



# ONE OF A KIND NEWS

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Col. Chad B. McRee, brigade commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas S. Sivak Jr., congratulate the brigade's Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter, Staff Sgt. Jason Selvon and Spc. Julio Hernandez, both of the 91st Military Police Battalion, Fort Drum, N.Y.

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# Brigade Commander

*Col. Chad B. McRee*

## **We must always strive to improve**

I learned at an early age that you have to make your campsite better than you found it. In basic training, more than 30 years ago, we were taught to continue and improve our fighting positions. They started out as simple fox holes, but over time we dug deeper, built overhead cover, and for many, a little ingenuity brought about creature comforts (albeit in a fighting position) that protected us from discovery as well as protected us from the elements associated with living in the field.

By the time the brigade commander came around to see our perimeter - he was impressed. Morale was high, enthusiasm was evident and a little inter-squad competition was achieved by the detail put into our assigned sector. You only have one shot at making a good first impression. Whether it is a terrain walk by a leader or in the manner by which we welcome new people into our organization, the first impression is the lasting one.

We must prepare the battlefield for our newly arriving Soldiers and their Families. We must reach out before they arrive and make contact with them with good meaningful correspondence and dialog. Upon arrival we have 72 hours to physically make face-to-face contact with our new members of the unit (both Soldier and Family), and then they must be assigned a battle buddy in order to properly integrate into our unit. This integration means getting to know them, discovering their hidden talents and encouraging them to participate in activities, roles and opportunities within our one of a kind unit.

If you think about our basic methodologies for incorporating Soldiers into the Army, it goes something like this: we recruit them, we provide them information on the Army from the very start, we in-process them and send them to basic training and from there the formal training begins to transform each of us from civilians into Soldiers. This same process must work as Soldiers and their Families depart one duty station for another. We must reach out to them, and provide them information about our organization, i.e. welcome letters, points of contact and provide them with some idea of what to expect. When they arrive, the process starts anew: greeting, in-processing, and begin incorporating and integrating them into our organization. Make people feel welcome before they arrive at one of our installations, whether it is Bragg, Drum or Stewart. We must validate their potential contributions and continue to thank them for their service.

Our Soldiers and their Families matter - it is our responsibility (from most junior to most senior) to make sure that our Soldiers and Families know that their contributions matter and that we are glad they are members of our team. Many of us have left other careers, homes and friends to join the Army. This in itself can be a tough life decision. Each of us has a responsibility as good human beings to make people feel valued, welcomed, and safe - it all begins with quality sponsorship here at the brigade.

I am very proud of each of you and proud of what this organization has become. Let's keep working hard to continually improve and build another generation as proud of this unit as we are.



# Brigade Command Sergeant Major

*Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas S. Sivak Jr.*

## **Pride in One of a Kind**

As diversity makes us the one of a kind brigade that we are, it is our outstanding noncommissioned officer leadership that is the common denominator. All of us, stationed across the east coast of the United States, spread from Fort Drum to Fort Bragg to Fort Stewart, should swell in pride as you consider your NCO heritage.

Do you know that the three most recent regimental command sergeants major of the Military Police Corps came from the 16th Military Police Brigade? No other MP Brigade can make that claim. Our brigade, of which you are an important part, has a continuing

tradition of developing outstanding NCO leadership!

Army Doctrine Publication 6-22, Army Leadership, is our guide for leadership. Leadership is the process of influencing people by providing purpose, direction and motivation to accomplish the mission and improve the organization. All Soldiers must know this, particularly our NCOs. Noncommissioned Officers of all levels apply influence to their Soldiers. Soldiers, based on commitment, must willingly act for a higher purpose or compliance. In basic words, great NCOs influence Soldiers to be compliant and accomplish the mission based on their trust in that NCO and their organization. I expect each and every NCO and Soldier to continue to commit to successful mission accomplishment and the improvement of the organization. Your ideas matter!

All NCOs in the brigade must possess and demonstrate courage. It takes personal courage to take the initiative to always place the mission first and to do what is right. Noncommissioned officers must demonstrate personal courage when confronting disciplinary problems or disorderly conduct. These NCOs, rooted deeply in tradition, must not be afraid to try something different if the situation requires it. Our 'One of a Kind' NCOs have always had the courage to make tough calls, to take corrective action in a firm but fair manner and to demand more when more is required.

Of course, every NCO in the brigade must adjust their actions based on the situation, which will dictate how much purpose, direction and motivation are needed for action. Never mistake being a firm and respected leader with an abusive leader. Over my 24 years in the NCO corps, I have run across abusive leaders.

Trust me when I say that these are not the legendary leaders of yore. They were not the NCOs who made the 91st Military Police Battalion, 385th Military Police Battalion, 503rd Military police Battalion and the separate companies/detachments into what is now the "One of a Kind" 16th Military Police Brigade. We have no room for abusive leaders in our organization or our memories. How will we remember you?

Never forget that you are a member of our "One of a Kind" brigade - continue the tradition and be as good as your reputation!



# *Julie's Jots*

Julie McRee

*Brigade Family Readiness Group Advisor*

Happy 2013!!

**F**amily

As we close the chapters of 2012 and look forward to 2013, Chad and I continue to feel blessed that we can still be part of this wonderful organizational family. We cannot thank you enough for all you've done every day in support of each other, your units, and our Soldiers and Families throughout the 16h Military Police Brigade. It has been exciting to reflect on all the events, activities and growth that have taken place over the past year.

Now it's time to begin a new year, embark on new journeys and start writing the chapters for the year ahead! As with any new year, there will be unknowns, transitions and challenges that will provide many opportunities to excel. So how do we best navigate the challenges and unknowns? We prepare, plan and do it together.

**R**eadiness

Recently, Chad and I, along with others throughout the brigade, had the opportunity to attend a Strong Bonds retreat...what a great way to begin the new year! As we learned more about each other and how to strengthen our relationship as a couple, we also discussed the importance of transferring that knowledge to better understand others and how to strengthen the bonds in families and organizations. My mind automatically thought of the brigade and I wondered how can we not only strengthen ourselves - but also strengthen the bonds of this organization family as we face the many unknowns in 2013?

The answer? It will take each one of us! It will take Soldiers and Family members to continue to help build a sense of community where we welcome each member to our unit Family. It will take each one of us to be engaged, to understand the every changing mission of our Army and Soldiers, and to take advantage of the opportunities provided to us to take classes that will strengthen our resiliency, our knowledge of resources, and to attend events that will assist us in getting to know each other better and connect to our unit family and community.

**G**roup

As country musician Brad Paisley says, "tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book - write a good one." How will your new chapter begin for 2013? I hope at least one chapter will include your involvement and investment within the brigade as we build on the past, yet transition to the future.

Help us to continue to strengthen the bonds of this great organization by renewing your commitment, connection, and care for this truly one of a kind Family and together we will be prepared and ready for 2013!

## *16th Military Police Brigade Volunteers of the Month*

November 2012

Ashley Tkachenko serves as the both the treasurer and the secretary for the **65th Military Police Company** at Fort Bragg, N.C. She was part of the planning efforts for the recent FRG events that brought together more than 85 members of the unit, both Soldiers and Families. She's very dedicated to the unit and especially the Families of the 65th.



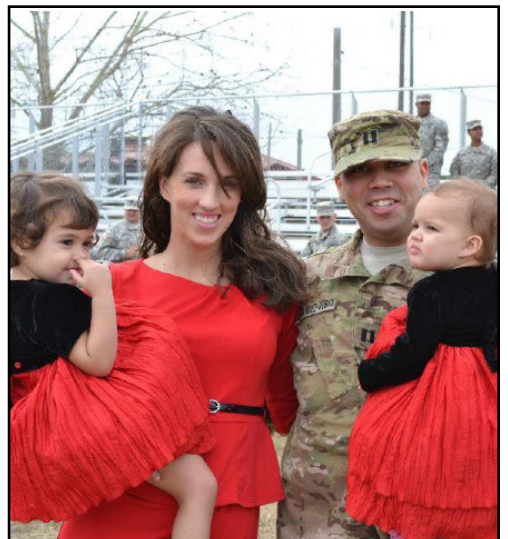
December 2012

Shannon Smith is the FRG Leader for the **139th MP Co.** at Fort Stewart, Ga. She played an important part in the establishment of the company's FRG. Smith has conducted and managed the recruitment of volunteers, as well as many fundraising, social and activities to further improve the lives of the Soldiers and Families.



January 2013

Alex Fernandez-Rubio is the FRG Leader for **549th MP Co.**, also at Fort Stewart. She has contributed countless hours to the unit during the deployment of the company and has served as a source of support for other spouses and Soldiers in the unit, all while managing her own spouse's deployment. She was an integral part of the redeployment efforts to reset the barracks and welcome back single Soldiers to their home.



# Brigade Safety Manager

*Gary Ballew*

We all look forward to the nice weather that spring usually brings us. However, until spring has actually “sprung”, we should remain cognizant of some factors that can affect us and our families. Two specific issues that can adversely affect us throughout the brigade area are space heaters and candles.

## Heater safety

Any heater used by your Family should be listed by the Underwriter’s Laboratory. It should be equipped with a safety light and a loud alarm. In addition, every heater should have a switch that automatically shuts the heater off when it tips over or in case of overheating. Make sure you keep all objects, pets and people at least three feet away from the heater at all times. It is highly recommended that space heaters are not used in your bathrooms. And please DO NOT TOUCH a space heater if you are wet.

## Candles

Data from the National Fire Protection Association show that candles are a common cause of fires. According to statistics, one-third of fires occurred when candles were left unattended, abandoned or inadequately controlled. One-quarter occurred when combustible material came too close to the flame. Also, extreme care should be taken when electrical power is lost. A candle provides small amounts of light, so naturally we use several candles at once. As many as one-third of people killed in candle fires were using them for light because their power had been shut off.



## Retention

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The brigade retention team has successfully processed more than 150 reenlistments for the first quarter of the fiscal year concentrating on quality to ensure we keep the best of the best serving in our formations. Although the majority of our Soldiers reenlist to stay in their current military occupational specialty, there are programs in place that are designed to assist a Soldier in changing their MOS if there is a desire to do so. The Special MOS Alignment Promotion Program identifies specific critical skill MOS that Soldiers may reclassify into. Soldiers who volunteer for reclassification into one of the program’s designated MOS will be promoted effective the first day of the month following course graduation and award of the new MOS.

MILPER Message 12-023, dated 24 January 2012, is the current SMAPP message and the following MOSs are currently in the program:

For specialist:

12P - Prime Power Production Specialist  
29E - Electronic Warfare Specialist  
35L - Counterintelligence Agent

For sergeant:

51C - Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Contracting NCO

All Soldiers submitting an application for entry into the SMAPP do not have to be promotable, but they must meet qualifications for promotion to next higher rank including NCO Education System training, minimum time in service and time in grade requirements. They must also be fully eligible for reenlistment retraining or voluntary reclassification and their request must be endorsed by the first lieutenant colonel commander in the Soldier’s chain of command. Soldiers who are interested in this opportunity should contact their career counselors for details. Stay Army Strong!!





# A Valentine's Love

*Ch. (Maj.) Will H. Horton II*

Nobody ever asks for life to be hard and painful, a drudgery to live every day. In fact, most people would rather have a daily root canal from the dentist than to live isolated and alienated from the people they truly love. And yet because of emotional hurts, disappointments and unmet expectations many people who daily live and work next to us are emotionally isolated and alienated.

Meaningful relationships are extremely valuable to who we are and greatly enhance what we can do. One of the most basic of human needs is the need to love and be loved. Whether you are the “life of the party” type of person or you need to curl up with a book or old movie to recover from being around too many people, nobody is exempt from the need for interaction with other people.

Valentine's Day reminds us of the value of connecting on a deeper level with that special someone. It is driven by our inner need to enjoy the beauty and appreciate the presence of just the right person; that one who seems to always know, understand and share your innermost hopes and dreams.

We are created in God's image. It is the image of a strong and enduring love relationship. God loves us more than we will ever understand and desires that we would love God in return. God wants to be our Valentine.

No one needs to struggle to love and be loved. If you would like more information, please stop by one of our chaplains' offices or sign up for one of the Strong Bonds training events and deepen the joy of relationships.

## Upcoming Strong Bonds Events:

91st MP Bn:

Couples March 1

Couples March 15-17

385th MP Bn:

Single Soldiers March 8

503rd MP Bn:

Couples March 1-3

Single Soldiers March 15

## Equal Opportunity



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### Frequently Asked Questions on Equal Opportunity

Q. What is equal opportunity?

A. Equal opportunity is an important tool to provide qualified individuals with equal access to educational and professional opportunities they would otherwise have been denied despite their strong qualifications. These policies make certain that all Americans are considered fairly and equally for jobs and educational opportunities.

Q. Why is equal opportunity needed?

A. Equal opportunity remedies past discrimination, fights present-day discrimination and promotes diversity in our society. The U.S. Supreme Court agrees equal opportunity is necessary, because according to the Supreme Court's majority opinion in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, “in order to cultivate a set of leaders with legitimacy in the eyes of the citizenry, it is necessary that the path to leadership be visibly open to talented and qualified individuals of every race and ethnicity.”

# Second Quarter Observances 2013

## February - African American / Black History Month

Black History Month or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. For 2013, the theme is, 'At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington.'

Facts about the Emancipation Proclamation and the 1963 March on Washington

**Fact # 1: Lincoln actually issued the Emancipation Proclamation twice.**

- Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. It stipulated that if the southern states did not cease their rebellion by January 1, 1863, then the proclamation would go into effect. When the confederacy did not yield, Lincoln issued the final Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

**Fact # 2: Lincoln considered the Emancipation Proclamation the crowning achievement of his presidency.**

- Heralded as the savior of the union, Lincoln actually considered the Emancipation Proclamation to be the most important aspect of his legacy. "I never, in my life, felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper," he said. "If my name ever goes into history it will be for this act, and my whole soul is in it."

**Fact # 3: The march was an unprecedented success. More than 200,000 black and white Americans shared a joyous day of speeches, songs, and prayers led by a celebrated array of clergymen, civil rights leaders, politicians and entertainers.**

- The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's soaring address climaxed the day; through his eloquence, the phrase "I Have a Dream" became an expression of the highest aspirations of the civil rights movement.

**Fact # 4: Like an earlier march during the Great Depression as blacks faced great workplace and social discrimination, the March on Washington of 1963 was followed by years of disillusion and racial strife.**

- Nevertheless, both marches represented an affirmation of hope, of belief in the democratic process, and of faith in the capacity of blacks and whites to work together for racial equality.

## March - Women's History Month



National Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor and celebrate historic achievements of women. For 2013, the theme is "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics." In the history of scientific research and discovery, women's contributions have often been overlooked, undervalued, omitted from textbooks, skipped over for awards and even falsely attributed to their male peers. Girls today who are captivated by Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are not only facing the stereotype that boys are naturally better than girls at math and science — but girls also lack historical role models to guide their aspirations and show that girls just like them have gone on to do great things in STEM.



# Stewart MPs depart for Afghanistan mentorship mission



By Capt. Jannelle P. Allong

FORT STEWART, Ga. — The Soldiers of the 139th Military Police Company, 385th MP Battalion, 16th MP Brigade bid farewell to their friends and Families at a deployment ceremony held at Dragoon Field Jan. 11.

The military police company is deploying to southern Afghanistan where they will mentor and partner with the Afghan National Security Forces for approximately a year. For many of the company's Soldiers, this will be their first deployment.

"I'm thinking positive and I always go to my [leaders] if I have any questions about this deployment," said Pfc. Sasha Tobal, a military police Soldier in the 139th. The deployment experience and the opportunity to learn about another country and its cultures was a major pull for Tobal. As part of deployment preparation, the company's Soldiers trained in basic military and occupational skills.

"I'm getting in the mindset, getting in the game for this deployment," said Pvt. Holden Strohm, a gunner in 1st platoon. "The unit trained me pretty well; I broke down my [.50 caliber Browning machine gun] maybe a 1000 times." The unit leadership provided a tough, realistic training regimen to prepare the company's Soldiers for this deployment, training them to standard and providing them the skills they need in order to accomplish the mission.

"The American Soldier is the finest warrior in the history of warfare," said Capt. Eric L. Ortiz, commander, 139th MP Co.

## GUARDIANS!

### 91st MP Bn.

The 91st Military Police Battalion has the privilege to be stationed in a location known as the 'Best Kept Secret in the Army,' a secret that that all Guardians have learned. But this privilege does not come without its challenges.

Every year brings with it an almost guaranteed white Christmas, and along with it an environment conducive to a traditional holiday season. From winter wonderlands, to fun filled summers, the north country offers many natural wonders and local amenities for our Guardian Families.

The 91st started the holidays by hosting a holiday run where Soldiers were encouraged to dress up as their favorite holiday characters. There were elves, reindeer, a few Santa Clauses and even a Grinch! The battalion command sergeant major halted the run a couple miles into it and held a competition between the companies, followed by a costume contest. The run was thought to have boosted morale and helped to welcomed in the holiday spirit.

Despite the warmth the holidays bring, the cold winter must begin in upstate New York. Fort Drum is infamous for its temperature drops, snow falls, ice on the roads and overall bleak conditions. Normally, such conditions would hinder training, the Guardians, however use the winter months to expand training. Snow shoes can be used as a creative physical training session or for tactically traversing terrain while conducting land navigation. Drastic changes in the weather forces leaders to review training plans and create contingencies, allowing Soldiers to adapt and overcome the challenges in this unpredictable operational environment. Soldiers in the 91st take advantage of these unique conditions to toughen themselves both mentally and physically.



# MP's daughter survives fight with cancer

## 503rd MP Bn.

In the early months of 2012, four-year-old Saraya P. McLean was diagnosed with an atypical teretoid/rhabdoid tumor of the central nervous system, a very rare type of tumor with an incredibly low survival rate.

Saraya is the daughter of Staff Sgt. Ray McLean, the supply sergeant for the 108th Military Police Company, 503rd MP Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C., and his spouse, Tracie. On February 6, 2012, the McLeans received a call from their daughter's primary care provider informing him that Saraya was having seizures.

McLean immediately took Saraya to Womack Army Medical Center, where a CT scan revealed a very large tumor in her brain measuring 12 centimeters in length. Saraya was immediately air lifted to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Cancer Hospital, where the McLeans were informed the fast growing tumor would need to be surgically removed. The doctors successfully removed 80 percent of the tumor. Anxiously awaiting for the lab results, the Family was devastated to learn that the tumor was malignant and her chances of survival were low.

Saraya was admitted into the Children's Oncology Group, an international research program that conducts trials for children with cancer. The doctors informed the McLeans that even though Saraya had a low chance of survival, the medication she would receive could prolong her life for a few years. With her Family's support, Saraya began a three-phase treatment program: introduction chemotherapy, consolidation chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

The McLeans would make daily trips to the hospital throughout the week, spending every precious moment they could with each other. Finally, on November 3, 2012 after months of treatment and against the stated odds, Saraya's MRI and lumbar puncture revealed she had no remaining cancer cells. Doctors informed the Family that Saraya was the first child who had endured and survived this type of treatment and that her case study would help them with their research and go on to save countless lives in the future.



## Cracking Down on Drunk Driving

### 42nd MP Det.

Due to an upward trend in driving under the influence on Fort Bragg, N.C., Lt. Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, commander, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, tasked the post's police force to address the problem and apply some extra pressure, particularly during the 2012 holiday season. Leaders within the provost marshal's office began to plan and coordinate for a series of driver checkpoints that would get these types of drivers off the road.

A particularly section of the PMO that was vital to this operation was the traffic accident investigation (TAI) section. Trained in accident reconstruction, radar use and experts in utilizing field sobriety tests, the police officers jumped head first into planning the operations. This hard work, efforts and meticulous planning would soon be tested in four checkpoints in and around the Fort Bragg area.

The entire TAI team, teamed with MP patrols, Criminal Investigation Division agents and local law enforcement agencies executed the four checkpoints flawlessly. This joint operation removed eight drivers from the road for intoxicated driving, two citations for having an open container and issued 20 citations for drivers operating without a license. The checkpoint yielded two arrests for drugs and one arrest for manslaughter due to a hit run resulting in the death of a Soldier.

The entire operation culminated with a checkpoint on New Years Eve. This one of a kind partnership was absolutely crucial in making the operation a success.



# Dragoon Challenge



By 1st Lt. Dana Schwartz

FORT STEWART, Ga. — The 385th Military Police Battalion planned, coordinated and executed the first Dragoon Challenge Dec. 20-21.

The purpose of the challenge is to honor the traditions and rich history of the dragoon. Military police Soldiers serve in a variety of roles in the military today and always have since they receiving the title of 'Provost Corps' and their incorporation into the Continental Army in 1778.

Military police units were designated as mounted patrols and accoutered as light dragoons. Their tasks at the time, included protecting the Continental Army's rear echelon, wrangling deserters, rioters and stragglers and maintaining internment facilities which held fugitives and captured British soldiers. As a result of the Dragoons' (Provost Corps) performance on the battlefield, they earned recognition as professional Soldiers.



It was because of this rich history of the dragoon, Command Sgt. Maj. Clayton Sneed Jr., senior enlisted advisor, 385th MP Bn., originally created the Dragoon Challenge to educate Soldiers on the history of the dragoon and how the history can be linked to the modernization of the Military Police Corps today.

Participating Soldiers were challenged on their ability to lead and react under stressful circumstances. Physical evaluations were based off of the Army Physical Fitness Test and ability to complete an obstacle course.

"The hardest part of the competition for me was trying to make it through the gas mask PT," said Spc. Shedrick Lacey. Lacey felt the Dragoon Challenge tested him physically more than anything else.

To test the competitors mentally, Soldiers took a written exam on the history of the Dragoons and of the Military Police Corps.



"I competed because I enjoy competition and overcoming challenges, and so that I might represent my Family and my unit," said Spc. Levi Black, a special reaction team member from the 293rd MP Co. Black compared the rigorous nature of the competition to that of the Warfighter Challenge, in which he competed last September.

The competition "tested [Soldiers] mentally and physically...it is always a great opportunity to be around Soldiers who exhibit the determination and drive to accomplish physically demanding tasks," said Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Evans, one of the planners behind the challenge. "They should be looked upon as truly dragoon."



# Welcome Home

## 503rd Military Police Battalion



FORT BRAGG, N.C.--In the early morning hours on Pope Field the remaining 68 Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 503d Military Police Battalion redeployed back from Afghanistan here Jan. 14.

The Soldiers from Task Force Ripcord provided police mentor training to the Afghan Uniformed Police and supported 2nd Bn, 2nd Striker Brigade Combat Team and Regional Command-South by providing security, governance and information operations for roughly two million Afghan people. TF Ripcord's efforts were instrumental in improving the Afghan National Security Force's ability to respond to threats and conduct independent operations in Kandahar City. Task Force Ripcord also led a Female Engagement Team that focused on building professionalism, working with the female officers in the AUP, focusing on weapons familiarization, police movement techniques, rule of law, improvised explosive device awareness and basic rules of engagement.

Over the course of the nine months, TF Ripcord conducted more than 1,110 combat patrols and other operations, professionally developed more than 3,000 AUP, and increased the effectiveness of the AUP by 200 percent, using a biometric targeting system.

The Soldiers of the rear detachment started preparing for the ceremony weeks in advance. By the time the ceremony kicked off, more than 300 Soldiers and Family Members were present to welcome the 'Enforcers' back home.

"The Soldiers, Family members, and other support organizations gave us a fantastic homecoming," said Lt. Col. Terry M. Nihart, the battalion's commander. "We couldn't have asked for a better event!"

"I am extremely proud of all the hard work of both our deployed Soldiers and our rear detachment Soldiers," said provisional commander, Maj. Michael A. Johnston. "It was both an emotional and a memorable event to reunite the battalion."

The HHD conducted thorough and meticulous reintegration training in addition to mandatory training requirements. The reintegration plan focused on key areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, suicide awareness, communication skills, and resiliency training for individuals and couples. The deliberate planning and execution helped pave the way for a smooth transition between Soldiers and Family members alike.

The next major step for the battalion will be the two-week handover from late February to early March, followed by the uncasing ceremony of the battalion colors, scheduled for March 11. Once the battalion colors are uncased, the 503d Military Police Battalion will be officially reunited.



# Number One Contributors



## 91st MP Bn.

Fort Drum's 91st Military Police Battalion conducted the Combined Federal Campaign from Oct. 9 through Nov. 19. The Guardians were the top contributing battalion in the 10th Mountain Division with \$15,100 out of the total \$136,788 collected. The battalion accounted for 13 percent of the total individual contributors and 11 percent of total financial donations throughout the division.

This achievement was made possible by the Guardian CFC representative, Sgt. David Ritlaw from the Battalion Headquarters Detachment, the subordinate unit representatives, and the Soldiers of the 91st. The company and detachment representatives were Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Kurtz from the 563d Military Police Company, Staff Sgt. Terri Lockhart and Sgt. Christopher Eisloeffel from the 543rd MP Company, Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Wells from the 227th MP Det., Staff Sgts. Marquitta Kelly and Frederick Washington from the 511th MP Co., and Master Sgt. Paul Perdue, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Stearns and Sgt. Heather Hall from the 23rd MP Co.



"The secret to our success was that we were able to contact 100 percent of the personnel within the battalion, with as much face to face interaction as possible," said Ritlaw. "Through 100 percent contact, the CFC Representatives were able to convey the advantages of donating to the organizations."

The actions of the contributing Soldiers within the Battalion and throughout the Army exemplify what it means to be a selfless servant. Hopefully this trend of living the Army Values continues to spread throughout the 91st Military Police Battalion and the entire United States Army as a whole.

## *Heroric actions save lives*

## 385 MP Bn.

FORT STEWART, Ga. — The Soldiers of the 385th Military Police Battalion, 16th MP Brigade gathered for the presentation of the Bronze Star medal with Valor Device to one of their own here Jan. 3.

Lt. Col. Jerry E. Chandler Jr., battalion commander, decorated Spc. Mitchell Middleton for his heroic actions while assigned to the 549th MP Company during their recent deployment to Afghanistan.

On Oct. 30, Middleton's platoon was responding to an improvised explosive device when they were ambushed by insurgents in Western Nangarhar.

Middleton and Spc. Ryan Hawk were the only Soldiers in the vehicle when it was struck by three Rocket Propelled Grenades. Both Middleton and Hawk were severely wounded. Middleton, however, still able to move, pulled his gunner out of the burning vehicle, performed first aid on him, while simultaneously returning fire with only an M9 pistol.

Middleton has been deployed twice and has served in the 549th MP Co. for more than two years.



# 16th Military Police Brigade

## Calendar of Upcoming Significant Events

Date	Time	Event
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### February 2013

Mon., 25 Feb.	1830	16th Care Team Meeting/Professional Development – Sullivan Room
	1830	385th Care Team Meeting
Tues., 26 Feb.	1100	23rd MP CO Change of Command (91st)
	1300-1700	503d Safety Stand Down
	1500	91st NCOPD
Wed., 27 Feb.	1100	XVIII Airborne Corps CSM NCOPD
	1130	FB Senior Spouse Community Update
	1200	Brigade Airborne Leader Luncheon – Sullivan Room
	1730	91st O Lunch 503d FRG Steering Committee Meeting
	1830	BDE FRG Steering Committee Meeting – VTC (BN & CO Level FRG Ldrs & Advisors)
Thurs., 28 Feb.	0900-1130	FB Town Hall – Yntema Club
	1000	XVIII Airborne Corps Retirement Ceremony – FB Club
	1130	16th OPD
	1800	HHD, 503d FRG Meeting

### March 2013

Fri-Sun., 1-3 Mar.		HHD, 503d Couple Strong Bond Retreat
Fri., 1 Mar.	0630	HHC Company Run
		503d BN Run
		385th BN Run
	1000	385th Awards Ceremony
	1130	HHC Award/Promotion Ceremony
		503d VOM Award Ceremony
	1200	Pay Day Activities
	1400	91st Strong Bonds Couples Training
	1800	91st Hail and Farewell
		385th Hail and Farewell
Tues-Thurs., 5-7 Mar. (T)		91st BN STAFEX



## March 2013

Tues., 5 Mar.	
1130	HHC Company Grade Luncheon
1800	21st FRG Meeting (503d)
1830	XVIII Airborne Corps Spouse Coffee
Wed., 6 Mar.	
1700	HHD, 91st FRG Meeting
Thurs., 7 Mar.	
1300	HHC Newcomers' Brief
1500	XVIII Airborne Corps LPD (BN & BDE Level)
1800	503d BN Hail and Farewell – McKellar's Lodge
Fri., 8 Mar.	
1300	385th Strong Bonds Single Soldier Retreat 65th Cookout and Awards (503d)
Mon., 11 Mar.	
1030	HHD, 503d Uncasing Ceremony/EOT Awards – BDE Memorial Field
Tues., 12 Mar.	
1300	503d Soldiers Newcomers Brief
1330	Fort Drum Women's History Observance (91st)
1700-2030 (T)	503d Strong Bonds
1830	503d Spouse Coffee
Wed., 13 Mar.	
1130	385th FRG Steering Committee Meeting
1700	23rd FRG Meeting (91st)
1800	42nd FRG Meeting
1800	503d Family Newcomers Brief
Thurs., 14 Mar.	
0630	385th NCOPD
1000	FB WLC Graduation
1330	91st LPD
1500	385th Newcomers Brief
1730	XVIII Airborne Corps CSM Meeting
1830	503d FRG Steering Meeting BDE FRG Professional Development VTC – FRG Fiscal Update
Fri-Sat., 15-17 Mar.	563rd Strong Bonds Couples Retreat (91st)
Fri., 15 Mar.	
0630	503d BOSS 5k Fundraiser

## April 2013

Sat., 16 Mar. 1730	2nd Quarter BDE Hail and Farewell
Sun., 17 Mar.	Bataan Memorial Death March (91st)
Mon., 18 Mar. 1830(T)	16th Care Team Meeting
Tues-Thurs., 19-21 Mar.	23rd ASV Gunnery (91st)
Tues., 19 Mar. 1045 1130 1800	511th NCOPD (91st) BDE NCOPD 108th FRG Meeting (503d) 118th FRG Meeting (503d)
Wed., 20 Mar. 1800-2000	Jump (Sicily)
Thur., 21 Mar. 1130 1630  1830	385th CSM Lunch with SSG(P) & above Mountain Remembrance Ceremony (91st) BDE Retreat/Award Ceremony – BDE Memorial Field One of a Kind Coffee
Fri-Sun., 22-24 Mar.	65th Marriage Enrichment Event (503d)
Fri., 22 Mar. 1400 1600	503d LPD 10th Mountain Division Retirement Ceremony (91st) 227th FRG Easter Party (91st)
Fri-Sun., 23 Mar-7 Apr.	563rd Block Leave (91st)
Sat., 23 Mar. 0900 1100	Bragg 5K Walk/Run HHC and 42nd FRG Eggstravaganza
Mon-Tues., 25-26 Mar. 1900 & 1930	FB Jewish Passover Seders – Hammond Hills Community Center
Mon., 25 Mar. 1130	16th OPD
Tues., 26 Mar. 0900-1600 1400 1800	Fort Bragg Hiring Event – FBC 197th MP CO Deployment Ceremony (385th) HHD, 503d FRG Meeting

Wed., 27 Mar.	
0001-0100	Jump (Sicily)
0615	XVIII Airborne Corps CSM PT
1000	XVIII Airborne Corps Retirement Ceremony (16th)
1100	FB Senior Spouse Community Update

Thurs., 28 Mar.	
1000	385th NCO Induction
1130	XVIII Airborne Corps Women's History Observance
1200	385th Paintball FRG Fundraiser

29 Mar-1 April	Easter Holiday
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Sun., 31 Mar.	
0700	Easter Sunrise Service – All American Chapel

## April 2013

Mon-Fri., 1-5 April	Fort Bragg, Cumberland County, and Hoke County, Hartnett County Spring Break
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Mon., 1 Apr.	91st Couples Strong Bond Retreat
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Tues., 2 Apr.	
1130	HHC Company Grade Officer Luncheon
1830	XVIII Airborne Corps Spouse Coffee

Thurs., 4 Apr.	
0800-1200	BDE Save a Life Tour – Sports USA
1730	HHC Newcomers Brief
1800	HHC FRG Meeting

Fri., 5 Apr.	
0630	HHC Run
	385th BN Run
1000	385th Awards Ceremony
1030	503d VOM/Award Ceremony
1130	HHC Award/Promotion Ceremony
1200	Pay Day Activities
1400	549th Change of Command (385th)

Mon-Tues., 8-9 Apr.	Federal Eagle
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Tues., 9 Apr.	
1045	511th NCOPD (91st)

Wed., 10 Apr.	
1130	HHD, 385th FRG Steering Committee Meeting



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1730	227th FRG Meeting (91st)
1800	503d FRG Steering Committee Meeting
	42nd FRG Meeting
Thurs., 11 Apr.	
0630	385th NCOPD
1330	385th Newcomers Brief
1500	XVIII Airborne Corps CSM Meeting
1800	91st OPD
	65th FRG Meeting (503d)
Fri., 12 Apr.	
1400	HHD, 91st Change of Command Ceremony
Sat., 13 Apr.	
	14th Annual Hometown Heroes Day (385th)
Sun-Wed., 14-24 Apr.	
	10th Mountain Division "Mountain Peak" Exercise
Mon-Fri., 15-19 Apr.	
	Ft. Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Spring Clean Up
Mon., 15 Apr.	
1830(T)	16th Care Team Meeting
Tues., 16 Apr.	
1130	BDE NCOPD
Wed, 17 Apr.	
1200-1330	BDE FRG Steering Committee Meeting – VTC (BN CDR & FRG LDR/Advisor)
1500	503d LPD
Thurs., 18 Apr.	
1000	FB WLC Graduation
1130	385th CSM Luncheon
1630	BDE Retreat/Award Ceremony
(T)	BDE Leadership Workshop
Fri., 19 Apr.	
TBD	BDE Volunteer Ceremony
Sat., 20 Apr.	
0900-1000	Fort Bragg Youth Sports Spring Opening Ceremony
0900-1600	Fort Bragg Children's Fest – FB Fairground
	91st BN Spring Fling – Monti Gym
Mon-Sat., 21-27 Apr.	
	National Volunteer Week

## April 2013

Tues., 23 Apr.

1045

1300

1450-1730

1600-1700

511th NCOPD (91st)

503d Soldier Newcomers Brief

Jump (Holland)

Iron Mike Volunteer Award Ceremony – FB Club

Wed., 24 Apr.

0615

1000

1100

1500

1715

1830

XVIII Airborne Corps CSM Run

XVIII Airborne Corps Retirement Ceremony

FB Senior Spouse Community Update

XVIII Airborne Corps NCOPD

HHD, 91st FRG Meeting

One of a Kind Coffee

Thurs-Sun., 25 April – 12 May

Fort Bragg Fair – FB Fairgrounds

Thurs., 25 Apr.

1000-1400

1130

1600

385th FRG Showcase

BDE OPD

Fort Bragg Volunteer Picnic – McKellars Lodge

Fri., 26 April

1000-1400

XVIII Airborne Corps Training Holiday

385th Spring Fling – Holbrook Pond

Sat., 27 April

0900

Bragg 5K Walk/Run

Mon-Wed., 29 Apr – 1 May

Braxton Bragg AUSA Expo

Mon-Thur., 29 Apr – 2 May

BDE Soldier and NCO of the Quarter

Mon., 29 Apr.

1000-1800

1130

FB DFMWR Children's Fest – FB Fairground

16th ABN Leader Luncheon

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