



Interview with Col J. Mike Murray

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Colonel John Mike Murray served as commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq from March 2004 to March 2005. His area of responsibility began as the Green Zone (later called the International Zone) and included essentially Baghdad proper. Primary duties included the escort mission for the Coalition Provisional Authority/US Embassy. His proximity to the CPA allowed him ready access to various advisors and the opportunity to observe the CPA s and the US Embassy s operational behavior before and after the transfer of sovereignty on 28 June 2004. Predeployment training included cultural preparation trips to Jordan and realistic training at the Joint Readiness Training Center. Murray held a consistent focus on sustaining it in theater by forming and fostering a lot of personal relationships with the Iraqi people and requiring his soldiers to learn at least some Arabic prior to deployment. He acknowledges that there are almost no differences between a National Guard unit and an Active Duty unit . after six months. Various lessons learned evolved during the deployment. First,...



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