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1. **Purpose:** The intent of this newsletter is to provide HBCT/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 Heavy/Armored BCT community.

## 2. Director's Corner:

Greetings to All,

LTG Campbell and I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Senior Mentor Symposium on 29 June 2012. We had 68 participants logged into the session and more than 122 total listening. I'd like to extend a special thanks to the presenters for their informative and insightful points on OEF SFAT lessons learned and the focus of the session, "Getting Back to Basics", on H/ABCT core competencies. You can find the presentations and EXSUM of the session on our HeavyNet portal.

This summer has seen a significant turnover of H/ABCT brigade and battalion command teams; nine brigade level teams and counting so far. We wish all those new command teams (some acknowledged in this issue) the greatest success as they take the reins of command responsibility and extend best wishes to those leaders who have recently relinquished command. We encourage everyone to be active members of the forum and H/ABCT community. Our team, in concert with TCM-ABCT, continues to schedule and conduct visits with recently re-deployed HBCTs (170th Infantry, 1st BCT, 1st Cavalry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT, 4th Infantry) to capture and share their deployment insights and will be contacting units in the coming months to schedule visits with the new command teams to hear their issues and offer assistance where we can.

As we've noted in previous newsletters, the SecArmy directed the stand-up of the Army Lessons Learned Forum earlier this year. Operated under the executive oversight of the Combined Arms Center-CALL, this new forum's goal is to identify, validate, rapidly resource and work solutions impacting the total force. The AWFF, as an H/ABCT community advocate, regularly participates in the weekly Army Lessons Learned Forum action officer and higher level meetings - you'll find the link to the most recent in the newsletter. If there is an issue you feel should be addressed at this forum, let us know, and we'll work to submit it or you can submit an issue directly to the Army Lessons Learned Forum for review and vetting.

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Finally, we wish all the best to our most recent Director, LTC Brian Hammer. LTC Hammer departed for the Army War College at the end of June. LTC Robert Rodriguez, former commander of 2-8 CAV, 1st Cavalry Division, has been tapped to be our next Director and will be onboard by the first week of August.

Thanks for all your sacrifices and service to the Nation and please share this newsletter with others in the community.

Randal Alston  
Deputy Director, ABCT Warfighters' Forum (AWfF)

### 3. Announcements:

A. The AWfF Symposium was hosted by LTG Don Campbell, Jr. on 29 June 2012, 0930-1100 CDT. Topics included: "OEF SFAT Lessons Learned" by COL Michael Kasales, Commander, 3/4 ID; "Mission Command on the Move" by COL Mike Higginbottom, TCM-MC; "The Networked Enabled Company XO" by COL Gary Nicoson, Director, TCM-ABCT; "Decisive Action Rotational Lessons Learned" by MAJ Bill Adler, Chief of Plans and Operations Group, National Training Center (NTC); and "2/3 ID, 1-9 FA External Evaluation Concept" by COL Douglas Cardinale, Commander, 2/3 ID. View an unclassified version of the presentations at: [AWfF Symposium 02-2012, 29 June 2012](#), and a SIPR version at: <https://www.us.army.smil.mil/suite/files/2726924>. An unclassified Executive Summary (EXSUM) is available at: [AWfF Symposium 02-2012 EXSUM, 29 June 2012](#), and a classified version be read at: <https://www.us.army.smil.mil/suite/doc/2752542>.

B. We would like to bid farewell to COL Scott Efflandt and CSM Lance Lehr, Commander and CSM of 1/1 CD; COL John Peeler, Commander 2/1 CD; COL Ross Davidson, Commander, 1/2 ID; and COL Antonio Aguto, Commander, 11<sup>th</sup> ACR. In turn, we welcome COL Steve Gilland and CSM Mervyn Ripley, Commander and CSM of 1/1 CD; COL Robert Whittle, Commander, 2/1 CD; COL Louis Rago II, Commander, 1/2 ID; COL John Ward, Commander, 11<sup>th</sup> ACR; COL Mark Raschke, Commander, 170<sup>th</sup> Infantry; and SGM William R. Jones Jr., TCM-ABCT SGM.

C. The Center for Army Lessons Learned needs your help to identify emerging issues with respect to the CIED Systems used on dismounted patrols which we can bring to the attention of the Army leadership. Your feedback is both valued and appreciated. Click on the following link to take the survey (it's only six questions) <https://survey.army.mil/secure/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=76KK76mL>.

D. 2012 Maneuver Warfighting Conference dates are 17-19 September 2012. This year's theme is "Leveraging the Human Dimension to Enhance the Maneuver Force". Find out more about the upcoming conference at: <http://www.benning.army.mil/mcoe/maneuverconference/>.

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

**A. In the News:**

1) [Stryker Bulletin 06 July 2012](#) and [Stryker Bulletin, 20 July 2012](#), provide 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.

2) **Army Safety Net Updates**, [02 July 2012](#), and [19 July 2012](#), are published by the Army Safety Network and provide situational awareness to our community on issues such as risk management, explosive safety training, MRAP safety, and other significant safety issues, trends and updates.

3) **Maneuver Net Newsletters**, [09 July 2012](#) and [18 July 2012](#), provide updates, contributions, and discussion items of interest to the Maneuver Net community. To subscribe, follow the link on the latest update.

4) [BfSB Monthly Newsletter, June 2012](#), is published by the TRADOC Capability Manager - Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (TCM-BfSB) Warfighter's Forum for the benefit of the BfSB community. Of interest on this edition is an article on the III Corps Warfighter Exercise and information on the last and next BfSB WfF Symposiums.

5) [Security Force Assistance Newsletter, 17 July 2012](#), is published by the SFA Forum. It supports online discussion to promote the exchange of information and knowledge between those with combat advisory experience and those who can benefit from it.

6) [IWfF Newsletter, June 2012](#), is published by the Infantry Warfighter's Forum for the benefit of the Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) Community and in an effort to support its mission to enhance IBCT leaders, leader team, unit training and operations, and to incorporate lessons learned.

7) [Redleg Update, July 2012](#), is the US Army Field Artillery Commandant's Newsletter. This issue contains an update from the TCM-BCT Fires and information on policy changes pertaining to women in the Field Artillery.

8) [Fires Net Newsletter, 19 July 2012](#), is published monthly by the Fires forum. For more information, please contact Ms. Christy Bettis at [christina.m.bettis.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:christina.m.bettis.ctr@mail.mil) or Mr. Paul Fradejas at [paul.j.fredejas.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:paul.j.fredejas.ctr@mail.mil).

9) [Mission Command Lessons Learned Newsletter, June 2012](#), contains links to: Peace and Reintegration in Afghanistan; Afghanistan Culture Smart Card; Afghanistan Culture Smart Book; and Training for the US Agriculture Mission in Afghanistan.

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10) [MI Space Newsletter, 19 July 2012](#), is published by the Combined Arms Center, Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL). Discussion on various topics include: Language and Culture Pre-deployment Training; Addressing the Need for Interrogation Cross Training; Security Clearance Codes on the Unit Manning Roster; and, Sharing Intel with the Afghans. Also provided are the links to the latest documents available in the MI Space knowledge center. Among them include: National Infrastructure Advisory Council Intelligence Information Sharing Final Report and Recommendations; Transitioning Intelligence Fusion Capability; 201<sup>st</sup> BfSB Army Force Generation Lessons Learned; Intelligence Trends; Electronic Warfare and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Techniques and Procedures Bi-Monthly; and 1 AD Observation Report-Cultural Awareness. Access this newsletter at:

<https://forums.army.mil/SECURE/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=1550>.

### B. Doctrine:

1) **The US Army Combined Arms Center (CAC) provides [Doctrine 2015 Quarterly Update as of 01 July 2012](#)**. These slides capture the current status and progression of ADPs, ADRPs, FMs, and ATPs.

2) The Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) Doctrine Branch invites you to review and provide feedback on the **Initial Draft of Army Techniques Publication (ATP) 3-90.1, Armor and Rifle Company Team**. ATP 3-90.1 encompasses warfighting techniques for the Armor and Rifle company team. It replaces FM 3-90.1, Tank and Mechanized Infantry Company Team, published in 2002. The initial draft of ATP 3-90.1, Armor and Rifle Company Team and DA Form 2028 can be viewed and downloaded at this CAC protected link, <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/folder/35703637>. Please provide your comments or recommendations via e-mail **NLT 24 August 2012** to Mr. Bruce Moore at: [bruce.m.moore2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:bruce.m.moore2.civ@mail.mil), 706-545-7162 DSN: 835.

3) The US Army Chaplain Center and School (USACHCS) requests your review and comments on Program Directives: [ATP 1-05.02, Religious Support Funerals and Memorial Ceremonies and ATP 1-05.04, Religious Support and External Religious Advisement](#) **NLT 09 August 2012**. Please submit comments using linked comment matrix to [dennis.hysom@us.army.mil](mailto:dennis.hysom@us.army.mil) or [usarmy.leavenworth.mccoe.mbx.cadd-org-mailbox@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.leavenworth.mccoe.mbx.cadd-org-mailbox@mail.mil).

4) The Chief, Doctrine Division, Sustainment Center of Excellence requests your assistance in reviewing the **Final Draft of ATP 4-16, Movement Control** **NLT 17 August 2012**. Provide command comment roll-up using the linked Instructions and Comments Matrix to LTC Stephen M. Fleming at [stephen.m.fleming2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:stephen.m.fleming2.mil@mail.mil) for FORSCOM comment consolidation and release to TRADOC POC **NLT 21 August 2012**.

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5) The Directorate of Training and Doctrine, MCoE, would like to request your organization's review and feedback on the **Initial Draft of FM 3-96, Armored Brigade Combat Team Operations**. This document and DA Form 2028 can be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/folder/35703624>. Please provide your comments via e-mail **NLT 17 August 2012**. Comments should reference the location (paragraph number and line number or figure) and include recommended changes with supporting justification. Point of contact for this action is Mr. Bruce Moore, [bruce.m.moore2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:bruce.m.moore2.civ@mail.mil), (706) 545-7162. The Collective Training Branch also requests you review the supporting Unit Task List (UTL) for those organizations addressed in this manual. UTL identifies all of the collective tasks that this unit must conduct IAW their Table of Organization and Equipment (TOE) and mission. The UTLs can be viewed at the same link as the draft FM 3-96. POC for the ABCT UTLs is Mr. Dan Huell, [dan.huell2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:dan.huell2.civ@mail.mil) (706) 545-7180.

6) The Director of Training and Doctrine, MCoE, requests your organization's review and feedback on the **Initial Draft of FM 3-95, IBCT Operations (with UTL), NLT 24 August 2012**. FM 3-95 provides the commander and staff of the Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) and subordinate units with doctrine relevant to Army and joint operations. The manual incorporates the significant changes in Army doctrinal terminology, concepts, and constructs and proven tactics, and procedures developed during recent operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. As part of your review of the initial draft manual we also request you review the supporting Unit Task List (UTL) for those organizations addressed in the manual. Please respond utilizing the above linked DA Form 2028 and submit to Mr. Rick Stockton at [rick.e.stockton.civ@mail.mil](mailto:rick.e.stockton.civ@mail.mil), (706) 545-4075.

7) The Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate (CADD) Mission Command Division, requests assistance in reviewing the **Request for Feedback (RFF) Questionnaire for FM 6-99.2, U.S. Army Report and Message Formats NLT 01 August 2012**. The **RFF starts on page four of the staffing letter**. Please submit comments to [usarmy.leavenworth.mccoe.mbx.cadd-org-mailbox@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.leavenworth.mccoe.mbx.cadd-org-mailbox@mail.mil).

### C. Training:

1) **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. This month, we would like to highlight the **Security Force Assistance (SFA) training** page. This page identifies the mandatory training required for all SFA units in accordance with ISAF CDR USFOR-A Training Guidance DTG February 2012. Access the SFA training page at: [https://atn.army.mil/dsp\\_template.aspx?dpID=248](https://atn.army.mil/dsp_template.aspx?dpID=248).

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2) The [TRADOC Capability Manager ABCT \(TCM-ABCT/BfsB\) SITREP, 23 July 2012](#), offers a monthly update to the ABCT community on recent TCM-ABCT and BfsB activities and site visits. Noteworthy for July is an article related to CROWS II systems for the Abrams SEPv2 Tank. Also read: [TCM-ABCT Update, 25 July 2012 \(2\) ABRAMS](#).

3) This month's Afghanistan **Training Community of Interest (TCoI)** took place 25 July 2012. Presentations included: "303<sup>rd</sup> SFAT, RC-N" by LTC Ken Garrison, Executive Officer, 303<sup>rd</sup> SFAT; and "Evidence Based Operations (EvBO)" by CPT Nathaniel Stusse, USMC, Lead Planner, ICJ Future Operations. See the presentations at: [Training Community of Interest, July 2012](#).

### D. Materiel:

1) [Army Equipment Modernization Plan 2013](#) "describes the Research, Development, and Acquisition (RDA) portion of the Fiscal Year 2013 President's Budget request which reflects the Army's priority materiel programs and identifies the critical capabilities to succeed in the full range of missions while maintaining a decisive advantage over any adversary" (Donald C. Tison, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8).

2) Some units are still trying to make unauthorized modifications to their M16 Rifles and M4 Carbines without a Modification Work Order (MWO). One example is converting an M16 to a squad designated marksman rifle. This is not authorized and could endanger the Soldier, the unit, and the rifle. Refer to TM 9-1005-319-10 and to The [Small Arms Integration Book](#) for a list of authorized equipment for mounting on the M16 Rifle and M4 Carbine. See a related PM Magazine article at: [M16 Series Rifle and M4 Carbine Modifications, 716-38, PM Magazine](#).

3) [Ammunition Information Notice \(AIN\) 062-12](#) is a retransmitted revised Ground Precautionary Action (GPA) Message 12-004. This message informs commanders that the accuracy of XM395 Cartridges could be adversely affected when using M32 Lightweight Handheld Mortar Ballistic Computer (LHMBC) Versions 4.0, 4.0.1, or 4.0.2 software to set XM395 Cartridge parameters when data is corrupted.

### E. Leadership:

1) [LeaderNet Newsletter, July 2012](#), is provided for the situational awareness of our leaders.

2) [S3/XO Net Newsletter, 27 June 2012, 25 July 2012](#), contain newly posted documents, contributions, collections, and RFIs to the S3/XO Forum.



3) Senior Army leaders conducted the **2012 Army Training and Leader Development Conference** from 11-13 July 2012 to discuss current and future training strategies. Find presentations from the session at: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/36013119>.

### F. 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 monthly 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 LL Forum GOSC, 24 July 2012\*\*](#), [\*\*OEF LL Forum GOSC, 24 July 2012\*\*](#), [\*\*OEF-Army LL Forum GOSC Executive Summary, 24 July 2012\*\*](#).

2) [\*\*Ironhorse Operations New Dawn and Spartan Shield Company Commanders' AAR Book\*\*](#) is a compilation of insights from Company Commanders from the Ironhorse Brigade (1<sup>st</sup> HBCT, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division). The intent of this publication by these Company Commanders, in collaboration with Company Command Net (<http://CC.army.mil>), is to pass along these lessons learned to company level leader. Also submitted by the 1-82 FA Commander is [\*\*TF 1-82 FA Road Show FINAL\*\*](#).

3) [\*\*CALL Movement and Maneuver Lessons Learned Newsletter, July 2012\*\*](#), contains links to "Human Network Engagement" (VSO)," Venomous Snakes"(of Afghanistan and Pakistan), "The Eight Step Training Model," and other articles of interest to the ABCT community.

4) The **Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned (MCLL)** lists records (unit after action reports, briefings and other lessons learned materials) in the Marine Corps' lessons learned document repository. To view this information you must be a registered subscriber to the Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned Web site: [www.mccll.usmc.mil](http://www.mccll.usmc.mil). Read this month's Newsletter at: [\*\*MCCLL Newsletter, July 2012\*\*](#).

5) [\*\*CIED Fundamentals Information Paper\*\*](#) was prepared by V Corps G7 and CJTF Paladin CJ3 with the purpose of providing combat leaders and training organizations information for focusing CIED pre-deployment training and execution efforts in order to reduce casualties in combat operations. On this folder you will find some vignettes and a document highlighting training attendance rates. This information paper also highlights key contributors to casualties and provides recommendations for doctrinal areas of focus.

## G. Personnel:

Recently published Military Personnel (MILPER) messages are available on the HRC MILPER web page at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/Milper>. Of interest this month is MILPER 12-226, July 2012 Warrant Officer Selection Board Results, 20 July 2012. This message list the names of all individuals selected to attend the Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) in approximately four to six months. It provides some initial guidance on requirements before reporting to Fort Rucker, Alabama for enrollment and training. See the MILPER at: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/Milper/12-226>.

## 5. RFIs, Notes, and Notices:

**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 HWfF will acknowledge receipt of RFIs within 24 hours and will attempt to provide an answer within 72 hours.

## 6. AWfF Points of Contact:

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