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**TCM-ABCT & RECON SITREP (week of 28 September 15) 30 September 2015**

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**1. ABCT**

**a. Abrams.**

1) The Abrams Training and TADSS lead is assisting the Abrams Master Gunner School to train their TADSS instructors on the Thru-Sight Video Crew Modular Unit Recorder (TSV-CMUR). The primary instructor was a contractor and the contract was not renewed, leaving a gap in a properly trained instructor

**b. Bradley.**

1) ATCM Bradley participated in a test readiness review for CV-TESS problem evaluation for the software build to correct TOW firing in the simulation. Software engineers installed the CV-TESS and fired several scenarios to confirm that weapons would fire with the corrections applied for the TOW issue. This is considered an emergency release for the software to support on vehicle training at home station, as well as at the NTC for Army National Guard units. 88 test cases are complete with no failed or pending retests.

2) ATCM Bradley completed a review of the Crew Module Unit Recorder (CMUR) module 6. The module covers PMCS of the CMUR and our assessment finds it unsuitable for conducting PMCS. Additionally, the team is continuing a review of technical manuals changes for all Bradley variants.

**c. AMPV.**

 1) The AMPV Team continues to work the Basis of Issue Feeder Data for the table of organization and equipment with PM AMPV. Currently there are critical comments for the training sites due in part to the difference in the approved 2013 AMPV System Training Plan which was based on the maintainer MOS of 91H versus the change to the 91M MOS. Will continue to coordinate with the various agencies involved to ensure all critical comments are addressed.

2) The AMPV Team met with representatives from the Army Medical Department (AMEDD). Discussion centered on AMEDD’s reorganization of their capabilities and requirements divisions into a single Capabilities Development and Integration Directorate (CDID). TCM ABCT will continue to work closely with the AMEDD CDID during the development of the AMPV medical variants.

**d. Formation and DOTLPF Integration:**

1. **Doctrine, Organization, Personnel and MC-Network (DOP/MC-Net) -** Ron Kuykendall and SFC Tyler continue to support AWA 16.1 at Ft. Bliss, TX. They will perform duties as observer/ analyst for the expeditionary command post and as an observer/ controller for 1/6 respectively.

1. **Training, Leader Development, and Safety Integration (TLS):**
2. The ABCT Warfighters' Forum Senior Mentor Symposium will convene Thursday, 01 October 2015, from 1100-1300 EST. The symposium will be hosted by the ABCT Senior Mentor, LTG Sean MacFarland, Senior Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood, TX and CSM Alonzo Smith, CSM, III Corps and Fort Hood, TX. TCM ABCT will facilitate the event for Maneuver Center senior leaders and presenters, and broadcast it via DCS from Building 70, Room 1020 at URL: <https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/AWfF>
3. Team TLS is attending NTC 16-01 from 12-18 October, where 1/1CD from FHTX will conduct a DA rotation. The team will represent the MCOE ISO a CALL collection and analysis team to conduct data collection for a post-rotation Initial Impressions Report. Anyone wishing to submit RFIs may contact Carl Johnson at carl.r.johnson32.civ@mail.mil or 706.545.4652.

**e. Large Caliber Ammo:**

1) Mr. Kuamoo continues work effort on corrosive primers being found in production of 120mm ammunition parts. TCM ABCT’s position is to stop the use of unacceptable primers during production of training rounds intended for the field.

2) Mr. Kuamoo assisting in the movement of 4-6 M1002, 120mm tank training rounds to Korea. These rounds contain the new Frangible Nose (FN) design. The intent is to provide these rounds for Soldier and Leader User Familiarization Training (UFT) as a part of our continuing development of this new configuration. Using this type of round, ARDEC has stated Korea will be able to return to full scenario gunnery training there. The UFT is scheduled for Korea during the late November/early December time frame.

**f. Futures Integration:**

1) Our futures team developed AWfC Learning Demands in support of a Force 2025 Directorate initial mission analysis and scoping of a potential study of how the Russians are employing disruptive technologies in hybrid warfare in Ukraine.

 2) The futures team continues to develop the ABCT Operational and Organizational (O&O) Concept and defining learning demands to support experimentation to inform the ABCT Operational Mode Summary/ Mission Profile (OMS/MP) and the ARCIC Portfolio Assessment (APA).

3) The FY 16 ABCT Capabilities Gaps are developed and in staffing with CoEs.

**2. RECON.**

1. **R&S BCT Implementation -** Conducting coordination with ARCIC FDD and FORSCOM in preparation for the reintroduction of R&S BCT implementation at the next QFR.
2. **Upcoming Events:**

 a. ABCT

* 01 OCT - AWfF SMS (1100-1300 EST) via DCS from Bldg 70, Room 1020 (FBGA)
* 12-18 OCT - Force on Force Coverage of NTC 16-01 (2/1CD) (FICA)
* 21-22 OCT: Co-Site interference/ Force Protection
* 02-06 Nov - Multifunction Vehicle Port CMUR Form, Fit & Function (Warren) (T)
* 30 Nov-05 Dec 15 - Unit Visit to 8A/2ID RAF (2/1CD) (ROK)

b. RECON

* 21 SEP-17 OCT: NIE 16.1, FBTX (MAJ Dankyan)
* TBD OCT: Cavalry Council / Warfighter Forum (FBGA)

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