



DECEMBER 25-31, 2023



THROUGH THE LENS

DECEMBER 25, 2008: Chaplain (Maj.) James Lewis, 371st Sustainment Brigade chaplain, leads service members through a prayer before a Christmas pageant begins at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq.



WEEK IN REVIEW

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DECEMBER 31, 1862 - JANUARY 2, 1863: The Battle of Stones River, or Murfreesboro, begins in Tennessee. After three days of back-and-forth fighting, Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg's forces abandoned the area, giving control of central Tennessee to Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans' Army of the Cumberland. During the battle, there were 2,582 Ohioans either killed or wounded and 1,103 either missing or captured.



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CHRISTMAS CARD FROM THE BEIGHTLERS

This 1944 Christmas Card was sent to Cleveland News war correspondent Raymond J. Turk, who spent 8 months in the South Pacific covering the 37th Infantry Division. The card was sent by Claire Beightler, wife of Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, 37th Infantry Division commanding general. It depicts Maj. Gen. Beightler on one side of the world in a jeep with Santa Claus and Mrs. Beightler on the other side of the world in Columbus, Ohio. The card reads "A war and the world are between us, but Bob and I still wish you an old-fashioned Merry Christmas."

