Background –

- 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
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)
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
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