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● U.S. jets strike Taliban targets across northern Afghanistan and fierce fighting is reported around the Taliban-held city of Mazar-e Sharif. **A3**



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ATTACKING TERRORISM

Bush urges volunteer efforts by Americans

Pep-rally-toned speech calls on citizens to show 'true values' to world

By **Finlay Lewis**
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ATLANTA — President Bush last night called on Americans to get directly involved in the war against terrorism by becoming civic volunteers and lauded a nation that has shown "a renewed spirit of pride and patriotism."

The televised speech was billed by the White House as a major policy address, but

it took on the tone of a spirited pep rally with the president continuously interrupted by ovations as he spoke of the fight against terrorism and American character.

Before an audience filled with uniformed police, firefighters, military, and postal and health-care workers, Bush declared, "One way to defeat terrorism is to show the world the true values of America through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of responsibility and decency and service."

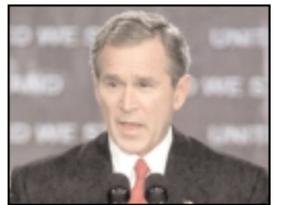
In large measure, the speech was a review of steps the U.S. government has taken in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings and subsequent anthrax attacks at a time when the national security effort has faced some criticism.

But Bush also touched on the air war in Afghanistan, aimed at crushing the terrorist network of Osama bin Laden, the exiled Saudi millionaire and suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks. He offered an overview of steps to bolster domestic defenses, including the creation of a White House Office of Homeland Security.

"During the last two months, we have shown the world America is a great nation," said Bush, who was ushered to the stage to thunderous applause and chants of "USA! USA!"

Bush announced a plan to enlist the Corporation for National and Community Service in the campaign against domestic

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"We will no doubt face new challenges, but we have our marching orders. My fellow Americans, let's roll."

PRESIDENT BUSH

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● Excerpts from President Bush's prime-time address. **A2**

Cavalry back on battlefield



Northern Alliance fighters on horseback patrolled near the Kochka River in northern Afghanistan. Pentagon officials said rebels have been seen "riding horseback into combat against tanks and armored personnel carriers." *Misha Japaridze / Associated Press*

Modern, medieval warfare merge in Afghan fighting

By **Calvin Woodward**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — More than half a century after the U.S. Army gave up on four-legged warfare, Americans are supplying horse feed to Afghan rebels and watching them ride their steeds toward battle.

Are the rebels mad? Not according to Edwin Price Ramsey, considered the last man to lead a cavalry charge in U.S. history.

"The best vehicle they've got is a horse," said Ramsey, who led a mounted platoon against the Japanese in the Philippines in 1942.

If ever there was a mismatched blend of the modern and the medieval in warfare, it is in Afghanistan, where billion-dollar B-2s bomb old Taliban tanks, and mounted fighters of the Northern Alliance go at the gallop.

As vaguely described by Pentagon officials, rebels have been seen "riding horseback into combat against tanks and armored personnel carriers," their horses fed and watered with U.S. help.

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NO LONGER GHOST SQUADRON

More than 3 decades later, fliers in secret Vietnam missions to be honored

By **Mark Sauer**
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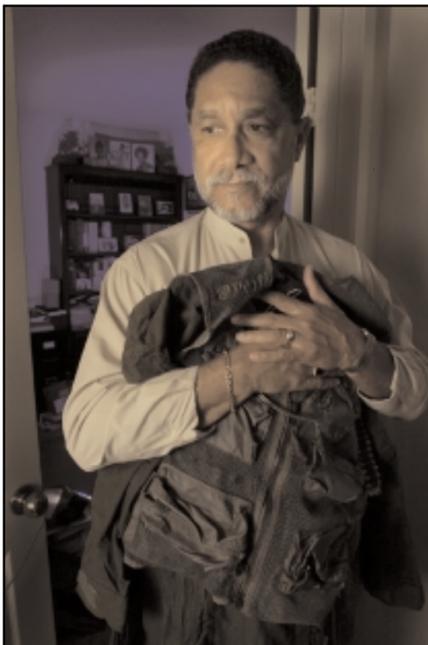
Jim Koci tried to explain a Navy tradition known as the tolling of the bell, but his words foundered on the shoals of emotion. For a long, silent moment, the retired commander struggled to contain his tears.

Three decades and half a world removed from Vietnam, Koci and most fliers from his Navy squadron still teeter between powerful feelings of pride and sorrow when they reflect on a mission once characterized by the words "top secret" and "suicidal."

Another word, "closure," is often disdained by stoic, aging warriors who have smelled the smoke and blood of combat. But closure is what members of Observation Squadron 67 will seek in a ceremony this month.

The crew of the San Diego-based destroyer Milius will present them with a bell engraved with the names of the 20 men from their squadron who died when their planes went down over Laos in 1968.

Among those names will be the destroyer's namesake, Capt. Paul Milius of Water-



Thomas Clark of Bonita held a Navy flight suit he wore as part of a secret squadron in the Vietnam War. The classified nature of the mission "kind of helped me," Clark said. "Vietnam was too painful." *Nelvin Cepeda / Union-Tribune*

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Local Red Cross chief apologizes for Alpine fire response

By **Norberto Santana Jr., David Washburn and Kristen Green**
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With national officials looking on, the chairman of the local Red Cross apologized yesterday for misleading the public about use of donations received during the Alpine fire in January.

Board Chairman Charles Duddles also announced that \$236,000 will now be set aside for fire victims and the Alpine community — far more than the \$25,000 allocation announced in August.

Duddles opened a news conference at the Red Cross headquarters in Hillcrest by extending apologies to everyone from fire victims to volunteers to County Supervisor Dianne Ja-

The money

Amount raised by the Red Cross after Alpine fire
\$410,000

Half of \$100,000 undesignated donation added to Alpine total
\$50,000

Amount spent by Red Cross on Alpine fire relief
\$51,657

Amount allocated from Alpine total to regional disaster relief
\$172,254

Amount remaining to be spent for Alpine fire victims and the community
\$236,089

SOURCE: Red Cross news conference

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