



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Poll: Majority supports U.S. action in Iraq

**WASHINGTON**— A new poll suggests that a majority of Americans supports the use of U.S. ground troops to remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power, but even more Americans said they supported sending U.S. ground troops to the Persian Gulf to prevent Iraq from developing weapons of mass destruction. A *CNN/USA Today*/Gallup poll conducted between Friday and Monday, found that 57 percent of those surveyed said they supported sending U.S. troops to oust Saddam, while 39 percent said they were opposed. Also, 65 percent of the respondents said they supported using U.S. troops to eliminate weapons of mass destruction and 31 percent were opposed. The poll, conducted before Iraq said it would allow the renewal of weapons inspections, surveyed 803 Americans and had a margin of error of +/- 3 percent.

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Photo by Pfc. Matthew Acosta, 49th Public Affairs Detachment

### Friendly relations

**Army Sgt. Gary Stonesifer, squad leader, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., shakes an Afghan child's hand as he tries to tell the boy his name. Although a language barrier existed, U.S. soldiers used an interpreter to perform search and assistance without any difficulties.**

*Army News Service*

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** — Soldiers' satisfaction with job security, retirement benefits, and basic pay is increasing, according to the Army's latest poll.

The U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, known as ARI, conducts the "Sample Survey of Military Personnel" each spring and fall to provide Army leaders with information to assess soldier and family well-being.

From spring 2001 to spring 2002, soldiers' satisfaction with their jobs and quality of life has improved significantly for about half of the 58 satisfaction items measured.

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## OEF soldiers record history

By Spc. Erica Leigh Foley  
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People always say that history repeats itself. Well, to an extent, probably, but we can all learn from the past.

One way the military learns from the past is by what is recorded during wartime.

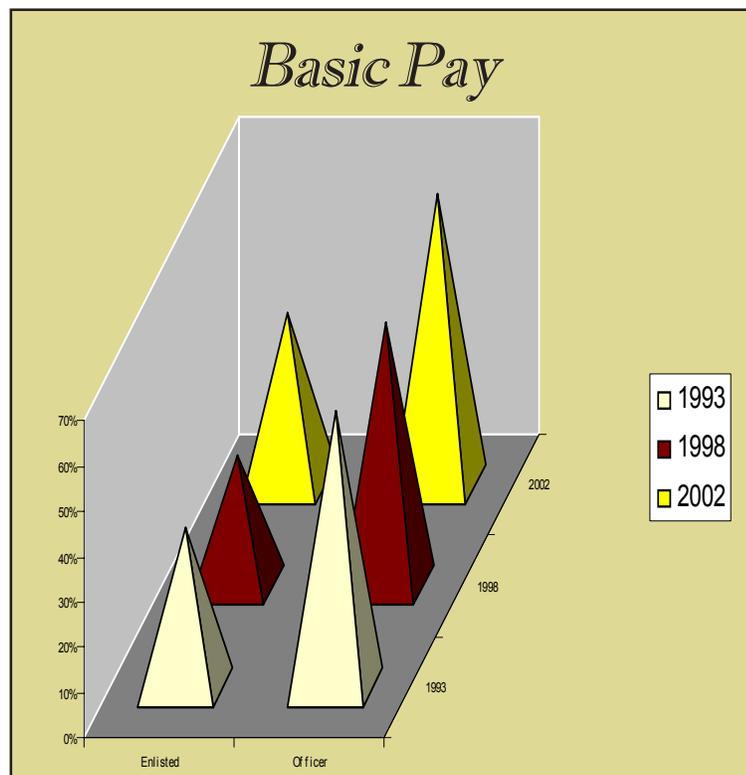
The 49th Military History Detachment, from Forest Park, Ill., docu-

ments the planning, execution and significant events of Operation Freedom.

"Future soldiers and generations, both civilian and military, can not only know about the history of the Army and its missions, but also learn from our mistakes and gain knowledge from our experiences for future missions," said Sgt. 1st Class

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## Survey shows soldiers' job satisfaction on rise



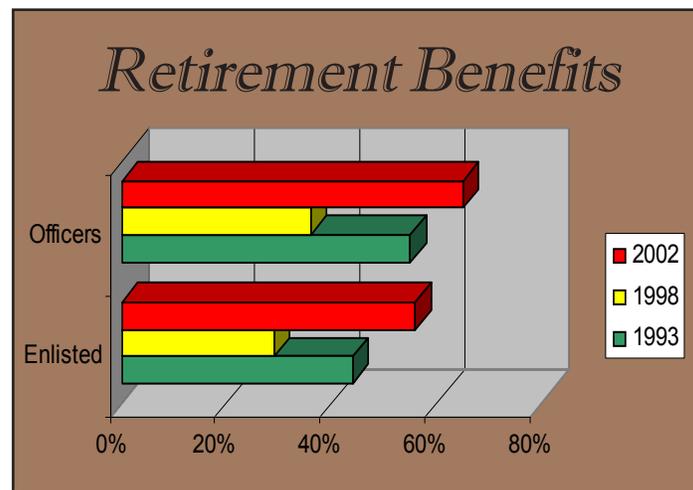
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“It’s important for soldiers to know that Army leadership listens to soldiers concerns”, said Dr. Zita Simutis, the acting director of ARI. “Although these SSMP findings are encouraging for the Army, SSMP results are also used to identify issues that the Army needed to address.”

When asked “Based on your Army experience, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with” job security, retirement benefits and amount of basic pay; soldiers participating in the survey answered using a four-point scale, ranging from very satisfied to very dissatisfied. The percentages of soldiers who were satisfied or very satisfied are shown in the graphs for three years over a 10-year period.

Personal morale and perceptions of unit morale also improved significantly among enlisted soldiers, and are on a slight upward slope for officers.

Congress has responded to the Army by providing significantly larger pay raises than those in the mid 1990s. The change in the retirement system enacted in 1999 also helped to reverse the trend of growing dissatisfaction, personnel officials said. They said changes in TRICARE and the



privatization of housing have also made a difference in quality of life for soldiers.

The Army is doing a lot to improve the quality of life for soldiers and their families, officials said. Although it is still in the developmental stages, the Army’s well-being initiative will track quality of life issues and identify when and where changes need to be made. The Army Staff has devel-

oped 50 functions to organize services and programs that contribute to well-being and readiness.

Approximately 8,600 soldiers completed the most recent SSMP. Army-wide samples of 10 percent of officers and 2-3 percent of enlisted personnel who are permanent party and available for duty are selected for the survey, using the final digits of soldiers’ social security

numbers. Although the survey booklets are serially numbered, the responses cannot be tracked back to individuals. Only group statistics are reported, ARI officials said.

“The Army began polling soldiers in 1943 with the Personnel Survey of the Army,” according to Dr. Morris Peterson, chief of the Army Personnel Survey Office at ARI. The survey was renamed the Sample Survey of Military Personnel in 1958.

“By getting results twice a year on the 58 quality of life and job satisfaction measures, we can help top Army leaders keep a ‘finger on the pulse’ of the active-duty Army,” Peterson said. “When attitudes change, we tell Army leaders about the changes as soon as we can.”

*(Editor’s note: Information provided by PERSCOM Public Affairs.)*

**Absentee  
Ballot  
Forms**

Anyone wishing to vote in the 2002 election needs to request an Absentee ballot form from his or her respective state. Request forms are located at your local post office. Visit the Federal Voters Assistance Program Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) with links to every state for information regarding your state’s Absentee Ballot process.



# HIND SIGHT

1356

In a landmark battle of the 100 Years' War, English Prince Edward defeats the French at Poitiers.

1692

Giles Corey is pressed to death for standing mute and refusing to answer charges of witchcraft brought against him. He is the only person in America to have suffered this punishment.

1783

The first hot-air balloon is sent aloft in Versailles, France with animal passengers including a sheep, rooster and duck.

1893

New Zealand becomes the first nation to grant women the right to vote.

1957

First underground nuclear test takes place in Nevada.

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## Weapons inspectors meet with Iraq

**UNITED NATIONS** — The meeting between Hans Blix, the chairman of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, and Iraqi representatives from Baghdad followed Iraq's announcement Monday that it would allow the return of weapons inspectors "without conditions."

## Bush to seek approval for action against Iraq

**WASHINGTON** — The Bush administration Thursday will give Congress a proposed resolution that authorizes the use of military force if President Bush concludes diplomacy will fail to get Iraq to keep its commitments to the United Nations. The draft will serve as the starting point of congressional negotiations on an Iraq resolution and it closely tracks prior congressional resolutions authorizing the use of military force.

## Report cites warnings before 9/11

**WASHINGTON** — U.S. intelligence officials had several warnings that terrorists might attack the United States on its home soil — even using airplanes as weapons — well before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, two congressional committees said in a report released Wednesday. In 1998, U.S. intelligence had information that a group of unidentified Arabs planned to fly an explosives-laden airplane into the World Trade Center, according to a joint inquiry of the House and Senate intelligence committees. However, the Federal Aviation Administration found the plot "highly unlikely given the state of that foreign country's aviation program," and believed a flight originating outside the United States would be detected before it reached its target inside the country, the report said. "The FBI's New York office took no action on the information," it said.

# Local weather

## TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Rain</i> H: 86F L: 64F	<i>Rain</i> H: 88F L: 61F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 97F L: 59F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 97F L: 57F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Rain</i> H: 86F L: 64F	<i>Rain</i> H: 88F L: 61F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Sunny</i> H: 88F L: 52F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 87F L: 52F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# COALITION SPORTS ZONE

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

### Ewing retires, becomes Wizards assistant coach

**WASHINGTON** — Patrick Ewing in a Washington Wizards uniform, playing alongside Michael Jordan? It probably won't happen — but it could.

Ewing, introduced Wednesday as a Wizards assistant coach, said that if Washington needs an extra center during this season, he would consider playing, especially if owner Abe Pollin asked.

"I'm here as an assistant coach. (But) if Mr. Pollin comes to me and says, 'Here's a 10-day (contract),' I wouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth," Ewing said.

He retired Tuesday, ending his NBA career after 17 seasons, 15 with the New York Knicks.

"This is one of the hardest decisions that I've ever had to make. I'm still torn," Ewing said. "Yesterday, I was so happy to get that press conference over with, and it took me forever to say that I'm retiring from playing. I've been playing basketball so long, and I still enjoy doing it."

Wizards coach Doug Collins said Ewing joined the franchise to assist him from the bench — not on the floor.

"When you've played for 17 years, you can go through withdrawals," Collins said. "If he can be teaching, the transition is going to be much easier."

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## Past Heisman winners

1982 Herschel Walker	Georgia
1983 Mike Rozier	Nebraska
1984 Doug Flutie	Boston College
1985 Bo Jackson	Auburn
1986 Vinny Testaverde	Miami
1987 Tim Brown	Notre Dame
1988 Barry Sanders	Oklahoma State
1989 Andre Ware	Houston
1990 Ty Detmer Brigham	Young
1991 Desmond Howard	Michigan
1992 Gino Torretta	Miami
1993 Charlie Ward	Florida State
1994 Rashaan Salaam	Colorado
1995 Eddie George	Ohio State
1996 Danny Wuerffel	Florida
1997 Charles Woodson	Michigan
1998 Ricky Williams	Texas
1999 Ron Dayne	Wisconsin
2000 Chris Weinke	Florida State
2001 Eric Crouch	Nebraska



## 2002 Major League standings

<b>American League East</b>				<b>GB</b>
N.Y. Yankees	95-56	.629	-	
Boston	86-66	.566	9.5	
Toronto	70-82	.461	25.5	
<b>American League Central</b>				<b>GB</b>
x-Minnesota	89-63	.586	-	
Chicago (AL)	76-76	.500	13	
Cleveland	68-85	.444	21.5	
<b>American League West</b>				<b>GB</b>
Anaheim	95-56	.629	-	
Oakland	94-57	.623	1	
Seattle	87-64	.576	8	
<b>National League East</b>				<b>GB</b>
x-Atlanta	95-55	.633	-	
Montreal	76-76	.500	20	
Philadelphia	75-77	.493	21	
<b>National League Central</b>				<b>GB</b>
St. Louis	87-63	.580	-	
Houston	81-71	.533	7	
Cincinnati	74-78	.487	14	
<b>National League West</b>				<b>GB</b>
Arizona	92-58	.613	-	
San Francisco	86-65	.570	6.5	
Los Angeles	85-66	.563	7.5	

x- Clinched division

### Tuesday's scores

Toronto 2-1 Baltimore  
 Pittsburgh 3-2 Cincinnati  
 Cleveland 6-4 Boston  
 Montreal 4-2 Florida  
 Minnesota 2-0 Detroit  
 N.Y. Mets 2-1 Chicago Cubs  
 N.Y. Yankees 7-1 Tampa Bay  
 Philadelphia 6-5 Atlanta  
 Chicago Sox 3-1 Kansas City  
 Houston 3-1 Milwaukee



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### NL

1. San Francisco .570  
 2. Los Angeles .563  
 3. Houston .533  
 4. Montreal .500  
 5. Philadelphia .493  
 6. Cincinnati .487

### AL

\*-1. Anaheim .629  
 \*-2. Oakland .623  
 3. Seattle .576  
 4. Boston .566  
 5. Chicago Sox .500  
 6. Toronto .461  
 \*- Division leader

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**Harrington to start for Lions in Ford Field opener**

**ALLEN PARK, Mich.** — Joey Harrington, the third overall pick in last April's NFL draft, will start at quarterback against the Green Bay Packers in the regular season debut of Ford Field on Sunday. "I feel like I'm ready," Harrington said Wednesday after his first practice as the No. 1 QB. "I'm so excited to play a whole game again."

Harrington played behind second-year quarterback Mike McMahon in the first two games, both blowout losses for the Lions, who are 2-16 over the past two seasons. "This is a little earlier than we wanted this to happen, but we think he is ready," Detroit coach Marty Mornhinweg said. "He threw a ton of balls in the preseason, and he's had two regular-season games to learn from."

Harrington has completed 7-of-18 passes for 52 yards and has a dismal quarterback rating of 23.8. McMahon, a fifth-round pick last year, is 22-of-44 for 275 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. "These first two weeks have been great for me to see how the tempo of the game and the intensity picks up," Harrington said.

McMahon, who makes about \$300,000 a year, knew it was only a matter of time before he was benched in favor of Harrington, who has a six-year contract worth about \$36.5 million.

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Brandi R. Schiff, noncommissioned officer in charge, said.

One way the detachment completes its mission is by conducting oral interviews with those who played an important role in the mission, said Schiff. These are soldiers of all ranks. The unit transcribes the interview and sends it to the Center for Military History.

"It can take eight to 12 hours to transcribe an interview because they can run in the neighborhood of 30-100 pages, because we have to transcribe them word for word," said Schiff.

In addition, much of what the unit needs to know for preservation cannot be repeated for operational security, so they have to be very careful with the material collected.

Along with the interviews, the four-soldier team collects artifacts. These can be anything from photographs and documents, to weapons and things the soldiers use on a daily basis.

"It could be anything from an AK-47, to the water bottles we drink out here, to the orders to deploy. Any-

thing to let future generations know how we operated and lived here," Schiff said.

For some people, history is boring, but not for Schiff.

"For me, it has been an educational experience," she said. "I have spent my entire career as a journalist in Public Affairs, which is a bit more action-oriented. However, interviewing key members of the operation has taught me a whole lot about the stages of development of operations, in general, and OEF, in particular."

"The things I have learned are things I never would have had access to or knowledge of in Public Affairs," she said. "In addition, because it is for the history books, generals are more apt to share their knowledge and experiences with me, which is not only interesting, but educational."

If there is something pertinent to the mission and soldiers want their grandchildren to know about their involvement in OEF, they should talk to the history unit, Schiff said.

The history unit is located in Bagram Air Base's Motel 6 on the second floor.



By Kevin Kilgore

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