

Static Line

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3rd Brigade Combat Team
82nd Airborne Division**



Spring 2018

From Panther 6

Paratroopers, Family and Friends of the Panther Brigade,

The Panther Brigade continues to maintain the highest state of readiness as we conclude the first quarter of 2018.

Our high operations tempo placed Paratroopers of the Brigade into tough, realistic training and improved their proficiency at technical, tactical and airborne tasks.

Supporting our Warfighters, the Brigade's Family Readiness Groups conducted numerous high-quality and well organized events, which provided our Paratroopers and their Families quality time together as they enjoyed what Fort Bragg and Fayetteville have to offer.

I want to congratulate 1LT Jacob Poag of 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment who distinguished himself by winning the Janney Cup.

The brigade hosts the Janney Cup each year in honor of 2nd Lt. Richard Janney, a member of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment killed in World War II during fighting in Italy, when the vehicle he was driving struck a land mine.

A 48-hour event comprised of numerous events testing the grit, physical fitness and knowledge of the Brigade's junior Company-Grade officers, the Janney Cup pushed each Lieutenant to their physical and mental limits.

1LT Poag persevered through each event and excelled in front of a board composed of senior Brigade leadership to earn the Janney Cup. He exemplifies the quality of junior officers leading Paratroopers of this brigade.

Looking forward, this year's All American Week is scheduled to begin with the Division Run on May 21st and conclude May 24th with the All American Review. I wish to extend an enthusiastic invitation to everyone who is able to visit Fort Bragg and visit the Brigade during this time. You will bear witness to a great event that builds esprit de corps and comradery across the Division.

I would like to extend a special invitation to members of the Golden Brigade to attend our Golden Brigade breakfast at our dining facility on Monday, May 21st. As members of 3rd Brigade that deployed to Vietnam 50 years ago, it is my hope that this breakfast brings our Vietnam veterans together with our current Paratroopers for breakfast and quality fellowship.

Veterans of the Golden Brigade, the valor and comradery you displayed in the jungles of Vietnam inspires us as we train and prepare to answer our nation's call and your story is an integral part of the brigade's history.

CSM Johnson and I remain honored and humbled to lead such a great organization composed of men and women willing to fight and win on any drop zone in the world. We thank each of you for your service, your dedication and your support to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

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COL Gregory Beaudoin
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CSM Kenneth Johnson
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All American Week XXIX

The Next Century Begins



21 May - Division Run



21 May - Golden Brigade Breakfast



22 May - Prayer Breakfast



22 May - Distinguished Member of the Regiment Ceremony
Honorary Member of the Regiment Ceremony
Brigade Picnic



23 May - Gold Star Family Luncheon
Division Memorial
Competition Awards Ceremony



24 May - All American Review



38CT Event



Division-Wide Event



Photo by Maj. Thomas Cieslak

Recipients of the Iron Mike Award from 3rd Brigade Combat Team pose for a photo January 31 after a ceremony recognizing their commitment to the Fort Bragg community. Mrs. Savannah Walker, third from left, was recognized with the Silver Star Award for completing over 750 volunteer hours.

The Fort Bragg community gathered Wednesday, January 31st to honor and recognize excellence in volunteerism.

The Iron Mike Award Ceremony recognized men, women and youths in the Fort Bragg community who have made significant contributions through their consistent, enduring commitment to volunteering. The awards were created in 2001 as a means of recognizing volunteers who go above and beyond all expectations in their service to the installation and community.

Awardees from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team included Mrs. Kate Crawford, Mrs. Angela Elgin,

Mrs. Allison Gavin, Mrs. Jennifer McChrystal, Mrs. Amy Otero and Mrs. Candice Reilly, all of whom received the Iron Mike Pin.

Mrs. Mary Kate Wright and Mrs. Ashley Fletcher were recognized for their service with the Bronze Star award.

Mrs. Savannah Walker whose spouse currently serves with the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment was honored for her commitment to the Fort Bragg community for completing over 750 hours of volunteer service. She was nominated for the recognition by two different organizations.

Cobalt Conducts Demolition Training

*Photos by
Spc. Houston Graham*



Paratroopers assigned to Company A, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion conducted demolition training Tuesday, February 6th on a Fort Bragg, N.C. range.

The training began with a block of instruction informing the Paratroopers on the proper employment, preparation and placement of demolition charges.

The instruction also taught the Paratroopers proper safety measures that must be taken when working with explosives to protect both their safety and the safety of bystanders.



Gator Mechanics Keep Panthers Moving



Through their skill, technical proficiency and dedication, mechanics assigned to the 82nd Brigade Support Battalion kept Paratroopers of the 3rd Brigade rolling throughout the first quarter of 2018.

Often working behind the scenes and out of sight, their countless hours of work and focus maintains a huge and diverse fleet of vehicles, keeping the brigade at the highest level of readiness possible.



By the Numbers:

6324

The number of work hours BSB mechanics have logged conducting services, maintenance and repairs since the beginning of 2018.

113

The number of jobs completed by BSB mechanics since the beginning of 2018 on 3BCT vehicles to keep the Panther brigade moving.

1P Families Enjoy Valentine's Dance

Paratroopers and family members of the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment enjoyed a Sweetheart Family Dance Friday, February 9th at the Family Readiness Group Center on Pope Army Airfield, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



The event, organized by the battalion's Family Readiness Group, treated attendees to a relaxing time involving music, games and treats to celebrate Valentine's Day and the upcoming Spring season.

The event gave Paratroopers and their families a welcome opportunity to gather and enjoy some fellowship as the battalion continues its high pace of training, field exercises and operations.



Cav Spouses Earn Their Spurs



Over 70 Cavalry Spouses of the 82nd Airborne Division recently earned the right to be named “Spur Holders.”

Spouses from three of the 82nd's Cavalry Squadrons; 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment and 1st and 5th Squadrons of the 73rd Cavalry Regiment participated in a Cavalry Spouse Spur Ride February 15th on Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

“Cavalry is a mindset. It is a culture of embracing risk to protect others from surprise and discover opportunities. All Cavalry Squadrons have that in common with one another,” said Lt. Col. Scott Pence, Commander of the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. “When we do an event like this with our spouses, it forges a bond between us all.”

Organized by Pence’s squadron, this was the first spur ride involving spouses from the division’s multiple Cavalry Squadrons. The day-long event began at Pike Field with participants dividing into groups and proceeding to stations testing their physical fitness and mental agility. Stations included the Field Leader’s Reaction Course, the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer and the U.S. Army Advanced Airborne School.

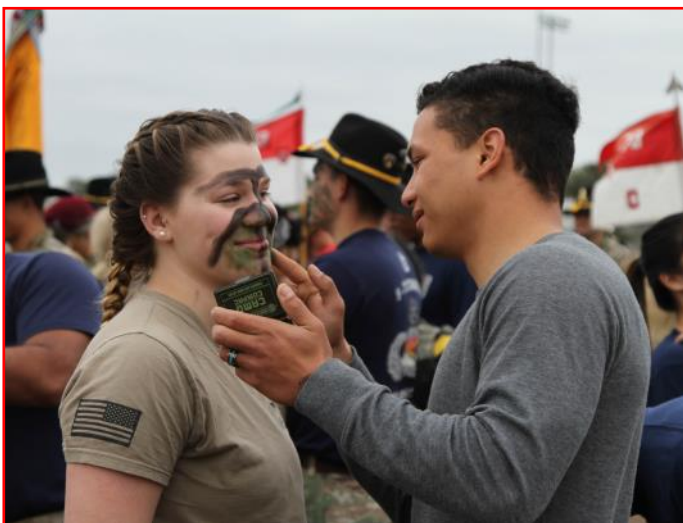


Photo by Sgt. Winston Pacheco
A Cavalry soldier assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, right, applies camouflage to a participant of the Spouse Spur Ride February 15, 2018.



Spouses of soldiers assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's Cavalry Squadrons navigate an obstacle on Fort Bragg's Leaders Reaction Course during the Spouse Spur Ride held February 15, 2018.

More than 70 spouses from the 82nd Airborne Division's Cavalry Squadrons earned their spurs by demonstrating their mental and physical endurance.

Photo by Sgt. Winston Pacheco

"We wanted Cavalry Spouses from across the division to come out here and feel pride in accomplishing difficult tasks," said Lt. Col John Tackaberry, Commander of the 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade. "Events like this build strong bonds within Family Readiness Groups and strong FRGs are the backbone of support for the Cavalry trooper when we are deployed."

The Spouse Spur Ride developed camaraderie between spouses and within the FRG said Mrs. Jennifer Smith, a spouse of a soldier assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 1-17 CAV.

"When spouses see events like this, just get out and participate; you will be glad you did and get to know a lot of people you can rely on in the future," continues Smith.

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The Golden Brigade Breakfast

Monday, May 21

3rd Brigade Dining Facility

A-3556 Butner Rd. Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Golden Brigade Veterans, you are invited to enjoy breakfast at the 3rd Brigade Dining Facility where we will honor and recognize you for the courage you displayed in the jungles of Vietnam 50 years ago.



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the Official Event Website



Loyalty Conducts Battle-Focused Physical Readiness Training

Paratroopers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment conducted Battle-Focused Physical Readiness Training the morning of Friday, February 23rd.

Split into teams of 8, the day started with each team having to do a combined total of 319 push-ups and 319 sit-ups before a 2-mile ruck run on trails surrounding Pike Field. During the ruck run, participants were required to don their protective masks for the final part.

Next, Loyalty Paratroopers conducted a rigging exercise, demonstrating their airborne proficiency under physical stress.

The event concluded with gun teams emplacing their howitzers while Fire Support Specialists conducted Combat Life Saver tasks.



Fury Conducts Chemical Defense Training



Paratroopers assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment conducted Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear confidence training Tuesday, February 27th on Fort Bragg, N.C.

The training began with a block of instruction informing the Paratroopers how the CBRN equipment is employed and protects them.

After the block of instruction, the training progressed to a confidence-building exercise designed to help Paratroopers understand the capabilities and limitations of their M50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask.



Paratroopers donned their mask and enter an enclosed chamber filled with CS gas, commonly known as tear gas. They conducted a series of exercises to demonstrate how the M50 continues to protect them during movement before removing their masks and exiting the chamber.



2P Honors Fallen Comrades with Workout of the Day



Photos by Sgt. Winston Pacheco

Panthers of 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment conducted a Hero Workout of the Day Monday, March 5 to honor six fallen Paratroopers who were assigned to C Company, 2/505 PIR when they were killed by improvised explosive device March 5, 2007 in Iraq's Salahuddin Province. Honored were SSG Justin Estes, SSG Robert Stanley, SGT Andrew Perkins, SPC Ryan Bell, SPC Justin Rollins and PFC Cory Kusters.

Paratroopers assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment gathered early Monday, March 5 to honor six fallen comrades.

SSG Justin Estes, SSG Robert Stanley, SGT Andrew Perkins, SPC Ryan Bell, SPC Justin Rollins and PFC Cory Kusters were killed March 5, 2007 in Iraq's Salahuddin Province by a roadside bomb.

The 2P Panthers honored the fallen heroes with a Workout of the Day; an intense and challenging physical fitness workout while learning about the lives of the fallen heroes who were assigned to the battalion's Charlie Company.

Their Company Commander at the time, Capt. Eugene Farris, called each of the soldiers a hero and said it was an honor to serve with each of them.



2P Hero 5MAR Hero WOD:

1 Round:

- 1 x Rope Climb
- 10 x Knees to Chest (Pull-Up Bar)
- 400M Overhead plate run (45 lbs)
- 10 x Box Jumps
- 10 x Tire Flips
- 50m Skedco Litter Pulls

For 60 minutes of as many rounds possible.

25 Burpee penalty for not completing a workout.

First Quarter Best Squad Competitions

Each month this quarter, Panther paratroopers from across the brigade participated in a competition to determine the Best Squad.

The Best Squad Competition draws its roots from when Colonel Jim Gavin, the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment's Commander in 1943, wanted to motivate paratroopers of the regiment with competition while they were stationed at Camp Billy Mitchell in Alabama. The winners of the original Best Squad Competition were the paratroopers of 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Delta Company.

Today's Best Squad Competitions are held in the same competitive spirit and require Panther paratroopers to rapidly ruck-march over 6 miles, sometimes with their CBRNE protective masks on.

Some stations along the way test the paratroopers' airborne knowledge by requiring them to identify errors in a rucksack's rigging. Other stations might test their ability to assemble and disassemble weapons or their first-aid knowledge by presenting them with a simulated patient who is unconscious and requires medical attention.



First Quarter Best Squads



January's Best Squad
2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment



February's Best Squad
2nd Battalion, 508th
Parachute Infantry Regiment



March's Best Squad
2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment

The Janney Cup

Lieutenants from across the brigade competed March 8 and 9 in the Janney Cup on Fort Bragg, N.C. The 48-hour competition tested the junior officers' physical fitness, grit, technical skills and historical knowledge through a demanding series of events.

The brigade hosts the Janney Cup each year in honor of 2nd Lt. Richard Janney, a member of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment killed fighting in Italy during WWII when the vehicle he was driving struck a land mine.



Photo by Sgt. Cody Parsons

Lieutenants assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division complete a timed 12-mile ruck march on March 8th as part of the Janney Cup.



Photo by Spc. John Lytle

Lieutenants assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division participate in a written test evaluating their knowledge of the brigade's history and heritage March 8th as part of the Janney Cup.



Photo by Sgt. Zackary Nixon

A Lieutenant assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, negotiates an obstacle on the All American Mile March 9th as part of the Janney Cup.

The Janney Cup began early Thursday, March 8th on Pike Field with an Army Physical Fitness Test. Lieutenants soon stepped off onto a timed 12-mile ruck march through the Fort Bragg training area.

After completing the ruck march, the junior officers' marksmanship was tested during a stress shoot. Participants performed a series of physically demanding tasks and then engaged targets with their assigned weapon in various positions and stances. The next event tested the Lieutenants' technical skills through a number of medical, communications, weapons and airborne proficiency lanes. The day concluded with a written exam testing their knowledge of the 505th's heritage and history.

The second day of the Janney Cup saw the Lieutenants' competing in a timed run of the All American Mile, an obstacle course, in their combat equipment and concluded with the top-ten scoring participants appearing in front of a board composed of battalion and brigade senior leaders.



A Lieutenant assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, left, participates in a stress shoot event March 8th as part of the Janney Cup.

The event tested participants' marksmanship after performing a series of physical fitness events.

Photo by Sgt. Cody Parsons

The Janney Cup Winner



The winner of the Janney Cup is 1st Lt. Jacob Poag of 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment! 1LT Poag persevered over every other Panther Brigade Lieutenant during the 48-hour competition held March 8 and 9, achieving the highest average score during the series of events.

“I try to build an environment where excellence, competitiveness and hard work is prized as well as rewarded,” said the Brentwood, Tennessee native. “My greatest hope is my actions and performance inspire young Paratroopers and leaders to become the best Team Leaders, Squad Leaders and Platoon Sergeants who will successfully lead their Paratroopers into combat.”

Farewell to P9



Photo by Sgt. Cody Parsons

Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Johnson, the 3rd Brigade Command Sergeant Major, center, is stands with leader team from across the brigade during a March 20th ceremony thanking him and his spouse for their service and commitment to the Paratroopers and families of the brigade.

Paratroopers, families and friends of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team gathered March 20th at McKellar's Lodge on Fort Bragg, North Carolina to celebrate the service of the brigade's senior noncommissioned officer.

Members of the brigade thanked Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Johnson and his family for their service and dedication to the paratroopers and families of the brigade over the past two years.

"As Command Sergeant Major of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, he focused on empowering leaders who develop and trust Paratroopers," said Col. Gregory Beaudoin, the brigade commander about Johnson's service. "CSM Johnson knows that our chosen profession is about people! He fostered a climate where leaders know that they must intervene and seek assistance to take care of our Paratroopers and their families."

"There was Never a Plan 'B'"

Paratrooper fulfills life mission to serve as Chaplain in the United States Army

As a child, Capt. Oleksandr Ishchuk dreamed of becoming an officer in the Ukrainian Army. Today, he is fulfilling his life's calling as a Chaplain in the United States Army's 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

"Serving in the U.S. Army as a chaplain is a fulfillment of the mission I know God calls me to," said Ishchuk. "It is also an opportunity for me to serve the country that extended hospitality while offering refuge and endless opportunities to me and my family."

When he was fifteen, Ishchuk became a Christian and, soon after that, a youth minister. In 2003, he and his family immigrated to the US from Ukraine. Almost immediately, Ishchuk had the opportunity to minister to a few friends; some veterans and others still serving in the Army. From them, he learned about military chaplaincy.

"From that point on, I felt a very clear and unmistakable calling to the ministry of military chaplaincy," said Ishchuk. "From day one of Junior College, military chaplaincy was IT. There was never a 'Plan B.'"

Ishchuk grew up in the small Ukrainian village of Kamynitsa located on the border with Slovakia in the Carpathian Mountains. After immigrating to the US, he eventually graduated in 2014 with a Masters in Divinity from Western Seminary in Sacramento California and is currently endorsed by the Evangelical Church Alliance.



Photo by Maj. Thomas Cieslak

As a boy, Capt. Oleksandr Ishchuk dreamed of serving in the Ukrainian Army. Today, he is fulfilling his life's calling as Chaplain for the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

His family was persecuted for their faith during the USSR's occupation of Ukraine. Ishchuk sees the freedom to worship and practice his faith as the greatest freedom. Military chaplaincy, he says serves and protects that freedom for the American people while setting an example for the rest of the world.

"To serve in the U.S. Army as a Chaplain is an amazing gift from God and from the American people who trust me with their sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives," said Ishchuk. "For this precious gift and privilege, I am very grateful."

3rd Brigade Combat Team 82nd Airborne Division H-Minus!



**Brigade Commander
Colonel Gregory Beaudoin**

**Command Sergeant Major
Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Johnson**