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PRESS RELEASE: Oakwood City Manager Begins Tour of Duty in Iraq

Stan Brown, an Air Force Reservist, to be out until summer '09

OAKWOOD, Ga. (Nov. 26, 2008) – For the third time since 2005, City Manager Stan Brown has been deployed for a tour of duty in Iraq as a U.S. Air Force reservist, according to an announcement by the City of Oakwood.

"We salute Stan for his brave service to our country," said Oakwood Mayor Lamar Scroggs. "I ask everyone to keep him in your prayers until the day that he safely returns home to us."

The mayor said that Assistant City Manager Patti Doss-Luna will serve as acting city manager in Brown's absence. A longtime city employee, she has filled in as city manager during Brown's previous two military deployments.

A lieutenant colonel, Brown is a reservist with the 628th Civil Engineer squadron at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia. As part of his duties in Iraq, he will lead a team providing engineering and project management support for the U.S. Army.

Brown and his reserve unit are currently completing pre-deployment training in Ft. McCoy, Wis. He leaves for Iraq later this year and is not expected to return to the States until early next summer.

During his past two deployments, Brown served in Kuwait and Kyrgyzstan in central Asia. His last deployment in Kyrgyzstan took place in fall 2006 and lasted approximately three months.

Prior to his deployment to Iraq this month, Brown led the development of a master plan for Oakwood's future downtown and commercial corridor as part of Oakwood 2030. The plans were presented publicly in October during a South Hall Business Coalition meeting and two town hall meetings.

Brown has served as Oakwood's city manager since January 2004.