



PROVIDERS QUARTERLY

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

LTC Jose L. Muniz



Happy New Year to all the Provider Families, and Friends! I am very proud of the professional leaders that have made our battalion the best in the entire Brigade. You have made a direct impact on the soldiers that we send through our doors to go forth and defend our freedom. CSM Penn and I are certainly impressed by the skill sets gained by our 92Gs and 92Ys and how well prepared they are for future combat. As we turn the page and enter 2010, the challenge of supporting Iraq and Afghanistan becomes even greater and with that, an increased challenge to our training and preparation of our soldiers. We are on the forefront with bringing realistic training to support our MOS technical training and the culmination of both occurs at Log Warrior. I am continually amazed at how well this battalion continues to achieve mission success with the limited resources that we face; it is because of you and the support of your family. As a result, You are making a positive impact while our Nation is at War and I thank each of you and your loved ones for your sacrifice and dedication in the defense of freedom. Provider All!

Special points of interest:

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CSM'S HOT TOPIC

CSM Charles E. Penn



Merry Christmas Providers!

I hope you all enjoy your holiday break and take advantage of this time to spend with your family and friends. I thank all of you in advance for being safe while traveling and celebrating.

As we begin the new year, we all need to look forward to what is ahead. The major event for the Battalion is our Log Warrior Rotations coupled with training new personnel on all the systems that are unique to AIT. As we go through many changes over the next few months, be flexible. Our number one priority is to have well-trained, combat ready soldiers. We will not deter from that. We have always been the best combat enabler for the 23rd BDE and we will continue to push our training events to prepare our soldiers for their pending deployment. As we move forward into the new year, be safe, be smart, and be motivated. We are going to have an outstanding 2010!



Provide It All

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN

- 1-3 Jan: New Year's Holiday 4 Day Weekend
- 2 Jan: HBL Return Operations Begins
- 4 Jan: 266th QM BN FFG Meeting
- 4 Jan: POI Begins
- 8 Jan: 266th QM BN Esprit de Corps Run
- 8-14 Jan: Log Warrior Rotation 10-08
- 13 Jan: Brigade Civilian Appreciation Luncheon
- 15-18 Jan: MLK Holiday 4 Day Weekend
- 25-29 Jan: BN Drivers Training (M1151)
- 27 Jan: 266th QM BN OPD (92S/R - Bravo)
- 29 Jan: Brigade Off-Site/Right Arm Night
- 29 Jan: 266th QM BN LPD

FEB

- Feb: 266th QM BN Blood Drive
- 1 Feb: 266th QM BN FFG Meeting
- 5 Feb: 266th QM BN Spirit Award Competition
- 5 Feb: Brigade OPD (Fort Lee WW I Trenches)
- 8-12 Feb: Log Warrior Rotation 10-11 (M1151 Integration)
- 12-15 Feb: President's Day 4 Day Holiday Weekend
- 16 Feb: BN Safety Council Meeting
- 16-19 Feb: 266th QM BN Leaders Certification
- 17 Feb: CPT Hall's conducts PT w/ Warrior 6
- 19 Feb: 266th QM BN Sweetheart Ball
- 24 Feb: 266th QM BN OPD (92L/M - Papa)
- 26 Feb: 266th QM BN NCOPT

MAR

- Mar: 266th QM BN 3rd QTR QTB
- 1 Mar: 266th QM BN FFG Meeting
- 5 Mar: 266th QM BN Esprit de Corps Run
- 8-12 Mar: Log Warrior Rotation 10-14
- 16 Mar: CPT Marstellar conducts PT w/ Warrior 6
- 24 Mar: 266th QM BN OPD (92A/W - Tango)
- 26 Mar: 266th QM BN NCOPT

DRAGONS UPDATE

Delta Company has recently graduated 1LT Murphy from the CTC course on the 20th of November, as well as CPT Hall from CCFSC on 6 November, and currently 1SG Mallory is attending CCFSC and will be graduating 11 December. Delta company is also proud of SFC Hardee who graduated ANCOC on the 30th of November and also Re-enlisted on the 2nd of December. We are also proud of SFC Herron who was nominated by the BDE CDR on 3 December for the Order of St. Martin. Also we are proud of SGT Gunn who recently scored a 150 on her promotion board the 4th of December.



BULLDOGS UPDATE

Recently the Bravo Bulldogs of 266th QM BN participated in the Colonial Heights Jaycees Christmas Parade, in Colonial Heights, Va. The Jaycees Christmas Parade is a Tri-Cities community tradition to celebrate the holiday season.

“The Soldier's participation in this year's parade was definitely rewarding for my dance students, to meet and thank our service members for their selfless sacrifices that they make on a daily basis to keep our nation a free nation and to protect us from harm”, said by Ms. Angel DeSouza.

The community embraced the Soldiers by clapping, blowing kisses, and saluting. The Soldier's enjoyed being recognized for their efforts and participating in this event truly allowed them to get into the spirit of the holiday season!

Bulldog 6

PIRATES UPDATE

As the Pirate Ship terrorizes the seven seas, we have to drop sail and bring the ship a coasting speed, as a few Pirates will sail into different waters and reek havoc upon someone's vessel in the new year.

SFC Doctolero and SSG Woodard will be leaving us to journey to different bases as their time is up here at Fort Lee. We wish them farewell, and we want to thank them for the long weeks, late nights, and excellent Soldiers they have produced in the name of Papa Company, and the United States Army. Their dedication will never be forgotten.

And finally, we wish everyone a safe voyage to their destination of choice, and hope that you have all the fun you can stand will away from the job site. Fort Lee has “EARNED” it!

Pirate 5



TIGERS UPDATE

Merry Christmas from the Tiger family!!!!

Currently our Tango Company permanent party is furiously working on Holiday Block Leave, incoming 10-08 Log warrior Rotation, AIT assessment, and implementing new Standardized Physical Training, and WTBD standards. The SPT program has been a smooth transition from FM 21-20 for AIT Warriors and Permanent party since October that we fully engaged SPT. Tigers have proved that SPT is the way of the future for physical training and we are waiting for the new release this coming DEC. Warriors start with 150 or 220 APFT average and finish the end of the course APFT with 230 and some of them above 300 APFT. Some of the Warriors increase their APFT between 30% or 40% depending on the individual efforts to excel in our SPT program. SPT has proven to be the safest Physical Training program and the Tiger COC is looking forward to provide the best SPT in the 266th QM Battalion.



SPARTANS UPDATE

Whiskey Company had their change of command on 23 November, where CPT Shaw relinquished command to CPT Hutcherson. CPT Shaw's leadership, personal care and commitment were greatly appreciated. CPT Shaw and his family will be missed. The OPTEMPO remains high, but the Spartans are on top of everything as usual.

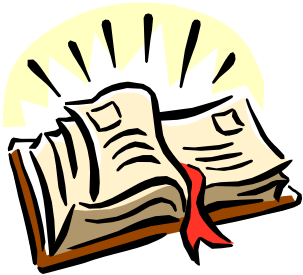
Company W recently completed the Brigade CIP with all Satisfactory ratings. This was accomplished while simultaneously preparing for 2nd QTR QTB, the IMT visit by LTG Hertling, a BN Log Warrior rotation, Holiday Block Leave operations, and conducting change of command inventories while turning in all company TA-50 to CIF and turning in all 300 company weapons in exchange for 300 new weapons. Hats off to Ms. Sigler, 1LT Purdy, SSG Brice, SFC Jenkins, and the entire Spartan family for our successful month.

Company W is also proud to announce PV2 Ortiz from 5th PLT as a Log Warrior Hero from LW rotation 10-05. Company W has a number of promotions happening prior to HBL. Currently they will be promoting nine Warriors to PV2 and three to PFC. Congratulations to those individuals.

Company W had five Soldiers participate in the Colonial Heights Christmas Parade on 1 December. They represented "Army Soldiers" on the "Dancing Grannies" float. The theme for the parade was: "A Red, White, and Blue Christmas Salute to our Troops". The cadre is also looking forward to Holiday Block Leave as a time to recuperate. They will be having a pot luck throughout the evening of the 18th.

Thanks to all the spouses and family members of Whiskey company cadre for your support .

Spartan 6 out.



A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN

**Let's Welcome Chaplain –
CH (CPT) Andrews
(Arriving in January)**

Greetings Providers,

Brothers and Sisters, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about self care and resiliency. Take for example the marathon runner who has completed 7 of the 10 mile run when a small pebble enters into his running shoe. The discomfort becomes vividly aware and increases with every step. As the well trained and conditioned runner contemplates suffering with the discomfort, he does not stop and continues running holding his lead position. As mile marker eight comes and goes his pain increases and his lead lessens. Upon passing mile marker 9, he cannot stand it anymore and stops to remove the pebble. Upon doing so he is passed and has to quickly make up the time. Exerting all the energy he can muster, he forces his legs to push harder and harder to catch up, but the pain the pebble has already caused does not allow him his normal pain free stride and he crosses the finish line not only in second place, but frustrated and angered at himself. How many of us do not stop to remove the pebble from our lives only later to have a blister to tend with? Put yourself into this parable and take from it what you may, but remember an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of medicine.

God Bless,
CH (CPT) John Tillman
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PROMOTIONS

SFC Daniels	01 October 2009
SFC Allen	01 October 2009
SFC Davidson	01 October 2009
SFC Bell	01 November 2009
1SG Petteway	02 November 2009
2LT Golliday	19 November 2009
SFC Odejobi	01 December 2009
SFC Salgado	01 December 2009

RE-ENLISTMENTS

SSG Richardson	13 October 2009
SFC King	15 October 2009
SSG Gilbert	23 October 2009
SGT Sorrell	24 November 2009
SGT Jenkins	24 November 2009
SFC Hardee	02 December 2009
SSG Brown	11 December 2009

M.W.R.

Morale, Welfare and
Recreation Events

**Fort Lee's "BIGGEST LOSER"
Competition**

4 January – 15 April 2010

Fort Lee's Community Library

is open and ready for business.

Available resources include:

Periodicals, Computers, Internet, Pre-school
Story and Craft Hour
and a Youth Reading Program

S4 SHOP

The S-4 shop continues to make the mission happen amidst serious personnel shortages / turn-over and budgeting challenges.

In December we said good-bye to SFC Sterling, who served the 266 QM BN faithfully for over 2 years.

We welcomed SSG Johnson to the S-4 shop as the new NCOIC. We also welcomed Ms. Joyce Scott to the Provider family as the new Supply Technician for Tango Company.

The 4-shop continues to work hard and remains committed to serving each Provider company with the necessary resources to accomplish training and take care of Soldiers no matter what it takes.

S1 SHOP

The S-1 shop remains strong although coming off one of the busiest times of the year, Holiday Block Leave (HBL). HBL Operations ran smoothly thanks to all the hard work and dedication from each staff member and all Provider companies.

In January we will say good-bye to SFC Mitchell as he moves on to support the Reception Company mission and also to prepare for his upcoming retirement.

In December we welcomed SGT Bazio and her family. She is a much needed addition to the S-1 shop and we are glad to welcome her to the Provider Family. She comes to us from Hawaii, is married and has 3 children.

The upcoming months will be challenging as we have NCO shortages and large student population, but we will rally together and continue to Provide it All!

Operations

266th Quartermaster Battalion

“PROVIDERS”



New Convoy Live Fire Exercise with M1151 and mounted M249

Relevant, realistic training, conducting 8 Individual Task and 3 Battle Drills was accomplished with the pilot run orchestrated by the 266th Task Force during Log Warrior rotation 10-05. The training was a success two fold. One, the use of strictly M1151 during the Convoy Live Fire Exercise was the BDE first look and simulation of reality in reference to the current operational picture in the CJOA. Soldiers engaged targets from the turret of the M1151 and dismounted the vehicle which can compare to a convoy encountering a block ambush and down vehicle in theater. Second, the training was conducted safely without losing its sense of realism. The Soldiers really enjoyed this sample of the future of the Convoy Live Fire Exercise at Log Warrior. The USSOCOM Combat Convoy C.A.L.L Handbook supports that this training is indeed relevant due to the Soldiers being required reacting to contact, mount and dismount vehicle, and fire the M249