



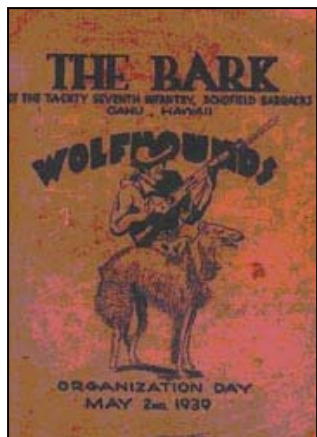
# The Bark

First Battalion Twenty-Seventh Infantry, Kirkuk, Iraq



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*The Wolfhound Bark Lives Again!*

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## Commander's Comments (Wolfhound 6)

Wolfhounds and Wolfhound Families, From my foxhole and those I've been able to visit in the last few months, the terrain looks good; the soldiers look great; and the mission is worth the effort. We have all the resources to continue the long, proud tradition of the Wolfhounds: 103 years and counting, a combat record that few units can even come close to and a history of making a difference on and off the battlefield. I am proud and humbled to be a part of such a fine unit at this point in history – at the birth of a democracy ending a brutal dictatorship here in Iraq. When addressing the Soldiers on the Army Birthday in June, I was able to relate how the path we Wolfhounds have traveled through conflicts in the past as the 27th Regiment paralleled the history of the Army. The Wolfhounds' first year of service appropriately ended in the 127th year of the Army. We fought in the Philippine Insurrection, five years later we were in Cuba, then chasing Pancho Villa on the Mexican

border. WWI found the Wolfhounds on the Siberian Railway, the Wolfhounds fired some of the first rounds in the US involvement in WWII and fought some of the toughest battles in the Pacific. Wolfhounds continued their unparalleled combat record in Korea and in Vietnam. Now a generation later, the Wolfhounds have been assigned the toughest area of operations around: the Sunni Arab region northeast of Tikrit as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The mission is a great one: Defeat Anti-Coalition Forces and conduct stability operations to allow for a strong democratic Iraqi government and prosperous economy to take hold. It calls for a unit like the Wolfhounds: ferocious in combat with gentle compassion in peace. We see both nearly everyday. The Wolfhounds have seen the toughest fighting in the area and soundly destroyed those who would do us harm. We experience a rocket or mortar attack daily, and survive improvised explosive attacks in every area. Yet our biggest accomplishment is winning the trust of most of the people we are here to liberate. The threat of the absolute professionalism in fighting com-

bined with the sincere desire to help the community here has allowed us to be accepted in most villages throughout our area of operations. It has calmed a former Ba'ath Party stronghold where most other similar areas have turned openly violent. This is testimony of the great Soldiers and leaders in our ranks and the honor with which they serve: ferocious in combat with gentle compassion in peace. The Wolfhounds serve with the support and pride of the families we left at home. Only with the encouragement, love and prayers of our Wolfhound families and friends do our Soldiers not only endure but excel in this ambiguous environment. The Wolfhound families have touched the hearts of many children in this region who have been the victims of the regime's neglect. The families have sent hundreds of boxes of toys, candy, school supplies, and shoes for the less fortunate here. A soldier in full battle dress - boots to body armor to rifle to helmet - can be

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*Battalion formation on June 14, 2004 to celebrate the Army's 229th Birthday.*

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frightening, but your Wolfhounds can soften to give hope, to provide some comfort to the children caught in an environment in which they shouldn't be. A box of crayons, a small toy, a ball - they all inspire smiles, and I hope they plant the seed of peace in the next generation. So thanks for your continued support.

No Wolfhound ever works alone. There are always other Wolfhounds watching out for them. If someone wants to fight us, I refuse to fight fair - if someone means to do harm to any of our Wolfhounds, they will feel the awesome force of the support of our Bulldog artillerymen, rotary and fixed wing air support and Wolfhounds piling on from every direction. The field of battle is ours and will remain ours - no question.

I send my sincere thanks to all the families who support their soldiers, and to the Wolfhounds for their devotion and efforts. As our country strives to rid the world of terrorism, we - today's Wolfhounds - stand fit, disciplined, professional, and continue to make a difference.

**NEC ASPERA TERRENT!**

LTC C. Scott Leith

US Army

Commanding



## Command Sergeant Major's Comments (Wolfhound 7)

Hooah, six months deployed as I type this, six months of witnessing the exploits of the Wolfhound Task Force, six months of seeing Soldiers lend a hand to their comrades when needed, six months of witnessing first hand the selfless service of these Soldiers, six months of watching the Wolfhound Task Force provide a safe and secure environment for the people of Iraq, six months of seeing these Soldiers help in laying the ground work for a democracy for the people of Iraq, and six months of seeing the support from family members, friends, past Wolfhounds, and other veterans. There is not a lot that can be said which has not been mentioned in other portions of the Bark, each company, section, and platoon has done everything called upon them and then some, they have always accomplished the mission. These Soldiers are living up to their heritage as American Soldiers, of those Wolfhounds past, they are

some of the finest Soldiers I have served with in 26 years, I hope you are as proud of them as I am. Thank all of the Task Force Supporters for your prayers and support, all that you do, does make a difference for your Soldier.

**NEC ASPERA TERRENT!**

CSM Karl Morgan

US Army



## Welcome New Wolfhounds!

Since deploying to Iraq, the Wolfhounds would like to welcome:

### To Alpha Company:

1LT Concha, Alfred  
SGT Parker, David  
PVT Thompson, Keith

### To Bravo Company:

SGT Donnan, Michael  
1LT Tilly, Erik

### To Charlie Company:

SSG Cox, Jerry  
PFC Ferrante, Jack  
SGT Mlynek, Andrew  
SGT Reyes, Jason

SGT Stalinski, Joseph  
2LT Voelkel, Trevor

### To Headquarters and Headquarters Company:

SFC Brown, Kevin  
2LT Rothweiler, Krisjand  
SGT Savelio, Siaosi

### To Other Task Force

### Combat Multipliers:

CPT Bockholt, Matthew  
2LT Felix, Jason  
2LT Pope, Michael

## Wolfhounds Injured In The Line Of Duty And Returned To Hawaii

SPC Avila, Dagoberto  
SPC Davis, Clinton  
PFC Evans, Lloyd  
SGT Fix, Andrew  
SFC McLean, Jon  
2LT Morgan, David  
SPC Perez, George  
SPC Sullivan, Anthony  
PFC Tenayuca, Christopher  
SPC Terrell, Christopher  
SGT Wegesend, Don



*WITH SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE OF PFC ERNEST  
SUTPHIN*

**A Co:**

CPL Bolwell, Christopher – ARCOM  
 SSG Borchers, Chad – BSM (V)  
 SPC Chapman, Robert – ARCOM (V)  
 CPL Day, Kenneth – ARCOM (V)  
 PFC Evans, Lloyd – Purple Heart  
 PFC Fish, Jason – ARCOM  
 SGT Fix, Andrew – Purple Heart, ARCOM  
 PFC Godwin, David – 2 Purple Hearts, ARCOM  
 SPC Goede, Ryan – 2 Purple Hearts, ARCOM (V)  
 PFC Henderson, Craig – ARCOM (V)  
 SPC Herndon, Joseph – 2 Purple Hearts, ARCOM (V)  
 1LT Hopes, Christopher – ARCOM (V)  
 1LT Kaldahl, Gary – ARCOM  
 SGT Koshman, Jared – ARCOM  
 SGT Lawrence, Jay – Purple Heart, ARCOM (V)  
 2LT Morgan, David – ARCOM (V)  
 SGT Parker, David – Purple Heart  
 PFC Tenayuca, Christopher – Purple Heart, ARCOM  
 SPC Walker, Andrew – Purple Heart, ARCOM  
 SGT Waters, Anthony – ARCOM  
 SGT Wegesend, Don – Purple Heart, ARCOM (V)  
 SPC Zuniga, Roberto – ARCOM

**B Co:**

PFC Blankenship, Lash – ARCOM (V)  
 SPC Booth, Terrance – Purple Heart, ARCOM

PVT Bremmer, James – ARCOM  
 SPC Davis, Clinton – Purple Heart  
 PVT Evans, Kenyon – ARCOM  
 SPC Garcia, Pedro – BSM (V)  
 1LT Johnson, Christopher – BSM (V)  
 SPC Moreau, Marc – BSM (V)  
 PFC Mucha, Michael – ARCOM  
 SSG Rodriguez, Michael – BSM (V)  
 SGT Salcepedes, Merianne – BSM (V)  
 PFC Sims, Brandon – ARCOM (V)  
 SPC Taylor, Joseph – ARCOM  
 PV2 Wilson, Dotrick – Purple Heart

**C Co:**

SPC Goodman, Nathan – ARCOM  
 SSG Pearson, Avant – ARCOM  
 SPC Poston, William – ARCOM

**HHC:**

SGT Alvarez, Eddgardo – ARCOM  
 SSG Downs, Christopher – ARCOM (V)  
 CPT Flores, Steven – Purple Heart  
 SGT Garrison, Joshua – ARCOM  
 SSG Hendry, Christopher – Purple Heart  
 SPC Kahuanui, Shayne – Purple Heart  
 SGT Nigh, Robert – ARCOM  
 SPC Oneil, Michael – Purple Heart  
 SPC Parker, Benjamin – ARCOM  
 SGT Rice, Jeremy – Purple Heart  
 SGT Rogers, Jeremy – Purple Heart  
 SPC Silva, Michael – Purple Heart  
 SPC Sullivan, Anthony – Purple Heart

**Awards****Combat Multipliers:**

1LT Cheng, James – ARCOM  
 CPT Culligan, Brad – ARCOM  
 SPC Fryer, Jimmy – Purple Heart

**GUNSLINGERS:**

It is another day in Iraq for the soldiers of Alpha Company, 1-27 Infantry. After PT, the soldiers take showers (inevitably cold) in a trailer and eat breakfast in the mess tent. The menu can be recited from memory: eggs, ham or sausage, some muffins, cereal and on good days, biscuits. But any hot meal is better than an MRE, so soldiers like SPC Klein stop by anyway.

The next priority is preparing for the day's missions. The squad leaders oversee the most vanilla of PCI's such as ammo and eye protection. But they are

also responsible for checking items that were not briefed in Building 4. One Squad Leader gathers up assorted pro-coalition propaganda in the form of pamphlets and newspapers. Another ensures that his vehicles have an extra load of water for the police of Huwayjah so that the police at the traffic checkpoints will have something to drink. A third checks the company command post and the battalion commander's connex for toys or candy to give out to any little ones they may stumble upon today.

Gunslingers have done it all. Past missions have included isolating known

or suspected IEDs, securing and digging up weapons' caches, escorting the company FSO on his weekly project inspections, and escorting the company commander to weekly meetings with the Huwayjah Police and the Huwayjah City Council.

At night, the company has more tasks at hand. Counter-mortar patrols and zone recons are the primary order of the day. Alpha Company takes pride in knowing every single trail in the Area of Operations. CPL Nikolas Anderson said, "I've driven everywhere you can think of around Huwayjah. Point out a location on the map, and I can find a road that leads to it!" Throughout the

**From our Foxhole**





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patrol, the soldiers are on constant watch for flashes or trucks with the mad mortar men. Tonight however, there is no such luck and the soldiers return safely to the FOB.

Though for most people the day is already over, the Gunslingers finish the day's work with recovery operations. Team leaders supervise the cleaning and checking of vehicles. Platoon leadership gathers for an after-action-review. Meanwhile, the soldiers are finally free to get some sleep and rest up for the next day.

One by one, the makeshift homes of Alpha Company go dark. Another day complete. Another day survived. Another day to come.

### **BORZOI:**

The 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, Wolfhounds, has a proud history, beginning with its participation in the Philippine Insurrection in 1901, leading up to its current deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004. This deployment has seen Bravo Company, led by CPT Allen Leth and 1SG Russell Faulkner, defeat the enemy on the battlefield and help with the reconstruction of Iraq. One can highlight many events from these last 6 months to show the world the difference Bravo Company is making in Iraq. There are the events of April 7th when Borzoi helped suppress the Shiite Insurrection in Al-Huwayjah; there are the many schools they've visited, and the many soccer balls and school supplies they've handed out. One could go on and on, but it has been the interaction with the local populace that has made the biggest difference in its efforts to help the Iraqi people. Whether it is PVT Wilcox playing soccer with children or 1LT Salinas talking to local leaders, the soldiers of B Company have demonstrated the same compassion that marked the Wolfhounds who helped rebuild the Holy Family Orphanage so many years ago.

This tradition of compassion and caring has made a tremendous impact in the Wolfhound's Area of Operations. It has seen angry bullets turn into open hands. The demeanor of the soldiers towards the people of Iraq has created an atmosphere of trust that did not exist prior to their

arrival. Kids often run out of their houses to wave to the soldiers as they drive by. People, sparked by the tales of compassion, approach them to talk to them about their problems and how they've noticed a change for the better since their arrival. The folks back home have also played a great part in this success story by sending clothes, toys and school supplies to give to the local populace. Individual soldiers constantly take time to give kids food and water while they're out on mission. The soldiers from Bravo Company have realized that this conflict will only be resolved by care and compassion rather than by bullets and hate.

It is a shame that these stories being written by the soldiers have been overshadowed by the events in the prisons of Iraq. It is important that people back home understand that good things are happening in Iraq and that Borzoi is playing an important part in them. Whether it is on the battlefield or in the villages of Iraq, the Wolfhounds will prevail seeing that good is on our side. We shall not fail our loved ones back home or the people of Iraq. We will see our commitment through to an honorable conclusion. The Wolfhounds of yesterday would be proud of us today.

### **COLD STEEL:**

Route clearances, IO operations, civil engagements, infrastructure protection, and escorts keep all of the members of the Coldsteel family occupied. The upcoming birth of the Iraqi nation creates uncertainty in the future for both soldiers and civilians in our area. We have been working to comfort the Iraqi people by educating them on the democratic process, and what elections will mean for them. The people are looking forward to running their own country again with great anticipation.

We continue to improve the life of the average Iraqi in our area through a variety of programs. Each platoon has adopted a local village. The platoons distribute soccer equipment, play games with the children, provide water to hot workers, and listen to the complaints of the village elders. Also, platoons are spending more of their daily patrols going to smaller villages and settlements to

make sure they are informed and involved in the upcoming changes.

The R&R program is raising morale across the board. Soldiers are rotating out to get some much deserved rest, and return energized. The 4 day pass allows soldiers to get some time off without decreasing manpower for an extended amount of time. The opportunity for soldiers to return home and see the newest members of the Wolfhound family helps to fortify the support on the home front and heighten the resolve of the returning soldier.

Not only have the Iraqis benefited from the Wolfhounds time in country, but the soldiers have too. Many soldiers can understand and put together sentences in Arabic, understand the basic principles of Islam, and comprehend the plight of the Iraqi people over the past 30 years. The ability of the soldiers of Cold Steel, down to the newest private, to assimilate all of the information presented to them and complete their mission, while at the same time solidify relations with the Iraqi people, is a testament to the quality of soldiers in both Cold Steel and the Wolfhound Battalion. We can not give these soldiers enough praise for the job that they have done and will continue to do in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

*In conclusion, the soldiers of Cold Steel work everyday of this deployment to make Iraq a safer country while it traverses the road toward democracy. Although there will be bumps in the road, we in Cold Steel are sure that no matter the challenges faced, we will drive on to the objective and complete our mission. As the days spent in the country pass, and we get closer to reuniting with our families, the soldiers of Cold Steel know that we have laid the foundation for a successful and safe democratic Iraq. WOLF-HOUNDS!!*

### **OUTLAWS:**

From the moment the soldiers of HHC 1/27 said goodbye to our friends and loved ones on January 21st, 2004 from Schofield Barracks, our lives have been filled with change. There were no more dismounted patrols through the Kawaia-



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loas or Kahukus. There were no more work schedules or weekends off. But we were finally going to perform our real world mission, and defend our country from the oppressing hand of terrorism. The Outlaws were fully trained and fine tuned as they set out for a long year ahead.

As we touched down in Kuwait the soldiers were all ready and willing to get to the fight and start conducting combat operations. We prepared our new trucks for the long convoy with additional armor, tested all our weapons from the Mk19 to our individual M4s, received our SAPI plates, and rehearsed bounding vehicles while firing live rounds, ensuring that every soldier was ready to close with and destroy the enemy if need be. That day was to come and the soldiers would be tested, on 7 April, 2004, now known as the "Battle of Huwayjah."

It was a normal hot and sunny day that morning. The Anti Tank section was staged in the sweltering heat of the Iraqi sun. The soldiers were in full battle rattle waiting for the convoy to move out from Kirkuk on a standard convoy back to the FOB, when we got the word that a battle had broken out and some soldiers were hit. As the word got out, the Hunter element prepared to move out and help our fellow soldiers. On the way to aid the Gunslingers, they were ambushed, and took some injuries. After evacuating the soldiers the AT section linked up with the Recon section and together went to aid their brethren in combat. With the Gunslingers on the East, the Hunter and Raider element approached from the West to close in the enemy. At the end of the day the enemy was defeated and the Wolfhounds were victorious.

Our BN medics, the Bloodhounds, did an exceptional job giving quick aid to those soldiers who became casualties. The line medics have done more than their share giving immediate treatment and triage, which helps save precious moments when time is critical.

Not every encounter is a gun fight though. While performing their civil affairs mission in the cities of Albassi and Al Zaab, the mortars take to the streets, handing out flyers to the locals, distribut-

ing school supplies to the schools in the villages that they visit, and adopting families that are in need. To date, the Dogpound element has helped rebuild over 15 local schools, 2 water treatment plants, and several medical clinics. The mortars continue to take every mission head on, despite the enemy's love for their platoon leader, CPT Flores.

### **BULLDOGS:**

Bravo Battery 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery "The Bulldogs" are split between two forward operating bases in support of Task Force 1-27 Infantry. Both sub-units are performing extremely well and leading the way in terms of mission proficiency, discipline, and in providing accurate and timely fires in support of our maneuver brethren. The gun-line and fire direction center is focused heavily on providing fires. The Bulldog fire supporters are involved in not only developing effective fire plans, but also in providing civil affairs guidance to their respective commanders. The Bulldog fire supporters are leading the way for the brigade in developing and improving LTC Leith's public works and civil military police agenda. These improvements include school and mosque construction, development of improved plumbing lines, creation of athletic fields, and training the Iraqi Police Force.

On February 9th The Bulldogs' fired the first artillery rounds ever by the 25th Infantry Division in Iraq. On April 7th we helped thwart an large-scale enemy attack by not only providing accurate and timely artillery fires in support of the infantry, but also by leading the way on the ground and controlling Apache helicopters in support of the Task Force's mission. April 23rd was a historic day for the soldiers in Bravo Battery. The battery fired a three round volley that made the Bulldogs the most prolific battery of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Bulldogs have fired more than 2,000 artillery rounds during the execution of over 800 live fire missions. This surpasses the previous total fired by a battery during Operation Iraqi Freedom by over 700 rounds. More noteworthy, these missions have been executed with precision to not only achieve the maneuver commander's objective, but also mini-

mize the collateral effects on a nation we are trying hard to rebuild. Along with the headquarters element, the gun-line, and fire direction center commit themselves everyday to improve the base defense of two separate forward operating bases.

Unfortunately, these accomplishments have not gone without the loss of one of our fellow Bulldogs. PFC Ernest H. Sutphin made the ultimate sacrifice for his country when he was mortally wounded while serving honorably during a patrol. While his military accomplishments rank him among the finest soldiers ever to serve in the Operation Iraq Freedom, his loyalty and love for his family and brothers-in-arms outshine all of these achievements. **BULLDOGS!**

### **HELLRAISERS:**

As Third Platoon, B Battery, 1-62 ADA, we are the direct support Air Defense Artillery Platoon assigned to Task Force Wolfhounds. We have conducted numerous missions in support of the battalion's combat operations since arriving in Iraq. Currently, we have Soldiers assigned to both FOB Gains Mills and McHenry. Our primary missions consist of base defense for both FOB's, as well as route clearance and convoy security operations. While our focus has shifted from our traditional mission of identifying and engaging enemy aircraft to a more non-traditional ground defense role, we have still enjoyed success in accomplishing our missions to a high standard. All of the Hellraisers are proud to be assigned to Task Force Wolfhounds and look forward to serving more with the battalion in the coming months.

### **RENEGADES:**

2nd platoon, Bravo Company, 65th Engineer Battalion "Renegades!" also known as the Task Force 1-27 Engineers is led by their Platoon Leader, 1LT Felix and Platoon Sergeant, SSG(P) Azucena.

Ask anyone in the Task Force their opinion of the engineers and you'll probably hear the words "hard working." As combat engineers, our mission is to support Task Force 1-27 in mobility, counter-mobility and survivability.

## Chaplain's Words

### CHAPLAIN'S WORDS:

Are we investing or wasting a year of our life's here in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom? I asked this question to many of my Wolfhound family members. Unfortunately, the answer was not what I expected. Many believed their failure in the marriage, the financial stability, and other areas of common controversy are because of this "stupid deployment!"

Undoubtedly, this might be true in some cases. But in no way is this true for all. We are not wasting a year of our lives. We are investing a year of our lives. However, our return or our dividends will be different from one Wolfhound to another.

My fellow Wolfhounds I don't want you to wait till this deployment is over and then wish that you had done it differently. Put yourself in the driver's seat of your destiny and stop being just a passenger. Here is how.

First of all, make your life meaningful, after all our lives are shaped by the meaning we read into them. Include spirituality as the corner stone of your life. Secondly, be consistent and committed to every thing you do. Sorrow and pain come when we leave our work unfinished or incomplete. Putting our lives on pause will not help at all. Be the good father you always have wanted to be (or the good husband, son, or friend). Please start now.

Finally, positive change can enhance our lives dramatically. Howard Hendricks

in his book *Teaching To Change Lives*, throws a challenge out to every human being: Write down somewhere in the margins on this page your answer to this question: How have you changed...lately? In the last week, let's say? Or the last month? The last year? Can you be very specific? Or must your answer be incredibly vague? You say you're growing. Okay. How? "Well you say," in all kinds of ways. Great! Name one.

You see to get good dividends, comes only through a changed person. The more you change, the more you become an instrument of change in the lives of others. If you want to become a changed agent, you also must change.

WOLFHOUSES! God Bless you in all that you do, say and feel.



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Whether it is breaching obstacles, putting up obstacles or helping create overhead cover from indirect, every single NCO in the platoon is a subject matter expert in each category. But our work does not just stop there. From our demolition missions of destroying caches, unsecured ordnance, or taking care of IEDs to more obscure missions of building roads, emplacing concrete barriers or escorting contractors to help build maintenance bays and a new dining facility, we've experienced it all in Iraq.

We were truly stretched to the limit when we were asked to build helicopter landing zones, asphalt roads, and a brand new hardened TOC made entirely of MILVANS. The engineer motto is "Essayons," which means "Let Us Try." We really felt the weight of those words once we started work in country. We've done so many things that we were never taught or we've never had experience in, but because there was no one else, we did it. And we're proud to say that everything that we attempt or work on, we succeed. We have come up with the force protection for both FOB McHenry and Gaines Mills, constructed over 8,000 meters of triple standard concertina wire, plus we have emplaced over 500 concrete barriers in six different Iraqi communities.

We're proud to be engineers attached to the Wolfhound family, and look forward to continuing and accomplishing all the tasks set before us.

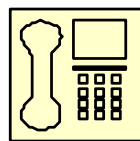
## Security



Remember it is everyone's responsibility to maintain OP-SEC. The enemy gathers information on our operations through different means.

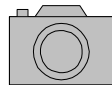


Do not email sensitive information to family or friends to include maps, overlays, detailed missions, troop strength or location, or any information about casualties.



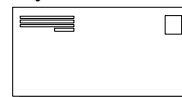
Do not talk about any future missions or time schedules. Also keep conversations in your lane; do not speculate on what the unit may try to

do next.



Many of us have digital cameras. Ensure photos we send home or email do not have any sensitive information in them.

No pictures in the TOC, anything in the background that may contain maps, overlays, information boards, etc.



Remember to burn all envelopes or boxes that contain address or information on either yourself or the sender. You don't want your home town to be the next terrorist attack. Burn any old mail. Do not throw it away, as the enemy will dig through the trash.



## Wolfhound History

The Regiment landed by ship at Pusan, Korea on 10 July, 1950, and was shortly thrust into battle to stem the onrushing North Korean Army (NKA). Upon arriving, the Regiment moved to Uisong, approximately 35 miles north of Taegu. From there they received orders on 13 July to move to Sangju; however, en route the Regiment was diverted to Hawanggan. From 24 to 29 July, the Regiment fought the NKA's 2nd Division at Hawanggan. On 24 July, during The engagements at Hawanggan, the Battalion clandestinely disengaged while covering the Regiment's withdrawal. The next morning the NKA, thinking the Battalion was

exposed, attacked into the vacated position and were caught in a massive engagement area. Soon LTC Michaelis ordered the combined fire of tanks, artillery, mortar, and small arms to fire into the engagement area. The Two NKA Battalions conducting the attack were destroyed. During operations around Hawanggan the Regiment inflicted over 3,000 casualties, before withdrawing in good order, at a cost of 53 KIA, 221 WIA, and 49 MIA. While other US and South Korean (ROK) units were retreating in disorder, this was the first action in which a US unit had skillfully fought the NKA to a standstill and still remained combat

ready. For this action, the Regiment was awarded the first Presidential Unit Citation of the Korean War.

54 years later the Wolfhounds are making history in Operation Iraqi Freedom. We have come a long way towards building a new Iraq. With the handover, putting the government back into the hands of Iraqi control, the soldiers of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry are that much closer to returning home to see their loved ones and newest members of the Wolfhound family.



# WOLFHOOUNDS!

**When you visit a rough neighborhood, make sure to take your buddies!**