

## **Third Infantry Division is First Active Army Command to Adopt Groundbreaking “Remember My Service” Historical Record Program**

*Nearly 17,000 Soldiers to receive Battalion-specific interactive historical records upon return from Iraq and AFG; First RMS program in the Army; Program is sponsored by MWR*

Salt Lake City, UT ([PRWEB](#)) February 16, 2010 -- Nearly 17,000 Soldiers of the Third Infantry Division of Ft. Stewart, Georgia, will receive Battalion-specific historical records upon their return from deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan this year, Remember My Service announced today. After successful development of the program with several state National Guard units since 2007, this will be the largest RMS program to date, and the first to be adopted by an active Army Division. The 3ID recently deployed through the end of 2010.

“This is more than their history – this is their legacy,” explains Sharlene Hawkes, president of Remember My Service. “This is what they will share with children and grandchildren about what they did, who they served with, what sacrifices they made, and why. Major General Anthony Cucolo and his staff fully understand the importance of communicating the story of their service to the families and the public. This important legacy shouldn’t be hidden in dusty archives—it should be broadly distributed.”

The comprehensive and unprecedented (in the Army) interactive DVD-ROMs will be presented to each soldier at a post-deployment ceremony. The records include hundreds of digital pages with photos, videos, text, hyperlinks to documents and news articles, news broadcasts, video interviews, messages from leadership, and bios of each soldier.

“This is not a yearbook or a video slideshow,” Hawkes emphasizes. “It’s a multimedia interactive tool that honors the service of each soldier by integrating everything the Public Affairs Officers and Historians already collect, but simply don’t have the personnel or time resources to accomplish.”

The Army’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command (MWR) is a sponsor of the flagship program.

“Lessons learned from the 3ID experience – and the related studies by the National Center for Veterans Studies – have the potential to more effectively inform the services and support we provide our soldiers and families,” explains Rich Gorman, COO of the MWR.

The National Center for Veterans Studies (NCVS), housed at the University of Utah, is conducting a study with volunteer soldiers from the 3ID to assess the impact of the historical DVD-ROM and its accompanying hardbound journal on overall stress and morale.

“The Remember My Service historical record has potential to have broad and significant impact on the well-being of soldiers and their families at a critical time in American history,” states David Rudd, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Utah, where all research is being coordinated. “The RMS historical record has the potential for reach and impact well beyond its original purpose, specifically due to the questions included in the journal to encourage a private, and deeply personal, therapeutic processing experience.”

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