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Long Knife Soldiers bid farewell to family, friends

By Spc. Angel Turner

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FORT HOOD, Texas - During the past few weeks, Family and friends have gathered around to say their final farewells to deploying Soldiers of the 4th Brigade, "Long Knife," 1st Cavalry Division here.

Having just returned from a year-long deployment to Iraq last September, roughly a third of the brigade will be deploying to Afghanistan during the next few weeks.

For Staff Sgt. Ronald Reed, a multichannel transmission systems operator maintainer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, this will be his third deployment in 11 years. Although he recently joined the "Long Knife" brigade after completing a tour in Korea, he remained optimistic about the mission.

"I feel this is the overall mission," Reed said, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. "Going there and leaving my Family is one thing but actually accomplishing what we were set out to do in the first place — I believe in doing that."

Reed will join many of his fellow Soldiers on Security Forces Advise and Assist Teams to help enable Afghan Security Forces in independently and effectively securing their country.

Reed's wife and two children joined him for a picnic-like setting as they embraced the final moments of the year with their deploying Soldier.

"The day of leaving to me is the hardest part," Reed stated. "That realization that you're actually leav-



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Oxford, Ohio native, Pfc. Travis Prater, a cannon crewman, assigned to Battery A, 5th Bn., 82nd F.A. Reg., 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., hugs his dad during the final moments before leaving for Afghanistan, here, Oct. 30.

ing besides the long flight and movement to the country is difficult for me."

Deployments are not only difficult for Soldiers but also for the families they leave behind.

Reed has been married to his wife for 11 years. Hidden behind her sunglasses, the emotions of the day

became evident in her voice. Despite this, she remained optimistic.

"We got married four days before 9/11," Maria Reed stated. "Four days before 9/11 he told me he wanted to join the Army. Then when 9/11 happened he said he still wanted to join so we knew what to expect. It's just something we have

to deal with."

Although her husband is leaving before the holidays, Maria stated, "We feel really blessed because he is there no matter if he's far away or if we're together. Being even more spiritually grounded will help my Family this go around."

For Pfc. Travis Prater, a cannon crewman, assigned to Battery A, 5th Bn., 82nd F.A. Reg., this is his first deployment.

Also new to the unit, Prater said, "I feel a little nervous but excited."

"I wanted to leave (deploy) since I got here," added Prater a native of Oxford, Ohio.

Prater's father and grandparents joined the many families that came to send their Soldiers off.

"It's nice to have their support, but it sucks to say goodbye," said Prater as he glanced in the direction of his Family.

Teary eyed, Prater's grandmother, Mary Sharp stated, "I'm extremely proud of him but at the same time I'm terrified."

"My heart will be with him every day and I know he's doing a wonderful thing. His desires to serve his country are like his grandfather's. What can you do but be proud?"

With the deployment time reduced to nine months, Families no longer have to endure a year away from their loved ones.

Sharp is already excited about seeing her grandson walk across Cooper Field here next year. "We plan on being here. We saw them case the colors on Friday and we want to see it uncase next July. That's our plan," she said

Tharp added a message for all the troopers sacrificing time away from home. "Thank you for all that you are doing." □

Lancers donate food, toys to ACS

By Spc. Bailey Kramer

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FORT HOOD, Texas - With Christmas around the corner, the spirit of sharing has started to fill people's hearts, and the 2nd "Lancer" Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division is no exception.

"Every day Soldiers work, and with the economy the way it is and bills piling up, it can be hard to give your family a good Christmas or Thanksgiving so it was very important to us to collect as much as we could to give back to the less fortunate Soldiers," explained Apalachicola, Fla. native, Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Linton, Lancers senior noncommissioned officer.

The Army Community Services mission is to provide services supporting the readiness and well-being of Soldiers and their Families,

civilian employees and retirees.

The morning of Nov. 19, Lancers arrived at the ACS building with more than 4,000 toy and food items to donate to the Fort Hood ACS food pantry.

"There are no words to explain how much it means to us to have these kinds of donations," said Bridget Sanders, the food pantry manager. "It was just overwhelming."

For three years Linton has held the position of battalion command sergeant major and every year his battalion participates in food drives for the ACS food pantry.

"These organizations have always helped us, I have sent Soldiers to the food closet or to go get toys," Linton explained about their involvement. "I know they have always helped us out so I always want to help back."

Downloading 16.5 containers of food and toys was more items

than the pantry could hold, sending the overflow to the other side of Fort Hood to store in back-up storage.

The Lancers were more than generous with their donations and without the support of them and other donators the food pantry would not be able to proceed, Sanders said.

"We survive solely on donations," Sanders said about the organization's assistance. "Without the help and support of everyone, we wouldn't be able to help our Soldiers."

Not only was Sanders and the rest of the ACS family appreciative of the support, Linton was proud of what they were able to do for a deserving family.

"It feels really good to know that we were able to help put a nice meal on the table for a family, that we were able to help" Linton concluded. "I am also proud of my Soldiers for the support they put into making this such a success." □

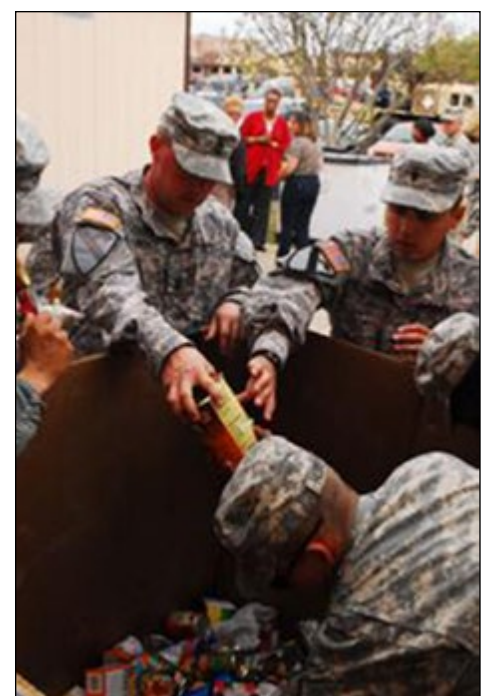


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Soldiers assigned to the Lancer Battalion unload canned food items at the ACS food pantry, here, Nov. 19.

'Black Knights' spouse hosts blood drive in father's memory

By Sgt. Quentin Johnson
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FORT HOOD, Texas – Ken Thayer was more than a crime scene investigator and photographer, he was a hero to many by doing the simplest of things, donating blood.

For seven years, Thayer, along with his family and the Orange Police Department, would host a blood drive in Orange, Texas, said Thayer's daughter, Lori Thayer Briggs.

"His plan was to have a blood drive once a year on his birthday and collect pints of blood equal to his age each year," Briggs explained. "Every year Thayer would reach his goal with all the blood being collected by Life Share Blood Center in Orange, Texas."

Briggs, military editor with the Killeen Daily Herald, Killeen, Texas, said she could remember her father donating blood every opportunity he had. That was until 2009, the last blood drive he would donate at after illness set in.

Thayer died in 2010, but his annual blood drive continues to this day on his birthday, Oct. 31, at the Orange Police Dept.

For the last few years Briggs has been saddened, having not been able to attend the drive due to scheduling conflicts.

"With our schedules, work and deployments, Lori has not been able to attend another drive," stated 1st Lt. Matthew Briggs, Lori Briggs' husband and a platoon leader with 1st Battalion "Black Knights," 5th

Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. "She was especially upset last year about missing the blood drive so I encouraged her to start one of her own."

Lori Briggs hosted her first blood drive in November 2011, at the Robertson Blood Center, here, but with little success due to multiple Fort Hood Soldiers deployed, including Matthew Briggs.

Determined to make his wife happier with this year's blood drive success, Matthew Briggs, along with the Black Knights, hosted the "Out for Blood" Ken Thayer Memorial Blood Drive Oct. 31.

"What makes her happy ... make me happy. It is a good cause and important for us to do our part to keep people alive," Matthew Briggs explained.

The blood drive was more than supporting Ken Thayer's memory but what his memory stood for, saving lives.

"Blood collected (at Robertson) is deemed priority for combat zones and is sent to areas such as Afghanistan within seven day of final processing," Catherine Tharpe, Robertson's donor recruiter.

Soldiers need the blood, as one typical combat trauma case can use up to 40 pints of blood, Tharpe stated. "We need all the support we can."

Pfc. Ben Barron, a mortarman with the Black Knights, added he understands the importance as he

has been donating blood regularly for more than two years.

"(Donating) is pretty inspiring," Barron said, who hails from Riverside, Calif. "Americans doing something great for their countrymen in the simplest way possible."

Barron encourages everyone to donate despite his or her fears or busy schedule.

"(Donation) will take less than an hour, it's not painful and if it is your first time, technicians will talk you through the process," Barron added. "I know if something happened to me in combat I would want this kind of support."

Lori Briggs stated she too would feel the same if her husband was injured in combat. She is thankful for all the donors and support of the Robertson staff.

"Thank you so much for coming out to donate," Lori Briggs said of all who participated in the blood drive. "It means a lot to me, my family, families here and the Soldiers overseas."

"Thank you for doing something so simple but with a great impact," Matthew Briggs said in response to all donors that day. "To the Soldiers from the (Black Knights) battalion, donating goes beyond a Soldier's character ... it's being a good human being."

At the end of the day, 54 pints of blood were collected from the drive, Lori Briggs added. She will continue to schedule a blood drive every year on her father's birthday. □



Photo by Sgt. Quentin Johnson, 2BCT, 1st Cav. Div. PAO

Spc. Gabriel Langomas from Bronx, N.Y., and a mortarman with the 1-5 Cav. "Black Knights," 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div., has his finger pricked to check iron levels in his blood before donating blood during the "Out for Blood" Ken Thayer Memorial Blood Drive hosted by the Black Knights at Robertson Donor Center here, Oct. 31.

'Dark Horse' Soldiers tutor, mentor students

By Sgt. Quentin Johnson
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KILLEEN, Texas – With peer pressure and competitiveness streaming through high school, the need to succeed could be a larger challenge to many teens struggling to pass.

In efforts to alleviate that stress, Soldiers from the 4th Squadron "Dark Horse," 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, conducted tutoring for students of Gateway High School, here, Nov. 7, as part of their adopt-a-school

cooperation.

Led by 1st Lt. Nancy Gonzalez, Dark Horse assistant intelligence officer, a handful of Soldiers took time to help GHS students with multiple subjects such as mathematics, English, economics and social studies; providing academic experience and mentorship outreach.

"We came to GHS to tutor students, speak with them about our careers and provide good community outreach," Gonzalez said.

Having tutored before, Spc. Andrew Lim said he was grateful for the opportunity to participate

in the English class, helping the students to achieve their goals and possibly make a difference.

"I was able to participate in current assignments, helping students with grammar and writing styles," Lim, a Dark Horse cavalry scout added. "Who knew that something as simple as helping foster education in children could be so rewarding?"

Rewards go beyond improving education to being a role model for students who struggle in life and school.

"It is difficult for some GHS students to see a positive future for themselves, but with the military

help, tutor and speak to them ... it is fulfilling, intrinsic and inspiring," 16-year GHS teaching veteran, Blake Harrup explained.

The students love when the military show up, they hear about the Soldiers past and present life, in turn, students receive answers to their questions, which inspire them to look forward to their future, Harrup added.

"(GHS students) were very interested in our careers and why the Army would be good for them," Gonzalez said. "I believe being here giving face to face answers

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'Red Dragons' begin gunnery exercises with a bang

By Sgt. Quentin Johnson
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FORT HOOD, Texas – In the spirit of gunnery, field artillery crews secured their ammo, took on their fire mission and executed operations throughout training areas, here.

Artillerymen with Battery B, 3rd Battalion "Red Dragons," 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, conducted M109A6 "Paladin" howitzer live-fire calibration exercises Nov. 13 to 15 in preparation for crew qualifications this month.

A total of eight Paladin crews from two B Btry. platoons participated in firing more than 30-155mm high explosive rounds at various practice zones, ensuring gun calibration and crew coherency, 1st Lt. Rick Aldred said.

"Calibration is used to gather historical data, testing different firing powders, determine firing accuracy through muzzle velocity and most importantly, safety," Aldred, a B Btry. platoon leader, added. "Crews will become more cohesive and communicate better."

Communication is key for live-fire exercises and more significant for new crews, Aldred added. "For weeks, crews have begun preparation for this and future gunnery events. They have had the chance to come together and discipline themselves for greater results."

Good results not only come from a disciplined artilleryman but a

cohesive Paladin crew as well.

"Cohesion is discipline," said Sgt. 1st Class Jose Rodriguez, a platoon sergeant with B Btry., 3-82 FA. "Cohesion allows the (Paladin crews) to bring all elements together and shoot accurately."

Accuracy is the defining element if crews are to qualify safely and timely.

"During Table VI (qualification), crews will qualify based on the time it takes deliver an accurate hit and doing so in a safe manner," Aldred from Springfield, Mo., stated.

Sgt. Joshua Heller, a B Btry. howitzer section chief, said he is confident his crew is ready for qualification with hopes of receiving "top gun" – a Paladin crew receiving the highest marks during Table VI exercises.

"I have every confidence in my crew. Our morale is high, we work together as a team and we have a willingness to do things by the book," Heller added.

"With only a couple weeks for my crew to come together, they have been amazing," Heller, a Dalhart, Texas native, said.

Heller explained one reason his crew works so well together is cross-training. "Everyone in our crew knows how to operate at every position and perform a mission in those positions from beginning to end."

Aldred agreed adding that without cross training, crews could get hurt and lose tactical advantage if an emergency takes place on the



Photo by Sgt. Quentin Johnson, 2BCT, 1st Cav. Div. PAO

A 155mm round blasts from a M109A6 "Paladin" howitzer during the 3-82 FA Regt. 3, 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div., artillery live-fire exercise here, Nov. 14.

battlefield. "If every crew member knows each position in the Paladin, there is less risk for a crew to miss a step or command, and one step or command missed could aid in a missed target."

Paladin crews rely on their Fire Direction Center (FDC) to ensure accurate commands are given and missions are communicated effectively.

"(The FDC) develops a relationship of trust with the crews, and we do that by providing accurate mission data," 1st Lt. Stoney Grimes, B Btry. fire direction officer, said.

As an eight-man FDC crew, we can support the Paladin crews

utilizing digital or verbal commands, Grimes, from Clarksville, Tenn., added. By doing our job accurately, we help crews qualify successfully.

Crews also focus on maintaining and preparing despite any mechanical challenges that may have arose.

"Everything has gone well, despite early mechanical maintenance issues and small problems with the digital systems, it seems to be coming together for the better," Heller said. "We utilize lessons learned and maintenance on the Paladins is now good."

Crews are scheduled to qualify on Nov. 18 with only a day live-fire being offered. □

GarryOwen commemorates Battle of Ia Drang Valley

By Sgt. John Couffer
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FORT HOOD, Texas – Soldiers of the 1st Squadron "GarryOwen," 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, commemorated the 47th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, here, Nov. 16.

Teams comprised of Soldiers and officers of GarryOwen conducted a 7.1 mile ruck-run to commemorate the Battle of Ia Drang Valley. Veterans who served, fought and sacrificed throughout the history of the squadron also participated.

"We are doing this today to honor (veterans) and their service to their country and what they did, and to pay tribute to the shining part of our history," said Command Sgt. Maj. William Burford, the senior en-

listed member of GarryOwen.

Burford stated that events like these not only commemorate the past but also stress teamwork to achieve success.

"As they're coming in, they're coming in as a team. (The) kids are giving it everything they've got. A lot of what we do is skill, but there's a great deal of what we do that's hard," Burford said. "It's staying together, pressing yourself that extra mile, the camaraderie, the high-fives, that's what it's all about."

Jim Thorpe, Pa. native, Spc. Richard Balliet, a cavalry scout assigned to Troop B of GarryOwen and member of Team 10, the winning team of the competition also known as "GarryOwen Games 2," said that participating and finishing as a team was the way it should be done.

"To come out and be able to perform not just as a team, but in pretty much everything that we do across the board here in 1-7, it means everything. It's the way it's supposed to be," Balliet said.

Balliet also said his team operated and performed well together and because of that, Team 10 came in first.

"I believe we performed absolutely outstanding. Great leadership from Staff Sgt. Pratt, 1st Lt. Melendez and 2nd Lt. Joyce kept everybody moving. The timing was perfect between running and walking, they kept an eye on everybody,

made sure everybody stayed together. It was really an outstanding team effort," Balliet said.

Rockport N.Y. native, Capt. Michael Kaness, an operations officer assigned to the Headquarters and

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Photo by Sgt. John Couffer, 1BCT, 1st Cav. Div. PAO

Soldiers assigned to 1-7 Cav, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div., ruck-march to the half-way point of a 7.1 mile competition in which teams are faced against each other to finish with the fastest time, here, Nov. 16.

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Live The Legend!

GarryOwen receives historical gifts

By *Spc. Bailey Kramer*
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FORT HOOD, Texas – “We are at war with the most dangerous enemy that has ever faced mankind in his long climb from the swamp to the stars.”

President Ronald Reagan made this statement about the Vietnam War in 1964. Although Reagan claimed the Vietnamese Soldiers to be one of the most dangerous enemies, it wasn’t uncommon for ‘tunnel rat’ Soldiers to meet face-to-face with North Vietnamese Army Soldiers.

Tunnel rats were Soldiers who volunteered to search a network of tunnels, generally pitch black, with only a flashlight and .45-caliber weapon as gear.

One American tunnel rat, Cohasset, Minn. native, Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Brian Kielpinski, completed a year-long tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 with B Company of the 1st “GarryOwen” Squadron,

7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, collecting an NVA flag and an officer’s belt buckle and lighter.

“Once in awhile you would find a weapons case (in the tunnels) and some were abandoned; one time they found a hospital,” Brian Kielpinski said about his adventures. “The hospital had been recently abandoned, so we took a lot of the equipment for our men.”

Now, 44 years later, he is donating his collection to GarryOwen, here at the 1st Cav. Div. museum, Oct. 23, believing “it’s now back to where it belongs.”

During one tunnel rat mission, 19-year-old Brian Kielpinski was flown in under heavy fire and while camped out he stared at an NVA flag for three days.

“Keep a look-out for me, I am getting that flag,” he told his Soldiers, then proceeded to run across a rice paddy field, knock down the pole and gain possession of the flag.



Photo by Spc. Jesse Barker, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div. PAO

Retired Sgt. Maj. Brian Kielpinski (right) talks about his cavalry pride as he donates a North Vietnamese Army flag, lighter, and belt buckle he captured during his tour in Vietnam to the Troopers of 1-7 Cav “GarryOwen,” here, Oct. 23

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Headquarters Troop of GarryOwen said that this event was comprised of many teams, but only one can win.

Kaness said that about 22 teams were registered and competed today. He added that Team 10 was the first to complete the event in about one-hour and 26-minutes, well below the recommended team finishing time.

Kaness said the event was not only a way of commemorating the 47th anniversary of the Battle of Ia Drang Valley, but also to provide an opportunity and understanding of GarryOwen’s past.

Kaness said this particular event was a way for GarryOwen Soldiers to understand where they come from and where they’re going.

He also stated that this event provides an opportunity to look at the great accomplishments of GarryOwen and that he hasn’t been in a unit quite like this which has such an extensive history.

“I think it’s a great opportunity for these guys to fully understand the magnitude of the organization that they’re currently with. I’ve never been in a unit that has such esprit-de-corps and camaraderie like this,” Kaness concluded. □

“At the time, I was just glad I didn’t have to look at the flag anymore,” Brian Kielpinski chuckled about his success.

Returning home, he brought the mementos with him, where they went into a drawer and were forgotten about for many years.

“One time when my older brother was (visiting) I had them out and he said, ‘jeez, I never knew you had all that,’” referring to the collectables Brian Kielpinski acquired during his tour.

His brother, owning a frame shop, framed and then hung them in his family office.

“All those years they sat in the drawer, I didn’t think about it, then we had them framed,” Brian Kielpinski continued. “I think as you age you realize things in life don’t necessarily belong to you. Yeah, they are yours as material things, but there are things bigger than us as individuals.”

Brian Kielpinski did not originally plan on personally donating the flag to GarryOwen, but rather donated by his son, Lt. Col. Michael Kielpinski, commander of the 1st “Head Hunter” Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

“(My son) was visiting in June and I sent the flag back to Texas with him,” Brian Kielpinski said about his original plan on handing it to the deserving unit. “He kind of pushed me to do it the right way, so I agreed.”

Michael Kielpinski pushed for his father’s involvement when he was notified of his promotion to lieutenant colonel.

“He asked me if I would mind doing his promotion on the same day as handing over the flag, I said it would be wonderful,” Brian

Kielpinski said. “I am very proud of him and seeing him and what he has accomplished puts me at peace.”

Understanding the importance of history to the GarryOwen family, he knew exactly where they belonged. “Just like Custer, all those little sands of history equal the whole history of 1-7, and I thought this is part of it and should be with those troopers,” Brian Kielpinski said, explaining his decision for his donation.

The historical significance was clear among all who attended, especially the recipient of the gifts, GarryOwen commander, Lt. Col. Jay Miseli.

“It’s very significant to me,” Miseli stated. “It’s very personally rewarding as well. To see the inherent pride that exists in this squadron, not only in the troopers, but with our families and veterans.”

Miseli holds a deep history with both participating units, previously serving as the Head Hunters operations and executive officer and currently the GarryOwen commander.

Working side-by-side, the two units shared a major part of each other’s history. Head Hunters organized the recon mission for GarryOwen at Landing Zone X-Ray, the battle later known for the movie, “We were Soldiers.”

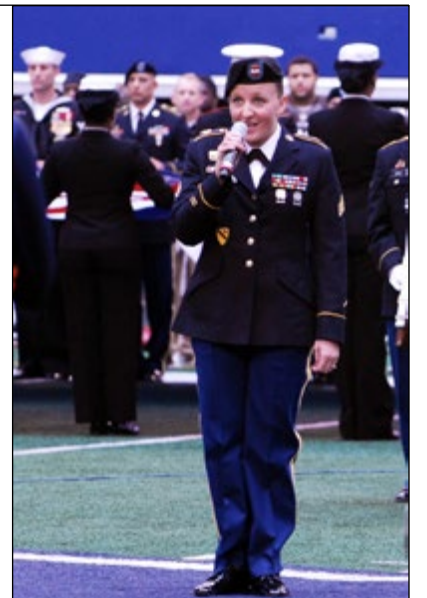
The artifacts will be housed in the GarryOwen conference room, named for LZ X-Ray.

“Over all those years I served, I served in a lot of infantry battalions, but I’ll always be a trooper and GarryOwen will always be my first,” Brian Kielpinski concluded. “I have a personal attachment to the 1st of 7th, but not one to the flag. When I first got it, it felt good, but it’s now home.” □

4BCT Soldier Sings National Anthem at NFL Game

Photo by *Sgt. John Couffer*
1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div. PAO

ARLINGTON, Texas - Sgt. Lindsay Robertson, a Soldier assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, sings the national anthem as part of Military Appreciation Day during the opening ceremony of the National Football League game played at the Cowboys Stadium, here, Nov. 18. The game was played between the Dallas Cowboys and the Cleveland Browns. The half-time show featured Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, who marched on the field and presented their respective services’ flag. Dallas won with a final score of 23-20.



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was not just inspiring to some of them but exemplifies who we are as Soldiers.”

Exemplifying a good Soldier means being a good role model for the students to emulate, Lim added.

“A lot of times when students fail to thrive, it could mean a lack of positive role models in their lives,” he said. “I believe being here and Gateway partnering with the Army gives the students that need one, a good influential role model.”

Lim stated he could empathize with Gateway students because of the rough neighborhood and school he went to as a child. “I can relate ... if things are tough at school, that can turn a persons mindset of the future the wrong way.”

Knowing the impact Dark Horse Soldiers make by helping in the school is sporadic; Lim said it would help long term. “(Dark Horse Soldiers) being here does help them, even if the results are not immediate,” Lim added.

Gonzalez said in the end, nothing but positive feedback from GHS students and staff. “I couldn’t be prouder of the support Dark Horse received from the GHS teachers, and the positive feedback we received from the students.”

Gonzalez said more tutoring and mentorship sessions are scheduled with GSH, and she is striving to make this a weekly Dark Horse adopt-a-school event. □

First Team’s leaders day

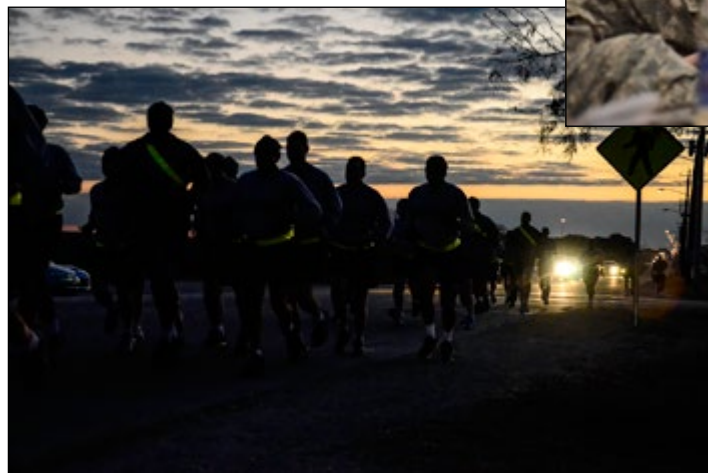
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(Right) FORT HOOD, Texas - Lt. Col. Brown, commander of 2-8 Cav, 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div., fires an M-240B as Lt. Col. Ng, commander of 1-82 FA, 1BCT, watches for targets at a multi-use range during the division’s leadership day, Nov. 16, here.



(Left) FORT HOOD, Texas - Maj. Gen. Anthony Ierardi (front center), commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division, Command Sgt. Maj. James Norman, command sergeant major of the division, with the division’s staff and commanders and command sergeant’s major throughout the First Team gathered for a leaders day, Nov. 16, here.

(Right) FORT HOOD, Texas - Commanders and command sergeant’s major throughout the 1st Cavalry Division gathered for the division’s leaders day to discuss topics of better leadership within the division, Nov. 16, here.



(Left) FORT HOOD, Texas - Commanders and command sergeant’s major throughout the 1st Cavalry Division started off the division’s leaders day with a motivational run, Nov. 16, here.

Thanksgiving is served

FORT HOOD, Texas – Sgt. 1st Class Jayson Mix, a Soldier with 3rd “GreyWolf” Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, helps serve a Thanksgiving meal at the Operation Iraqi Freedom Dining Facility, Nov. 22, here.



Photo by Sgt. Omar Estrada, 3BCT, 1st Cav. Div. PAO



FORT HOOD, Texas – Col. Steve Gilland and Command Sgt. Maj. Mervyn Ripley, command team of the 1st “Ironhorse” Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, serve family members of Ironhorse Soldiers during the Thanksgiving Holiday, here, Nov. 22

Photo by Capt. Angel Jackson-Gillespie, 1BCT, 1st Cav Div PAO

The 1st Cavalry Division Band Presents

A Holiday Concert

Performances begin at 2 p.m.

Dec. 8, 2012

at Palmer Theater

Doors open at 1 p.m.

Palmer Theater is located on the corner of 31st Street and 76th Tank Battalion Avenue