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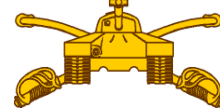
- ✓ Executive Officer: D-TRP/2-1 CAV/4th SBCT/2nd ID
- ✓ Platoon Leader: Stryker NBC RV Operation Iraqi Freedom 2007-2008
- ✓ Stryker NBC RV Fielding and IOT&E



Deployment OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM:

- ⇒ PLT Consisted of three Stryker NBC RVs
- ⇒ A part of the RSTA Squadron, 2-1 Cavalry Regiment
- ⇒ Operated out of FOB Warhorse, Diyala Province Iraq
- ⇒ 4th SBCT was the land owning unit for the Diyala Province, north east of Baghdad
- ⇒ Responsible for cities of Baqubah, Muqadia, and Khalis
- ⇒ Province of roughly 1.5 million persons
- ⇒ Executed 14 months of combat operations that brought AQI to their knees



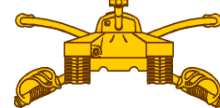


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4th SBCT COMBAT OPERATIONS

- ✓ Conducted 14 months of continuous combat operations
- ✓ Stryker Vehicles used as the primary weapon system for the BDE
- ✓ Our SQDN used them as a mix of Infantry and Cavalry—arrive quickly, silently, dismount, attack and then destroy lethally
- ✓ Notable involvements were the following:
 - ✓ Involvement with Operation Arrowhead Ripper (clearing of Baqubah)
 - ✓ Blackhawk Reaper (clearing of the canal area Hib Hib)
 - ✓ Blackhawk Harvest (opening of HWY-5, previously closed for 2 years)
 - ✓ Operation Justice League (clearing of northern Khan Bani Sa'ad)



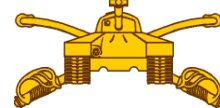


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OVERALL PERFORMANCE

- ✓ Fulfilled the mission set
- ✓ Strykers fit down the streets of Baqubah
- ✓ Soldiers got on and off quickly—Got to the Objective!
- ✓ Benefits:
 - ✓ WPN Systems—RWS is in color and is precise
 - ✓ Quiet compared to tracked vehicles
 - ✓ Armored, most of our Soldiers came back home
 - ✓ Compatibility—all the platforms can interchange
 - ✓ Stryker allows for quick access maintenance—maintainers quickly pull pack, operate, and reinstall
 - ✓ Combined arms operations with all Stryker variants
 - ✓ Driver Enhancement Kit (DEK)--lifesaver





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✓Future Considerations:

- ✓Space—continue to optimize any small things, ex. Radio mounts, location of Duke
- ✓Hatches—the RV and NBC RV should have an additional commander's hatch
- ✓Modified mounts for M240s
- ✓Stryker Specific Recovery Capabilities
- ✓Properly designed turret shields for air guards

