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# *“CCWO Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony”*



**FORT CARSON, Colo. -** Chief Warrant Officer 5 John M. Moseley, command chief warrant officer, 4th CAB, 4th Inf. Div., assumed his unit position during an Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony at the Fort Carson Special Events Center, Feb. 26. His wife, Briana, and two daughters, Amelia and Ally, were present at the ceremony and received flowers. The CCWO serves as the senior warrant officer for the brigade. He is the brigade commander’s principle assistant and advisor on all matters concerning warrant officers and their families.

“It feels great to assume this unit position,” said Moseley. “It is a large responsibility and challenge to take on. I look forward to helping build the CAB and its team.”



# *“Army, Air Force conduct load training”*

Soldiers of the 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, load a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter onto a Air Force C-17 Globemaster III, during a rapid-deployment load training at Colorado Springs Airport, Jan. 14-16. Load training was conducted with Airmen from Travis Air Force Base and 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.



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Air Force Senior Airman Jonathan Little, front, 301st Airlift Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., helps guide air crews from 2nd GSAB, 4th Avn. Reg., 4th CAB, as they load a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter onto an AF C-17 Globemaster III, during a joint training exercise with the AF at Colorado Springs Airport, Colo., Jan. 15.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Fort Carson soldiers and airmen from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., made rapid-deployment load training look as easy as stacking children's blocks, during a joint exercise at Colorado Springs Airport, Jan. 14-16.

Soldiers from 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team and 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, both from 4th Infantry Division, participated with the Air Force in a joint exercise to improve communication efforts and familiarize them with each other's military equipment.

"The purpose of the training is to better prepare 4th Infantry Division assets, and match them to the Air Force assets," said Air Force Lt. Col. Gerry Hinderberger, air mobility liaison, aligned with 4th ID. "We have not practiced these functions domestically in over a decade. People can mission-plan all day long, but actually doing it is where they find the flaws and make improvements. This training does just that for both the Army and Air Force."

The training consisted of preparing and loading unique pieces of military equipment on an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III. Soldiers with 3rd ABCT

learned how to load and unload an M1A2 Abrams tank and an M2A3 Bradley infantry fighting vehicle.

"The training provided simple, but needed, familiarity to tank commanders, such as getting used to driving up the ramp of the C-17," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Micah Amman, aviation officer, 3rd ABCT. "It feels much steeper to the driver, and can make them nervous if they've never done it before. Also, the training allowed us to help our Air Force counterparts be more efficient in how to load armored vehicles onto their aircraft."

The soldiers' training was geared toward their Global Response Force mission, which allows them to respond anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

"First, it helps us train the basics with regards to deployment readiness. Second, it's advantageous to both the Army and Air Force in terms of creating common procedures. Third, it's an opportunity to build relationships with all the other entities that help support our GRF mission," said Lt. Col. Jeremy Wilson, commander, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd ABCT.

Fourth CAB soldiers learned how to load and unload two UH-60 Black Hawks, which made their aircrews more deployment ready and even more team-oriented.

"It's great training for all parties involved, when you get to learn how to load specialized equipment that you don't work with daily," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Gathright, mobility officer, 4th CAB. "It takes more planning for these types of equipment. This training allowed us to do it slowly and safely."

Gathright said this was a first for some of the aircrews in the unit and gave them a unique opportunity.

"This exercise gave them training that they mostly get during deployments, in which they would have a time crunch," said Gathright. "The soldiers got to work with the Air Force to learn how to properly load their equipment. So if they have to do it during a deployment, it will be second nature."

The training provided aircrews with new skills

that will help them the next time they deploy.

"Most of our aircrews have never loaded an aircraft onto another aircraft," said Staff Sgt. David Workman, UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter repairer, 4th CAB. "The exercise taught them how long it takes to fold the helicopter, load and unload the helicopter, and how to set up to be mission ready after being unloaded. I wish we could do more training like this, because it gives the soldiers a clear view of the right and wrong way to do these tasks."

Air Force members were already efficient in loading, but still found the training helpful.

"Everyone from the Air Force side is qualified to load these types of equipment, but we have young airmen, and we want to train them to the next level," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Turner, senior loadmaster, 21st Airlift Squadron, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. "This is outstanding training, because it makes our loadmasters more confident to better prepare them for more threatening environments, such as the ones found during deployments. We get to teach the Army what we are looking for, and they get to teach us about their equipment, which strengthens our joint service bond."



Air Force Airman 1st Class Chas Traphagan, 570th Global Mobility Squadron, Travis AF Base, Calif., weighs 4th Combat Aviation Brigade's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter before it is loaded onto an AF C-17, during a joint training exercise with the Air Force at Colorado Springs Airport, Colo., Jan. 15.



Warrant Officer Kilian Jakob, left, electronic warfare technician, and Sgt. 1st Class Juan Aviles, electronic warfare specialist, both from 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, practice using electronic warfare equipment during joint training with the Air Force at the Moorman Space Education and Training Center on Peterson Air Force Base, Oct. 31.

## 4th CAB, USAF conduct electronic warfare training

Story and photos by Sgt. Jonathan C. Thibault  
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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The reading of beeps and wavy lines brought soldiers from 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, and the Air Force Advanced Space Operations School together on Peterson Air Force

Base, Oct. 31.

"Iron Eagle" electronic warfare soldiers conducted the first joint electronic warfare training with members of the Advanced Space Operations School at the Moorman Space Education and Training center to get additional training on equipment and learn each other's procedures.



Air Force Capt. William Conway, weapons and tactics officer, Advanced Space Operations School, discusses security procedures and a brief explanation of the training being conducted, to soldiers of the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, before they practice using electronic warfare equipment, at the Moorman Space Education and Training Center on Peterson Air Force Base.

"We are providing a brief overview of systems and equipment that the [Air Force] uses when conducting EW-type operations," said Air Force Capt. William Conway, weapons and tactics officer, Advanced Space Operations School. "We want to help Army EW soldiers learn our capabilities and instruct them on our types of equipment."

Electronic warfare soldiers supervise and perform military action involving the use of electromagnetic energy to determine, exploit, reduce or prevent hostile acts.

"Our job includes disrupting, detecting and denying enemy communications and electronic signature systems," said Capt. Jason A. Bennett, electronic warfare officer, 4th CAB. "We also help friendly forces by using EW-detection assets to locate enemy units and use equipment to protect our communication systems and other electronic type of equipment."

The training helped the service members from the different branches review each other's EW operational directives and needs, so they could learn how to work together better.

"We want to provide knowledge to Army EW professionals on how to use and request our equipment," said Conway. "In return, we want them to tell us what they need during their operations so

we can evaluate the services we provide."

The joint training also allowed the EW Air Force and Army members to save money.

"We have equipment in this military budget constrained environment," said Conway. "This allows them to learn equipment that we already have, which is zero cost to the Army and [Air Force]."

Bennett said he hopes the training will benefit all of the Fort Carson EW community.

"We are trying to be proactive for the CAB and 4th Inf. Div. to better our EW soldiers," he said. "We are proud to spearhead this training for the division and trying to implement this as monthly training. We want to make an impact, to learn the capabilities of our other military branch members and improve our EW skills as a collective group."

Sgt. 1st Class Juan Aviles, electronic warfare specialist, 4th CAB, said the training was beneficial.

"The electronic warfare profession is fairly new to the Army," he said. "We are getting training on equipment at [Peterson] that we don't currently have at Fort Carson, which is very beneficial to us. The Air Force has had this profession for a while, and has many resources that are useful to us."



Maj. Luis LopezColon, brigade chaplain, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, shows female soldiers and spouses from 4th CAB, how to properly channel energy when striking an attacker, at the Special Events Center on Fort Carson, Colo., Nov. 7, 2013.

## 4th CAB teaches self-defense class

Story and photos by Sgt. Jonathan C. Thibault  
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FORT CARSON, Colo. - Soldiers and spouses punched, kneed and disarmed attackers, while improving their self-confidence, during a self-defense class at the Special Events Center, Nov. 7.

The self-defense class was specifically held for females of 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, and was taught by Maj. Luis LopezColon, brigade chaplain, 4th CAB, 4th Infantry Division.

"I held the class because I wanted to help our

female soldiers and family members in the CAB, and to support our sexual assault response coordinator," said LopezColon. "We wanted to instill confidence in the women, and prepare them for dangerous situations in which they may find themselves."

LopezColon teaches self-defense moves that come from the martial art disciplines he has been practicing for 45 years.

"I've been practicing Tanren Goju-Ryu Karate-Jitsu since I was 5 years old," said LopezColon. "These martial art disciplines are strategically



Maj. Luis LopezColon, brigade chaplain, and Sgt. 1st Class Christina Martinez, brigade sexual assault response coordinator, both from 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, demonstrate proper defense against an attacker with a knife to female soldiers and spouses from 4th CAB, at the Special Events Center on Fort Carson.

designed to incorporate defensive and offensive applications in order to overcome practically any hostile situation. These are systematic approaches of hard and soft applications of Goju-Ryu [karate] and Sanuces-Ryu [jiu-jitsu] that induces balance, peace and high levels of confidence applicable to all age groups."

The class is designed to help women learn to defend themselves against ... sexual assault and domestic violence.

"I believe ... women have a right to defend themselves," said LopezColon. "I get the chance to teach them not to fear anyone, and how to react to situations with focused precision instead of impulsive actions."

Training was valuable to both female soldiers and spouses, regardless of previous training.

"The class is great for a female Soldier with combative skills and a civilian spouse who has never had any combative experience," said Sgt. 1st Class Christina Martinez, brigade sexual assault response coordinator, 4th CAB. "The training

teaches women to be aware of situations that could happen, and if it does, they know how to react. Female soldiers receive combative training, but it doesn't prepare them for the shock that comes from an unexpected attacker."

"Iron Eagle" spouses found the class beneficial and encourage others to participate in the future.

"The class was very informative," said Melissa Newell, spouse of Maj. Douglas Newell, brigade supply officer, 4th CAB. "I believe a lot of women get intimidated by these kinds of classes, but this class helps them build self-confidence. It was fun, educational and was easy to learn. I definitely plan on taking the next available class and encourage other spouses and female soldiers to attend."

The 4th CAB will continue to hold self-defense classes and is prepared to expand the class according to the number of participants.

"We plan to hold more classes as needed by the SARC," said LopezColon. "If we can get more participants committed, we would like to expand our classes to more advanced self-defense tactics."



# ***“400 Soldiers receive turkeys”***



**Company commanders and first sergeants from 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, hand out turkeys and groceries to their soldiers during the CAB's Thanksgiving turkey-drop at 2nd GSAB's conference room on Fort Carson, Colo., Nov. 25.**

Story and photos by Sgt. Jonathan C. Thibault  
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FORT CARSON, Colo. - More than 400 soldiers and family members received turkeys and groceries for Thanksgiving during the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade's turkey-drop event at the unit's headquarters building Nov. 25.

Maj. Luis LopezColon, brigade chaplain, and Capt. Paul Roman, chaplain, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, coordinated the event so that all 4th CAB soldiers and their families would enjoy a nice Thanksgiving.

"We started coordinating this about seven months ago through the Fort Carson Donation Center," said Roman. "We gathered lists of soldiers from their commands who would possibly need help for Thanksgiving."

The Fort Carson Donation Center played an important role in making the 4th CAB event happen, said Roman.

"About 60 days ago, all donors cancelled and said they could not support us," said Roman. "We were worried that we couldn't make this event happen."

"Just recently, the (donations center) called us and told us that there were some donors willing to help out soldiers," he said. "Within 48 to 72 hours, we worked quickly to get this event coordinated for our 'Iron Eagle' soldiers."

The turkey-drop event relieves some financial burden for soldiers during the holidays.

"During the holiday period, the biggest problem soldiers have is finances," said Roman.

The event also allows soldiers to commune and help others that are unable to be with their families during Thanksgiving.

"This year has been tough," said Spc. Scott La Force, brigade command clerk, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th CAB. "We want to spend time with friends and family. This not only allowed us to do that, but also gave some single soldiers a place to have Thanksgiving. I am overjoyed and grateful to the organizations that provided this for us."

# *“Company gets Soldiers mission ready”*



**Sgt. Ivy Barton, head instructor of the brigade combative school, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, demonstrates guards and changing positions in a level one combative course, during in-processing at the Aviation Mission Readiness Integration Company building on Fort Carson, Colo., Jan. 27, 2014.**

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Col. Robert T. Ault, right, brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Antoine Duchatelier Jr., left, senior enlisted leader, both from 4th CAB, 4th Inf. Div., give their new-comers brief to in-processing Soldiers at AMRIC on Fort Carson, Colo., Jan. 23, 2014.

FORT CARSON, Colo. - Combat lifesaver qualification, combative level one and weapons training are the norm for soldiers in-processing at the Aviation Mission Readiness Integration Company on Fort Carson.

AMRIC is a 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, reception company that was formed to help soldiers in-process the brigade and get mandatory training before reporting to their units.

"In addition to regular in-processing, we get soldiers trained," said Staff Sgt. Keron Wilkerson, AMRIC operations noncommissioned officer. "We train them to be mission-ready. This allows their leaders to concentrate on advancing them in their jobs rather than basic soldier tasks."

Col. Robert T. Ault, commander, 4th CAB, said he believes in a total soldier philosophy which is based on basic foundations facilitated in AMRIC.

"We are setting up a leader-centric culture that is firmly grounded in the Army Values," said Ault. "AMRIC allows us to get to know our new leaders and they, in turn, get to know us and our standards. We certify our best leaders through the process of selecting, training and trusting them. AMRIC also facilitates the development of the culture we are trying to deliberately create by helping privates to battalion commanders understand the CAB's philosophy and be able to do basic soldier tasks before going to their subordinate units."

Similarly, Command Sgt. Maj. Antoine Duchatelier Jr., senior enlisted leader, 4th CAB, said soldiers' and their leaders' time should be spent more on advancing their skills when they get to their battalion rather than working on the basics.

"It is the responsibility of leaders to enforce standards at all times, however you cannot enforce what you don't know," said Duchatelier. "We must



Lt. Keegan Wisehart, on ground, UH-60 Black Hawk pilot, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas McNamara, front, CH-47 Chinook pilot, both from 4th CAB, practice guards and changing positions in a level one combative course, during in-processing at the AMRIC building on Fort Carson, Colo., Jan. 27, 2014.

at all times strive to maintain our proficiency and that of our soldiers in our warrior tasks and battle drills. No opportunity to train will be wasted. AMRIC allows the CAB to conduct basic soldier tasks by providing realistic and relevant training which help our leaders effectively coach and mentor their subordinates."

The 4th CAB's subordinate commanders said they find going through AMRIC helpful and have never seen anything like it at the brigade level.

"I just arrived to the CAB and I'm about to take command of Company B, 404th Aviation Support Battalion," said Maj. Chris Finnigan, CH-47 Chinook pilot, 4th CAB. "AMRIC takes a large burden of the training that the companies and battalions would have to do. Going through AMRIC allows me to know what kind of soldier I am getting when I take command."

Newly arriving soldiers said they are surprised

by the amount of training they are receiving and would like more training to be added to AMRIC.

"I just came from Fort Riley, Kan., and I've never seen an integration company at the brigade level," said Spc. Codey McDowell, wheeled vehicle mechanic, 4th CAB. "I've been in AMRIC for almost a month. We are getting beneficial training, and I believe soldiers are going to be more than prepared to do their jobs when they get to their subordinate units. I hope that they add more training for future soldiers arriving to the CAB."



Soldiers learn combat lifesaver skills, such as proper litter procedures, during in-processing at AMRIC on Fort Carson, Colo., Jan. 23, 2014.





Maj. Damian McCabe, behavioral health officer, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, teaches Colorado Army National Guard soldiers about how personalities can impact aircrews and their missions during a class held during a statewide COARNG Safety Stand-down event in Aurora, Colo., Feb. 8, 2014.

## Behavioral health - Teams conduct personality training

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AURORA, Colo. - Outgoing or quiet-natured and imaginative or reality-based were some of the different parts of the personality described by a Fort Carson behavioral health team during a statewide Colorado Army National Guard Safety Stand Down

held in Aurora, Feb. 8.

The 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, behavioral health team taught about the personality traits to emphasize the straightforward learning goals and objectives it wanted to teach its National Guard brothers.

"Our goal was to make the COARNG soldiers more aware of their own personality characteristics and provide some operational cues on how to quickly recognize and adapt the various personality styles that they may have to work with," said Maj. Damian McCabe, behavioral health officer, 4th CAB, 4th Inf. Div.

The guard leadership tries to add new safety training to its safety stand-down event each year.

"We have the standardized safety classes that the Army requires," said Lt. Col. Robert Soper, commander, 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment. "We reach out to different organizations

to get new speakers to speak about safety, so it's not the same year after year. This year, we received speakers from the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory and the 4th CAB behavioral health team. They introduced new topics to us and reinforced some things we've done in the past."

The personality training provided by the behavioral health team was an important part of safety training to guard ground and air crews.

"Personality traits are a characteristic way of thinking, feeling and behaving and it plays a key role in crew coordination; thus the overall safety of any mission," said McCabe. "The mix of personalities on ... ground or air crews may be complimentary or they may work at odds with each other. It is critical for crews to have a good sense of who they are working with and how to meld their various personality styles into a safe and effective aircrew."

Knowledge of the personalities in an aircrew can prevent accidents and is an integral part of flight safety, said Lt. Col. Joshua Day, State Army aviation officer and director of aviation safety, Colorado Army National Guard.

"You can trace aviation accidents caused by clashing personality types of pilots and crew members," said Day. "This training allows us to get insight on personalities and gives soldiers the tools to understand that everyone is different. It also allows us to understand how to interact with those different personalities and create even more efficient air crews."

Guard soldiers said they were thrilled to have the Fort Carson team attend their safety stand-down event and hope to create an even stronger partnership over the next couple of years.

"We would love to have them back in the future," said Day. "The CAB is relatively new to Fort Carson and Colorado. The (guard) aviation units have been the only Army aircraft assets in the state for a while. It's great to have them here, and we look forward to working with the CAB more. We had a great relationship with them during the fires and floods last year. I see big things on the horizon."

# 4th CAB recognizes emergency agencies



Lt. Col. Tyler Smith, right, commander, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, presents an award to David Zader, left, Wildland Fire administrator, City of Boulder Wildland Division in Boulder, Colo., Feb. 13, 2014. The 2nd GSAB, 4th AR went to Boulder to present awards to the emergency agencies that helped during the Colorado floods.

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Boulder, Colo. - Five months after the Colorado floods, awards were presented Feb. 13 to many of the Boulder agencies involved in rescue

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and recovery operations.

Second General Support Aviation Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, closed the book on the floods and said thank you to its counterparts as

unit leaders presented the awards.

"It was a great opportunity to give awards to the emergency agencies that helped make our jobs easier during the floods," said Maj. Eric Carlson, executive officer, 2nd GSAB, 4th Avn. Regt. "There was a lot of teamwork involved in the rescue efforts, and we moved out so rapidly that we didn't get to properly thank all the emergency agencies involved. We felt we left loose ends by not being able to thank those who helped make our mission successful. The awards allowed us to bring it back full circle."

In September, 4th CAB aviation crews rescued 1,028 people and 338 pets from massive flooding over a four-day span, in support of the Colorado Army National Guard.

Timothy Head, Boulder Municipal Airport manager, appreciated receiving the award from the Fort Carson aviation unit, but felt the "thanks" should go the other way.

"After receiving the award, my first instinct was hold it, we should be thanking 2nd GSAB, 4th Avn. Regt.," said Head. "This was a big surprise. It was nice to get recognized for some of the things we did to help out. But in the end, the whole community of Boulder is thankful for all the rescues and the aviation capabilities provided by 4th CAB."

"About three days into the floods, I got a call (at) about 2 a.m.," he said. "Later that morning, many were surprised to see the damage that was caused. The Colorado Army National Guard was first to be activated and then (were joined by) 4th CAB from Fort Carson. We had up to 12 helicopters here within 24 hours from both (the guard) and 4th CAB."

Fourth CAB and other emergency agencies took on a wide area of operation due to one of the emergency points being flooded, but they managed to accomplish their tasks without extra

help, said Head.

"Boulder Municipal Airport became the main operations hub of search and rescue traffic for the whole county," said Head.

"The fire training center was flooded and could not be used as the other emergency site. They all came into the situation well-trained and had everything they needed to get the job done," he said. This made it much easier to accommodate all the agencies because they were very self-sufficient."

David Zader, Wildland Fire administrator, city of Boulder Wildland Division, said after the guard showed up, the most important thing they needed was more aviation assets to hit flood areas quicker and more effectively.

"We needed to quickly find out how many people were stuck out there, how many needed to be evacuated, and how many were in peril," said Zader.

"We knew that there were people that were homeless and out in the cold. Second GSAB, 4th Avn. Regt., helped us continue our mission through the night and on through the evenings. The arriving of the CAB helped us shift some (of the guard) assets up to Larimer County which also had flooding," he said.

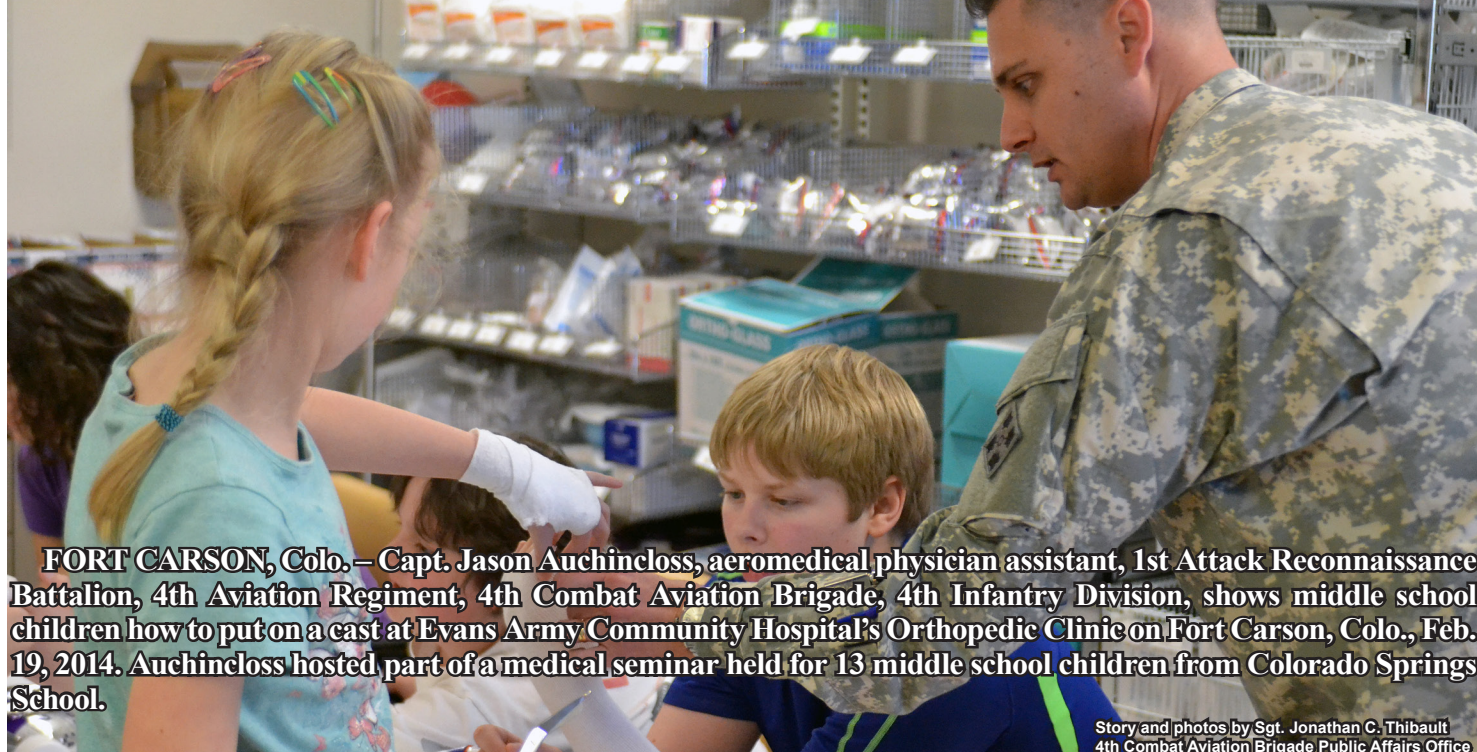
Wildland Fire Division officials were also grateful to receive the award and look forward to continuing to work with 2nd GSAB, 4th Avn. Reg. in the future.

"It was great to receive the award," said Zader. "We wish we could work with them every day. It's great to build such an outstanding partnership with the Fort Carson, (Colorado Army National Guard), police and fire departments.

"This partnership creates a great national model showing that we are all citizens in Colorado and we should all work together to achieve a common goal," he said.

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# *“4th CAB leads children medical seminar”*



**FORT CARSON, Colo. – Capt. Jason Auchincloss, aeromedical physician assistant, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, shows middle school children how to put on a cast at Evans Army Community Hospital’s Orthopedic Clinic on Fort Carson, Colo., Feb. 19, 2014. Auchincloss hosted part of a medical seminar held for 13 middle school children from Colorado Springs School.**

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**Capt. Jason Auchincloss shows middle school children how to apply tourniquets to simulation dummies at Medical Simulation Training Center on Fort Carson, Colo., Feb. 18, 2014.**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Laughter and smiles of bright young minds filled the room during a four day medical seminar held for 13 middle school children to learn about various medical professions on Fort Carson, Colo., Feb. 18 - 20.

Capt. Jason Auchincloss, aeromedical physician assistant, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, hosted children from The Colorado Springs School. PAGE 26

"The medical seminar is designed to introduce the middle school students to the different careers within the field of medicine," said Auchincloss. "This is accomplished through a combination of didactic instruction and experiential learning opportunities. This seminar introduces the children to medical specialties spanning the full spectrum, from pre-hospital emergency care to postmortem specialties and even a small portion of veterinary medicine. Specialties visited include cardiology, radiology,

pathology, forensic medicine, orthopedics, battlefield trauma medicine, physical therapy, and acupuncture."

The seminar helps children learn about their future opportunities and helps the CAB build relationships with the Colorado Springs communities, said Auchincloss.

"For me, hosting the program serves two purposes," said Auchincloss. "First and foremost, it offers me the opportunity to mold young, inquisitive minds and provide them with a glimpse into certain aspects of the ever changing field of medicine. Last but not least, the program helps build strong bonds within the Colorado Springs population and promotes healthy community relationships."

Eric Gaylord, head of middle school, CSS, believes the military aspect of medical medicine adds a level of excitement that helps the children learn more.

"There is a certain segment of each visit that the kids really latch on to," said Gaylord. "The high pressure and intensity, and saving someone's life heavily influences the children. I can easily see a quarter or a third of the children choosing to go into some type of civilian or military emergency medicine. Not to mention, the military's facilities and instructors are awesome. The military portion of the visit was probably the most impactful education for the children."

This was Auchincloss's second year hosting the medical seminar for CSS at Evans Army Community Hospital.

"I have a son at the same school and was approached last year by the head of the middle school, Eric Gaylord, to see if I could assist with supporting a program for the careers in medicine seminar," said Auchincloss. "Last year's seminar exposed the children to pre-hospital emergency care, battlefield medicine and orthopedics. This year, we have expanded our seminar to include the field of surgery, and it is my hope that this program

will continue to grow in the future."

Auchincloss believes the seminar influenced the children to be open to all the health professions because similar seminars helped him decide to enter the field of medicine.

"These children are the future," said Auchincloss. "In the next five to 10 years, they will be transitioning into career fields of their own and I hope that some of them will look back on this week as they make those choices. Experiential learning seminars similar to this were instrumental in my career choices and hopefully the experiences they encounter here will stimulate a desire to care for the injured. Who knows, one of them may one day become a military healthcare provider."

Teaching children about advancements and careers in the medical field is a personal passion, said Auchincloss.

"I am passionate about military medicine," said Auchincloss. "Our most precious asset is the young soldier on the battlefield, and to care for that soldier, and their family members, is truly a privilege. Being able to introduce the youth of today and the civilian community to the art of military medicine is an honor. For the students, I believe it is important for them to see the medical advances that have developed thanks to military medicine."

CSS is very grateful for the opportunity to be guests of 1-4 ARB, EACH and Fort Carson, said Gaylord.

"We are grateful that Jason Auchincloss provided us with the ability to tour the medical facilities on Fort Carson," said Gaylord. "Without him, I don't know if we could have made this happen. The children like the reality of handling the medical materials and weren't just listening to educational lectures which can lose their attention. We would love to keep doing this indefinitely every year because it's a great educational exposure to medical field for the children."

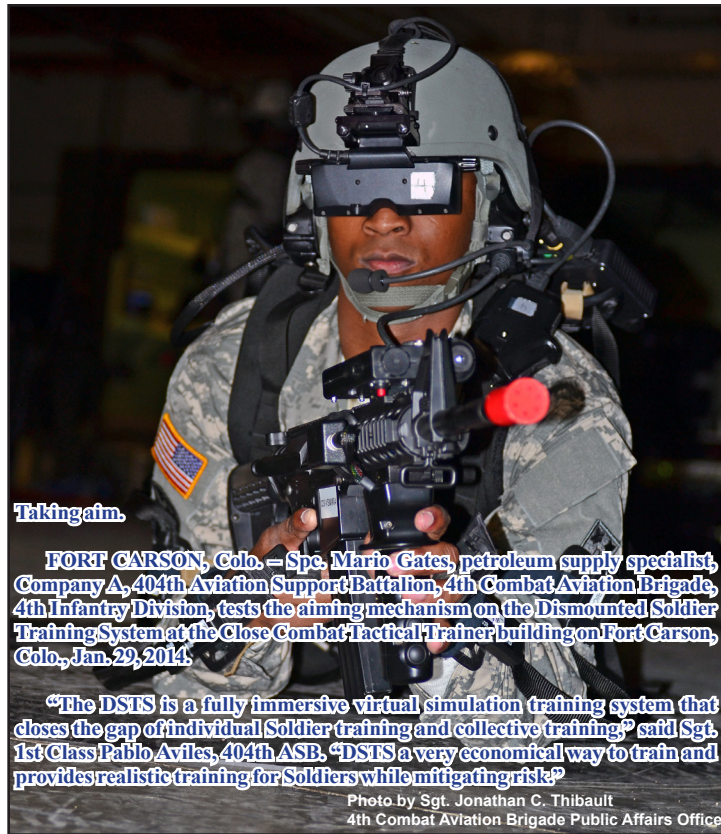


#### Award Presentation.

DENVER, Colo. - Chief Warrant Officer 4 James Dowdy, Standardization Officer, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, receives the Fire Safety Commendation Medal presented by the Colorado Society of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Feb. 8, 2014. During the Black Forest Fires, Dowdy aided and assisted in the dropping of more than 540,000 gallons of water over the four days of continuous firefighting efforts. Dowdy also played a pivotal role in 4th CAB being credited with the saving of 200 homes.

"It was a great honor to receive this award on behalf of 2nd GSAB, 4th Avn. Reg.," said Dowdy. "I'm only one member of a great team."

Photo by Maj. Andrew Ruiz  
4th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs Office

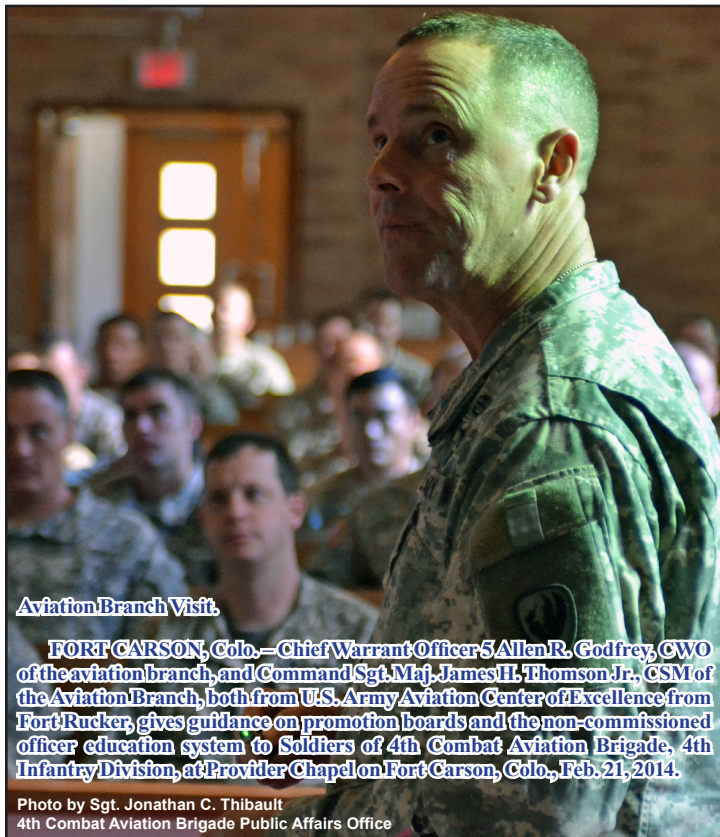


#### Taking aim.

**FORT CARSON, Colo. -** Spc. Mario Gates, petroleum supply specialist, Company A, 404th Aviation Support Battalion, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, tests the aiming mechanism on the Dismounted Soldier Training System at the Close Combat Tactical Trainer building on Fort Carson, Colo., Jan. 29, 2014.

"The DSTS is a fully immersive virtual simulation training system that closes the gap of individual Soldier training and collective training," said Sgt. 1st Class Pablo Aviles, 404th ASB. "DSTS a very economical way to train and provides realistic training for Soldiers while mitigating risk."

Photo by Sgt. Jonathan C. Thibault  
4th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs Office



### Aviation Branch Visit

**FORT CARSON, Colo.—Chief Warrant Officer 5 Allen R. Godfrey, CWO of the aviation branch, and Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Thomson Jr., CSM of the Aviation Branch, both from U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence from Fort Rucker, gives guidance on promotion boards and the non-commissioned officer education system to Soldiers of 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, at Provider Chapel on Fort Carson, Colo., Feb. 21, 2014.**

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4th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs Office



## ***How to buy a car***

by Cpt. Edward Ahn  
4th Combat Aviation Brigade Judge Advocate

Caveat emptor is Latin for "let the buyer beware." This caution was apparently relevant in Roman times, and is certainly relevant today. Before you satisfy your "need for speed" or fulfill your love of lifted trucks, read this article and do your homework—lest you become a cautionary tale.

Before you venture into the car dealership, you should come to grips with the following fact: you are at a distinct disadvantage in negotiations with car salesmen. These salesmen negotiate the sales of high-value items every day. While they may seem to be nice enough, realize that these salesmen are trained, motivated and proficient in accomplishing one thing: to pressure you into paying the maximum purchase price possible! Here are some tips to level the playing field:

### Prior to Going to the Dealership -

Do your research. Find out the specifications and the generally availing price of your desired vehicle. There are a variety of reliable resources, to include: Kelly Blue Book ([www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com)), Edmunds ([www.edmunds.com](http://www.edmunds.com)), NADA ([www.nadaguides.com](http://www.nadaguides.com)), TrueCar ([www.truecar.com](http://www.truecar.com)), Craigslist ([www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com)). Research the values for used vehicles too, especially if you contemplate trading in your old vehicle.

Compete dealerships. Remember, competition among businesses is always good for consumers,

and this also holds true for car dealership businesses. Obtain competition by simultaneously emailing sales managers of local dealerships, stating the type of vehicle you're interested in, and soliciting prices for your desired vehicle. Upon receiving responses from local dealerships, pick the dealership offering the lowest price, and visit that dealership. Another way to draw competitive bids is to use the car buying service offered by USAA.

Obtain or qualify for financing prior to going to the dealership. Know what financing terms you qualify for prior to placing yourself in a high-pressure sales setting. Research which bank offers the most competitive loan interest rate(s), and consider getting "pre-selected" for an auto loan.

### At the Dealership -

At the Dealership Timing is everything. Having done your homework, you should know exactly what vehicle you want to buy and know the value of your desired vehicle. If you are truly ready to buy your vehicle, you should consider the timing of your visit in order to save yourself time and money.

Dealers and salesmen often have monthly and quarterly sales goals. Consider visiting the dealership at the end of the month in order to take advantage of any last-minute pushes to boost monthly sales.

Salesmen are people too, and want to leave work at a reasonable hour. Visit the dealership at the end of the day in order to arrive at bottom-line



numbers sooner and with less resistance.

Ask for the invoice price. Never pay MSRP! Insist on seeing the "invoice price," or the price that the dealership paid to obtain the vehicle. This is the likely the bottom-line price for the dealership. Insist on paying this price, and no more. Salesmen are motivated to move inventory. However, if the salesman refuses to sell your desired vehicle at invoice price, you have the ability to walk out and go to a competitor dealership.

The sale is finalized when you sign paperwork. A handshake does not finalize the agreement between you and the dealership. After you reach a loose agreement-in-principle, you will be presented with reams of papers to sign. Carefully review this paperwork! The actual terms to your deal will be described in these documents. Do not rely on verbal representations by the salesman, and do not be surprised if there are idiosyncrasies or inconsistencies in the paperwork. Do not let your guard down until you have reviewed all paperwork from the salesman and from the finance person. Also, it is reasonable to ask to take the paperwork home with you to review. At any point prior to final signatures, you are well within your rights to walk away from the deal if something does not seem right.

There is no "cooling off period." Once you enter into a contract for the purchase of your car or truck, know that there is no window of opportunity to unwind or rescind the sale. The three-day "cooling off period" is a common misconception. Thus, be very careful and be very sure in your car/truck purchase.

Beware of the following sneaky (or unethical, illegal) tricks of the car sales trade:

Packing. This is the routine practice of "packing" extras into the contract. Be especially vigilant during your interactions with the "finance guy" (known as the "F&I" guy in the industry). The "finance guy" is not merely there to finish the deal—you will most likely be bombarded with offers to buy "undercoating," tire and wheel protection, extended service coverage, Guaranteed Asset Protection (GAP coverage), appearance packages, etc. Realize that most of these add-ons are largely valueless,

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unnecessary, and are offered as items of pure profit to the dealership.

For example, you might be pitched an "appearance package." In the end, this consists of pinstripes and plastic door edge guards which might cost the dealership \$45. However, they will hard-sell this "package" for \$895. The finance guy will attempt to pitch this package as an additional \$12 per month in your car payment. Don't be fooled.

Be wary of extended service plans. Dealerships sell these plans at extraordinary profit! The real evil however, is that often-times, these service plans are a rip-off, and may add thousands of dollars to your car loan. Be vigilant, and do not assume that the finance guy is looking out for your best interests when he is attempting to pack this extended service plan into your car loan (at a reduced interest rate).

Don't be a "Payment Buyer." Car dealers have said that potential car buyers who are primarily concerned with getting a favorable or affordable monthly car payment are "low flying ducks." Do not be a vulnerable bird-of-prey, and always be concerned with and aware of the car's total price!

Bait and Switch. This is the tactic of luring potential car buyers with favorable terms, then suddenly switching the terms. Examples:

Dealership advertises a great deal for a specific car to get potential buyers in the door. Once you arrive at the dealership, salesman informs you that "that car was just sold...but we have another model that is perfect for you." The available car model is thousands of dollars more expensive than the model advertised. Lesson: be sure to read the fine print in the advertising.

Salesman makes verbal representations about the total purchase price—then when you are presented with the paperwork, the purchase price exceeds what the salesman verbally represented, or includes unexplained, additional costs. Lesson: read the paperwork carefully, and be prepared to walk away from the deal if the salesman persists in this bait and switch tactic.

Bait and switch with trade-ins: you negotiate a deal for the purchase of a new car and negotiate a price paid for your trade-in. When you are presented with the paperwork, the salesman informs you that the price paid for your trade-in is now lower than originally agreed upon (e.g. "my sales manager will only approve this amount of price for your trade-in"). Lesson: know the value of your trade-in before you go to the dealership, and be prepared to walk away from the deal if the salesman/dealership persists in this bait and switch tactic.

## ***Disclaimer:***

*The information contained in this article is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to the purchase of vehicles. This article is not an endorsement of any kind for any local business(es) or any other business situated otherwise. The information contained in this article is not legal advice of any kind. For legal advice, please visit the 4ID Legal Assistance Office, OSJA.*

# 4th CAB Adverse Action Report

by Cpt. Edward Ahn  
4th Combat Aviation Brigade Judge Advocate

*The following is a generalized compilation of the adverse actions (Article 15 Non-Judicial Punishments and Administrative Separations) convened during the 1st and 2d quarters of FY 2014.*

## 1st Battalion (Attack), 4th Aviation Regiment -

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: forfeiture of \$638.00 pay, suspended; and extra duty for 14 days, suspended.

Field grade NJP for violations UCMJ Punitive Article 107, False Official Statements, Article 86, Absence Without Leave, Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation (possession of Spice). Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$758.00 pay per month for two months, suspended; extra duty for 45 days; restriction for 45 days.

Enlisted Soldier was administratively separated from the service prior to completion of term of service under provision of AR 635-200, paragraph 14-12b for Patterns of Misconduct.

## 2d Battalion (General Support), 4th Aviation Regiment -

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$765.00 pay for two months; and extra duty for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and

administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$765.00 pay for two months, suspended; extra duty for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$758.00 pay for two months, suspended; extra duty for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private First Class; extra duty for 20 days.

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave, Article 92, Dereliction of Duty. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Sergeant (E-5); forfeiture of \$1532 pay; and extra duty for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Sergeant (E-5); forfeiture of \$1,532 pay for two months; and restriction for 60 days.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: extra duty for 45 days; restriction for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 89, Disrespect Toward Superior Commissioned Officer, Article 91, Insubordinate Conduct Toward NCO, Article 92, Failure to Obey Lawful Order. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$758 pay for two months; extra duty for 45 days;

restriction for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 111, Drunken Operation of Vehicle. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Specialist; forfeiture of \$1,201 pay, suspended; extra duty for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 107, False Official Statement, 134, Adultery. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$758 pay for two months, suspended; extra duty for 45 days, suspended; restriction for 45 days, suspended.

Company grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 91, Insubordinate Conduct Toward Noncommissioned Officer. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-2); forfeiture of \$400 pay, suspended; and extra duty for 14 days.

Company grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: forfeiture of \$100 pay; extra duty for 14 days.

Company grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered extra duty for 10 days.

Company grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 134, General Article. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and was reduced to Private First Class.

Enlisted Soldier was administratively separated from the service prior to completion of term of service under provision of AR 635-200, paragraph 14-12c for Commission of a Serious Offense (Abuse of Illegal Drugs).

Enlisted Soldier was administratively separated from the service prior to completion of term of service under provision of AR 635-200, paragraph 14-12c for Commission of a Serious Offense (Disrespect

Toward Commissioned Officer).

Enlisted Soldier was administratively separated from the service prior to completion of term of service under provision of AR 635-200, paragraph 14-12c for Commission of a Serious Offense (AWOL).

## 3d Battalion (Assault), 4th Aviation Regiment -

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Sergeant (E-5), suspended; forfeiture of \$730.00 pay per month for two months.

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave, and Article 107, False Official Statement. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Sergeant (E-5); forfeiture of \$1,522 pay per month for two months.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$758.00 pay per month for two months, suspended; extra duty for 45 days; restriction for 45 days.

Company grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$353 pay.

## 4th Battalion (Attack Recon), 4th Aviation Regiment -

Company grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave, Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation, Article 107, False Official Statement. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-2), suspended.

Enlisted Soldier was administratively separated from the service prior to completion of term of service under provision of AR 635-200, paragraph 14-12c for

Commission of a Serious Offense (DUI).

#### 404th Aviation Support Battalion -

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave, Article 91, Disrespect Toward NCO, Article 128, Assault. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$765 pay for two months; extra duty for 45 days; restriction for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private First Class, suspended; forfeiture of \$1,007 pay for two months, suspended; extra duty for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 112, Drunk on Duty. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Specialist; forfeiture of \$1,002 pay; extra duty for 45 days; restriction for 45 days.

Field grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 92, Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$758 pay; extra duty for 30 days.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and was reduced to Private (E-1).

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private First Class; forfeiture of \$1,007 pay; extra duty for 45 days, suspended; restriction for 45 days, suspended.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and was reduced to Specialist.

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Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 112a, Wrongful Use of Controlled Substance. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered extra duty for 14 days.

Field grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 89, Disrespect Toward a Superior Commissioned Officer. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1), suspended; extra duty for 30 days, suspended; restriction for 30 days, suspended.

Company grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 134, Impersonating a Noncommissioned Officer. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: extra duty for 14 days; restriction for 14 days; oral reprimand.

Company grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private First Class, suspended; oral reprimand.

Company grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-1); forfeiture of \$353 pay, suspended; extra duty for 14 days.

Company grade NJP for violations of UCMJ Punitive Article 86, Absence Without Leave. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered the following punishment: reduction to Private (E-2), suspended; forfeiture of \$396 pay, suspended; extra duty for 14 days; restriction for 14 days.

Company grade NJP for a violation of UCMJ Punitive Article 107, False Official Statement. Soldier was found guilty of the misconduct and administered extra duty for 14 days, suspended.

Three (3) enlisted Soldiers was administratively separated from the service prior to completion of term of service under provision of AR 635-200,

paragraph 14-12c for Commission of a Serious Offense (Abuse of Illegal Drugs).

#### Courts-Martial -

**US v. Aguilar:** SPC Alexander J. Aguilar was convicted by military judge alone at a General Court-Martial, consistent with his pleas, of one specification of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, in violation of Article 120, and one specification of Adultery, in violation of Article 134. SPC Aguilar was sentenced to 22 months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

**US v. Israel:** Private Hunter J. Israel was convicted by a court-martial panel of: two specifications of Article 107, false official statements; one specification of Article 125, sodomy of a child under 16; and two specifications of Article 134, obstruction of justice. The accused was sentenced to 10 years confinement, a dishonorable discharge, and total forfeitures of all pay and allowances.

**US v. Herrmann:** SGT Jared Herrmann was convicted at court-martial of one specification of Article 92, dereliction of duty, and one specification of Article 134, reckless endangerment. The charges stemmed from SGT Herrmann's failure to properly perform his duties as the parachute pack in-process inspector of T-11R parachutes. The Accused was sentenced to reduction to the grade of E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 10 months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

**US v. Crabtree:** Private First Class Christopher Crabtree was convicted by military judge alone at a Special Court-Martial, consistent with his pleas, of: two specifications of Article 86, Absent Without Leave (AWOL from 19JUL11 to 1APR13 and from 3JUL13 to 11JUL13); one specification of Article 112a, Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance (marijuana). The accused was sentenced to 5 months confinement, forfeiture of 2/3 pay for 5 months, reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

**US v. Maguire:** Private First Class Donovan J. Maguire was convicted by military judge alone at a Special Court-Martial, consistent with his pleas, of two specifications of Article 86, Absent Without

Leave. The accused was sentenced to 4 months in confinement, forfeiture of 2/3 pay for 4 months, reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

**US v. Dean:** Private (E-1) Joshua D. Dean was convicted by military judge alone at a Special Court-Martial, consistent with his pleas, of two specifications of Article 86, Absent Without Leave and one specification of Article 112a, Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance. The accused was sentenced to 121 days in confinement, forfeiture of 2/3 pay for 121 days, and a bad conduct discharge.

**US v. Schultz:** Private (E-1) Nicholas M. Schultz was convicted by enlisted panel at a Special Court-Martial of one specification of Article 128, Assault Consummated by a Battery, and one specification of Article 128, Simple Assault. The accused was sentenced to two months in confinement and forfeiture of 2/3 pay for one month.

**US v. Stewart:** PV1 Corterrence M. Stewart was convicted by military judge alone at a Special Court-Martial, consistent with his pleas, of four specifications of Article 86, Absence Without Leave, and two specifications of Article 112a, Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance. The Accused was sentenced to nine months of confinement, forfeiture of 2/3 pay per month for nine months, and a bad conduct discharge.

**US v. Gonzales:** PV1 Steven Gonzales was convicted by a military judge alone at a Special Court-Martial, consistent with his pleas, of one specification of Article 86, AWOL, and two specifications of Article 112(a), Wrongful use of Marijuana. The Accused was sentenced to four months of confinement, forfeiture of \$1021.00 per month for four months, and a bad conduct discharge.

**US v. Soucek:** PV1 Corey Soucek was convicted by a military judge alone at a Special Court-Martial, consistent with his pleas, of two specifications of Article 86, AWOL (5 months and 15 months). The Accused was sentenced to six months of confinement, forfeiture of \$1021.00 per month for six months, and a bad conduct discharge.





# Social media misuse punishable under UCMJ

by Cheryl Rodewig

FORT BENNING, Ga. (Feb. 9, 2012) -- Soldiers who use social media must abide by the terms outlined in the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"Commenting, posting or linking to material that violates the UCMJ or basic rules of Soldier conduct is prohibited," said Staff Sgt. Dale Sweetnam of the Online and Social Media Division, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. "Talking negatively about supervisors or releasing sensitive information is punishable under the UCMJ. It's never appropriate to be disrespectful of superior officers or NCOs (noncommissioned officers), no matter if you're in the company area or posting to Facebook at your desk at home."

Five articles in the UCMJ deal specifically different aspects of inappropriate behavior in public. They are Articles 88, 89, 91, 133 and 134.

"It is important that all Soldiers know that once they log on to a social media platform, they still represent the Army," Sweetnam said. "The best way to think about it is, if you wouldn't say it in formation or to your leader's face, don't say it online."

The specified articles cover contempt toward officials, disrespect toward superiors, insubordinate conduct toward superiors and conduct unbecoming

of an officer and a gentleman. Examples of this last include posting an obscene photo or linking to inappropriate material. Article 134 is a general article covering offenses such as disloyal statements and anything to the prejudice of good order.

"Probably the most common example of an inappropriate post is a Soldier talking negatively about a superior," Sweetnam said. "Some Soldiers think that once they go home and put on civilian clothes they are free to vent on social media platforms. That's just not the case. You don't stop being a Soldier at the end of the duty day."

But it's not only about being respectful.

Operational security is another consideration.

"Soldiers using social media need to know that the enemy is watching," Sweetnam said. "Releasing sensitive information on social media platforms can put Soldiers and their families in harm's way. You have to be careful. Acting disrespectful and damaging the reputation of the Army on Facebook is no different than acting inappropriately in the local shopping mall. Soldiers are expected to conduct themselves appropriately no matter where they are, including social media platforms."

Determining how to punish or reprimand

Soldiers for social media misuse is up to command leadership, he said.

"Every case is handled on an individual basis," said Fort Benning's Capt. Steve Szymanski, Senior Trial Counsel with the Criminal Law Division of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "If a Soldier has committed a violation under the UCMJ, the punishment can range anywhere from a letter of reprimand to an Article 15 and up to a court-martial, depending on the severity of the violation."

Social media has some unique aspects as compared with traditional interpersonal relations.

Though it may be more difficult for the command to monitor something posted on a website than something stated in the unit's area of operations, Szymanski said, the effect of posting in the digital world can be far-reaching.

"Just because you delete it, doesn't mean 1,000 people haven't already seen it," he said.

Szymanski suggested that Soldiers should pause and ask themselves three questions before posting something of a dubious nature.

"Would this be perceived by my commander and or the general public as something a Soldier should or should not do?"

"Does it comport with the Army Values?"

"Would it be of a nature to bring discredit upon myself, my unit or the Army?"

Soldiers are still free to express themselves through social media based on their First Amendment rights, Szymanski said. However, Soldiers should be aware that they are subject to the UCMJ at all times, and that ill-advised postings that violate the code can result in legal action.

"We are expected to be Soldiers 24/7, whether it is in formation, in the bars and restaurants off post, or on Twitter and Facebook," he said. "We are expected to be Soldiers and we are held to the

standards, without compromise. The bottom line is that Soldiers should be careful about what they post online because once it's out there, it's out there."

## "Leadership 101"

by CSM Antoine J. Duchatellier Jr.  
4th CAB Brigade CSM

### Social Media Awareness:

Leaders and Soldiers alike need to approach the placing of content on social media forums in the same manner as they are required to adhere to the rules of engagement (ROE) while deployed in support of combat operations. Soldiers deployed in support of combat operations understand that failure to follow the ROE may result in non-combatants being injured or killed, and thusly create a rift between our forces and those that we are aiding and protecting. This can cause our profession of arms to be looked upon in a negative way. We all clearly understand that once we pull the trigger; we cannot recall the round that leaves the barrel of our assigned weapon. Soldiers need to understand that pressing the send button on their mobile device may also lead to negative attention if the content is not in line with the Army Values. Prior to pressing the send button ask yourself these questions. Is the content in line with the Army values? Will the content when viewed by others discredit yourself, your unit and the Army? Could I say or do the same thing in front of my leaders or subordinates? I truly believe that if Soldiers followed this basic ROE in regards to social media content, we would not have any negative attention placed on our force due to its misuse.

### Good things about social media:

- Provides updates and information to Soldiers and Family members about the unit, Fort Carson and Colorado Springs events.
- Allows family members to share their Soldiers' military experiences.
- Helps tell the Soldiers' stories.
- Allows Soldiers to communicate with other Soldiers.
- Helps Family Readiness Groups disseminate information to Family members.
- Gives info to Soldiers before they arrive to the unit.