



299th Brigade Support Battalion

The Heartbeat



July 2012



From The Desk Of The Command Team
LTC Eric Schwartz & CSM Bryon Starks



Lifeline 6 & Lifeline 7

This month we had the privilege of promoting Soldiers throughout the battalion and in all ranks.

In July, we promoted Paul Cunningham (B), Taylor Ivey (A), Lexus Martinez (HHC), Alyssa Thomas (HHC), and Alyssa Williams (HHC) to Private First Class; Anthony Armand (C), Cecilia Nichols (C), Billy Rose (A), Adam Sanchez (HHC), and Kim Young (B) to Specialist; and Michael Haffner (A) to Sergeant.

On 22 June 2012, we also had the privilege of promoting Sergeant First Class Thap to Master Sergeant and laterally promoting MSG Van Royen to First Sergeant.



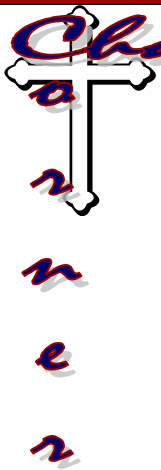
Congratulations to all the Soldiers who were promoted in the month of June and July!

Promotions



Battalion News

Chaplain's



Happy July everyone! I hope your family made it through the flashes and booms of Independence Day. I enjoy the chance to think about freedom. Our Creator gave us the gift of choice and the founding fathers of this nation understood how precious that gift is. They gave up many freedoms so that our country could stand on its own. Each of us sacrifice every day to provide opportunities for choice. I hope that we remember that even though we give some freedoms up, we can choose to be at peace. We never lose the choice of how we respond to what is happening in our lives. That choice never goes away. I pray that we take ownership over our attitude and that we enjoy it. Have a great month.

Blessings,
CH (CPT) Williams

NCO of the Quarter

SGT Mamadou Diallo (B)



Soldier of the Quarter

SPC James Holbrook (HHC)



Battalion News

Re-enlistments

Congratulations to the following Soldiers who re-enlisted in the Army over the past 30 days:

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SGT Justin Ogo (A)



SPC Timothy Luangrath (B)



SPC Daniel Barbour (B)

You're crazy

You're out of your mind



SPC Gabriel Velazquez (B)

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SPC Perry Casillas (B)

Family Readiness



PRAIRIE RUN

JULY 21, 2012
KING FIELD HOUSE
FORT RILEY, KS

Hole in 1, The Fundamentals in Golf

Come enjoy an afternoon of friendly Golf and fun with the Hearts Apart Program. Receive prizes for winning various mini-competitions. Use the skills of a trained PGA Professional to help you capture those prizes!

Cost: **FREE**

When: July 26th, 1- 4pm

Where: Custer Hill Golf Course

Registration is required by July 24th :
ACS 785-239-9435 or
marvin.e.springer4.civ@mail.mil

no children-please

Childcare will be provided.
Please request at time of registration



This program offers support for waiting Families who are left behind due to the sponsor's mission requirements.



Vacation Bible School
August 6 -10
Morris Hill Chapel

Volunteers needed. Please contact:
Roxanne Martinez at 240-1443
or Don Ericson at 239-0979

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD
MARK 10:27

Registration begins April 15th

FRSA has moved to Room 116. Have a fun and safe block leave! **Don't forget 10 August 12 is Lifeline Kid's Day!**

FRSA Sabrena Stalnaker

5th Annual event
July 26, 2012

5:30-7pm Free Picnic
8pm Opening Ceremony

Blue Ribbon Sponsors:
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Sponsors:

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Advance registration available now and ticket distribution begins July 1, 2012.

- Free adult and children's tickets available WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
- Picnic for first 400 or until the food runs out.

Distribution points: Manhattan Chamber, 501 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan; Dick Edwards Ford, Hwy 24 E, Manhattan; ITR on Fort Riley and the USO (after ITR closes). Tickets are also available through your Battalion level FRSA. Call 785-776-8829 for more information.

Yellow Ribbon Social Schedule 2012

Is your spouse deployed? Out for FTX? TDY? On a rotation to NTC or JRTC? Not at home with you? Then we want YOU! Come join us at one of the listed Yellow Ribbon Socials! We meet twice monthly at varying locations in the Manhattan community. Join us for great food, make some new friends and build a support team filled with folks who know what you are going through- because they are too!

These events are 'dutch-style', meaning you spend as much or as little as you would like per outing. We do not allow children at these functions.

Have questions? Please feel free to call or email Alison Pulcher! (785-776-8829, alison@manhattan.org. We hope to meet you soon!

- **June: 19th @ Pierre Street Inn
- ** Yellow Ribbon Special Edition- see additional information on June Yellow Ribbon Flyer
- July: 19th @ Chili's Grill & Bar
- August: 7 @ Applebee's Bar & Grill
- 21 @ Local
- September: 4 @ Famous Dave's BBQ
- 18 @ McAlister's
- October: 2 @ Houlihan's
- 16 @ Movie Night!!! TBA
- November: 6 @ La Fiesta
- 20 @ LongHorn Steak-house
- December: 18 @ Holiday Party!! TBA

Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce
Military Relations Committee

Family Readiness



Be Army Strong & Financially Sound

Fort Riley Financial Readiness Day

Free one-on-one personalized financial advice. Free financial workshops.
No strings attached!

In today's uncertain economy, planning for your financial future is more important than ever. Don't miss this opportunity for a free, private consultation on financial issues that matter to you with highly qualified CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professionals and Accredited Financial Counselors.

There will also be workshops on a variety of financial topics throughout the day. Stay as little or as long as you'd like.

It's all free. Bring family and friends!

Tuesday August 7, 2012
 09:00–16:00
 Riley's Conference Center
 446 Seitz Drive
 Fort Riley, Kansas

Enlist now for your FREE personal financial training!

Register today by calling Army Community Service (ACS) at 785-239-9435.

Topics

- Budgeting
- Credit & Debt
- Investing
- Retirement
- Taxes
- Homeownership
- Military Benefits
- Insurance
- Education
- Savings
- Estate Planning
- Small business

and many more!



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JULY 28 4-6:30PM

Army Community Service (ACS) has **ROUNDED-UP** vendors from around Kansas to help Fort Riley Families find Family Fun under the hot prairie sun.

ENTER TO WIN A WASHER/DRYER SET SPONSORED BY OUR FRIENDS AT THE COMMISSARY. WINNER WILL BE DRAWN AT 6:30PM AND ANNOUNCE ON STAGE DURING LT. DAN BAND CONCERT. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

Expect to fall in love with Kansas and Fort Riley!

RILEY'S CONFERENCE CENTER - Call ACS at 785.239.9435 for more information.



Middle School Summer Camp

Sunstream is the perfect get away for your middle schooler!!!

blacklight dodgeball

When: 2-6 Aug 12

Where: Des Moines, IA

go carts

Why: To provide an activity for the middle school youth to enhance their spiritual well being

ziplines

basketball

crafts

snack shop

POC: Rick Hernandez
 Community Youth Director @ 785-712-7287

YFCAMP
 WHERE EVERYTHING CHANGES



Gary Sinise and the Lieutenant Dan Band



Date: Jul 28, 7pm - Time: 7pm - Place: Riley's Conference Center

Designate 11381 through the CFC. The Entertainment Feature presented by the Annual Force (2012) and USO in cooperation with your local MWR, Welfare and Recreation Office. The acceptance of corporate sponsorship of this USO event does not constitute endorsement of the sponsor's product or service by the Department of Defense or the U.S. Armed Forces.

Family Readiness



Geary County Free Fair Pre-Fair Events July 14-22 Fair July 23-26

SATURDAY, JULY 14

6:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Show

THURSDAY, JULY 19

7:00 p.m. 4-H Public Revue 4-H King and Queen Announcement

FRIDAY, JULY 20

8:00pm Junction City Rodeo- Adults-\$8.00 at Gate Children (6-12)-\$5.00

SATURDAY, JULY 21

2:00 p.m. 4-H Dog Show

8:00pm Junction City Rodeo- Adults-\$8.00 at Gate Children (6-12)-\$5.00

TUESDAY, JULY 24

ALL DAY 4-H Food Sale

3:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy and Goat Show

5:00 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf - Consultation Judging

7:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Show - Show order- Bucket Calf, Breeding Beef, Showmanship, Market Beef

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

1:30 p.m. 4-H Cat Show

4:00 p.m. *Shepherd's Lead*

4:30 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show

7:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Show

10:00 p.m. DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING 4-H (or ½ hour LIVESTOCK FOR AUCTION after end of swine show)

THURSDAY, JULY 26

9:00 a.m. 4-H Round Robin (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Goats, Dairy)

11:30 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

4:30-6:30 p.m. 4-H Barbecue and Watermelon Feed



Headquarters & Headquarters Company

By CPT Jacqueline Ralston, Commander Company



The Headhunters of HHC have not slowed down even though the temperatures have been sky-rocketing over the last month. The Soldiers have remained busy with maintaining their vehicles and office areas as well as “cleaning” out the storage areas and connexes in order to turn in excess equipment as part of Operation Victory Sweep. The company celebrated the 4th of July with five Soldiers participating in the Junction City Sundown Salute Parade and SSG Rodriguez served as the battalion’s NCOIC of the parade. The staff sections and company orderly room, training room, and arms room have also been diligently preparing for the division Reset Assistance Visit at the end of the month. But, there is a break coming up for some of the Soldiers as half the company will be enjoying block

leave this month and the other half will be on leave next month.

HHC will be conducting field training in both August and September in order to prepare for the battalion’s upcoming exercise in October and the rotation to the National Training Center in California in February. The training will incorporate leadership skills, team building, and Soldier tasks while also working on platoon/section operations and setting up the tactical operations center for the battalion.

The HHC FRG picnic at Moon Lake on 5 July was a huge success. We truly appreciated all the Families who came out and spent the day with us. The FRG is also pleased to announce its new leader, Mrs. Kristin Jackson. Kristin was the co-leader of the FRG since May but has fully assumed the role this month. She is always looking for more volunteers to be key callers or assist in other ways so please feel free to contact her at: hhheadhunters@gmail.com if you are interested. The next big event to mark on your calendars is the Battalion Family Day on 10 August... come experience what it’s like to be a Lifeline Soldier and enjoy some games and food too.

As always, 1SG Giddens and I are proud of our Soldiers’ accomplishments. SPC Holbrook won the battalion’s Soldier of the Quarter Board and went on to compete in the brigade’s Soldier of the Quarter competition. Additionally,



SPC Nyarko completed WLC in Ashland, NE and PFC Thomas completed the Joint Analyst Interrogation Collaboration Course at Fort Huachuca, AZ. Both 1SG Giddens and I continue to thank the Families and friends of the Headhunters for their support and dedication to the Soldiers and to the unit.

Headhunters – Supporting the Fight

HHC FRG Picnic at Moon Lake



Alpha Company

By: CPT Kimberly Soer, Company Commander



As part of my first newsletter article on the lifeline team, I would like to take a second to introduce myself to the Lifeline family. I moved here from just across the road, where I served as Phantom 6, the F CO commander in 1-18 IN. I am so excited to be here and to be a member of the team as Atlas 6.

Over the past month, Atlas Company has been busy. We continue to support the other BNs in the Brigade as they power through their gunnery exercises. In addition, the Soldiers and leadership have spent a lot of time and hard work preparing for upcoming IG Inspections.

Though, it has not been all work and no play. The FRG orchestrated a fantastic picnic on 5JUL in celebration of the Fourth of July Holiday. The food was fantastic and the activities were plentiful (in spite of the heat). A great time was had by all.

The next few months will be challenging as Atlas Company closes out the block leave period in August and transitions into a training intensive phase. The company will be going to the field for a week in September, two weeks in October, and two weeks in November. All of this training is in preparation for our NTC rotation in early 2013.

1SG and I sincerely appreciate all the hard work of the Soldiers and the sacrifices of the families. We are so very proud of the Soldiers and all that they accomplish. I look forward to my time as a member of the Atlas family.



Bravo Company

By: 1LT Treone M. Frink, Company Executive Officer

First, Bravo Company would like to welcome the newest members (CW2 Francis Ash, WO1 Talmadge Calloway, and WO1 Douglas Everly) and their families to the Bandit team. From 08JUN12 to 08JUL12, Bravo Company dispatched over 116 vehicles, completed over 94 work orders, and entered over 465 total piece of equipment into the SAM-SE box. In addition, we identified over \$19,500 dollars of excess equipment and materials for Operation Clean Sweep.

During the Division Victory Week competition, Bravo Company had over 35 Soldiers successfully participated in over 12 events. The events ranged from Basketball to Arm Wrestling and helped maintain the high level of esprit de corps within both the Company and Battalion leading up to the Army's Birthday Ceremony.

During 299th BSB's June M4 qualification ranges, 34 out of 34 Bravo Company Soldiers qualified on their individual weapon using only iron sights. In addition, during June's MK19 range, all four Bravo Company firers (SPC Miguel Solis, SPC Bobby Dixon, SPC Isaac Mandoza, and PFC Young Kim) qualified Expert.



Throughout, this time period, Bravo Company had three Soldiers (SPC Daniel Barbour, SPC Gabriel Velazquez, and SPC Perry Casillaz) re-enlist; two Soldiers successfully complete the Specialist Promotion Board, and had a Non-Commissioned Officer (SGT Mamadou Diallo) win the Brigade Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter Board.

Charlie Company

By CPT Marietta Squire, Company Commander

The month of July for the Cobras has consisted of a 4th of July Potluck, a soccer clinic with youth at the Teen Center on Fort Riley. Youth of all ages learned basic skills such as dribbling, shooting, participated in relay races, while receiving coaching from the medics of C



Company, 299 BSB. The youth also worked on their culinary skills, such as the creation of delicious crepes, before the soccer clinic kicked off.



Also Charlie Company established the Level II Aide Station while conducting field training. The ancillary sections became functional in lab, dental, and X-ray under field conditions; hence, fully constituting Level II operations.



Movement operations, set-up, and Mascal operations were trained on during the exercise. Motivation, knowledge, and skill sets continue to grow and increase.

Courage under Fire. Cobras.



FRG Leaders—On Call to Serve

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