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34th Red Bull Infantry Division

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Headquartered at Contingency Operating Base Basra, the Red Bulls completed their mission during a critical period of Iraq's history by accomplishing three major objectives: Ensured Iraqi Security Forces could protect their population and borders in southern Iraq, developed Southern Iraq's civil capacity and economic security and set the conditions for a successful drawdown of U.S. forces in their area of responsibility.

The 34th Infantry Division made a lasting impression though the following accomplishments:

- Increased agribusiness in southern Iraq by providing 20 tractors, 20 water pumps and greenhouse material for the Az Zubayr Farmers Association.
- US Division - South facilitated 123 microgrants during fiscal year 2009, resulting in more than \$380,000 being invested into local sustainable businesses.
- Secured \$10 million to fund improvements for the Jassan-Dubuni Water Pump Station Rehabilitation Project.
- Invested \$25 million through 18 Commanders Emergency Response Program projects that resulted in long-term improvements in electrical systems, water distribution and treatment and airfield operations.
- Set the conditions for a successful drawdown of U.S. military forces in Iraq by closing or transferring 16 patrol bases.
- Started the massive logistics flow of military equipment out of the country.
- Transferred roughly \$10.5 million in excess property to the Government of Iraq.

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- Joint operations with the Iraqi Security Forces that resulted in the seizure of weapons caches that included: 3,773 mortars, 2,655 projectiles, 561 rockets, 540 artillery pieces and 133 improvised explosive devices.
- Trained and mentored more than 170 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance counterparts in the Iraqi Security Forces, resulting in an enhanced Iraqi capability and professionalism.
- Improved on the Shalamsha Port of Entry by synchronizing multiple agency efforts into a unified border security plan.
- Coordinated for more than \$193 Million to be invested into 1,030 civil improvement projects through the US and Iraqi Commanders Emergency Response Program throughout southern Iraq.
- Coordinated the investment of more than \$266 Million in 128 essential service projects.
- The Red Bull Surgeon team tracked 741 patients, 256 medical evacuations and 75 patient movements throughout US Division South.
- The Red Bulls established Contingency Operating Base Basra as a fully operational division-level headquarters by completing 55 major projects, including four Life Support Areas, numerous roads and four headquarter buildings.

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