



THREE MONTHS IN REVIEW

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The past several months have been eventful ones for the Troop Program Unit (TPU) Soldiers of the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade. It has been a time for planning for and engaging in mandatory training, testing their physical aptitude, saying goodbye, and even winning some cash!

During March and April each Soldier was responsible for preparing two blocks of mandatory training to present to the unit. Training included topics such as Suicide Prevention, Employment Rights, Preventative Measures Against Disease and Injury, OPSEC, Personnel Recovery Training, and The Army Substance Abuse Program. The Threat Awareness and Reporting Program (TARP) was an exceptionally well-presented class by Special Agent Joshua Lambert of the 524th MI BN.

Bright and early on Saturday, 13 April the unit took the APFT. It was a brisk morning. At 0600 the ground was saturated and extremely cold to the touch. Most wore gloves for the push-up portion of the test. Aside from the cold it was actually a gorgeous morning and the perfect temperature for the 2-mile run. Six members of 501st HHC supported the event: 1SG Crawford, CPT Kang, SSG Shade, SSG Combs, SSG Gillett, and MAJ Jang.

The following day was SPC Michelle Montgomery's farewell luncheon held at Foody Goody just outside the Camp Coiner gate. SPC Montgomery was a Supply Specialist who joined the unit in November 2012. Although she was not with the unit for a long period of time she will be missed. On the civilian side she is a minister working towards her Master of Divinity as well as a volunteer at her local Army Substance Abuse Program office. SPC Montgomery and her husband PCSed to San Antonio, Texas at the beginning of this month.

In November 2012, the Army's Moral Welfare and Recreation (MWR) program hosted its annual digital photography contest. The contest was open for submissions between 15 October and 30 November. MAJ Allison Marschean decided to enter several photos in a few different categories.

"I've known for a while that the Army has an annual photography contest, but in years past I just never had the time or made the time to prepare any submissions. I would



MAJ Marschean proudly shows her check for \$200 from MWR. She won second place in the "People" category of the Army's MWR (Moral Welfare and Recreation) annual digital photography contest. Her entry titled "Service with a Smile" was taken in Yokohama, Japan at the Cup Noodle Factory and Museum.

sometimes regret not offering up a submission or two, but decided that this year I would do it! I had no excuses and plenty of time to prepare."

The deadline for submissions was 30 November 2013. MAJ Marschean submitted photos in the People, Monochrome, Design Elements, and Nature and Landscapes categories. Ultimately, it was her entry, entitled "Service with a Smile", taken in Yokohama, Japan at the Cup Noodle Factory and Museum in April '12 that took second place in the "People" category.

The winners were announced this past February and MAJ Marschean was awarded a \$200 check from MWR. 



Pictured above: Highlights of Troop Program Unit (TPU) Soldiers of the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade participating in mandatory training during the months of March and April.

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USAG YONGSAN, SOUTH KOREA "RED DRAGONS - STRIKE WITH FIRE"

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