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Phoenix Recruiting welcomes new commander



Watched by outgoing Phoenix Recruiting Battalion commander Lt. Col. Dave Clukey (left), Col. Roman Cantu (center), brigade commander, 5th Recruiting Brigade, United States Recruiting Command, passes the battalion guidon to new commander Lt. Col. K. Scott Morley, during a change of command ceremony, July 19, Talking Stick Resort Arena, Phoenix. (Photo by Alun Thomas, USAREC Public Affairs)

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From the Commander



It is with great pride that I take command of the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion and its dedicated group of recruiters, civilians and family members. Our all-encompassing mission is

to place the future leaders of this great country into the U.S. Army, the greatest force ever assembled.

It will be a privilege to work for all of you over the next two years. Our country asks us to entrust us with their sons and daughters, sisters and brothers. It is a truly special mission that necessitates trust all throughout our area of operation. It's up to us to build that trust and earn their respect.

Historically the Phoenix battalion is one of the highest producing in the entire United States Recruiting Command. I am fortunate to be taking command from LTC Dave Clukey, whose hard work over the last two years has left an indelible impression. His dedication to the mission and ensuring the battalion was among the most visible in USAREC is beyond compare.

I want to thank LTC Clukey for his leadership to the battalion ... furthermore thank you for your 20 years of service to this nation. No one – and I mean no one – could ever question your commitment and unwavering dedication to your duty for this country. Thank you for taking this unit to where it is today.



I look forward to continuing the legacy set forth by LTC Clukey and continuing his efforts in engaging the local community, whether it be through local politicians, influential high school and college administrators and professional sports teams, such as the Arizona Diamondbacks, Arizona Cardinals and Phoenix Suns. The connections with these groups are key to the success of the battalion, helping us remain visible and letting us spread the Army narrative.

We are truly blessed to be afforded the chance to recruit the future leaders of this great nation. Never take for granted how important this job is and what a critical part we all play in securing the nations freedom. I am proud to be your commander for the next two years and I look forward to the challenges ahead.



From the CSM

Phoenix Recruiting Battalion “Leaning to FY18 Closeout”



Soldiers from the mighty Phoenix Recruiting Battalion continue to represent the Battalion at all levels. First, SFC Degaetano, Station Commander from the Show Low Recruiting Station

was the first in the Phoenix Battalion to earn the permanent award of the Gold Recruiter Badge. Second, SSG Gumbs from the San Mateo Recruiting Station and SSG Kirim from the Black Canyon Recruiting Station both earned the Commanding General's operation "Carry The Water" challenge during 3rd quarter. They both received a medallion in a shadow box. Also the Albuquerque Company Outlaws won the Light Heavyweight Championship Belt, which was a Command competition.

The following Recruiting Stations achieved 100 percent or better on both the Regular Army and Army Reserve mission during the 3rd Quarter: Queen Creek Recruiting Station and Ladera Recruiting Station.

3rd Quarter Board winners are as follows: Station Commander winner was SSG Martin from the Christown RS, recruiter winner was SSG Schwartz from Christown RS, and the Army Reserve recruiter winner was SSG Ferreira from the Santa Fe RS.



SFC Degaetano from the Show Low Recruiting Station being presented the Recruiter Gold Badge from LTC Clukey and CSM Gomez during the 3rd Quarter Station Commander training.



The Albuquerque Outlaw team receiving the Light Heavyweight Championship Belt from COL Cantu, 5th Brigade Commander on behalf on the CG.

As we move into the 4th Quarter, we need everyone to focus on the requirements needed to achieve 4th quarter's mission and finish FY18 strong. This mission is critical to every single organization that makes up our Army. It is the worlds greatest Army because of your hard efforts.

I know we are working hard, but I am asking for everyone to put-in a full day's work every day. I strongly believe and have full confidence we have the right team to accomplish this mission. I need each of you to believe and let us make history.

Thank you for your hard work in continuing to keep our Army strong and much thanks to your families for their support during important missions we have been given.



MSG Wejbe promotion ceremony



Master Sgt. Elias Wejbe is promoted to the rank of E-8, during a promotion ceremony, May 1, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, headquarters. Congratulations to MSG Wejbe from everyone in the battalion!

LTC Clukey Kiwanis Club engagement



Lt. Col. Dave Clukey, commander, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, speaks to the Phoenix Kiwanis Club, Phoenix Country Club, May 8. During the speech, Clukey spoke about his experiences in the Army and described the recruiting mission. He presented a battalion coin to the club and was presented a special coffee mug.

Estrella Recruiting Station ribbon cutting

The Phoenix Recruiting Battalion formally opened Estrella Recruiting Station, during a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, May 14, Goodyear, Arizona.

The station, which falls under the Phoenix West Recruiting Company, had been operating out of the Goodyear Recruiting Station, before being given its own station in late April.

Cutting the ribbon was Capt. Eugene Lee, commander, Phoenix West Rec. Co., who thanked a host of community partners, guests and service members for making the recruiting station a reality.



Military Induction Ceremony

GLENDAL, Ariz. – The city of Glendale recognized more than 120 future service members of all military branches, at the 2018 Induction Ceremony, April 28, Calvary Community Church. The event was the second induction ceremony held by the city and applauded high school seniors from Glendale, most of whom are set to depart for basic training in their respective branches at the conclusion of the school year.



Phoenix Recruiting hosts USAREC deputy commanding general

Story by Alun Thomas, U.S. Army Recruiting BN-Phoenix

PHOENIX – The Phoenix Recruiting Battalion hosted Brig. Gen. Kevin Vereen, deputy commanding general, United States Recruiting Command, on a brief tour of its area of operations, March 20.

Vereen toured the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) in Mesa, followed by a visit to the Tempe Recruiting Station, where he spoke with local recruiters about their mission.

During his visit to EVIT, Vereen was able to observe high school students and adults training on campus in a variety of career fields, including firefighting, welding, culinary arts, automotive repair, criminal justice and radio broadcasting.

During a live radio interview with the campus radio station, Vereen said he'd never seen a school like EVIT and considered the opportunity to visit amazing.

"I met some gentlemen at a conference in Nashville a few months ago who told me about the school and urged me to come and visit," Vereen said. "Today I had the chance to come and it's just amazing here ... words can't describe how incredible EVIT is."

Vereen was impressed by the firefighting, automotive and criminal justice students he spoke with, which indicates a bright future for the country.



Brig. Gen. Kevin Vereen, deputy commanding general, United States Recruiting Command, talks about Army careers to criminal justice students, East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, Ariz., March 20, as part of a brief one day trip to the Phoenix recruiting area of operations. (U.S. Army Photo by Alun Thomas, USAREC Public Affairs)

"Everything I've seen today we have in the Army ... it's something a lot of people don't understand," Vereen said. "We have a tremendous variety of military occupational specialties in the Army and hopefully during my visit today I was able to articulate that to the students I spoke to."

If you want to be a firefighter, military policeman or automotive mechanic, all those options are available in the Army, he continued.

"As a recruiter, I have the chance to get out and spread the word on what the Army is all about, something very important to me," Vereen said.

"There's unlimited opportunities in the U.S. Army and we have recruiters here eager to help you with all of them."

Vereen later spoke to Tempe recruiters and congratulated them for being one of the highest performing stations in the Phoenix battalion.

"Recruiting is one of the hardest jobs in the Army and you sacrifice a lot ... this is not a 'take a knee' assignment," Vereen said. "But the recruiters here are among the backbone of the Army and you make things happen."

Vereen said everywhere he goes he tells recruiters the same thing – have fun, but work hard and get the job done.

"Enjoy what you do. You should be energetic about coming to work, especially in a good environment with good leadership," he added.

Educators Tour provides glimpse into Fort Huachuca operations

Story by Alun Thomas, U.S. Army Recruiting BN-Phoenix



Col. Whit Wright, garrison commander, Fort Huachuca, briefs 15 attendees from the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion's Educators Tour, on the history of the base during the introduction to their tour, April 10, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The purpose of the two-day tour was to provide a comprehensive orientation and overview of Fort Huachuca for the attendees, who included teachers, superintendents and school counselors from the battalion area of influence. (U.S. Army Photo by Alun Thomas, USAREC Public Affairs)

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. - A group of 15 educators and community partners from Arizona joined leadership from the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion for an Educators Tour of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., April 10-11.

The purpose of the tour was to provide a comprehensive orientation and overview of Fort Huachuca for the attendees, who included teachers, superintendents and school counselors.

The tour highlighted the capabilities and activities offered at Fort Huachuca, including a visit to the Military Intelligence (MI) School, a guided tour of the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, briefs from the Judge Advocate General and Military Police, a performance from the MI Corps Band and a glimpse into the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operator School.

The tour also showcased Army facilities, housing, as well as the everyday activities undertaken by service members on Fort Huachuca.

The tour was led by Lt. Col. David Clukey, commander, Phoenix. Rec. Bn., who was joined by company commanders from the Phoenix Central and North Recruiting Companies.

Educators Tour provides glimpse into Fort Huachuca operations (cont.)

Clukey said his intent for the tour was to introduce educators and key influencers to the Army disciplines that require a significantly higher General Technical/Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score, to counter the common misconception that the Army is a second option to college.

"I wanted to ensure our attendees were provided an opportunity to understand what the U.S. Army has to offer in professional training, formal education, career choices and support services at installation levels as soldiers," Clukey said.

This means establishing close ties with local educators, which helps leverage the recruiting mission for the battalion, he said.

"This tour helped improve communications and synchronize recruiting efforts between the education establishment and Community Partners, including encouragement of individual relationships with education administrators, counselors, and teachers in the battalion area of operations," Clukey continued.

"We want to solidify the positive nature of military service and to provide extensive career choices for students," Clukey added.

Attending the trip was Mario Diaz, a civilian aide to the secretary of the Army, who said the trip was extremely informative and helped him gain a better insight into how the Army operates.

"It's been an incredible educational opportunity for individuals who're not completely familiar with the intricacies of the Army, especially on the occupational side," Diaz said.



Attendees from the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion's Educators Tour receive a brief on systems maintenance, from a noncommissioned officer at the Military Intelligence School, April 11, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The purpose of the two-day tour was to provide a comprehensive orientation and overview of Fort Huachuca for the 15 attendees, who included teachers, superintendents and school counselors from the battalion area of influence. (U.S. Army Photo by Alun Thomas, USAREC Public Affairs)

For Diaz the most enlightening aspect of the tour was hearing from enlisted Soldiers, who do their jobs day in and out, often with little fanfare.

"Listening to the Soldiers who are working every day at their jobs, the actual practitioners of that occupation, was the highlight for me," he said.

"What I learned from them was invaluable, especially the briefs we received from the K-9 handlers. What they do in their job and how they got there was very informative."

Diaz said he would take back what he learned from the tour to educate people he works with in the Phoenix area, as part of his government and business development consulting firm.

Also attending the tour was Mike Thomason, superintendent, Higley School District, who also praised the tour for its varied scope of recognizing different jobs offered by the Army, of which he found MI of the most interest.

"I'm really grateful for the chance to see Fort Huachuca, especially the MI stuff, because it's something I feel we can sell to the schoolkids in my district," Thomason said. "I'm here to represent my community. Over 85 percent of our kids go onto to some level of post-secondary education and what I've learned here is what I need to take back to them."

Thomason said his school district was ranked number one in Arizona and firmly believes he has the right students to help the Army in the future.

Phoenix commander briefs Arizona Interscholastic Association coaches

Story by Alun Thomas, U.S. Army Recruiting BN-Phoenix



Lt. Col. Dave Clukey, commander, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, briefs athletic directors from 262 Arizona schools, at the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) Athletic Directors Meeting, April 2, Xavier High School, Phoenix. (U.S. Army Photo by Alun Thomas, USAREC Public Affairs)

PHOENIX – Leadership from the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion attended the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) Athletic Directors Meeting, April 2, Xavier High School, Phoenix.

The AIA is a voluntary association of public and private high schools which was established by and is responsible to its members. The AIA provides representation and input opportunities to all its member schools through their governing board members, administrators and teachers who serve on the Legislative Council, Executive Board and ad hoc committees.

Briefing 300 athletic directors from 262 Arizona schools, was Lt. Col. Dave Clukey, commander, Phoenix Rec. Bn, whose narrative focused on opportunities available with service in the U.S. Army and breaking contemporary paradigms regarding the military.

Clukey said it's important to break stereotypes that exist regarding service, one of which involves parents and how they perceive the military.

"Parents see military service as dangerous ... if their son or daughter decided to go into special operations, yes it is dangerous, but it's an exclusive group and not the normal military complex," Clukey said. "The vast preponderance of the military are combat support. These are your cooks, logisticians and people who pack parachutes. This is what parents need to understand; it's not as dangerous as they think."

Phoenix commander briefs Arizona Interscholastic Association coaches (cont.)



There are some concerning facts regarding those eligible to serve however, with Arizona being no exception, Clukey stated.

"Currently in the U.S., only three out of ten of our youth meet the bare minimum requirements for military service," Clukey said. "31 percent of our youth are obese and 9.5 percent don't meet the aptitude requirements. You have to be a high school graduate to serve these days."

Optimistically however, Arizona raised its number of high school students taking the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), from 8000 to 27,000 over the last year, Clukey said.

"Aptitude counts for another large percentage. Lots of applicants don't graduate from high school," Clukey said. "You have to be a high school graduate to enlist. The ASVAB shows educators what students are good at, what they're best suited for in the military and potentially pursue a career in."

The Army is a flexible and adaptive organization with over 150 job opportunities and will work with Soldiers to get them into optimal physical and mental condition to serve, he added.

"We try to instill the physical fitness aspect in our Future Soldiers before they attend Basic Training," Clukey said. "The Army is looking at extending this training, especially on the infantry side where Soldiers walk a lot and need to have a high level of physical fitness."

"When you're physically fit, you're more durable and able to withstand things you normally wouldn't, like disease and injury," Clukey continued.

Phoenix commander receives MacArthur Leadership Award

Story by Alun Thomas, U.S. Army Recruiting BN-Phoenix

PHOENIX – A tireless work ethic, combined with exceptional leadership, has paid off for Capt. Eugene Lee.

Lee, company commander, Phoenix West Recruiting Company, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, received the distinction of being named a recipient of the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award, during an award ceremony at the Pentagon, District of Columbia, June 7.

Lee was one of only 28 officers to be presented the award, which recognizes exemplary leadership among junior officers in the Army who demonstrate the ideals for which General MacArthur stood – duty, honor, country.

It was an unexpected honor for Lee, a West Point graduate, who said he was unaware he had been nominated for the award by Lt. Col. Dave Clukey, commander, Phoenix Rec. Bn.

“I wasn’t really tracking that I’d been nominated. The battalion commander put in a good word for me and I never saw the narratives he put in on my behalf,” Lee said. “It was based on information of things I’ve achieved for him while being in command here.”

Lee said he found out he’d been nominated for the honor in February, along with recommendations from general officers. “I was stunned to see I’d been endorsed by the USAREC (United States Recruiting Command) commanding general (Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Snow) and TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command) commander General (David) Perkins,” Lee explained.

From there Lee’s nomination packet went to a board of senior officers, ranging from colonel and above, among a pool of more than 60,000 captains and warrant officers, said Clukey.



Capt. Eugene Lee (left), company commander, Phoenix West Recruiting Company, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, is joined by his wife Sarah (center) and Lt. Col. Dave Clukey (right), commander, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, for a photo prior to the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award ceremony, Pentagon, District of Columbia, June 7. Lee was selected as one of 28 recipients of the award, which recognizes exemplary leadership among junior officers in the Army who demonstrate the ideals for which General MacArthur stood – duty, honor, country. (Courtesy Photo)

“Captain Lee’s packet was reviewed by board of 13 colonels and 4 general officers,” Clukey said. “He competed against the Army’s best captains selected by the commanding generals of every Major Command (MACOM) in the Army.”

Lee’s packet stood out among the numerous nominations and he was selected for the award, something he said he was humbled by.

Commander receives MacArthur Leadership Award (cont.)



"I'm very grateful the Army leadership recognizes good, hard, quality work and this validated for me the work I do," he said. "I try to achieve positive results all the time and this honor has helped showcase that."

Clukey praised Lee's selection for the honor, citing hard work and leadership as keys to Lee's selection.

"Captain Lee's selection for this exclusive honor is really something special," Clukey stated. "It not only documented his individual exceptional leadership, but his recognition represents the collective hard work and professionalism of both his (Phoenix West) company and the Phoenix Battalion."

Lee was presented his award by Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark Milley, during the ceremony, one of the various highlights of his week in the nation's capital.

"It was amazing to be recognized with my peers from the Army Reserve, National Guard and active duty," Lee said. "One of the common traits I picked up from my colleagues was their work ethic. We like to keep our heads down, get the mission accomplished and work hard"

"I'm not the type who likes individual accolades, but the Army did a very good job of holding an exceptional ceremony to recognize the leadership awardees," Lee continued. "It was full out pomp and circumstance that you normally wouldn't see."

Lee credits his success with being an active leader, someone who gains the respect and trust of his Soldiers.

"I've had a lot of incredible leaders who have trusted me to do my job. I definitely incorporate trust into how I lead and it's helped pay dividends for me," he said. "I like to build teams and relationships through trust, which leads to the job getting done the right way."

New Mexico native returns home to share Army experiences

Story by Alun Thomas, U.S. Army Recruiting BN-Phoenix

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – For one Soldier, the U.S. Army has been a blessing, allowing him to live the type of life many others aren't fortunate enough to experience.

Now after years away from his home state of New Mexico, Spc. Jeremy Garcia has returned, to educate others on the benefits of military service, through the Special Recruiting Assistance Program (SRAP).

The purpose of the SRAP is to allow enlisted Soldiers to return to their hometowns to assist local recruiters by sharing their Army training experiences with family, friends, high school classmates, Future Soldiers, veterans, and community leaders.

Garcia, wheeled vehicle mechanic, 59th Quartermaster Company, located in Fort Carson, Colo., has been in the Army for three years and jumped at the opportunity to return home to push the recruiting mission.

"Parts of New Mexico aren't the greatest in terms of job opportunities and some people tend to give up after high school," Garcia said. "I wanted to come home and see if I could help some of these kids out with their lives. Luckily I was selected for the SRAP and given the chance to work with the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion for 30 days to do that."

Two weeks into his duties with the SRAP, Garcia said he's already seen the impact the Army can have on people who decide to join the military to further their lives.

"I went with a recruiter to see a local Future Soldier in a small town called Cuba. He's the only Asian in the whole town," Garcia said. "He and his mother are all each other have. They run the local hotel and barely make ends meet. He's a good kid, really squared away and decided to join the Army to help himself and his mother out."



Spc. Jeremy Garcia, a native of Chama, N.M., wheeled vehicle mechanic, 59th Quartermaster Company, Fort Carson, Colo., is pictured while assisting recruiters from the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, July 5, Albuquerque, N.M. Garcia is participating in the Special Recruiting Assistance Program (SRAP), which allows enlisted Soldiers to return to their hometowns to assist local recruiters by sharing their Army training experiences with family, friends, high school classmates, Future Soldiers,

"While we were there he said to his mother, "we've made it mom." It made me realize how fortunate and lucky we are as U.S. citizens," Garcia continued. "To be a part of a positive impact on someone's life is an irreplaceable act."

"It set me back to reality ... made me remember just how fortunate I am to be part of the Army and live this great life," he continued.

Garcia hopes to experience further stories like this over the remainder of his time in the SRAP.

"I'm trying to accomplish as many enlistments as I can ... my goal is to get kids out of these small towns and present to them everything the Army offers, whether it's educational or medical benefits," he said. "I want them to experience the same things I have, things that will change their lives for the better."

Phoenix Recruiting Battalion welcomes new commander

Story by Alun Thomas, U.S. Army Recruiting BN-Phoenix



Lt. Col. Dave Clukey (left), outgoing commander, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, Col. Roman Cantu (center), commander, 5th Recruiting Brigade, and Lt. Col. K. Scott Morley (right), incoming commander, Phoenix Rec. Bn., salute during the playing of the national anthem, prior to a change of command ceremony, July 19, Talking Stick Resort Arena, Phoenix. (Photo by Alun Thomas, USAREC Public Affairs)

PHOENIX – The Phoenix Recruiting Battalion welcomed new commander Lt. Col. K. Scott Morley, following a change of command ceremony at the Talking Stick Resort Arena, Phoenix, July 19.

Morley replaced outgoing commander Lt. Col. Dave Clukey, who had been in charge of the battalion since July 2016.

Clukey retired from the Army following the ceremony, following 20 years of service, the majority of it spent in Special Forces.

Overseeing the ceremony was Col. Roman Cantu, commander, 5th Recruiting Brigade, United States Recruiting Command, who praised Clukey for his contributions to the battalion during his tenure in command.

“As the commander of the Phoenix battalion, he has been instrumental in achieving over 4100 regular Army and Army Reserve contracts,” Cantu said. “His successful achievements are the direct result of his fine leadership and the leadership at all levels of this command.” (cont. next page)

Phoenix Battalion welcomes new commander (cont.)



Lt. Col. K. Scott Morley, commander, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, salutes the battalion formation, following his change of command ceremony, Jul 19, Talking Stick Resort Arena, Phoenix. (Photo by Alun Thomas, USAREC Public Affairs)

Cantu said the battalion is gaining a superb leader in Morley, who is ready to take the responsibility of leading the recruiting mission.

“During his time in Special Forces Operations, he has undertaken some difficult assignments across the globe,” Cantu said of Morley. “In his most recent assignment he served in Bogota, Colombia, as the special operations liaison officer. Clearly he is a capable and accomplished officer and leader who will be a tremendous asset to the battalion and brigade.”

In his farewell speech Clukey thanked everyone who helped make his two years at the battalion successful and said the organization had made tremendous strides during his time as commander.

“I’m proud of the team, they have come a long way. We have amazing people assigned to an extremely challenging and daunting mission, a mission that simply never ends,” Clukey said. “We are charged with sourcing the Army with its most valuable resource, its people. We simply provide the Army its strength. This mission is of paramount importance to our U.S. National Security interests. “

Clukey said he was proud of the various successes achieved by the battalion over the past two years, including initiatives undertaken to support Future Soldiers.

“The fact the many of our Future Soldiers attended their first professional baseball game in style warms my heart,” he said. “When they reflect on their oath of enlistment experience, they can say with pride that they made their solemn oath to selflessly serve our nation as U.S. Army Soldiers on Chase Field - or outside of the University of Phoenix Stadium in front of a Special Operations aircraft.”

Phoenix Battalion welcomes new commander (cont.)



Clukey praised Morley as a tremendous leader, who is more than equipped to take the reins as battalion commander.

"I have known Scott since we were young lieutenants together in 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. I was impressed with his leadership 20 years ago, and I think the same now, albeit with even more conviction," Clukey said. "I can think of no better person or any officer better suited to take command of the Phoenix Battalion. He has my respect as a true warrior, consummate professional, and a Soldiers leader. Scott, it was my honor to pass the guidon of this exceptional unit to you."

Clukey said he will always be grateful for the opportunity to lead the battalion and its many recruiters and civilians.

"I'm eternally grateful for the opportunity to support and lead this great formation and can't think of a better place to culminate my 20 years in the Army," he said. "For the Team, when times get tough, never lose sight of the importance of your mission or the significant positive impacts you make on the lives of thousands of young Americans."

During his introductory speech as new commander, Morley said he looked forward to continuing the job done by Clukey, who helped grow the battalion to new heights.

"Dave, thank you for your leadership to this great battalion ... furthermore thank you for your 20 years of service to this nation," Morley said. "No one – and I mean no one – could ever question your commitment and unwavering dedication to your duty for this country. Thank you for taking this unit to where it is today."

Morley said he readily accepts the task of leading the battalion and looks forward to the job ahead.

"It will be a privilege to work for all of you over the next two years. Our country asks us to entrust us with their sons and daughters, sisters and brothers," he continued. "It is a truly special mission that necessitates trust all throughout our area of operation. It's up to us to build that trust and earn their respect."

Phoenix West Company



The Honey Badger team continued to perform and produce at a tempo that has gone unmatched and unparalleled. The third quarter of FY18 was filled with numerous public engagements and community events. We would like to showcase this quarter's effort by highlighting two amazing events: the official opening of Estrella Recruiting Station and the 2nd Annual Glendale Induction Ceremony.



CPT Lee cuts the ribbon marking the official opening of Estrella Recruiting Station on Estrella Parkway and Van Buren Street.

On April 14th, 2018, Estrella Recruiting Station formally opened its doors at its new location on Van Buren Street and Estrella Parkway after sharing stations with Goodyear Recruiting station at their old location on Camelback Road and Dysart Road over the past three years.

At the official ribbon cutting ceremony, Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear Councilman Brannon Hampton, and numerous members of the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce were in attendance to welcome the Estrella Recruiting Team.



LTC Clukey, Mayor Weiers, and Dr. Turney recognized each Future Soldier with a certificate of appreciation, a challenge coin, and an Army stole.



To conclude the 2nd Annual Glendale Induction Ceremony, 60 Future Soldiers raised their right hand and recited the oath of enlistment led by LTC Clukey.

On April 28th 2018, the Glendale Office of the Mayor and the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Military and Veterans Affairs Committee hosted its 2nd Annual Glendale Induction Ceremony, an "Our Community Salutes" like event at the Calvary Church, PHX – North West Campus. The ceremony recognized 120 future service members who are committed to serving their nation upon high school graduation.

Tucson Company



This past quarter has been a busy one for Tucson Company. First, the Company has gotten two new members to the Regulator Team – SFC Adam Edwards and CPT Joseph Boland. SFC Edwards will be taking over as Station Commander from Catalina Station (2A) from SFC Kelly. CPT Joseph Boland has the pleasure of becoming Regulator 6 and taking over a great team.

Foothills Station (2N) conducted a Future Soldier event that helped to connect the future of the Army with its treasured past. Future Soldier Ryan Rams brought his grandfather to the station. Mr. Rams is a World War II veteran who took the time to speak with the other future soldiers of Foothills station. The discussion centered on service to country, hard work and dedication, and the teamwork needed to be successful in any situation. Both the future soldiers and the current cadre of Foothills station left with the greater sense of purpose and dedication to the Profession of Arms.

Catalina Station (2A) took time out of their busy schedule to help their community. While each recruiter does volunteer work in their own time, the station conducted a first – it held a blood drive. The drive was able to donate 36 liters of blood to the Red Cross to help both in the local and larger community.

Overall, this was a great quarter for Tucson Company and the hard work continues to build the Army of the Future.



Mr. Rams after speaking with the Future Soldiers of Foothills Station.



Mr. Rams and the recruiters of Foothills Station.

Phoenix North Company

Phoenix North Recruiting Company continues to recruit the highest qualified applicants for Army careers. Throughout April, May, and June our recruiters have transitioned from classroom presentations to our Days of Summer prospecting plan, telling our Army Story to recent high school and college graduates.

On 19 May 2018, Phoenix North Recruiting Company conducted its annual Community Salutes event at Sunnyslope Community Center for graduating Future Soldiers and their families. The unit conducted the mega Future Soldier event to recognize the commitment that these Soldiers had undertaken. 34 Future Soldiers took part in the Army stole ceremony, Oath of Enlistment, and Soldier's Creed. CPT Denard Honeysuckle served as the introductory speaker with SFC Matthew Vinson performing the keynote speech. Afterwards the company hosted a reception on-site and Company leaders engaged parents. The event was a fantastic culmination for many Future Soldiers before they shipped to initial entry training.

SFC Vess, SSG Wheeler, and SSG Borquez, and 9 Future Soldiers from the Flagstaff Recruiting Station participated in the 2018 Armed Forces Day Parade in Flagstaff, AZ on 19 May 2018. The event instilled a sense of belonging to something greater than yourself. The event built awareness of the Army Recruiting efforts in northern Arizona.

Recruiters from the Phoenix North Recruiting Company supported over 25 high school graduation events over the span of 12 days from 19 May to 3 June 2018. Future Soldiers and families welcomed the Army with open arms to support their sons and daughters during the ceremonies exhibit



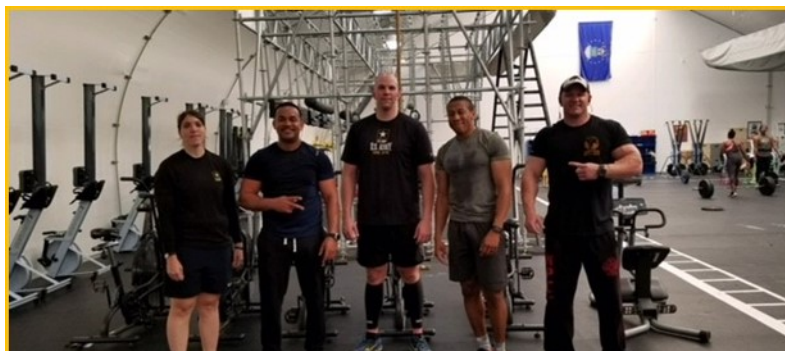
Prescott recruiters with their Future Soldiers at Pioneer Park



SFC Vess and SSG Wheeler stand by an Armed Forces Day parade float



SFC Sides retired after 30 years of service



Phoenix North leaders conducted a HIIT workout at Luke AFB

Tempe Company



Tempe Titans continued to get after mission, cultivate relations with our community partners and make it happen as we approach the close of FY18! This quarter, we supported a variety of community and Future Soldier events. From conducting mass Future Soldier Swear Ins with our ASU ROTC counterparts to strengthening our community relations and honoring our Future Soldiers with Tempe Community Salutes, Tempe Company's commitment to our community and dedication to mission success is indicative of our passion to our mission of recruiting the best and brightest young Americans to serve as Soldiers in our nation's Army. As the Arizona summer brings its usual mix of scorching heat, massive dust storms and monsoons, Tempe Company continues to excel as the top Company within the Battalion and one of the top ten companies in 5th Brigade. We are still on glide path to meet our goal of ranking as one of the top five companies within the brigade at the close of the Fiscal Year, and eagerly look forward to representing Phoenix Battalion and 5th Brigade as the "Best of the Midwest". We have a great team of young leaders who are ready to make our mission and close out FY 2018 with a bang!



Tempe Company Future Soldiers pose outside of the Tempe Center for the Arts



Tempe Company Future Soldiers and ASU ROTC Cadets prepare for a Swear In.



The Tempe Company Command Team is recognized as the Top Company in the Battalion for 3rd QTR FY18



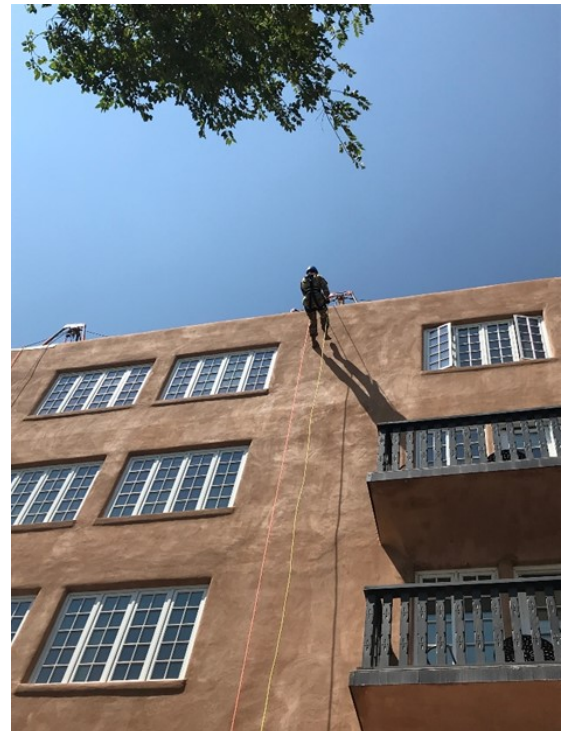
Tempe Company Recruiters stand proudly by their recognized Future Soldiers

Albuquerque Company



On 4 August 2018 SSG Emily Ferreira represented the US Army by rappelled off a five story building in Santa Fe New Mexico in support of a Girls Inc. of Santa Fe interactive event.

The Girls Inc. of Santa Fe goal for 62 years has been to inspire girls to be strong, smart and bold. The organization provides girls throughout Santa Fe with life-changing experiences and real solutions to the unique issues girls face. Girls Inc. gives girls the tools and support they need to succeed, including trained professionals who mentor and guide them in a safe, girls-only environment; peers who share their drive and aspirations and research-based programming



SSG Emily Ferreira unhooking immediately after descending 55 feet off a building and displaying to the crowd that women can not only rappel but also serve their country with pride.

Phoenix Central Company

On 07 April 2018, the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, Phoenix Central Recruiting Company, and Chandler Recruiting Station coordinated an extensive recruiting operation during the Rugged Maniac 5K Race at the Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park. The operation consisted of a booth set up with multiple fitness challenges manned by Soldiers from the Chandler Recruiting Station, and a 10 Soldier Team conducting the race representing the U.S. Army. Over 1,500 attended the event from across the state of Arizona.



On 30 April 2018, South Mountain Recruiting Station conducted a two phase Future Soldier team-building event to hone in on strengthening the commitment of all Future Soldiers to serve in the Army. Phase 1 consisted of a Future Soldier Career Night, establishing a platform to share a meal and discuss their future careers in the Army. Phase 2 concluded the event with South Mountain Recruiting Station's Noncommissioned Officers



19 May 2018, Christtown Recruiting Station supported former NFL player, Jared Allen from the Kansas City Chiefs, Minnesota Vikings, Chicago Bears, and Carolina Panthers. Jared's foundation, Jared Allen Homes for Wounded Warriors (JAH4WW) hosted their annual Night OPS Golf Tournament. Jared's foundation provides homes to wounded warriors at no cost to the Service Member or their Families.

