

Codel Platts Itinerary
(Reps. Todd Platts, Steve Lynch, and Marcia Blackburn)
Germany, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, and Spain
Wednesday, March 23 – Tuesday, March 29

Wednesday, March 23

Departed Andrews Air Force Base at 6:00 p.m. via U.S. Air Force C-37.

Thursday, March 24

Arrived at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday Meetings/Visits:

1) U.S. Air Force Europe (USAFE) – Ramstein AFB (Command Briefing)

Lieutenant General Art Lichte
Vice Commander, U.S. Air Force Europe

2) U.S. – Germany Relations – Ramstein AFB (Country Briefing)

Mr. Peter Bodde
U.S. Consul General, Frankfurt

3) Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) – Landstuhl, Germany (Briefing and Patient Visits)

Colonel Mark Ediger

LRMC Staff Members

Injured U.S. Army and Marine Corps Personnel

4) U.S. Air Force Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility (CASF) – Ramstein AFB (Operations Briefing)

CASF Medical Staff and USO Personnel

5) Ramstein AFB Personnel (Lunch Visit)

Various Ramstein AFB Personnel, including 19th District resident Technical Sgt. Glenn Ackerman of Mechanicsburg

6) Ramstein AFB (Base Tour and Transformation Briefing)

Lieutenant General Art Lichte
Vice Commander, U.S. Air Force Europe

Brigadier General Roseann Bailey
Ramstein AFB Commander

Friday, March 25

Departed Ramstein AFB

Arrived Jerusalem, Israel at 1:00 p.m.

Friday Meeting:

1) Israel/Palestinian Security Transition – Jerusalem (Status Briefing)

Lieutenant General William Ward
Vice Commander, U.S. Army Europe

Saturday, March 26

Saturday Meetings/Visits:

1) Israel/Palestinian Peace Process – Jerusalem (Status Briefing)

Mr. David Pearce
U.S. Consul General, Jerusalem

2) Palestinian Authority – Ramallah

Honorable Abu Ala
Prime Minister
Palestinian Authority

Mr. David Pearce
U.S. Consul General, Jerusalem

3) Israel/Palestinian Peace Process – Jerusalem (Canceled due to family emergency)

Honorable Saeb Erekat
Chief Negotiator

Palestinian Authority

Sunday, March 27

Sunday Meetings/Visits:

1) Israeli Ministry of Defense, Tel Aviv (Middle East Briefing)

Major General (Ret.) Amos Gilad
Director of Political-Military Affairs
Israeli Ministry of Defense

Honorable David Kerchner
American Ambassador to Israel

2) Israel/Palestinian Peace Process – Tel Aviv

Honorable David Kerchner
American Ambassador to Israel

Departed Tel Aviv, Israel. Arrived Amman, Jordan at 1:30 p.m.

3) Jordanian International Training Center (JITC) – Amman (Site Tour/Briefing)

JITC staff responsible for training Iraqi police officers

Monday, March 28

Departed Amman, Jordan. Arrived Baghdad, Iraq at 9:45 a.m.

Monday Meetings/Visits:

1) Multi-National Force - Iraq (MNF-I) - U.S. Embassy, Baghdad (Command Briefing)

General George Casey
Commanding General, MNF-I

Mr. Jim Jeffrey
Charges D'Affairs
U.S. Embassy in Baghdad

3) Multi-National Security Training Command - Iraq (MNST-I) – Phoenix Base, Baghdad (Command Briefing)

Lieutenant General David Petraeus
Commanding General, MNST-I

Colonel John Martin
Military and Political Advisor, MNST-I

Departed Baghdad. Arrived Tikrit, Iraq.

4) 42nd Infantry Division (42nd ID) – Tikrit, Iraq (Lunch Meeting with Troops)

Troops from 42nd ID Task Force 1-103 AR, including 19th district residents Lieutenant Colonel Phil Logan (TF Commander, Camp Hill) and Captain Doug Davis (TF Fire Support Officer, Shippensburg). Lt. Col. Logan and Cpt. Davis are two of approximately 600 Pennsylvania National Guard Troops currently serving with the 42nd ID.

5) 42nd Infantry Division (42nd ID) – Tikrit, Iraq (Operations and Intelligence Briefing)

Major General Joseph Taluto
Commanding General, 42nd ID

Brigadier General Paul Genereux
Deputy Commander, 42nd ID

Various 42nd ID Headquarters Staff

Departed Tikrit. Arrived Camp Liberty, Baghdad.

6) Multi-National Division – Baghdad (MND-B) – Camp Liberty, Baghdad (Command Update Briefing)

Major General William Webster
Commanding General, MND-B)

Various MND-B Task Force Commanders and Headquarters Staff

7) Multi-National Division – Baghdad (MND-B) – Camp Liberty, Baghdad (Dinner Meeting with Troops)

MND-B Troops

Departed Baghdad. Arrived Amman, Jordan at 10:00 p.m. Departed Amman. Arrived U.S. Naval Station at Rota, Spain at 2:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 29

Tuesday Meetings/Visits:

1) U.S. Naval Station (NSR) - Rota, Spain (Command Briefing and Base Tour)

Captain John Orem
Commanding Officer, NSR

Commander Joe Yudiski
Supply Officer, NSR

2) U.S. Naval Station (NSR) - Rota, Spain (Class Visit - Department of Defense High School)

Eleventh and Twelfth Grade History Class Students, DOD School - Rota

3) U.S. Naval Station (NSR) - Rota, Spain (Lunch Meeting with Seamen)

Various NSR enlisted personnel

4) U.S. Naval Station (NSR) - Rota, Spain (Class Visits - Department of Defense Elementary School)

First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Students, DOD School - Rota

5) U.S. Naval Station (NSR) - Rota, Spain (Faculty Meeting - Department of Defense Elementary, Middle, and High Schools)

Various teachers, DOD Schools - Rota

Departed Rota. Arrived Andrews Air Force Base at 9:00 p.m.