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1. **Purpose:** The intent of this newsletter is to provide ABCT leaders and Soldiers with informational highlights that will be beneficial to their individual, collective, and leader development training efforts as well as highlights on activities occurring throughout the Armored BCT community.

2. Director's Corner:

Greetings to All,

One of the most serious efforts undertaken by our forces in Afghanistan is the attempt to mitigate insider threats/attacks, primarily "green-on-blue" incidents. Since 2007, these attacks continue to increase, as our effort in Security Force Assistance to the ANSF has expanded.

To this end, Department of the Army Intelligence Information Services (DAIIS) has created a SIPR site to consolidate information on "insider threats, green-on-blue" attacks in Afghanistan. This site contains current message traffic (near real time), links, and documents pulled from US and Coalition networks. Visit the site on SIPR at: <http://daiisportal.mi.army.smil.mil/iis/GoBIT/default.aspx>. The Forces Command's Rapid Afghanistan Experience Project (RAEP) portal also provides many links to sources of information and useful documents. Visit the site at: <https://fcportal.forscom.army.mil/sites/raep/secops/pages/forcepro.aspx>.

Other ongoing efforts to mitigate insider threats/attacks include collaboration across multiple training venues with CTCs integrating this threat into scenarios supporting unit rotations. AWG is mentoring units in their Asymmetric Warfare Adaptive Leader Program and lessons learned and best practices are being shared between CF and ANSF. I encourage leaders across the ABCT community to take advantage of the many training enablers available to aid units to mitigate insider threats.

Very Respectfully,

LTC Rob Rodriguez
Director, ABCT Warfighters' Forum

3. **Announcements:**

1) **Regionally Aligned Forces (RAF) Binder on ALLIS.** The purpose of this binder is to collect information and documents for Regionally Aligned Forces. The organization of the overall binder will be by COCOM and region to include country and cultural field guides, and soldier training materials for security assistance purposes. Visit the binder at:

https://www.jllis.mil/ARMY/index.cfm?disp=binder.cfm&doit=view&bind_erid=2007. Find more RAF documents at the DAMO-SSO portal for Regionally

Aligned Forces at:

<https://g357.army.pentagon.mil/SS/SSO/Pages/RegionallyAlignedForces.aspx>, and at the FORSCOM RAF Page at:

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/regionally-aligned-force-raf>.

2) The next **AWfF Senior Mentor Symposium** will be hosted by the III Corps Commander and CSM on **15 January 2013 from 1330 to 1500 CST**. Tentative topics include: National Training Center and Joint Readiness Training Center Systemic Training Trends for Decisive Action and Security Force Assistance Brigades (SFAB) Updates; 1/4 ID Decisive Action Rotation (NTC 12-09) Lessons Learned; Armor School Training & Leader Development Lines of Effort, and ARS Structure Update by the Armor School Commandant; and ABCT Safety Trends by the US Army Safety Center. Details will be available in the MOI forthcoming with the December newsletter.

4. **Highlights recently posted** to [HeavyNet](#) include:

A. **In the News:**

1) [Thunderbolt Blast, October 2012](#), is the Armor School and Chief of Armor Newsletter. This bulletin contains articles of interest to the Armor force, links for continued dialogue between the Armor community, Armor School, and Chief of Armor, and news updates from the Armor Schools.

2) [Counter-IED Newsletter, 07 November 2012](#), published by the Army Counter-IED Professional Forum, provides a series of links to lessons learned, reports, news, training topics, and other counter IED newsletters.

3) [Maneuver Net Newsletter, 02 November 2012](#), and [15 November 2012](#), provide updates, contributions, and discussion items of interest to the Maneuver Net community. To subscribe, follow the link on the latest update. This month we would like to highlight the discussion for "Best Practices for Tank and Bradley Gunnery." Go directly to the discussion at: <https://forums.army.mil/SECURE/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=1865173&lang=en-US>.

4) [BFSB Monthly, October 2012](#), is published by the TRADOC Capability Manager - Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (TCM-BFSB) Warfighter's Forum for the

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benefit of the BFSB community. Of note this month are articles related to the 58th BFSB's recovery operations in the aftermath of "Super storm Sandy," the 525th BFSB's "Best Lieutenant/Warrant Officer Competition," and other articles/updates from other BFSBs.

5) **[CALL Movement and Maneuver Newsletter, November 2012](#)**, is published by the Center for Army Lessons Learned. Topics in this issue include how to build a tank platoon SOP, MGS gunnery, Aviation training, using doctrine to develop battle drills for the company and platoon, and the RAF Milsuite website. Visit the CALL website at: **<https://call2.army.mil/>**. The CALL team welcomes your feedback. If you want to comment or have suggestions, send an email to: **usarmy.leavenworth.mccoe.mbx.call-m2-wff-team-newslette@mail.mil**.

6) **[IWfF Newsletter, October 2012](#)**, addresses key topics that include the recent SMS Symposium, shared best practices and lessons learned from 3/1 AD and 4/82, and overview of Network Integration Evaluation (NIE).

7) **[Stryker Bulletin, 20-12, 26 October 2012](#)**, provides a brief set of notes on the SBCT community of purpose (CoPu) actions and Stryker Warfighters' Forum (SWfF) activities, as well as call attention to resources available to SBCTs to support their endeavors throughout all phases of the ARFORGEN process.

B. Doctrine:

1) Recently Published Doctrine:

a. **[Field Manual \(FM\) 7-22, Army Physical Readiness Training, October 26, 2012](#)**, is the Army's latest version of the physical readiness field manual. This FM provides the training and leader development methodology that forms the foundation for developing competent and confident Soldiers in the conduct of Unified Land Operations.

b. **[ATP 3-55.6, Multi-Service Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Airborne Target Coordination and Attack Radar Systems, 22 August 2012](#)**, This publication provides theater- and component-level planners and warfighters procedures for planning, implementing, and executing airborne, manned moving target indicator (MTI) radars in real-time or near-real-time (NRT) targeting support roles as well as procedures to execute airborne command and control (C2), battle management, and wide area surveillance radar operations in support of joint and component operations.

2) Doctrine Under Review:

a. The USAF COE DOTD Doctrine Division requests your assistance in reviewing the **[Initial Draft \(ID\) FM 3-01, AMD Operations, NLT 14 December 2012](#)**. This FM is the keystone document for Air Defense. It brings together significant changes in AMD Doctrine concepts, and constructs while focusing on

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AMD tactics and procedures for all AMD systems and organizations. It provides doctrinal and operational guidance for commanders and trainers at all echelons. Submit comments using the comment matrix (included with linked documents) to usarmy.leavenworth.mccoe.mbx.cadd-org-mailbox@mail.mil or eugene.e.houck.civ@mail.mil.

b. The Mission Command Division, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate (CADD) requests your assistance in reviewing the **Final Draft (FD)** of **[FM 6-99, US Army Report and Message Formats, NLT 31 December 2012](#)**. This version updates report and message formats currently found in FM 6-99.2, and nests with ADRP 6-0, Mission Command, and FM 6-0, Commander and Staff Organization and Operations (draft) and ADP and ADRP 5-0, The Operations Process. Submit comments to usarmy.leavenworth.mccoe.mbx.cadd-org-mailbox@mail.mil or gordon.p.woodington.mil@mail.mil.

c. The Capabilities Development Integration Directorate Chaplain Center and School requests your assistance in reviewing **[Final Drafts \(FD\) for ATP 1-05.03, Religious Support and External Advisement and FD ATP 1-05.02, Religious Support to Funerals and Memorial Ceremonies and Services](#)**. Please submit comments, using the respectively linked matrix for each FD, **due NLT 21 December 2012** to usarmy.leavenworth.mccoe.mbx.cadd-org-mailbox@mail.mil or dennis.e.hysom.mil@mail.mil.

d. The Directorate of Training and Doctrine, MCoE requests your review and feedback on the **[Final Draft Staffing of FM 3-99, Airborne and Air Assault Operations NLT 07 December 2012](#)**. This FM establishes doctrine to govern the activities and performance of Army forces in forcible entry operations and provides the doctrinal basis for vertical envelopment and follow-on operations and provides leaders with descriptive guidance on how Army forces conduct vertical envelopment within the simultaneous combination of offense, defense, and stability. Please submit responses via e-mail utilizing the linked comment matrix to: Mr. Rick Stockton, richard.e.stockton.civ@mail.mil.

C. Training:

1) **[ALARACT 296/2012, Army EXORD 005-13, Revised US Army Forces Command \(FORSCOM\) Pre-deployment Training Guidance to Mitigate Insider Threats, 22 October 2012](#)**, informs all personnel that Insider Threat training is required for every Soldier and every unit deploying to the USCENTCOM AOR.

2) The **[TCM-ABCT BFSB SITREP, 05-09 November 2012](#)**, offers a monthly update to the ABCT community on recent TCM-ABCT activities and site visits. Noteworthy for November from the Bradley team: Team AMPV completed review of the AMPV STRAP and made comments bringing the document in line with doctrinal changes implemented in ADP 3-0.

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3) [Army Training Network \(ATN\)](#) contains training packages which include videos and slides to enable effective training management. It also contains the most current training doctrine available and provides the warfighter the ability to go to one website and seek training solutions. AKO user name and password or CAC access is required.

D. Leadership:

1) [Leader Net Newsletter, November 2012](#), is provided for the situational awareness of our leaders.

2) [NCO Net Update, November 2012](#), is provided for the situational awareness of our Noncommissioned Officers. Participation on this forum is strongly encouraged as this is a professional forum that benefits all leaders.

E. Lessons Learned:

1) [HQDA EXORD 102-12, Stand-up of Army Lessons Learned Forum](#), assigns responsibilities for the Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF LL) and the Army Lessons Learned Forums (AL2F) and provides procedures for developing, collaborating on, and implementing actions to remedy assigned issues. These forums meet weekly to discuss issues pertaining to OEF and Army emerging issues, trends, and observations enabling continuous improvement of Army Forces. View some related documents at: [Army Lessons Learned Council of Colonels Minutes, 31 October 2012](#), [OEF Lessons Learned Forum Council of Colonels Minutes, 31 October 2012](#), [OEF-Army Lessons Learned Forum Council of Colonels Executive Summary, 31 October 2012](#).

2) [Afghan Culture Understanding, Insights, and Practices: 12-18](#), contains a collection of previously published articles that focus on Afghan culture and provides insight into effectively communicating with Afghans in order to achieve positive results. More specifically, the articles contained in this newsletter highlight methods to initiate and improve relationships with Afghans, the difficulties and challenges leaders and Soldiers experienced in communicating with Afghans, what worked and did not work, and how to foster and improve meaningful relationships with Afghans to achieve the desired outcome.

F. Personnel:

1) [ALARACT 268/2012, Establishment of Officer Skill Identifier \(SI\) R7 \(Army Reconnaissance\) and Enlisted Additional Skill Identifier \(ASI\) R7 \(Army Reconnaissance\)](#) establishes Officer SI R7 and Enlisted ASI R7 to identify personnel who have successfully completed the Army Reconnaissance Course at Fort Benning, Ga. and are associated with CMF/Branch 11 (Infantry), 12 (Engineer), 13 (Field Artillery), 15 (Aviation), 19 (Armor) and 35 (Military Intelligence) in grades 2LT-CPT and E6-E8. MOS 12K, MOS 12R AND MOS 12W are exempted.

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2) [ALARACT 309/2012, Cold Weather Injury \(CWI\) Prevention for 2012-2013 Cold Weather Season](#), informs Commanders, Supervisors, and Soldiers at all levels of the need to implement protective measures in order to prevent CWI during the 2012-2013 cold weather season.

3) Recently published and approved publications are available on the APD website at <http://www.apd.army.mil/>: [ARMY DIR 2012, Army Total Force Policy, 04 September 2012](#), [AR 600-8-2, Suspension of Favorable Actions \(FLAG\), 23 October 2012](#), [ADP 1, The Army, 17 September 2012 \(Change 001\)](#).

5. RFIs, Notes, Notices and Upcoming Events:

A. **AWfF Request for Information (RFI) Procedures:** Visit the AWfF homepage at: [HeavyNet](#), and follow the "Submit RFI" link located on bottom right of page. The AWfF will acknowledge receipt of RFIs within 24 hours and will attempt to provide an answer within 72 hours.

B. Upcoming Events:

1) **IWfF Senior Mentor Symposium**- 06 December 2012 (0900-1030 EST) via DCO-S.

2) Afghanistan **Training Community of Interest (TCoI)**- 21 November 2012 via VTC.

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7. Our website is <https://heavynet.forscom.army.mil>. We are also on [Facebook](#), [milBook](#), and [Twitter](#). Please visit these sites to collaborate with our HBCT community of practice. AWfF thanks those who have provided announcements, notices, articles and lessons learned. Additionally, **submit an article for inclusion to any of our AWfF portals and this newsletter**. If you have a story of interest or wish to initiate a discussion on any topic or issue facing the HBCT community, contact Mr. Randal Alston, randal.c.alston.civ@mail.mil, 254-287-4140. **Please "Like" us on [Facebook](#) and...follow us on [Twitter](#)!**