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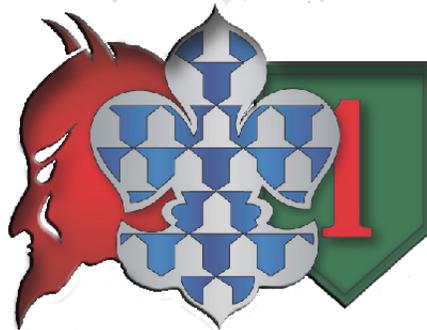


SGT. KERRY LAWSON, 1ST ABCT

Ready to charge the mock-enemies inside, Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, get into a stacked formation as they prepare to breach the mock-insurgents at the Shoothouse Range on Fort Riley Sept. 19. The Soldiers conducted close-quarter combat, reacting to contact in close quarters, evaluating and treating a casualty, calling a nine-line medical evacuation request, and loading and unloading a casualty in a Blackhawk helicopter.

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Devils,

Where did that hot summer go. It's hard to believe that we are in the Fall season with Halloween and Thanksgiving looming before us. Congratulations to HHC/1-16 IN being the first place company in Devil's Stakes this quarter and also 1-16 IN for taking first place in the overall battalion competition. Kudos go out to each and every individual and team that represented their unit and especially to those that excelled finishing at the top in their respective competitions. The standings were extremely close this quarter with three companies only one point from HHC/1-16 IN and two battalions in a tie for first until DUIs were factored in. The fact that the Iron Rangers had no DUIs in the quarter clinched the win for them. Great job all around by everyone.

In case you haven't noticed, we're no longer the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team (1HBCT). We're now officially the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team (1ABCT) due to a naming and policy change at the Department of the Army. This only highlights our true capability as we train and arm ourselves to be the premier armored striking force of the Army. The Iron Rangers began the fielding of our brand new M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and our mechanics began learning how to maintain our soon to arrive M1A2SEPV2 Abrams Tanks. I could smell the armored vehicles in the motor pool as I walked in. We have been without all of our machines of destruction



for too long.

There have been some changes to our organizational structure over the past month. 1st Engineer Battalion deployed to Afghanistan to clear routes of IEDs to protect our patrols using the roads at the beginning of the month. The 1st Engineer rear detachment, D/1 EN, is now a part of the Dreadnaught Battalion. We also welcome into our ranks the rear detachment for the Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion (DHHB), the rear detachment for the 1st Sustainment Brigade including 541st CSSB and all of its subordinate units will be supported by the Brigade Headquarters with specific areas of oversight and administration. Welcome to the Devil Team.

I'm seeing some outstanding

training occurring as all of our units are getting out to the field to learn, refine, and develop our core warfighting abilities. We have lost a lot of our field craft to live tactically in a field environment without the FOB or COP during the past ten or so years. I challenge those of you that have these skills to make sure that you pass them along to our newest generation of Soldiers. We need to understand how to survive away from civilization, how to use terrain to your advantage, and how to maintain your vehicle and drive without lights just for a few. Take every opportunity to pass along field craft wisdom and to train a task to standard. There is a tremendous amount of exceptional training taking place every day. Keep it up, you are all doing great.

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I would like to start by saying thanks to everyone who made the SMA visit in mid September a rousing success. A special thanks to the BSB for hosting the luncheon at the Devil's Den. The event was outstanding and the new Division standard. I would also like to recognize SGT Adams from 1-5 FA for a fine performance and being recognized as the Division NCO of the Quarter runner up. In October, SGT Jordan from 1-16 IN and PFC Leheney from 4-4 Cav will represent the BCT at the 1st Qtr Division NCO/Soldier competition. They are both outstanding candidates and I'm sure will represent the BCT extremely well.

I would like to talk about a few items of interest and concern for soldiers and families. In a recent conversation with the Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH) CSM, he provided some very specific data regarding appointments. The hospital supports nearly 60,000 soldiers, family members and retirees in the community. Every time an appointment is missed, the cost to the government is about \$120. In the 1st Brigade, we devote a large amount of time to reduce missed appointments and ensure all appointments are attended. For those that can't make a scheduled appointment, contact 785-239-DOCS, then the appointment can be cancelled and open the space to someone else. If the appointment is made through Tricare, then a cancellation request can only be made through Tricare. The Patient Appointment Reminder System



(PARS) is linked to DEERS and uses the phone number in DEERS to contact you 48 hours prior to the appointment with a voice reminder. If you are not receiving this reminder, then your data in DEERS may need to be updated.

My next issue I want to address is something every soldier should participate in. As I write this, we are only 7 weeks away from the National election in November. I often ask our youngest soldiers and sergeants if they are registered to vote and whether they will cast a vote. I am surprised how many consider this unimportant and decide not to vote. I put this decision

into perspective when we, as an Army have spent the last 10 years providing an environment for Iraq and Afghanistan to freely elect their government representatives. I think casting a vote of my choice is perhaps one of the most important acts I can perform as a citizen, and I do not take this responsibility lightly. For those that wish to get involved and register or to simply cast an absentee ballot, see your, Company, Troop, or Battery Voting Assistance Officer or the First Sergeant for more information. Until the next installment...

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Chaplain's Corner

The cooler temperatures, shorter days, and the falling leaves all signify that great change is coming to Fort Riley. Most of us in the Army will begin preparing for the cooler weather we know is coming by pulling out our long sleeve PT shirts and digging out our "snivel gear." The fact that winter is coming is not in question. It's going to get cold. That truth drives prudent people to action before the cold comes. You buy a snow shovel and get "ice-melt" pellets before the snow comes. We change the antifreeze in our vehicles before the temperatures bottom out. We unhook the garden hose from our water faucets before they freeze and bust the water pipes in our houses. You get the idea. People who allow truth to motivate the prior to an impending event, are people who do not become "that guy". We have all been "that guy" from time-to-time; I was a few winters ago. I waited until after the first big snow of the season to go buy a snow shovel. Well, by the time I made it to the store on that snowy morning, the store was sold out of snow shovels. Have you ever tried to shovel snow with an ordinary garden shovel? Trust me, it's not very effective.

The Bible tells us to learn spiritual lessons about life in the same way we learn lessons from the impending weather change. Jesus referred to the common lore of his day about predicting the weather based on the color of the sunset (Matthew 16:1-3). He then went on to say that people can read the weather and take appropriate action, but some don't read the spiritual "signs of the times" and take action.

The message for us is - do today what we know we need to do today. There is a great attraction to putting things off for tomorrow when we know we need to act today. The lesson of nature and the lesson of God is simple - (Nike borrowed it for their slogan) Just Do It (and I'd add "today.")

Strong Bond Marriage Retreats and Single Soldier Programs dates are still in the planning process for the new fiscal year. We will put out the information through the various channels probably in mid-October, but if you have any questions please contact me or your battalion chaplain, listed below.

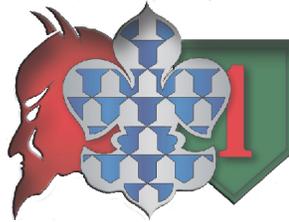
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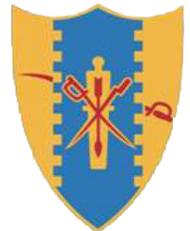
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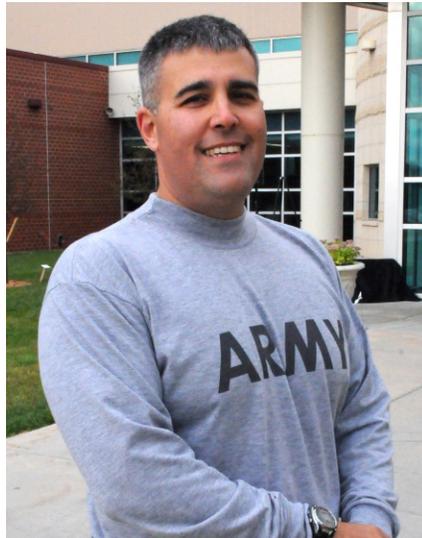


what makes you **STRONG?**



*2Lt. Matthew Bell
S-1, HHB, 1/5 FA*

My wife, kids, and Soldiers.



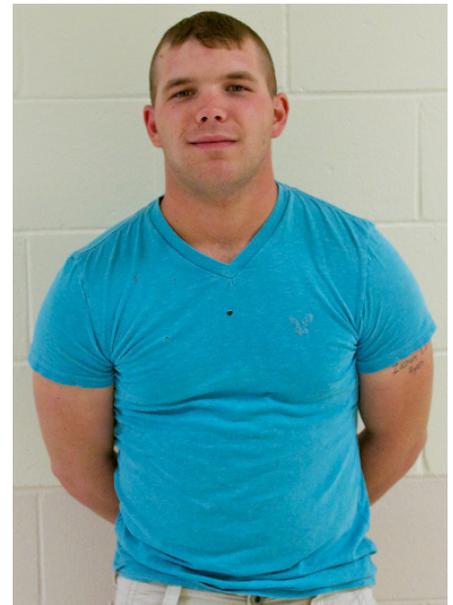
*Lt. Col Brann Calvetti
Battalion Commander, 1-1 BSTB*

My wife and kids, my immediate family and my Army family.



*Pfc. Nathan Anderson
HHC BDE, 1st ABCT*

My family and friends. They always support me and guide me.



*Pfc. Bryan Guethlein
HHT, 4-4 CAV*

My family, especially my wife. Along with my unborn child and my 2-year-old son Zachary.

SOLDIER HIGHLIGHTS

1ABCT BRIGADE DAY CELEBRATION!

In conjunction with The All American Beef Battalion, Commanding General's Colored Mounted Guard, the 11D Band, and the Ft Riley Bowling Alley—
YOU ARE INVITED!



101st BSB



1-1 BSTB



1-16 IN



2-34
AR



4-4 CAV



1-5 FA



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COL Pappal, Brigade Commander would like to extend an open invitation to the Families and Soldiers of the 1st Armored Combat Brigade Team to our Brigade Day Celebration on **20 October 2012** in the field across from the Ft Riley Bowling Alley on Normandy Drive, map provided.

KICK-OFF will be at 1100 with the 3rd Quarter Volunteer Celebration, **FREE** lunch (Rib eye's or hotdogs and a complete meal w/ a drink) courtesy of the All American Beef Battalion, Monster bouncy house*, the 11D Rock or Country Band will be there to provide music and the Commanding General's Colored Mounted Guard will be there to provide wagon rides*. The newly renovated Bowling Alley is also offering special deals on Bowling and Shoe Rentals for **\$1.00**. If you think you will miss out on football, the Bowling Alley will also have the Lounge** open to watch your favorite college team play ball, enjoy your lunch, drink a beer, and mingle with your friends and Families!

YOU MUST RSVP THRU YOUR BATTALION, SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
(Meal and door prize tickets will be needed for that day.)

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- *Bouncy House and Wagon rides—parents must sign consent form day of event
- ** MUST BE 21 OR OLDER in the Lounge and the alcohol is NOT free of charge.

SOLDIER HIGHLIGHTS

Devil Stakes results for 4th Quarter

Search a Detainee / Report Intel

- 1) A Co, 1-1 BSTB (Streamer)
- 2) B Co, 1-16 IN
- 3) C Co, 2-34 AR

Top Company Placement

- 1) HHC, 1-16 IN (Streamer+Plaque)
- 2) C Co, 2-34 AR
- 3) A Co, 1-16 IN

Evaluate Casualty Perform First Aid / Restore Breathing

- 1) C Co, 101 BSB (Streamer)
- 2) A Co, 1-16 IN
- 3) HHC, 1-16 IN

Top Battalion Placement

- 1) 1-16 IN (Plaque)
- 2) 4-4 CAV
- 3) 101st BSB

Tactics Exam

- 1) ATRP, 4-4 CAV (Streamer)
- 2) D Btry, 1-5 FA
- 3) HHC, 1-16 IN

EST Competition

- 1) D Btry, 1-5 FA (Streamer)
- 2) A Co, 2-34 AR
- 3) D Co, 2-34 AR

Maintenance HMMWV Timed Tire Change and PMCS

- 1) B Co, 2-34 AR (Streamer)
- 2) A Trp, 4-4 CAV
- 3) F Co, 2-34 AR

NCO / Soldier Board

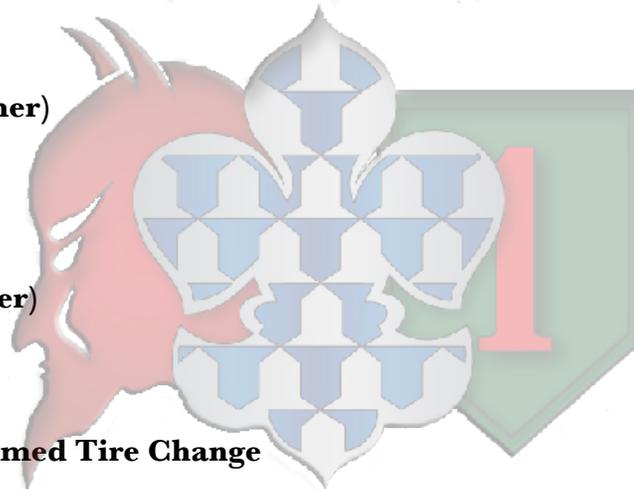
- 1) 1-16 IN (Streamer)
- 2) 4-4 CAV
- 3) 101 BSB

NCO going to IID board for BDE is - Sgt. Sanford, 1-16 IN

Soldier going to IID board for BDE is - Pfc. Leheney, 4-4 CAV

10 Mile Run

- 1) HHT, 4-4 CAV
- 2) HHC, 101 BSB
- 3) B Co, 1-1 BSTB





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9 SEP 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Columbus Day 2012 Holiday Safety Message

1. Columbus Day has the distinction of being a celebration of the first recorded discovery of the Western Hemisphere. This year the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley will celebrate the Columbus Day Holiday from Friday, October 5th through Monday, October 8th; making this the first long holiday weekend of the fall season. The weather will be pleasant and it is a perfect time for you to take advantage of the time off.
2. October marks the beginning of the fall season in Kansas; with shorter days and longer nights. With only a few more weeks of ideal weather, temptation will be high to enjoy as many off-duty activities as possible. Whatever your plans, please keep safety in mind and look out for one another. Know your limitations, make a plan and play it safe in everything you do.
3. Privately owned vehicle and motorcycle accidents remain the leading non-combat killers of Soldiers, and indiscipline is the primary causal factor. During FY12 Fort Riley suffered three POV fatalities and a motorcycle fatality. A POV accident in August claimed the lives of a Soldier and two Family members. Leaders, we must be engaged with our Soldiers and ensure that Composite Risk Management is part of all on and off-duty activities. We must consider workload and leave/pass destination before allowing Soldiers to sign out after extended duty hours. Soldiers take responsibility for yourself and your battle buddy.
4. Our goal is an accident-free holiday observance and a safe return for all. Enjoy your time off!

Duty First!

*Safely enjoy a
great fall weekend!*

DONALD M. MACWILLIE
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding 9 SEP 12

DISTRIBUTION:

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2-34 AR Shoot House



SGT. KERRY LAWSON, 1ST ABCT

Soldiers of Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, received air support for pick of a mock-casualty during the unit's training at the Shoot House Range at Fort Riley Sept. 19. These Soldiers conducted close-quarter combat, reacting to contact in close quarters, evaluating and treating a casualty, calling in a MEDEVAC request, and loading and unloading a casualty in a Blackhawk helicopter.

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, tested themselves to the extreme during the unit's military operations on urban terrain (MOUT) training at the Shoot House Range at Fort Riley Sept. 19.

"Today's training is designed to show Soldiers what it feels like to shoot with a form of live training ammo," said 1st Lt. Sean McIntosh, Mortar Platoon Leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th AR, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div. "It also acts as a refresher for the seasoned Soldiers still in the unit."

Alpha, Bravo, and HHC were the units participating in this training exercise. They used the ultimate training munitions adaptor assembly kit, similar to the bolt assembly group in the rifle, and the M1140 Marking 5.56 rounds.

"This training allows us to get back to the basics, being in the

right mind-set, situational awareness and accountability," McIntosh said. He also added that they had air support during the three-day exercise.

The Soldiers will hone their skills in calling in a nine-line medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) request. The Blackhawk will then come in for a quick debrief on the status of the casualty and for pick-up of the casualty.

"Having air support during the training made calling the nine-line MEDEVAC request more realistic," said Spc. Cody Gonzalez, a grenadier for Alpha Company, 2-34 AR. "The simulated rounds enabled the Soldiers to get an idea of what it's like training with actual projectile type rounds.

Gonzalez said, the simulated rounds also allowed the Soldiers to use the training as a refresher for their skills, because we're shooting rounds that could cause damage. It also reminds all Soldiers to remember muzzle awareness. As

the Soldiers entered into the shoot house, they cleared room by room. During which they will come upon a casualty who will be one of the team members. They will finish clearing the rooms, then render assistance and medical attention to the casualty.

"Here is where the combat lifesaver training will come in handy," Gonzalez said.

The sergeants and staff sergeants were the Range Safety Officers, graders and re-trainers of this exercise.

After completing this training these Soldiers conducted close-quarter combat, reacting to contact in close quarters, evaluating and treating a casualty, calling a nine-line MEDEVAC request, and loading and unloading a casualty in a Blackhawk helicopter.

"This enabled all of us to be ready for whenever our unit is called to deploy again," McIntosh said.

Captain America



Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st ABCT

Captain Martin Small checks his equipment and fine tunes his guitars before performing onstage as a member of Britt Small and Festival Band, for the Missouri Music Hall of Fame induction ceremony held at the Phil Welch Stadium on Sept. 1. The Hall of Fame recognized the band for their improvements and impact on music in Missouri. The band has used music to bring national awareness to issues facing veterans since 1982. "The most important thing you can do on a daily basis is make a positive impact on someone's life," said Martin.

"We're standing up in the trees watching all the fighting and Dad's not happy. He was wearing his black cowboy hat, that's what he wore all the time, and he takes his black cowboy hat off, hands it off, pulls his beret out of his pocket, puts it on and walks in the crowd. He starts walking and the band [Festival] follows him. We get down in the crowd and Dad

starts to sing, he has a huge voice, huge. He starts singing 'Amazing Grace' and of course the band starts to sing. Now you have 15 people standing there singing as the crowd's fighting and yelling, then it stops and they all began to sing," explained Captain Martin Small of his experience at 'The Wall' dedication in 1982, where music had a positive impact on people.

An impact so strong that it was the reason Martin stood onstage at the Phil Welch Stadium in St. Joseph, Mo. applauding Britt Small and Festival Band for their induction into the Missouri Music Hall of Fame on Sept. 1.

"There is nothing in this world that is more powerful than music," said the Headquarters and Head-



Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st ABCT

Captain Martin Small and his dad, Britt Small, opens their performance with 'America the Beautiful' during the Missouri Music Hall of Fame induction ceremony held at the Phil Welch Stadium on Sept. 1. The Hall of Fame recognized the band for their improvements and impact on music in Missouri. The band has used music to bring national awareness to issues facing veterans since 1982. "So now on the news that night, instead of fighting you see all the veterans with their arms around each other singing 'Amazing Grace,' 'America the Beautiful,' and 'God Bless America,'" recalled Martin of his visit to the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall's dedication in D.C. in 1982. "I was five. That was a life-changing event. I went from wanting to be a cowboy to knowing I was going to be a Soldier."

quarters Company Commander, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. "Music moves the soul and can take us places we could not imagine. If your music is not making people happy, you're doing it wrong."

Through music, The Britt Small and Festival Band, began working on spreading messages to help veterans. Homeless veterans, polypharmacy, suicides are a few of the issues they are focused on right now.

"It seems that the medical profession (VA) sees more meds as the solution to almost every problem and it is killing people," said Martin. "Just like the issues we are dealing with on active duty, they [veterans] are living it every day and in a lot of cases without the support structure the active duty soldiers receive."

With performances all over the country, including the National Salutes of 1982 and 1984, the Great Texas Welcome Home in 1987 and numerous state

Vietnam veterans' reunions, the band became known as the "musical voice of America's veterans".

Britt Small, a Vietnam Veteran who served with the 82nd Airborne Division as a criminal investigator, said Martin has a talent of handling people and sometimes compassion is important.

"Whatever he did I wanted him to be the best," said Britt Small, Martin's dad. "He didn't have to be top of his class when he graduated from basic training, but he

was. I didn't expect him to do anything he's done, but the one thing that's really amazing about him is that there's a lot of love and compassion [there]."

"In the Army, we rarely talk about the touchy feely stuff. We act all hard and emotionless. But that is crap," Martin stated. "It is the emotion that drives us every day. It is that emotion that enables each one of us to put on our boots and armor, pick up our rifle and go out to fight... for the people on the left and right of us."

*I went from wanting to be a cowboy to knowing I was going to be a Soldier.
~said Cpt. Martin Small*



Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st ABCT

“The price we pay for freedom is the highest price of all. The price we pay for freedom is written on The Wall,” sings Britt Small, Vietnam veteran, at the Missouri Music Hall of Fame induction ceremony held at the Phil Welch Stadium on Sept. 1. The lyrics are part of the song ‘The Wall’, based on a true story about Small meeting a Gold Star Mother at The Wall [the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in D.C.], who lost her son in Vietnam while serving with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, Small’s unit. Small and Festival Band received recognition for the band’s for their impact on music in Missouri that national awareness to issues facing veterans and servicemembers since 1982.

Martin, a native of Skidmore, Mo., entered active service in 1992 as a Stinger Missile Gunner in the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

“You have to truly love the thing you are doing and love the people you are doing it with in order to really accomplish the mission whatever it is. I feel that is the most important thing I bring to this job,”

said Martin. “The most important thing you can do on a daily basis is make a positive impact on someone’s life. While there are a lot of stuff that needs to be fixed when it comes to veterans, if we’ve helped a little then we’ve accomplished our mission.”

Because his focus changed into becoming a Soldier, Martin started doing martial arts, boy scouts, swimming, reading and spending time with people with knowledge because ‘knowledge and experience are the two most important things a warrior has’.

“So now on the news that night, instead of fighting you see all the veterans with their arms around each other singing ‘Amazing Grace’, ‘America the Beautiful’, and ‘God Bless America’,” continued Martin of his visit to ‘The Wall’. “I was five. That was a life-changing event. I went from wanting to be a cowboy to knowing I was going to be a Soldier.”

OCTOBER 2012 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Event: Zombie Toxin

Who: BOSS

What: 15 volunteers to run games for kids, some may be selected to be in the "Haunt"

When: Thursdays from 1900-2200, Fridays and Saturdays from 1900-2400, and Halloween night from 1900-2200.

Where: TBA

POC for this event is: Peter Smith @ peter.m.smith76@mail.mil

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Event: Oktober Fest

Who: MWR

What: Volunteers to help with cleaning up trash, cleaning tables, manning activities, set-up/ parking, etc.

When: Thursday, October 4 from 0900-1700 set up; Friday, October 5 from 1200-2200; Saturday, October 6 from 1200-2200; Sunday, October 7 from 1700-2200; Monday, October 8 from 1200-2200

Where: TBA

POC for this event is: Duane Clayton @ duane.clayton@us.army.mil

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Event: Teen AFAP Conference

Who: ACS

What: Teen Delegates to identify and work solutions to quality of life issues. Adult facilitators, recorders, issue support,

When: Saturday, October 13, 2012

Where: Fort Riley Teen Center

POC for this event is: Becky Willis @ becky.d.willis.civ@mail.mil

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Event: Adult AFAP Conference

Who: ACS

What: adults 18 and over, Delegates to identify and work solu-

tions to quality of life issues. Facilitators, recorders, issue support, room monitors

When: Training Monday, Oct 15, Conference Oct 16-18, additional details to be released closer to date

Where: TBA

POC for this event is: Becky Willis @ becky.d.willis.civ@mail.mil

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Event: Trunk or Treat

Who: BOSS

What: Volunteers willing to decorate a car/truck/motorcycle and

dress up. Candy will be provided.

When: October 31, 1800-2100

Where: Commissary Parking Lot

POC for this event is: Sean Morgan @ sean.c.morgan2.mil@mail.mil

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BOSS

TRUNK OR TREAT

Come join BOSS at our 1st annual Post-wide FREE Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 6-9pm in the Commissary parking lot. BOSS will supply treats to hand out to our community at Fort Riley. Decorated cars will be lined up in the parking lot with trunks full of goodies and games. Children will go to each trunk to collect their treats!

If you are interested in volunteering your vehicle for the Trunk or Treat please contact BOSS for the application. Individuals, groups and Brigades/Battalions/Units are encouraged to participate in this post wide Trunk or Treat.

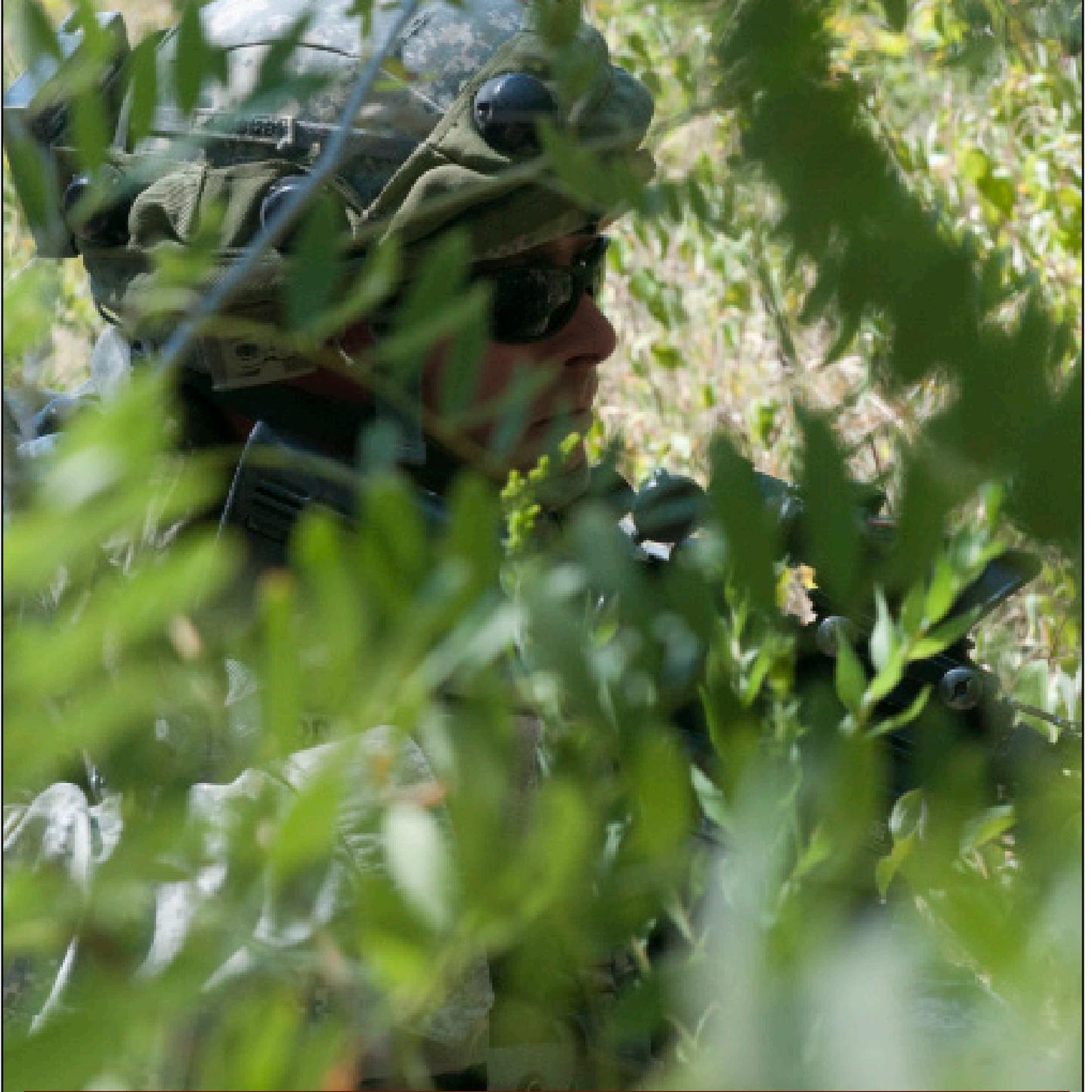
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MWR

PALE RIDERS

RETURN TO BASICS OF RECON, SUPPORT



SGT. KANDI HUGGINS, 1ST ABCT

Staying low and hidden, Sgt. Jonathan Brisson, scout with Bravo Troop, 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, covers the rear while his platoon pushes forward during the Squadron's squad tactical exercise at Fort Riley on August 22. Cavalry scouts serve as the eyes and ears of the commander during battle. They are responsible for engaging the enemy by tracking and reporting their activities and directing the employment of weapon systems to the enemies' location.

Creeping through the grasslands and fields of Fort Riley, 'Pale Rider' scouts of the 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, pushed forward in mounted and dismounted patrols as part of a squad tactical exercise on August 22.

The exercise, which began Aug. 20, included the entire Troop as they returned to the basics of support and reconnaissance.

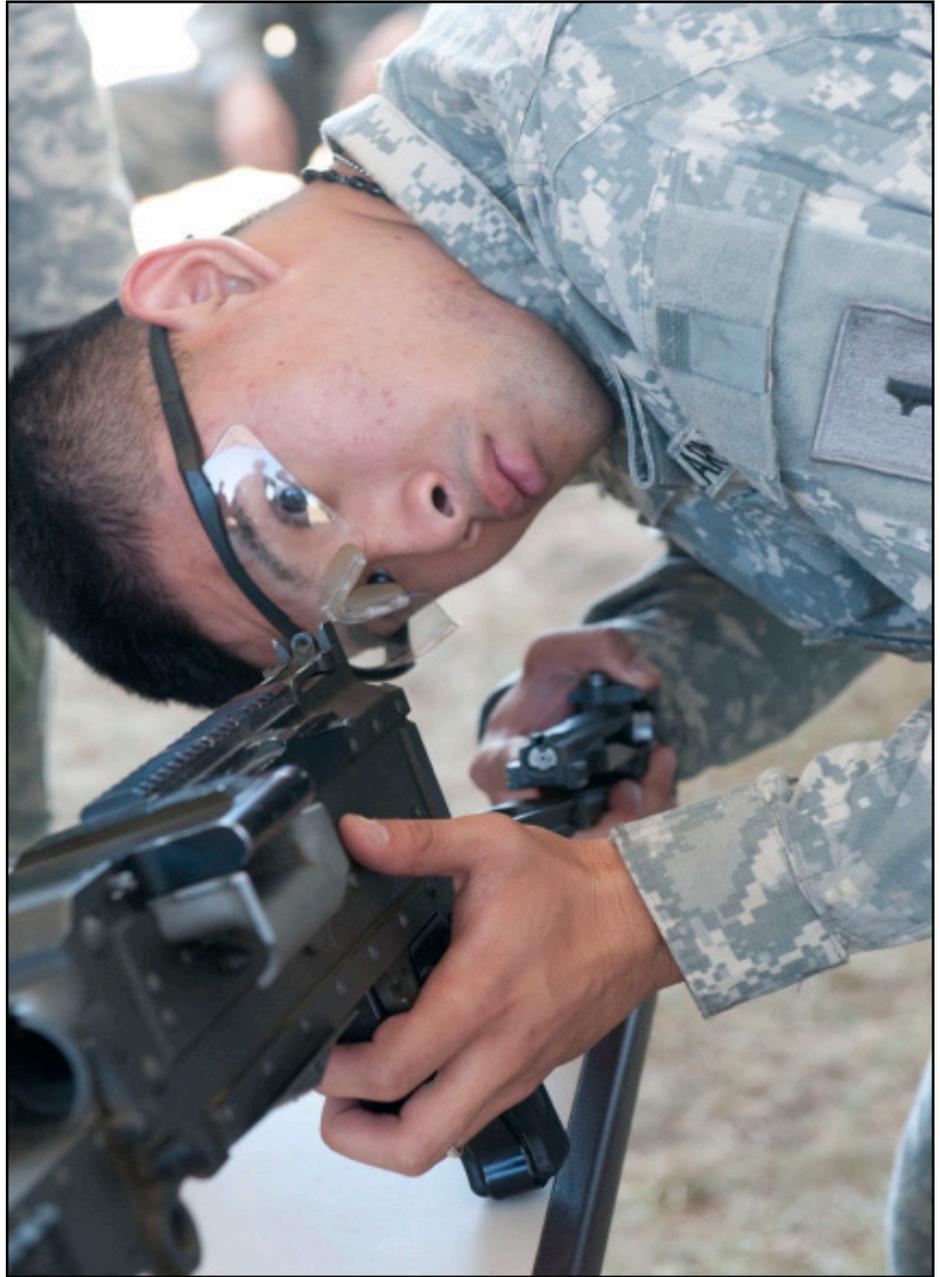
Cavalry scouts serve as the eyes and ears of the commander during battle. They are responsible for engaging the enemy by tracking and reporting their activities and directing the employment of weapon systems to an enemy location.

"A scout's mission is recon," said 1st Lt. Robert Heds, a platoon leader in Bravo Troop. "They monitor the enemy's presence... and assess their strengths and weaknesses so the commander knows how to better use [the units'] Soldiers and equipment."

The squadron deployed as an infantry unit and they performed ambushes, clearing operations, and engagements. Heds stated, it's great that the Soldiers get to train in their actual job.

The Troops conducted area, zone, and route recon designed to build upon old skills and test their tactical knowledge. During a dismounted patrol, a platoon covered about 4 km of terrain, gathering information and signs of enemy presence.

"This is a first time for a lot of the young Soldiers and probably the largest field exercise they've experienced," said Heds. "So the Soldiers who have been around get to teach the newcomers and see what it takes to control a vehicle.



Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st ABCT

Private Jan Buan, wheel vehicle mechanic, with Delta Fire Support Company, inserts the bolt of a B240 machine gun during the 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, squad tactical exercise at Fort Riley on August 22. Delta troop is the main logistic piece for the squadron. They focused on supplying fuel to the maneuver troops while training their troops on weapons and systems they would otherwise be unfamiliar to them.

It pushes them into the realization that it's not as easy as it seems."

In regards to the support elements, the Pale Riders' Forward Support Company pushed fuel to the maneuver troops throughout the exercise.

"We're testing our field skills and those we would need in a tactical environment," said 1st Sgt.

Kendall Titus. "While the scouts are working on their recon skills, Delta Troop is testing our sustainment systems."

Titus said being in the field helps the newer Soldiers understand the concept of support while taking them away from their everyday distractions.

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Domestic Violence Prevention Campaign October 2012



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Domestic Violence Prevention Campaign 2012

Proclamation Signing by Command:

When: Friday, 12 October

Where: Riley Conference Center

Time: 10:30



Campaign Events:

THURS. 4 Oct

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2-34 STX

Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conduct a 3 mile march from their battalion headquarters to Breakneck Lake to perform squad level training exercises designed to ensure the unit's Soldiers were on the same level of training.

From Sept. 5 through Sept. 7, the Soldiers conducted training on movement to contact, reacting to contact, ambush, tactical control points, and how to attack as a squad element.

"This validates our squad leaders as they receive, interpret, and carry out an operational order," said Capt. Chris Minter, Alpha Company commander, 2nd Bn, 34th AR. "They're allotted one hour to prep what they need, in order to succeed in their mission."

The training allows Soldiers new to the unit and the Soldiers who redeployed with the unit from Afghanistan in Jan 2012, to be on an even playing field.

Minter said this is the unit's first time in the field since their redeployment from Maiwand district, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

"During this training they will be able to build their confidence in how to train and react as a team," Royd Nuckols, platoon sergeant for 1st platoon.

The Soldiers were taught how to interpret an operational order and hand signals used in the field.

"After the training they will have learned how to move to an enemy and assess the enemy's threat level," Nuckols said.

It also allows higher command to know how well the squad's capabilities are after being tested.



Sgt. Kerry Lawson, 1st ABCT

Spc. Jeff Maki, of 1st squad, 1st platoon, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conducts a radio check with the observer control center during the unit's situational training exercises Sept. 5 through Sept. 7 at Breakneck Lake. The training covered movement to contact, reacting to contact, ambushes, tactical control points, and squad attacks, enabling the Soldiers to understand how the unit will react, move and communicate as a team.

Spc. Jeremy Bryant, of 2nd platoon, 2nd squad, said the training benefited the team a lot.

"Going through this training will enable the new Soldiers to get up-to-par with us and refresh training that the Soldiers who have been with the unit already had," Bryant said.

The training to react, move, and

communicate enabled the Soldiers to do better as a team.

"Once the unit is training to standard, it will benefit the battalion as a whole," Nuckols said.

The Soldiers of "The Dreadnaughts" Battalion endured the rough terrain and hot weather to ensure that each squad became a cohesive team.

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2-34 AR CBRN Chamber



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Sgt. Edward Grant, CBRN noncommissioned officer at Headquarter and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, readies the gas chamber for the next group of Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, who conducted CBRN training at the CBRN training site Aug. 27. "It's good to be part of a team, because in the gas chamber everyone suffers," Grant said. Grant also said doing the CBRN training enables the Soldiers to refresh their skills.



Sgt. Kerry Lawson, 1st ABCT

Sgt. Greg Scully, a tank gunner for Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, goes step-by-step of knowing each level of Mission Oriented Protective Posture with Soldiers of Headquarter and Headquarters Company 2 Bn, 34th AR, Aug. 27 at the CBRN training site on Fort Riley. Scully ensured that every Soldier knows what article of the MOPP suit is added during each level of alertness.



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Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, prepare to enter the gas chamber during the unit's CBRN training and familiarization at the CBRN training site Aug. 27. These Soldiers, first had to ruck-march over four miles to the site, where they learned how to use and identify chemical agents on M8 and M9 paper, donning the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology, proper donning of the M40 pro-mask, and how to react to a chemical attack. While at the gas chamber, the Soldiers also had to practice giving the "gas, gas, gas" call, donning their masks in nine seconds or less, and evacuate a chemical attacked casualty to a rally point 300 meters away.

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 Customs and Courtesies:
A Night Out
 October 6: 10-12pm

NOVEMBER 2012 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Event: Military Family Appreciation Dinner

Who: ACS

What: set up assistance (will involve lifting tables and chairs from designated pick-up points, loading and unloading off a truck, and setting up at the clamshell), parking assistants, grill operators & serving line/front line staff (please complete food handlers safety course through IACH), trash/clean up, 3 puppeteers, period soldier (must fit into regular/regular uniforms), face painting, game staff, set up and cleanup crews. Will also need 3-5 volunteers to assist with equipment return on the following Monday.

When: November 2, 2012. Equipment pickup/delivery starts at 1000, set up time starts at 1200.

Equipment return will be on Monday, November 5, beginning at 0800.

Where: Clamshell by IACH (off of Huebner Avenue)

POC for this event: Becky Willis @ becky.d.willis.civ@mail.mil or vicky.l.martin.civ@mail.mil

More information will be available as details are solidified and new events are brought to our attention. Please record your volunteer hours on VMIS and make sure that you have all of the required documentation in place (DD Form 2793) prior to volunteering.

With great appreciation for all that you do,
 Vicky Martin
 Volunteer Coordinator
 239-1376

1st Engineer Recon

With an influx of new Soldiers the past few months, the Engineers of Charlie Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat team, created an Engineer recon training event throughout various locations on Fort Riley Sept 20.

The outdoor classroom setting gave the Engineers the visual and technical components of calculating the measurements of an overpass (tunnel), the curve and slope of a road.

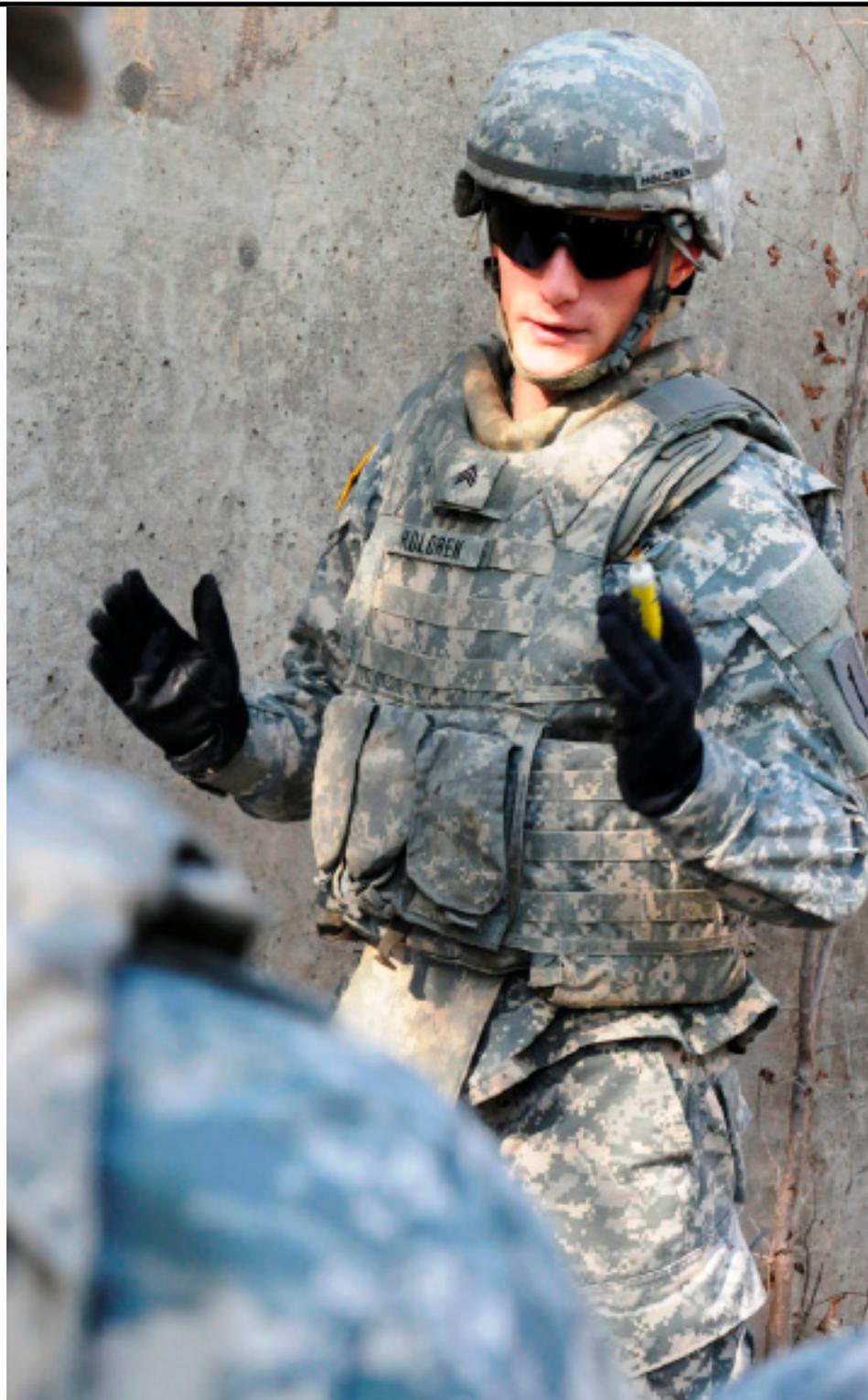
“A young Soldier’s job is to execute what they are told to do and get the job done,” said 1st Lt. Christopher Dichiara, platoon leader. “By teaching them things they otherwise wouldn’t learn until they are a staff sergeant they will know the steps of what they are doing and that will help them see the bigger picture.”

Dichiara said Engineers conduct recons so their commander knows the roads and understands which vehicles can get through an overpass, around a curve or over a sloped road while traveling from one point to another.

“What keeps mechanized combat power moving?” Cpt. Justin Stuart, commander, asked his Soldiers. “Water, fuel, food, logistics, wheeled vehicles. You conduct route recons as tactical scenerios so the commander and higher knows where they can push resupply capabilities for maneuver units.”

While they work to aid friendly forces, recons also offer their commander ideas of what can be done to delay or stop enemy forces during combat.

“When surveying the land, you want to give as much detail as possible,” said Staff Sgt. Cook, platoon sergeant. “Road conditions,



Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st ABCT

Sgt. Steven Holdren, squad leader, Charlie Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, explains how to estimate the height and width of an overpass during an engineer recon training event on Fort Riley Sept. 20. Engineers conduct recons to help their commander plan properly for the movement of maneuver and logistic elements to their objective.

whether it’s gravel or a dirt road, and any changes to the roads are vital information.”

COURTS-MARTIAL IN 1ST ABCT

Unit: A TRP, 4-4 CAV

Charges: Article 85, Desertion

Punishment: Forfeiture of \$492.00 pay for one month; and to be confined for 30 days

Unit: G FSC, 1-5 FA

Charges: Article 107, False Official Statement

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of E-3, forfeiture of \$1,078, suspended to be automatically remitted if not vacated by 26 OCT 12, confinement for 14 days

Unit: HHC, 101st BSB

Charges: Article 121, Larceny & Wrongful Appropriation

Punishment: Reduction to E-1, hard labor & restriction 45 days, bad conduct discharge

Unit: 41 En. Co., 1st En. Bn.

Charges: Article 134 (x2), Adultery

Punishment: Reduced to E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 20 months, & to be discharged from the Service with a Bad Conduct Discharge

Unit: D Btry, 1-5 FA

Charges: Article 86 (x3), Absent Without Leave

Punishment: Reduction to private (E-1), confinement for 21 days

Healing Arts Events

for Military Families

WHERE:

The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art
K-State Manhattan Campus

701 Beach Lane, Southeast corner of the K-State campus. (Turn north into the campus at the intersection of Anderson and 14th). There is a parking lot, just south of the building that is for Beach Museum guests (take an immediate LEFT when you turn onto campus from Anderson Avenue).

See map at: <http://beach.k-state.edu/contact/>

WHEN:

September 27, 2012 from 6:30-8:00pm

Military Spouse Night (childcare provided)

Join us for dessert, a tour of the "Goodnight Moon" exhibition, and a collage workshop. Museum staff will provide activities for your children while you enjoy fellowship with other military spouses and make night-sky themed cards to send to loved ones. Please feel free to bring photos or other bits and pieces to be added.

October 25, 2012 from 6:30-8:00pm

Military Parent and Child Workshop

Get ready for Halloween by making night-themed decorations with your child. The program will include a quick tour of the "Goodnight Moon" exhibition and refreshments. This workshop is for Service Members and their child/children to enjoy some time together.

November 8, 2012 from 6:30-8:00pm

Military Couples Date Night (childcare provided)

Enjoy a date night with a book/nightlight project designed to exchange with your spouse. Participants will create a small lighted acrylic box with a magnet that will contain a tiny "book" dedicated to their spouse. Refreshments will be provided and museum staff will provide activities for your children.

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