The Surge
Petraeus gets lucky

• January 07—Decision to increase troops in Iraq
• Add 5 bdes—2 to Baghdad, 3 to the “belts”—30,000 extra boots on the ground
• Petraeus is the first cmdr to have this luxury—and he uses it wisely
• April 07—Creates a new military region—MND-C—to increase permanent presence
2 Brigades—4 Brigades
• Still a huge AO-40,000 sq km (West Vir)
• Most ungarrisoned, but 14,000 sq km (Maryland) is responsibility of MND-C—but AOs Defender and Scimitar are Iraqi responsibility
The Boss:
MG Rick Lynch
CG, 3d Infantry Division,
TF Marne, and MND-C

Armor officer in command of a heavy unit

COIN is no mystery; “kill bad guys” or at least push them away—then stay to ensure rebuilding

No choice between population-centric and enemy-centric COIN
The Mission

• Halt “accelerants” of violence into Baghdad
• MND-C is one of only two “mixed” AOs—Sunni and Shiite militias

• Maintain permanent presence in former insurgent sanctuaries

• A simple mission—when you more than double troop strength. By July 07 Lynch controlled his battle space
Permanent Presence—New Bases

- April 07—14 operational bases in MND-C
- August 07—29 bases
- December 07—46 bases
- May 08—56 bases
The Fight

• No “friendly” presence for 2 yrs; AQ prepared ground with IEDs—very slow progress

• Some smalls arms engagements and indirect fire attacks
Operation Marne Torch

MARNE TORCH ACTIVITY LAST 24 HRS

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0530: C/1-40 CAV reports striking an IED; 1 US WIA
0838: 1-30 IN fired 2 Excalibur rounds at a structure rigged to explode; ATK AVN engaged a possible VBIED bus with Hellfire
1050: B/1-30 IN reports finding an IED; 5 lbs HME
1110: E/1-30 IN reports finding an IED
1302: D/1-15 IN reports patrol received an RPG then SAF from 2 AIF
2220: C/3-1 CAV reports a patrol striking an IED, responding unit encountered SAF enroute to location; No injuries or damage to equipment
2245: 2/3 HBCT reports an IED strike enroute to FOB Falcon; 1 US WIA, no damage to equipment
2355: C/1-40 CAV reports detaining 1 LN
0003 – 0127: B1-B conducts kinetic strikes against 12 separate targets to cut AIF LOCs; 8 GBU-31s, 8 GBU-38s
0107: C/1-40 CAV reports detaining 4 LNs
0237: B/1-40 CAV reports arresting 1 LN at target BLDG 107A; No injuries or damage to equipment
1. **MARNE TORCH**  
   (15 MAY – 30 JUL)  
   Full-spectrum operations to defeat AQAM and Sunni extremists in ARAB JABOUR to deny its use as a staging area for accelerants.

2. **MARNE AVALANCHE**  
   (01 JUL – 15 AUG)  
   Full-spectrum operations to disrupt AQIZ/ Sunni and Shi’a extremists in AO Eindhoven to deny its usage as a staging area for accelerants.

3. **MARNE HUSKY**  
   (T) ISF-led full-spectrum operations to interdict JAM smuggling operations north into Baghdad and deny insurgent sanctuary.

4. **MARNE SENTRY**  
   (10 AUG – )  
   Full-spectrum operations to interdict the flow of accelerants into Baghdad and reinforce the Iraqi border to prevent the movement of accelerants through the province.
Reconciliation

• First priority—security; zero reconciliation before 3d ID established permanent presence

• Then reconciliation—36,000 “concerned citizens” by spring 08

• Mostly Sunni, though some Shiites by late 07
RECONCILIATION PRIORITIES OVERVIEW

1. RADWINIYAH-ZAIDON
   **Tribe/Group:** Zuwayhi and Zobi, 1920's RB
   **Leaders:** Sheik Asfok Agill Shallal; Sheik Khairi
   **Stance:** Willing to fight AQI
   **Recent Reporting:** 12 caches, Bde HVI, IPV man 14 Checkpoints
   **Way Ahead:** Engage Sheiks to discuss 3 focus areas: 1) Zaidon/Radwaniyah 2) S. Abu Ghraib 3) Sacra Al Yusufiyah

2. SALMAN PAK
   **Tribe:** Al Jabouri
   **Leader:** Sheik Husayn Al Jabouri
   **Stance:** Will establish IPV.
   **Recent Reporting:** 3 caches.

3. ARAB JABOUR
   **Tribe:** (12) Sunni & Shia mix
   **Leader:** Sheik Tawfiq Al-Jaburi
   **Stance:** Willing to provide intel.
   **Recent Reporting:** Caches, IEDs, AQI safe houses
   **Way Ahead:** Continue to work sources for intel and local guards

4. JURF AS SAKHR
   **Key Groups:** (6) Janabi, Qarguli, Jabour, Dulaymi, others
   **Leaders:** Sheik Fadel Kareem Youseef Al-Janabi, Imad Ghurtani
   **Stance:** Sheiks will fight AQI.
   **Recent Reporting:** Sheik Taha ready to fight for GOI. JAI fighting AQI.
   **Way Ahead:** MNF-I must engage with GOI to assist Sunni IPV in Shia area

5. WASIT
   **Tribes:** (18 tribes) Sunni & Shia; Al-Abudi, Al-Kinani
   **Leaders:** Sheik Hamid Chomigh al-Abudi, Sheik Qasim Aoda al-Abudi, COL Abd-al-aal Jabar al-Fatlawi
   **Stance:** Sheiks agree to secure the border
   **Recent Reporting:** NSTR
   **Way Ahead:** Engage provincial governor to gain support for CF and tribes’ plan
New Phase

MNC-I – Phantom Phoenix—Jan 2008

• Emphasis on rebuilding—because security largely in place

• Opns required less “kinetics”

• Sol were a factor

• Confirms the necessity of emphasizing security first
“Relentless Pursuit”—but how far?
TF Marne Bows Out

- Turned over MND-C to 10th Mtn Div in June
- Surge ends in July when 2d Bde, 3d Inf Div redeployed
- Most other bdes not replaced when they leave—MND-C goes back to being roughly a two-bde force
- Balance sheet:
Conclusions

• Numbers matter: Boots on the ground were the essential ingredient

• Turns 80 percent military, 20 percent political on its head
  – All gains came from security; political change follows
  – Few “hearts and minds” to be won—most people have their minds made up. But they all want security from violence

• No “strategic choice” between population vs. enemy centers of gravity.

• Final Verdict: Surge bought US and Iraq time. Can any more be expected in COIN?
Questions?