

## FACT SHEET

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### 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED)

#### "IVY DIVISION" / "IRON HORSE"

The 4th Infantry Division was deployed for its second rotation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in November of 2005. Most of the units spent a few weeks in transit at Camp Buehring in Kuwait , training and preparing for operations before arriving in Iraq . The majority of the 4th Infantry Division reached central and southern Iraq by January of 2006 while a detachment of 350 4th ID support brigade troops were deployed earlier, in September of 2005, to coordinate the transfer of the division's equipment.

The 4th Infantry Division is the Army's First Digitized Division. Today, the 4th Infantry Division is the most lethal, modern, and deployable heavy division in the world; it is prepared to conduct full-spectrum combat operations. It is organized with seven Brigade-sized elements: four maneuver brigades, a combat aviation brigade, division artillery, and division support command. The 4th Inf. Div. is one of the units benefiting from this expansion as it welcomes the formation of the 4th Brigade Combat Team and an additional 5,000 Soldiers to its combat forces.

The 4th Infantry Division is the decisive element of III Corps, the nation's Counteroffensive Force, which forms the nucleus of the Army's capability to fight and win decisively over the next 15 to 20 years. The continued modernization and re-capitalization of the Counter Offensive Force is a critical requirement - this force provides America 's war winning capability for the nation while the Army transforms to the Objective Force.

The 4th Infantry Division nickname, the "Ivy Division," comes from the design of its shoulder patch: four green ivy leaves joined at the stem and opening at the four corners. The word "Ivy" is a play on the roman numeral four, IV. Ivy leaves are symbolic of tenacity and fidelity, the basis of the Division's motto, "Steadfast and Loyal".

The 4th Infantry Division is leading the United States Army into the 21st century under the banner of Force XXI. They are busy developing and testing state of the art digital communications equipment, night fighting gear, advanced weaponry, and doctrine to prepare the Army for wars in the next century. Recently, the division has adopted the nickname "Iron Horse" to better reflect the power they possess.

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