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### Photos

## Stallions receive awards for valor



### **Soldiers receive Bronze Star with V device.jpg**

Soldiers from Company D, 2nd "Stallion" Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment stand near their company area after receiving the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device during an award ceremony on Camp Taji, Iraq Nov. 23. The Soldiers received the award for valorous actions taken while under enemy fire at a patrol base near Tarmiyah, Iraq Feb. 19. Pictured from left to right are: South Garnett, S.C. native Sgt. 1st Class Freddie Housey, Staff Sgt. James Copeland, who hails from Kirwin, Kansas; Sgt. Silvio Ortega of Hialeah, Fla. and Quincy, Ill. native Spc. Matthew Olps. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Cupp, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs)



### **Shaking hands with a hero.jpg**

Col. Paul E. Funk II, commander, 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division shakes the hand of Marysville, Calif. native Spc. Pao Vang of Company D, 2nd "Stallion" Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment after presenting Vang

with the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device during an award ceremony on Camp Taji, Iraq Nov. 23. Vang received the medal for actions taken during an enemy attack on a joint security station in Tarmiyah Feb. 19 in which Vang reestablished communications to call in reinforcements and air assets to help save the lives of his fellow Soldiers. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Cupp, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs)



**Receiving a Bronze Star Medal with V device from brigade commander.jpg**

Col. Paul E. Funk II, commander, 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, presents the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for valor to Raymond, N.H. native Spc. Nathaniel Patterson of Company D, 2nd "Stallion" Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment during an award ceremony on Camp Taji, Iraq Nov. 23. Patterson received the medal for actions taken while under enemy fire in Tarmiyah, Iraq Feb. 19 during an engagement with insurgents in which he administered medical aid to his fellow Soldiers. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Cupp, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs)



**SGT Garcia receives ARCOM with V.jpg**

Col. Paul E. Funk II, commander, 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, presents the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for valor to Bryan, Texas native Sgt. Luis Garcia of Company D, 2nd "Stallion" Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment during an award ceremony on Camp Taji, Iraq Nov. 23. Garcia received the award for helping to pull security and evacuate his fellow Soldiers during an enemy attack in Tarmiyah, Iraq Feb. 19. Garcia also received a Purple Heart Metal for wounds sustained in the attack. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Cupp, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs)



**SPC Byington receives ARCOM with V device.jpg**

Col. Paul E. Funk II, commander, 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division attaches the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device to the blouse of Spc. James Byington of Company D, 2nd "Stallion" Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, who hails from Kingsport, Tenn., during an award ceremony on Camp Taji, Iraq Nov. 23. Byington received the award for valor for actions he took while under fire during an enemy attack in Tarmiyah, Iraq Feb. 19. In addition to this award, Byington also received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in the engagement. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Cupp, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs)



**Wallace receives ARCOM with V for valor.jpg**

Col. Paul E. Funk II, commander, 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division presents the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device to Highlands Ranch, Colo. native Capt. Corey Wallace, executive officer of Company D, 2nd "Stallion" Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, during an award ceremony on Camp Taji, Iraq Nov. 23. Wallace received the medal for valor for actions taken Feb. 19 after an enemy attack on a joint security station in Tarmiyah, Iraq. While under fire, Wallace helped to move wounded and dazed Soldiers out of danger and through his leadership, prevented the enemy from

overrunning his troops' position. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Cupp, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs)