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LTC Joseph Davidson



CSM Andrew Connette



Squadron Command Update:

The squadron is embarking on a new mission establishing a Combined Security Area for US, Arab (IA) and Kurdish (Peshmerga) forces in the disputed area of Diyala province. Since the 1980s when Saddam Hussein started his Arabization program of moving Kurdish families out of some of their historic towns in Northern Iraq to allow Arab families to move into them, there have been disputes as to the rightful owner of thousands of homes throughout Northern Iraq.

In 2003 the Kurdish Peshmerga came into the area and reclaimed the places that Kurds were displaced from by Saddam Hussein, thus creating even more confusion as to who is the proper or rightful owner of property throughout the squadron operating area (NE Diyala). When you add in that the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG comprising the three northern most provinces in Iraq: Dahuk, Irbil and Sulmaniyah) wants to add historic Kurdish towns into its control further adds to the dispute. Diyala's northern boundary is with Sulmaniyah province (KRG) so the northern portion of Diyala falls into what the Iraqi Constitution calls "Disputed Internal Boundaries". In an attempt to ease the tension between the two sides the Government of Iraq and the KRG has asked the US Forces to establish a tri-party force in a series of Combined Security Areas(CSA). 1-14 CAV is responsible for the southern most CSA , which is that largest.

A Troop will assume a portion of B Troops former AO and pick up an additional Iraqi Army partner as well as a Kurdish Peshmerga BN partner.

B Troop will give a portion of their AO to A Troop but retain 3 of the 4 Iraqi Army partners they currently have.

C Troop will continue with their previous areas of responsibility and keep their established relationships with their IA partners. They will gain an additional Peshmerga battalion partner for CSA missions.

HHT majority will remain at Caldwell preparing to hand it over to the Iraqi Army forces this spring, and then move to COP COBRA. During the next few months personnel in HHT will slowly migrate north to COP Cobra as the space becomes available and they are no longer being utilized at FOB Caldwell.

D TROOP and MICO missions will not change as of now.



Erin Davidson



Greetings Warhorse Family!

I am Erin Davidson, Senior Advisor for 1-14 Cavalry's Family Readiness Group. I am in this role because I am married to Lt. Col. Joseph Davidson, Squadron Commander of 1-14 Cav. Joseph and I have been married since October of 2008 which coincides with the time in which I moved to the Seattle-Tacoma area.

Prior to moving to the west coast, I was living in New York City for the past 12 years which is where Joseph and I met... at a party while he was on leave during his last deployment to Iraq. He returned to Iraq for the last 5 months of his deployment and we got to know each other by email and the occasional telephone call. Very old-fashioned! My grandfather was career Army and my dad was in the Navy before I was born but my first real exposure to military life was Joe's change of command ceremony in November of 2007. It has been a whirlwind since!

This is my first deployment as an Army wife. In the past year and a half, I moved across the country, got married, found a new job, bought a house and bought a car. Add the deployment and life has not been without challenges! I certainly would not have been able to go through all of this change without the warm, welcome of the 1-14 Cav FRG and of course, the love and support of my husband.

The FRG is such a special part of Army life and has certainly helped to ease my transition. Our FRG provides such a comforting support network and some of my best friends have come out of this experience. I encourage each one of you to attend our Squadron and Troop level FRG meetings and events. I promise you that you will feel great comfort, make new friends and laugh a lot. Please check the vFRG regularly for events and announcements and check your email regularly. Finally, if any of you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your amazing FRG leaders or me directly.

We are on the downhill slope now and I look forward to sharing many happy moments with all of you in the next six months, as we get ready to welcome home our loved ones.

Warmest regards,
Erin Davidson
1-14 Cavalry FRG Advisor
Warhorse!

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Jules Connette

Let me introduce myself – My name is Jules Connette. I am a Senior Advisor and one of the luckiest ladies on the planet, because I am married to my best friend, and love of my life, CSM Andrew Connette. My husband and I have been married 5 ½ years, have two four-legged children: Carson (Boxer) and Trooper (Blonde Lab). Andy is from North Carolina and I am from Texas and Colorado. Andy and I met at Fort Carson, CO. I work 5 days a week off-Post. Andy and I love to go “Crabbing,” and “Fishing”, and will spend hours upon hours on the water, if given half a chance!

This is my first deployment. I must admit at times it can be a challenge. A great part of my comfort comes in knowing and being part of our strong FRG bond. I will be happy to share my experiences and help you anytime I can. Don’t hesitate to call. We are all here to help one another, aren’t we? Being fairly new to the Army family, I am still learning the joys, challenges and strengths needed by this Army spouse to best support her husband. I’ve learned that he is the “house,” and I am his “foundation!” His job is to protect! My role as his wife, and an Army spouse, is to support and help other spouses transition, participate in, and feel the warmth of our very incredible family. We Army spouses are a unique breed!!!!

2009 brought us all closer together with the wonderful events like the Kick-Off BBQ, Trunk or Treat, and bowling. I look forward to the many new events that we are scheduling for 2010. I’d like to encourage you all to attend the FRG functions and make new friends.

Sincerely,

Jules Connette

1-14 CAV FRG Advisor

Squadron Throw
\$40.00



Spur Keychain
\$8.00





Rear Detachment Letter:

GREETINGS WARHORSE FAMILIES AND SOLDIERS!!

My name is CPT MacBride and my NCOIC is SSG Bustos and we would just like to give a little information about ourselves. I am from Las Vegas, Nevada born and raised!! HOOOAH!! I went to college at the University of Nevada, Reno and also attended the University of Nevada Las Vegas where I received my military commission. In May of 2001 I was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and shortly thereafter attended basic officer school at Fort Sill, Ok. Following six months of school I was stationed at Fort Lewis and arrived here in December of 2002 and have been here in 3rd Brigade ever since. In my time in the Brigade I have been in 2-3 Infantry as a company Fire Support Officer, 1-37 FA as a Platoon leader and executive officer, BDE Fires and Effects Cell as a battle Captain, and most recently 1-14 CAV as Squadron FSO and now your rear-detachment OIC.

SSG Bustos was born and raised in Southern California. He joined the Army in August 1996 as a Cavalry Scout. His first assignment was with 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum NY, where he served as a driver and gunner in a Light Cavalry Squadron. In Feb 2002, SSG Bustos came to FT Lewis, WA. He was assigned to C Troop. He served as a Stryker Gunner, Dismounted team leader, and Senior Scout. In Dec 2007 he transferred to HHT, to work as an Operations NCO. In March 2009, SSG Bustos was selected by the Command team to be the rear-detachment NCOIC. He has the knowledge and experience to solve any problem that may arise for the Soldiers and families left behind and we are very lucky to have him on the team.

We are both very grateful and happy that we are here in the WARHORSE family working with great superiors, soldiers, and their families, and would have it no other way. Please remember our doors and phone lines are always open. Please go through your FRG leadership first, however, if the issue warrants we are always available.

WARHORSE!!

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Letter from HHT FRG:

Hello soldiers and families of 1-14 CAV, our names are Stephanie Wong and Sarah Holbrook. We took over HHT's FRG as leader and co-leader at the beginning of December. We are both very excited to have this opportunity and look forward to meeting and working with everyone. Since December, we've done a few projects. For the holidays, we made 2 photo banners (one for Cobra and one for Caldwell since our soldiers are split between the two bases) with pictures and corresponding messages. Those banners were placed in the DFAC's for the guys to see along with candy canes and a personalized message for each soldier in HHT.

The next special meal the guys will have is for the Superbowl. To help them with that, we sent some decorations to be put up in the DFAC's at both Cobra and Caldwell for the big game on Superbowl Sunday.

Recently in celebration of being halfway through this deployment, our last Squadron FRG meeting was at the bowling alley on post. HHT had the best attendance and a couple of our ladies also won prizes for the highest score and the most strikes. Way to go Laurie Strong and Jessi Stolfi! They both had 3 strikes and a total score of 144.

We recently had our first coffee get together which gave us an opportunity to get to know each other as well as to show our artistic sides in making Valentines for all of our soldiers. Thank you to the ladies who came over and helped out. We all had a great time, including the kids and hope the Valentines will be appreciated for their time and individuality.

For upcoming events, we are planning a kid's play date on-post at Raindrops and Rainbows on Feb 20. We will be planning another coffee get together shortly and hope to have a better turnout and more support next time. We look forward to helping all of you and are so proud of everything our soldiers have been doing over in Iraq. We will be counting the months until you all arrive home safely!

Stephanie Wong and Sarah Holbrook



Are your children enrolled in CYS?

Enjoy the benefits of CYS while your spouse is deployed!

Call and make and make an appointment to register at 253-967-2494

You will need your child's shot records for the appointment

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- ▲ [BDE FRG Social](#) Mon, Feb 01 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

 - ▲ [Treasurer Training](#) Tue, Feb 02 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

 - ▲ [Family Resource Fair](#) Thu, Feb 04 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Yelm, WA
 - ▲ [FRG Meeting](#) 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

 - ▲ [SPOUSE MEAL](#) Mon, Feb 08 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

 - ▲ [Movie Night](#) Fri, Feb 12 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

 - ▲ [DONSA](#) Mon, Feb 15

 - ▲ [MOCK DINING-IN](#) Tue, Feb 16 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

 - ▲ [Steering Committee](#) Thu, Feb 25 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
BDE

 - ▲ [FRG Meeting](#) Thu, Mar 04 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

 - ▲ [Movie Night](#) Fri, Mar 12 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

 - ▲ [Flea Market](#) Sat, Mar 20 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Ft. Lewis

 - ▲ [SPRING FLING](#) Sun, Mar 21 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

 - ▲ [Steering Committee](#) Thu, Mar 25 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

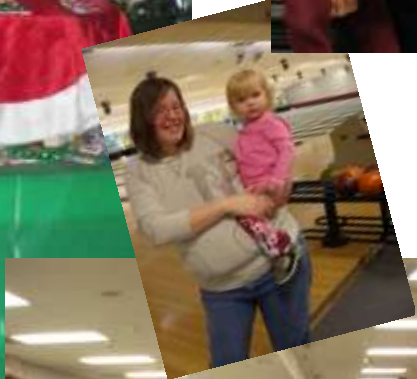
**Have a Question?
Need a Resource?**

**Contact the
Squadron FRSA**

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MFLC

3rd BDE Military Family Life Consultant is here to help you! Completely confidential!

Ilene Hart

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Office location:

C Company next to HHC
BDE. Across the parking
lot from Sheridan
Fitness Center



About Our Organization...14th Cavalry Regiment



Constituted in the regular Army on 2 February, 1901 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the 14th Cavalry Regiment was baptized in fire in 1903 in the insurgency campaigns of the Philippines. Upon successful completion of that campaign in 1906, the Regiment then returned home to the United States and took up garrisons in the Pacific Northwest, where it assumed peacetime duties. The Regiment was again called back to the Philippines in 1909, although this time it was only engaged in garrison duties and training.

Then in 1912, the Regiment was called for service in the Mexican campaign, joining General "Black Jack" Pershing's expeditionary forces in the summer of 1916, chasing bandits throughout the dust and heat of the Mexican plains. The Regiment then returned back to Texas, where it began the task of border patrolling until 1918, when it was called into service in Europe. The Armistice at Versailles was signed before the Regiment could cross the Atlantic, and the Regiment reassumed its' border patrol mission.

In 1920, the 14th Cavalry moved to Iowa, and for approximately the next two decades served in a peacetime capacity. In 1942, the Regiment was inactivated, and from its' lineage came the 14th Armored Regiment. On 28 August 1944, the 14th Cavalry Group sailed for Europe, where it landed on Omaha Beach on 30 September 1944, and pressed east. On 18 October, the unit was split with the 18th Squadron attached to the 2nd Infantry Division, and the 32nd Squadron attached to the 83rd Infantry Division.

On 12 December 1944, the headquarters element regained its' autonomy, and began guarding the Losheim Gap in Belgium. Then, on 16 December 1944, its' turrets rang in anger as the 14th Cavalry Group received the full brunt of the German winter counter-offensive in the Battle Of The Bulge. After two days of savage fighting, the unit re-assembled at Vielsam, Belgium and was attached to the 7th Armored Division. On 23 December 1944, the unit held the southern flank of the perimeter, and allowed friendly troops to withdraw. On 25 December 1944, the unit was re-equipped, attached to the XVIII Airborne Corps, and moved back into the "Bulge" to push back the Nazi foe.

After the bloody and brutal fight in the Ardennes, the Regiment was assigned to the 3rd US Army, and ended the war near the Austrian border. After the Armistice, the Regiment was re-flagged as the 14th Constabulary Regiment in the US Army of Occupation. The Regiment was later re-designated the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment in 1948, and served on the border, guarding freedom's frontier to include the Fulda Gap, until the colors were cased in 1972.

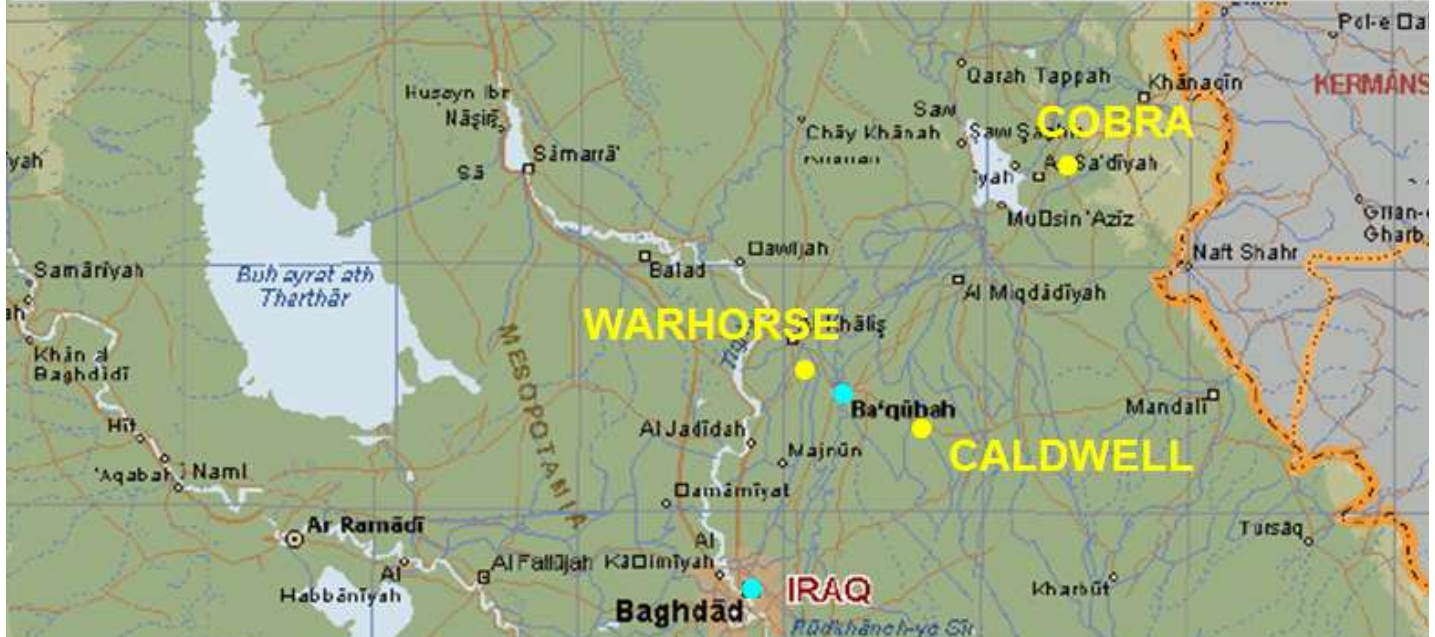
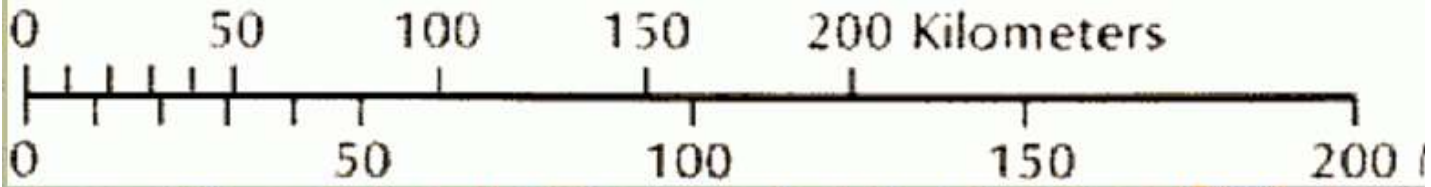
The Regiment was then activated again on 15 September, 2000 as the Army's first Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Target Acquisition Squadron in the Stryker Brigade Combat Team, as 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry, part of the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. In October of 2003, the Squadron deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I & II where it participated in sustained combat operations, including campaigns in Samara, Tall'Afar, Balad and Mosul. The unit returned home after a year of combat in October of 2004 to refit and prepare for future missions.

In October of 2005, for the first time in over 80 years, the Squadron returned to Texas to guard the border between the United States and Mexico in conjunction with Joint Task Force-North, and the U.S. Border Patrol.

In June of 2006, the squadron deployed to Iraq for a period of 12 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and conducted operations in Baghdad, Mosul and Diwaniyah. Where it once again distinguished itself in combat operations.

The Squadron is currently on its third deployment to Iraq and is serving in the eastern Diyala province, supporting the Iraqi people and security forces as they prepare to fully take over their country.

Approximate Scale:



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Army Family Covenant

We recognize the commitment and increasing sacrifices that our Families are making every day.

We recognize the strength of our Soldiers comes from the Strength of their families.

We are committed to providing Soldiers and Families a Quality of Life that is commensurate with their service.

We are committed to providing our Families a strong, supportive environment where they can thrive.

We are committed to building a partnership with Army Families that enhances their strength and resilience.

We are committed to improving Family readiness by:

~Standardizing and funding existing Family programs and services

~Increasing accessibility and quality of health care

~Improving Soldier and Family housing

~Ensuring excellence in schools, youth services, and child care

~Expanding education and employment opportunities for Family members