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Our task as the 382nd CSSB is to ensure our forces have the personnel, supplies, services, and equipment readily available to conduct decisive action.

Sustainment is characterized by replenishment from semi-permanent facilities located on base camps as well as a reliance on contracted support.

Commander
Lt. Col. Michael L. Heden
382nd CSSB



This is an amazing training experience for Soldiers to come together and work with units outside of their organic organizations. A training exercise this large affords Soldiers to make mistakes here and not during deployment, that's what training is.

Take advantage of this training and take it seriously, it's a great opportunity for development and growth as a unit and as a Soldier in the U.S. Army.

Command Sergeant Major
Command Sgt. Maj.
Helen R. Hanna
382nd CSSB

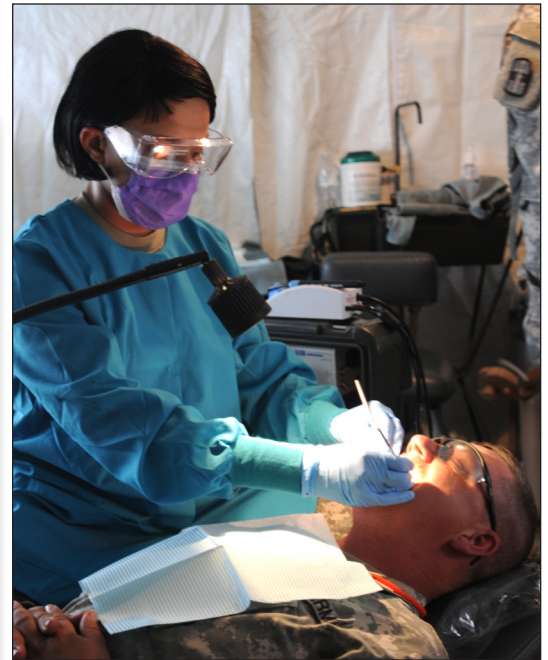




"SAFETY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY"

Safety is everyones responsibility. The most effective safety programs come from the top and move down. Leaders are charged with developing, implimenting, and assessing safety needs. If it doesn't look safe, it probably isn't. Using ground guides, wearing reflective belts, hydrating, and not operating machinery you are not qualified for are all important aspects of safety. Safety always comes first, the life you save may be your own.

Sgt. 1st Class Millicent Martin
382nd CSSB
Safety Officer Base Camp Milpitas



ON THE COVER~

Spc. Cecelia O'Neal from the 75th Combat Support Hospital conducts a dental cleaning on Sgt. Thomas Manaseo, also from the 75th Combat Support Hospital, on Fort Hunter Liggett during a training exercise in March 2013.



~203D PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT~

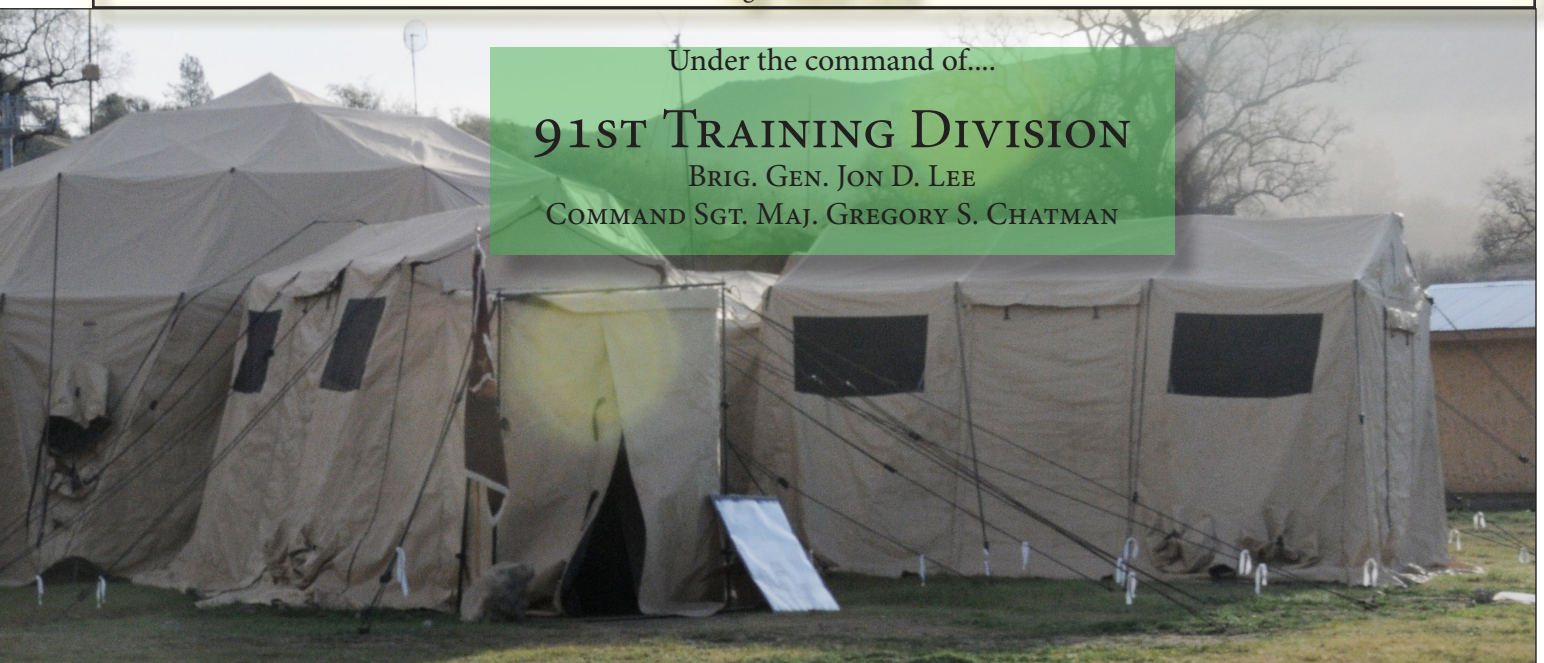
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Under the command of....

91ST TRAINING DIVISION

BRIG. GEN. JON D. LEE
COMMAND SGT. MAJ. GREGORY S. CHATMAN



Pfc. Cassie Earls, a Knoxville, Tenn. native, food service specialist, 844th Engineer Battalion, Knoxville, Tenn., serves mixed vegetables in the chow line at Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, in March 2013. WAREX is a two week training exercise to prepare Reservists for potential deployments.

SOLDIER FUELING

photos and story by
Army Sgt. Joshua Polaschek

Reservists from the 844th Engineer Battalion in Knoxville, Tenn., came to serve at Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., in March 2013.

Serving warm meals to about 800 Soldiers twice a day is integral part of fueling the force.

"It's very important to have a hot meal," said Sgt. Michael Whitfield, food operations sergeant, 98th Expeditionary Sustainment Brigade. "A hot meal really gets Soldiers going."





A Soldier in the field sanitation center scrubs a metal pan with hot soap and water on Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., during WAREX in March, 2013



Sgt. Michael Whitfield, a Griffin, Ga. native, food operations sergeant, 98th Expeditionary Sustainment Brigade, San Diego, Ca., ladles hot water to food warmers on Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett during WAREX in March, 2013. Whitfield worked from a mobile kitchen trailer (MKT) during his shift on Base Camp Milpitas.



Sgt. Rebecca Henry, a Jackson, Tenn. native, food service non-commissioned officer-in-charge from the 844th Engineer Battalion, Knoxville, Tenn., directs food service specialists during evening meal on Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., in March, 2013 during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01. Ensuring Soldiers have a warm meal at the end of the day is an important aspect of the food service job, said Henry. "Everybody wants a hot meal", said Henry. "It's a morale booster and extremely valuable training for us."



CASUALTY CARE UP IN THE AIR

photos and story by
Army Sgt. Joshua Polaschek

Soldiers from the 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the 957th Movement Control Team received hands-on casualty training near Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, in March 2013.

First aid and ‘buddy care’ are life saving skills to know when on the battlefield, said Sgt. Charles T. Raquipiso, health care specialist on FHL.

“It’s very important training,” said Raquipiso.

Reservists were trained to call in a nine-line medical evacuation request (MEDEVAC). A local hospital emergency helicopter was flown in to provide the most realistic training possible.



Sgt. Charles T. Raquipiso, health care specialist on Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., shows how to effectively apply a trauma wound bandage (TWB) on Base Camp Warthog during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, in March 2013. Casualty training is an integral aspect of sustaining the force.



(Above) A medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) helicopter lands during simulated casualty evacuation training exercises on Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., in March, 2013. **(Middle)** A helicopter pilot provides instructions to Soldiers prior to loading simulated casualty onto helicopter during casualty evacuation training exercises on Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif, March 2013. **(Below)** Members from the 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and 957th Movement Control Team work together to load a simulated casualty onto a medical evacuation helicopter (MEDEVAC) on Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., March 2013.





VIPs AND DISTINGUISHED VISITORS PAY VISIT TO BASE CAMP MILPITAS



Brig. Gen. Ivan N. Black, commander, 364th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), visits the chow hall and other sites on Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., March, 2013, during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01.



Brig. Gen. Lewis G. Irwin, a native of Claysville, Pa., commander, 926th Engineer Brigade, 412th Theater Engineer Command, visits the tactical operations center of the 844th Engineer Battalion on Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., March, 2013, during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01.



Brig. Gen. Jon D. Lee, commander, 91st Training Division, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., combined joint task force commander for the exercise, pays a visit to Base Camp Milpitas, FHL, during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01 in March 2013.



Cover of Darkness

photos and story by
Army Sgt. Monte Swift

Soldiers of the 447th Military Police Company, North Canton, Ohio, respond to a suspicious vehicle (far left) at a Traffic Control Point training exercise near Fort Hunter Liggett, March 18, 2013. The vehicle was later found to contain three Opposing Force “insurgents” who attempted to use the cover of darkness to launch a foot ambush on the TCP. Soldiers of the 447th utilized hand-held thermal imaging scopes, and rifle-mounted night vision scopes to track the insurgents movement and then communicated their locations to other Soldiers throughout the TCP. The

insurgents were neutralized before gaining access to the mock training village, located inside the TCP, with one “casualty” among the ECP Soldiers. The TCP, one of four established around the village by the 447th, helped to limit threats for another MP unit conducting a search within the training village. TCPs differ from Entry Control Points in that they are more hasty and can be moved or established as the terrain dictates using resources such as razor wire, plastic barriers, rocks or even tree branches.

“I would say their general physical layout for the TCPs was their strong point out here tonight,” said Capt. Michael Cary, commander, 447th MP Company.

The major benefit of night training exercises is the greatly reduced visibility, which tests the Soldiers ability to identify on-coming threats and forces strong communication and teamwork within the unit.





The 300th Army Band performed in the chow hall on March 21 at Base Camp Milpitas during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01 in March 2013.



Base Camp Milpitas

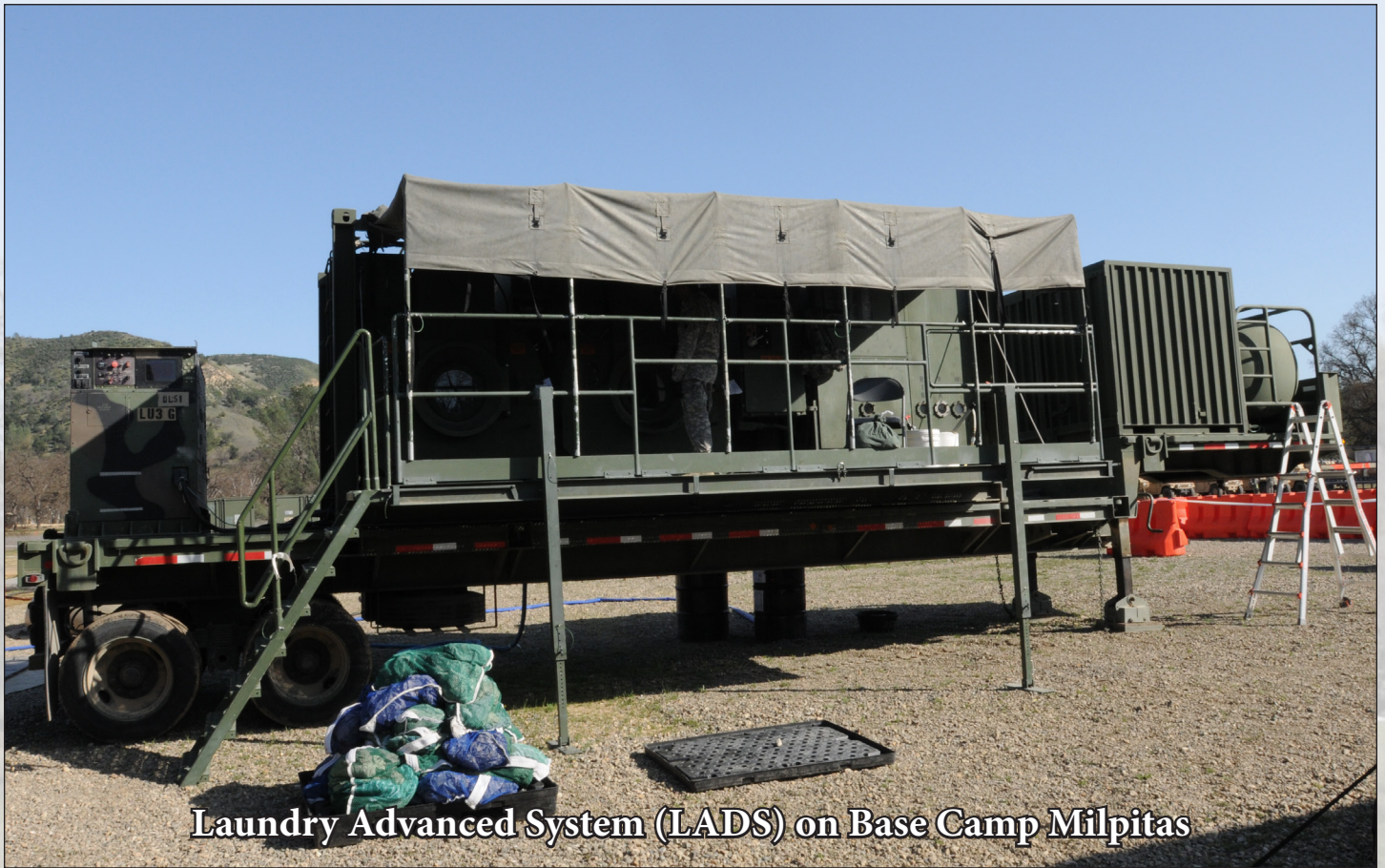


Pfc. Alejandro Moulier, laundry and shower specialist, 210th Regional Support Group loads bags of laundry into a Laundry Advanced Systems(LADS) on Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, in March 2013. The LADS can wash up to 7500 lbs. of laundry in a 24 hr period.

KEEPING IT FRESH

CLEAN UNIFORMS ON BASE CAMP MILPITAS





Laundry Advanced System (LADS) on Base Camp Milpitas



Sorting tent



Reservists from the 377th Support Maintenance Company, Milwaukee, Wisc., stand ready in front of a M984A4 Recovery Truck (WRECKER), on Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, March 2013. The wrecker truck is capable of recovering vehicles in excess of 20,000 lbs.

THE WRECKING CREW

377TH SUPPORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY KEEPS VEHICLES ON AND OFF THE ROAD

photos and story by
Army Sgt. Joshua Polaschek

“One stop shop for all your parts needs,” reads the sign outside the shop of the 377th Support Maintenance Company from Milwaukee, Wis.

With 14 personnel and four trucks, the ‘Wrecking Crew’ services vehicles and performs vehicle recovery operations on Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, in March 2013.

“Parts for vehicles from other units are integral,” says Staff Sgt. Ethan Feldner, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, 377th SMC, Plymouth, Wis. native. “Everything we do is mission critical for the training going on here. If it wasn’t for the parts we provide, the recovery missions we do, and the services, Soldiers could be stuck. It’s about saving lives.”





(Above) A recovery truck, or 'wrecker', sets ready to deploy to any location throughout the area of operations of Base Camp Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, in March 2013. (Below) The 377th Support Maintenance Company, Milwaukee, Wisc., lets Soldiers know where to get parts and services for their vehicles with a make-shift cardboard sign during Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, on Forward Operating Base Milpitas, Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., 2013



~Soldier In The Dust~

WHAT MUSIC ARE YOU LISTENING TO
ON YOUR FREE TIME AFTER TRAINING?

Sgt. Vernon Rounds,
75th Combat Support
Hospital

R&B and old-school classics. Bobby Womack, Charlie Wilson and Johnnie Taylor. "It keeps me in a relaxed mood."



Spc. Samantha Richardson, 75th Combat Support Hospital, from Jasper, Ala.

Rock. Kings of Leon. "It takes me back home and is a good break from work."



Spc. Javier Aguilera, 655th Engineer Detachment, San Antonio, Texas

Heavy Metal. Pantera, Slayer.

"It keeps me pumped and keeps my spirits up."



Spc. Camirah Parker, 424th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, from Downingtown, Pa.

"R&B soothes the mind while out here."

