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Commander's Corner



Greetings Pacemaker Soldiers,
Families, and Friends,

It seems like only yesterday that I took command of 864th Engineer Battalion. During my time here I have had the opportunity to work with some of the finest and most talented Soldiers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Officers in the Army. As this is my last newsletter as Battalion Commander, I just wanted to say what a privilege and honor it has been for Stephanie and me to be a part of this great organization. In the time I have been here, I have been absolutely amazed at the high standards of excellence the Pacemaker Team sets for itself and continues to achieve.

Time has certainly flown by the last two years. There have been significant changes to the Battalion with the deactivation of the 557th, 617th, and 585th Engineer Companies and the 84th and 28th Engineer Detachments, while the 22nd, 570th, 571st, and 610th Engineer Compa-



nies all became a valued part of the Pacemakers. All these companies have accomplished so much during my time as Commander. 22nd and 570th completed deployments to Afghanistan. HHC, FSC, 22nd, and 610th have all taken turns at completing rotations at the National Training Center. 585th conducted construction operations in Malaysia, while 571st conducted joint training with Canadian Engineer Soldiers in Canada and JBLM. The Battalion has completed numerous construction projects supporting units all across JBLM, as well as hundreds of ranges and training exercises. This list of this Battalion's accomplishments is truly amazing and too long to mention in one page.

On 16 December, 2015 I will relinquish command of 864th Engineer Battalion to the incoming Commander, LTC Christian A. Thompson. I will be assigned as the Deputy District Commander for USACE Transatlantic Afghanistan District (TAA). Please show LTC Thompson, the same support and dedication when he arrives and throughout his entire tenure.

I leave with mixed emotions because I have made so many good friends over these past two years. My family's life has been greatly enriched by the kindness and encouragement so many of you have shown to me. I will always be grateful for the many friends I have made along the way and the wonderful memories I take with me.

Set the Pace...Pacemakers Rise to the Challenge

LTC Steven M. Sattinger



Command Sergeant Major's Foxhole



Greetings Pacemakers and Families,

Allow me to begin by saying that Tashieka and I have been honored and humbled to have been a part of the Pacemaker team for the past two years. My time here has allowed me to meet some of the best Soldiers and Families in the Army. As the Pacemaker Command Sergeant Major, I have seen the complex operating environment and demands emplaced on this organization; but more importantly, I have seen the ability of the Soldiers within this unit to meet those demands and excel at every task. This is a true testament to the dedication and hard work of the Officers, NCOs, and Soldiers throughout the ranks of this organization.

As I transition my position with CSM Jeffrey Tolliver, the expectation is that Leaders and Soldiers in the unit will continue to exemplify the Army Values and embody our Warrior Ethos. Together they provide the moral compass and establish the baseline for good order and discipline within the ranks. I expect



for you to conduct yourselves as professionals in all that you do; continue honing your skills and mastering your core competencies, as well as developing Soldiers and Leaders to improve both personally and professionally. I expect for Soldiers to have a sense of pride in their organization. Pride in the organization correlates to and is indicative of well trained and disciplined units.

As we begin to prepare for the holiday season, let's not forget about safety. The 864th Engineer Battalion leaders and Soldiers have done an out-standing job looking out for one another and keeping their battle buddy safe. I expect for you to continue to look out for one another; from the Battalion Commander to the most junior Soldier within this

unit, every Soldier is important and critical to our mission.

Lastly, I want to thank the Families of our Pacemakers. Through all the deployments, NTC rotations, and training exercises you have all been unwavering in your support. You are the bedrock of this organization and the reason why this organization is so great. I leave this unit with mixed emotions, of sadness for saying goodbye to so many friends and families, as well as, excitement for the next position in my Army career. CSM Tolliver is an excellent leader, and I expect nothing but greatness from the Pacemaker Soldiers for years to come.

Set the Pace...Pacemakers Rise to the Challenge

CSM Eugene Russell

Pacemaker 7



PACEMAKERS in Action!



A Look Ahead..

DONSAs

11-12 November: Veteran's Day

26-27 November: Thanksgiving

24-25 December: Christmas

1 and 4 January: New Years

BN Events

13 November: Fall Healthy Family Day

25 November: Turkey Bowl

3 December: Hail and Farewell

16 December: BN Change of Command

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MWR Events:

10 November: Winter Kick-off Expo at NW Adventure Center

21 November: Turkey Trot (5K/10K)

1 December: Holiday Tree Lighting at McChord Chapel

1 December—2 January: Winter Reading Programs at McChord and Grandstaff Libraries

12 December: Holiday Fun Run

Checkout more events at: <http://www.jblmmwr.com/>

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Headquarters & Headquarters Company “Regulators”

From the Commander's Desk:

Regulators,

We put another great quarter behind us, and with it came and went numerous training and social events. We ran nine ranges, conducted multiple classes, certified military equipment operators and combat life savers, participated in two field and one deployment readiness exercise. We deployed personnel to help validate other units during rotations at Yakima Training Center, WA and National Training Center, CA. Throughout the quarter our Soldiers also saw service in several USACE districts, including Sacramento, Walla Walla and Rock Island. Regulators undergone a change in the way we approach fitness, nutrition and rest through implementation of Performance Triad. Having succeeded at all that, we stand ready for and look forward to more training and mission opportunities in the coming months. We continue to maintain readiness as a Severe Weather Emergency Response Force, prepare for gunnery and convoy live fire exercises at both Fort Lewis and Yakima Training Center, as well as another rotation at the National Training Center, CA.

During the last quarter we continued to encounter significant personnel turn over. This change affected all sections of the unit. It is a bitter sweet occasion for me to announce that First Sergeant Ash is leaving the company heading to Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He is a great leader and mentor that affected every Soldier and most family members under this command. He left a long lasting positive imprint on the Regulators. In his place we welcome our new First Sergeant – 1SG Capindo and his family.

CPT Axenov — *Regulator 6*

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

Greetings from the First Sergeant! This past quarter the Company has been busy but very productive. First, I would like to start by congratulating the Regulators with achieving a zero failure rate on the company Army Physical Fitness Test. The Regulators always strive to be physically fit! We also implemented the Combat Life Saver Pilot program that allowed our medics to certify leaders and Soldiers in the company without disruption to daily battalion staff operations. We conducted the crawl phase of convoy live fire exercise preparation, culminating with blank fire event on the 3rd September that allowed us to train with significant freedom of maneuver, exercise vehicle formations and mounted battle drills. Lastly, Regulators ran Trunk or Treat event for the Battalion. Our Soldiers work hard every day, so it is always nice to end a week with some family fun.

1SG Capindo — *Regulator 7*

Headquarters & Headquarters Company “Regulators”

This past quarter has demonstrated that the Regulators continue to excel at any given opportunity. At an individual level, SGT Hilario was the only Soldier in the entire 555th EN BDE to achieve the expert field medical badge. 1LT Hooper made the entire brigade proud when he won first place at JBLM Modern Army Combatives tournament for his weight class. CPT Acevedo (BN PA) rose to the challenge, completing the Steilacoom Marathon in a remarkable 4 hours and 49 minutes. At the company level, we continued to train and refine our tactics, techniques, and procedures for convoy operations. We supported the 570th validation exercise at Yakima Training Center and found time to train our staff in MDMP during the BN Command Post Exercise. Regulators excelled at the Deployment Readiness Exercise and went toe to toe with COMET during our unit inspections. Sadly, we inactivated the 28th Engineer Detachment (Concrete) in September and we wish those Soldiers the best of luck as they continue elsewhere across the Army and our Nation. No matter what the mission, the Regulators can be counted on to complete it and continue to *Set the Pace!*



Soldiers of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company conduct combat patrol rehearsals

REGULATOR OF THE QUARTER



SGT Hilario shakes the hand of LTC Sattinger after receiving the Expert Field Medical Badge

Congratulations to SGT Hilario for achieving the coveted Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB). He was the only Soldier out of the entire 555th Engineer Brigade and only a handful from all of JBLM to receive the highest badge in the medical field.



28th Engineer Detachment (Concrete)
Inactivation Ceremony 15 September 2015



Forward Support Company—War Dogs “First in Support!”

From the Commander's Desk:

Support of the Supporters,

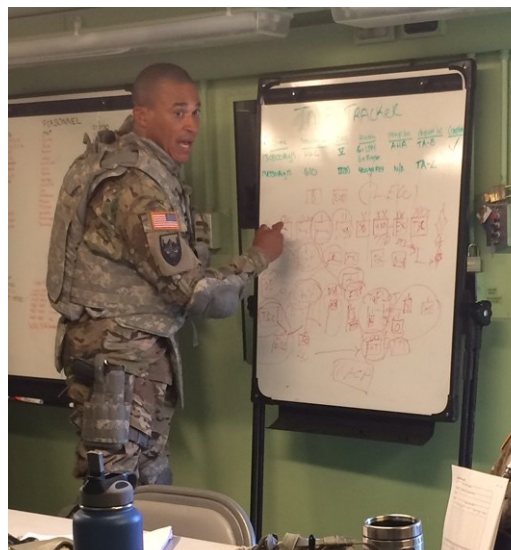
This quarter your family members have been the spearhead of logistics, sustaining the most active battalion in our brigade. They have outdone themselves by providing service to the line, on the line, on time, by supporting countless ranges, field training exercises and ceremonial functions. The company worked arduously to complete their own field training exercises and ranges, while still focusing on physical fitness. I am constantly impressed by how impenetrable the resolve of each and every Soldier is to supporting victory of all aspects of the military. As I will be handing off command of this exceptional company in December, I would like to say thank you to the families for their unfading support of their Soldiers. I truly appreciate you and this company. War Dog 6 Out.

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

Greetings War Dog Families,

Your loved ones continue to astound me by their professionalism and excellence. You should be immensely proud of the accomplishments of your Soldiers. Several of us were called to return to the National Training Center just months after returning as a company, to be mentors for other units. We were inspected by not only General Ulles from the 7th Infantry Division, but also a FORSCOM Team for the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence. Of the last 90 days, your Soldier has spent 6 of those days in the field, and countless supporting other companies in the field. Not all of the company's accomplishments have been collective. Five Soldiers were awarded for physical fitness excellence, achieving above standard APFT scores. XX Soldiers have joined the NCO ranks, along with XX Soldiers achieving the next rank. Despite an intense schedule we have achieved more in the last quarter than many units achieve in a year. I am grateful to be the senior non-commissioned officer of such an exceptional group of volunteers. Thank you for this opportunity, and I am excited for another expectations shattering quarter.

1SG Talmige Bell



CPT Edmonds, War Dog 6, briefs either a detailed support plan or his youth football team game plan, while in the field.



SPC Miller and SPC Taylor prepare for fueling by recirculating the fuel through the fuel truck.



SSG Northrup teaches a class on radio operations during Operation War Dog Field Training Exercise.



The FSC Field Feeding Section cooks up 5-Star meals in the field in the Containerized Kitchen.

WAR DOG OF THE QUARTER



864th EN BN FSC Soldiers SPC Hernley and SPC Pounds exchange parts on the Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) Wrecker.



SPC Clements is the 4th Quarter War Dog of the Quarter. He is the primary Communications and Electronics Repairer in the battalion and serviced over 400 Night Vision Devices.



22nd Engineer Clearance Company—Hooligans “So Others May Follow”

From the Commander's Desk:

The Hooligan Nation has proven itself as a tough, resilient, combat-ready unit and is prepared for our next mission. Our summer at the National Training Center tested our Soldiers and Leaders as we conducted route clearance operations, dug individual and vehicle fighting positions, emplaced Volcano minefields, constructed miles of anti-tank ditches and berms, built wire obstacles and cleared minefields. I could not have been more proud of how our team performed throughout the training exercise. Although operating with little food, sleep, and temperatures which remained over 100 degrees, the Hooligans exceeded the standard for every mission we were given and were recognized at every echelon for our superior performance.

Once we returned to JBLM, the Hooligans continued to set the pace for the battalion as we immediately sent 20 Soldiers to Ft. Bliss, TX for a culminating training exercise with the 40th Engineer Battalion and 16 Soldiers to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO for the Route Reconnaissance and Clearance Course (R2C2). Over the next few months, our Soldiers will continue to hone their individual skills while placing emphasis in some of the areas that were neglected as we prepared for NTC. Our company is looking forward to events such as the Trunk-or-Treat in October, the Family Run in November, our company Holiday Party in December and participation in Habitat for Humanity projects throughout the next three months. As always I know our company, whenever asked, is ready to Rise to the Challenge! — Hooligan 6 CPT Brian C. Martin

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

The Hooligan Nation completed a successful and challenging National Training Center (NTC) rotation in July, being commended on our discipline, flexibility and mission accomplishments. Several of our Hooligans were recognized for excellence throughout the rotation for their contributions to the team. All of which were well deserving.

Over the past few months, we have had several of our Soldiers and NCOs graduate from various NCOES schools. SPC Cetinich and SPC Miller graduated the Basic Leader's Course (BLC), SGT Evatt and SGT Mullen graduated the Advanced Leader's Course (ALC), SSG Martin graduated Drill Sergeant School, and SSG Murphy graduated Recruiter School. The example they have set will be reflected in their peers and subordinates.

As this new quarter begins, we have several challenges and opportunities ahead of us, and the Hooligan Nation will push forward through it all. This is an organization, and a family, of professional Soldiers and Leaders, who remain ready, willing, and able to rise to any challenge. Hooligans!

Hooligan 7 – 1SG Joseph R. Ingle



22nd Engineer Clearance Company—Hooligans “So Others May Follow”



PV1 Bernick participating in the Dis-mounted Soldier Training System (DSTS).



Members from 1st Platoon “Misfits” traveled to Fort Bliss, TX for a 30 day field rotation to support 2/1 ABCT during the Network Integration Evaluation (NIE) 16.1.

HOOLIGAN OF THE QUARTER



SPC Limbu and members of the Equipment Platoon operating the HMMWV during basic construction operations in support of 16th CAB.



PFC Mitchell continued to set himself apart from his peers over the last few months, and deserves to be recognized as the Hooligan of the Quarter. Leadership potential, expert MOS proficiency and professionalism are traits consistently displayed by this Soldier. In addition to mission critical support during NTC, PFC Mitchell also distinguished himself while attending R2C2-Operator. Through his hard work and dedication, PFC Mitchell finished at the top of his class with perfect scores on the written examinations and 10/10 IED finds during the final practical exercise.



570th Sapper Company “Fido!”

From the Commander's Desk:

FIDO Family and Friends,

Thank you for your strong support for our FIDO Soldiers over the last three months! As you all know, the training schedule has been extremely busy recently with the company executing its multiple training exercises, both here on Fort Lewis and at Yakima Training Center. After so much time and effort training, I am proud to report that our Soldiers have exceeded expectations and accomplished a great deal—developing into tactically and technically proficient combat engineers.

In August, FIDO conducted four Sergeant's Time Training events at Fort Lewis, in which our Sappers refined their ability to conduct tasks including route reconnaissance, obstacle reconnaissance, constructing wire obstacles, and breaching complex obstacles. These “standard duty-day” training events helped prepare our Sappers for their upcoming field exercises.

From 08-11 September, FIDO executed its Squad Certification Exercise over a continuous four days in the field on training areas in Fort Lewis. This exercise tested squad leaders and their squads on the ability to execute collective combat engineer tasks in a simulated combat environment. With FIDO leadership observing and evaluating the squads, simulated enemy forces attacked our Sappers while they conducted reconnaissance missions, constructed wire obstacles, and breached enemy-emplaced obstacles.

From 21 September to 15 October, FIDO deployed to Yakima Training Center to provide combat engineer support to the 2-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team. During this exercise, our Sappers executed Bangalore breaches of simulated enemy obstacles in support of infantry platoons, using actual demolitions and live ammunition. Our Sappers executed missions both during the day and at night by employing night-vision devices. This training allowed our Sappers to exercise different techniques for breaching, and it also presented an opportunity to train with the infantry and learn from their techniques.

At the time of writing this article, FIDO is preparing for its final major training event of 2015. From 26-30 October, FIDO will conduct its Platoon Certification Exercise at Yakima Training Center. This exercise will test platoon leaders and their Sappers on the ability to execute collective tasks as entire Sapper Platoons. Resourced and coordinated by the 864th EN BN, Soldiers from 610th ESC, 22nd ECC, 571st Sapper Company, FSC, and HHC, 864th EN BN will all deploy to Yakima Training Center to create a realistic training environment for our Soldiers. During the exercise, our Sappers will use live demolitions and execute their combat engineer tasks while being attacked by simulated enemy forces. With so much great training in the 3 months prior, I am confident that our Sappers will be successful, and I look forward to describing their success to you in the next Newsletter!

— FIDO 6 / CPT Henry G. Harpen



From the First Sergeant's Desk:

First and foremost I would like to thank the Soldiers and their Families for being steadfast and loyal the past few months with all of the days away and long days of training. FIDO Soldiers have proven time and time again that they are the best trained in the 864th Engineer Battalion and ready for any mission that is handed their way. The last couple of months has been a key to our success in preparing for NTC, with Squad Certification, rotation to YTC in support of 2-2 ID, and back out to YTC for Platoon Certification. I know the family's are looking forward to the small break between YTC and NTC with Thanksgiving just around the corner and Christmas leave to spend some quality time off with their Soldiers.

—FIDO 7 / 1SG Jeffrey T. Mallory

570th Sapper Company “FIDO!”



FIDO 2/1 emplacing 11-Row anti-vehicular wire obstacle



FIDO Soldier marking the breach during a LFX with 2-2 IN

TOP DOGS



Soldiers of 2PLT conducting trench clearing LFX.



This Quarter’s “Top Dogs” are the Sappers of 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. SSG Colborn, SGT Padilla, SPC Draughton, SPC Gillen, SPC Pulido, and SPC Owens excelled at the Company’s Squad Certification Exercise in September 2015, earning the highest overall scores over the four-day field exercise. The event challenged FIDO squads on their ability to conduct combat engineer tasks in mobility, counter mobility, and reconnaissance lanes. While all FIDO squads succeeded in executing the lanes, 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon stood above the rest—making them this quarter’s “Top Dogs.”



571st Sapper Company “Rock Hard!”

From the Commander's Desk:

The Soldiers of the 571st Sapper Company have worked extremely hard during 4th quarter. The Rock refocused their training onto individual tasks to prepare the squads for future training missions. The Soldiers executed Sapper training to prepare for the Squad Tactical Exercise in October 2015. The Platoons have worked extremely hard on training counter mobility and mobility tasks in preparation for squad versus squad training lanes. Additionally, Soldiers participated in an exceptional Air Assault mission using Blackhawks helicopters and even participated in a helocast into American Lake to conclude the quarterly Company Fun Day!

Toward the end of 4th quarter, the Rock Hard Soldiers prepared for Company Change of Command by accounting for and preparing all property for the 571st Sapper Company Commander transition. The Change of Command inventories were executed flawlessly while constantly remaining focused on training objectives. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every Rock Hard Soldier for their hard work during the inventory period. The leaders of 571st Sapper Company will remain focused on the ‘Whole Soldier Concept’ by supporting Soldiers and their families. Rock Hard!

Rock 6 - CPT Andrew Miraldi

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

The Soldiers of the Rock have been extremely busy over the 4th quarter with various individual and collective Training Events. During the month of July, The Rock supported 3-2 SBCT at the National Training Center (NTC) sending numerous individuals to serve as observer, coach, trainers (OC/T) to support 3/2's NTC rotation. The OC/T mission was heavily focused on decisive action training events (DATE), which helped 3/2 SBCT become certified to conduct missions world wide should the need arise.

August was heavily concentrated on individual and squad level training within the unit's platoons in preparation of the squad level FTX in October 2015. These training events concentrated heavily on attending small arms and crew served weapons ranges; as well as understanding our Sapper offensive and defensive capabilities to defeat an enemy in a DATE environment. Finally, September saw the unit concentrating on the tasks concerning the change of command. The Rock as usual showed that any task given would be executed at the highest level of professionalism and care.

Over the last quarter we have had several Rock Soldiers set themselves apart from their peers. SGT Michaelson (Commandants List) and SGT Ucherkemur graduated from the Warrior Leaders Course. Furthermore, Rock Soldiers are also currently attending Engineer Explosive Ordnance Clearing Agent (EEOCA) at Fort Leonard Wood and numerous schools here at home station. Next, the following NCO (SSG Lobato) placed second in the FORSCOM NCO of year competition held at Fort Bragg, which was a grueling three day competition consisting of day and night land navigation, numerous physical events, an oral board, and a written exam. CPL Tucker won the 4th Quarter NCO of the quarter board for the 555th Engineer Brigade, and SPC Lopez won the 864th Engineer Battalion July Soldier of the month board. These NCOs and Soldier have clearly set the standard for the company and battalion as a whole. Finally, as we move into a higher level of operations tempo, the unit looks to continue to set a highest of standards and continue to lead from the front.

Hard Training Easy War! Rock Hard!

Rock 7 – 1SG Aaron Mang



571st Sapper Company conducts helocast into American Lake!

SAPPER OF THE QUARTER



571st Sapper Company conducts Air Assault Missions in Blackhawks!



PV2 Garciasoto serves as a Sapper Squad member in 3rd Platoon. PV2 Garciasoto has worked extremely hard this quarter, and he has achieved outstanding results. PV2 Garciasoto won the 864th EN BN Soldier of the Month Board in September. Additionally, he has set a great example for others to following within his Platoon by earning 300 points on his physical fitness test, two times in a row! PV2 Garciasoto assisted with training his SQD on Road Recon techniques to improve his squads overall performance on their Sapper tasks. PV2 Garciasoto is a great Soldier and has shown awesome results this quarter. Great Work!!



610th Engineer Support Company “Ghostriders”

From the Commander's Desk:

This quarter was filled with quality construction projects, squad-level Sergeant's Time Training, a significant change in the structure of the company, and the start of Change of Command inventories. In July, the former 2nd Platoon taught the 2nd Ranger Battalion how to operate a variety of engineer equipment, enabling them to move vehicles out of the way during combat operations. In August, 3rd Platoon improved an important combat training site by repairing a road and drainage pad, and 1st Platoon repaired the 555th Engineer Brigade parking lot. In September, the company restructured by moving Soldiers from 2nd Platoon into 1st and 3rd and then welcoming new vertical construction Soldiers from the inactivated 585th Engineer Company. The Ghostriders will now be able to conduct vertical construction in addition to all the horizontal construction, improving our capabilities and versatility. The company also began Change of Command inventories with the incoming commander, CPT Jose Sala,. We have enjoyed introducing him to the company and he will assume command on October 21st. The company will be in good hands!

GhostRider 6 - CPT Michael B. Yuengert

“Dig Deep!”

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

This quarter we had lots of challenges and changes within the company, welcoming the vertical Soldiers into our company, preparing for the Performance Triad, Change of Command Inventories, red cycle taskings, planning detailed training, family readiness planning, and I have been impressed with the Ghostrider Soldiers for meeting the challenging schedules and demands of higher commands with fewer Soldiers. Yet with all these challenging schedules and leadership changes our level of effort and the pace of training have continued to accelerate, with such events as machine gun ranges, construction projects, to detailed Sergeant's Time Training. Our Soldiers continually raise the bar and set the standard. The 610th Engineer Support Company works tirelessly with our community on multiple events such as the Deuces Wild Triathlon Event with MWR and the Okubo and Brigade parking lot repair (it greatly improvement parking for the Okubo medical facility and the Brigade). Several Soldiers have attended the 864th Engineer Battalion Soldier of the Month Board and NCO's have attended the NCO of the Month Board, including Brigade boards. SGT Polk won the Brigade NCO of the Year board and SPC Horiuchi won the Brigade Soldier of the Quarter Board. Taking the extra step to set themselves up for success in this competitive world today! Happy Thanksgiving to the Families and Soldiers of 610th ESC. Wishing all of you the very best during the holidays and thank you for your support!!! I don't want to leave out all the brand new Ghostrider babies that were born in the past six months, I must say we have absolutely the prettiest babies within the Battalion and Brigade. Forgive for bragging, but I must tell the truth. Thank you to the mommies and daddies for the great bundle of joys in your life as well in the Ghostrider Family life.

Ghostrider 7 - 1SG Michelle Crittendon “Dig Deep”



610th Engineer Support Company “Ghostriders”

DIG DEEP !



2nd Platoon teaching the Rangers how to operate engineer equipment at night.



Ghostriders load extra gravel into the back of a dump truck during the 555th Engineer Brigade Parking Lot Project

GHOSTRIDER OF THE QUARTER



Ghostriders improving the road in an important combat training site



SGT Steven Polk is the Ghostrider of the Quarter. SGT Polk won the Brigade NCO of the Year Board, setting the example for all the other NCOs in the Company and Bat-

Junior Leader Development Course—September 2015

**Congratulations to the following Soldiers and
Non-Commissioned Officers on graduating the
Pacemaker Junior Leader Development
Course:**



SPC Carson, Hoby

SPC Esterly, Scott

SPC Ford, Jashawn

SPC Hays, Kalib

SPC Lao, Sue

SPC Li, Ethan

SPC Luna, Ariel

SPC Martin, Josi

SPC McQueen

SPC Moore, Justin

SPC Shrestha, Bikesh





Thoughts for the Pacemakers—Chaplain's Corner

Army Strong. Since 2006 this is our slogan, our mantra. We also have our Army Values. Personal Courage, while last in our list of Army Values, is by far not the least. Army Strength is founded on our Army Values that are internalized in each Soldier. When each Soldier is brought together in a unit, the collective strength of living the Army Values by each Soldier in that formation fashions the Army Strong principle, the Army Strong reality for every Army unit.

While our Army Strong principle has been around for some years now, the truths of this reality have actually existed for centuries. In another context akin to military operations, a leader of the Lord's people was instructed to be Strong and Courageous. This strength and courage was directly tied to knowing and following God's plan, as laid out in the first five books of the Bible. Joshua was to go into the Promised Land and take what God had given them. But Joshua's strength and courage came from knowing and obeying God's commands. Joshua and God's people were to meditate on these commands daily and not turn from them to the right or left. There was no need to fear.

We, as a military community, can and should be courageous. This courage comes from knowing and living our Army Values, knowing and doing our Army jobs and mission. As Joshua enjoyed strength and victory when he was faithful, we can know the same strength and spiritual victory when we follow close to the Lord every day. My fellow Soldiers and Family members of faith, Be Strong and Courageous!

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid..." (Old Testament, Joshua 1:9 KJV)

Note: I will continue supporting 864th EN BN as Chaplain till an assigned BN level Chaplain arrives; unknown at this time when that may be. It is an honor to serve you. The BDE Unit Ministry Team of myself and SSG Berkowitz, along with your assigned Chaplain Assistant, PFC Pierre, stand ready to serve you and your Families.

Blessings,

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