



5th Squadron 7th Cavalry
WARPAINT SQUADRON
“COMMANDER’S CORNER”



5th Squadron 7th Cavalry rides high in the saddle after supporting our partnered Iraqi Federal Police Force through a successful National Election. The last-gasp attempt by extremist to disrupt the democratic roadmap for this country failed.

As part of the remaining 96,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, our role through this turbulent period was through the assistance in command and control and the continuation of enabler support, by way of aviation, intelligence, and unmanned aerial vehicle coverage. Regrettably, there were Iraqi casualties during the Election Day; however, the overwhelming success directly resulted from the sacrifices made by the Iraqi citizens and Security Forces.

As you know, three sons of Warpaint also shed blood to protect our national security interests and rebuild hope where there was once fear, destruction and despair. On 3 March 2010, SSG Bryce Turner, SPC John Burns, and SPC Matthew Corlew sustained injuries as a result of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack. Thankfully, I can inform you that SPC Corlew, severely wounded in the attack, is on his way to recovery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, one of the military’s premier medical facilities. SPC Corlew’s parents and wife are by his side, but I ask that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he navigates the long and difficult road to making a full recovery.

In the wake of this tragic event, the Squadron remains mission focused. Working closely with our Federal Police counterparts ultimately led to the capture of the individuals responsible for the attack.

Bandit Troop also crippled an indirect fire cell operating in the Squadron’s area of responsibility by detaining nearly every cell member, including the cell leader. Significant strides in partnership have also been made through a spirited soccer tournament. A great event that brought elite athletes from 5th Brigade Federal Police, 7th Brigade Federal Police and 5-7 CAV together in a “Clash of the Titans.” Unfortunately, Team Warpaint took second place overall, but the camaraderie and team building were the day’s measure of success.

As we cross the 100 day mark since the Squadron deployed from Fort Stewart, I take measure of all that has been accomplished and the sheer magnitude of what is demanded of our Soldiers in the months to come. The way ahead means that the Squadron will assume a greater portion of responsibility as U.S. forces continue to draw down.

We will leave the relative comfort of our home here at FOB Falcon in preparation for redeployment. Our geographic footprint will increase dramatically as we reposition the Squadron to break away from Federal Police Brigade level support to concentrate our partnership at the Division level. In either mission set, we will remain resolute in the continuation of support to the Iraqi Security Forces.

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Very Respectfully, Kirk Dorr