

Kid Rock and “I STRIKE” Baghdad

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Sather Airbase, Iraq – Task Force C-RAM spend some time with none other than Kid Rock during his visit to Sather Airbase, Iraq. The “Tour for the Troops 2009”, also included comedian Carlos Mencia and singer/songwriter Jessie James. The two week event, which began in Europe and will travel throughout Southwest Asia, is their way of thanking U.S. Service members for their work and sacrifices.

Photo left: Kid Rock visits the Soldiers and sailors of TF 3-3 ADA in Iraq

Members of Task Force C-RAM attended the concert which was held in Baghdad. This was the largest held USO event held this year in Iraq. The concert was a great event and gave the task force a little piece of home.

Immediately following the concert Echo Battery, 5-52 ADA along with Sailors hosted Kid Rock, and Mencia, at Gun. During the event Task Force C-RAM provided indirect fire protection for the 4000 Service members that attended the event.

Upon arrival to Gun Eagle Kid Rock was anxiously greeted by the crew of Eagle. The gun crew escorted Kid Rock around the site. During the visit the VIP’s signed autographs and spent time with members of the task force. The celebrity visit culminated with the live fire of the Land Based Phalanx Weapon System. Kid Rock climbed into the gun mount and squeezed off several hundred rounds of 20 mm. The tracer fire lit up the sky over watching the Airbase. After firing the gun he walked out of the gunners hatch with a big smile on his face and he looked at Carlos Mencia and said “it’s your turn”. Mencia fired the gun and told Kid Rock, “I fired more rounds than you did”.

CPL Joel Goffinett, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana and Team Leader in TF C-RAM said “I am a big fan of Kid Rock and it was a huge surprise that someone famous would take time out of their schedule to come all the way over to Iraq to see us during the Holiday season”.

“This was a nice break for my Soldiers and Sailors and this event reminded us that the American people are behind us and our mission”- First Sergeant Robert Navarro, Echo Battery, 5-52 ADA.

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