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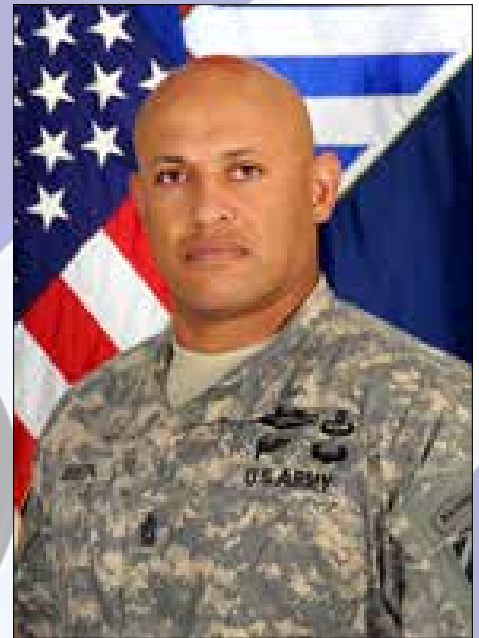
"NOT FANCY, JUST TOUGH"



Commander's Corner



Col. Charles Costanza



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Green

Greetings Sledgehammer families and friends,

October was another great month for the brigade combat team. Sledgehammer Soldiers continue to train and their hard work and dedication is definitely paying off. Our brigade scouts from 1-15 Infantry, 2-69 Armor and 3-1 Cav qualified their Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Humvees, successfully proving their ability to shoot, move and communicate during day and night operations. During the scout gunnery, Sgt. 1st Class Jarrel and his crew from 1-15 Infantry qualified with a score of 949, earning the TOP GUN Award for the brigade. Congrats on a job well done!

The Soldiers of 1-10 Field Artillery also certified all 16 of their howitzer sections, engaging targets with their Paladin vehicles which can shoot targets more than 10 miles away. Buffalo Soldiers of the Brigade Support Troops Battalion spent the month training their military intelligence, signal communications experts and combat engineers while 203rd Brigade Support Battalion conducted a field training exercise that will enhance logistical

support for the brigade.

In addition to training, our Soldiers also supported our partner community, Stewart County, during their annual Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon focuses on eliminating bullying, cyber-bullying and drug use for middle and high school students.

Our Soldiers participated in another annual event for Stewart County. The city of Richland hosted the 16th annual Pig Fest Nov. 8-9. It was definitely the place to be if you enjoy good barbecue.

Hopefully, you had a chance to attend some of the Halloween events sponsored by our battalions on Kelley Hill. It was great to see Soldiers and their families dressed up in costumes and participating in the activities. If you missed it, you can check out the events on the brigade and battalions' Facebook pages.

Looking down the road, we sent approximately 150 Soldiers to Fort Stewart 18-22 Nov., for Marne Week which is an annual celebration of 3rd Infantry Division's birthday. Soldiers will participate in a division run, compete in an array of athletic events and many will

attend the 3rd Infantry Division Ball on Nov. 22.

We'll conclude the month of November with our Thanksgiving feast at the Gibson Dining Facility Nov. 26, and our Turkey Bowl flag football tournament Nov. 27. The winner of the brigade tournament will play the local Columbus Lions indoor football team later that day. The game will be a great way to close out the month of November before Soldiers prepare for Thanksgiving.

Command Sgt. Maj. Green and I look forward to what's ahead, and we know that nothing the brigade has or will accomplish is possible without the support of our Sledgehammer Soldiers, families and friends. Thank you for all the support you provide and we look forward to sharing the brigade's continued success.

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1-15 IN



Lt. Col. Scott Mueller



Command Sgt. Maj. Phil Barretto

Since our last newsletter, the Soldiers of the CAN DO Battalion have re-taken the Fort Benning training areas by storm. The Battalion has completed all phases establishing the foundation of individual skills necessary to train at the collective level. The battalion conducted Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB) training and testing, basic rifle marksmanship, basic driver's training, and individual gunnery skills training all the while maintaining an eye on the upcoming tank gunnery in January.

September's highlight was the completion of EIB training and testing. Nearly 150 Soldiers from the battalion participated in the 3ABCT hosted event, resulting in five CAN DO Soldiers earning the coveted EIB. The mentally and physically challenging event tested the infantry skills of these outstanding Soldiers and provided a valuable training on basic Soldier skills. Additionally, the training event was a valuable tool for the commanders and first sergeants to evaluate their Soldiers and continue to refine their training plans to prepare for future EIB testing. We are proud of 1st Lt. Nate Gelinas (A Co), 1st Lt. Alexis Torre (B Co), 1st Lt. Antwoine Jones (A Co), Staff Sgt. Shedrick Donnette (B Co), and Staff Sgt. Joe Marstrell (A Co) for their achievements and dedication to excellence.

In addition to EIB testing, the battalion's scout platoon led the way in

gunnery operations. Five of the scout's wheeled vehicle crews conducted gunnery this last month, setting the stage for the rest of the battalion. The scout platoon participated in gunnery density with 3-1 CAV and 2-69 AR; quickly established a solid working relationship with our sister units. All five of the DRAGON scout vehicles qualified with high standards, including Sgt. 1st Class Jarrel's crew who qualified with a score of 949, earning the crew the TOP GUN Award for the brigade.

The battalion remains focused on preparing to shoot gunnery in January, and the companies continue to work on individual gunnery skills that will set them up for success. From vehicle identification to gunnery simulations, the companies are taking a steady approach to building up new tank and Bradley crews and giving them the training and skills required to qualify their vehicles. Additionally, the mechanics and crews are working tirelessly to improve the maintenance of a fleet that has not been used since April 2012.

October, the battalion hosted a Halloween Festival for the families of the unit. This was the latest event to build Soldier and Family resiliency and build a cohesive team. The festival included a chili cook-off, vehicle decorations, kid's costume parade, and various other activities. The event was well attended and allowed our families to continue

to connect and build stronger relationships. These relationships will prove to be crucial as the battalion transitions to increased field time and training time after the Holidays.

Finally, Soldiers from the battalion continue to represent the unit well in various professional development schools. Staff Sgt. Tim Hillion (Headquarters and Headquarters Company) graduated from the Advanced Leadership Course this month, earning a position on the courses Commandant's List as well as the Draper Award for Leadership. Staff Sgt. Brandon Allen and Staff Sgt. Patrick Grove graduated the Bradley Master Gunner course, also earning a position on the Commandant's List. These Soldiers' achievements are a continued demonstration of the battalion's commitment to excellence across all spectrums of military training. Command Sgt. Maj. Barretto and I are confident these outstanding leaders will take the skills and lessons learned and share them across the formation. Command Sgt. Maj. Barretto and I are continually impressed with this great battalion. The Soldiers and Families continue to serve proudly and prove to be the best this country has to offer. Every day that we are associated with this organization is a privilege and we are honored to stand in the ranks of true professionals.

CAN DO!!

Duluth Fall Festival

Story by 2nd Lt. Aaron Cindric

The Soldiers, families and friends of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment had the privilege to share in the celebration of the 31st annual Duluth Fall Festival. With the help of Hugs for Our Soldiers, the 1-15th Infantry Regiment continues to contribute to the Duluth Fall Festival and to the Duluth community.

The Soldiers of the 1-15 IN were honored to be invited to the festival and were overwhelmed by the support and patriotism shown by the people of Duluth.

The Duluth Fall Festival is a great opportunity for past and present Soldiers to interact with a positive and appreciative community. We hope to attend and proudly represent the Armed Forces for years to come.

Since its humble beginnings in 1983, the festival has changed immensely. The number of committees has grown from three to more than 50, the number of volunteers has grown from 25 to almost 400, and the number of arts & crafts vendors and food booths have grown from less than 40 to more than 350.

The Duluth Fall Festival is one of the most successful festivals in the southeast, with attendance consistently upwards of 100,000. All proceeds from the festival are used towards improving and beautifying Historic Downtown Duluth.

For the past eleven years, 1-15 IN has had the honor to serve as representation for today's Armed Forces. The 1-15 IN participated in the festival's two mile parade that proceeded through Historic Downtown Duluth. The parade showed the community an exemplary example of the Soldiers.

After the parade, the Soldiers made their way to the opening ceremonies

of the festival where they were honored for their service. Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal personally thanked 1-15 IN's Soldiers for their service and encouraged the community to stop and talk to Soldiers as the 1-15 IN team walked around the festival. Previous 1-15 IN Commanders, Lt. Col. Kraft and Col. Harvey, were honorary grand marshalls of the Festival and guests of honor during the parade.

After the ceremony, the Soldiers were encouraged to walk around the festival and experience all the festival had to offer; from Cajun food stands, to the "man corner" which showcased anything a guy could ask for, to the Hugs for Our Soldiers booth.

For those Soldiers who participated in the Hugs for Our Soldiers booth, it would be an experience not soon forgotten.

The biggest effect on Soldiers were the hugs given out by the small children who would run up to the stand thanking them for protecting the country against the "bad guys" while simultaneously jumping into the Soldiers arms and giving them a big hug.

The Hugs for Our Soldiers booth was alive with past and present Soldiers swapping war stories, hugs and thanks, trying on body armor and just giving a good feel to the day for everyone involved. Pfc. Robert Vance, his first time at Duluth Fall Festival, was overwhelmed with the experience he had at the booth.

He said, "It was great to meet such an appreciative community. You sometimes hear the horror stories of some interaction between Soldiers and civilians.

I got to experience the good ones first hand. The community of Duluth has some of the most appreciative and genuine people that I could have thought to have met. Being a new Soldier, some of the Veterans of



1-15IN Soldiers marching through historic Duluth as many of the Duluth Community looks on in support

Korean War came and talked to me. Even though I didn't have that much to share on my end, the Veterans delved deeper than the standard greetings. They asked me questions on my experience so far and shared some of their experiences as well.

We talked about our families, personal life and just got to know each other like old friends that were reconnecting. This community really took the time to make a meaningful interaction with all the Soldiers, not just me. The whole festival was a very humbling experience."

The 1-15 IN could not be more proud to be chosen as representatives for the Duluth Fall Festival.

On behalf of the Soldiers and families of the 1-15 Infantry Regiment, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks for the hospitality shown to our organization during the Duluth Fall Festival.

The 1-15 IN wishes to continue its partnership with Hugs for Our Soldiers and its participation in the Duluth Fall Festival for years to come.

Duluth Fall Festival Photos





Lt. Col. Dominick Edwards

2-69 AR



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Reed

The 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment continued to work hard during a busy training schedule for the month of October.

Leaders and Soldiers focused on small arms ranges, Fires Support Team Certification and Scout Gunnery.

Command Sgt. Maj. Reed and I would like take a moment to recognize the 23 Infantry Soldiers who earned the Expert Infantry Badge, three of which earned the coveted "True Blue" designation by completing all evaluations without making any mistakes. Our Soldiers earned 23 out of the 79 Expert Infantry Badges awarded, more than any other battalion that competed at Fort Benning, Ga. Congratulations to our "True Blue" Soldiers, 1st Lt. Bathurst, Sgt. 1st Class Ruiz, and Sgt. Whitten. We would also like to applaud the hard work of: 1st Lt. Boccuti, 1st Lt. Boyle, 1st Lt. Hughes, 2nd Lt. Hahne, 2nd Lt. Reid, Staff Sgt. Owens, Staff Sgt. Munoz, Staff Sgt. Rollins, Staff Sgt. Smith, Sgt. (P) Novakowski, Sgt.

McMullen, Sgt. Shepherd, Spc. Doyle, Spc. Gutierrez, Spc. Harrington, Spc. Lincoln, Spc. Pettit, Spc. Vandestouwe, Pfc. Anderson, and Pfc. Ciecslik who earned the Expert Infantry Badge.

The month of October was a demanding month for the "Speed and Power" Battalion as we conducted small arms ranges to qualify individual Soldiers on their assigned weapons. Following the individual live-fire qualification, the infantry companies conducted team and squad live fire exercises to ensure units were trained on their basic battle drills.

Our Fire Support Teams took part in the brigade-wide Fire Support Team Certification, with Able and Dealer Teams earning 1st and 3rd place respectively, scoring 782 and 740 of a possible 1000 points. Additionally, I would like to recognize Spc. Brown of Able Team for the second highest individual score of 865 of 1000 possible points. This certification consisted of the Army Physical Fitness Test, a 12 mile foot

march, written exam, communications exam, and a series of interactive timed exams.

Battalion Scouts, assigned to "Hellcat Company" conducted Scout Gunnery to ensure our Scout crews qualified on their assigned stabilized (Bradley Fighting Vehicle) and un-stabilized (Humvee) tactical vehicle mounted weapons systems, moving down the range executing a series of live fire engagements. The Scouts trained for more than two weeks at various Fort Benning ranges to qualify these crews. We are proud of their achievements, especially the crew of Recon 2 (Staff Sgt. Radulovic, Spc. Haplin, and Spc. Frias), who had overall highest score and earned the title of "Top Gun."

Command Sgt. Reed and I are proud of everything our great "Speed and Power" Soldiers have accomplished in the past month and know they will continue to do great things in the coming months.

Speed and Power!

Panther PT Ladder

By 2nd Lt. Daniel Giamo

If you've ever visited the 2-69 AR Battalion Headquarters, you have certainly seen the Panther PT Ladder....

Platoons throughout the "Panther Battalion" are in constant competition for the coveted "Top Rung" of the battalion's "Panther PT" ladder.

More than just a list of list of units and APFT scores, the ladder serves to motivate soldiers, build esprit de corp, and foster healthy competition between platoons and companies.

Most Soldiers in the battalion are no stranger to the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), the standard by which leaders assess the physical condition of their Soldiers and base their future Physical Readiness Training plans and goals.

The APFT is graded on a 300 point scale: 100 points for each of the three events (push-ups, sit-ups, 2-mile run). Unlike the standard

APFT, which gauges individual readiness, the scores on the PT ladder reflect the readiness of an entire platoon.

Even the Soldiers who are injured or have profiles are considered in the platoon's averages.

Because of the cumulative platoon score, the PT ladder serves as an excellent motivator to encourage Soldiers to do their very best during PT, as well as in any physical therapy needed to rehabilitate injuries and get them back into the fight. Panthers take pride in their physical fitness and every unit strives to see their platoon board on the ladder's top rung.

Currently, the PT leader is the Scout Platoon, led by 1st Lt. Barton and Staff Sgt. Andrade, with a score of 258, closely followed by 1st PLT, Dealer Company, led by 1st Lt. Sutherland and Sgt. 1st Class Andrade, with a score of 250. Platoons can take an APFT at any time and claim the coveted top rung on the battalion APFT ladder.



Platoon leaders and platoon sergeants placed their new monthly platoon Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) average on battalion rungs at Fort Benning, Ga., Oct. 10.



3-1 CAV



Lt. Col. Paul Gunnison

Greetings Blackhawk Families!

October was a great month for the Blackhawks with most of the Squadron in the field for gunnery.

The purpose behind gunnery was to qualify our crews on their combat platforms, increase crew experience and proficiency, and teach units how to run a gunnery range.

Gunnery was the culminating event for all our Bradley and Humvee crews who spent September preparing for this task.

Driver's training, simulator time, and Gunnery Skills Testing allowed our Troopers to successfully negotiate three rigorous tables during both day and night. Each Troop began with Table III, a series of dry-fire (no ammunition) engagements. This was the final preparation for crew coordination as they progressed to live fire. Next was Table V. This consisted of live fire and was intentionally designed with difficulty in mind to prepare crews for their qualification.

Table VI was the crew qualification. This required our crews, along with their vehicle, to work as a single unit to engage single and multiple targets in a variety

of conditions. After each day and night run, each crew received an After Action Review (AAR) to aid in improving their performance. The Through Sight Video footage at the digital range here was a valuable tool to help our crews see themselves and improve their skills.

In the end, the Squadron qualified its crews, which prepares us for any future contingencies. As gunnery comes to a close, we will validate our scores and determine the "Top Gun" for each platform. Troops also supported each other on the range, allowing the firing Troop to focus on their gunnery tasks.

Special thanks to those providing food service, Range OIC and Safety Officers, and Range Guards. We could not have had as safe and effective event without this team effort. Additionally, congratulations goes out to our S6 section who exceeded the Army standard in all of their tactical setup tasks during the Brigade's Signal Gunnery.

There are 5 primary communication systems within the Squadron and each is allowed one hour to be setup and operational.

Our team's average setup time was 22 minutes and was the fastest

within the Brigade.

Once all of our systems were validated, our Soldiers helped our sister Battalions validate their systems by sharing lessons-learned and best practices.

In other news, I would like to congratulate Cpl. Woodworth for being the distinguished honor graduate of the Warrior Leaders Course. He continues to do a great job as a medic in the Squadron and is a terrific junior NCO. Congratulations also goes to Staff Sgt. Ford for making the Advanced Leaders Course Commandant's List. He returned immediately to the range to provide his Master Gunner expertise to the Squadron. Finally, congratulations to 1st. Lt. Beau-doin, who ran the Army 10-Miler Oct. 19, in Washington, D.C. with a time of 62 minutes and 29 seconds, finishing 332 out of over 25,000 runners. Job well done to all!

Thanks for your continued support and for what you do for our Soldiers every day.

Courageous and Faithful!

3-1 Painkiller Challenge



Troops from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, pushing a medevac while in neutral gear during the fourth station of the Painkiller Challenge, at Fort Benning, Ga., Sep. 27.

Story by: 1st Lt. Jevon Thomas

Troops from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, participated in the brigade-wide Painkiller Challenge to build esprit de corp, unit cohesion and to mentally/physically test medics, at Fort Benning, Ga., Sep. 27. The competition consisted of several stations placed along a 3-mile course that ended with a written test. Along the route to each station, the medics were required to hand carry a litter loaded with two water jugs filled to simulate the weight of an average human body.

Each station simulated a combat scenario in which the medics had to use their unique medical skillsets to fulfill the station's requirements to proceed to the next.

Two teams from HHT's medical platoon competed in the competition, proceeding through the

course in ten minute intervals. The competition was scored on the time used to complete the course and the scores earned on the written test.

The first station required medics to treat a casualty whose airways had been constricted due to trauma. Medics satisfied this station by using tools to unclog the casualty's airways and allowed freedom of breath.

Evaluating a casualty was the second station. There, medics had to determine the casualty's injury and properly treat it.

Station number three was reminiscent of an old time Soldier challenge; the low crawl.

Medics had to low crawl under wire, through mud, while carrying their litter.

The fourth test was more physically demanding where medics had to load their litter into a medical Humvee and push the Humvee from one point to another while the vehicle was in neutral.

The culminating event of this

course was a written exam in which the medic teams had to put their minds together and answer a series of challenging questions.

The winning team was awarded with a trophy to signify their prowess in combat medical skills. This competition was the first to be open to brigade and will continue for years to come.



Troops from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, low crawling through the mud under wire while carrying their litter during the third station of the Painkiller Challenge, at Fort Benning, Ga., Sep. 27.

3-1 CAV in action



1-10 FA



Lt. Col. Kevin Capra



Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Wilson

October was another exciting and busy month for THE Rock's Support Battalion. We began the month conducting recovery operations after successful Artillery Table V training and turned around and went right back out to the training area.

Artillery Table VI, our section live fire qualifications, built upon the previous month's training to re-establish our warfighting skills as artillerymen.

The exercise was a resounding success, validating our strengths and identified areas where we still required additional training. We were able to certify all 16 howitzer sections, four platoon Fire Direction Centers, the radar and survey sections and were able to validate our Battalion Tactical Operations Center (TOC) and Administrative and Logistics Operations Center (ALOC).

This was the first time the battalion had been out to the field since it returned from Kuwait during the February/March timeframe. It

was great to knock some of the rust off of our field-craft and to hear the cannons roar on Fort Benning again.

THE Rock's Support medics stepped up and proved they are THE best medics in the Brigade by winning the Sledgehammer "Painkiller Challenge," a challenging, physical competition between 5-Soldier teams of medics throughout the Brigade.

On short notice and with little time to prepare as a team, the Medics from HHB did an outstanding job. I am incredibly proud of their dedication, high level of professionalism and physical fitness.

The month is closed with some great activities to build esprit de corps, unit cohesion, and family bonds. THE Rock's Support golf tournament, "The Redleg Open", was a lot of fun and enabled us to get into some friendly competition with ourselves as well as other members of the Sledgehammer Team.

The Battalion leadership held a

"Hail and Scarewell" to welcome new leaders to the battalion and recognized those departing leaders for their contributions while getting into the Halloween spirit.

The last week of October the Family Readiness Groups in the battalion hosted the "Trunk or Treat" Halloween party in the motorpool.

The FRG lead event included a haunted tent, pumpkin carving contests, trick-or-treating, family photos in front of some of the Paladins as well as other family fun.

Looking forward, THE Rock's Support will transition to training for unified land operations which will prepare us for whatever mission the Army brings our way.

I know that our Soldiers will rise to the challenge of a new mission set with the professionalism and drive that I have come to expect.

Thank you to all who support the battalion and their Soldiers.

THE Rock's Support!

1-10th FA Conducts live-fire exercise

Courtesy Story

Artillerymen with A Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division conducted M109A6 Paladin howitzer live-fire exercise for crew qualification, Oct. 7 - 10.

“Communication is the key for live-fire exercise and especially with new crew members,” said Spc. Elias Brown, number one cannoneer, assigned to 1-10 FA, 3ABCT, 3ID.

“The crew replies [to the] Fire Direction Center to ensure accurate commands are given and missions are communicated effectively.”

“The FDC sends down the mission and the chief gets the information and relays it to his crew (the driver, cannoneer, gunner, and the chief),” said Brown.

“We will go through the operation to conduct the mission, then the mission comes down on the computer inside the gun, the chief will read off the data, as this happens the driver will idle up in order to help the machine support the movement,” said Brown.

“Then the cannoneer will prepare the round, load the round, and ram the round,” said Brown.



“Once directed by the chief, the gunner will put the correct propellant powder charge into the gun and when that is done, the gun will be loaded and primed,” said Brown.

“Lastly, it will lay on the coordinates (aim) and the chief will direct the crew to fire,” said Brown.

“The primary goal of table VI level qualifications is to certify the Paladin section and ensure the crew is able to safely fire the weapon system on several different fire mission,” said Staff Sgt. Arcturus Hunter, a cannon platoon sergeant, assigned to 1-10 FA, 3ABCT, 3ID.

The critical element for crews to

qualify safely and timely is accuracy, said Hunter.

This was their final stamp of approval saying this crew was good to shoot.

“I’ve done this exercise twice before, but this time was different because I had the opportunity to cross train in the other duty positions,” said Brown.

“I love artillery! I love my job!” said Brown. “It really is an adrenaline rush when you get out there, the gun is loaded, the crews are screaming off what needs to be done over the engine.”

“Then you get to fire, it’s a very good feeling,” said Brown.



BSTB



Lt. Col. Lenard Thomas II



Command Sgt. Maj. Carmelo Cruz

Families and Friends of the 3BSTB Buffalo Battalion-

Thank you for your unwavering support especially during this past month which was very difficult for everyone. The first two weeks of October not only brought the cooler weather, but the challenges of the Government Shutdown. During those uncertain times, I am proud to say, the Buffalo Family bonded together and maintained support for each other. Command Sgt. Maj. Cruz and I are very proud to be apart of this family.

Despite the two week shutdown, our Soldiers have remained motivated and continued to train on their mission specific tasks. Below are some of the highlights:

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop's (HHT) signal section (S6) supervised the execution of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team (3ABCT) Signal Gunnery. This exercise was designed to train and certify the lower level signal units, to include the battalion S6 and the Soldiers of Bravo Company. Closing out the month, HHT executed 3 days of small arms ranges allowing the Brigade Staff to hone their marksmanship skills. Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) conducted Close Combat Tactical Training in order to prepare for their crews for Unstabilized Gunnery, which is scheduled for early

December. This simulation training allows the Soldiers to rehearse crew drills, fire commands and engagements in a virtual environment prior to the actual gunnery.

Alpha Company (Military Intelligence) continued to train in their various military intelligence specialties. Of note, the Unmanned Aerial Surveillance platoon was able to fly the Shadow for the first time since redeployment from Kuwait. Alpha Company continues their training in preparation for "Raptor" Focus in early December.

Bravo Company (Signal) Soldiers not only trained with HHT, but they also participated in the Beast Focus field training exercise. This was an intense four day training exercise where each crew was tested on mission planning, mounted land navigation and establishment of communications systems required to support brigade operations.

Charlie Company (Engineers) continued their annual Engineer Qualification Tables culminating with a 3 day Squad Live-fire Exercise. Each squad demonstrated great teamwork and camaraderie as they participated in the day and night live-fire iterations. It was obvious that Charlie Company's aggressive training plan over the past couple of months was successful.

As you can see, the Buffalo Soldiers

have kept themselves busy over the past month. The company Family Readiness Groups came together on Oct. 29, to sponsor the Buffalo Battalion "Trunk or Treat." During this busy training season, it was nice to take a knee and have the Soldiers relax with their families. Command Sgt. Maj. Cruz and I would like to thank all the families for coming out and supporting the event. We look forward to making this an annual tradition.

We would also like to say farewell and welcome a few key members of the Buffalo Family. Chief Warrant Officer Schubert (A Co) and Sgt. 1st Class Terry (HHC) are retiring after honorably serving our nation. Additionally, both Bravo and Charlie will be having Company Change of Command Ceremonies in November. Command Sgt. Maj. Cruz and I would like to welcome the incoming commanders, Capt. Cru-ceta (B Company) and Capt. Berry (C Company) to the Buffalo Family.

This next month looks to be busy like the last with a pair of four day weekends to give much needed breaks. I hope to see you all at the Thanksgiving Feast on 26 November and the "Turkey Bowl" on 27 November. Again, thank you for your continued support. Without the families, a Soldier's job would not be complete.

Vigilance and Honor!

Going once, Going twice, SOLD!



Lt. Col. Lenard Thomas, II receives a pie in the face from Pfc. John Bowman. Photo by: Spc. Jenna Bass

Story by 1st Lt. Stephanie Haynes

The Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division gathered at the battalion motor-pool for a friendly pie auction, Oct. 17.

Each of the twenty-one chocolate pudding pies were set up in front of the formation as the Soldiers nominated the person to receive the pie in the face. The nominated person then pleaded for someone to outbid in order to save him or her from the pie.

Lt. Col. Thomas was nominated pretty early in the festivities. All the junior lieutenants gathered their monies together to pie the battalion commander in the face for \$100. Thomas challenged back offering to double that if they could raise the bid up to \$200. The group was successful and Thomas received his pie in the face, earning \$301.

In all, the Soldiers of the Buffalo Battalion were able to raise \$981 to put towards a ball set to be held in the spring.

203rd BSB



Lt. Col. Brent Coryell

Eagle Family and Friends,

Thank you for all that you do in supporting the Eagle Battalion and your Soldiers. First and foremost our mission is to support the Warfighter. When 3ABCT maneuver battalions are shooting gunnery, we are right there with them and their Forward Support Companies (FSCs).

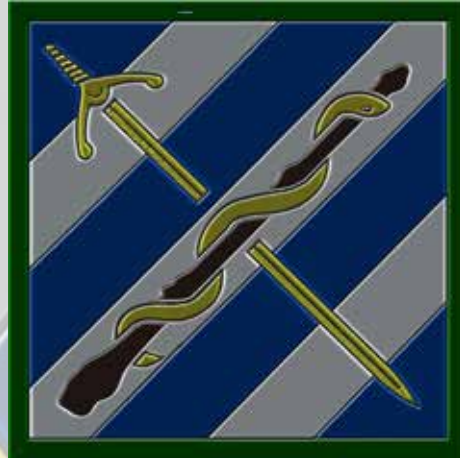
Whether distributing fuel and ammo, or transporting the tracked vehicles back and forth to the range with our Heavy Equipment Transporters (HETS), the BSB is always involved in every gunnery exercise. Sustaining is training to us.

Although sustaining the BCT is our priority and number one mission, we must become proficient at setting up our logistics assets in the Brigade Support Area (BSA).

Therefore, all companies recently conducted a three day Field Training Exercise (FTX) focusing on the basics. All companies used company level Sergeants Time Training (STT) events to build toward their FTXs.

Companies concentrated on establishing defensive positions, tying in sectors of fire, completing range cards to standard, and running Entry Control Points (ECPs).

Although all companies conducted these "basic" events, each company had a different mission focus on their



exercise.

Alpha Company focused on setting up ammunition, fuel and water distribution points.

Bravo Company focused on setting up the field maintenance activities and working out of their shop vans.

Charlie Company focused on setting up their level two field medical facility and training medical and casualty evacuation (MEDEVAC and CA-SEVAC) procedures.

The MCT Company went to the field with Charlie Company and focused on setting up and operating an Entry Control Point and monitoring vehicle movements on the Movement Tracking System (MTS). HHC supported all of the Company FTXs with the cooks operating out of a containerized kitchen.

All in all, the Company FTXs were very effective in getting back to some of the fundamentals of operating out of a BSA and validated many portions of the BSB TACSOP.

As we look forward to the 2nd Quarter we will be shifting focus to the establishment of a Forward Logistics Element (FLE) that is prepared to support a variety of missions.

Some additional family and social event news: We had very well supported "trunk or treat" events as well as a Halloween costume family fun run.



Command Sgt. Maj. Kent Galvin

The Dining Facility (DFAC) continues preparations for a first class Thanksgiving Meal which will be served Nov. 26.

We will be sending 25 Soldiers to Fort Stewart in the third week of November to compete in 3ID Marne week events.

The Sledgehammer TMC will be busy providing the Flu Mist and Shot vaccines to the brigade in hopes of preventing the spread of disease and flu-like symptoms across our formations and Families.

Again, thank you for continually supporting our Battalion and our Soldiers; without you we couldn't do what we do.

Support and Defend!

203rd Participates in Golf Scramble

Story by: 1st Lt. Brittany Daniel

As the wind blew its chilly breeze across the Fort Benning Golf Course, autumn leaves fell off their limbs and the smells of flower bushes filled the air. It was a perfect day to play a game of golf. The Ft. Benning Golf course is much larger than one can see from the main highway which runs through the post. There are hills, beautiful views of picturesque landscaping, and a manmade lake with a fountain. The scenery was perfect for a day of golf.

The 203rd Brigade Support Battalion actively participated in the 1-10, Field Artillery Battery Golf Scramble on Oct. 22, 2013. 1-10 hosted the event to raise money toward the Friends of the Redlegs Fund which helps the company to fund fun family events. 203rd made up half

of the participants, broken down in teams of four. Each team played all 18 holes of the course. The persons participated in the event ranged from privates to lieutenant colonels.

“I had a blast, it was nice to get out and spend time with my section while raising money for a good cause,” Cpl. Rankin explained. He went on to speak about how much he enjoyed the day. “We were able to drive around in golf carts, play

the game, and enjoy the autumn weather. It was a great day,” he said.

The history of golf dates back to the before the 1400s. “Widespread was the game of “Gowf”, as it was known in Scotland, that an Act of Parliament was passed to prevent the playing of the game on Sundays and thus preserve the skills of Archery”, unknown. Now, golf is a business platform, where deals are negotiated and ideas are festered.

It will be a staple in any business world including the Army for a very long time.

As spring approaches and the flowers will bloom and 1-10 will be hosting another Golf Scramble in March. It is predicted to have more participants and bigger prizes. It will be something to see.



I guess this Soldier decided to play pool instead of golf!



Soldiers stopped for a photo op during a game of golf.



A Soldier concentrates on where he will hit his ball while his counterparts watch.

FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

Fort Benning Doughboy Schedule

Sept. 8	1pm	Faulkner University Squad	@Faulkner University	58-46 W
Sept. 14	1pm	Macon State	@Macon State	38-7 L
Sept. 21	2pm	North Georgia Sports Academy	Doughboy Stadium	38-24 W
Sept. 29	4pm	Faulkner University JV Squad	Doughboy Stadium	53-42 L
Oct. 6	2pm	Georgia Sports Prep Academy	Doughboy Stadium	34-20 L
Oct. 13	1pm	Lagrange College JV Squad	@Lagrange College	48-42 L
Oct. 24	7pm	Columbus State	@ A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium	42-31 W

2013 Fort Benning Doughboys Roster

OFFENSE

NUMBER	NAME	UNIT	POSITION
1	Mario Johnson	E Co., 2/69 AR	WR
2	Jessie Lawson	A Co., 203rd BSB	WR
5	Charles Bigham	E Co., 1/507th PIR	WR
6	Damany Hardy	OTD, 3-81 AR	WR
9	Matt Stewart	D Co., 2/69 AR	WR
10	Earl Wilson	JAG	RB
12	Adam Gallagher	D Co., 1-29 IN	QB
16	Ryan McAtee	2-69 AR	QB
23	Dmarcus Powell	A Co., 203rd BSB	RB
27	Shannon Poole	F Co., 1-15 IN	RB
50	Chris Sconiers	D Co., 1-29 IN	OL
53	Kris Covington	233rd TC	OL
54	Mark Francis	1-10 FA	OL
60	Matt Glidden	3rd BDE	OL
63	Alberto Rosario	N TRP 3-16 CAV	OL
65	Mark Francis	1-10 FA	OL
69	Chris Korthals	C Co., 3rd BSTB	OL
74	Walter Williams	C Co., 1-15	OL
76	David Bacon	C Co., BSTB	OL
80	Djaun Harrington	HHC, 3rd BSTB	WR
83	Akeem Brown	3rd BTRB	WR
88	Chris Charleston	3-16 CAV	WR
89	Jared Engel	1/507th	P, K

DEFENSE

NUMBER	NAME	UNIT	POSITION
3	Bershard Beeks	D Co., 1-15	DB
4	Chris Sneed	NCOA	LB
8	Demetrick Carter	A Co., 1-81	DB
11	Roger Myrthil	203rd BSB	DB
14	Francis Leatiota	DOTD HHC MCOE	DL
17	Peter Kisher	14th CSH	LB
19	DaSuan Holmes	690th Med Co.	LB
20	Orell Richmond	3-16 CAV	LB
21	Nick Bryant	75th RGR	DB
22	Vernon Bigham	D Co., 1-50 IN	DB
24	Romell DeReese	HHC, 1-10 FA	LB
25	Kenny Shivers	HHC, BSTB	DB
33	Chris Childers	B Co., 2-29 IN	LB
51	Steven Shultz	3-16 CAV	LB
52	Jeremiah Sampson	A Co., 203rd BSB	DL
54	Nathan Vaitautolu	MEDDAC	DL
56	Tyler Donohoe	C Co. 2-54	DL
57	Joseph Huse	D Co., 2/11 IN	DL
58	Steven Price	14th CSH	DL
65	Sergio Robinson	B TRP, 3-1 CAV	LB
78	Tyler Reboletti	B TRP, 3-1 AV	DE
85	Javier Espiti	4th RTB	DL

Head Coach: Jason Gibson: Assistant Coaches: Allen Meek: Asst. Coach: Eddie Sellars. MCCC: Asst. Coach: Daniel Scott. 14th CSH

For more information on Doughboy Football, visit [Fort Benning MWR](#)

FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE



Stewart County High School Football Schedule 2013-2014



Aug. 30	Chattahoochee County	Home	7:30pm	35-8 L
Sept. 6	Thomasville	Away	8:00pm	56-6 L
Sept. 13	Pacelli	Home	7:30pm	44-0 L
Sept. 20	Randolph-VLay	Away	8:00pm	52-6 L
Sept. 26	Baconton Charter	Away	7:30pm	34-6 L
Oct. 4	BYE	-----	-----	-----
Oct. 11	Seminole County	Away	7:30pm	38-0 L
Oct. 19	Mitchell County	Away	7:30pm	80-0 L
Oct. 25	Miller County	Home	7:30pm	42-0 L
Oct. 31	Terrell County	Home	7:30pm	33-6 L
Nov. 8	Calhoun County	Away	7:30pm	

Stewart County Middle School Football Schedule

Sept. 4	Brookstone	Home	5:00pm	28-0 L
Sept. 11	Schley County	Away	5:00pm	Cancelled
Sept. 18	Marion County	Away	5:00pm	36-6 L
Sept. 25	Macon County	Home	5:00pm	36-6 L
Oct. 2	Chatt. County	Away	5:00pm	24-0 L
Oct. 9	Central	Home	5:00pm	28-0 L

FRSA

Family readiness support assistants serve as a vital link between the unit commander, the Soldier assigned to the unit, their families and community resources. FRSA duties include coordinating Family Readiness Group events, monthly meetings, childcare, and informational briefings to family members. FRSA's provide information on activities, trainings and events on post and the surrounding area. We assist Soldiers and families when making referrals to local agencies to include but not limited to ACS, Tri-care, and Family Advocacy.

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The Third Infantry Division Ball



*All ranks, DA civilians & contractors come experience
the capstone event of Marne Week 2013*

November 22, 2013

Cocktail and Social Hour begins at 5 P.M.

The Savannah International Trade and Convention Center

Celebrate the 96th Birthday of the Marne Division, honoring all DogFace Soldiers and Families, and culminate Marne Week!

E1-E5	E6-E8; W1-W2; O1-O3; GS 1-12	E9; W3-W5; O4-O5; GS 13-14	O6-O7; GS 15+	O8+
\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120

**See your BDE Representative for Tickets*

**NOTE: Tickets available only to 3ID military, DA civilians, & contractors
Fine Dining, Guest Speaker, Entertainment, and Dancing!*



GIBSON DINING FACILITY

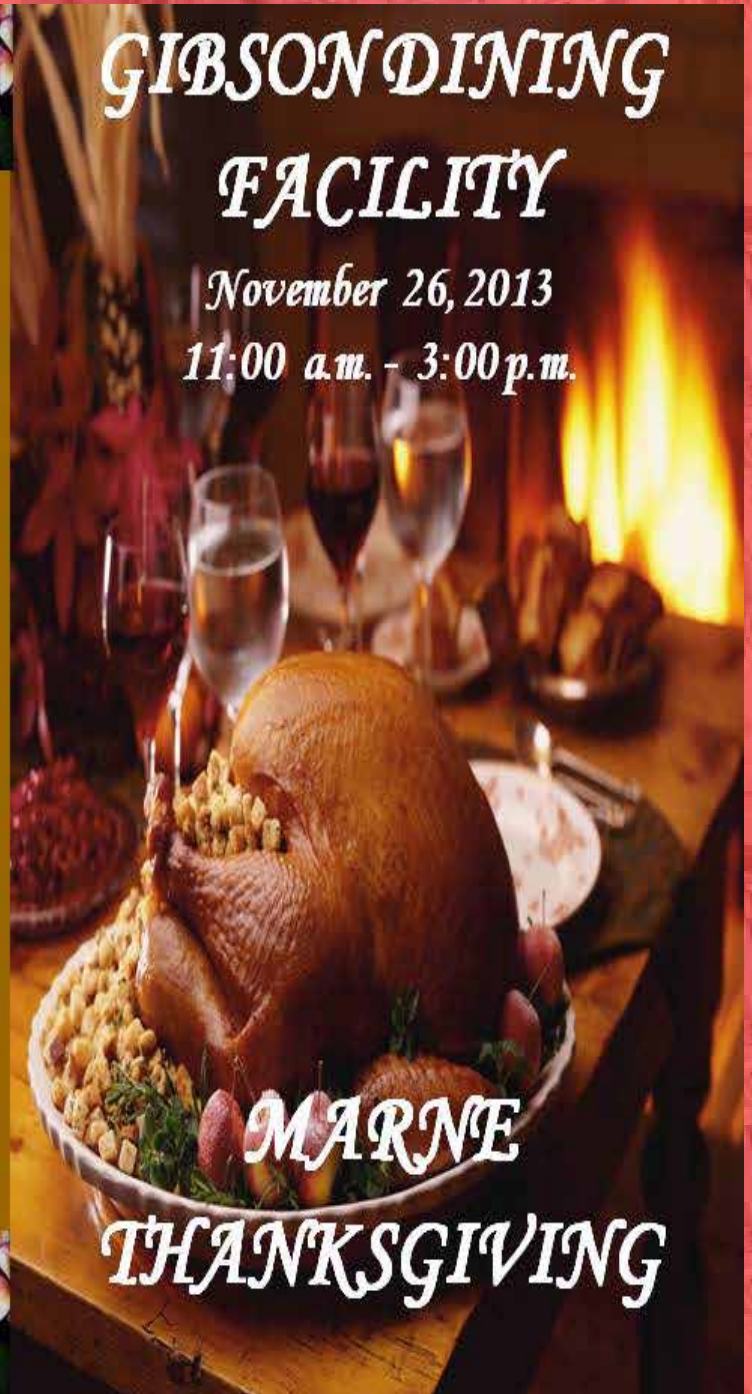
November 26, 2013
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, the Dining Facility on Kelley Hill invites all Soldiers and Families to a Thanksgiving Feast.

*Soldiers and families are highly encouraged to attend the meal during their leadership serving times.



Price Per Person:
E1-E4 Dependents: \$6.45
All Soldiers + E5 and above Dependents: \$7.60
Kids 5 and under eat **free**



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