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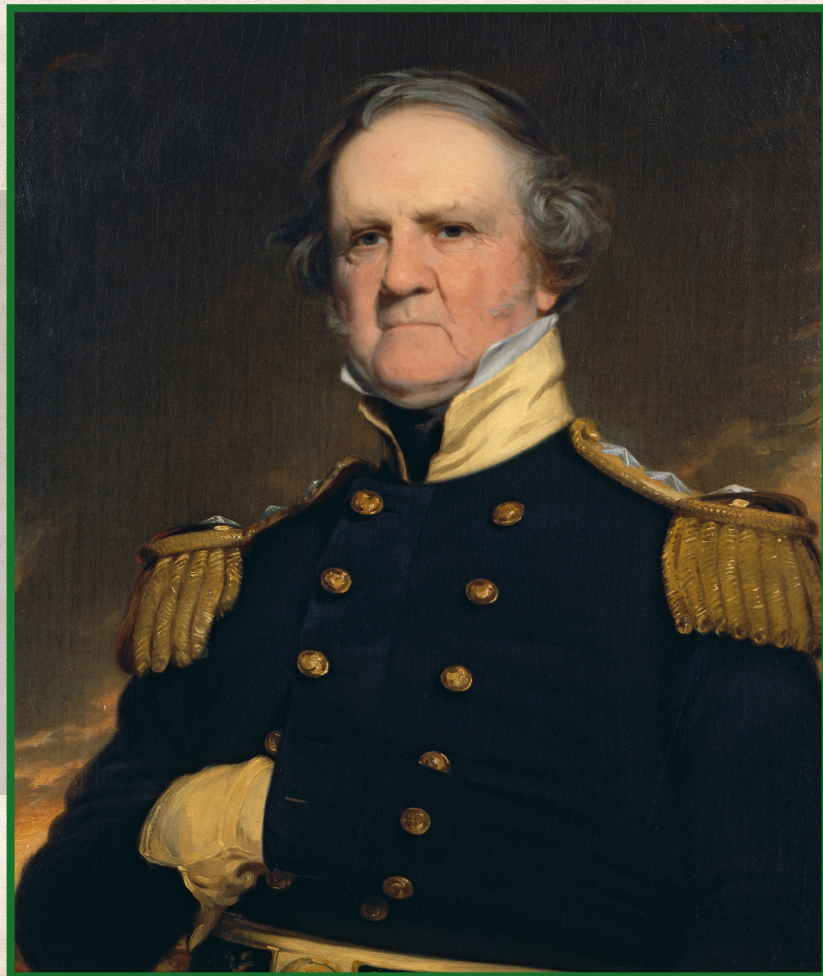


# Brave Rifles in History

The Battle of Contreras took place August 19-20 in 1847 in the final stages of the Mexican American war. This is an account- by Pvt. Sam McCurdy, Company D, Mounted Rifles:

*When the Mounted Rifles reached Contreras on August 19 and 20, they began a battle which became a 17-minute dart from the rear and ended in the capture of Contreras and all it contained.... Sergeant Hiram Dryer and the other men - dirty, hungry, and tired - threw themselves on the ground to rest. Then General Scott rode up! Of course, every man in the Regiment, with cap off, was on his feet in a moment. Immediately, a shout was heard that would have delighted the heart of any true soldier, no matter what his rank. When quiet was restored, the general addressed the men:*

*Brave Rifles, Veterans - you have been baptized in fire and blood and come out steel. Where bloody work was to be done, "the Rifles" was the cry, and there they were. All speak of them in terms of praise and admiration. What can I say? What shall I say? Language cannot express my feelings of gratitude for your gallant conduct in the terrible conflict of yesterday and this morning.*



General Winfield Scott



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**T**roopers, Families, and Friends of the 3d Cavalry Regiment, Happy Holidays! I would like to wish all of you a joyous season with your loved ones. As we all remember our many personal blessings this holiday season, we should also take a moment to remember how truly fortunate we are to have servicemen and women who serve so courageously and so selflessly—they truly are America's treasure.

I'm sure most of you are aware of the upcoming National Training Center rotation in February 2016. At this time, we cannot confirm exactly what our future is as far as deploying. At the end of our training in Fort Irwin we will be at the ready to deploy anywhere in the world. It is our duty to answer our Nation's call, and we will continue to do so as we have

for the past 169 years. We will ensure we keep everyone informed as we gather more information and determine who will actually deploy...please be flexible and remain connected.

I have been at the helm of the 3d Cavalry Regiment for over 100 days now. I am honored to be part of this incredible formation with such a rich history. I will take every opportunity that I can to thank Brave Rifles Troopers and Families for the hard work and sacrifice that they provide for the United States of America. With that being said, I'd ask each of you to take care of each other and be safe as we enter a colder and wetter than normal season. Take your time on the roadways. Rain and ice always leads to higher traffic accidents, please don't become part of this statistic.

Best wishes to each of you and

thanks for all that you have done to help keep America safe. Brave Rifles! Veterans!

Kevin D. Admiral

COL, AR

76th Colonel of the Regiment







**T**o the Troopers, I want to personally thank you for your continued service and dedication to the Brave Rifles. We are conducting intensive training across the Regiment to prepare us for our next mission. In February, we will deploy to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, where we will test our systems and be evaluated as a team. With the holidays fast approaching, it is important that we are effective in our training to remain a lethal, efficient fighting team. We will continue our efforts in our many field training exercises to ensure we are ready for combat, and reward ourselves with a hard-earned holiday break. Take pride in your work and our many accomplishments as a Regiment.

To the Families of the Brave Rifles

Trooper, thank you for your continued sacrifice and support. The Family Member is a valued-person amongst the regiment. Without your undeniable support, our Troopers would not be the strong fighting force they unremittingly prove to be. We, the command team, fully encourage our Family Members to become active in your Trooper's family readiness groups; this effort will only strengthen the Brave Rifles as a collective team as we prepare for our mission to NTC.

We welcome those Troopers and Family Members who are new to the Regiment. You will quickly discover that the Regiment is a unique, combat force that has proud traditions and history. Your time here will be challenging yet rewarding.

Over the Holidays, remember to

incorporate safety into all of your plans. Use your best judgment when making decisions and always have a plan. My expectation for every Trooper, at all levels of leadership, is to do the right thing and behave responsibly. Always remember that you represent more than yourself, you represent the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.

To the Brave Rifles Troopers, Families and friends of the past and present, I am proud to serve with each and every one of you. Thank you for your support, dedication and continued service to the Regiment.

Ai-ee-yah!

Bryan D. Barker

XXI Regimental Command Sergeant Major







**Top Left:** Col. Cameron Cantlon, 75th commander of the 3rd Cav. Regt., passes the regimental colors to Maj. Gen. Michael Bills, 1st Cav. Div. commanding general, officially ending his command of the 3rd Cav. Regt.

**Top Right:** Col. Cameron Cantlon (left) and Col. Kevin Admiral (right) salute soldiers during a pass and review at the end of the 3d Cavalry Regiment change of command ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony Admiral became the 76th commander of the regiment.

**Left:** Maj. Gen. Michael Bills, 1st Cavalry Division commander, speaks at the change of command ceremony for colonels Cameron Cantlon and Kevin Admiral at Cooper Field. Admiral replaces Cantlon after the regiment returned from a simultaneous deployment to three continents.



## Brave Rifles bid farewell, welcome new commander

Story by Maj. Vance Trenkel  
Photography by Spc. Erik Warren

Col. Cameron Cantlon, the 75th Commander of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, passed the reigns to Col. Kevin Admiral during a change of command ceremony at Cooper Field on Wednesday.

Maj. General Michael Bills, 1st Cavalry Division commanding general and 72nd commander of the Brave Rifles, was the reviewing officer for the ceremony. Bills spoke extensively about Cantlon's tenure as the 75th commander of the regiment.

"Cam implemented a brilliant training plan that not only enhanced mission readiness, but prepared the regiment to take on the mission to close out Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan," he said. "From June 2014 to March 2015, the Brave Rifles went to Afghanistan, they fought and they made a difference."

Bills also thanked Daphne Cantlon for her contributions to the Families

and the troopers of 3rd Cav. Regt. and the 1st Cav. Div.

Cantlon took command in July 2013. Not long after he took the reins, he was charged with conducting three vastly geographically separated missions in Afghanistan, Egypt and Cuba.

Under Cantlon, the Brave Rifles conducted security and advising missions in south and east Afghanistan, detainee operations at Guantanamo Detention Facility in Cuba, and upheld an almost four-decade-old peace treaty by providing a squadron for the Multinational Forces and Observers in the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt.

This was the third time that the Cantlon family had been stationed at Fort Hood and the third time he has served with the Brave Rifles. Previously, he has served as the 2nd Squadron executive officer and operations officer, as well as the

deputy commander of the regiment.

"I'm so proud to be part of this unit's history," said Cantlon. In his speech, he gave a special thank you message to all levels of leaders within the 3rd Cav. Regt. for their professional leadership during decentralized training and operations in the past two years.

The Cantlons will move to the Military District of Washington for their next tour of duty.

The incoming commander, Col. Kevin Admiral, and Family have come to Fort Hood from the Royal College of Defense Studies in London, where he was a Senior Service College Fellow.

Before that, Admiral was the battalion commander of the 36th Infantry Regiment at Fort Bliss, where he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It's truly an honor to join your ranks," said Admiral, as he formally addressed the troopers of 3rd Cav. Regt. for the first time. Admiral also thanked the Cantlons for making the transition to Fort Hood for his wife, Charmain, and daughter, Kaitlyn, so easy.

The event was capped off by the 1st Cav. Div. Band playing the 3rd Cav. Regt. March, the Spirit of the Cav., and the Army Song. Finally, the horse detachment did a cavalry charge across Cooper Field, complete with ceremonial cannons firing.







**Above:** Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Heinze, outgoing senior enlisted advisor of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, passes the regimental colors to Col. Kevin Admiral, 3d CR's commander, ending his time as senior enlisted advisor during a change of responsibility ceremony on Cooper Field, Sept. 23, at Fort Hood, Texas. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tomora Clark, 3d Cavalry Regiment Public Affairs)

**Left:** Command Sgt. Maj. Bryan Barker, incoming senior enlisted advisor of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, speaks Sept. 23 during his change of responsibility ceremony on Cooper Field at Fort Hood, Texas. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tomora Clark, 3d Cavalry Regiment Public Affairs)



# 3d Cavalry Regiment welcomes new CSM

Story and photography by Staff Sgt. Tomora Clark

The 3d Cavalry Regiment gathered beneath the blazing sun on Cooper Field here Sept. 23 for a change of responsibility ceremony. Outgoing Command Sgt. Maj., Roger Heinze, relinquished responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Bryan Barker. The ceremony began with an introduction of the time Heinze spent in the regiment and an overview of his career. This was Heinze's second time serving with the Brave Rifles in his 28-year career in the Army.

In 2010-2011, Heinze was a squadron command sergeant major. He then returned to the regiment as senior enlisted advisor in 2013. As the CSM, he was on the regimental leadership team through its most recent deployment to Afghanistan in 2014-2015.

With a large formation of Troopers standing behind their unit's colors, Heinze passed the guidon to Col. Kevin Admiral, 3d CR commander, who then passed it to Barker.

The regimental commander began his remarks with the time he spent with Heinze. Although it has only six weeks since Admiral arrived with the Brave Rifles, he spoke fondly of the relationship between them.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Heinze has inspired us all with his drive, resolve and devotion to the Troopers of this great regiment," said Admiral. Admiral concluded his remarks by welcoming the incoming CSM and their future relationship.

"Today, we welcome the 21st Command Sgt. Maj., Bryan Barker," said Admiral. "His expertise as a light infantryman ushers in a new era for the Brave Rifles."

The next speaker to approach the lectern was Heinze, who delivered a heartfelt speech about his time in at the regiment.

"Twenty-four months ago I assumed the position of 3d Cavalry Regi-

mental command sergeant major, and this train has not slowed down yet; where did the time go," said Heinze. "It flew by as we completed the enormous amount of tasks all units must complete within the Army." As Heinze's speech neared the end, his emotions ran rapid as he paused to thank people to whom he owed gratitude toward for his success within the position.

But one group stood out above the rest.

"To the Troopers - each and every one of you are my doggone heroes," said Heinze. "Best of Luck to you both [Admiral and Barker] as you embark on this journey here at Fort Hood.

Barker then followed Heinze making a few remarks thanking all in attendance as he begins his time at the regiment. He then took command of the Troopers in formation as the first order of business in his new position... the Regiment's command sergeant major.





# Live fire training with airmen

Story and photography by Susan Garcia

The 3rd Cavalry Regiment recently conducted live fire training with the U.S. Air Force Weapons School for two weeks during close-air support missions on the Nevada Test and Training Range at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada.

The USAFWS trains tactical experts and leaders skilled in the art of integrated battlespace dominance across the land, air, space and cyber domains.

The school consists of 18 squadrons teaching 24 graduate-level weapons instructor courses. The regiment lent its expertise and Stryker support to the 66th Weapons Squadron's Joint Terminal Attack Controller course.

"The 66th WPS welcomes opportunities to train with organizations like 3rd Cav. Regt.," said Capt. Brian Wildey, a mortars platoon leader with 3rd Cav. Regt. "It enriches the learning experience for its students.

Adding the double v-hull Strykers to the fight brought firepower that most JTAC students do not have the chance to see. In exchange, the range instructors of Creech Air Force Base offered freedom of movement to set up gun lines and execute against targets."

The crossflow of information between the USAFWS and the regiment highlighted the importance of planning and executing during joint operations.

"Being able to integrate ground operations, surface fires and (close air support was a tremendous opportunity for our JTAC students," said Capt. Dennis Seay, flight commander, JTAC Weapons Instructor Course, 66th WPS.

"Whether our students are coming from primarily special operations or a

conventional background, they have very little experience with Strykers. The mobility and responsiveness from the 3rd Cav. Regt. Strykers allowed us to move around the battlefield very quickly and provide integrated fires within seconds of identifying a target."

The Brave Rifles also provided joint fires observers who worked with the JTAC students to identify ground targets and call in strikes.

Declaring the CAS missions with the regiment a success, Seay cited many benefits to the joint training.

"The integration of 120mm mortars and (joint fires observers), A-10s, F-16s and our JTACs proved to be a lethal combination," Seay said. "We were able to develop and validate tactics, techniques and procedures as the two-week exercise progressed. Having the full CAS team available for the planning, execution and debrief is a benchmark we will continue at the JTAC Course."





# Brave Rifles troopers prepare for next NTC rotation

Story and photography by 1st Lt. Matthew C. Jincks

Troopers with 1st Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, assembled their deployable rapid assembly shelter at the Fort Hood Mission Command Training Center Sept. 14-18.

This mission directly supported their squad training and tested their equipment for their upcoming rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

Currently, the majority of the unit is in the field conducting squad and live-fire training exercises in preparation for more complex operations later in the year.

Soldiers learned the proper use and capabilities of the installed systems, including power generation, overviews of the command post platform and crew access unit system and joint capabilities release operations.

"The capabilities of the technology we can bring to the table now provides the ability to integrate multiple systems into one easy to use system," said Thomas Kirkbride, instructor for the CAU class. "A good functional (tactical operations center) that uses all its digital systems will have no problem at NTC or on any deployment."

This is the squadron's first decisive action rotation since the start of the war, and their first NTC rotation without a confirmed follow-on mission.

"It would be great to have a confirmed follow-on mission, so we can focus our gated training towards that mission set," said Capt. Josh Smith, an intelligence officer. "However, with the NTC DA rotation 16-04 on the horizon, this allows for us to train towards the DA fight."

Despite the squadron's shortened reset timeline after returning from Afghanistan and Cuba followed by an accelerated training timeline, Soldiers will be prepared



Thomas Kirkbride, a mission command systems integration team network specialist, instructs troopers on the crew access unit system and its capabilities. Photo by 1st Lt. Matthew C. Jincks, 1st Sqdn., 3rd Cav. Regt.

Troopers from 1st Sqdn., 3rd Cav. Regt., shops work to set up the unit's tactical operations center to check system capabilities. This preparation was part of a larger set up that included other squadrons of regiment's preparation for NTC at Fort Irwin, California. Soldiers focused on systems integration in a tactical environment during the training.



for whatever happens at NTC.

Even without a follow on mission, a unit's overall readiness is an important factor that must always be taken into account, and any chance to get out and train leadership as well as Soldiers' skills is a great opportunity that should not be wasted, said Smith.

"We are working to ensure

100 percent readiness for the upcoming NTC rotation, and are very fortunate to have both experienced analysts and new analysts ready to learn and adapt their skill sets," said Staff Sgt. Sarah Horton.

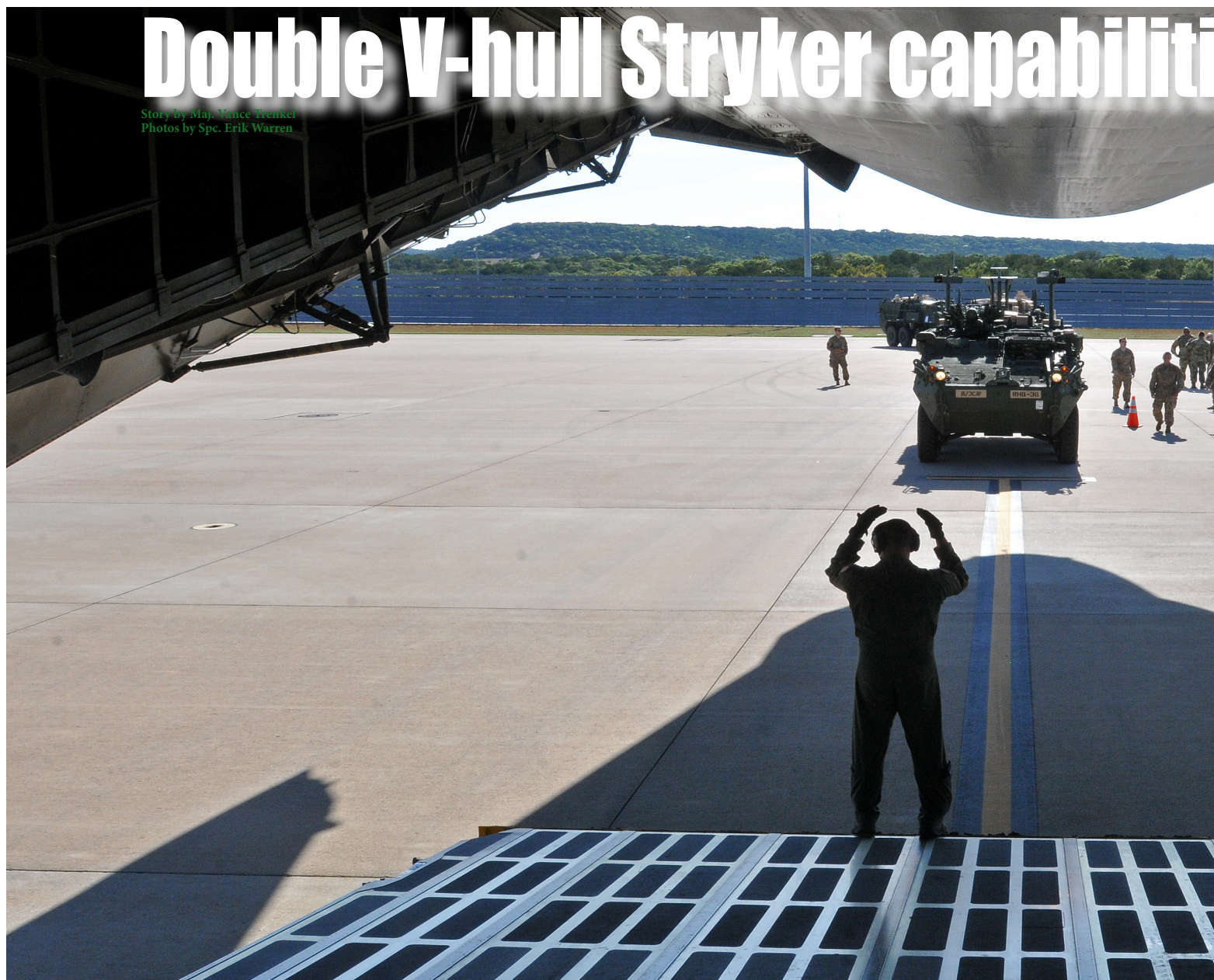
"I have no doubt that the Tiger Squadron (intelligence) shop will be one of the most prepared shops in the regiment upon deployment to the National Training Center."





# Double V-hull Stryker capabilities

Story by Maj. Vance Trenkel  
Photos by Spc. Erik Warren



Pvt. Jayme Bryant (right) and Pvt. Christopher Compo, both indirect fire infantrymen with 3-3 Cav. Regt., use chains to secure one of four Strykers to be airlifted from Robert Gray Army Airfield to Creech Air Force Base, Nev., Sept. 12.

A C-5M Super Galaxy transport aircraft opens its rear doors to load a Stryker Sept. 12. The vehicles are the new double V-hull conversions that improve Soldier safety in the event of an improvised explosive device blast.





# ties tested



**Above:** Double V hull Strykers from the 3rd Cav. Regt. are loaded into a C-5M Super Galaxy transport aircraft at Robert Gray Army Airfield Sept. 12 for it to be airlifted to Creech Air Force Base, Nev.

**Left:** An Air Force crewman guides a Stryker from the 3rd Cav. Regt. into a C-5M Super Galaxy transport aircraft at Robert Gray Army Airfield Sept. 12 for it to be airlifted Sept. 12 to Creech Air Force Base, Nev.

Mortar Platoon troopers from 3rd Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, loaded four new double V-hull Strykers into the belly of a C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft to train at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, Sept. 12.

These troopers are scheduled to conduct joint-firing exercises with A-10 Warthogs in the Nevada desert.

"We are going to sling some rounds and do some joint training," said Lt. Col. Todd Hook, the 3rd Sqdn. commander. "This mobilization is very similar to a deployment. Working with different services and watching jets drop bombs is great for both the new folks and some of the more seasoned guys."

The 3rd Cav. Regt. troopers will integrate with Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, specially trained airmen who work with ground forces to communicate with air elements on the battlefield.

"Creech is for the best of the best," said Lt. Col. Garner Hixson, 11th Air Support Operations Squadron, 3rd Air Support Operations Group. "The best pilots and the best instructors all work at the weapons school there. The troopers will be calling for fire and close air support while coordinating with different elements in the next two weeks."

Loading the double V-hull Strykers was no easy task, Hixson said.

"The load master had to do a lot of math for this," said Hixson, as there was very little room with four Strykers and a humvee strapped down in the belly of the aircraft.

Pvt. Roberto Rodriguez has only been in 3rd Sqdn. for three weeks, and this is his first duty station, but he said he's excited to train in the desert.

"I didn't think I'd ever get to go to Nevada," Rodriguez said. "I look forward to assisting the Air Force and throwing a lot of rounds."

The 3rd Cav. Regt. troops will be at Creech AFB for 16 days before they load their Strykers on another C-5M Super Galaxy and return to Fort Hood.





# Third Cavalry Museum

## MUSEUM HOURS

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Created in 1930, the museum has followed the Regiment to every location it has called home. In 1986 the museum was officially staffed with professionals, charged with the responsibility of keeping the Regiment's history alive.



This animated picture frame is of Pvt. Timothy Cunningham, the first Trooper to lose his life during the battle of Vera Cruz, Mexico. After 164 years, his memory lives on as he welcomes each visitor who enters the museum.



3rd U.S. Cavalry  
Association Gift Shop  
located inside the museum







**Left:** Staff Sgt. Melvin Walker, a platoon sergeant with Medic Platoon, HHT, 4-3 Cav. Regt., ensures Pfc. Jim Hurtado has all of the required items listed for the Expert Field Medical Badge course Sept. 9 outside his barracks room at Fort Hood.

# NCO helps Soldier overcome crisis

Story by Maj. Vance Trenkel  
Photo by Spc. Erik Warren

Staff Sgt. Melvin Walker was awarded a coin from III Corps Commanding General Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland Sept. 3 for heroically intervening when a fellow trooper was in dire need.

Earlier in August, Walker, a platoon sergeant with Medic Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron "Longknife," 3rd Cavalry Regiment was having dinner with his family when he received an alarming phone call.

One of his troopers stated, "I'm going to go to jail or kill myself."

Instantly, Walker drove to the service member's house and saw the man in need sitting on the curb with a large knife.

Walker notified the police of what he saw, but then proceeded to diffuse the situation himself. Walker sat with the service member and began doing everything he could to relax this

Soldier in need.

The Soldier had been going through a lot of stress. As well as being a combat veteran, he was having difficulty adjusting to life back in the U.S.

Patiently and peacefully, Walker removed the knife from the service member prior to the police arriving at the scene.

"I care about you," Walker said over and over, ensuring the trooper understood he had support.

Soon, the police arrived, which alarmed the service member. He began to get aggressive and suggested that 'suicide-by-cop' was an option for his current situation.

Walker continued to calm the service member down.

Over a period of four stressful hours, Walker convinced the service member to go peacefully to the hospital. Using training he had received from

Army Resiliency Training, he attempted to help the service member, "find the good stuff."

Walker helped the Soldier realize what he would miss if he committed suicide.

After Walker got the Soldier admitted to the hospital, he stayed with him for the first night. After 11 hectic hours, Walker finally decided that the service member was in good hands and was calm enough to be left with care providers.

"It was nothing special," Walker said. "It's what we are supposed to do for each other."

MacFarland brought Walker into a meeting at III Corps Headquarters to recognize him in front of numerous other leaders on Fort Hood.

"This is the kind of leadership we need from the NCO Corps," MacFarland said. "Walker has set an example for the rest of the Army."

Walker was presented with a III Corps coin, but more importantly, his actions were made the standard for troopers and leaders on Fort Hood.

Walker has spent most of his career on Fort Hood. He just reenlisted for stabilization. In his 15 years in the military, only three were spent not stationed in Central Texas.

Walker, his wife Naomi, and four children are Texans, through and through. When Walker's daughter was born in Oklahoma, Melvin and Naomi brought dirt from their home state that they spread on a towel in the birthing room so she could be born on Texas soil.

"Preventing suicide is a priority for the command," Walker said. "As a medic, we see it all the time. I really see it as a good thing that the leadership is enforcing training for us to identify and react to suicidal ideations."

"If everyone can do a small part," he added, "it can have a big impact."





# Team leader academy preps regimental leaders

Story and photography by Capt. Morgan Perry



**Top left:** A trooper with the 3rd Cav. Regt. pulls perimeter security as part of a situational training lane conducted during 2nd Sqdn.'s team leader academy conducted from Sept. 7-18.

Twenty-one troopers with 2nd Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment graduated from the rigorous Sabre team leader academy Sept. 18.

The course included events geared toward testing the junior leaders' physical abilities. It also focused on exercises in field craft, patrol base operations, counseling methods and many other areas vital to the success of a junior leader while rotating through various leadership positions.

"The team leader academy taught us to lead and train men in a stressful environment; providing purpose, motivation, direction and intent," said Cpl. Wesley Hughes, the academy's distinguished graduate with Troop D.

The training was divided into two week-long portions. The first week was conducted primarily in a classroom setting and focused on instructing students about team and squad level tactics, field casualty care and junior leader administrative responsibilities.

The training also included brief situational tactical exercises where the students refined their understanding of these concepts.

The second week consisted of a weeklong field training exercise where students were put through complex situa-

tions that had students utilize all they had learned the week before as they exercised tactical leadership.

The rigorous nature of the training tested the students' abilities to lead under stress, said Cpl. Justin Woodard, Troop F, 2nd Sqdn.

"I really learned how to make decisions in hectic environments," he said.

"It was difficult at times, but extremely valuable training."

Woodard also received the highest physical fitness test score in the class.

The graduation ceremony also recognized the immense contributions of the senior noncommissioned officers responsible for planning, coordinating and executing the training.

"The academy truly tested the character and competence of our future leaders," said 1st Sgt. Shaun Morgan, Troop D, 2nd Sqdn. "Our Soldiers learned a lot about small unit tactics, and a lot about leadership and accomplishing the mission."

The guest speaker for the event, Sgt. Major Roland Martinez, a prior operations sergeant major for squadron, highlighted the importance of the training each student received and discussed his experience as a leader in the Army.

"We taxed them mentally and physically, constantly changed duty positions and asked them to lead each other," Morgan said. "Our Soldiers learned that true leadership is demonstrated when the chips are down and the boys are tired, hungry and dreading the next step."

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**Bottom right:** Lt. Col. Mark Belinsky, commander of 2-3 Cav. Regt., presents Cpl. Justin Woodard the Army Achievement Medal for achieving the highest Army Physical Fitness Test score Sept. 18 at Fort Hood.





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# TROOPERS IN ACTION



Participants in the Brave Rifles week obstacle course race work together to get thorough as quickly as possible. The event was part of the regiment's birthday week festivities.

Soldiers of the LRS company attached to Longknife Squadron load an aircraft to perform a night high altitude low open jump in the skies above Fort Hood.



**Top:** Strykers maneuver in the field while conducting training to prepare for the 3d Cavalry Regiment's upcoming rotation to the National Training Center.

**Bottom:** Long Range Surveillance company soldiers attached to Longknife Squadron are lifted by a UH-60 Blackhawk during exfiltration training.







**Top:** Regimental Troopers open capsaicin tablets in a gas chamber at Fort Hood ranges. The soldiers conducted PT, radio, and medical training while wearing masks.  
**Bottom:** Spc. Gilbert Frazier, a combat engineer assigned to Pioneer Squadron, stands in front of his troop after being awarded the Purple Heart Ribbon in front of 3d Cavalry Regiment headquarters.



Staff Sgt. Antwan Cooper, Regimental Engineer Squadron, 3rd Cav. Regt., launches a RQ-11B Raven July 9 during a training session at Fort Hood.

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A MGS Stryker fires its main gun while at a range on Fort Hood. The training is part of the preparations for the Regiment's upcoming rotation to the National Training Center.





# What do you like most about 3CR:



**Pvt. Rhower Ward**  
Infantrymen  
Tiger Squadron

"There is good leadership. I like being out in the field, and we have done a lot of training here. I am also proud of the history behind 3d Cav."



**Pfc. Mychea Roberts**  
Human Recourse Specialist  
Sabre Squadron

"The people here are motivated to get stuff done. I have also seen a lot of good NCOs here. They are open and easy to talk to."

**Sgt. Michael Manwiller**  
Stryker Commander  
Thunder Squadron

"The Regiment has high standards for it Troopers. There is a lot expected of us from the command. But, they allow us to complete the mission in our own way as long as the task get completed."



**Pfc. Anthony Wagner**  
Infantrymen  
Longknife Squadron

"I've been here for more than two years, and I've been able to meet people from all across the world who are very close to one another. 3d Cav. has been a family to me, one that looks out for its members and is always there for them."

**Sgt. Jesus Segura**  
Combat Engineer  
Regimental Engineer Squadron

"From my last unit to this one, there are more people acting as a family and doing activities with each other. We get to train a lot too."



**Spc. Darby Corn**  
Radar Operator  
Steel Squadron

"I like the motivation around here. The battery runs we do twice a week keeps everybody's energy up."



**Pfc. Justin Esquer**  
Food Service Specialist,  
Regimental Support Squadron

"I really like the camaraderie of my troop. We are like a family. I rarely ever feel alone. We always have something to do with other 3CR members."



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# Memoriam

*3d Cavalry Regiment remembers the Troopers  
who now gather on Fiddler's Green.*

*Spc. Brian Luckey*

*Steel Squadron*

*Sgt. Thomas Reyes*

*Pioneer Squadron*

## 3d U.S. Cavalry Association

*“Connecting the Veterans of today with the Veterans of yesterday.”*

The 3d Cavalry Association's mission is to support the 3d Cavalry Regiment's Troopers, their families, former Troopers, the families of wounded and those Troopers who gave their all for our freedom, and to preserve the history and heritage of the Regiment. We also provide care and upkeep of the 3d CR Memorial dedicated to all Troopers and attached Troopers who gave thier life in combat with the 3d CR. The Association operates a Gift Shop (located next to the 3d CR Museum) open to all Troopers and families. As a member of the 3d Cavalry Association, you will play a large part in preserving its history, tradition and heritage. Membership information can be found at: [www.braverifles.org](http://www.braverifles.org)



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