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Lieutenant Colonel Zernickow promotes Jayson Walser to First Lieutenant.

RAIDER Soldiers and Families,

We are very proud of all the accomplishments that the Raider Squadron has made and continues to make. We have positively impacted large areas in Afghanistan. Our top priority continues to be our partnership with the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and they continue to improve through our partnered training, advising and assisting.

It is inspiring to see the hard work and dedication of the Raider Squadron Soldiers and how they constantly strive to accomplish more and continuously do the right thing each and every day. Every Raider Soldier is focused on self-improvement and they continue to make gains every day.

Our Squadron continues to receive regular attention from the Regional Command North and 3rd Brigade's leadership for our outstanding performance and commitment to excellence. This attention is well deserved and a reflection of the high quality Soldiers within our ranks.

Our time here has been moving steadily by, thanks in part to all work that is required, and I am happy to say we have passed the halfway point of our deployment. There is still plenty of work to do with our ANSF partners and equally as much to do with our own Raider Training program.

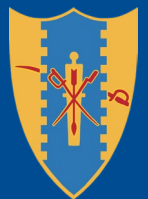
Our strength here in Afghanistan derives from knowing you are doing well and taking care of things back home. We thank all our families and friends for your continued support through phone calls, Facetime/Skype, care packages, and prayers. We will continue our dedication to keeping you informed through the Family Readiness Group and the 6-4 Cavalry's Official Facebook Page. Please stay involved in both!

The Rear Operation Command (ROC) at Fort Knox, Ky. continues to provide outstanding support and we appreciate their hard work. Lastly, I would like to welcome our new Squadron FRSA, Mrs. Christina Kerkhoff to the Raider Team.

Lieutenant Colonel Zernickow



***"PREPARED AND LOYAL.
DUTY FIRST!"***





Command Sgt. Maj Murray awards Cherokee Troop Soldiers coins for their performance.

In this space I usually write about Promotions, Good deeds, Order of the Hussar inductions or other items that recognize the great Soldiers that we have here in the Raider Squadron. You will not hear any of that in this article... In this article I will write about history. Some Soldiers may have heard me discuss this when I became the Squadron Command Sergeant Major; however, many individuals have come and gone since I arrived here 19 months ago and I believe that now is a good time to revisit these words.

Many of us have heard the expression “set the standard.” Do you know what that really means? In ancient times, Soldiers carried a flag into battle. Today, we call that flag the guidon, because it is what Soldiers used to “Guide-On” during troop movements. Originally however, this flag was called a standard. This standard was always out front. It showed how far the advance had gone. When the standard-bearer was injured and could go no further, he would plant the standard in the ground so that it would remain visible to everyone. After a victory, the standard was placed on top of a hill or on top of a fort. This was called “setting the standard”.

If the standard was allowed to fall, the Soldiers would know their leader had fallen. So, making sure that the standard stood was a very important job because gave hope to all that followed. When you think about it this way, the phrase “setting the standard” takes on an entirely new meaning. Setting or planting the unit’s standard was important to creating victory.

Some Soldiers are simply content just to see the standard. They understand that there is a standard out there and occasionally, they may even strive to get close to it from time to time. Some Soldiers will want to meet the standard. They will look up, find out where the standard is and move in that direction. They will reach the point where the standard is set, and they will stop there, happy in their effort, content to move no further. A select few will pick up the standard and carry it further. When they have traveled as far as they can go, they will plant the standard in a new location and establish a new standard for others to achieve. Those setting the standard are the leaders; they are the people who carry this organization forward.

In this time of deactivations and cutbacks, we need our Soldiers to move beyond contentment to just meeting the standard...they must be the ones to set the standard in a place for all to see, to follow, and to emulate.

Command Sergeant Major Murray



RAIDERS OF THE MONTH

JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER





Hatchet Troop family and friends, This past quarter has been an exceptionally busy time for the Soldiers of Hatchet Troop. We've finally completed our move from FOB Kunduz to Camp Marmal in lovely Mazar-e-Sharif. The Troop has focused primarily on Retrograde operations and everybody in the Troop has been lending a hand turning in property while the staff has continued to provide unwavering support for the other Troops in the Squadron.

Even though the Troop's address has changed, we have continued to produce the top quality results as you would expect. Soldiers are keeping themselves occupied between daily operations, improving the footprint, and displaying physical dominance during FOB wide competitive events. 1st Lt. Baum had the fastest overall time on the FOB during the Labor Luau 5K race while Sgt. Herrera had the fastest female time. Maj. Myer and 1st Lt. Capomaggi reinforced the Troop's credibility by both placing in the Top 5 during the Camp's September 12th Crossfit Competition. The Troop Headquarters' Ruck Marching Team consisting of Cpt. Oliver, 1st Lt. Smith, and Staff Sgt. Webb had the fastest time on the FOB during the 6 mile ruck march race.

Hatchet Troop has been fortunate to add two new members into the family with the births Alaric James Lowe and Harper Quinn Haislip - big

congratulations to the Lowes and Haislips! Also, there have been personnel moves this past quarter and we have say goodbye to some of Hatchet's finest. We sent three Soldiers off



to take Command. Cpt. Pierczynski took Command of C Troop, 6-4 CAV, Cpt. Ward took Command of B Troop, 6-4 CAV, and Cpt. Smithson went down south and took Command of Bravo Battery in 1-6 Field Artillery. We sent Lieutenants Morgan and Mangru to take platoons in B TRP, 6-4 CAV and even said goodbye to Cpt. Iwan Valk, the Dutch Military liaison to 6-4 CAV. Although some great Soldiers and leaders have moved units, we received some top quality Soldiers in return. We recently welcomed Sgt. 1st Class Jones, 1st Lt. Titus, and Cpt. Hefti from B TRP, 6-4 CAV, 1st Lt. Capomaggi from C TRP, 6-4 CAV and Cpt. Jones from 1-6 FA. All Soldiers have made immediate impacts to the team.

It is hard to believe we have already made it beyond the midpoint of the deployment. The Soldiers in the Troop continue to impress us every day. We can never thank you all back home enough for your overwhelming support, packages, and emails. We will see you all in a few short months!



HATCHET!
Cpt. Ryan Oliver and
1st Sgt. Shawn Tiarks



HATCHET



Ruck March

Cpt. Oliver, Staff Sgt. Webb, and 1st Lt. Smith took first place in the SFC Thode Memorial Ruck March on Sep. 14th.

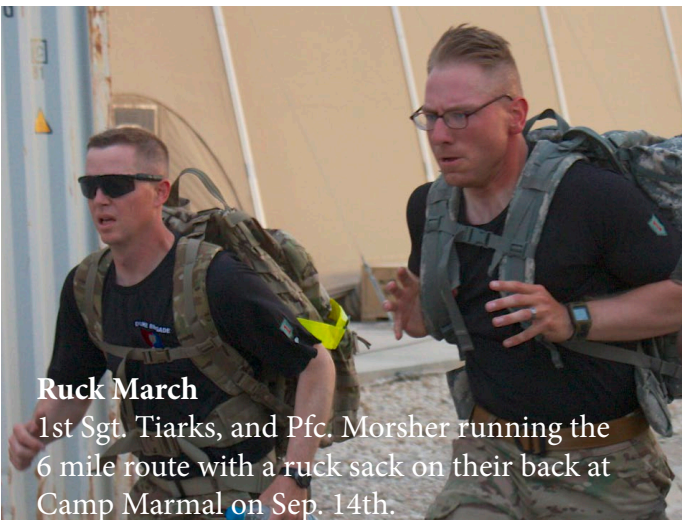
Crossfit Kings

1st Lt. Capomaggi and Maj. Myer took 2nd and 4th places, respectively at the Camp Marmal Crossfit games on Sep. 12th.



Labor Day Luau

Hatchet Troop Soldiers move to the front of the starting line for the Labor Day 5 kilometer run at Camp Marmal on Sep. 2nd.



Ruck March

1st Sgt. Tiarks, and Pfc. Morsher running the 6 mile route with a ruck sack on their back at Camp Marmal on Sep. 14th.



Dutch Liason

Staff Sgt. Fastin and Staff Sgt. Pushard say goodbye to the Dutch Liason Officer who worked closely with the Troop getting established on Camp Marmal.



Apache Troop friends and family, We have crested the halfway point in our deployment and are now on the downhill slope. I would like to thank you all for your faithful support of the Troop over the past five months. The men continually and faithfully execute their mission and support the transition to Afghan National Security Forces and positively represent the United States as we will likely be the last US forces they will ever work alongside.

Our training and readiness remains unparalleled. We have focused heavily on marksmanship and conducting tough, realistic training that reflects any scenario we might face. To date we have conducted just over 100 training events; from medical skills to maneuver live fires, fired of 120,000 rounds of ammunition all while conducting over 85 combat patrols. Please head to the Troop Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ApacheTroop64CavalryRegiment> to see your Scouts in action!!

Red Platoon – Over the past 60 days the Regulators have conducted a mixture of force protection, combat patrols and retrograde operations of Forward Operating Base Kunduz. Soldiers have been increasing their scout skills and enhancing the platoon's lethality on the battlefield. Every Soldier completed self-structured development at their appropriate level making them more competitive for career progression in the Army. Pfc. Sheets won Raider of the month for July and received a Squadron



Apache Troop Commander - Cpt. Varner (left)
Apache Troop First Sergeant - 1st Sgt. Hines (right)

coin for his outstanding performance as an Apache Trooper. 1st Lt. Kunkle relinquished his position to 2nd Lt. Strachan on Sep. 18th, after over twelve months of outstanding service to 1st Platoon as the platoon leader. 2nd Lt. Strachan and Sgt. 1st Class Clark will continue to provide quality leadership; challenging and developing the Soldiers of 1st Platoon.

White Platoon – The platoon's leadership has now transitioned from 1st Lt. Goodner to 2nd Lt. Cary. Soldiers are keeping busy completing required training while processing over 250 vehicles and 1,700 personnel daily. The platoon has been praised by General Officers and the Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Rodgers for its exemplary performance. Although leadership has changed, the core of the unit remains strong with SFC Everett as platoon sergeant and the Soldiers of 2nd platoon continue demonstrating their steadfast resolve towards mission accomplishment.

Blue Platoon – Sgt. 1st Class Richards and 1st Lt. Jenson have been busy with the “Warpigs” in the last two months. Running a total of 18 combat patrols and 23 training events would be enough to fill any platoon's schedule, but the Soldiers of Blue Platoon have maintained their outstanding efforts in assisting ISAF forces complete the retrograde of FOB Kunduz on schedule.

Headquarters– 2nd Lt. Master and Staff Sgt. Thornton have been busy running the mortar teams through both 60mm and 120mm Mortar Crew Drills. The mortar team was able to do a nighttime live fire exercise, honing their skills on the 120mm mortar system. Sgt. Green has been busy ensuring that the closure of FOB Kunduz runs smoothly and that the Troop remains well supplied for combat missions. Sgt. Nasset and Pfc. Johnson keep the Troop in communication with our higher headquarters and with YOU! Great work by all the Headhunters over the last 60 days!

Cpt. Rudy Varner and 1st Sgt. Todd Hines
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APACHE



Apache Mortarmen

The 120mm mortar team before their nighttime life fire exercise.

Warpigs

3rd Platoon "Warpigs" back from a combat patrol in Kunduz province in July.



Red Platoon on Patrol

Red platoon snaps a photo during a patrol in Kunduz Province in mid-July.



Entry Control

2nd Platoon processes thousands of people a day on and off the base in Mazar-e-Sharif.



Mortar Night Fire

Apache Troop mortarmen fire 120mm illumination rounds during night training on Aug. 28th.



BLACKFOOT

Friends and Family of Blackfoot Troop, Blackfoot Troop continues to accomplish a multitude of tasks in Regional Command North by focusing efforts on training Soldiers in the Troop, assessing and advising Afghan National Security Forces, and retrograding equipment. All of the efforts put into these tasks assist with the eventual withdraw of US forces from Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

Ensuring that Blackfoot Soldiers are enhancing their skills while deployed is important. Soldiers have executed ranges, scenario based exercises, skill level courses to assist with promotion, and advanced training to ensure perfection while executing missions. Pfc. Theriault expressed the importance of continuing to train, saying, "We may not be executing what we trained for in terms of the deployment, but we can continue to train and develop ourselves. The Army continues to update training and ways to accomplish tasks. Soldiers with specialties such as the medic, the forward observer, and the communication specialist, have been able to instruct us on the most recent steps to accomplish our tasks."

To facilitate the 2014 force posture, Blackfoot Troop has the task of ensuring that the Afghan National Security Forces have the training they need to continue operations. The Platoons have spent time assessing and advising ANSF on important skills they will need to conduct operations such as medical, logistical, and communication

skills. "We get the opportunity to advise and assess the Afghan Police, and each time we do, they impress us on how developed they are in areas outside of what we train them on. It just shows you how training has developed them and what they are capable of doing on their own," said Sgt. Kevin Daugherty.



Cpt. Ward and 1st Sgt. Watts in line with the Squadron Commander and Command Sgt. Maj. to award coins to B Troop Soldiers.

Blackfoot Troop continues to make its own luck by training for a multitude of scenarios. While training, we are also supporting retrograde operations. This will ensure that we have the required equipment needed to continue to operate under any conditions that are presented.

Blackfoot Troop will continue to conduct operations, assessments, training, and retrograde until it is time to return home. Without the work ethic displayed by Blackfoot Soldiers and the support from our families and loved ones, we would not be able to complete this mission. We would like to say thank you for the endless support displayed from the Blackfoot family, you are all a vital member of the team.

Blackfoot leads the way!

Blackfoot 6
Cpt. Wesley Ward

Blackfoot 7
1st Sgt. Russell Watts



BLACKFOOT



Ridgeline

1st Platoon conducts a reconnaissance patrol as dawn breaks in Baghlan Province on Aug. 28th.



Range

2nd Platoon practices engaging from cover behind their vehicles during a range in Baghlan Province on Aug. 30th.



On Patrol

Blacksheep platoon out on patrol in Kunduz Province in mid-August.



Fire Support Coordination Exercise

Pvt. Campbell helps Pfc. Ackman fire his 60mm mortar during a training range on Aug. 20th.



Medical Training

Spc. Henry instructs Afghan Uniformed Police officers on assessing a casualty in Baghlan Province on July 20th.



Friends and Families of Cherokee Troop, Our Troop continues to excel in Afghanistan on a daily basis. Recently, we conducted a Change of Command at JCOP Hairatan. Cpt. Chenoweth relinquished command to Cpt. Thomas Pierczynski. Cpt. Chenoweth did an outstanding job preparing and leading Cherokee Troop through a rigorous training period at Ft. Knox, JRTC and here in Northern Afghanistan.

We continue to train ourselves as well as the ANSF. Cherokee has trained with the 3rd Kandak, Afghan Border Police (ABP), Hairatan City Border Crossing Point Border Police (BXP), National Directorate of Security (NDS), and Afghan Public Protection Force (APPF) for over four months now. The ANSF have trained hard with Cherokee Troop and proved they are willing and eager to enhance their capabilities to provide stability along the Afghanistan-Uzbekistan border. Most of the combined training to this point focused on individual skills and with the ANSF excelling at the training. Cherokee Troop initiated combined training focused on team and squad level tasks.

We also ensure we take time to get in some PT and unwind a little each week. Competition is high here at JCOP Hairatan when it comes to sporting events.

We went through a period of playing Volleyball and cornhole to dodge ball tournaments and now indoor soccer. Cherokee Troops can be pretty creative in shaping rules to match the area that we have to play to maximize the competition and enjoyment of the sport. Next up is preparing for a Turkey Bowl game around Thanksgiving.

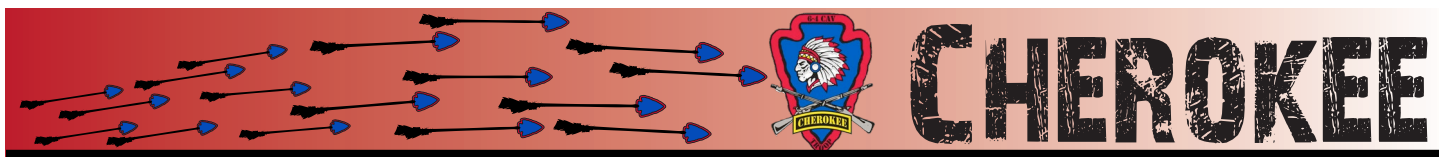
Thank you for your continued support of the Troop and your Soldiers. We are just over halfway done with the deployment and I know we look forward to seeing you all as soon as we can!



Cherokee Troop's new commander, Cpt. Pierczynski addresses his Soldier. His 1st Sgt. listens in the background.

Cherokee 6
Cpt. Pierczynski

Cherokee 7
1st Sgt. Fedorisin



Change of Command

Soldiers of Cherokee Troop listen intently as their old commander, Cpt. Chenoweth shares his final thoughts during the Change of Command in Northern Afghanistan on Sep. 9th.

Situational Training Exercises

2nd Platoon executes a demonstration of situational training exercise lane for the ANSF during training in Northern Afghanistan on Sep. 12th.



Planning

Members of the Border Crossing Point Border Police plan for situational training exercise lanes at in Northern Afghanistan on Sep. 27th.



Side by Side

Cherokee Troop's leadership with the Afghan National Security Forces at Border Crossing Point in Northern Afghanistan on Sep. 1st.



Live Entertainment

Soldiers enjoy some live music from the 101st Airborne Division Band who visited their base in Northern Afghanistan on Sep. 17th.



The Soldiers of Dakota Troop have been working hard these past few months and have achieved great things. As the closure of FOB Kunduz nears, Dakota has assumed all of the support systems on the FOB that were previously run by government contractors. Our cooks have taken charge of the dining facility and are turning out some really great meals. The Distro Platoon has taken over at the fuel point and is keeping patrols coming and going from the FOB by supplying over 300,000 gallons of fuel thus far. Our Maintenance Platoon has assumed responsibility for all the vehicles and equipment on the FOB and is keeping everything running smoothly. Our Dakota Soldiers working as guards at the Entry Control Point of the FOB continue to keep us safe through their vigilance and hard work.

Our Soldiers at JCOP Khilaguy and JCOP Hairatan continue to provide the units they are attached to with the best maintenance and fuel support in RC North. The Soldiers working as guards at Camp John Pratt are ensuring the

security of everyone at that facility and are greatly appreciated.

A major focus of the Troop has been the retrograde of equipment from our locations as we prepare for closure. Through a truly combined effort from all the Soldiers in the Troop we have been able to retrograde several vehicles, dozens of containers and over 100 tons of equipment to Camp Marmal. These accomplishments have greatly contributed to the theater wide effort to move our equipment out of country to facilitate our military's eventual departure at the end 2014.

We would also like to recognize the eight Soldiers who reenlisted over this period and helped Dakota to achieve the highest reenlistment rate in the Squadron. We also promoted eight Soldiers and will have ten Soldiers receiving Mechanics Badges.

1st Sgt. and I would like to extend our gratitude to the friends and family of Dakota, without whom none of the great work we are doing here would be possible. We will continue to strive to keep you informed and up to date on what you Soldiers are doing and accomplishing here in country. Thank you so much for your continued and consistent support. God bless.



Commander - Cpt. Jordan



First Sergeant - 1st Sgt. Guerrero

Dakota 6
Cpt. Ira Jordan

Dakota 7
1st Sgt. Josue Guerrero



Retrograde

1st Lt. Earnshaw helps out with retrograde by operating the forklift at FOB Kunduz in late-August.



Refueling

Pfc. Paul and Spc. Harris conduct refueling at FOB Kunduz.



Recognition

Delta Troop Soldiers get recognized for their hard work retrgrading FOB Kunduz.



Maintenance

Spc. Crespin works on repairing a MATV for another Troop at FOB Kunduz in mid-August.



Entry Control

Spc. Vangerburg sends up a report from the entry control point at FOB Kunduz in August.

REAR OPS

To the family and friends of 6-4 CAV ROC, We have continued to support 3rd BDE, the fort Knox community, and our counterparts in Afghanistan.

The Rear Operations Cell (ROC) continues to strongly support the Squadron Family Readiness Group (FRG). The new Squadron FRSA, Mrs. Christina Kerkhoff, brings years of experience as a FRSA for 2nd BDE, 1st Armor Division and 3rd ESC, and was a former Army MP. Check out our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/6thsquadron4thcav](https://www.facebook.com/6thsquadron4thcav)) for updates from the deployment and upcoming FRG events. As always, I encourage all Family members to join us at our monthly FRG meetings on the second Tuesday of each month in the Squadron Classroom. If any Family members are interested in volunteering for the FRG, they should contact Mrs. Christina Kerkhoff at: christina.f.kerkhoff.civ@mail.mil or Spc. Fravel at: cecilia.m.fravel@mail.mil.

The Rear Operations Cell restarted the recurring once a month school engagements with five Elizabethtown area schools coinciding with the start of the new school year. ROC continues to plan and coordinate school engagements as we begin to enter the holiday seasons.



ROC Commander - Cpt. Gardner (left)
ROC First Sergeant - 1st Sgt. Sager (right)



The ROC has continued to build relations with Fort Knox and local communities by supporting three Habitat for Humanity projects. Also having 25 Soldiers that donated blood at the Red Cross blood drive, and we provided forty-four Soldiers to participate in the Heartland Festival Parade in Elizabethtown on August 24th.

In an effort to maintain standards of excellence and unit readiness, training has remained a number one priority for Rear Operations. Since June, ROC has gained five new Soldiers. ROC has focus on Soldier training by hosting an additional M4 Qualification Range and CLS Recertification/Certification Classes for a total of 64 Soldiers qualified on M4/M16, and 65 Soldiers CLS qualified. ROC has deployed 22 Soldiers since June.

2nd Lt. Strachan and 2nd Lt. Cary graduated Ranger School in July and were deployed in late August.

The Raider Association has been a significant contributor to ROC events. They purchased the ice cream for the Squadron FRG Ice Cream Social and are supporting the Squadron FRG with the "Adopt-a-Soldier" project to help provide blankets, pillows, toiletries, and other items for the redeploying Soldiers. Their efforts will provide material support until they can gain access to their household goods.

ROC continues to support Soldiers and Families in the Rear in addition to planning, preparing and setting conditions for redeployment and deactivation.

Commander **First Sergeant**
Cpt. Bernard Gardner **1st Sgt. Jason Sager**

PROMOTIONS



Pvt. Warren Francis

Pfc. Jacob Gutierrez
Pfc. Franklin Pickett
Pfc. William Sizemore
Pfc. Quintin Nelson
Pfc. Diante Roots
Pfc. Jose Delatorre
Pfc. Johnathan Hampton
Pfc. Tristan Wampler
Pfc. Kevin Sanchezdelgado
Pfc. TJ Snyder
Pfc. Michael Byram
Pfc. Dustin Hitchcock
Pfc. Steven Ward
Pfc. Joseph Campbell
Pfc. Joshua Vega



Spc. Timothy Stachurski
Spc. Travis Young
Spc. Garrett Csaba
Spc. Mitchell Buuck
Spc. JR Sanchez
Spc. Osvaldo Mejia
Spc. Zachary Lanthron
Spc. Jude Acosta
Spc. Jason Hernandez
Spc. Michael Johnson
Spc. Georgios Balassi
Spc. Dylan Preston



Sgt. Ivon Gonzales
Sgt. Allen Nunez
Sgt. David Fowler
Sgt. Elgin Dawson
Sgt. Tyler Czech
Sgt. Nicholas Price



Staff Sgt. Joshua Johnson



Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Moore



Sgt. Maj. Michael Klein



1st Lt. Sven Jenson
1st Lt. Jayson Walser
1st Lt. Charles Morgan
1st Lt. David Seery
1st Lt. Stephen Miller
1st Lt. James Carpenter



RAIDER REVIEW

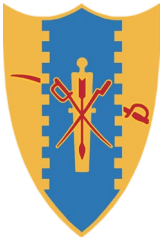
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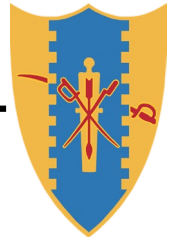
6-4 CAV Squadron Commander
Lt. Col. Michael Zernickow

6-4 CAV Squadron Sergeant Major
Command Sgt. Maj. John Murray

6-4 CAV PAO
1st Lt. Cory Titus



6-4 CAV Deployment Book Order Forms



6-4 CAV is making deployment books to commemorate our time in Afghanistan, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom XIII-XIV. Our deployment books will be made by Jostens, and will have 96 pages of photos, with a section for each Troop, showcasing our time deployed.

Each book will cost \$11.20. The books will be available for pickup at the Squadron Headquarters in early March. Unfortunately, we are unable to have them mailed to your home. We are taking orders now to ensure accurate quantities are ordered and to reduce the quantity of duplicate orders. Payment will be due in December via check, cash, or Paypal.

Questions regarding the Deployment Books can be directed to 1st Lt. Michael Fink at 732-272-8220 or by email at michael.a.fink3.mil@mail.mil.

Orders forms can be submitted in the following ways:

- FRG Meeting: Order forms will be collected at the upcoming FRG meetings.
- Dropped off at Squadron Staff Duty on the third floor of Building #2366 (address below)
- Mailed to 6-4 CAV:
6th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment
C/O 1st Lt. Michael Fink
Bldg #2366, 1889 Old Ironsides Ave.
Fort Knox, Ky. 40121
- Emailed to Rear Ops: michael.a.fink3.mil@mail.mil

6-4 CAV Deployment Book Order Form

☐ 6-4 CAV Soldier ☐ 6-4 CAV Family or Friend

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

*If you are a 6-4 CAV Family/Friend, please fill out your Soldier's Name, Rank, and Troop.
Soldiers will write "Self" for name, and select their Rank and Troop.*

Soldier's Name: _____ Rank: _____

Troop: _____

Number of Deployment Books: _____ x \$11.20 = _____