held at Fort Concho in San Angelo, Texas.

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Staffpicks: The year's best photos, selected by Duty First! magazine staff





ABOVE, CLOCKWISE: 1st Infantry Division Soldiers stand in formation during the Victory Week Division Review Ceremony June 18 at Marshall Army Airfield, Fort Riley; Jimmie Johnson, driver of the number 48 Lowe's race car shakes hands with Soldiers of the 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., Oct. 3, before the start of the Price Chopper 400 at the Kansas Motor Speedway; an Army Kevlar helmet sits on the steering wheel of a gator vehicle beside a Black Hawk helicopter at Camp Taji, Iraq.

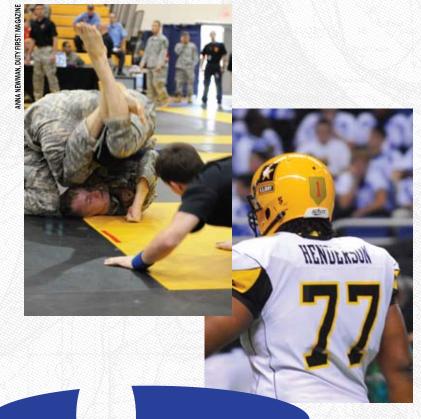






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LEFT: Getting his "knees in the breeze," Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chris Vaske, 1st Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, watches the plane as he falls away toward the Kansas State University Parachute Club drop zone Feb. 27. ABOVE: Seth Rigsby, 6, receives the help of a 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Soldier as he traces the memorial stone of a fallen loved one after the Victory Park Ceremony June 17 at Fort Riley.



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LEFT: Seantrel Henderson, offensive lineman for the 2010 U.S. Army All-American West team and recipient of the Anthony Munoz Lineman of the Year Award, walks back to the line of scrimmage during the 10th Annual All-American Bowl game held in the Alamodome in San Antonio on Jan. 9., who partnered with 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers, wore the division's patch on their helmets. FAR LEFT: Spc. Matthew Arrington, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., hangs upside down, while sinking in a triangle choke hold. He won the match by submission.

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