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THROUGH THE LENS

FEBRUARY 20, 1998: Sgt. Todd Bartley receives a warm reception from his son Chaz after returning home from seven months in Bosnia-Herzegovina. His unit, the 5694th Engineer Detachment, deployed the previous July in support of Operation Joint Guardian.



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SWAGGER STICK, 372D INFANTRY REGIMENT

This swagger stick was used by Lt. Col. James A. Nichols, commanding officer of the 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry, during World War II. While not specified as a part of the Army uniform, many officers carried them in the late 19th and early 20th century as a symbol of authority. This stick is cut down from a pool cue and has been embellished with a number of decorative paintings that include the 372d Infantry unit insignia and the shoulder sleeve insignia of the Second Service Command and Second Army.

The 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry was a segregated unit that was organized in the Ohio National Guard in 1881 as the 9th Battalion of Infantry. During World War I, the battalion fought with the French Army and was awarded the Croix De Guerre during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Today, the lineage of the unit is perpetuated by the 237th Support Battalion.

