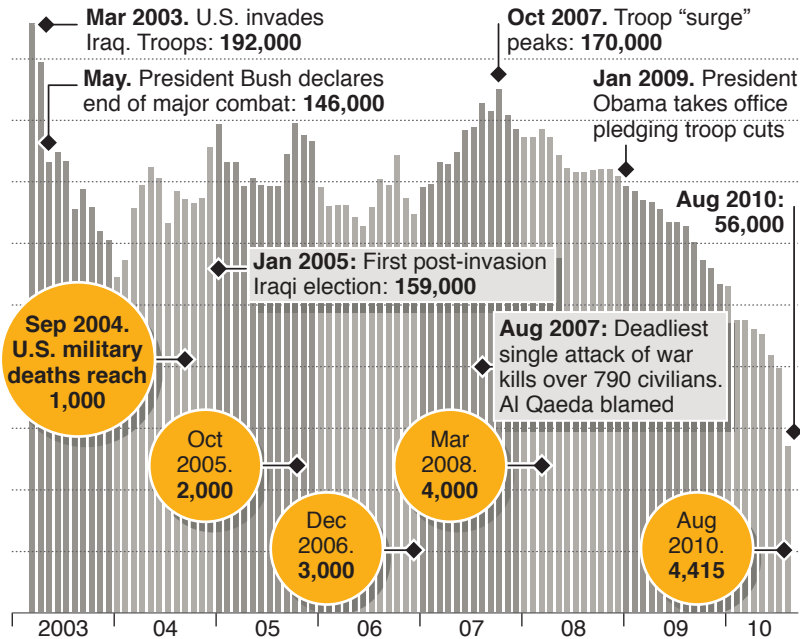


# American combat troops leave Iraq

The last U.S. combat brigade in Iraq has left the country, seven years after the U.S.-led invasion. Some 50,000 troops will remain until the end of 2011 to advise Iraqi forces and protect American interests



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