

# Epilogue



With the October sunshine and cool breezes of southern California wafting over the silent crowd, Baghdad might have seemed far away. To the dignitaries, Marines, and those that loved Marines assembled, thoughts of Iraq were close to their hearts. The 1st Marine Division memorial services brought this family together to pay tribute to those comrades and loved-ones who had sacrificed so dearly for their fellow Marines, their Corps, and their Nation. It was an occasion to mourn. It was an occasion to remember shared sacrifice. It was the end of a long road.

Their mission accomplished, the warriors of the 1st Marine Division had begun to look home. From the streets of Baghdad, An Najaf, Ad Diwaniyah, and many other places, the Marines were relieved of their posts and embarked on the final leg of their journey. Returning the Division's men and equipment to the United States was as large a task as getting it into theater. A great deal of work remained to be done, but the Marines turned to the task with happy hearts and willing hands. Like their forefathers, they had fought in defense of liberty and freedom, and had earned their place in the history of the Marine Corps. They were eager to return to their families, and to reconstitute for the next time the nation called. The Marines prepared for the long journey home to American soil, like veterans of the 1st Marine Division had since its first battles overseas.

As the last pairs of dusty boots took their final footsteps in Iraq, Marines and Sailors of Blue Diamond reflected on their contribution to the legacy of the Division. Like warriors have for generations, they chose to serve their nation and the cause of freedom around the world. These men and women chose the Marine Corps for the special challenge. They chose the Marine Corps because they wanted to be the best. Those choices had carried them to a place called Iraq. A place of danger. A place of tyranny. The accomplishments of the Marines there would take their place in Marine Corps history beside places like Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Somalia, and many others.

Seldom does a generation have an opportunity to take part in such a noble and honorable quest. The Marines had made a difference. They had freed a people, crushed a tyrant, planted the seeds of democracy in a turbulent region. They had assaulted through the Mesopotamian marshlands between historic Babylon and the Garden of Eden, from the Euphrates to the Tigris, from Basrah to Baghdad and beyond. The places they had gone were household names in America, because of what the Marines had done there. They had leapt across the Diyala River into Baghdad, and had pushed so far north that they were ultimately closer to the Mediterranean Sea than the Persian Gulf. They understood the nature of Saddam Hussein's tyranny, because they had seen it. They had looked evil in the eye, and had destroyed it.

The military achievements were significant, and the list of accomplishments was long. The lasting legacy, however, was with the children of Iraq. The crowds of cheering Iraqis lining every road spoke of what the Marines and Sailors of 1st Marine Division had gained for the Iraqi people. Where there had been nothing but despair, there was now hope. The Marines had come in strength, but had acted with compassion. They had demonstrated a new kind of authority to the Iraqi people. An authority of ideals, not of tyranny. Soldiers of courage, not brutality. The school bells that the Marines of the Division installed in every school they restored will ring the

story of their sacrifice for generations of Iraqis to come. The Marines had set the conditions for freedom in a portion of the world that had not tasted it before. The Marines of Blue Diamond had truly been "No better friend, no worse enemy."

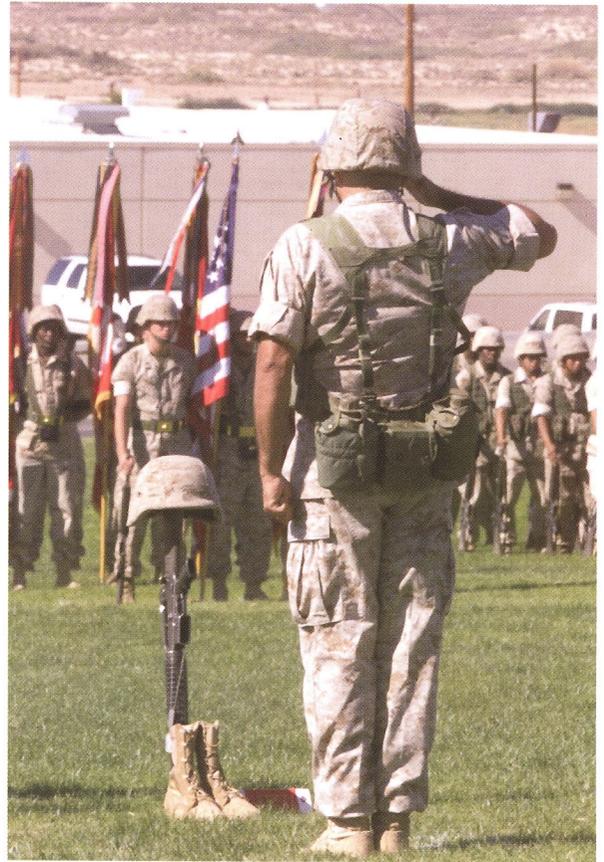
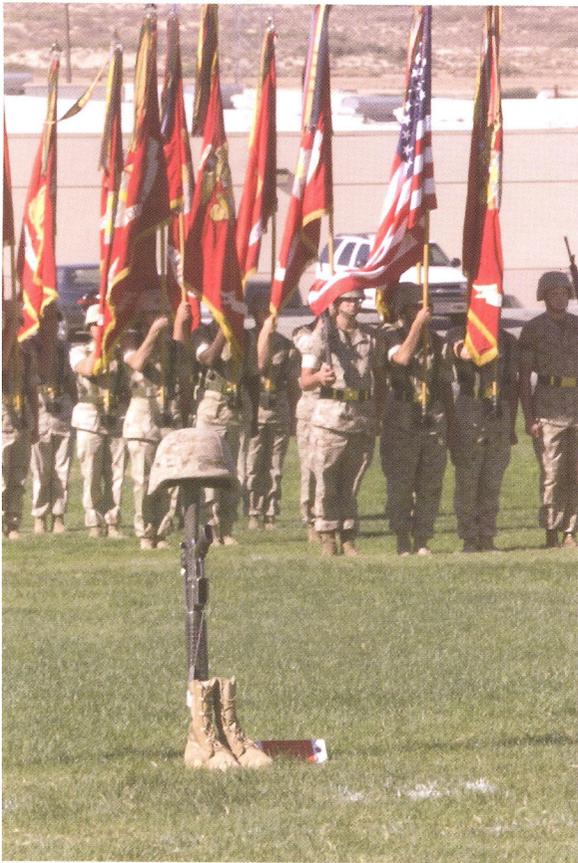
The Marines returned home to a grateful nation, and the hugs, kisses, and tears of their families. Welcome home Daddy. Yellow ribbons lining the streets. The war had been difficult for those left behind too. Daily images of the rigors and dangers of their effort had been transmitted into homes across the country. Some of these homes had a special piece of their heart in Iraq as well. For those with fathers, sisters, children or friends in the 1st Marine Division, the waiting had been painful. In the days before the attack, Marines often spoke about how they missed their loved ones. Even then, they had known that returning without liberating the Iraqi people, without victory, was not an option. Now, they were proud of what they had done, and found comfort in the brotherhood of fighting men and women who had shared the dangers. They were the sons and daughters of those who stormed the beaches of Iwo Jima, scaled the walls of Inchon, and slogged through the jungles of Vietnam. They stood on the shoulders of the generations of the Marines that came before, and they had not let them down.

That family is what brought these people together on this day. Some of the seats returning home were empty. Although there was pride in accomplishment, there were also the painful memories of those who had not come home. The cost of freedom is high, many Marines and Sailors of the Division had given their lives in the cause of freedom. Hundreds more carried wounds received in combat. The mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, children and spouses of these Marines were a special part of this family too. They all came together now to mourn the loss, and cherish the memory, of those special individuals who gave their lives for the freedom of a people they had never met. Their noble sacrifice will be remembered by their families, their comrades, and their country.

This day, an Iraqi child attended school. Tonight, an Iraqi family will gather together, free from the fear of the secret police. Tomorrow, a free people will change the face of the Middle East.

All of our days are numbered, but their deeds will live forever.

Semper Fidelis.





## Appendix A

# Command and Staff List

### 1st Marine Division

#### 1. UNIT DESIGNATION

- a. Reporting Unit Code: M11001
- b. Table of Organization Number: 1986J
- c. Period Covered: 1 January – 30 June 2003
- d. Locations: Camp Pendleton and Twentynine Palms, California; Kuwait; Iraq

#### 2. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

##### a. Commanding General

MajGen James N. Mattis	1 January - 30 June 03
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##### b. Assistant Division Commander

BGen John F. Kelly	1 January – 30 June 03
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##### c. Subordinate Commanders

1st Marine Regiment	Col Joe D. Dowdy	1 January – 4 April 03
	Col John A. Toolan	5 April 03 – 30 June 03
5th Marine Regiment	Col Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.	1 January - 23 May 03
	Col R. Stewart Navarre	24 May 03 – 30 June 03
7th Marine Regiment	Col Steven A. Hummer	1 January – 30 June 03
11th Marine Regiment	Col Michael P. Marletto	1 January - 30 June 03
Headquarters Battalion	Col Robert J. Knapp	1 January - 30 June 03
1st Combat Engineer Battalion	LtCol Paul J. Cyr	1 January - 18 Feb 03
	LtCol Michael A. Micucci	19 Feb 03 – 18 April 03
	LtCol Paul J. Cyr	19 April 03 – 12 May 03
	Maj Michael J. Jernigan	13 May 03 – 30 June 03
1st Reconnaissance Battalion	LtCol Stephen A. Ferrando	1 January – 10 June 03
	LtCol Rory E. Talkington	11 June 03 – 30 June 03
1st Tank Battalion	LtCol James B. Chartier	1 January – 30 June 03
1st LAR Battalion	LtCol Duffy W. White	1 January - 12 June 03
	LtCol William R. Constantini	13 June 03 – 30 June 03
3rd LAR Battalion	LtCol Herman S. Clardy	1 January – 30 June 03
3rd AA Battalion	LtCol Robert S. Abbott	1 January – 30 June 03

d. Principal Staff Members

Chief of Staff	Col Bennet W. Saylor	1 January – 30 June 03
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1	LtCol Cathy M. Powalski	1 January – 30 June 03
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Col James R. Howcroft	1 January – 30 June 03
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Col John A. Toolan	1 January – 4 April 03
	LtCol Clarke R. Lethin	5 April 03 – 30 June 03
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	LtCol John J. Broadmeadow	1 January – 30 June 03
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6	Col Nicholas C Petronzio	1 January – 30 June 03
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-7	Col James W. Lukeman	1 January – 1 June 03
	Col Randolph P. Sinnot	2 June 03 – 30 June 03

e. Sergeant Major and Senior Navy Enlisted

SgtMaj Juan D. Duff	1 January – 30 June 03
MCPO Gary H. Labbs, USN	1 January – 30 June 03

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

		USMC		NAVY		OTHER	
		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
JAN	1,349	19,355	42	907	0	0	
FEB <sup>1</sup>	920	11,945	61	549	0	0	
MAR	1,410	19,250	92	1,012	0	0	
APR	1,410	19,303	96	1,045	0	0	
MAY	1,461	20,906	114	1,196	0	0	
JUN	1,007	18,441	76	851	0	0	

4. EQUIPMENT

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	NUMBER
M1A1 Main Battle Tank	120
Amphibious Assault Vehicles	525
Artillery	75
Light Armored Vehicles	263

<sup>1</sup> Does not account for ATF-West Division Marines.

## Appendix B

### Glossary

AA	Assault Amphibian
AAA	Anti-Aircraft Artillery
AAOE	Arrival and Assembly Operations Echelon
AAV	Amphibious Assault Vehicle
ACE	Aviation Combat Element
ADC	Assistant Division Commander
ADOCS	Automated Deep Operations Coordination System
APOD	Air Port of Debarkation
APOE	Air Port of Embarkation
ASLT	Air Support Liaison Team
ASOC	Air Support Operations Center
ASP	Ammunition Supply Point
ATARS	Advanced Tactical Air Reconnaissance System
ATO	Air Tasking Order
BCL	Battlefield Coordination Line
BCT	Brigade Combat Team
BDA	Battle Damage Assessment
BFT	Blue Force Tracker
BSSG	Brigade Service Support Group
C2PC	Command Control Personnel Computer
CBR	Counter Battery Radar

CE	Command Element
CEB	Combat Engineering Battallion
CENTCOM	U.S. Central Command
CFACC	Combined Forces Air Component Commander
CFLCC	Combined Forces Land Component Commander
CG	Commanding General
CGS	Common Ground Station
CIP	Combat Identification Panel
Class II	Batteries
Class VIII	Medical Supplies
Class IX	Repair Parts
CMOC	Civil-Military Operations Center
CPAO	Consolidated Public Affairs Office
CP	Command Post
CPX	Command Post Exercise
CRAF	Civil Reserve Air Fleet
CSS	Combat Service Support
CSSB	Combat Service Support Battalion
CSSC	Combat Service Support Company
CONPLAN	Contingency Plan
CONUS	Continental United States
COP	Common Operational Picture
DA	Dispersal Area

DAC	Division Admin Center
DASC	Direct Air Support Center
DIA	Defense Intelligence Agency
DOC	Deployment Operations Center
DSA	Division Support Area
EMCON	Emissions Control
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
EPW	Enemy Prisoner of War
FAC	Forward Air Controller
FAD	Field Artillery Detachment
FARP	Forward Arming and Refueling Point
FOB	Forward Operating Base
FOE	Follow on Echelon
FPOL	Forward Passage of Lines
FRAGO	Fragmented Order
FRSS	Forward Resuscitative Surgery System
FSCC	Fire Support Coordination Center
FSS	Fast Sealift Ships
FSSG	Force Service Support Group
GBS	Global Broadcasting System
GCE	Ground Combat Element
GOSP	Gas-Oil Separation Plant
HDR	Humanitarian Daily Ration

HET	Human Exploitation Team
HF	High Frequency
HHA	Handheld Assay
HUMINT	Human Intelligence
IC	National Intelligence Community
IMINT	Image Intelligence
IMO	Information Management Officer
IO	Information Officer
IPSA	Intermediate Pumping Stations
JDAM	Joint Direct Attack Munition
JMEM	Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manual
JSTARS	Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System
KAF	Kuwaiti Armed Forces
KI	Killbox Interdiction
KLF	Kuwaiti Land Forces
KMOD	Kuwaiti Ministry of Defense
LAR	Light Armored Reconnaissance
LASER	Light Amplification through Stimulated Emission of Radiation
LAV	Light Armored Vehicle
LD	Line of Departure
LOC	Line of Communication
LSA	Life Support Area Logistical Support Area

LTO	Logistics Tasking Order
LZ	Landing Zone
MACCS	Marine Air Command and Control Squadron
MAG	Marine Air Group
MAGTF	Marine Air-Ground Task Force
MANPAD	Man-Portable Air Defense
MARCORSYSCOM	Marine Corps Systems Command
MAW	Marine Air Wing
MCIA	Marine Corps Intelligence Activity
MCRE	Marine Corps Readiness Evaluation
MCWL	Marine Corps Warfighting Lab
MDACT	Mobile Data Automated Communications Terminal
MEB	Marine Expeditionary Brigade
MEF	Marine Expeditionary Force
MEFEX	Marine Expeditionary Force Exercise
MEG	MEF Engineering Group
MEWSS	Mobile Electronic Warfare Support System
MLC	Marine Logistics Command
MOD	Ministry of Defense (Kuwait)
MOI	Ministry of the Interior (Kuwait)
MOPP	Mission Oriented Protective Posture
MOS	Military Occupational Specialty
MOUT	Military Operations on Urban Terrain

MP	Military Police
MPF	Maritime Prepositional Force
MPSRON	Maritime Prepositioned Ship Squadron
MRLS	Multiple Rocket Launcher System
MSC	Major Subordinate Command
MSTP	MAGTF Staff Training Program
MWSG	Marine Wing Support Group
MWSS	Marine Wing Support Squadron
NBC	Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical
NBCRS	Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Reconnaissance System
OCD	Obstacle Clearing Detachment
OMC-K	Office of Military Cooperation-Kuwait
OPCON	Operation Control
OPLAN	Operations Plan
OPP	Offload Preparation Party
OPT	Operational Planning Team
ORCON	Originator Controlled
OSW	Operation Southern Watch
PA	Public Affairs
PALT	Public Affairs Liaison Team
PIR	Priority Intelligence Requirement
PLI	Position Location Information
POL	Passage of Lines

POW	Friendly Prisoner of War
PRR	Personal Role Radio
QRF	Quick Reaction Force
RA	Regular Army
RCT	Regimental Combat Team
RFF	Request for Forces
RG	Republican Guard
RGFC	Republican Guard Forces Command
RIP	Relief in Place
ROZ	Restrictal Operation Zone
RRP	Refueling and Replenishment Point
RSO&I	Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration
RUC	Reporting Unit Code
SAPOE	Sea and Aerial Ports of Embarkation
SAM	Surface-to-Air Missile
SASO	Security and Stabilization Operations
SIGINT	Signals Intelligence
SIPRNET	Secret Internet Protocol Routed Network
SLTLP	Survey, Liaison, and Reconnaissance Party
SMART-T	Secure Mobile Anti-Jam Reliable Tactical Terminal
SOP	Standing Operating Procedure
SRG	Special Republican Guard
SPINS	Special Instructions

SPOD	Sea Port of Debarkation
SPOE	Sea Port of Embarkation
SSE	Sensitive Site Exploitation
SSM	Surface-to-Surface Missile
TAA	Tactical Assembly Areas
TACON	Tactical Control
T/E	Table of Equipment
TEWT	Tactical Exercise Without Troops
TIO	Target Information Officer
TIP	Thermal Identification Panel
TMC	Tactical Movement Control
T/O	Table of Organization
TPC	Target Processing Center
TPFDD	Time Phased Force Deployment Data
TRANSCOM	U.S. Transportation Command
TTPs	Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
ULN	Unit Line Number
USCENTCOM	US Central Command
USNS	U.S. Naval Service Ship
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction

## Appendix C

### 1st Marine Division Honor Role October 2002–July 2003

LCpl Andrew J. Aviles  
GSgt Jeffery E. Bohr, Jr.  
SSgt James W. Cawley  
2dLt Therrel S. Childers  
PFC Ryan R. Cox  
Cpl Mark A. Evnin  
PFC Juan G. Garza, Jr.  
LCpl Cory R. Geurin  
Cpl Jesus A. Gonzalez  
Cpl Bernard G. Gooden  
PFC Christian D. Gurtner  
LCpl Jose Gutierrez  
PO2 Michael V. Johnson, USN  
LCpl Nicholas B. Kleiboeker  
Sgt Johnathan W. Lambert  
LCpl Gregory E. McDonald  
Cpl Douglas J. Marenco-Reyes  
LCpl Francisco A. Martinez-Flores  
SSgt Donald C. May, Jr.  
SN Joshua Mcintosh, USN  
1stLt Brian M. Mcphillips  
Cpl Jesus M. Medellin  
GSgt Joseph Menua  
Cpl Jason D. Mileo  
PO3 David J. Moreno, USN  
Maj Kevin G. Nave  
LCpl Patrick T. O'Day  
LCpl Eric J. Orłowski  
LCpl David E. Owens, Jr.  
Sgt Duane R. Rios  
Cpl Robert M. Rodriguez  
Cpl Erik H. Silva  
LCpl Antonio J. Sledd  
1stSgt Edward Smith  
Sgt Kirk A. Straseskie  
LCpl Jesus A. Suarez-Del Solar  
SSgt Riayan A. Tejada  
LCpl Jason A. Tetrault  
LCpl William W. White

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