



Scheduled Army Brigade Combat (BCT) Deployments to Iraq, 2009-2010

According to Veterans for America (VFA) research, the Army Brigade Combat Teams (BCT's) listed below are scheduled to be deployed to Iraq in 2009 and 2010.

VFA calls on the Obama Administration to ensure that before a BCT is deployed that two principles – both supported by President Obama during the presidential campaign – are followed: 1) no servicemember is deployed who has had inadequate dwell time and 2) our National Guard is returned to its traditional role of primarily focusing on preparing for and responding to contingences at home.

For more information on VFA, please visit: www.veteransforamerica.org or email us at: veteransforamerica@gmail.com.

Active-Duty Army.....	2
1st Armored Division, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Bliss, TX).....	2
1st Infantry Division, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Riley, KS).....	2
2nd Infantry Division, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Lewis, WA).....	2
82nd Airborne Division, 1st Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Bragg, NC).....	3
82nd Airborne Division, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Bragg, NC).....	3
Army National Guard.....	5
2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division (Pennsylvania).....	5
32nd Brigade Combat Team (Wisconsin).....	5
41st Brigade Combat Team (Oregon).....	5
72nd Brigade Combat Team (Texas).....	6
155th Brigade Combat Team (Mississippi).....	6
256th Brigade Combat Team (Louisiana).....	6
278th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Tennessee).....	7

Active-Duty Army

Note: Fatality figures in this report are derived from two primary sources: Department of Defense, Operation Iraqi Freedom: Military Deaths from March 19, 2003 by Name as of February 21, 2009, http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/oif_list_of_names.pdf; Department of Defense, Operation Enduring Freedom: Military Deaths from October 7, 2001 by Name as of February 21, 2009, http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/oef_list_of_names.pdf. VFA would appreciate any additional information to ensure that these figures are as reliable as possible.

1st Armored Division, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Bliss, TX)

- Tours:
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): November 2006 to January 2008: 15-month deployment, 31 fatalities
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Spring/Summer 2009: Estimated 12-month deployment¹
- The November 2006 to January 2008 tour was the second Iraq tour for most sub-units of the 4th BCT. The 2/12 Cavalry was previously part of the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Brigade, and deployed to Iraq from January 2004 to March 2005. The 2/7 Cavalry and 1/9 Cavalry were previously part of the 1st Cavalry Division, 3rd Brigade, and deployed to Iraq from April 2004 to April 2005.

1st Infantry Division, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Riley, KS)

- Tours:
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): February 2007 to April 2008: 14-month deployment, 38 fatalities
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Spring/Summer 2009: Estimated 12-month deployment²
- The 4th BCT was stood up in Ft. Riley in 2006, and deployed slightly over a year after it activated.

2nd Infantry Division, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Lewis, WA)

- Tours:

¹ Chris Roberts, "A changed role: 4-1 Armored prepares for 12-month deployment," *El Paso Times*, February 9, 2009.

² John Milburn, "Military readiness issue in Kan. 2nd," *Associated Press*, October 30, 2008.

- Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): November 2003 to November 2004: 12-month deployment, 20 fatalities
- Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): June 2006 to September 2007: 15-month deployment, 47 fatalities
- Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Spring/Summer 2009: Estimated 12-month deployment³
- The 3rd SBCT's second deployment was extended by 90 days to support the surge in April 2007.⁴

82nd Airborne Division, 1st Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Bragg, NC)

- Tours:
 - Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF): December 2002 to August 2003: 8-month deployment, 3 fatalities
 - Six months dwell-time between first and second tours
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): January 2004 to April 2004: 4-month deployment, 8 fatalities
 - Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF): May 2005 to May 2006: 12-month deployment, 4 fatalities
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): June 2007 to July 2008: 13-month deployment, 9 fatalities⁵
 - Potentially less than one-to-one dwell time between tours, depending on exact date of next deployment
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Spring/Summer 2009: Estimated 12-month deployment⁶

82nd Airborne Division, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Ft. Bragg, NC)

- Tours:
 - Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF): January 2007 to April 2008: 15-month deployment; 17 fatalities

³ Scott Fontaine, "Troops get dress rehearsal for Iraq," *The News Tribune* (Tacoma, WA), November 4, 2008.

⁴ Donna Miles, "Stryker Troop Returns to Families; Unit Cared for by Rear Detachment," *American Forces Press Service*, September 11, 2007.

⁵ Sarah Reid, "Friends, family welcome home 1st Brigade Combat Team," *The Fayette Observer* (Fayetteville, NC), July 14, 2008.

⁶ Gina Cavallaro, "Your new deployments; 20,000 to Iraq; others could shift to Afghanistan," *Army Times*, October 13, 2008.

- Potentially less than one-to-one dwell time between tours, depending on exact date of next deployment
- Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Summer 2009: Estimated 12-month deployment⁷

⁷ Ibid; Henry Cuninghame, “4th Brigade Combat Team keeps busy,” *The Fayette Observer* (Fayetteville, NC), December 31, 2008.

Army National Guard

Note: Fatality figures in this report are derived from two primary sources: Department of Defense, Operation Iraqi Freedom: Military Deaths from March 19, 2003 by Name as of February 21, 2009, http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/oif_list_of_names.pdf; Department of Defense, Operation Enduring Freedom: Military Deaths from October 7, 2001 by Name as of February 21, 2009, http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/oef_list_of_names.pdf. VFA would appreciate any additional information to ensure that these figures are as reliable as possible.

2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division (Pennsylvania)

- Scheduled to mobilize in early 2010
- Tours:
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): June 2005 to July 2006: 13-month deployment, 7 fatalities
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): 2010: Estimated 12-month mobilization⁸

32nd Brigade Combat Team (Wisconsin)

- Scheduled to deploy February 2009
- Tours:
 - OIF: February 2009 to February 2010; Estimated 12-month mobilization⁹
- Half of the 32nd BCT's Soldiers have at least one previous deployment¹⁰

41st Brigade Combat Team (Oregon)

- Scheduled to mobilize summer/fall 2009
- Tours:
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): May 2003 to May 2004: 12-month deployment, 8 fatalities

⁸ Brad Rhen, "Stryker Brigade Callup: Sept. 19," *The Lebanon Daily News* (Pennsylvania), May 20, 2008.

⁹ Patricia Simms, "State soldiers to go to Iraq," *Wisconsin State Journal* (Madison, WI), January 28, 2009.

¹⁰ Ibid.

- Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF): June 2006 to July 2007: 13-month deployment, 2 fatalities
- Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): May 2009: Estimated 12-month mobilization¹¹
- The upcoming deployment will be the largest of the Oregon National Guard since World War II.¹²
- The 41st BCT will have had less than three years of dwell time between its second and third tours.

72nd Brigade Combat Team (Texas)

- Scheduled to mobilize late 2009 and deploy early 2010
- Tours:
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): 2010: Estimated 12-month mobilization¹³

155th Brigade Combat Team (Mississippi)

- Estimated to mobilize in summer 2009
- Tours:
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): August 2004 to January 2006: 18-month mobilization, 15 fatalities
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Summer 2009: Estimated 12-month mobilization¹⁴
- First tour to Iraq was the largest deployment of the Mississippi National Guard since World War II.¹⁵

256th Brigade Combat Team (Louisiana)

- Scheduled to mobilize 2010

¹¹ Martha Schrader, "Serving Our Soldiers: Tough questions, tougher answers," *The Oregonian* (Portland, OR), August 15, 2008.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ US Army, "Four National Guard Brigades Alerted for 2009 Iraq Operations," May 19, 2008.

¹⁴ Zack McMillin, "Called to Serve - Sacrifice is understood: Mid-South Guardsmen preparing for return to Iraq embrace mission to carry out foreign policy edicts no matter who's in White House," *The Commercial Appeal* (Memphis, TN), September 21, 2008.

¹⁵ Holbrook Mohr, "Mississippi Armed Forces museum to honor Iraq veterans in 155th," *Associated Press*, May 30, 2006.

- Tours:
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): August 2004 to September 2005: 13-month deployment, 22 fatalities
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): 2010: Estimated 12-month deployment¹⁶

278th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Tennessee)

- Estimated to deploy after October 2009
- Tours:
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): November 2004 to November 2005: 12-month deployment, 10 fatalities
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)/Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF): October 2009: Estimated 12-month mobilization¹⁷
- Approximately 50 percent to 60 percent of the unit's Soldiers have served a tour in Iraq.¹⁸

¹⁶ "Five Guard Brigades Alerted for Deployments," *National Guard*, June 2008.

¹⁷ "278th Cavalry Regiment to deploy in 2009," *Chattanooga Times Free Press* (Tennessee), May 22, 2008.

¹⁸ Matt Lakin, "278th gets battle-ready," *Knoxville News-Sentinel* (Tennessee), June 8, 2008.