



Minnesota National Guard

34th Red Bull Infantry Division

Deployment Overview

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Deploying Unit

1,037 Soldiers from the Minnesota Army National Guard's 34th Red Bull Infantry Division left Minnesota for training on February 13, 2009 for a one-year deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Four Minnesota National Guard units deployed from the communities of Rosemount, Inver Grove Heights, Faribault, and Stillwater.

Minnesota Units and Communities

425 Soldiers from the Rosemount-based 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Headquarters; 350 Soldiers from the Inver Grove Heights-based 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion, with an additional 50 Special Troops Battalion Soldiers stationed in Faribault; 43 Soldiers from the Rosemount-based 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Band and 169 Soldiers from the Stillwater-based 34th Military Police Company.

Mission

The 34th Red Bull Infantry Division assumed control of U. S. Division – South from the 10th Mountain Division in a transfer of authority ceremony in Basra, Iraq, May 20, 2009.

The 34th Red Bull Infantry Division provided leadership, command, control and in-depth staff analysis for a 16,000-person multinational Task Force. The Red Bulls were responsible for nine of Iraq's eighteen provinces and had a direct partnership with more than 40,000 Iraqi Security Forces, which include the Iraqi Army, the Iraqi Police and the Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement.

Area of Operations

The 34th Red Bull Infantry Division operated out of Basra in the southern third of Iraq and was responsible for the provinces south of Baghdad. The area is about the size of Minnesota and has a population of 8.5 million people – roughly the combined population of Minnesota and Iowa.



Demographics

Age

The average age of the deployed Minnesota Soldiers is 31 years old. The youngest Soldier is 18 and the oldest is 59.

Race

Of the 1037 deployed Minnesota Soldiers, 956 (92%) are Caucasian; 30 (4%) are African American; 21 (2%) are Asian; 7 (< 1%) are Native American; and 14 (1%) are another race.

Gender

Of the 1037 deployed Minnesota Soldiers, 836 (81%) are men and 201 (19%) are women.

Dependants

More than one-third of the 1037 deployed Minnesota Soldiers –379 (37%) –have children.

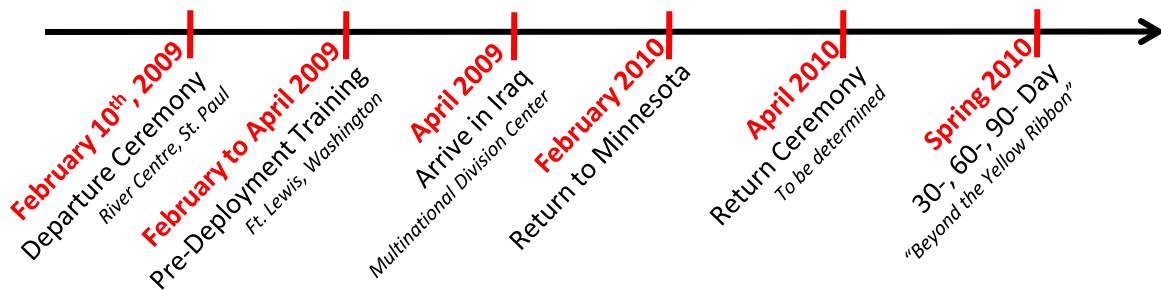
Highest Civilian Education

624 of the deployed Minnesota Soldiers have a high school diploma or equivalent as their highest civilian education; 96 are in college; 24 have earned an Associate's Degree; 240 have earned a Bachelor's Degree, 36 have earned a Masters Degree, and 17 have a Doctorate or other professional degree.

Previous Deployments

This was the 1st deployment for 693 (67%) of the 1037 Soldiers; the 2nd deployment for 281 (27%) Soldiers; the 3rd deployment for 41 (4%); and the 4th deployment for 22 (2%).

Timeline





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Hometowns

The 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Soldiers deployed from 273 Minnesota cities.

Minnesota communities with more than 10 deployed Soldiers	# of Soldiers
St. Paul	57
Minneapolis	35
Burnsville	25
Eagan	23
Apple Valley	20
Hastings	20
St. Cloud	19
Mankato	18
Inver Grove Heights	18
Cottage Grove	18
Woodbury	18
Little Falls	18
Lakeville	16
Rosemount	16
Coon Rapids	16
Oakdale	14
Brooklyn Park	12
Plymouth	12
Rochester	12
Bloomington	12
Shakopee	11
Maplewood	10
Duluth	10
Sauk Rapids	10
Maple Grove	10
Northfield	10
247 other Minnesota towns	511
14 other states	66