

HANAU TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES

16 APRIL 2004

WHAT LED TO THE 120 DAY EXTENSION? MISCONCEPTIONS?

- APRIL 5, 2004 WAS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION FOR BAGHDAD.
- SADIR (CLERIC) STARTED AN OFFENSIVE BECAUSE WE WERE GAINING
- LEADERSHIP ROLE ENTICED NO SKILLED UNEMPLOYED IRAQI PEOPLE BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS EXTREMIST/HATRED
- CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF THE MAJORITY OF IRAQI'S LIKE WHAT THE AMERICANS ARE DOING
- 300-400 OF SADIR'S TROOPS DIED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS
- MANY CONTRACTORS (CONVOY SUPPLY TRUCK DRIVERS) ARE WALKING OFF THE JOB.
- SHOWERS, INTERNET/COMPUTERS ARE BEING REINSTALLED, SO COMMUNICATION MAY BE SLOW FOR A WHILE
- WE ARE WATCHING MORALE VERY CLOSELY, AND HAVE REINSTITUTED SOMETHING CALLED TEAM SPIRIT TO MONITOR.
- STOP LOSS/STOP MOVE IS IN EFFECT
- 1ST AD IS DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB AND WAS CHOSEN TO DO THE MISSION
- EVERYONE STAYS IN PLACE DURING THE EXTENSION EXCEPT FOR THOSE GOING TO SGM ACADEMY, WAR COLLEGE, OR CGSC (1 YEAR PROGRAMMED SCHOOLS)
- 30 DAY BLOCK LEAVE---SHIFTS TO THE RIGHT BUT WILL CONTINUE ON SCHEDULE---30 DAYS PLUS POSSIBLE 15 EXTRA BLOCK LEAVE DAYS AT CHRISTMAS
- U.S. COMPANIES (WITH TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS) WILL REFUND 100% OF MONEY. IMA IS CHECKING ON INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES (IE...LUTHANSA AIR).
- MG DEMPSEY SENT BG HERTLING TO TALK TO US BECAUSE SPOUSES AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE THE "MOST IMPORTANT SUPPORT GROUP. EVERYONE IS DISAPPOINTED WITH THE EXTENSION, ALL SOLDIERS IN IRAQ ARE DISAPPOINTED, BUT WE WILL BE PROFESSIONAL IN ACCOMPLISHING THE MISSION.

QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION

1. WHAT ABOUT ANOTHER EXTENSION?

EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE TO ENSURE NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS (GUT INSTINCT SAYS NO)

2. WHY 90 DAYS?

THIS TACTICAL DECISION PUTS THE DATE AT AROUND JULY 15TH (1ST OF JULY TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT), WE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT FORCE LEVELS AT ALL TIMES

3. DANGER?

KEEP EVERYTHING IN PROSPECTIVE, LESS THAN 2% OF IRAQI'S POPULATION ARE THE ONES WITH GUNS

4. FINANCIAL COMPENSATION?

THE PACKAGE IS IN THE WORKS...SHOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT MONETARY AMOUNT...SHOULD KNOW MORE IN ABOUT A WEEK

2 OPTIONS POSSIBLE – MONETARY COMPENSATION OR STABILIZATION ASSIGNMENTS

5. LONG BOW DELAY? SHOULDN'T EFFECT, HOWEVER, MAY DELAY A LITTLE.

6. WILL THOSE PCSing BE LEAVING UPON THEIR SOLDIERS ARRIVAL BACK IN GERMANY?

THE OPTIONS ARE BEING EXPLORED

7. SCHOOL YEAR FOR CHILDREN? WILL EXPLORE OPTIONS

8. WHAT ABOUT SOLDIERS THAT ARE GOING TO SCHOOLS OTHER THAN SGM ACADEMY, WAR COLLEGE AND CGSC?

IN MOST CASES THEY WILL NOT GO. THE SCHOOLS MENTIONED ARE YEAR LONG SCHOOLS AND HOLDING SOMEONE FROM ATTENDING AS SCHEDULED USUALLY PREVENTS THEM FROM GOING AT ALL.

9. DUAL MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS?

THE ARMY G1 IS WORKING ON IT AS OF RIGHT NOW.

10. **NEO PACKET?** WILL NOT BE REINSTATED

11. **INCREASED SECURITY?** THE COMMUNITY IS A SAFE PLACE

12. **STARS AND STRIPES ARTICLES?** GETTING IT WRONG MORE THAN RIGHT. FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION GO TO WWW.HANAU.ARMY.MIL AND CLICK ON "NEWS FROM THE FRONT" OR VISIT THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION CHANNEL (THIS IS THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION).

13. BG HERTLING REQUESTED A LINK ON THE WEBSITE WHERE FAMILIES COULD POST QUESTIONS. THE LINK IS ESTABLISHED AT WWW.HANAU.ARMY.MIL, "NEWS FROM THE FRONT".

14. RE: ARTICLE IN APRIL 16TH 2004 STARS AND STRIPES?

DOD IS WORKING 2 ADDITIONAL BRIGADE SIZE FORCES FROM OUTSIDE 1ST AD TO REPLACE THEM AFTER THE 120 DAY EXTENSION

15. **IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND/OR VEHICLE HAVE BEEN ALREADY SENT TO THE STATES?** PERSONAL PROPERTY PROCESSING OFFICE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED THAT YOU ARE EFFECTED BY THE EXTENSION AND THEY WILL CONTACT STATESIDE (BRING COPY OF EXTENSION ORDERS)---TALK TO YOUR REAR DETACHMENT COMMANDER ABOUT WHETHER THE EXCEPTION APPLIES TO YOU...IT'S DONE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS

16. **WHAT IS YOUR PRIORITY OF REDEPLOYMENT IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXTENDED A NUMBER OF TIMES?** CASE BY CASE BASIS

17. **GRADUATING SENIORS?** A VIDEO OF GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL BE PRODUCED AND DELIVERED DOWNRANGE.

18. **COUNSELING/TOWN HALL MEETING FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL?** BSB COMMANDER IS SETTING CONFERENCES FOR BOTH THE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SO WE CAN ADDRESS THEIR QUESTIONS AS WELL.

19. **IF YOU ARE A SPOUSE STARTING SCHOOL STATESIDE IN AUGUST AND YOUR SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED, WHAT DO YOU DO?** GO TO YOUR REAR DETACHMENT AND REQUEST AN EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENTS

20. **IF LEAVE AND GO AHEAD AND MOVE TO WHERE YOU THINK YOUR ORDERS ARE SENDING YOU (PCSing), CAN ORDERS BE CHANGED?** YES, ASSIGNMENTS MAY CHANGE.

21. **WILL 1ST AD BE GOING BACK DOWNRANGE IN MAY OF 2005?** NO, THAT IS NOT IN THE CARDS RIGHT NOW

22. IF YOU GO BACK TO THE STATES FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS DEPENDENT COLA WILL STOP. HOWEVER, YOUR SOLDIER WILL CONTINUE TO GET SINGLE COLA (BE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR FRG, ETC WITH FORWARDING INFO IN CASE THEY NEED TO CONTACT YOU)

23. **PRAYER SUPPORT GROUP?** CONTACT YOUR CHAPLAIN FOR MORE INFO

24. **RENT A DAD PROGRAM NEEDED?** SET UP A BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM FOR OUR KIDS WITH DADS AND MOMS DOWN RANGE? BOSS OFFICE WILL LOOK INTO ESTABLISHING SUCH A PROGRAM
25. **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS?** CONTACT YOUR ACS OFFICE FOR A CALENDAR OF EVENTS. LET THE BSB KNOW WHAT OTHER EVENTS YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE. MAY 15TH - KIDS CORNER OPENS UP AT WOLFGANG.
26. **CAN WE SWITCH OUT SOLDIERS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN DEPLOYED WITH THOSE DOWN RANGE?** ANY ADDITIONAL SOLDIERS SENT DOWN RANGE WILL BE GOING TO SUPPORT AND NOT REPLACE
27. **CHAPLAINS AND LEADERSHIP MORALE?** THEY ARE GETTING SUPPORT FROM EACH OTHER AND THEY ARE TAKING TIME TO REJUVENATE THEMSELVES SO THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO ASSIST
28. **R & R - WILL SOLDIERS COME HOME OR TAKE IT DOWN RANGE?** AS OF NOW IT WILL BE IN GERMANY OR THE STATES
29. **ARE SOLDIERS GETTING INFO DOWNRANGE?** DOWN RANGE SOLDIERS ARE HEARING EVERYTHING WE ARE. HOWEVER, IT DEPENDS ON THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THE DETAILS OF THE INFO PASSED. NOT ALL DETAILS MAY TRICKLE DOWN TO SOLDIERS.
30. **OP TEMPO WAS PREVIOUSLY LISTED ON LES. WILL THIS COME BACK?** NOT AT THIS TIME, BUT THE ARMY G1 IS LOOKING INTO IT.
31. **WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ETSing SOLDIERS?** G-1 IS LOOKING AT IT RIGHT NOW
32. **AMERICAN LEGIONS WANT TO SEND SUPPORT?** (ie...CALLING CARDS, MONEY) CONTACT BSB LTC EHMANN OR CALL 322-1550
33. **WHAT IF YOU WANT TO SEND FOR SOME FAMILY TO COME OVER AND SUPPORT YOU?** THIS IS OKAY AS LONG AS IT IS FOR 90 DAYS OR LESS. IF OVER 90 DAYS, GO DOWNTOWN HANAU TO THE "RAT HOUSE" TO GET A VISA (ie...JAMAICAN,etc...)
34. **WILL HOURS GET CUT AT STORES, ETC...?** NO, HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

FRIEDBERG/GIessen TOWN HALL MEETING 16 APRIL 2004

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

1. THE CHAIN OF COMMAND/SENIOR SPOUSES SHOULD BE MORE UNDERSTANDING OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMOTIONS.

EMOTIONS AT A TIME LIKE THIS ARE NATURAL AND PART OF A HEALING PROCESS. LEADERSHIP IS "PEOPLE BUSINESS." WE MAY HAVE SOME DISAGREEMENTS, BUT IN THE END WE WILL COME BACK TOGETHER.

2. WHY CAN'T LTG SANCHEZ OR GEN ABIZAIID COME HERE TO EXPLAIN THE DECISION TO EXTEND THEIR DECISION TO EXTEND THE 1AD TO FAMILY MEMBERS?

THESE COMMANDERS ARE EXTREMELY BUSY DOING THEIR JOBS DOWNRANGE. THE LEADERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE 1AD WOULD PREFER THAT LTG SANCHEZ OR GEN ABIZAIID STAY FOCUSED IN IRAQ SO THAT WE STAY ON TRACK TO ACCOMPLISHING OUR OBJECTIVES THERE. IN MANY WAYS, IT MAKES MORE SENSE FOR A KEY LEADER FROM WITHIN THE 1AD TO ADDRESS

FAMILY MEMBERS BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE IN TUNE WITH THE SITUATION AFFECTING THE DIVISION'S MEMBERS BOTH IN IRAQ AND IN GERMANY.

3. WHAT IS DODSS DOING BECAUSE OF THE EXTENSION? THE KIDS ARE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THIS SITUATION. WHAT EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES WILL THERE BE FOR KIDS IN SCHOOL?

(COL LATHAM) THE DODDS WORKFORCE IS EXTRA SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF DEPENDENTS AT THIS CRITICAL TIME. WE'RE WORKING TO HAVE VTCs FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND REMAIN OPEN FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS.

4. CAN BLOCK LEAVE BE SPLIT UP?

SOLDIER IS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ALL THE LEAVE AT ONCE. BLOCK LEAVE IS A TOOL TO MAKE PLANNING EASIER FOR THE UNIT AND SOLDIERS/FAMILY MEMBERS, AND GUARANTEES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEAVE, BUT IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT. SOLDIERS CAN TAKE LEAVE AT OTHER TIMES IF APPROVED BY THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND. THE PRIMARY CONCERN WOULD BE TRAINING EXERCISES.

5. WHAT IS THE COMPARATIVE DANGER NOW FOR SOLDIERS IN IRAQ COMPARED WITH EARLIER IN THE DEPLOYMENT?

IAD SOLDIERS KNOW THE TACTICAL SITUATION BETTER THAN ANYONE. THE MISSIONS THEY ACCOMPLISH ON A DAILY BASIS ARE EXECUTED SUPERBLY WITH LITTLE PLANNING. MANY OF THE CASUALTIES WE ARE HEARING ABOUT NOW ARE FROM NEW UNITS WITH LESS KNOWLEDGE/PRACTICE OF OPERATING IN THIS COMPLEX TACTICAL SITUATION.

6. HOW SOON AFTER REDEPLOYMENT CAN SOLDIERS PCS?

WE'RE WORKING THE DETAILS OF STOP LOSS/STOP MOVE NOW AND SHOULD KNOW A DATE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

7. ARE IRAQI FORCES COMPETENT?

COMPARISON WITH CITY OF CHICAGO AND AMOUNT OF POLICE NEEDED THERE. BAGHDAD NEEDS MORE POLICE AND THE ONES WORKING NOW ARE ROOKIES. IT WILL TAKE TIME, ALTHOUGH WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONAL.

8. WILL STOP LOSS AFFECT RETIREMENT? YES.

9. DID THE IRAQIS ANTICIPATE OUR LEAVING? IS THAT WHY THEY CHOSE THIS TIME TO CAUSE PROBLEMS?

ACTIONS BY THE COALITION AGAINST SADIR HAD BACKED HIM INTO A CORNER. HE WAS IN A DESPERATE SITUATION AND KNEW HE HAD TO ACT NOW OR LOSE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN HIS POWER BASE. SOME INSURGENTS ARE ALSO TRYING TO DESTABILIZE THE COUNTRY PRIOR TO THE HAND OVER OF AUTHORITY TO THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT THIS SUMMER. THE TIMING WAS AN ADVANTAGE FOR THE ENEMY BECAUSE IT OCCURRED WHEN WE HAD NEW TROOPS OPERATING IN BAGHDAD, BUT ALSO AN ADVANTAGE FOR US BECAUSE IT CAME AT A TIME WHEN WE COULD LEVERAGE THE EXTRA TROOPS WE HAD IN THEATER.

10. SOLDIERS OFTEN PUT UP WITH MINOR INJURIES AND DRIVE ON WITH THE MISSION AFTER BEING TREATED WITH MOTRIN. HOW WILL WE ENSURE THAT SOLDIERS GET THE TREATMENT THEY NEED AND/OR HAVE MINOR INJURIES RESULTING FROM DOING THEIR JOBS ANNOTATED CORRECTLY ON MEDICAL RECORDS?

GEN BELL HAS CHARGED SUBORDINATE LEADERS WITH FOLLOWING A MANDATORY HEALING TIME. SOLDIERS WILL ALL GO THROUGH A MEDICAL REINTEGRATION PROCESS TO ENSURE THEY GET THE CARE THEY NEED.

11. HOW LONG WILL THE U.S. HAVE A PRESENCE IN IRAQ?

UNKNOWN. JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR THEY WILL GET THEIR NEW CONSTITUTION. IT WILL TAKE TIME TO OVERCOME 35 YEARS OF NEGLECT AND TRAUMA.

12. IF A SOLDIER RECEIVES A RED CROSS MESSAGE, WILL THEY STILL BE ABLE TO RETURN?

YES, IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE WAY WE HANDLE RED CROSS MESSAGES.

13. WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT UPROOTING KIDS DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR?

FAMILIES CAN LOOK AT DOING AN EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENTS IF THEY ARE SURE ABOUT THEIR FOLLOW-ON DUTY STATION.

CONCLUSION:

- THE SOLDIERS ARE PERFORMING MAGNIFICENTLY.
- THE REAL HEROES OF THIS DEPLOYMENT ARE THE FAMILY MEMBERS AT HOME.
- WE NEED TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE HAVING A HARD TIME.
- THE SOLDIERS NEED TO HEAR FROM THE WIVES THAT YOU SUPPORT THEM.

**WIESBADEN/DEXHEIM TOWN HALL MEETING NOTES
19 APR 2004**

QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION

1. HOW IS MORAL OF SOLDIERS?

SOLDIER MORALE IS GREAT. ARE THEY DISAPPOINTED? YES, BUT THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE AND DUTY AND ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO EXECUTE THEIR DUTY.

2. WHY CAN'T I TALK TO MY SOLDIER ANYMORE?

UNITS HAVE MOVED ALL OVER IRAQ. ALL UNITS EQUIPMENT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING STORED FOR SHIPMENT. IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO ENSURE UNITS ARE BACK UP ON THE NET. FOR SOME UNITS, THEY ARE NOW IN PLACES WHERE INTERNET ACCESS IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. SO COMMUNICATION MAY BE SLOW FOR A WHILE.

3. WHAT ABOUT STOP LOSS/STOP MOVE.

STOP LOSS/STOP MOVE IS IN EFFECT AS OF 13 APR 04. EVERYONE STAYS IN PLACE DURING THE EXTENSION EXCEPT FOR THOSE GOING TO SGM ACADEMY, WAR COLLEGE, OR CGSC (1 YEAR PROGRAMMED SCHOOLS).

4. HOW WILL BLOCK LEAVE BE EFFECTED?

30 DAY BLOCK LEAVE WILL SHIFT TO THE RIGHT BUT WILL CONTINUE ON SCHEDULE---30 DAYS PLUS POSSIBLE 15 EXTRA BLOCK LEAVE DAYS AT CHRISTMAS.

5. WILL SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES BE REIMBURSED FOR AIRLINE TICKETS?

U.S. COMPANIES (WITH TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS) WILL REFUND 100% OF MONEY AS LONG AS SOLDIER OR FAMILY MEMBER BRINGS LETTER SIGNED BY RDC TO CARRIER. IMA IS CHECKING ON INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES (IE...LUTHANSA AIR). KEEP IN MIND THAT WE WERE TOLD TO GET "REFUNDABLE" TICKETS.

6. WHAT ABOUT ANOTHER EXTENSION?

EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE TO ENSURE NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS (GUT INSTINCT SAYS NO)

7. WHY 90 DAYS?

THIS TACTICAL DECISION PUTS THE DATE AT AROUND 15 JUL 04 (1 JUL 04 TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT), WE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT FORCE LEVELS AT ALL TIMES

8. WILL THERE BE FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR SOLDIERS OVER 365 DAYS BOOTS ON THE GROUND?

THE PACKAGE IS IN THE WORKS...SHOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT MONETARY AMOUNT...SHOULD KNOW MORE IN ABOUT A WEEK. TWO OPTIONS POSSIBLE – MONETARY COMPENSATION OR STABILIZATION ASSIGNMENTS

9. WILL THOSE PCSING BE LEAVING UPON THEIR SOLDIER'S ARRIVAL BACK IN GERMANY?

THE OPTIONS ARE BEING EXPLORED. THE END DATE OF STOP LOSS IS STILL NOT EFFECTIVE. FAMILIES CAN GET ERDS IF THEY KNOW WHERE SOLDIER IS GOING TO ENSURE CHILDREN GET ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND NEW DUTY STATION.

10. CAN CHILDREN MISS SCHOOL AT BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR SO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES CAN GO ON BLOCK LEAVE?

DODDS WILL SUPPORT AS BEST THAT THEY CAN. HOWEVER FAMILIES NEED TO GET WITH DODDS AND EXPLORE OPTIONS.

11. WHAT ABOUT SOLDIERS THAT ARE GOING TO SCHOOLS OTHER THAN SGM ACADEMY, WAR COLLEGE AND CGSC?

IN MOST CASES THEY WILL NOT GO. THE SCHOOLS MENTIONED ARE YEAR LONG SCHOOLS AND HOLDING SOMEONE FROM ATTENDING AS SCHEDULED USUALLY PREVENTS THEM FROM GOING AT ALL. SOLDIERS WILL NOT BE PUNISHED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND A CAREER PROMOTING SCHOOL.

12. STARS AND STRIPES ARTICLES ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE BEST SOURCE FOR ACCURATE NEWS. THEY ARE GETTING IT WRONG MORE OFTEN THAN RIGHT. FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION GO TO WWW.WIESBADEN.ARMY.MIL AND CLICK ON "NEWS FROM THE FRONT" OR VISIT THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION CHANNEL (THIS IS THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION).

13. WILL 1AD AND DODDS VTC GRADUATIONS? THIS IS BEING WORKED BUT MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE GIVEN THE BANDWIDTH THAT SOME UNITS HAVE. A VIDEO OF GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL BE PRODUCED AND DELIVERED DOWNRANGE.

14. WILL COUNSELING BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS? DODDS AND THE BSB COMMANDER ARE GETTING TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY NEEDS AND WILL GIVE STUDENTS COUNSELING/TOWN HALL MEETING.

15. IF YOU ARE A SPOUSE STARTING SCHOOL STATESIDE IN AUGUST AND YOUR SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED, WHAT DO YOU DO?

GO TO YOUR REAR DETACHMENT AND REQUEST AN EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDANTS

16. HOW WILL WE HELP OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THRU THIS EXTENSION?

221ST BSB IS GETTING TOGETHER WITH FRGS ON 21 APR 04 TO DISCUSS WAY AHEAD AND SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES. BSB IS ALSO PUTTING OUT A SUMMER YOUTH GUIDE IN MID MAY. IN ADDITION, THE BSB IS REOPENING SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION SINCE MANY FAMILIES CAN RE-ENROLL CHILDREN IN SPRING SPORTS PROGRAMS GIVEN THE CHANGES TO THEIR PCS TIMELINES.

17. ARE SOLDIERS GETTING INFO DOWNRANGE?

DOWN RANGE SOLDIERS ARE HEARING EVERYTHING WE ARE. HOWEVER, IT DEPENDES ON THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THE DETAILS OF THE INFO PASSED. NOT ALL DETAILS MAY TRICKLE DOWN TO SOLDIERS.

18. WHAT IS A SOLDIER'S STABILITY TIMEFRAME ONCE HE/SHE GETS BACK?

SOLDIERS ARE SUPPOSES TO GET 180 DAYS OF STABILITY PRIOR TO BEING REDEPLOYED. A SOLDIER'S RETURN FROM IRAQ IS LISTED ON THE LES. THIS REQUIREMENT CAN ONLY BE WAIVED BY THE FIRST GENERAL OFFICER IN THE SOLDIER'S CHAIN OF COMMAND.

19. WILL SOLDIERS HAVE TO REINTEGRATE PRIOR TO PCSING?

YES ALL SOLDIERS ARE REQUIRED TO GO THRU THE 7 DAY REINTEGRATION PROCESS. HOWEVER, SOLDIERS CAN TAKE PCS LEAVE INSTEAD OF BLOCK LEAVE.

20. WILL SOLDIERS ASSIGNMENTS CHANGE NOW THAT THEY ARE STOP LOSSED AGAIN? 1AD IS TRYING TO ENSURE STABILITY OF ASSIGNMENTS, BUT THE FINAL DECISION HAS NOT BEEN REACHED. PERSCOM IS TRYING TO ENSURE ASSIGNMENTS DO NOT CHANGE, BUT THEY MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL GIVEN MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

BAUMHOLDER TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES 19 APR 2004

QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION

1. WHAT ABOUT ANOTHER EXTENSION OR STAYING PAST 120 DAYS? EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE TO ENSURE NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS (GUT INSTINCT SAYS NO). 30 JUNE IS THE DAY WHEN THE TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AND THIS DAY COULD BE POTENTIALLY DICEY, AND WITHIN THIS TIMEFRAME THE MILITARY PLANNERS CAN BEST DETERMINE THE ADDITIONAL FORCES AND/OR THE REPLACEMENTS OF THE 1AD AS WE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT FORCE LEVELS THROUGHOUT THIS TIMEFRAME.

2. IS THERE A CHANCE OF THE SOLDIERS COMING HOME SOONER THAN 90 DAYS? THERE IS A CHANCE, HOWEVER WE WILL BE THERE THROUGH THE 30 JUNE TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT. 1AD IS THE ONLY UNIT THAT HAS GONE OVER ONE YEAR.

3. WHEN DOES THE 90 DAY PERIOD BEGIN? IT STARTS ON 15 APRIL.

4. WHEN DOES THE "BOOTS-ON-GROUND" TIME BEGIN? UPON ARRIVAL IN KUWAIT.

5. DANGER? KEEP EVERYTHING IN PROSPECTIVE, LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF IRAQ'S POPULATION IS THE ONES WITH GUNS.

6. FINANCIAL COMPENSATION? THE PACKAGE IS IN THE WORKS...SHOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT MONETARY AMOUNT...SHOULD KNOW MORE IN ABOUT A WEEK THERE IS POSSIBLY TWO OPTIONS—A MONETARY COMPENSATION OR A STABILIZATION ASSIGNMENT.

7. HOW LONG WILL UNITS BE STABILIZED? 180 DAYS FROM REDEPLOYMENT DATE. HOWEVER, THERE IS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY THAT WE MAY BE CALLED ON TO RESPOND.

8. HOW DOES BLOCK LEAVE AFFECT CHILDREN IN SCHOOL? DODDS WILL NOT CHANGE TIMES OF SCHOOLING FOR CHILDREN, HOWEVER, THEY ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH ALL FAMILIES DURING TIMES OF BLOCK LEAVE AND DODDS IS COMMITTED TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THE FAMILIES. THE REDEPLOYMENT PERIOD SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE BASICALLY FROM 15 JULY THROUGH 15 AUGUST AND SCHOOL BEGINS 7 SEPTEMBER. ONE NOTE: GO AHEAD AND ENROLL YOUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL. DODDS MUST HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT OF STUDENTS, EVEN IN THE SHORT-TERM, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN TEACHERS, RESOURCES, AND FUNDING FOR NEXT YEARS SCHOOL YEAR.

9. WHAT IS THE CONSIDERATION OF DUAL MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS? THE ARMY G1 IS WORKING ON IT AS OF RIGHT NOW TO RELINK SPOUSES, AND TO ENSURE THAT STABILIZATION CARRIES ON TO THE NEXT DUTY STATION.

10. STARS AND STRIPES ARTICLES? GETTING IT WRONG MORE THAN RIGHT—FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION GO TO WWW.BAUMHOLDER.ARMY.MIL.

11. IF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND/OR VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ALREADY SENT TO THE STATES?

PERSONAL PROPERTY PROCESSING OFFICE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED THAT YOU ARE EFFECTED BY THE EXTENSION AND THEY WILL CONTACT STATESIDE (BRING COPY OF EXTENSION ORDERS)—TALK TO YOUR REAR DETACHMENT COMMANDER ABOUT WHETHER THE EXCEPTION APPLIES TO YOU...IT IS HANDLED BY A CASE BY CASE BASIS

12. GRADUATING SENIORS? A VIDEO OF GRADUATION CEREMONY CAN BE PRODUCED AND DELIVERED DOWNRANGE.

13. IS THERE ANYONE OR ANY PROGRAM THAT CAN BE PUT IN PLACE TO TALK TO CHILDREN AND HELP THEM WITH THEIR ANGER AND UNDERSTANDING OF THIS SITUATION? SATURDAY MORNINGS THERE IS A GROUP FOR TEENS FROM 1000-1200 TO TALK WITH COUNSELORS. ACS IS ALSO WORKING WITH SCHOOLS AND THE CYS TO PROGRAM THESE COUNSELING PERIODS EITHER THROUGH THE CYS OR THROUGH THE FRGS. CALL ACS AT 485-8188 FOR ASSISTANCE.

14. IF ONE LEAVES AND MOVES TO WHERE THEY THINK THEIR ORDERS ARE SENDING THEM, CAN ORDERS BE CHANGED? YES, ASSIGNMENTS MAY CHANGE—THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES. EARLY RETURNS CAN BE WORKED THROUGH THE REAR DETACHMENT COMMANDER.

15. IF YOU GO BACK TO THE STATES FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS WHY DOES COLA STOP? ON THE 31ST DAY COLA WILL STOP. HOWEVER, YOUR SOLDIER WILL CONTINUE TO GET SINGLE COLA. COLA IS NOT CONSIDERED ADDITIONAL PAY—IT'S SIMPLY AN OFFSET FOR LIVING IN GERMANY. BE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR FRG OR RDC A FORWARDING ADDRESS AND INFORMATION IN CASE THEY NEED TO CONTACT YOU. MOVING BACK TO THE STATES "SILENTLY" IS GROUNDS FOR LEGAL ACTION AND IT IS CONSIDERED STEALING.

16. RENT A DAD PROGRAM NEEDED? SET UP A BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM FOR OUR KIDS WITH DADS AND MOMS DOWN RANGE? THE BOSS PROGRAM OR OTHER NONDEPLOYABLE SOLDIERS WOULD BE A GOOD OPTION.

17. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING MORE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS? THE CYS JUST RECENTLY ADDED SEVERAL INTERNS TO THEIR STAFF AND 15 MORE ARE ARRIVING IN MAY TO AUGMENT THE STAFF TO HELP WITH ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS PARENT'S NIGHT OUT, ETC. PARENTS CAN CONTACT THE CYS OFFICE FOR A COMPLETE LIST AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE SUMMER TRIPS PLANNED FOR KIDS. THE BOWLING ALLEY OPENS ON FRIDAY. THE GYMS ARE NOW OPENED TO TEENS AGED 12-16 YEARS UNSUPERVISED BY PARENTS. BAUMHOLDER IS THE ONLY POST IN EUROPE ALLOWING UNSUPERVISED TEENS OF THIS AGE GROUP TO USE THE GYMS. BRAINSTORM AMONGST YOUR PEERS AND LET THE BSB KNOW WHAT OTHER EVENTS YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE AND THEY WILL SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO. ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR FINDING GOOD COMMUNITY INFORMATION IS THE LINKS MEETING WHICH HAPPENS ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 1000 HOURS AT THE RHEINLANDER AND THIS INFORMATION GOES OUT TO ALL FRG LEADERS IN WORD FORMAT AND IS LISTED ON THE BAUMHOLDER COMMUNITY WEBPAGE. ANOTHER OPTION FOR MAKING POSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS IS THE MONTHLY BAUMHOLDER TOWN HALL MEETING. THIS IS THE FORUM FOR BRINGING ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES THAT NEED ATTENTION AND FOR LTC BUCHS AND THE BSB TO WORK ON. IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. PROBLEMS WITH MPS, TRASH, TEENAGERS, COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CAN BE BROUGHT OUT IN THIS FORUM AND CAN BE ADDRESSED.

18. R&R OF SOLDIERS WHO DID NOT COME HOME IN THE PREVIOUS DEPLOYMENT? R & R WILL BE REINSTATED ON 1 MAY. THE FIRST PRIORITY WILL GO TO THOSE WHO NEVER GOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT IN THE PREVIOUS DEPLOYMENT. THE FOCUS WILL BE ON THOSE SOLDIERS WHO HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANYTHING (A BREAK). ALL SOLDIERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE R & R BECAUSE OF THE MISSION, HOWEVER SOME WILL.

19. ARE SOLDIERS GETTING INFORMATION DOWNRANGE AND HOW OFTEN CAN WE EXPECT REPORTS TO COME ABOUT OUR SOLDIERS? COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE TOUGHER THAN BEFORE. DOWNRANGE SOLDIERS ARE HEARING EVERYTHING WE ARE, HOWEVER, IT DEPENDS

ON THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THE DETAILS OF THE INFO PASSED. NOT ALL DETAILS MAY TRICKLE DOWN TO SOLDIERS. ONE GREAT WAY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION IS THROUGH THE BAUMHOLDER WEBPAGE AT WWW.BAUMHOLDER.ARMY.MIL FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEPLOYMENT AND UPDATES AND FACTS ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON DOWNRANGE.

20. **WILL HOURS GET CUT AT THE PX AND COMMISSARY, ETC...?** NO, HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

21. **I UNDERSTAND THAT AT&T HAS A MONOPOLY CONTRACT WITH DOD AND AAFES WHICH LIMITS SOLDIERS FROM MAKING CALLS AND HAVING TO USE ONLY ONE SERVICE PROVIDER—IS THIS TRUE?** THIS IS NOT TRUE. AT&T WAS THE ONLY COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY THAT WAS WILLING TO PLACE THEIR EMPLOYEES IN IRAQ. IT'S NOT A MONOPOLY, PER SE—THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT WOULD GO THERE. AS FAR AS COMMUNICATIONS ARE CONCERNED, ONE MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE LANDLINE PER 300 SOLDIERS, ONE CELL PHONE PER 2,000 IRAQIS, SO AS ONE CAN SEE, SERVICES ARE LIMITED.

22. **IS BLOCK LEAVE CHARGED AGAINST THE SOLDIER?** YES. ONE CAN TAKE ADVANCED LEAVE IF THEY WANTED MORE TIME, HOWEVER, THIS WOULD BE AT THE COMMANDER DISCRETION. ANOTHER OPTION IS THAT THE SOLDIER COULD POTENTIALLY CHOOSE TO SELL BACK THEIR LEAVE.

23. **WILL THE SOLDIERS IN 2-6 IN WHO RETURNED FROM IRAQ AND ARE ON BLOCK LEAVE HAVE TO RETURN TO IRAQ AND WILL THEY RECEIVE BLOCK LEAVE AGAIN LATER?** POTENTIALLY THEY WILL RETURN TO IRAQ AND POSSIBLY RECEIVE THE EXTENSION OF THEIR BLOCK LEAVE AFTER THEY REDEPLOY.

24. **CAN MY SOLDIER RETURN HOME TO HELP WITH THE BIRTHS OF CHILDREN OR SPECIAL SURGERIES?** THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CAN SEND A MESSAGE DOWNRANGE TO THE SOLDIER; HOWEVER THE DECISIONS TO GRANT LEAVE TO SOLDIERS FOR THESE TYPES OF HOME VISITS, OR EVEN EMERGENCY VISITS, ARE COMPLETELY UP TO THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

25. **HOW DOES ONE GET ORDERS TO SHIP THEIR CAR AND HOUSEHOLD GOOD?** THE REAR-DETACHMENT COMMANDER IS ABLE TO HELP. AMENDMENTS WILL TAKE A BIT OF TIME; HOWEVER ONE CAN CLEAR AND BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THESE ISSUES. REAR-DETACHMENT COMMANDERS CAN TALK WITH THE FORWARD-DEPLOYED COMMANDERS TO GET ORDERS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH RDCS.

26. **HOW DO I GET AN UPDATED POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA) OR HOW DO I CONTACT MY SOLDIER AND LET HIM KNOW THAT I NEED ONE?** THE JAG OFFICER AT BAUMHOLDER IS COMMUNICATING WITH THE JAG/LEGAL ASSISTANCE DOWNRANGE TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM TO RE-EXECUTE POA's THAT HAVE EXPIRED OR ARE NEAR EXPIRATION. THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE DOWNRANGE IS PROACTIVELY APPROACHING UNITS TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEIR SOLDIERS' POAs ARE EXPIRED OR ABOUT TO EXPIRE. THE LAO WILL GO TO THE SOLDIERS TO PROCESS POAs INSTEAD OF THE SOLDIER HAVING TO APPROACH THE LEGAL ASSISTANT IN CASE A UNIT IS IN A REMOTE LOCATION. THE POA CANNOT BE EXTENDED WITHOUT THE SOLDIER BEING PRESENT. IF THE SPOUSE KNOWS THAT HER POAs ARE EXPIRED OR SOON TO EXPIRE, SHE/HE CAN VISIT THE LEGAL ASSISTANT AND THE BAUMHOLDER JAG OFFICE WILL CONTACT FORWARD-COMMAND LEGAL ASSISTANCE. IN ORDER TO FIND OUT THE EXPIRATION DATE, LOOK TO YOUR POA WHERE IT SAYS WHEN IT WILL BE NULL AND VOID. THAT IS THE EXPIRATION DATE. THE NEW SYSTEM ALSO WILL WORK EXPEDIENTLY AS THE NEW POA CAN BE FAXED OR E-MAILED FROM DOWNRANGE AS LONG AS THE STAMP FROM THE BAUMHOLDER LAO IS SHOWN TO EXIST ON THE FORM ALONG WITH AN ENDORSEMENT LETTER. THIS FORM ALONG WITH THE ENDORSEMENT LETTER IS CONSIDERED TO BE A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND WILL BE ACCEPTABLE BY MOST AGENCIES AND BUSINESSES AT BAUMHOLDER HOWEVER, NOT ALL STATESIDE BUSINESSES WILL ACCEPT THE FAXED OR SCANNED POA WITHOUT THE RAISED SEAL. ULTIMATELY, IT IS UP TO THE AGENCY OR BUSINESS TO ACCEPT ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY EVEN WITH A RAISED SEAL. THE COMMUNITY BANK AND CREDIT UNION AT BAUMHOLDER FOR EXAMPLE, WILL NOT ACCEPT A POA TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT OR START A SIGNATURE LOAN. THIS EMAILED DOCUMENT CAN BE USED BY THE SPOUSE UNTIL SHE/HE

RECEIVES THE ORIGINAL IN THE MAIL FROM DOWNRANGE. FOR ANY ASSISTANCE WITH POAS VISIT YOUR BAUMHOLDER LEGAL OFFICE.

27. IS THERE ANY THREAT OF RADIATION FROM THE POWER PLANTS, ETC. IN IRAQ? THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

28. DO THE AAFES STAR CARDS CONTINUE THEIR DEFERMENT DURING THIS EXTENDED PERIOD? YES, THE SAME RULES APPLY WHILE THE SOLDIERS ARE DEPLOYED AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE SOLDIER RETURNS.

29. CAN THE ROOMS AT HOMBACHTAL THAT WERE ORIGINALLY SET ASIDE/CONTRACTED FOR THE MARRIAGE ENHANCEMENT RETREAT PROGRAM BE USED BY SPOUSES? LTC BUCHS STATED THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS IDEA. AFRC IS ALSO POSSIBLY WORKING THE SAME TYPE OF DEAL THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY FOR BLOCK LEAVE COUPLES AND R & R. ONCE A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THE NEWS WILL BE PUT OUT TO SPOUSES.

30. WHAT TYPE OF SUPPORT IS THERE DOWNRANGE FOR SOLDIERS' MENTAL SUPPORT? EXPANSIONS OF MINISTRY TEAMS ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE FOR SOLDIERS. MANY OF THESE TEAMS ARE MADE UP OF RESERVISTS AND MADE UP OF PSYCHIATRISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, AND COUNSELORS. HOWEVER, WITH ALL OF THESE HELPERS, IT'S THE SPOUSES, AND THEIR BATTLE-BUDDIES WHO WILL GET THE SOLDIERS THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES.

31. IS THERE ANY WAY A SPOUSE CAN FIND OUT WHERE THE ARMY WILL SEND THE SOLDIER ONCE HE RETURNS SO THE SPOUSE CAN PREPARE THE CHILDREN FOR SCHOOLS, ETC? TYPICALLY, ONE WILL KNOW APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DEROS.

32. THIS IS ALSO A PROBLEM (SEE #31) AS THE BUNDESPOST REQUIRES A 3-MONTH NOTICE TO TURN OFF PHONE SERVICE. LTC BUCHS STATED THAT HE WOULD LOOK AT THIS SITUATION TO SEE IF THERE CAN BE CONSIDERATION FOR AN EXCEPTION TO POLICY.

33. WHAT IS PUT IN PLACE TO GET PEOPLE READY TO MOVE? AS SOON AS YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE RECEIVING ORDERS GET WITH HOUSING AND GET YOUR NAME ON A LIST. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL GET PEOPLE PCS'D IN A SMOOTH MANNER.

34. WHAT IS THE TRUE MORALE OF OUR SOLDIERS? FIRST, ONE MUST DEFINE WHAT MORALE MEANS. MORALE IS UNDERSTANDING THE MISSION, KNOWING THAT LEADERS CARE ABOUT YOU, AND KNOWING THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS IMPORTANT. THE SOLDIERS MISS THEIR SPOUSES AND FAMILIES VERY MUCH...THEY KNOW THAT THEY MISS THEIR BABIES FIRST WALK, THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC., BUT THEY KNOW THAT THEIR JOB IS IMPORTANT TOO. SOLDIERS HAVE REBUILT SCHOOLS, POWER PLANTS, AND SEWER SYSTEMS—SOLDIERS DID THAT! THE MAJORITY OF SOLDIERS UNDERSTAND THEIR MISSION AND THEY MISS ALL OF YOU TERRIBLY. POSITIVE COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY AND IT IS SO VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SOLDIER TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING WELL AND TAKING CARE OF THINGS HERE, AND IF YOU HAVE TO—"LIE YOUR ASS OFF." ALSO, TO HELP WITH MORALE GO AHEAD AND SEND MOVIES AND DVDS. THE SOLDIERS HAVE AFN AND A 7-CHANNEL DECODER IN DAYROOMS. THEY PLAY SPORTS AND SOME PLAY CARD GAMES. KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AS THE TEMPERATURE IS GOING BACK UP—TODAY IT WAS 92 DEGREES.

35. CAN SPOUSES TURN IN PROMOTION POINTS TO THE BSB? YES, YOU CAN TURN IN PROMOTION POINTS.

36. ARE THERE ANY CONSIDERATIONS TO SENDING SOLDIERS TO UNITS THAT HAVE OR ARE GETTING A BREAK? FEW INSTALLATIONS ARE GETTING A BREAK AND THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES.

37. WHEN WILL THE FALLING SOLDIER MEMORIAL BE HELD AND WHERE WILL IT BE PLACED? THE MEMORIAL WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HELD ON THE 17TH OF JUNE WITH A DEDICATION TO THE BAUMHOLDER COMMUNITY BY THE BCSC, HOWEVER, THAT WILL BE

PUSHED TO SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER. THE MEMORIAL WILL BE PLACED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE BSB HQ.

OTHER QUESTIONS ASKED

- 1. WHY DO THEY HAVE TO SIGN THE EXTENSION PAPERWORK IN ORDER TO RECEIVE EXTRA PAY?**
- 2. WILL SOLDIERS GET TO USE THEIR "USE OR LOSE LEAVE" BEFORE 1 OCT OR WILL IT BE CARRIED OVER?**
- 3. DO WE HAVE ENOUGH CHILDCARE STAFF FOR SERVICES AND IS ENOUGH BEING DONE?**
- 4. SHOULD THERE BE CONCERN THAT PCSing TROOPS WILL BE REDEPLOYED BEFORE THEIR 180 DAYS OF STABILIZATION?**
- 5. ARE THE UNITS REPLACING THE 1AD KNOWN? HAVE THEY BEEN DOWNRANGE BEFORE?**
- 6. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STARS & STRIPES?**
- 7. SHOULD THE ARMY DO A BETTER JOB OF SUPPLYING SOLDIERS I.E. BOOTS?**
- 8. CAN LOCKS BE PUT ON MORE DOORS? WHAT WILL BE DONE ABOUT THE PROBLEM WITH SECURITY IN STAIRWELL BUILDINGS?**
- 9. WHEN WILL THE MAIN GATE (PRUSSMAN) BE OPEN?**
- 10. REAR DETACHMENTS ARE NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE SUPPORT! WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THIS?**
- 11. WITH THE 90TH PSB REDEPLOYED, WHO IS TAKING CARE OF THE TROOPS?**
- 12. WILL GRAFENWOEHR AND HOHENFELS ROTATIONS STILL TAKE PLACE?**
- 13. WHO CAN PEOPLE CONTACT REGARDING THE EXTRA PAY/MONEY TO GET IT APPROVED?**
- 14. WHY CAN'T THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TROOP'S FINANCES BE EMPOWERED TO THE SPOUSE?**