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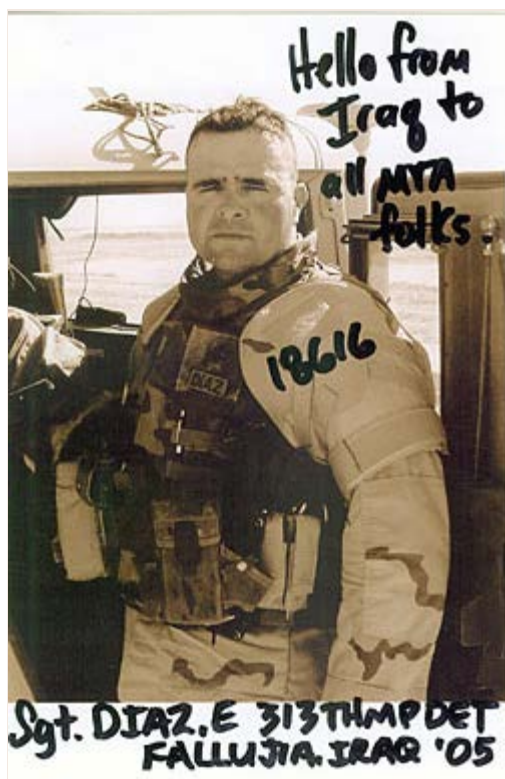
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## Need e-Help?

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EDITOR'S NOTE: (Sept. 16, 2005) This letter from Army Reserve Sgt. Erick Diaz was addressed to Metro Media Relations, but is intended for all Metro employees. Diaz, 40, joined Metro in June 1991 as a bus operator and is assigned to Gateway Division 10. In September, 2004, he was called to active duty with a military police unit and now is serving in Fallujah, Iraq, a town located about 40 miles northwest of Baghdad. He expects to be released at the end of his two-year period of service in October, 2006. Sgt. Diaz is a native of Los Angeles who now lives in Alhambra. He welcomes any correspondence from Metro employees.



Sgt. Diaz serves in Fallujah, Iraq, a town located about 40 miles northwest of Baghdad.

August 15, 1005

Fallujah, Iraq

To MTA Employees:

I hope you're doing well at home.

Iraq has been an eye-opening experience. Unfortunately, there are no MTA bus lines nor rail lines here...Ha, Ha.

But, there's plenty of insurgents to go around. But, most people here want stability and growth, but still a few make it terrible for all of us here and the people.

Fortunately, I'm with a good, well-trained unit that looks out for one another.

Well, finally my UTU, UTA and management family... I hope you all stay safe and keep moving Los Angeles forward...

Your brother in Iraq,

Sgt. Erick Diaz  
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