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Leader's Corner



COL Kris A. Arnold
Brigade Commander

*“Red Dragon 6.
Red Dragons Strike
with Fire!
Pacific Victors!”*

Brigade Commander

To the Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members,

It is an exciting time to be in the 501st, Republic of Korea, and the Army!

This is the Brigade's first quarterly newsletter, one of many great initiatives we have within the Brigade.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and diligence during the UFG exercise and most importantly, our recent real world provocations. North Korea could not have scripted anything better to prepare us for real world training.

While we prepare for our

next training quarter, I ask that you remain focused and strive for professional and personal excellence. Our Brigade's mission drives operations throughout the peninsula so it is imperative to always have our game face to quickly react to any future provocations by our neighbors up north.

With the holidays fast approaching, many of you may choose to travel—please be safe and ever vigilant. Your assignment in Korea is one that many U.S citizens will not have the chance to enjoy. Seize the opportunity to learn about the Korean cul-

ture and develop strong friendships. The Army is a small community, and there is always a chance that you will run into the friends you make here again in the near future.

As I close, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you within the Brigade, from the junior Soldiers to the senior Officers. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and because of you, our Brigade has an outstanding reputation on and off the peninsula. Keep up the great work and finish strong!.



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Brigade Command Sergeant Major

Greetings Red Dragon Soldiers, Families and friends — Happy Fiscal New Year to you! As we begin FY 16, the commander and I are confident that this is the best brigade in the Army. We have a challenging mission, yet you excel on a daily basis despite very real and unique challenges. You shoulder taskings, exercises, real-world threats, and limitations to some personal freedoms and conveniences professionally and patiently, with no impact to our mission — You are simply amazing! Truly elite Army units are comprised of Sol-

diers like you. They create their own culture by building a unit community that pushes those in it to excel. The unit becomes more than simply a number or a shoulder patch. It supports, improves and shapes the Soldiers that serve as members. We have the opportunity here, Soldiers, to show everyone that we are an elite unit. We have a unit community of excellence.

My challenge to you is to help build our community and the reputation of our organization. Soldiers, there is no E-10... I am not asking this for myself or for my gain, but for each one of you. I know that you are the best, so show everyone else.

How do make this happen? We do exactly what we are doing now and push each other to do things just a little better each time. This translates to doing one more push-up on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), picking up the shoppette bag that is outside the barracks, making an on-the-spot correction when someone is violating a standard. It requires us to read an ADP, ALARACT, or to look something up in an Army

Regulation. It takes investing in the profession and each other by conducting and/or participating in developmental counseling. That's not much of an investment for the pay off that it will produce.

Let's do this. Let's commit to doing a little better, each day and pushing each other to excel. We are in the best brigade in the Army. You'll see that I'm right when you believe it yourself.

It is an absolute honor to serve you as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major. If I have met you already, then you have heard me repeat time and again "I work for you". This is not a hollow promise, and I am not running for office. Please do not miss out on an opportunity to help.



**Command Sgt. Maj. Marc A. Gianotti
Brigade Command Sergeant Major**

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Headquarters and Headquarters Company

“Wreak Havoc!”

Ulchi Freedom Guardian and Shout-Outs

By Capt. Kimberly Bevins

This month, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, spent much of its time and manpower supporting Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG), the largest computer-based

tasked, HHC also received over 50 augmentee Soldiers from the 300th MI BDE with the Utah National Guard, and the 368th MI BN from California. The Soldiers ranged in rank from private to command ser-

promotions and awards. SGT Maillet, who has been with the HAVOC family since 2013, reenlisted for six years, guaranteeing the Army an eleven year commitment. Sgt. Maillet will be leaving us in this upcoming month, and said he looks forward to seeing his “HAVOC” Family down the road at other duty stations. Congratulations also go out to the freshly promoted Pfc. McNair and Pfc. Lee, who, through their

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simulation exercise conducted annually in conjunction with Republic of Korea (ROK) forces. This exercise increases Peninsula-wide readiness through integrating ROK, US, multinational, and reserve forces all into one exercise, and greatly strengthens the Alliance with the ROK. HHC tasked Soldiers in support of this exercise in a wide variety of roles including protocol drivers, Human Intelligence (HUMINT) and Signal Intelligence (SIGINT) tactical scribes, general officer support, CSP operators, and plans officers. Although these exercises have become routine to many, this year we saw the threat become much more real-world. Thank you to everyone who supported the exercise, directly or indirectly, and especially thank you to the Battalions for all of your support.

In addition to our own Soldiers

geant major, and second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel. These Soldiers filled vital roles within the GCC-CACC at 532nd MI BN, the J2 at the Korean Battle Simulation Center, the Second Operational Command (2OC) in Daegu, and supported the exercise command at CP Tango. These Soldiers provide continuity as they come back year-after-year and play a vital role in learning the ins and outs of Korea to support our organic forces should a real-life wartime scenario break out. From across the Pond (yes, wrong Ocean...), thank you to all those who came out for this year’s exercise, it couldn’t have been a success without you. We are sorry you had to leave before the “victory parties”, but we will celebrate for you.

Also, a shout out to our Soldiers for continuing to reenlist within this great Army and working hard for



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hard work and dedication,
pinned their ranks on early.
Lastly, congratulations to all
those who received awards dur-
ing UFG, you'll find out next
week who you are...

And last but not least: WREAK
HAVOC!!!



Alpha Company Soldiers participate in the BN EDRE on 16 August



532d MI Battalion

“Black Horse!”

Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG)

By Name Here

With the support of augmentees from across Korea and the United States, the 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion, participated in Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) in August 2015. Alpha and Bravo Company were pivotal in the execution of the exercise and received essential support from Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company (HHSC) through sustainment, command and control, and the execution of a morale event during PAUSE-EX.

In order to verify that the battalion was prepared to conduct UFG, the unit executed an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise (EDRE) prior to START-EX. The EDRE allowed the battalion to account for 100% of its Soldiers and mentally prepared the unit for the challenges ahead.

At the heart of USFK’s intelligence

operations in Yongsan, Alpha Company’s Soldiers supported the exercise and real-world mission by manning a variety of sections at the South Post Annex (SPA) and Command Post Tango. Within the SPA, Alpha Company managed three distinct missions. The Intelligence Fusion Cell (IFC) determined the disposition of North Korean movement through battle tracking and battle damage assessments, the Theater Ballistic Missiles (TBM) section tracked and analyzed ballistic missile movement, and the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Cell (ISR) conducted collection management of ISR assets to support mission requirements across the peninsula.

Within CP Tango, Alpha Company executed ISR missions and support-

ed the J2X, Strategic Estimates and Targeting Exercise Plans (STEP), and Joint Cyber Center (JCC). Through these sections, Alpha Company participated in the Human Intelligence and Counterintelligence missions, created imagery for targeting, and safeguarded offensive and defensive network capabilities. Alpha Company’s wide mission set provided invaluable support to maneuver units.

Composed of the Ground Component Command-Combined Analysis and Control Center (GCC-CACC) and the Deployable Intelligence Support Element (DISE), Bravo Company’s Soldiers play a vital role in the execution Korea’s bi-annual exercises by providing an enemy common operating picture for the entire Korean Theater of Operations. Despite the unit’s one year PCS cycle, Bravo Company’s systems and procedures for training new, organic Soldiers and augmentees facilitated the success of the exercise.

Through the combined efforts of its eight specialized sections and coordination with its Korean counterparts, the GCC-CACC provided an enemy common operating picture to the Ground Component Command that supported the mission of maneuver and support elements throughout the peninsula. Specifically, the GCC-CACC maintained a current battle damage assessment, pro-



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“Alpha Company’s wide mission set provided invaluable support to maneuver units.”

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vided detailed single-source reporting, and managed theater-level assets through collection management.

In order for the GCC-CACC to sustain real-world and exercise operations, the 368th Military Intelligence Battalion from Camp Parks, California, provided over twenty Army Reservists to augment Bravo Company’s analysts. To best train this new group of augmentees prior to UFG, the GCC-CACC sent three Warrant Officers to Camp Parks in late July. This training provided the augmentees with an overview of the GCC-CACC’s mission, a background of operations within the theater, and an introduction into their roles and responsibilities during their exercise.

In addition to personnel support from the 368th Military Intelligence Battalion, Bravo Company received and trained augmentees from various units, both internal and external to the battalion, to include HHSC, Bravo Company/524, 8th Army G2, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and

the 101st Airborne Division. Given their various backgrounds and skills, each augmentee provided a unique perspective that enhanced the capabilities of the GCC-CACC.

Outside of Camp Humphreys, the DISE of Bravo Company provided direct support to the Republic of Korea Second Operations Command (2OC) in Daegu and Third Republic of Korea Army (TROKA) in Yongin. Whereas the DISE traditionally deployed to one location during theater exercises, the Korean Army increased demand for DISE’s unique mission set, encouraging the DISE to maintain two independent elements. Beyond their intelligence support capabilities, the DISE created a strong link in the relationship between the U.S. and Korean intelligence community, promoting the Coalition “Kapschi Kapshida” principles.

The battalion’s performance during the exercise is greatly attributed to support provided by HHSC. From DISE’s deployment on August 10th through END-EX, HHSC manned the

Battalion Tactical Operations Center (TOC) 24/7 and were prepared to immediately respond to issues impacting the exercise. Given DISE’s frequent movement throughout the battlefield, the Battalion TOC played an essential role in maintaining command and control and communicating between the DISE and the Battalion motorpool in the event of vehicle malfunctions. Beyond TOC operations, the company trained to execute the Brigade’s Operation Decontamination Mission.

In both real-world and exercise operations, the 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion continues to provide essential intelligence support to the theater’s ground mission. Although the technical abilities of the Black Horse organization support its accomplishment of the mission, the Soldiers of the 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion were the centerpiece to the success of Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2015 and will continue to excel in exercises to come. Black Horse!

DISE Support—B – Co

Story and photo by 532nd MI BN

In response to a mission support request from the Combined Marine Corps Command (CMCC), the Deployable Intelligence Support Element (DISE) deployed on 20-22 JUL 15 in order to support the Northwest Islands Defense Command's Live Fire Exercise (LFX). Additionally, the DISE conducted a Field Training Exercise (FTX) while supporting this mission at the CMCC headquarters in Baran in order to validate platoon Mission Essential Task List (METL) tasks as a final assessment for Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) '15.

While supporting the LFX, the DISE conducted a Capabilities Exercise

(CAPEX) demonstration, Request For Information (RFI) support, and moving target indicator exploitation. Pvt. Williams and Pfc. Turnbo served as outgoing/return convoy commanders, demonstrating outstanding leadership and proficiency in the convoy brief and tactical convoy movement. PV2 Williams additionally wrote and conducted the Concept of Operations (CONOP) briefing to the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Nyland, in order to complete requirements for the Analyst Progression program, achieving Master Analyst. Spc. Bischer and Sgt. Weckman conducted the CAPEX briefing for Lt.

Col. Hahm (CMCC assistant G2) and 7 CMCC staff officers, giving them a comprehensive understanding of DISE capabilities and products. Technical Control Analysis Element (TCAE) Soldiers, Spc. Santos and Pfc. Jung (KATUSA) provided constant translation support during operations around the clock. Lt. Col. Hahm was impressed by the demonstration and was eager to further DISE MTI support during future LFXs. At the conclusion of the exercise, LTC Hahm provided CMCC Commandant coins for two DISE Soldiers - SPC Bischer and PFC Jung.



DISE's CAPEX Set-up at 2OC, 12 AUG

HHSC Conducts PRT with 8th Army Commander

Story and photo by 1st Lt. Ashley White

After planning and preparations, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company, 532nd MI BN, was eager to host Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, and Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Merritt. They were ready to show the 8th Army command team just how fit the Spartan Family truly is. After a grueling hour and a half workout in 100% humidity and temperatures soaring into the mid-80s by start of PRT, the Company learned just how fit the 8th Army Command Team was and how truly rigorous the workout was going to be.

"Lt. Gen. Champoux was extremely energetic and kept up with everyone in the group. Sometimes I felt like I was trying to keep up with him," said Pvt. Galarza. She also noted that she enjoyed working out alongside the commanding general. Sgt. 1st Class Floyd and Sgt. Reimondo were in charge of leading the 12-station circuit training Physical Readiness Training (PRT) session; both non-commissioned officers formulated a workout that showed "no mercy". After the first of three rotations, the members of HHSC realized exactly how strenuous this workout was going to be. Pfc. Jo, Gyoung Jae, a Korean Augmentation To the United States Army (KATUSA) with HHSC, commented on the overall workout and said "The circuit training was great, because it worked out my whole body."

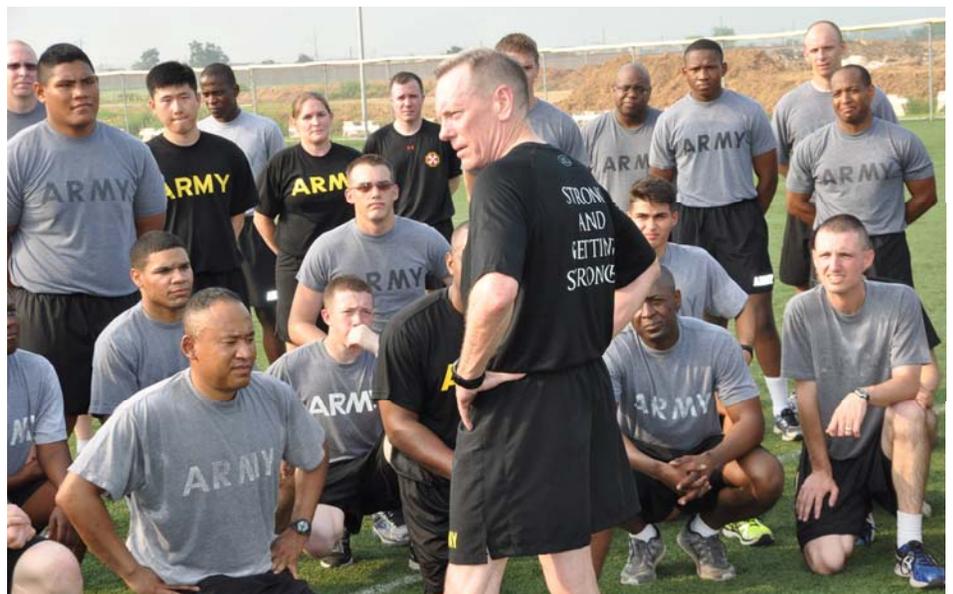
The Soldiers of HHSC gave the CG a snapshot of their rigorous PRT pro-



gram which consistently challenges our Soldiers daily with exercise routines focused on cardio and muscular strength endurance. The 8th Army Commander routinely emphasizes the importance of PRT as the most important training conducted daily. This mentality is sincerely embraced by everyone in the HHSC. PRT is the best opportunity to bring the entire company together while excelling as a team and challenging Soldiers to improve every day.

Once the exhausting PRT session ended, the company took time to conduct drill and ceremony in order

to give our junior NCOs an opportunity to "lead from the front". It also gave Soldiers time to practice the art of marching in formation, and keeping in step. The session concluded with an after action review, and Lt. Gen. Champoux went on to commend the formation for a job well done. He shared a motivational speech reminding the unit that there is a continued threat to our North that we must always be prepared to engage. With HHSC's unrelenting PRT and never quit mentality, the Company will always be ready to "Fight Tonight".



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719th MI Battalion

“Silent Warriors”

Soldiers Conduct Paintball Battle Drills

By Cpt. Grady Robbins

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 719th Military Intelligence Battalion, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, conducted team and squad drills during a paintball session at Camp Casey’s Community Activity Center. The event was the culminating exercise of the Commander’s Priority Training Week (CPTW). The purpose of the paintball drills was to develop Soldier Warrior Tasks and enhance team building. Furthermore, the paintball games provided Soldiers the opportunity to build camaraderie and esprit de corps. Planning and coordination for the event was overseen by Staff Sgt. Tommy Kim, and the event was done through Warrior Adventure Quest (WAQ).

The event began with Soldiers departing Camp Humphreys at 0800 for the three hour movement to Camp Casey. After Soldiers received their safety brief, they went over the elements of Battle Drill 1. Soldiers were divided into groups of five led by a noncommissioned officer. The NCO facilitated the instruction portion of Battle Drill 1. The groups would then simulate the Warrior Tasks essential to the Battle Drill such as taking cover, returning fire, flanking, shifting fire, lifting fire, and crossing the limit of advance. Staff Sgt. Kim reviewed each team as they went through the practical simulations and gave a “GO” or “NO GO” to each team on their performance. Teams were given the opportunity

to continue the drills until they received a “GO”. A “GO” was required in order for the teams to participate in the follow-on paintball games.

Soldiers remained in their teams of five and began the first iteration of games. In each iteration, Soldiers were given five minutes to devise their strategy to defeat the opposing team. The first iteration was a single elimination game consisting of two teams of five. The winner was determined once every Soldier from the opposing team had been eliminated. The games were quick and usually lasted no more than five minutes. The games gave the Soldiers the opportunity to utilize their Battle Drill 1 skills in eliminating the opposing team.

The second iteration focused on defending an installation. This time, Soldiers were divided up into teams of ten. One team would secure an installation area and have the mission of defending that area. The opposing team would attack the installation in an attempt to seize the area and eliminate the defending team. Once again, the winner was determined by which team could eliminate the other opponents. This iteration allowed Soldiers to practice securing an area against an opposing force. Throughout the games, the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Hobart, and HHD Company Command-



Caption.

er, Cpt. Anderson, would oversee the games from the watchtower in order to analyze the movements and provide feedback to the teams.

Following both iterations, the Soldiers conducted recovery and an

after action review. The leadership further conducted a Leader-Led After Action Debriefing as part of the WAQ's model. Group discussions revolved around the importance of team working, communication, and

the role of every individual and their use of skills. The event was seen as a great success in teaching Soldiers essential Warrior Tasks and Team Building, while doing so in a fun, competitive environment.

What a wonderful day to attend a baseball game!

By Spc. Jarius Johnson

On Friday, 14 AUG 2015, the 719th Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion, consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Alpha, and Bravo Companies, attended a Korean Baseball Organization (KBO) game. From the eyes of many that attended this sporting event, this was an excellent way to enjoy quality bonding time as a unit. An approximate total of 60-70 Soldiers and Family members attended this event. The attendees of this event were given the option of traveling via bus or traveling via public transportation system. The event was held at Jamsil Stadium, SongPa Gu, Seoul. The home of the Doosan Bears. This was a duel between the second and third place teams in the KBO league; the energy within the stadium was palpable. This match-up was expected to be a thrilling and exciting game to the finish! The game did not disappoint; the final score was three to two.

The 719th MI BN's three companies met at the front gate of the Jamsil stadium for accountability and ticket hand-outs. Upon arrival to the stadium, our soldiers and family members were greeted by fans, event booths, and fried chicken vendors.



Caption.

The atmosphere was new to many people having being their first baseball game in South Korea. Many of the Soldiers and their Family members purchased home team souvenirs such as hats, jerseys, and noisemakers in order to enhance the baseball game experience. The group tickets for the game was pre-reserved and the seats were located in the vicinity of the right-field foul line.

Jamsil Stadium had so much to offer! There was great food, souvenir shops, and event booths, and even included a children's play area. The variety of food offered was limitless, including American food and a wide variety of Korean specialties.

One thing that many Soldiers had not experienced before with the Korean style fans. The chants and music created a very unique environment. The Soldiers enjoyed trying to learn the chants for all the different players. With all the excitement and energy in the air, it was almost impossible for you and your battle buddies to not enjoy the outing with the battalion.

Overall, everyone had an amazing time. The baseball game was a great way to spend a Friday night and also a great way to create camaraderie within the unit. The baseball game was an awesome experience and we look toward more like this in our battalion's future.

719th MI Battalion Sponsors the HAN RA KATUSA Snack Bar

Story and photos by SPC Max Kang

If you are craving some Korean food, you don't have to go off base to experience an authentic Korean meal. The Korean Augmentation to The United States Army (KATUSA) Snack Bar is your best bet. The food is inexpensive, but high in quality. Just as an ordinary college student in the States craves "mom's home-cooked food", KATUSA Soldiers craves their taste of home having to use the westernized dining facility known as the Dining Facility (DFAC). KATUSA snack bar was originally designed to alleviate these hardships/homesickness for the KATUSA Soldiers by providing them with sustenance suited to their native taste buds. However, KATUSA snack bar has recently become the hub for our U.S. Soldiers and their Families to experience the Korean cuisine on post and have served as the transitional restaurant for those who may be new to the Korean food culture. Around lunchtime, you'll notice the popularity of the KATUSA snack bar shown by the long line created by our hungry Soldiers, civilian contrac-



Caption.

Joseph Holland, the Han Ra KATUSA Snack Bar owner, Mr. Park Bong Gil, and herself. The purpose of the agreement was to establish a partnership between the 719th MI BN and the Snack Bar, where the battalion would assist in the efforts of the facility to satisfy the KATUSAs, Soldiers, and Families with regards to

monthly and quarterly inspections of the facility. In addition, the inspections of concessions will be complemented by Preventive Medicine and Area III ROKA personnel. Per the agreement, a portion of the profits from snack bar operations is used for the welfare of KATUSA Soldiers.

The snack bar has not only shown

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tors, and their family members.

On the 25th of August, LTC Karen Hobart, the 719th MI BN commander, participated in an agreement signing between the Camp Humphreys Garrison Commander, COL

quality, taste, service, and cleanliness to ensure a high degree of service to all patrons.

As part of the agreement, the battalion will provide a senior non-commissioned officer to conduct

great potential for providing the best service and food to their customers, but have clearly followed through with their level of dining experience. Their service is quick, efficient, and creates a great dining

atmosphere, not only for those who come to eat alone, but also for those with a big group. The endless side dish, called “BanChan,” along with self-serve water station are just a

The Snack Bar operates from 0900 to 2100 Monday through Saturday. Their menu is comprised of 25+ items so you will have no problem finding something you’ll like. The

that’ll get your taste buds in full throttle. And for you Kim-chi lovers out there, it is one of the daily endless side dish menus. The taste of Korea is closer than you think, so

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few examples of the Korean cultural aspect of dining you will notice. But where else better would you want to be introduced to these type of dining culture differences than while being surrounded by your fellow battles and assisted by a bi-lingual, friendly staff?

owner has mentioned that the KATUSA Snack bar has a secret menu which is combining the two most popular menus into one dish. It’s called the Bulgogi Bibimbap. You can order a Bimbimbap and ask them to add the Bulgogi topping creating the snack bar’s secret menu

visit the KATUSA snack bar, eat, and embrace the Korean culture through its cuisine.



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3d MI Battalion

“Winged Vigilance”

Headquarters and Service Company

By 1st Lt. Daniel J. Porter

Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, has built a training program around our Mission Essential Task List (METL) and the experiences of our Soldiers to ensure that the company can support Alpha and Bravo accomplish their missions. HSC’s priority training ensures that each section is capable of responding to immediate demands with safety and well-being of Soldiers.

Last quarter’s Company Priority Training Week, “OPERATION SPARTAN PROTECTION”, which was the year’s culminating training event. It was a combination of Force Protec-

tion, Surge Operations, and Down Aircraft Scenarios. By creating scenarios that pushed the limits of each section to ensure readiness, Soldiers received the necessary training to excel in case of an emergency, or urgent event.

The company also provided our military police continuing training to enhance our force and provide additional capabilities to better equip them. The military police section trained on procedures such as identifying a suspicious person, uncleared entry, and show of force drills. These events increased our overall effectiveness of security of the airfield. A recall event provided

excellent training for the Petroleum Oil and Lubricates (POL) section to be evaluated on the responsiveness and preparedness of Surge Operations. They were also evaluated on fuel spill procedures to ensure that Soldiers are properly trained on how to handle these events during time of high risk situations.

The Battalion Operations Center (BOC) conducted training and evaluated a Down Aircraft Scenario to test the application of the Pre-Accident Plan to ensure that all the proper procedures are followed and evaluate the response time that is critical during life threatening events. During the exercise, the BOC was able to



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respond to a simulated down aircraft with coordination of local fire departments, airfield management, and local MPs to validate smooth communication between the individual departments.

HSC continues to direct the training of individual Soldier tasks to ensure that the incoming Soldiers are being taught the basics prior to receiving instruction on advanced topics. In order to accommodate the influx of Soldiers during the summer months, HSC reset its training program to efficiently train the Soldiers as they arrived. During the past two months, HSC has conducted convoy operations to ensure that HSC has the flexibility and mobility to set up a Base of Operations anywhere in South Korea.

Finally, HSC has lead the way in medical support throughout the brigade. Previously, the medics conducted medical duties at ranges and conducted Combat Life Saver (CLS) courses once a month. However, over the past 10 months under the leadership of Staff Sergeant Reyes, the medics have been trained in phlebotomy, immunizations, pharmacology, and emergent medical care. This training enabled the medical section to establish a fully functioning clinic right in the middle of the brigade foot print. These services have not only increased medical readiness, but have also freed up over 160 hours of appointment times at the health clinic. They have also hosted several challenging training, which reinforced the skills Soldiers have learned in CLS.

HSC continues to provide training that is relevant and essential to the success of the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion.



PFC Vasquez, HSC Combat Medical, helps a fellow soldier during simulated emergencies during an exercise to train soldiers and medics on proper handling of patients and emergencies.

Alpha Company

By CPT. Scott N. Dimasio

This quarter Alpha Company , 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, has focused their training efforts on the preparation and execution of their wartime mission tasks. Currently, A. Co is entrusted to provide early warning and indications of the proposed North Korean threat along the Demilitarized Zone in the Republic of Korea. This is done using the aircraft's Moving Target Indicator (MTI). The system allows the aircraft to view moving metallic objects within a given field of view. However, in the event of a full scale war with North Korea the mission tasking would take a dramatic shift into the arena

of Counter Special Operation Forces (CSOF) support. The key to the aircraft's success for this mission set is a number of things. At the pinnacle is the Wescam MX-20 full motion video camera. The MX-20 has multiple viewing capabilities including Electro Optical, Infrared, and a Laser Light Illuminator. Using all of the combined functions while having the ability to simultaneously coordinate with ground and air assets make RC-7 aircraft the ideal package for CSOF support.

However there are two major challenges that need to be overcome before the successful execution of these missions can take place. First,

there is no current or projected Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) that exists for the Non-rated Crew Members (NCM) that are responsible to operate this mission equipment on a daily basis aboard the RC-7. Second, the CSOF mission profile is not the current mission set, therefore not something that can be trained on a high frequency. In an effort to hone these essential skills such as, Strike Coordination and Reconnaissance (SCAR), providing battle damage assessment, and information collection and synchronization to support the CSOF mission, both the Aviators and NCM's aboard an RC-7 train weekly with a medley

of different scenarios.

During these training flights, NCM's are given a series of tasks to complete in accordance with the Commander's Task List (CTL) and Local Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). All tasks have to be completed to standard in order for the NCM to be certified as an operator for CSOF support missions. This type of training initiative has been developed to mold, groom, and create force multipliers within the organization that are ready to react to, and execute a variety of functions within a dynamic and kinetic environment. This compilation of training will capstone next quarter during the Commander's Priority Training Week (CPTW). Aircrews will be given more in depth scenarios and tasks to complete, while being evaluated by a Standardization Instructor (SI). Soldiers will be graded on pre-mission planning, execution of mission tasks, collection of information, exploitation, and dissemination processes.

In addition to preparation for our wartime mission profile, A. Co has spearheaded an application with the



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Air Force's 5th Expeditionary Airborne Command and Control Squadron. In an effort to improve joint and national intelligence support to military operations within the ROK. We have begun working with the JSTARS aircrew via a secure frequency, providing the capability to cross-cue and tip MTI signatures between airframes and validate/exploit possible targets employing RC-7's MX-20 camera. This effort is also supported by our sister battalion, 532nd MTI section. Working in partnership with

this unit has helped communication flow and overall productivity of our mission tasks in support of United States Forces Korea (USFK) J2. Not only does this joint collaboration help the company maintain a high state of mission success, it enhances the 501st MI BDE's ability to synchronize information collection and provide intelligence superiority; allowing USFK J2 to produce the most up to date Theater Intelligence Assessment to combatant commanders.

Bravo Company

By Cpt. Kayleigh E. Wallace

This quarter, Bravo Company, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, has been heavily focused the modernization of its intelligence platforms and overall indications and warnings capabilities. The most significant con-

tribution to the modernization process is the fielding of the RC-12X Guardrail aircraft and the Operational Ground Station (OGS). Bravo Company received two additional RC-12X aircraft and mission equipment at the beginning of the quarter, bring-

ing the total number of RC-12X mission aircraft on peninsula to four. The OGS was received prior to this quarter, but officially assumed the primary position for intelligence collection in July. The OGS replaced the outdated Guardrail Ground Baseline

(GGB) system which allows Bravo Company and 3rd MI Bn., to receive and process more information from additional collection assets.

In order to fully integrate the RC-12X and OGS into the mission routine, this quarter, Bravo company executed three weeks of intense training. This training was conducted by the technical experts from Northrop Grumman tailored around resolving ongoing mission equipment maintenance issues and providing increased capabilities to the company's analysts and collectors. For the first two weeks, the training was conducted after the completion of the company's normal mission requirement. This not only allowed the technicians to troubleshoot the mission equipment without affecting mission, but also proved Bravo company's ability to provide split shift operations. By the third week, Bravo Company was able to test its overall RC-12X mission readiness by transitioning to an almost pure RC-12X mission execu-

tion.

Once the training was completed, Bravo Company continued to focus on further integration of the RC-12X into the normal mission cycle, but conducted concurrent training to its Republic of Korea counterparts which work side-by-side the Bravo Company Soldiers in the Korean Mission Operations Center. At this stage, Bravo Company assumed the role as the primary trainers which not only increased the relationship with the Republic of Korea Soldiers; it increased the overall mission proficiency for the unit as a whole. As is with any new equipment fielding, it is always more comfortable to use the older familiar equipment, but the Soldiers of Bravo Company already agree that the capabilities of the RC-12X and the OGS dwarf that of the RC-12K and GGB.

Concurrently, as the Soldiers trained their Republic of Korea counterparts inside the Korean Mission Operations Center, the aviators and technicians planned and prepared

the divestiture of the RC-12K aircraft. This was a great opportunity for the junior aviators to learn the processes and requirements for planning international flights. The aviators had to take weather and winds aloft, as well as potential unscheduled aircraft maintenance into consideration while planning the route of flight. Additionally, in order to maximize the experience brought back to the fixed wing community, the aircrews chosen for the ferry flights consisted of an experienced pilot-in-command or instructor pilot and a junior pilot. By the end of September, Bravo Company will have divested two of its RC-12K aircraft.

This quarter has displayed significant transition for Bravo Company as new equipment is fielded and older outdated equipment is either divested or disposed of. Though there is still much to learn, and more work to be done, Bravo Company is excited and looking forward to the possibilities that the RC-12X and OGS has to offer.



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368th MI Battalion

“Vanguards”

Story Title

By Command Sgt. Maj. Geoffrey R. Krueger

Summer is always a busy time of year for Army Reservists and this year was no exception for the Soldiers of the 368th Military Intelligence Battalion. We have welcomed new Soldiers into our Family, to include a new battalion commander as well as two new company commanders. Unfortunately, along with the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) of several key full-time staff members, we also had to say a final farewell to SSG James Russell. The Battalion will memorialize Staff Sgt. Russell during our September Battle Assembly.

In June, the battalion passed the colors from Lt. Col. Paul B. Strickland to Lt. Col. Jens J. Hansen. Many thanks go out to Col. Kris A. Arnold, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade Commander, for making the long

trip out to California in order to officiate the ceremony.

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment sought new opportunities for the battalion S-6 and maintenance section and secured participation in the BIG LOTS West 2015 exercise. During this exercise, the 368th MI Bn. provided communications, vehicle and maintenance support to exercise activities at Camp Parks, Calif., as well as sea port operations at the Military Ocean Terminal, Concord (MOTCO).

Both Alpha and Bravo companies provided significant intelligence support to Ulchi Freedom Guardian this year, with Soldiers spread between Yongsan, Camp Humphreys, Suwon, Daegu, and CP Tango, South Korea, as well as those Soldiers providing reach back sup-

port from the W-ARISC at Camp Parks. As always, this exercise is a heavy lift for the battalion and comprises the Culminating Training Event for many of our Soldiers. Many were called upon to transition from exercise play to a real-world scenario, a task they accomplished without skipping a beat. In addition to supporting UFG, B Co. also conducted Counter Intelligence Agent Program, and Counter Intelligence Support to Force Protection training at Camp Parks for its remaining Soldiers.

In the next few months, the battalion is preparing to field a new Deployable Intelligence Support Element (DISE) in support of brigade operations and is planning the conduct of our annual Best Warrior Competition in November.

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Chaplain

“For God and Country”

Summer is a Time of Change

By Chaplain (MAJ) Daryl Densford, Brigade Chaplain

We’ve just come through summer on the Korean Peninsula and have been reminded that summer always brings change: warmer, sometimes hot, weather; gardens producing their products; special activities for the children; family vacations...and summer Permanent Change of Station (PCS)!

There have been many personnel changes in the brigade this summer, like every summer. The brigade Unit Ministry Team (UMT) has also been impacted by the summer changes with a new chaplain and new chaplain assistant noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) (soon to be “Religious Affairs NCO”) on top of a recently arrived Korean Augmentation to The United States Army (KATUSA).

But through all the change, the mission continues for the brigade and the UMT. Red Dragon Orientation (RDO) has continued non-stop as a great program to introduce new Soldiers to their chaplains, the Korean public transit system, Korean culture and Korean food. Our Strong Bonds program continues to enrich single and married Soldiers and spouses as they get away to Dragon Hill Lodge (DHL) for special instruction, great food and time away from their daily duties and routines. Regular social meals, Bible Studies, cultural trips and a myriad of other chaplain-led events seek to build resiliency and spiritual depth in

the lives of the Soldiers and Family Members of the brigade.

As we enter fall and winter, having experienced the changes of summer, we realize that challenges often hit us head-on. Some of those arriving to the brigade are here without their Family members, and have yet to meet new friends. Many are in Korea for the first time. An assignment to Korea can be a great experience, but you need to navigate the challenges successfully to make it so. Don’t stay on post or only go just outside post, there is so much more to do than just eat and drink in Korea! There is history dating back thousands of years. There are many venues for entertainment and the arts. Recreational opportunities abound. You can soon be a world traveler given that we are in such close proximity to other countries. This gives you the opportunity to see many things your friends and family back. If you are here without your Family, or even with your Family, effective communication is the key to maintaining healthy relationships. It will take creative planning to talk regularly to Family and friends back home because of the time difference, but it is worth the effort. When you’re on the phone, don’t waste that time with mundane details like bills to pay, repairs that need to be done or other communication that can be accomplished via e-mail. Use your

limited “voice” time together to talk about what you’re experiencing, about your relationship and your future, and about your love and affection for each other. But don’t let the ease of being able to cheaply call home keep you from “old-fashioned” communication. It is the letters, notes and cards sent and received by “snail-mail” that will be remembered and cherished for years to come!

Remember, amid all of the challenges of a tour in Korea, there is always some person or agency that can help you navigate your tour, rather than doing it alone! Your unit Family Readiness Group (FRG) stands ready to help you and your Family adjust to enjoy your time in Korea. Army Community Services (ACS) has a plethora of resources, classes, and information to help you with any issue you may face. If you need help, the Family Life Chaplain stands ready to assist with marriage and Family counselling. Your battalion and brigade chaplains offer multiple events to keep you connected to your faith while away from home. Your chaplain is also available for spiritual and personal guidance if you aren’t sure where to turn.

Your tour in Korea can be either your worst, or your best assignment. I encourage you to make it your best by taking advantage of what Korea has to offer!



SJA

“Soldier First, Lawyer Always”

Title

By Maj. Mike S. Mi

Greetings from Brigade Legal! My name is MAJ Mike S. Ni and I am very pleased to serve as your new Brigade Judge Advocate. My Family and I arrived in Korea this past summer and we are very excited to be here on our first overseas tour. Like most individuals brand new to a foreign country as well as to a new command, we quickly discovered a myriad of different rules applicable here in Korea that are quite different to those practiced in the United States. A small sample of these unique rules include on how we drive our cars on local roads, what we may purchase at the Commissary and Post Exchange, and, for some, even how we advance intimate relations with other persons. For the benefit of newcomers to Korea, I will address these three specific subjects so Service Members are better aware of proper conduct in this foreign environment. Remember, we are all ambassadors for the United States and we should remain utmost guests to our Korean hosts.

First, if you wish to drive in Korea, you must have a United States Forces Korea (USFK) driver's license. Those who have not lived in urban centers or big cities may be surprised to find the intense hustle and bustle of traffic in Korea, especially in Seoul and along the Korean national roadways. Unfamiliar road

signs and speed measured in kilometers further add confusion for new drivers. Newcomers should also be particularly aware of bus lane restrictions found in both Korean cities and highways. The local police do strictly enforce such restrictions. To keep us all on the right side of law, I recommend all drivers review Appendix B of USFK Regulation 190-1, *Motor Vehicle Supervision*, 2 February 2012. This appendix provides a very thorough run-down on local traffic rules, including speed limits and bus lane usage. Remember, any person found to have violated the Korean traffic code is personally responsible to pay the associated fine or penalty.

Also, once in Korea, you will all be made aware of purchase restrictions at the Commissary and Post Exchange. For example, such restrictions include limits on how much groceries a person may purchase per month and a general prohibition on purchasing items not for personal use. There are two primary reasons consumer goods are controlled on-post. First, Commissary and Post Exchange items are duty-free. In other words, the Korean government agreed not to collect taxes on the items we purchase at these locations so long as we use them personally during our military tours here on the peninsula. Second,

the logistical constraints of shipping goods from the United States to Korea limit the quantity of goods placed on their shelves. By regulating purchases to certain quantities, every customer may have fair access to the goods they need. You may find details on all purchase restrictions in USFK Regulations 60-1, *Ration Control Policy - Access to Duty-Free Goods*, 2 August 2013, and 643-2, *Transfer of Duty-Free Items*, 3 July 2014. For instance, a Service Member may purchase up to \$800 worth of groceries per month at the Commissary, plus \$300 for each additional Family member. In addition, a Service Member may buy an exchange item as a gift, an otherwise non-personal need, so long as the purchase price is under \$50.

Lastly, if you find love in Korea and wish to marry a foreign national, remember USFK Regulation 600-240 mandates every Service Member to have the support of his or her command before such marriage may occur. The reasons for such requirement are not to keep apart those who wish to wed or to question the affection of such individuals, but are to avoid marriage annulments and to ensure potential spouses are eligible to immigrate to the United States. The command review process ensures the Service Member makes an informed decision before



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entering into an international marriage, that the Service Member and intended spouse are aware of applicable immigration laws, and that Service Member is prepared to handle the intended spouse's petition for a United States visa. If you find yourself ready to propose to that special someone, I highly recommend you meet with a judge advocate at your local Legal Assistance or Client Services office before the sanctity of marriage is consummated.

If you are here for one, two, or even three years, I highly encourage you make the most of your new assignment. Do not let unfamiliar rules and surroundings deter you from

exploring Korea to the fullest. Do so legally and ethically. Be the ideal American guest and foster a respectful relationship with our host that accomplishes our ultimate mission that is the military defense of the Republic of Korea. My office is located on the sixth floor of the brigade headquarters at United States Army Garrison - Yongsan in Seoul. My telephone number is DSN: 315-723-6040. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop my office or give me a call.





Retention

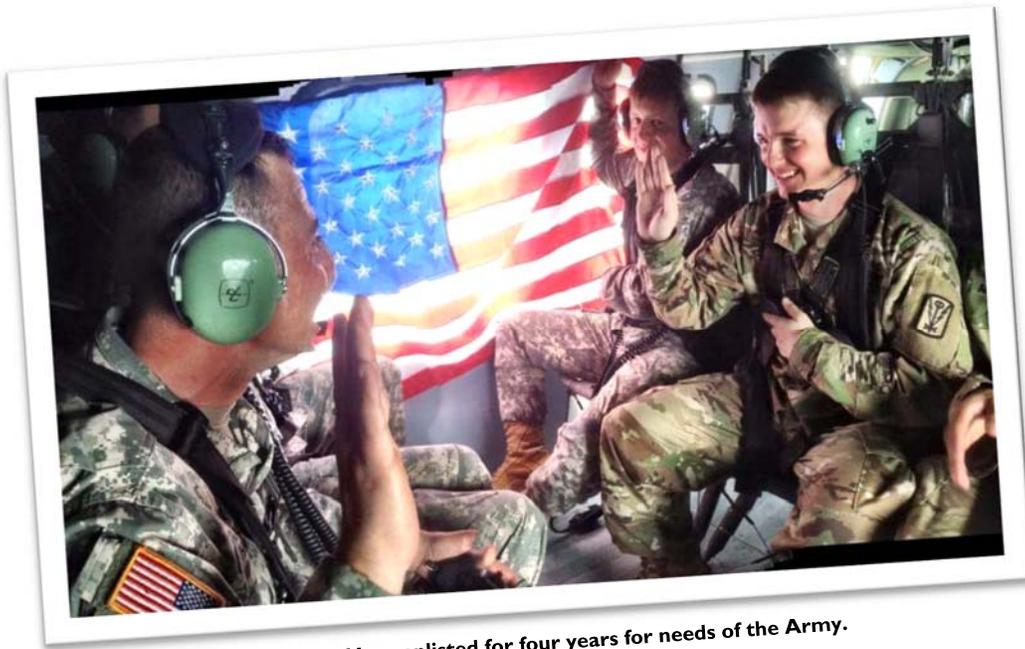
“Staying with the Team”

Retention Updates

By XXX

As we approach Fiscal Year 16, reenlistment windows will begin opening up 15 months prior to your

ETS date. For more information on staying with the Team, contact your servicing Career Counselor.



SPC Bice from HHSC 532d. He reenlisted for four years for needs of the Army.



SSG Moore from HHC 532d. He works at the J2 in Yongsan. He reenlisted for four years for the needs of the Army.



Throughout the Brigade

“In Unity and Vigilance”







Family Readiness Support Assistant

By

The first documented Family Support Groups, the equivalent of today's Family Readiness Groups (FRGs), were established in the 1980s. In 1993, DA Pam 608-47, "A Guide to Establishing Family Support Groups" was released and defined the FSG roles and responsibilities, establishment of the organization and official command support. Family members and volunteers supporting each other, the unit, and the mission can be traced back to the Revolutionary War. The first Unit Coffee Group developed during the Civil War as a social network among wives and was led by the spouse of the commanding officer. Over time informal coffee groups grew into private organizations and began fundraisers to support and promote their activities. It wasn't until after WWII that the first official Soldier and Family support organization was

funded, the Army Community Service (ACS) which still supports Soldiers, DA Civilians, and Family Readiness today. The consistent deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) tested the strength and resiliency of military families. FRGs proved to be invaluable, providing support and assistance to one another while maintaining a flow of communication. In 2008, Family Readiness Support Assistant positions were created to provide administrative and logistical support to the Commanders, Rear Detachment Commanders and volunteer FRG Leaders. This additional support allows FRG Leaders to concentrate on performing outreach to Soldiers and their Families. Establishing a network of communications between the Commanders, Soldiers, Family Members and Civilians of the



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organization is essential in improving readiness, boosting morale, and facilitating resiliency. Become a part of this long standing practice; get involved with your FRG today!

Brigade Senior FRG Advisor

By Mrs. April Arnold

I want to send a warm welcome to all the new spouses within the Brigade. If you haven't served here before, I think I you will find Korea a great place to be stationed. If you have served here before with your family, then please share your adventures and lessons learned with the new spouses of the Brigade. I encourage each of you to get out and experience all that Korea has to offer. It is a great and very hospita-

ble culture. There are lots of resources to assist you in making travel arrangements, whether those are off the peninsula or local excursions, not to mention all of the resources available to assist Army Families in general. I hope each of you enjoy your time here as much as my family has as we begin our fourth year, although not consecutive, here in Korea. Thanks for all that you do each every day to support our Soldiers.



Time to Move Again

By Amanda Harrington

Moving every three years can be fun for the whole family. For the spouse, and family of a Soldier, not so much. My resume shows my husband's career for the last 10 years. Each job I have held reminds me of the time in our lives of where we were stationed and what was going on in our lives. My kids have to make new friends and find a new group to hang with. They learn to cope with their ever changing life style. This type of life is not easy and not always happy. Learning to mold my skills to each duty station and like a chameleon, change my interview approach for each job. I have to keep in mind what job I want, or the job I need. Will I be able to support my husband, the kids, and what I may need? What will the hours be and will they be flexible around his schedule and childcare? Military

spouses and our children up root their whole lives and support the military members' career. We stand by our spouse through the good and bad. Our wants are put on the back burner so the Soldier is able to pursue and excel in their work. I was able to finish college and raise two wonderful kids, but I still have to job search every 3 years. Each interview I hope they don't ask what my spouse does, I hope they don't connect the dots and pass me by because they think I will just move again. I am dedicated, hard working, and passionate at work. When I put my mind to something, I give it everything I have every day. While I write this, I am job hunting. My family is gearing up to move again and find new adventures. I cross my fingers and pray that I will be given a chance to prove that hiring a mili-

tary spouse is a great idea. We are strong, dependable, and good under pressure. The military life isn't easy, but if it was, everyone would do it. These experiences have only aided me for new potential jobs. I have learned to adapt and think quick on my feet. I am a better person for each move we made. I love the path our lives have taken. I have met some of the greatest people, made some of the most amazing friends, and have a place to stay if I ever needed to in many different places. I am a better person, spouse, and friend because of every move we have made. My kids have learned to adapt in crazy situations. This life may not be easy but I would not change anything. The people and experiences have made my kids and myself who we are.



Safety

By Chief Warrant Office 5 David Hennies

We have come a long way in 37 years but we still have a long way to go. For instance, in those days the POV death rate was over 360 Soldiers a year! POV accidents were the leading cause of accidental death in all services. One Soldier a day for the Army on average! That statistic became unacceptable to the Army's leadership and thus was born Safe Driving Campaigns, DUI awareness and prevention, Vehicle Inspection programs and Weekend Safety Briefings.

Thanks to the many preventive measure we have cut that number back significantly. But POVs still continue to account for the highest loss of Soldiers in accidents; we need to stay focused on POV and Motorcycle Safety. Leaders at all levels are the key to a safe unit. Direct leader involvement from the bottom up makes an absolute difference. When Soldiers see leaders leading by example and caring about

their welfare they tend to follow in suit and lead by example and care for those around them. We are our "Brother and Sister's Keeper" let's not lose focus on that.

As we head into the fall and winter season, we need to start thinking of the hazards associated with winter and start training to mitigate the risks involved both on and off duty. You may have Soldiers in your ranks who have never driven on snow or ice. Snow is fun and people inherently like to intentionally slide around in it but does not mix well with an LMTV or other piece of heavy equipment. Identify those Soldiers early and train them again before the snow arrives. Do not set them for failure by allowing them behind the wheel alone or with another Soldier who has never driven in snow. That is part of the Risk Assessment Process and a leader's responsibility to care for their Soldiers.

The Army does not look kindly on

cold weather injuries and nor should they. There is no reason or excuse for Soldiers to suffer from the cold anymore as we are issued the BEST cold weather equipment money can buy. Ensure your Soldiers and trained and use it.

As we near the Holiday Season remember to look for the Soldier who is down in the dumps because they are away from home for the first time. It can be a real rough time for them and they can't bear the thought of not being home for the holidays. Suicide is REAL but there are usually telltale signs leading up to it and your gentle concern and compassion may make the difference in a Soldier's decision to apply a permanent solution to a temporary situation. If you are a Soldier contemplating Suicide, I can tell you as a parent whose son took his own life, the pain you inflict is unbearable for your loved ones. Seek help it is not shameful.



Here it comes, are you ready?

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SHARP Program “It All Begins With Respect”

By XXX

When I look at incidents of sexual harassment or even the crime of sexual assault, the root cause I find is invariably a fundamental failure of respect. For those of us in government service, such behavior is also violation of regulations and often a crime, and their appearance in any unit or organization is hostile to the work environment and damaging, if

not deadly, to mission accomplishment. While Army leadership has given us the tools to prevent, fight and eradicate these violations of our values in the form of the SHARP Program, our responsibility starts with a look in the mirror every morning. It all begins with respect, and it all begins with us.

One seven letter word is the key to

eliminating behaviors that lead to sexual harassment and sexual as-

sault- **“Respect”**



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