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During your deployment to Iraq as a member of the Big Red One team, you should be aware of the unique customs and couture of the Iraqi people. This guide provides the basic information about Iraq's culture by offering you an overview of the country, its people and their language, as well as their lifestyle and beliefs.

The First Infantry Division deployment plays a vital role in securing the peace in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and is pivotal to the re-establishment of a free, democratic Iraq. As a soldier of the First Infantry Division, you are an infantryman first and a warrior always. Combined with your warrior ethos, a thorough cultural understanding of your environment is a major combat multiplier that makes you all the more lethal on the front lines in the war on terrorism.

On a daily basis you will directly or indirectly contribute to Civil Military Operations (CMO) ongoing in your area of operations. Every encounter with an Iraqi civilian is an opportunity to develop respect and trust in us as professional, educated soldiers who are committed to finishing the job we set out to accomplish. Arming you with a comprehensive knowledge of Iraq's rich and unique traditions, this guide serves as a weapon against ignorance and intolerance that deepens the divide between our forces and the free Iraqi people. My confidence in you as soldiers of this proud division will result in a solid transition of power to the Iraqi people, a safe return home, and a job well done behind us.

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KEY STATISTICS

Land Area: 437,072 sq km; land: 432,162 sq km; water: 4,910 sq km (slightly larger than California).

Political Boundaries:

International: Total: 3,631 km; border countries: Iran 1,458 km, Jordan 181 km, Kuwait 242 km, Saudi Arabia 814 km, Syria 605 km, Turkey 331 km

Internal: Iraq has 18 provinces, known in Arabic as muhafazat (plural muhafazah). Each province has a provincial capital. The provinces and their capitals follow:

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Largest Cities (2002 est.): Baghdad 5,605,000; Mosul 1,739,800; Basrah 1,337,600; Irbil 839,600; Kirkuk 728,800; As Sulaimaniyah 643,200; An Najaf 563,000; Karbala 549,700; An Nasiriyah 535,100.

Language: Arabic (by 81% of population), also Kurdish, Assyrian, Armenian, Pashto.

Literacy: Total: 40.4%; male: 55%, female: 24.4% (2003 est.).

Time:

All of Iraq is within Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) plus three hours. This is eight hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST).

GERMANY TIME = 2 HRS + IRAQ TIME (IRAQ TIME – 2 HRS = GERMANY TIME)

Currency:
The official denomination of Iraq is the new Dinar and was introduced on 15 October 2003. Old Dinar will be phased out by January 2004.
Flag: Adopted 31 July 1963, three equal horizontal bands of red, white, and black with three green five-pointed stars in a horizontal line centered in the white band; the phrase ALLAHU AKBAR (God is Great) in green Arabic script - Allahu to the right of the middle star and Akbar to the left of the middle star - was added in January 1991 during the Persian Gulf crisis. The colors are said to represent the qualities of those who follow Islam. Red represents courage, white stands for generosity, black is for the triumphs of Islam and green for the religion itself. The stars represent Iraq, Egypt, and Syria. The flag is based on the Nasserite flag of Egypt. It was designed in anticipation of a political union with Egypt and Syria that never materialized. Currently, both versions are in use in Iraq with the trend to remove the writing from the 1991 version.
Iraq has a long history; many believe that the Garden of Eden was situated near Al Basrah, where the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers converge. Known for centuries as Mesopotamia, Sumerians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and the later Arabs lived in Iraq, Iraq became part of the Turkish Ottoman Empire in the 16th century until that empire disintegrated after World War I.

1920  Mandate for Iraq awarded to UK by the League of Nations.
1921  British installs Emir Faisal as King of Iraq.
1932  Saudi Arabia proclaimed by Abdul al-Aziz; Iraq declares independence.
1958  Coup overthrowls Qasim; Gen. Abdul Salam Aref Installed in power.
1966  The Bahth party coup; Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr installed, Saddam Hussein becomes chief deputy.
1968  Saddam Hussein succeeds Bakr as president of Iraq.
22 Sep 80  Iraq invades Iran, starting 8-year war.
17 May 87  Operation Desert Shield becomes Operation Desert Storm as U.S. warplanes attack Baghdad, Kuwait, and other military targets in Iraq.
16 Jan 91  Deadline established by UN Resolution 678 for Iraqi withdrawal.
27 Feb 91  President Bush orders a cease-fire effective at midnight in the Kuwaiti Theater of Operations (KTO).
2 Mar 91  Shi’a Muslims in southern Iraq, followed by Kurds in north, rebel against Saddam Hussein’s rule. Iraqi army crushes both revolts. Kurds, protected by the allies, take control of large area of the north.

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The Kurds

The People:
Possible descendents of the “Karduchi,” fierce mountain warriors, they inhabit an area the size of California covering portions of Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Armenia. The Kurdish language originated in northwest Iran and is related to Farsi and Pashto. There are two main dialects, Kurmanji and Sorani (Kurdi).

Religion:
Own distinct religion for 1500 years - Yezidism. Most converted to Islam in 800 A.D. In Iraq they are predominately Sunni.
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The Turkoman

The People:
• Comprise about 2% of total Iraqi population
• Muslim
• Speak Turkish
• Have been persecuted by Iraqis and Kurds
  – Forced to attend school in Arabic / Kurdish
  – Cannot buy or sell land
  – Turkish names of cities changed to Arabic
  – Turkomans’ fertile lands seized by government
  – Cannot preach sermons in mosques in Turkman language

Turkoman political organizations:
• Turkmen People Party (TPP)
• Iraqi National Turkman Party (INTP)
• Turkmenli Party
• Turkmen Islamic Union
• Iraqi Turkoman Front (ITF)

Turkistan Flag (Not a recognized nation)
Islam is the state religion of Iraq and about 97% of the population belongs to either the Shi'a (60%) or the Sunni (37%) sect. The better-educated Sunnis have traditionally dominated the government; since 1958, most members of the government have been Sunni. The Kurds are also Sunni, but their religious practices differ from those of the Arabs. The Islamic religion is based on the "submission to the will of God (Allah)" and governs everything from politics to crime and punishment to morality in daily life. The Qur'an/Koran and Sunnah are the two basic sources of Islamic teachings. The Qur'an is the main religious book for Muslims; it is the word of God (Allah). The Sunnah is complementary to the Qur'an and contains the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad and his way of life. Muslims accept and reverse all major Judeo-Christian prophets from Adam to Jesus, but they proclaim Muhammad to be the last and greatest. Although Iraq is secular country, the traditional Islamic culture predominates, with Qur'anic Law playing an active role in the day-to-day life in the country.

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buried. The Shi'a are led by Ayatollahs, which represent the bloodline of the prophet Mohammad. The Supreme Ayatollah is Mohammad's representative on Earth until the Hidden Imam returns (some believe he is Jesus). A good analogy would be if the Roman Catholic Pope were ruling a theocracy in Western Europe until the return of Christ.

Five Pillars of Islam

There are five basic religious tenets to Islam, generally called the Five Pillars of Islam:

Shahadah - The profession of faith: "I testify there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

Salah - The faithful must turn towards Mecca and recite a prescribed prayer five times daily at dawn, just after midnight, asr (mid afternoon), just after sunset and before midnight. The most important prayer is the Friday prayer, delivered from a pulpit of the mosque by a prayer leader. In many Muslim countries, Friday is a holiday, with banks and shops closed all day. Respect a Muslims need to perform this duty and do not walk in front of someone praying. Do not attempt to enter a Mosque (Moslem house of worship) unless invited. If visiting with permission, remove your shoes before going in, speak only in whispers and do not take photographs, unless you have been given permission to do so.

Zakah - A compulsory payment from a Muslim's annual savings. It literally means 'purification'. Zakah can only be used for helping the poor and needy, the disabled, the oppressed, debtors and other welfare purposes defined in the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Ramadan - All Muslims are required to fast during the Holy Month of Ramadan (a lunar month of 29 or 30 days, which falls 11 days earlier each year, depending on sightings of the moon. All Muslims abstain totally from food, drink, sex and tobacco from dawn to sunset. Non-Muslims should respect this practice and wherever possible avoid infringing these laws in front of Muslims, since this would be considered an insult. Straight after sunset most, if not all, Muslims will break their fast, and little business or travel will be practical for the visitor at this time.

The Hajj - The pilgrimage to Mecca. Every Muslim who can afford it and is fit enough must make the journey once a lifetime.

Jihad - Sometimes thought of as the sixth pillar, it does not exactly mean 'holy war,' but is used to describe the personal battle one undertakes against sin and temptation. Each Muslim is encouraged to wage both an inner struggle against sin as well as physically guard and defeat secular influences that might corrupt their communities.
CALENDAR, HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS FOR 2004 (1425 A.H.)

The Islamic year is based on the lunar cycle, consisting of twelve months of 29 or 30 days each, totaling 355 or 356 days. Each new month begins with the sighting of a new moon. Actual dates may differ by a day or two from dates provided. The Islamic Hijri calendar is usually abbreviated A.H. in Western languages from the latinized “Anno Hegirae”. Muharram 1, 1 A.H. corresponds to 16 July 622 C.E. (Common Era). The Hijrah, which chronicles the migration of the Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina in 622 A.D., is early Islam’s central historical event. To Muslims, the Hijri calendar is not just a sentimental system of time reckoning and dating important religious events, e.g., Hijj (pilgrimage to Mecca); it has profound religious and historical significance.

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ARAB CUSTOMS AND CULTURE

All Arabs share basic beliefs and values that cross national and social class boundaries. Social attitudes have remained constant because Arab society is more conservative and demands conformity from its members. It is important for Western observers to be able to identify and distinguish these cultural patterns from individual behaviors. Although Iraq is a secular country, the traditional Islamic culture predominates, with Qur'anic Law playing an active role in the day-to-day life in the country.

FAMILY

Arab families are often large and strongly influence individuals' lives. The family is the basic societal unit and is very strong and close-knit. Arab women are considered their own social subgroup, interacting only in the home. All activities revolve around family life, and any member's achievement advances the reputation of the entire family. One's family is a source of reputation and honor, as well as financial and psychological support. An Arab's first loyalty is to the family, which cannot be dishonored.


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An Arab's Honor is cherished and protected above anything else, sometimes circumventing even the need for survival. Criticism, even constructive criticism, can threaten or damage an Arab's honor; it will be taken as a personal insult. The Arab must, above all else, protect himself and his honor from this critical onslaught. Therefore, when an Arab is confronted by criticism, you can expect him to react by interpreting the facts to suit himself or flatly denying the facts. Therefore, a Westerner should take a very indirect approach towards any corrective remarks and include praise of any good points.

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As a Male, Do:
- Respect the privacy and protected role of Iraqi women.

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- Try to engage an Iraqi woman in conversation unless you have been formally introduced.
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There are gestures used in the Arab world that convey different meanings from those used in America.

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- “That’s enough, thank you.” may be indicated by patting the heart a few times.

- “Excellent” is expressed with open palms toward the person.

- “OK” may be shown by touching the outer edge of one’s eyes with the fingertips.

- The “A-OK” (forming a circle with the index finger and thumb of one hand) gesture is considered obscene by Arabs.

- The “thumbs-up” is considered obscene by the older, more traditional Arabs. The younger generation has taken on the Western identification of saying hello. It is recommended that soldiers wave in warm.

- The left hand is considered unclean; the right hand should be used when gesturing.

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HOSPITALITY

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American. Am-REE-kee

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You are safe: an-ta fee A-min

Don’t be afraid: la ta-KHAF

Move to: TAHA-REK EE-la

Assembly area. MUN-la-qah il-la-JEM-mu'

Civilian camp. Moo-KHAY-yum MED-da-nee

Collection Point NUQ-tah il-TEJ-mee-a'

Show me ___: SHOOFNEE / MUMKIN ASHOOF

Ration agent? Wa-KEEL AT-taq-NEEN

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PART V
KNOW YOUR AREA OF OPERATIONS

KEY PROVINCES

Salah Ad Din
Population: 1,146,500
Ethnicity and Religion: Predominantly Sunni Arab, Shia Arab.
Major Cities: Bayji, Tikrit, Samarra, Balad and Taji
Major Roads: Highway 1 runs north to south and Route 12 runs east to west.
Provincial Governor: Hosin Jasem Mohamed al-Jbouri

At Tamim
Population: Approximately 950,000
Ethnicity and Religion: Predominately Kurdish, Turkomen and Arab
Major Cities: Kirkuk and Dibs
Major Roads: Route 12 runs northeast.
Provincial Governor: Abdul Rahman Mustafa (Kurdish)
### 1D KEY CITIES:

#### Tikrit

**Ethnicity and Religion:** Predominantly Sunni Arab.

**Population:** 1,400,000

**Major Cities:** Baqubah, Al-Mudhafar, Mansuriyay, As Safiday, Jalula, Kharquin, and Kiti.

**Major Roads:** Highway 4 runs north and Highway 5 runs west to south.

**Provincial Governor:** Abdullah Hassan Rashheed-al-Jburi (Sunni)

#### Bayyil

**Ethnicity and Religion:** Predominantly Sunni Arab.

**Population:** 25,000

**Location:** On the Tigris river about 150 km northwest of Baghdad.

#### Baqubah

**Ethnicity and Religion:** Shia/Sunni Arab mix.

**Population:** Approximately 3,000

**Location:** 50 miles North of Baghdad.

#### Jalula

**Ethnicity and Religion:** 10% Shia, 90% Sunni Arab.

**Population:** 25,000

**Location:** 30 kms from the Iran-Iraq border.

#### Balad

**Ethnicity and Religion:** Sunni Arab.

**Population:** Approximately 3,000

**Location:** 200,000

**Importance:** Capital of the Salah Ad Din province. Samarra has a large chemical weapons production facility located there.

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POPULATION: 5,605,000  
OTHER: Capital of Iraq.

Mosul:  
ETHNIC AND RELIGION: The population of Mosul is principally Kurdish, but with a large minority of Arab-speaking Christian Assyrians, and a smaller minority of Turkomans and Sunnis.  
POPULATION: 1,739,000  
OTHER: Largest city in northern Iraq.  
LOCATION: On the Tigris River. 220 miles Northwest of Baghdad.

Kirkuk:  
ETHNIC AND RELIGION: Kurdish, Assyrian, Turkmen and Arab origin. The majority are Sunnis Muslims, and there is also a sizeable community of Christians of the Nestorian branch.  
POPULATION: 728,000

OUT OF SECTOR CITIES:  

Baghdad:  
ETHNIC AND RELIGION: Predominantly Sunni Arab.  
POPULATION: 100,000  
OTHER: Shia Holy Site located in Najaf. 2nd most important Shia city in the world.  
LOCATION: South Central Iraq on a lake West of the Euphrates River. 160 km South of Baghdad.

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24. Dara Noor Atizin, Judge A judge who was condemned to three years in jail in Saddam Hussein for ruling that one of his edicts on confiscating land was unconstitutional.
25. Abdel Karim Mahoud al-Mohammedawi, Hezbollah from Amara (Shia) Mr. al-Mohammedawi has spent much of his life leading a resistance movement against Saddam Hussein in the southern marshes. He spent six years in jail under the regime.

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UNIFORM: All black outfits and sometimes civilian clothes.

Ansar al-Islam (Supporters of Islam in Kurdistan); Jund al-Islam; Soldiers of God

STRENGTH: About 700 members

STRUCTURE: Ansar al-Islam is a radical Kurdish Islamic group that is supportive of the ideals of fundamental Islam. This group has ties with Taliban and al-Qaeda. It is the most radical group operating in the Iraqi Kurdistan region. Ansar al-Islam was established in December 2001 after a merger between Jund al-Islam, led by Abu Adballah al-Shafi'i and the Islamic Movement splinter group led by Mullah Krekar.

MISSION: To establish an independent Islamic state in N. Iraq

UNIFORM: Civilian Clothes

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  - A detonator.  
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There is no reason to fear the desert environment, and it should not adversely affect your morale if you prepare for it. Precautions must be taken to protect yourself and your equipment. Acclimation to the excessive heat is necessary to permit your body to reach and maintain efficiency in its cooling process. Acclimation requires a two-week period, with progressive degrees of heat exposure and physical exertion. Acclimation will strengthen your resistance to heat, but there is no such thing as total protection against the debilitating effects of heat. During initial Desert Shield deployments, units started their day early, took a break from 1100-1500, and resumed working/training late afternoon and early evening. The sun's rays, either direct or bounced off the ground, affect your skin and can also produce eyestrain and temporarily impair vision. Overexposure to the sun will cause sunburn. In all- operational conditions, you should be fully clothed in loose garments. Being fully clothed helps you retain the cooling moisture on your skin. Remember: the sun is as dangerous on cloudy days as it is on sunny days; sunscreen is not designed to give complete protection against excessive exposure; climatic stress is a function of air temperature, humidity, air movement, and radiant heat. Sunglasses should be worn, as well as lightweight, loose fitting clothes. Developing a suntan gradually (five minutes per day) will help prevent burning.

Wind seems to be a constant factor in desert environments. The combination of wind and dust or sand can cause extreme irritation to the mucous membranes, chapping the lips and other exposed skin surfaces. Eye irritation is a frequent complaint of vehicle crews, even when wearing goggles. Fast, wind blown sand can be extremely painful on bare skin, another reason one should remain fully clothed. Bandannas should be worn to cover the mouth and nose.

Potable water is the most basic need in the desert. Approximately 75% of the human body is fluid. A loss of two quarts decreases efficiency by 25% and a loss of fluid equal to 15% of body weight is usually fatal. Approximately nine quarts of water per soldier per day is needed in desert terrain. It is important to separate drinking and non-drinking water. Drinking any water from an untested source is dangerous, and will likely make you sick. In very hot conditions, it is better to drink smaller amounts of water more often than to take large amounts occasionally. As activity increases, you should drink more water. Alcohol and smoking cause dehydration and should be avoided (General Order #1). One cannot be trained to adjust permanently to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he is trained to adjust permanently to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ration is reduced, trained personnel will adjust to a reduced water intake. An acclimated person will need as much water because he likely sweats more readily than a new arrival. If the water ratio is
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Invertebrates
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Avoid venomous insects. Stings must be reported immediately to medical personnel. Military personnel with a known allergy to bee stings should carry a bee sting kit. Do not go barefoot, sleep directly on the ground, or put hands or feet in crevices or holes. Shake out...
Tip on Protecting your Health

There is a high risk of disease in this part of the world. Many visitors suffer illness during their stay, but it doesn't have to happen to you. To avoid sickness, be careful and keep in mind the advice contained in this section. Benefit from the experience of others.

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**FOOD**
Do not purchase food from the local economy. Sanitation standards in the country are not the same and consumption will lead to illness.

**ANIMALS AND DISEASE**
Avoid any contact with stray animals. They may be dangerous and carriers of disease. Stay away and don't try to touch, feed or pet them.

**FIELD SANITATION AND PERSONAL HYGIENE**
Eat only in designated areas; do not eat in sleeping/living areas to minimize rodents. Maintain clean living and working areas. Wash your hands after using the latrine and before eating. Conduct personal hygiene and change clothing regularly. Use only designated latrines. Use DEET on exposed skin. Treat bed nets and uniforms with permethrin to repel insects. Keep sleeves rolled down and pant legs tucked into boots.

**OTHER**
Ensure you have taken all required immunizations. Comply with anti-malarial medication directions. Hand carry a 90-day supply of prescription medication. Do not wear contact lenses in desert environments. Complications with dust could lead to serious injury.

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PART VIII
NGO’S, IO’S, AND PVO’S

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• Use first names

• Link them up with S5, G5, CMOC, or Civil Affairs personnel

• Find out name of the ID/NGO (e.g., World Food Program, UN Children’s Fund, it’s charter/mission, assets available and a POC - pass this information to S5, G5, CMOC, and Civil Affairs personnel. Submit CA Spot Report.

• Don’t make promises you can’t keep. Don’t commit any US equipment/supplies until, and if, approved by higher HQ.

• Establish working relationship with them as “partners” recognizing that their work is complementary of any US humanitarian assistance effort.

• Focus on the big impact IOs/NGOs like United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Program (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

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If captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

Article IV
I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners if I become a Prisoner of War. I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

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When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country or its allies or harmful to their cause.

Article VI
I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

What does the Code of Conduct Do for You?
- Provides a guideline to follow if you are captured
- Establishes policies and a command structure while in captivity
- Gives you a way to keep fighting the enemy
- Keeps you motivated

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

Article II
I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

Article III
If captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

Article IV
I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners if I become a Prisoner of War. I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

Article V
When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country or its allies or harmful to their cause.

Article VI
I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

What does the Code of Conduct Do for You?
- Provides a guideline to follow if you are captured
- Establishes policies and a command structure while in captivity
- Gives you a way to keep fighting the enemy
- Keeps you motivated
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THE NEW IRAQI DEFENSE AND SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS

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- **Pay:** Civil pay scale (lower than Police / NIA) or Contract

**Strength:**
- Roughly 6500 Baghdad, 14500 nationwide

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Iraqi Civil Defense Corp (ICDC):  
- New recruits mostly non-military.  
- Reflect local government demographics.  
- 3 battalions operating in our AO.  
- **Missions:**  
  - Joint patrolling with Coalition Forces  
  - Fixed sight security  
  - Route Security  
  - Natural disaster aid  
  - General assistance

Uniform: Currently tan. A brown uniform will be issued in the future. It is important to note that Shia personnel will not wear the tan uniform because of the color’s connection with the former regime. The ICDC also has baseball-type caps in red, blue, and black with ICDC in block letters.
Border Police (BP): Khaki shirts and navy trousers. This uniform will change in November to a full khaki uniform. An updated description and picture will be distributed upon implementation.

Facilities Protective Service (FPS): Light grey shirt with brassard, if worn, clearly indicating the letters ‘FPS’ and the Iraqi flag. The members may also wear dark blue pants, leather belt, and a grey beret.
APPENDIX C
IRAQI LICENSE PLATES

Personal

Government

Imported Vehicle

Taxi Cabs, Buses

Construction Vehicle

Black plate with white letters
Imported into Iraq after May 2003

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NEW IRAQI DINAR SECURITY FEATURES

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