

# Soldier returns from Iraq

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Reporter

U.S. Staff Sergeant Morris Terry wanted it known that he has returned to Houston County after his most recent tour of duty in Iraq. When asked if conditions were really bad, he said, "It's worse than reported in the news."

He was first deployed to Iraq from March 2003 to April 2004 then again from November 2005 to November 2006. Before he came home on Nov. 10, the soldier re-listed for six more years!

Terry attended Lovelady schools until his senior year. He lived with an aunt in Guthrie, Okla. and graduated from high school there. His brothers Maurice, Jr., Mark and Derrick and sister Vanessa all graduated from Lovelady High School.

After working at odd jobs for awhile, Terry was employed for three years with TDC; he joined the army in December 1999. He said, "I just couldn't do that anymore. I felt I was just wasting my potential."

He is the son of the late Maurice Terry, Sr. and Irene Terry, formerly of Lovelady who now lives in Crockett and grandson of Jimmy Horace and Rosa Horace of Groveton.

Terry remembers seeing Carl Eason in Kuwait when Eason recognized him on the street as a fellow Loveladian. Eason is the soldier from the Lovelady community who recently lost his life in Iraq only four days before he was to leave the country and 36 days before he was to come home.

He said he looked for Eason in Iraq but never saw him



Morris Terry

again. Terry said that he was devastated when he heard the younger man had been killed.

As for SPC Quenton

Watson, a relative who also happens to be from Lovelady, Terry said he never met up with him. Watson was due to leave Kuwait on Tuesday.

Terry has been on leave and is due to report to Ft. Jackson, S.C. next week when his 30 days are up. The staff sergeant's new job at Ft. Jackson will be as Drill Sergeant/Weapons Instructor.

He's with Unit Bravo Company, 28<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division out of Ft. Hood, Killeen. He said all but three of his company returned to the states with him.

Terry said that he is happy to be home and is looking forward to the next phase in his Army career.

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