

NET Radio Series on Five-Year Anniversary of Iraq War

LINCOLN, Neb. (March 11, 2008) -- NET Radio is airing a three-part series of feature stories on the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17-19. Each story will air at 6:33 and 8:33 a.m. CT during "Morning Edition." An audio link to each story will also be available on NET Radio's Web site (www.netNebraska.org/radio and click on Nebraska News) beginning the day of the broadcast. All that is needed to listen is access to the Internet and a free Windows Media Player program.

The series begins on Monday, March 17, with NET reporter Sarah McCammon visiting the family of Travis Ford, the first Nebraska casualty of the Iraq war. The 30-year-old Marine captain died in April 2003 in a helicopter crash south of Baghdad. Ford's brother and mother live near Ogallala. They talk with McCammon about how his absence has changed their lives.

On Tuesday, NET Radio's Fred Knapp looks at the experiences of Iraqi refugees now in Lincoln. Lincoln is home to many Iraqis who fled to this country before the war but still have relatives in Iraq. Knapp speaks to them about how the war has impacted their families both at home and abroad.

In the final story in the series on Wednesday, explores the impact of the war on the Nebraska National Guard. The mission of the Guard has changed considerably from what it was prior to the war. McCammon talks with Tim Kadavy, Adjutant General of the Nebraska National Guard, about the challenges of converting from a force that responds to national disasters in this country to one that helps fight wars overseas. The story also looks at how Guard families are coping with the changes.

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