



Photos 1-3:

1. Capt. John T. Tucker, III '95, left, and Capt. Louis Manning '94, both of the 3rd Infantry Division, pose in front of Saddam Hussein's Baghdad palace in April.

2. Maj. Ted M. Hankes '96, DVM, stationed in Bagram, Afghanistan, adds a little touch of home to his bomb-detecting labrador.

3. Capt. John E. Cole '94, battery commander for the 1-41 Field Artillery, in Kuwait in March, prior to his division's attack across the border.



4. M-16-bearing Jennifer A. Sporn '91, left, chaplain's assistant for Marine Air Group 39, poses with her colleagues July 4 in Iraq.

In Harm's Way

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Editor's note: Although the predecessor of *Auburn Magazine*, the old *Auburn Alum-news*, printed alumni troop contact information during the first Gulf War more than a decade ago, the recent war against terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq has truly been the first "digital war" in American history. Much more so than in 1991, the increased use of e-mail has allowed troops to stay in fairly regular contact with friends and family back home. In addition, the development of inexpensive and rugged digital cameras has made it easy to send photos over the Internet, leading to an

unprecedented flood of photos sent back home by soldiers in the field.

For the first time, we have seen conflicts in far away lands through the eyes of the participants themselves rather than the lenses of professional photographers. So many military alumni serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, have been kind enough to share their photos that we decided to share them with our readers as well. We also hope you will take the time to visit our Tiger Troops listing at www.aualum.org. Write and share your support with our Auburn alumni serving in harm's way.



Photos 5-11:

5. F-16 pilot Capt. Brian Wolf '92. 6. Ted M. Hanks '96, DVM, on a camel treatment mission. 7. Children in Afghanistan. 8. Military Police Sgt. Trey Thrower '00 in his Baghdad tent and in uniform. 9. Lt. Col. Edward "Ned" Linch '85 by his F-16 loaded with a one-ton bomb, on which were scrawled his children's names. 10. 1Lt. Erik S. Waddell '00 in Umm Qasr, Iraq. 11. From left, Maj. Kurt Osuch '91, Maj. Phil Chandler '88, Lt. Col. Alan Sanders '77, and Maj. Ray McFall '86 of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at one of Hussein's palaces.



Photos 12-14:

12. Capt. John Cole '94, Capt. John Tucker '95, and Capt. Louis Manning '94, all of the 3rd Infantry Division, in March prior to the start of the Iraqi ground war. 13. Maj. Jerry Martin '85, Maj. Tom Whatley '94, Maj. Robert Brown '95, Maj. John Allan Lowe '88, and Maj. William "Bo" Blackwell. 14. 1Lt. Larry B. Hicks '93 of the 161st Area Support Medical Battalion at Umm Qasr, Iraq.



Photos 15-20:

15. Under Tiger eyes, John Moseley '88 flies his AH-64D Apache Longbow Attack Helicopter in Iraq with the 101st Airborne.



16. Submarine USS Newport News department heads Lt. Tim Poe '94 (navigator), left, Lt. Cmdr. Doug Jordan '91 (weapons), and Lt. Cmdr. B. Dennis Barker '92 (engineer).



17. Capt. Kevin Nemelka '00, DVM, left, and Maj. Chris Lanier '96, DVM, who both serve in the Army Veterinary Corps, salute their alma mater from Balad, Iraq.



18. Alabama Governor Bob Riley, left; Lt. Col. Edward "Ned" Linch, III '85, far right, receives the Distinguished Flying Cross for his F-16 piloting in March during a night mission which provided air cover for enemy-surrounded special forces in Iraq.



19. Hurricane Hunters of the 53rd Expeditionary Weather Recon Squadron, serving in the Pacific with Operation Enduring Freedom, from left: Capt. Dwayne Russell '89, Capt Rob Light '91, Maj. Dave Kessler '88, and Lt. Col. Bill Sims '70.



20. Capt. John Beck with the 926 Engineer Group in Mosul, Iraq, sends a message home.

