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Greetings Cast Iron Teammates! This is my first newsletter as the Brigade Commander of this fine organization. I want to tell you all that my first thirty days in command have been extremely fun, exciting, and challenging. I love being here with the fine 404th AFSCB Family and I am extremely proud of what you do on a daily basis.

As I talk to many people outside of the organization, they are in Shock and Awe, at all of the things you do on a daily basis, and how you do them. The entire Brigade does an outstanding job in all of the various mission areas, functions, and programs. On daily basis you are out there fielding, repairing, and training units on new pieces of equipment. We repair, overhaul, refurbish and RESET equipment. We teach, coach, and mentor. We support and provide oversight of key logistics needs and requirements. What you truly are – is a superb group of Military, DA Civilians, and Contractors who care about our service members and their families, and the support we provide to the Joint and Army team. I salute you all for the great work you do and the professionalism by which you do it.

As part of America's Army and our profession, I would like to take this time to highlight the top priority of DoD – SHARP! Everyone in the Army is afforded the right to dignity, respect and fair treatment always. This is a LEADER responsibility and we all are LEADERS. No one in our formation should ever be sexually harassed or treated unfairly. I ask that all LEADERS get involved to make this a better organization and protect our Brigade family. All personnel in the Brigade are required to view the "Invisible War" DVD as part of the SHARP training requirement. We have **ZERO** tolerance for sexual harassment within this Brigade!

To all of the new team members that have arrived in the unit since the last newsletter – I welcome you. To all of those who have departed – I wish you good luck and Godspeed.

Last but not least, I want to thank my good friend COL Leafaina (Ina) Yahn, for the outstanding transition she provided me in becoming a member of the Cast Iron family. I want to wish Ina and her husband, Rocky, all the best in their transition to Rock Island Arsenal. Ina will be the First Army G4, and Rocky will work at ASC. All the best to this fine family and outstanding officer and logistician.

In closing, I want to remind everyone to be safe. Everyone is a Safety Officer. If you see an unsafe act, stop it and bring it to a supervisor's attention. Safety is a Priority.

Cast Iron 6 Sustain to Win!!!

OPSEC CHECK 

404TH WELCOMES CAST IRON 6

Colonel James Moore assumed command of the 404th Army Field Support Brigade, headquartered at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington Jul 2013. COL Moore is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Virginia State University ROTC Program and was commissioned in May 1989. COL Moore has served in various command and staff positions throughout his career to include: Logistics Branch Head, Joint Deployment and Sustainment Division, NATO Allied Command Transformation, Norfolk, Virginia; Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia; Quartermaster Branch Chief for the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, Army Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia; Commander, 1st Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, Iraq; Executive Officer to the Director J9, also Operations Officer for the J9 Integration Group, and Logistics Action Officer in the Joint Deployment Process Office (JDPO), US Joint Forces Command (JFCOM); Executive Officer to Director, Concept Development and Experimentation, Army Capabilities Integration Center (ARCIC), and as Logistics Action Officer, Capabilities Development Directorate, ARCIC, TRADOC, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Battalion Executive Officer and Support Operations Officer, 203rd Forward Support Battalion, 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia (OIF-I); Executive Officer to the Director of Plans, Operations, and Logistics Automation Directorate, and Action Officer/Briefer Logistics Operations Center (LOC), HQDA G4, Pentagon, Washington, DC; Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)/Army Quartermaster Internship Training Program at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Commander, 542d Maintenance Co, 44th Corps Support Battalion (CSB), 593d Corps Support Group (CSG), Chief Supply and Services Branch, Support Operations Section, 44th CSB, Chief General Materiel Branch and Class IX Officer, 20th Support Center (CMMC), Fort Lewis, Washington; and Platoon Leader and Plans and Operations Officer, 22d Area Support Group, Vicenza, Italy.





Greeting Cast Iron Family and Friends,

I am thankful once again to have the honor and privilege to address you. Before we move into the next chapter of the 404th Army Field Support Brigade I want to take a moment and say farewell to COL Yahn and her family. COL Yahn and Rocky, I have never met a more competent and rounded leader. The Officers, Enlisted, and the Civilians are the centerpiece of the 404th Army Field Support Brigade; your vision and

efforts have led, developed and improved the Brigade as we move into a 21st Century Army. You will be truly missed by all who have served under your leadership. Rocky, though our time spent together was short I admired your resilient care and love that you provided your family as a loving husband and son during COL Yahn's tenure as a Commander. I wish you the best in your next rendezvous with destiny. COL Moore and Mrs. Brenda Moore the Burton Family want to welcome you to the Cast Iron Brigade. We look forward to serving with you on the 404th Army Field Support Brigade, Command Team Sustain to Win! To the rest of the Cast Iron Family your comprehensive fitness, competence, knowledge, cultural skills and enduring awareness enables our brigade to continue making successful sound judgment decisions in this complex and uncertain environment. Your planning and insight has been close to flawless throughout the quarter as we continue our journey. The Soldiers and the communities within our footprint are thankful for that and so is our nation. This brigade would not be complete if it wasn't for the unity and support of everyone working together. Stronger Professionals and Families Together! Cast Iron 7



SHARP Program

Sexual Harassment / Assault Response & Prevention



The Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program exists so the Army can prevent sexual harassment and sexual assaults before they occur. The goal of the 404th AFSB is to eliminate sexual harassment and sexual assaults by creating a climate that respects the dignity of every member of the 404th AFSB Army Family. Sexual assault is a crime that is incompatible with Army Values and the Warrior Ethos. Sexual assault directly and negatively impacts readiness across the force.

What is I.A.M. Strong? Intervene, Act, and Motivate (I.A.M.) STRONG is the Army's campaign to combat sexual assaults by engaging all Soldiers in preventing sexual assaults before they occur. Grounded by our shared belief in the Army Values, we are a band of brothers and sisters, placing mission first, never accepting defeat, never quitting and never leaving a fallen comrade. Our interdependence and shared respect among comrades frames who we are as a Team and an Army - a Team that finds sexual assault reprehensible and beyond toleration. Those who commit assaults hurt a member of our Team and wound our Army. This criminal act is cowardly and damaging to the very moral fiber that gives our Army its innermost strength. As Soldiers and proud members of our Team, we are duty bound to **Intervene, Act, and Motivate** others to stop sexual assaults and the sexually offensive language and gestures that create an environment friendly to this abuse.

In alignment with the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Strategy, the following five CSA's imperatives will drive Army actions:

- ◆ Prevent offenders from committing crimes, provide compassionate care for victims, and protect the rights and privacy of survivors
- ◆ Report every allegation and ensure it is thoroughly and professionally investigated; take appropriate action based on the investigation
- ◆ Create a positive climate and an environment of trust and respect in which every person can thrive and achieve their full potential
- ◆ Hold every individual, every unit and organization, and every Commander appropriately accountable for their behavior, actions and inactions
- ◆ The chain of command must remain fully engaged - they are centrally responsible and accountable for solving the problems of sexual assault and harassment within our ranks and for restoring the trust of our Soldiers, Civilians, and families



MSG William Johnson
404th AFSB SARC 253-967-6027

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Current View

The RLSC was designed to enhance efficiency and effectiveness, improve coordination, and provide cost avoidance through consolidation of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology [ASA (ALT)] and Army Materiel Command (AMC) activities within a single complex. The completion of this facility will consolidate disparate operation and maintenance expenses with the capability for future developmental projects or surge requirements. Construction of Phases I & II is expected to be completed by late 2014.



Future



SIGNAL UPGRADE

ROGER MOORE



Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division receive upgraded signal equipment.

Since their return from the Exodus Holiday break, the 25ID Signal Company and its Warfighter Information Network - Tactical (WIN-T) equipment have under-gone a Increment 1 modification which provides a bridging capability to connect the Inc 1 system to the next generation of Tactical Signal Equipment, Increment 2 this MWO modification provides the components that enable WIN-T the ability to operate a Colorless Core EOIP (Everything Over Internet Protocol) architecture with a Network Centric Waveform (NCW); HQDA CIO/G6 has mandated that all Division level units deploying to theater be Colorless Core (INC 1B) capable; This 75-day effort combined multiple elements from both CECOM LCMC and PM WIN-T under one roof at the Schofield Barracks, C4ISR Center of Excellence (BLDG 1090) providing over 380 hours of Training to 35 Soldiers from the 25ID; the Lessons Learned from this event will be carried over into next year when PM WIN-T will be applying the Inc 1B modifications to the multi-component WIN-T units on Oahu and new equipment fielding the Increment 2 to HQ 25ID, 2/25SBCT and 3/25IBCT.



Mr. Stanley Guy, PM WIN-T AN/TRC-190 (HCLoS) With Soldiers from HHBN 25ID, Signal Company



two Satellite Communication Systems, AN/TSC-169C



Satellite-Communication Systems, AN/TSC-169C



Army Reserve Sustainment Command



By Greg Alderete

Changes are rolling in for the Army Sustainment Command-Army Reserve Element (ASC-ARE)! By COL Camerone Trent

LTC (R) Brett Hampton retired in June after giving many fine years of service to the 404th AFSB and SFC Terri Fowler recently deployed to Afghanistan where she is actively recruiting for our team at JBLM. COL Camerone Trent received a promotion in her civilian job at Michelin as a Key Account Manager for Michelin’s government Aviation division, in Greenville, SC. CW4 Troy Hyatt reverted to his previous assignment as an Aviation LAR. We welcome our master recruiter and newest member of the team, LTC Victoria Cumings; she lives in the area and knows many excellent logistics personnel.

On Monday, 29 July 2013, the command team from the Army Reserve Sustainment Command (ARSC) command team, Brigadier General Jolly and Command Sergeant Major Vicki Briggs toured the Stryker facility at Joint Base Lewis McChord hosted by director, Vince Mannin and accompanied by Mr. Stephen Nelson SSTR of the TACOM division at JBLM. The command team was able to get some excellent “hands on” training thanks to the Stryker team. CSM Briggs practiced lining up the weapons on potential targets and BG Jolly was very impressed with the technology.

On, 30 July 2013 the ARSC command team attended the 404th AFSB change of command. This was an excellent time to interact with our active component counterparts and discuss the way ahead for the ARSC and ASC. We are committed to supporting Army Field Support Brigade of the Pacific.



Mentoring our Soldiers and Civilians (Provided by MSG Johnson)

“Becoming a mentor should not be a hasty endeavor. It is not a part-time job. It is an intense relationship between teacher and student.” From FM 7-22.7, The Army Noncommissioned Officer Guide, dated December 2002.

Traditionally, the mentoring relationship is described in FM 7-22.7, as a “*developmental relationship between senior and junior individuals in organizations*”. Soldiers learn and draw strengths from leaders who encourage the development of values as inalienable professional attributes. Leaders, in turn, are expected to live by and exemplify those values. Internalizing these values is what builds our professional Soldiers in America’s Army. Our role as non-commissioned officers is not to change their long held personal values, but to impress upon them the importance of what a professional Soldier embodies. Mentorship is not just a fuzzy buzzword; it is a proven approach to developing Soldiers. The process of mentorship requires time, training, and caring.

Effective mentors must be totally committed to spending the necessary time and attention it takes to share values, attitudes and beliefs. While finding time to mentor our junior NCOs can be challenging, it is essential that noncommissioned officers talk with their subordinates to better understand our Soldiers’ strengths and weaknesses, and what motivates them, both personally and professionally. This includes helping a Soldier make career decisions and providing support and encouragement that allow leaders to grow. As referenced by former Army Vice Chief of Staff, GEN Pete Chiarelli in a report on Health Promotion/Risk Reduction/Suicide Prevention, “*Soldiers today live a lifetime in their first 6 years of service; [they] experience more during their first enlistment than most of their civilian peers will in a lifetime.*” Effective mentors play a critical part in professional development for the future.

An important responsibility of a leader is to train subordinates. While it’s true that training alone cannot totally prepare you for the realities of combat and other military deployments, some organizations may be more mentally prepared for deployments than others. These mental preparations come through realistic training, rigorous preparations using the experience of combat veterans within the unit and above all, sound leadership.

NCOs have the most crucial role in taking care of Soldiers by establishing and determining the conditions of the Soldier’s environment. Leaders further enhance resilience in their Soldiers and the organization by building cohesive units. For some Soldiers, their role and camaraderie within the organization may be the only positive and life-sustaining resource available to them in times of adversity. It’s also important to appreciate and recognize the sacrifices our Soldiers are making in service to their nation. Ultimately knowing they have leadership that is there for them, that cares about them and acknowledges their sacrifices will make all the difference in the world. In the Health Promotion/Risk Reduction/Suicide Prevention report, GEN Pete Chiarelli stated “*We must also recognize that on occasion we need to do the right thing for both the Soldier and the Army through firm enforcement of discipline, retention and separation policies. We must ensure that Soldiers who cannot adapt to the rigors and stress of this profession find sanctuary elsewhere for their own wellbeing and for that of the force. This will require compassionate, fair but firm leaders who understand when to mentor Soldiers and when to accept that they will not meet Army standards.*”

Our Army of the future incorporates intellectual ingenuity, technological innovation, and the values that have always shaped America’s Army throughout its more than 200-year history. To be successful in the new millennium, our Army needs skilled, versatile, and highly motivated NCOs who are capable of accomplishing their mission in changing environments, confident in their abilities to train Soldiers on relevant tasks, and use creative approaches to mentoring and maximize our subordinates potential. “*Soldiers learn to be good leaders from good leaders.*” SMA (RET) Richard A. Kidd.

AFSBN HAWAII

CHANGES COMMANDERS



LTC (P) Alton B. Clowers Jr., COL Leafaina Yahn and LTC Michael B. McNeely

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LTC McNeely and his wife Allison



LTC Michael B. McNeely was born in Fairmont, West Virginia, and enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1992 and served as a Military Policeman in the 363rd MP Company. LTC Mike McNeely was commissioned as an Ordnance officer in 1995 and attended the Ordnance Officer Basic Course. He served as a Platoon Leader in the 102nd Quartermaster Company (POL), 561st Corps Support Battalion, and as a member of the 101st Airborne Division's Advanced Airborne team at Fort Campbell, KY from 1995 to 1997. LTC McNeely next served as a Company XO for the

2nd Maintenance Company (TMDE) in South Korea in 1998. LTC McNeely returned to Ft. Campbell and served as a Battalion S1 and Company Commander in the 626th Forward Support Battalion and Battalion S3 in the 801st Main Support Battalion from 1999 to 2004. LTC McNeely served as a Combat Service Support Observer/Trainer with the Battle Command Training Program, Ft. Leavenworth, KS from 2004 to 2006. LTC McNeely served as a Brigade Logistics Support Team Chief at Fort Campbell from 2007 to 2009. From 2009 to 2011, LTC McNeely served in the 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) at Fort Bragg, NC, as a Battalion XO, Maintenance Materiel Manager, and Chief, Materiel Readiness Branch. From 2012 to 2013, LTC McNeely instructed at the Command and General Staff College with duty at the Fort Belvoir, Virginia satellite campus. LTC McNeely is a graduate of the Ordnance Officer Basic Course; Combined Logistics Captains Career Course; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; Army Command and General Staff College; and Army Force Management School. He earned a Masters Degree in Business and Organizational Security Management. LTC McNeely is recognized by the International Society of Logisticians as a Demonstrated Master Logistician. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (2OLC); Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC); Army Commendation Medal (1OLC); Army Achievement Medal (1OLC); Meritorious Unit Citation (1OLC); National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star Device); Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with one Bronze Star Device); Iraq Campaign Medal (with two Bronze Star Devices); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals; Korea Defense Service Medal; Overseas Service Ribbon (with numerical 2); NATO Medal; Parachutist Badge; and the Air Assault Badge. LTC McNeely is married to Allison Watts of Fayetteville, NC.

CONTINGENCY RESPONSE FORCE SUPPORT



Over the past several months, the Directorate of Logistics (DOL) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii has partnered with the 25th Infantry Division in facilitating several Training Exercises Without Troops (TEWTs) as well as provided hands-on Soldier training opportunities at the Multi-purpose Deployment Facility (MDF); all in an effort to assist the command in gaining familiarity with the Power Projection out-load process.

These training events also serve to implement and standardize the 25th ID's Contingency Response Force (CRF) concepts, validate the Readiness Standing Operations Procedures (RSOP), refine the Command & Control (C2) architecture, and to identify any necessary changes to their current X/N-Hour deployment sequence.

The DOL plays a vital role in the success of the US Army Pacific Command's ability to project combat power throughout the Asia/Pacific theatre as we provide deployment and logistics subject matter expertise, logistics commodity management, and deployment capability support across all perti-

nent Classes of Supply; to include line haul assets, deployment related STAMIS oversight, and manage the Installation Multi-purpose Deployment Facility (MDF).

The end state of these training events is to familiarize Commanders, Staff Officers, and key unit movement coordinators with the planning and preparation required to deploy Task Force elements anywhere in the Pacific Theatre with little notice. **By Stacey Franklin.**



AESBn Lewis

LTC Jeffrey Niemi (incoming) and his wife Sophie



LTC Niemi, COL Yahn, MSG Johnson, LTC Harvill (outgoing)

CHANGES COMMANDERS



LTC Jeffrey S. Niemi began his military career in 1994 at Ft. Benning, Georgia as a branch-detailed Infantry Officer after receiving his commission through ROTC from the University of South Carolina where he received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. His first assignment was a Bradley Platoon Leader at Ft. Hood, Texas in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment in the 1st Cavalry Division. He transitioned to the Quartermaster Corps as a First Lieutenant and served as the Supply Platoon Leader and Battalion S4 in HHD/A Company 15th Forward Support Battalion also in the 1st Cavalry Division. After completing the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, he served as the 227th Maintenance Battalion S1 and subsequently the 305th Quartermaster Company Commander, both in Seoul, Korea as a part of the 19th Expeditionary Support Command. His next assignment was as an instructor at the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course at Ft. Lee, Virginia. The second tour to Korea saw him serve as a logistics plans officer and Chief of Plans in the Eighth Army G4 and G5 respectively. After completing Intermediate Level Education at Ft. Leavenworth, his next assignment was the Brigade S4 and Support Operations Officer for the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Ft. Polk, Louisiana and deployed to Baghdad, Iraq. He received a Masters in Military Arts and Science from the Command and General Staff College through the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). His most recent assignment was a SAMS utilization tour as the Chief of Plans and Exercises for the Eighth Army G4 in Korea. His awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Unit Commendation Award, National Defense Service Medal (2), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Korea Defense Service Medal. LTC Niemi is married to Sophie Niemi and they have three children: Jennifer (13), Jessica (11), and Jason (9).

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Mothers Day in Afghanistan



When athletes take the “field” on any given weekend, we regard them as “warriors”, as they “perform” for sixty minutes while leaving it all on the “field”, we’re proud, we high five each other; we’ve just lived vicariously thru Brian Urlacher or Robert Griffin III (RG3) or whoever is performing on that Saturday afternoon or Sunday in your City.



However in my world, if you have access to the International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) Kandahar Air “Field” (KAF), Afghanistan group inbox, you would’ve heard for the second time in seven days the familiar message to: *“Please lower all United States National Colors to half staff as our Fallen Warriors have arrived on KAF”*. In about seven days, seven mothers or sisters or wives or grandmas or girlfriends or aunts or whatever names that precious person was going to smile and answer to on Mother’s Day 2013 as her “Warrior” greeted her with hello. Seven American “Warriors” will never make that call again; seven American “Warriors” will never light up that special person’s life again. Seven American “Warriors” will never live vicariously thru Brian Urlacher or RG3. Back to any Saturday in any city, which is this Saturday in that city, across from whatever team was in that stadium, fourteen Military Soldiers, seven of which are Chaplains were given the most difficult task of their Military career. A task which could’ve possibly been the proudest day only to be understood by those who’ve worn the uniform and the

recipient of the news with the highest honor as they completed their dressed uniform with the respected head-gear, on this Saturday in your city to deliver a message on behalf of a grateful Nation. I was a Casualty Assistant Officer sometime during this decade long war. My task was to wait for the “call” to deliver the aforementioned. It so happened, my call was to assist a Vietnam Veteran’s widow whose husband had just passed. I was assigned to help her get back on her feet, but assuredly, I was her conduit to navigate through the benefits process of the Veterans Administration. My availability to her was no less than twenty-four seven until she was capable of returning to normalcy. This was easy; the passing of the retired Soldier was expected. The fourteen Service members will be forever changed by the honor they’ve just bestowed on behalf of a grateful Nation. The death of the seven young “Warriors” were not, they were sudden. Their music and video games apertures were probably left on their beds, whatever tangible bits and pieces which brought them peace with the nostalgia of home had to be removed from their rooms, tagged and shipped home to Mom. Mom who refused to open the door or hide somewhere as not to be seen or heard by the Military honors team who are slowly approaching her front door. Mom who believe that if she hid, the news will not reach her or it was the wrong house in that city where our “Warriors” are leaving it all on the field. Back to my world on KAF, around the corner from the ROLE III (International hospital), there’s a sign on a wooden board reminiscing of what would be in an old gun slinger movie, instead of undertaker, it reads “morgue”, with a directional arrow. One final though, on this Sunday in Afghanistan, in the late hours of the morning, my new message read, *“Please raise all United States National colors to full staff, our fallen “Warriors” have departed KAF”*. **by Marvin Donawa**

Faces to the Field



Karen Watts, S-3, AFSBn Lewis



Leslie (Les) Carder, AMCOM



MSG Overocker presented the Scottish American Military Society Award to JROTC Cadet Nohealani Benicarlo on 10 May at the Nanakuli High School.



MSG Turner's promotion (COL Yahn, MSG Turner, Theodore Jr, and Jessica Turner)



Ken Baker (Food Service) AFSB, Hanni Marchuck Director of Logistics (Fort Greeley) AK



MG Wharton and LTC Nate Rivers (USAR, RET, Former AFSBn CDR Fort Richardson, AK)

Faces to the Field

By Greg Alderete



Robert Farr

Thomas Ferguson

The 404th Army Field Support Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and Washington National Guard joint Lean Six Sigma Green Belt training ended March 28. A total of 13 students received diplomas at the graduation ceremony held at the Army Reserve Readiness Center at JBLM.

National Guard Chief of Staff Ron Kapral presented instructors Thomas Ferguson, Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., and Robert Farr, a certified Master Black Belt for Lean Six Sigma, 404th AFSB, with a coin each from Brig. Gen. Wallace Turner, the National Guard assistant to the Washington State Adjutant General.

The joint effort was an example of how active-duty resources can assist Reserve Component forces within the brigade footprint.

The local Team and Organizational Development Office, witnessing the success of the 404th AFSB-Guard effort, has contacted Farr to determine the possibilities of a collaborative LSS Black Belt Class at JBLM to include as many local commands as possible. Conducting classes locally will enable training across command lines, defray temporary duty travel and class overhead costs, while allowing maximum participation.

James S. Moore
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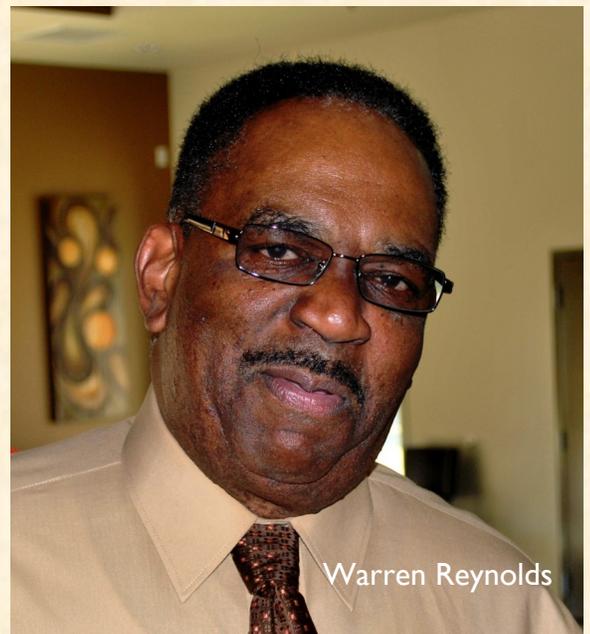


SFC Durham and John Hooker

By Greg Alderete



Melody Wright and Angela McGee enjoy at Friday Starbuck moment



Warren Reynolds

FORT GREELY



LTG Richard Formica awarded a Three Star Note and Command Coin to the Army Community of Excellence (ACOE) team from 2012 in recognition of their outstanding work and Fort Greely's recognition under ACOE as "Most Improved." Two DOL personnel were involved in the ACOE team and were awarded the 3 Star Note and Command Coin, Deborah Anderson (top) and Marla Messer (bottom). LTG Richard Formica praised Fort Greely for our team commitment and communication improvements among the Installation and all Tenant Organizations.



LTC Brian Speas, Garrison Commander hosted COL Jeffery Farnsworth, DCO, USASMDC/ARSTRAT during his recent visit to Ft Greely 29-Jul to 1-Aug-2013.

COL Farnsworth and LTC Speas attended a briefing in DOL Headquarters so he could be made aware of the Fort Greely DOL capabilities and duties and assured that support of the SMDC Missile Site continues without interruption since our transfer to AMC 1-Oct-13.

During the briefing DOL's DRMO/Re-utilization program was discussed and COL Farnsworth was greatly impressed with the efforts DOL has made to reutilize as much equipment as possible. Most recently native villages in Alaska were affected by heavy spring flooding and many homes and their contents were destroyed. Through the efforts of our DRMO/Re-Utilization program, the Fairbanks DRMO office, and the State of Alaska it was approved, through all channels, to transfer the excess furniture turned in from the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) at Ft Greely to the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) to aid the victims of this flood. At his request, COL Farnsworth returned the next day, met with Ms. Ann Marie Mills, the lead individual in our DRMO/Re-Utilization program, and presented her with an SMDC Command coin for her initiation and pursuit of this action.



AESBn Alaska



MAJ Dominic Vaughan is stationed at Joint-Base Elmendorf-Richardson as the BLST Chief for 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Airborne). A former member of the 82nd Airborne Division and a recent graduate of Intermediate Level Education, he is the only Airborne BLST chief in the Pacific theater. As these photos reflect, upon his arrival to Alaska, he didn't waste any time in jumping out of a perfectly good aircraft. At least he remembered to keep his feet and knees together before executing his PLF (parachute landing fall) !



MAJ Barry Walsh, his wife, Julie, and seven-year old son, Landon, are settling in to her home in the Anchorage area, where Barry is the battalion executive officer. He is coming to us from Belle Chasse, Louisiana, where he was the Special Troops Battalion commander and executive officer for 377th Theater Support Command. As his photo suggests, it did not take him long to discover all that Alaska's outdoor life has to offer.

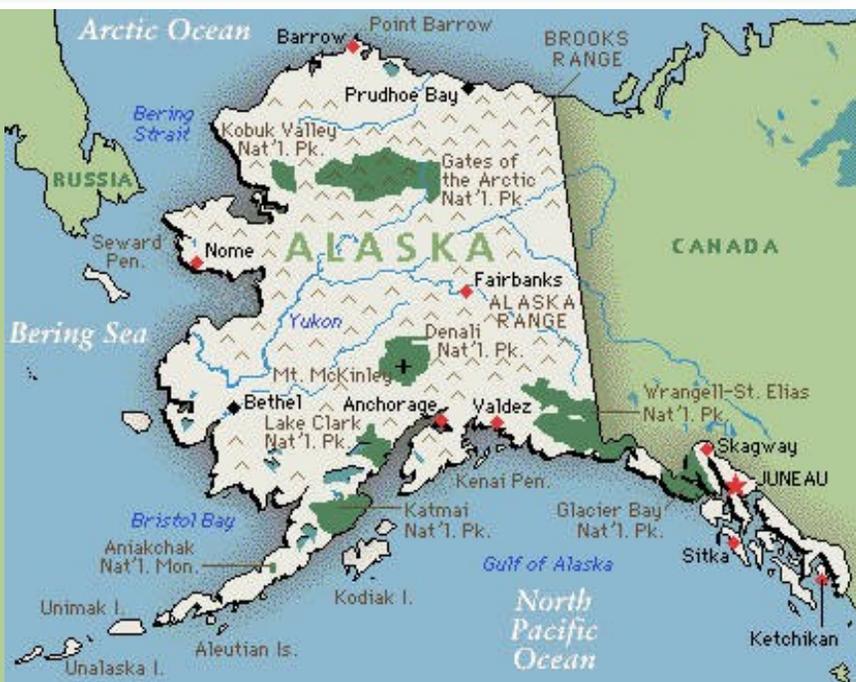




Colonel Moore made his inaugural trip to Alaska from 18-21 August 2013. Accompanied by the 404th AFSB SPO, Mr. Chris Thibodeau, COL Moore visited Alaska's three major installations (Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Fort Wainwright, and Fort Greely) and met with a wide range of Alaska leaders, to include Colonel Brian Duffy (Garrison Commander, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson), Colonel Ron Johnson (Commander, U.S. Army Garrison--Fort Wainwright), Colonel Brian Reed (Commander, 1/25 SBCT), Colonel Matt McFarlane (Commander, 4/25 IBCT [Airborne]), Colonel Nick Snelson (Commander, USARAK Aviation Task Force), Colonel Jim Anderson (USARAK G4), and Mr. Brent Abare (Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Garrison--Fort Greely).

Colonel Moore also met the Cast Iron teams at Army Field Support Battalion--Alaska, the Fort Wainwright DOL, the Fort Greely DOL, and the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Source of Repair and ASP. Although Colonel Moore did not leave Alaska with moose, caribou, or salmon to store in his freezer, he did gain a deeper appreciation for the unique challenges that come with being stationed in the Last Frontier, ranging from the Arctic winterization of equipment to supporting military forces in a massive state tied together by a limited infrastructure. He's already looking forward to returning in the winter, when temperatures near Fort Greely routinely hit -60 degrees.

LTC Andrew Dekever



Directorate of Logistics, Fort Wainwright

While the rest of the country is enjoying a nice, warm or hot August, we here in the interior of Alaska at [Fort Wainwright](#) have experienced our first two frost days where we awoke to temperatures just below freezing. As such, August for Arctic Soldiers signify a time to start preparing for the winter. United States Army Alaska (USARAK) secured \$1.9 million dollars to winterize its military equipment. Fort Wainwright Installation Maintenance Facility ran by Mr. Tim Billups is leading the charge by purchasing winterization equipment to include block heaters, battery chargers, transmission heaters, and other items to ensure we have the supplies later in the calendar year to service USARAK vehicles still needing to be winterized.

The Transportation Division, led by Mr. Mark Richardson, is staying very busy. In the month of August, he and his crew have planned, prepared, and executed deployments for elements of 1st Battalion, 52nd Regiment General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB) and elements of 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment doing training at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California for rotation 14-01. Their cargo and Soldiers will move via multi-modal methods with some of their cargo going to California via surface and ship and the rest of their cargo going via Strategic Airlift (STRATAIR). Since both of these units are going to support the next rotation at the National Training Center, the transportation folks and units are determining what can be left at Fort Irwin for the subsequent training (NTC 14-02) event to conserve costs to the taxpayer. While the units packing out for training at Fort Irwin will leave when the weather is nice, we also have to plan how we are going to receive their equipment back from training when temperatures will be below zero degrees Fahrenheit. While receiving this equipment back, we will have to also deploy different equipment to support training at Fort Irwin for NTC 14-03 just after the new year.

Simultaneously, the transportation folks are also executing movement of the 65th Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD) to Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), the 472nd Military Police to a security mission in Guam, and a small unit of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), 25th Infantry Division (ID) to Korea. In the near future, we will welcome home two units: 539th Transportation Company and Charlie Detachment, 125th Finance Battalion from Operation New Dawn (OND). While all these are small unit moves, it shows the ability of our military and specifically Fort Wainwright Lo-

gistic personnel to project forces all over the globe simultaneously in support of the National Command Authority (NCA) directives and receive forces back from theater of operations to reconstitute and reset their equipment and personnel.

Transportation moving Soldiers to and from Theater is just the end or starting phase of these Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN) cycles. Prior to deploying, the Supply and Services Division, led by Mr. Linc Hawkes has to outfit Soldiers with proper personnel equipment thru the Central Issue Facility (CIF), led by Mr. Steve Shugars. Prior to deployments, units get the latest and greatest gear the Army has to offer. This procedure is called the Rapid Field Initiative (RFI). While coordinated through the USARAK G3 Staff, RFI is executed in by CIF. In the coming months, CIF will execute RFI for about 1200 Soldiers. This issue will be on top of normal in and out processing due to normal Permanent Change of Station (PCS) of Soldiers. CIF at Fort Wainwright has risen to the challenge with the help of surge augmentation by the 1/25 SBCT. But, they cannot rest yet as they will have to conduct RFI issue for the 1-52 GSAB and 6-17 CAV both deploying early next year to OEF.

All of these deployments result in training. Training usually involves ammunition. Both Ammunition Supply Points (ASPs) at FWA, ran by Mr. Mark Renner, and at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), ran by Mr. Bill Sheaffer have been in full execution mode all summer issuing and receiving ammunition to train forces prior to National Training Center or real world deployments to OEF or OND. While often unsung heroes, Mark's and Bill's crews have done yeoman's work to ensure units had the proper ammunition to effectively train for combat.

As we close out August, September will bring what we up in Alaska call "termination dust" or the first snow. While it typically does not stay around, it signals winter and weather below zero degrees is just around the corner. Beginning in October, we will have to ensure our Arctic Soldier's personal gear and equipment is prepared to handle the upcoming -40F days which we get for about 2-3 weeks during the winter. Most days are a blustery -10 to -20F. But the good thing is the unofficial state bird, the mosquito is in full hibernation. Welcome to Alaska! **By Christopher A. Wolney**

"V4" @ USARAK

By LTC Andrew DeKever (AFSBn-AK)

GEN Dennis Via, the Commander of Army Materiel Command, recently visited Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson as well as Fort Wainwright as part of a tour of the Pacific Rim. It was his first visit to this region since assuming command of AMC in 2012. While at JBER, GEN Via received briefings from the USARAK Commander and USARAK G-4, as well as 4/25 IBCT (Airborne) before touring the AMC footprint and being briefed by all AMC elements in Alaska. During the afternoon of his time at Fort Wainwright then, he was briefed by 1/25 SBCT and the USARAK Aviation Task Force, in addition to touring the DOL and the Regional Contracting Office. Regardless of who he was meeting with, GEN Via's message was always the same: what can the materiel enterprise do to support America's Arctic Warriors? Whether it be C4ISR support to 4/25 IBCT(A), or filling critical shortages of cold weather gear in the Fort Wainwright DOL, or determining the C2 communications requirements for an Airborne BCT en route to a drop zone for a forced entry mission, GEN Via and his team left Alaska with the intent of energizing AMC towards better supporting U.S.Army Alaska.



Photo by: Mr. Solomona Talamoni

GEN Dennis L. Via, Mr. Jerome McKnight, SPO LMS AFSBn-AK and MG Darrell Williams, Chief of Staff AMC.



CECOM LAR Phil Smalley, AFSBn-Hawaii, coordinated and conducted the first refrigeration EPA training/certification event from 20-24 May 2013 on Schofield Barracks, HI. Ten Soldiers from 2/25ID SBCT were trained and are now Clean Air Act certified. These EPA certifications are life-time certifications and are given at no cost to the Soldier's unit.

WELCOME TO THE CAST IRON TEAM



By Greg Alderete



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Cast Iron welcome to Nancy Powell and Sandy Weegmann S-8 Office



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Welcome the 404th AFSB's
news "Cast Iron" member.
Born 1 Sept 2013 at 7 lbs 3
Oz and 19" long



By Greg Alderete

This breech loading 75mm cannon was produced by the French in 1917 and used by the Allied Expeditionary Forces during WWI. The gun weighs 1015 pounds and fires either a 16 pound shrapnel shell or a 12.3 pound high explosive shell 13,500 yards. This weapon was refurbished by the JBLM Artillery Shop in Oct 2011 by Ernesto Diaz, Dax Nelson, Anthony Kougl and Allen Ellzy. Both cannons can be visited the 1st Corps Headquarters (BLDG 2027) on JBLM.



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Boots Optional



By Greg Alderete

Historical artifacts from the Mount Rainier Ordnance Depot near the JBLM DOL Parking lot (BLDG 9570). Notice the manual megaphone.

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Some Things to Think About

QUOTABLE QUOTES



A color enhanced electron micrograph picture of a one millimeter long **Tardigrade** on moss. They are known to be able to go for decades without food or water, to survive temperatures from near absolute zero to well above the boiling point of water, to survive pressures from near zero to well above that on ocean floors, and to survive direct exposure to dangerous radiations.

- ◆ “A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves” Lao Tzu
- ◆ “I start with the premise the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not followers” Ralph Nader
- ◆ “There are three essentials to leadership: humility, clarity and courage” Fuchan Yuan
- ◆ “Plans are worthless, but planning is everything” Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ◆ “We can not teach people anything, we can only help them discover it within themselves” Galileo
- ◆ “A man is what he thinks about all day long” Ralph Waldo Emerson
- ◆ “Teach best what you most need to learn” Richard Bach
- ◆ “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent” Eleanor Roosevelt
- ◆ “You miss 100% of the shots you never take” Wayne Gretzky

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