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## SOLDIERS OF V CORPS' 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION GET COMBAT PATCHES ON D-DAY ANNIVERSARY

### 1st Infantry Division release

**TIKRIT, Iraq** – Combat patches were presented to Soldiers of V Corps' 1st Infantry Division and Task Force Danger in ceremonies throughout north-central Iraq June 6.



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*Maj. Gen. John R.S. Batiste, commander of V Corps' 1st Infantry Division and Task Force Danger, presents a Soldier with his 1st Infantry Division combat patch for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom, in a ceremony*

The ceremonies presenting the patch, officially known as the Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service, had added significance, as they were conducted on the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion at Normandy. Thousands of 1st Infantry Division Soldiers gave their lives in the Normandy assault.

"This is a great day to reflect on the sacrifices of so many and connect the past to the present," said Maj. Gen. John R.S. Batiste, 1st Infantry Division commander. "You are now joining the ranks of your fathers and grandfathers who have worn this patch in the past. You are all veterans tested under fire."

