



## **“DownRange” To Cover Operations in Afghanistan and Iraq**

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 25, 2009 — Starting April 13<sup>th</sup> the Pentagon Channel brings together the experiences and stories of those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq into a daily 15-minute newscast, “DownRange”.

“DownRange” succeeds the popular “Freedom Watch Afghanistan” and “Freedom Journal Iraq” news programs currently airing by combining them into one powerful, comprehensive vehicle. Building off the successful foundation already in place, producers will ensure a solid commitment to comprehensive coverage by coordinating with military reporters, public affairs officers and commanders in the field.

“DownRange” will be available to download on the Pentagon Channel website, [www.pentagonchannel.mil](http://www.pentagonchannel.mil), or as a podcast via the iTunes music store.

### **About the Pentagon Channel**

The Pentagon Channel, the Department of Defense’s satellite television channel, broadcasts military news and information for and about the 2.6 million members of the U.S. Armed Forces -- Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve. Broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Pentagon Channel helps ensure that U.S. forces remain the best informed in the world.

Today, the Pentagon Channel is available on-base to more than 1.3 million service members who live and work on over 365 military bases, camps and installations in the U.S. The channel is also available to the nearly one million service members and their families serving overseas in 177 countries via the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS).

The Pentagon Channel reaches more than 16 million households through commercial distribution on satellite and cable systems nationwide. DISH Network, Verizon FiOS and divisions of Comcast, Time Warner, Cox, Charter, Mediacom, RCN, Armstrong, Midcontinent, Knology, GCI, and a number of smaller cable companies and local access channels in communities around the country carry the Pentagon Channel.

In addition, Pentagon Channel programming is streamed live 24/7 at <http://www.pentagonchannel.mil>, is available via video-on-demand, and podcast – both audio and video - from this website.

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