



RAINBOW DIVISION REMEMBERS 9-11



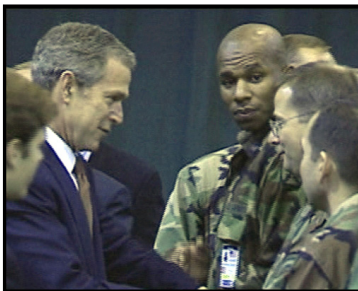
On September 11, Soldiers from the 42nd Infantry Division's Rainbow Task Force are invited to a ceremony commemorating the 2001 terrorist attacks. The ceremony will take place at 8:30 a.m. at the pavilion and flag pole at Officer's loop on Ft. Drum.

"As the Rainbow Division has taken as its new motto, 'Never Forget' from the service we performed at Ground Zero, it seems appropriate for us to remember that day with this ceremony," said Lt. Col. Lee Hardgrove, 42nd Infantry Division chaplain. "It is very fitting that we do this as we prepare to deploy to Iraq to assist in the war on terrorism." Hardgrove is the point-of-contact for the event.



It's been three years since Rainbow Division Soldiers responded to the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. Rainbow Soldiers from New York City armories--the 69th Infantry, the 101st Cavalry, the 642nd Division Aviation Support Battalion and the 258th Field Artillery Regiment--were among 9-11's first responders, working side by side with Federal and New York City rescue workers.

Rainbow Soldiers from the remainder of the division's New York Army National Guard units? and the division headquarters formed Joint Task Force 42, which sustained security and recovery operations in Manhattan in the wake of 9-11.



Rainbow Soldiers from every divisional state were in the vanguard of America's global response to the terrorist attacks, deploying to Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001. Meanwhile, Rainbow Soldiers were on guard in America, providing homeland security at several stateside locations in Operation Noble Eagle from 2001 through 2003.

Rainbow Soldiers' sacrifice continues in Operation Iraqi Freedom, in which Rainbow Division Headquarters and divisional base units, along with the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, will join the Multinational Corps - Iraq to provide stability and support to the new Iraqi democratic government.



News from Iraq

Coalition Forces fund Riyadh Market Construction

Coalition Forces sponsored the construction of a new marketplace in Riyadh beginning in late August. The project is expected to cost approximately \$50,000 and will take about two months to complete. The marketplace should benefit more than 30,000 people. The market will allow farmers and others to sell goods, without impeding traffic.

One By One, Iraqi Cities Become No-Go Zones

At a recent meeting with a group of tribal sheiks, an American general spoke with evident frustration about the latest Iraqi city to fall into the hands of insurgents.

"Not one dime of American taxpayers' money will come into your city until you help us drive out the terrorists," Maj. Gen. John R. S. Batiste said in his base in Tikrit, tapping the table to make sure he was understood.

The sheiks nodded, smiled and withdrew, back to the city that neither they, nor the American military, any longer control.

The city under discussion was Samarra, a small metropolis north of Baghdad known for a dazzling ninth-century minaret that winds 164 feet into the air. In the heart of the area called the Sunni Triangle, Samarra is the most recent place where the American military has decided that pulling out and standing back may be the better part of valor, even if insurgents take over.

In Iraq, the list of places from which American soldiers have either withdrawn or decided to visit only rarely is growing: Falluja, where a Taliban-like regime has imposed a rigid theocracy; Ramadi, where the Sunni insurgents appear to have the run of the city; and the holy Shiite cities of Karbala and Najaf to the south, where the Americans agreed last month to keep their distance from the sacred shrines of Ali and Hussein.

The calls are rising for the Americans to pull out of even more areas, notably Sadr City, the sprawling neighborhood in eastern Baghdad that is the main base for the rebel cleric Moktada al-Sadr. There, leaders of his Mahdi Army are demanding that American soldiers, except those sent in to do reconstruction work, get out.

Kirkuk Police persevere following bombing

One day following a bomb attack against the police academy in Kirkuk, the Police Chief held a press conference to discuss the attack and reassure the public on Sept. 5. Major General Serko discussed the attack, the status of the casualties and the security of the city following the attack. He reassured the public that the Iraqi police are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all Iraqi citizens.

Ad Duluyiah and Coalition Forces work to improve local economy

A 1st Infantry Division Soldier helps residents open an Internet Café in the village of Ad Duluyiah in early Sept. Staff Sgt. Wimmer, a computer technician with the Division, inspected the café before it opened and found everything working properly. The addition of an Internet café will allow residents to surf the World Wide Web and support a local business.

THINK SAFETY FIRST WHILE RUNNING



Maintaining a strong physical fitness program has a significant impact on ensuring a successful deployment. As Soldiers continue to improve and sustain physical fitness, they must be mindful of safety. "While running, Soldiers need to stay on approved PT routes and run with a buddy or in a group", said Division CSM Richard Fearnside, adding for Soldiers at Ft. Drum, "running on Oneida/Ontario Ave. (Gasoline Alley) is not authorized".

Additionally, vehicle use is not authorized on designated PT routes between 0700-0800 hrs and vehicle speed is reduced to 10 mph when passing troops.

USO to visit Rainbow Soldiers

Rainbow Division CSM Richard Fearnside encourages all Rainbow Division Soldiers at Ft. Drum to attend the free "2004 USO Show" at McGrath Gym on September 22 at 6 p.m.

The 60 minute-performance will feature the USO Troupe of Metropolitan New York.

The troupe has been performing since 1941. The troupe's performers this year are Genna Griffith, Josette D'Ambrosi, Lynelle Johnson, and Tad Emptage. The show will be a musical revue spanning several eras. Concessions will be available when doors open at 5 p.m.

Contact your unit for transportation.

Show information is available from the Fort Drum MWR Marketing Division at 315-772-6724.



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