

DEPLOYED TO IRAQ:

- The **ENCAMPMENT ENACTORS** come from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 107th Artillery. They are comprised of 125 soldiers from Hermitage and New Castle. Their commanders are Captain Palumbo from Gibsonsia and First Sergeant David Gatewood from Mercer.
- **BATTERY A** traditionally provides direct support Field Artillery fires for Armor and Mechanized Infantry Battalions of the 2nd Brigade, 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized), PA National Guard.
- For **THEIR CURRENT MISSION** the 1-107th FA Soldiers were mobilized in December of 2003. They received six weeks of intense **MILITARY POLICE** training to become the nation's first Field Artillery Battalion to perform the demanding "In Lieu Of Military Police Mission" in Iraq.
- After arriving in the theater of operations the unit moved north and began Military Police operations in the **MOSUL** area.
- They performed a variety of **MISSIONS** including Detainee Facility Operations, providing personal security for senior officers of Task Force Olympia; base camp security and security patrols along the main supply routes.
- While there were no casualties during their deployment 15 soldiers in the unit received **PURPLE HEARTS** for combat-related injuries.
- Battery A returned home in February of 2005.
- The Commander of this company is **LIEUTENANT COLONEL GREY BERRIER**.



A TIMELINE OF PRIDE

- **IN 1747 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN** led some 600 "Philadelphia gentlemen and merchants" in Philadelphia in signing "articles of association" to provide for a common defense against Indian Raiders and French privateers. These "Associators" are recognized as the foundation of the Pennsylvania National Guard, **the oldest National Guard in the Nation**.
- **They** helped escort George Washington to take command of the Continental Army, fought in the **REVOLUTIONARY WAR**; provided cannons for Perry's **BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE**; played a key role in winning the **MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR**; President Lincoln honored them with the name "First Defenders", fighting in 24 major campaigns during the **AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**; fought in France and Belgium during **WW1** receiving the designation of the "Iron Division" by the commander of the American Expeditionary Force; fighting in "The Battle of the Bulge" the Guard earned the nickname the "Blood Bucket Division".
- **The** Guard airlifted supplies to **VIETNAM**; served in Korea; and participated in **DESERT STORM**.

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