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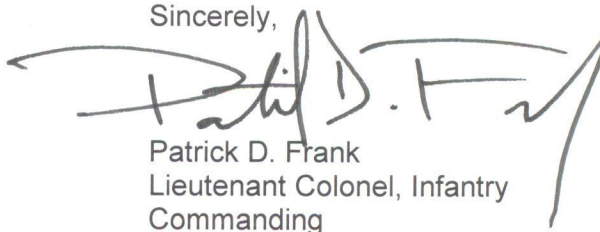


Black Lion Veterans,

The Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment are presently in Baghdad providing security for the citizens of the Iraqi capitol. As we conduct our uncasing ceremony here at Forward Operating Base Falcon, we look with pride on the 32 campaign streamers on the Battalion's colors. Soldiers within 1-28 Infantry know the courage, determination, and Warrior Ethos demonstrated by our Veterans to earn the campaign streamers. We could have no better symbol for the Battalion; our Soldiers have formed a bond with the Black Lion crest and proudly salute with the motto "Black Lions Sir." The Battalion has conducted a rigorous training density to arrive at this point. Black Lion Soldiers are well trained, confident, and strongly believe in our mission. We will continue in the long line of professional Black Lions as the Battalion is victorious over insurgent forces and provides stability to a democratic Iraq.

No mission too difficult – No sacrifice to great – Duty First! BLACK LIONS!

Sincerely,



Patrick D. Frank
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry
Commanding