

ADOPT-A-PLATOON



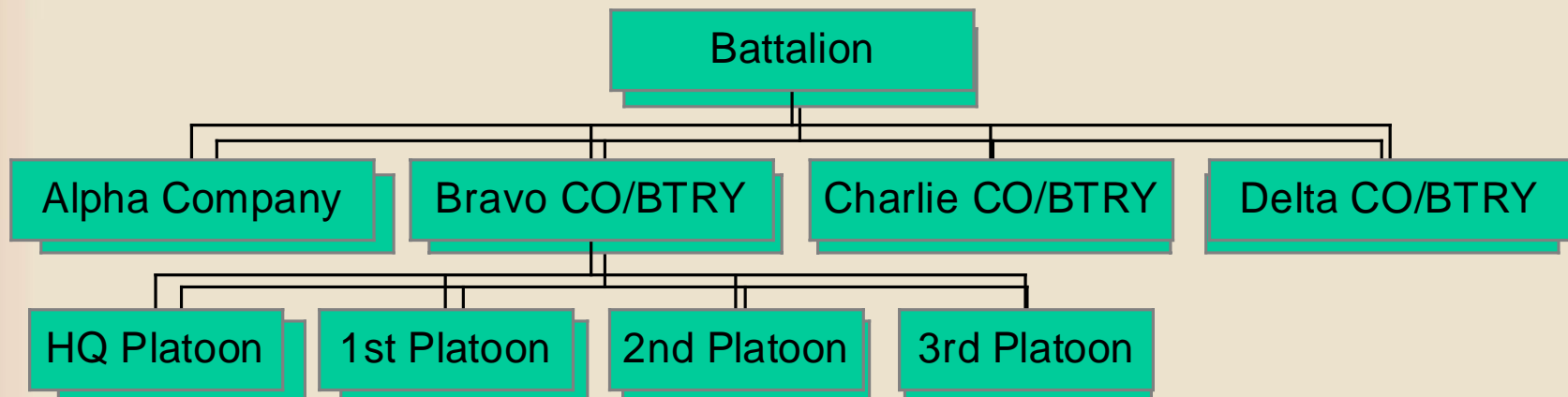
What is Adopt-A-Platoon?

- grass roots
- all volunteer
- just sharing information
- a way to support soldiers in iraq



What is a Platoon?

The small unit of the Army
organizational chart



Usually somewhere between 30-40 soldiers



A Mechanized Infantry Platoon



A 12 Month Deployment
has just begun



In the spring of 2004 our country has well over 100,000 soldiers on the ground in Iraq





The Life of a Soldier



Long Hot Season



Long Wet Season



Long Day Ops

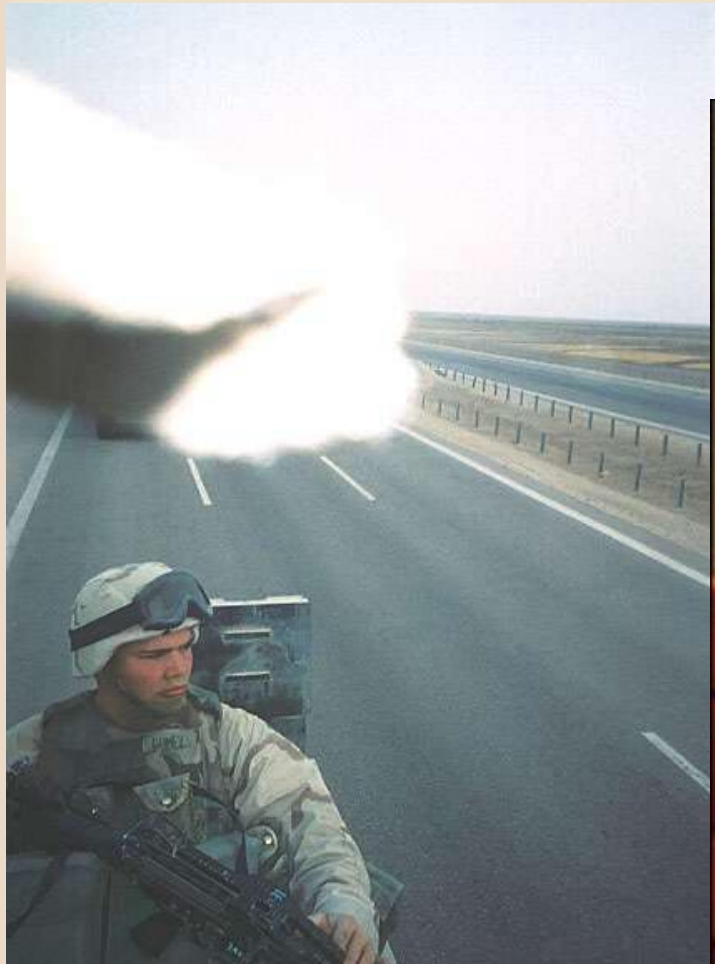


Long Night Ops



Police and Security Operations





Defensive and offensive Ops



Most of us
have heard
recent news
stories out
of Iraq...



1st Infantry Division 'Task Force Danger' is now on the move in the North



Big Red One soldiers serve in the Sunni Triangle area



How did you sleep last night?

- Bed a little lumpy...
- Toss and turn...
- Heat a little too high...
- Need a drink of water...



Reuters





Jean-Marc Bouju / AP



Eric Feferberg / AFP





**Our soldiers are serving
in many ways
to help create a new Iraq.**





If a unit is in a base camp, there *may be one* hot meal a day. Otherwise all meals will consist of MREs. Showers are a rarity. Note blue box of 'body wipes' on cot.

Adopt-A-Platoon

is a person-to-person effort - a means for people at home, acting as individual small groups, to support the young men and women who serve in the U.S. Army on our behalf in the very difficult conditions of the Iraqi desert.

Adopt-A-Platoon

Examples of ways that groups can provide support include letters from members of your group, notes or drawings from school children, **CARE PACKAGES** with snacks, drink powders, newspapers and magazines, etc.

Your group may send a little or a lot. It's completely up to you.

Anything you send is more than they have now.

Adopt-A-Platoon

We will provide you with

- a platoon assignment
- lists of suggested items
- information on how to create your program
- support documents and ideas
- support via the Internet
- a contact with your platoon's families

Adopt-A-Platoon

Your group will get to know your platoon.

They will become 'your' soldiers.

It's not necessary that you provide ALL the support ~ if you reach out to your community you will be amazed.

- share your photos and letters
- ask local papers and media to share the story of your adoption. Spread the word.

many will join you in supporting our troops



The *single* most important minute in a soldier's day is **Mail Call**.



any soldier, from any war knows the major importance of **Mail Call**



a care package prepared



Is a care package that matters



We will do our best to put you in touch with your platoon's family members still in Germany.

25,000 spouses and children of 1st ID troops will spend the deployment both away from home **and** away from their loved one/soldier. You can get to know them as well, and let them know they're not forgotten.

They also have one of the toughest jobs in the Army.



ADOPT-A-PLATOON



let's not forget them

you can help...

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

www.adoptaplatoon.us