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Paratroopers, Families, Veterans, and Friends of the Panther Brigade,



Our Paratroopers continue to serve our Great Nation with distinction, carrying on the outstanding legacy of Panther Paratroopers over the last century. Our challenging mission requires Paratroopers and leaders to excel at multiple tasks every day, dispersed across Afghanistan at multiple bases and outposts to work alongside our Afghan and Coalition Partners. It remains a turbulent and dynamic time here in Afghanistan, and our Panthers continue to demonstrate the flexibility and competence necessary for success in this environment.

For many within our formation, this is the first holiday season spent apart from Families, Friends, and loved ones in the great United States. CSM and I constantly remind our leaders of this fact, and remind them to check even more on our young Paratroopers, while not forgetting those who have previously navigated separation over the holidays. While technology is not readily available at all of our locations, most Paratroopers have some access to the internet and I encourage all of you to raise everyone's spirits utilizing video applications and services.

Even though the deployment separates us from Family and Friends outside of the unit, we are closer than ever to our brothers and sisters in arms - and we are truly Family. The meals will be different at each location, but our Panthers will use this time to further strengthen our bonds and create memories that will last a lifetime. It will truly be a holiday season to remember.

Our Gold Star Families remain in our thoughts and prayers, and we will never forget the sacrifice of your loved ones. Your strength during this difficult time is truly inspiring to all of us, and we are amazed by your fortitude and resilience. The losses during this deployment still sting, and we constantly remind ourselves to honor our heroes through our actions, and to carry ourselves with honor and integrity as a tribute to their selfless service and sacrifice. They are always with us, and we will never forget.

CSM Teakell and I wish you, your Families, and our great Paratroopers a very happy holiday season. We are humbled and honored to serve alongside you.

H-Minus! Ready! Airborne All the Way!

COL Arthur Sellers
Panther 6

CSM Reese Teakell
Panther 9

1P6 Sends



LTC Jason Wayne, Battalion Commander & CSM Victor Del Valle, Battalion CSM

Dear 1Panther Friends, Families, and Paratroopers,

Happy Holidays from Afghanistan! It is hard to believe we are two thirds of our way through this deployment and only a few short months away from seeing our loved ones again. While it is tough being separated from you all this holiday season, the outpouring of support through letters and care packages from everyone back home has kept our spirits high. Our PFRG volunteers and 1Panther Families are amazing and we cannot thank you enough for everything you do to raise the morale of our Paratroopers. For that, 1P9 and I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU!



It has been several months of transition for the 1Panther TEAM as we conducted three changes of command (A Co, C Co, and HHC) and a change of responsibility (C Co). We are sad to see each of these Families depart the 1Panther TEAM, but we are excited for the opportunities ahead as they continue to serve in our great Army. Your Paratroopers remain extremely busy securing Kandahar Airfield, patrolling Ground Defense Areas around Afghanistan, and enabling Train, Advise Assist operations for our Afghan partners. We have rotated companies multiple times across a range of missions and they have exceeded our expectations at every turn. 1P9 and I could not be prouder of their professionalism, competence, and commitment executing this challenging mission.

In closing, we miss you all very much and look forward to seeing you in only a few short months. Thank you again for all you do each and every day. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! H-Minus! ATW!



**Happy Holidays from
the 1Panther TEAM
to our friends, Fami-
lies, and loved ones!**

1P Paratrooper to Recognize

SGT Felicia Wieser is currently serving as the S2 CUOPS NCO for the 1Panther Eagles Combined Task Force, comprised of over 1,300 Soldiers from the U.S., Bulgaria, and Romania. She manages the Intelligence Tactical Controllers, directing sensors to collect on named areas of interest to answer priority intelligence requirements.

She demonstrates exceptional knowledge of information collection and the ability to utilize theater-level assets in support of force protection, ground defense area patrols, and targeting. SGT Wieser has three Paratroopers under her supervision, whom she mentors daily by providing purpose, direction and motivation to ensure the continued success of the CTF and TAAC-S.







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Best Wishes
during this
Holiday Season
and in the coming
New Year

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from the:
3D BRIGADE
82D ABN DIV
and all
SUPPORTING UNITS
HERE IN AFGHANISTAN



2P6 Sends



LTC Eric Jnah, Battalion Commander & CSM Christopher Donaldson, Battalion CSM

Task Force 2Panther continues their support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. During the last three months while deployed, Task Force 2Panther Paratroopers continue to support Special Operations missions and stand shoulder to shoulder with our Afghan Partners.



Our Paratroopers' efforts on the battlefield are truly inspiring as they continue to demonstrate the professionalism, tenacity and ingenuity expected of 2Panthers. They experienced a multitude of different mission sets since our last update. When faced with unique problem sets, Paratroopers on the ground and the staff in our headquarters adapted to the circumstances and applied their knowledge and expertise to accomplish the mission.

Back on the home front, our Rear-D continues to support us, preparing for our redeployment, supporting Families, and training new Paratroopers for rapid deployment. As we continue into the holiday season, our hearts are with our 2Panther Family and every day brings us closer to reuniting and making that Family whole once again.



Task Force 2Panther celebrated Thanksgiving on Bagram Airfield with President Trump and several Army Senior Leaders during their trip to visit Service Members deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan.

Task Force 2Panther continues to prepare to celebrate the Christmas holiday while keeping our eyes on target; every member of the Battalion is aware what we do on this side of the globe protects those we love at home. Your Paratroopers send their love and appreciation for your unrelenting support. We also say thank you as well for the heart filled stockings and care packages received from the 2Panther PFRG this holiday season.

Although this season may come with heavy hearts, worry not 2P Family, 2Panther is pulling guard for Santa this year!

2P Paratroopers to Recognize

This month, we want to formally recognize and thank the 2Panther Paratroopers performing base defense operations across the Combined Joint Operations Area of Afghanistan.

Throughout this deployment they continue to protect critical coalition infrastructure and bases from enemy attack; their patrols and vigilance preempt enemy efforts to inflict harm upon Afghan and Coalition Forces.

Their actions are in line with the finest characteristics of today's All American Paratrooper!



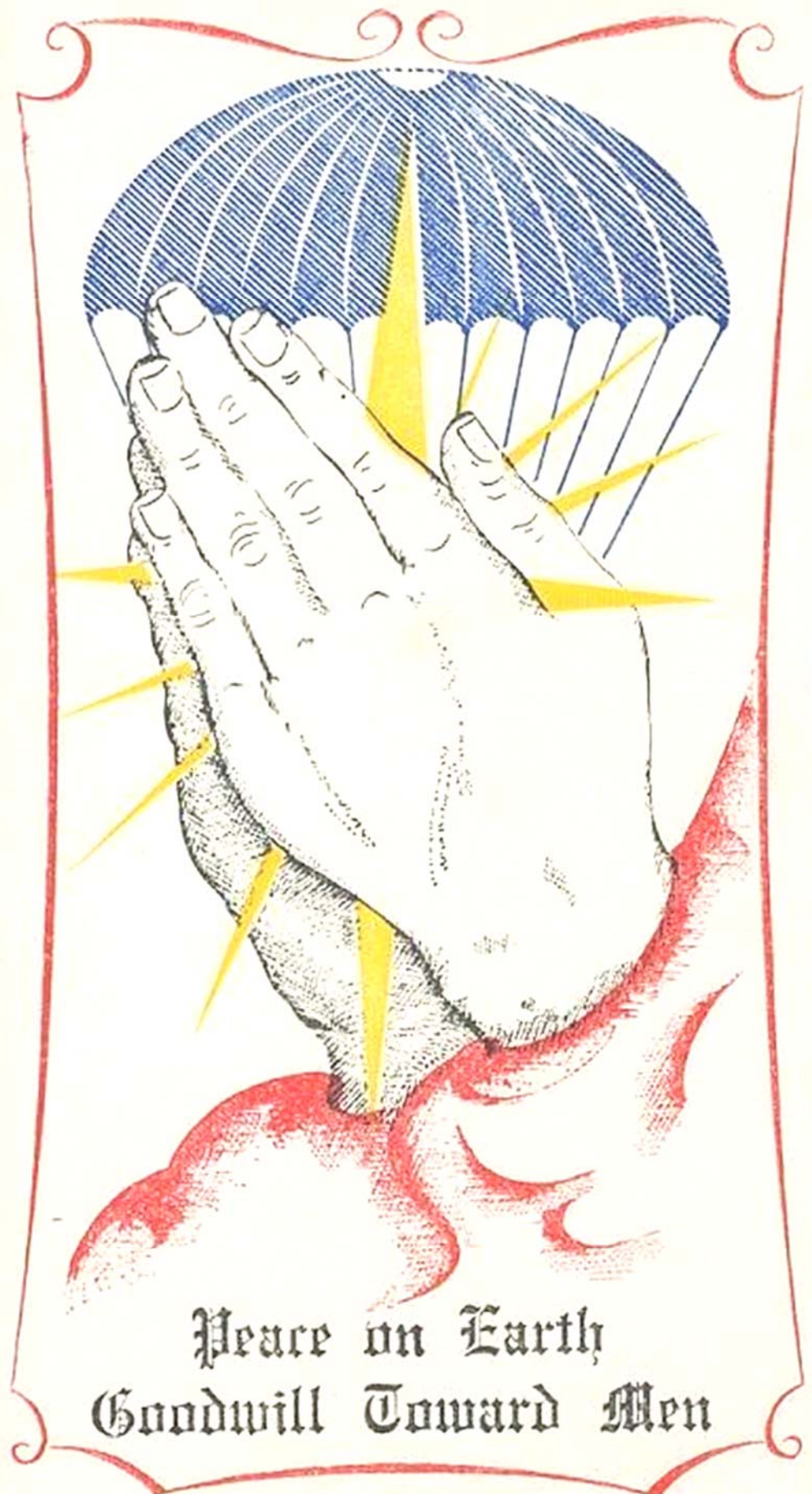


Chaplain (CPT) Claire Cvetkovski, Chaplain for 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment writes notes while flying to a remote base aboard a CH-47 Chinook helicopter in southern Afghanistan.

SPC Bridges, a Culinary Specialist assigned to 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment seasons Shrimp for the day's Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 28 at a remote base in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan.



The Christmas Card
provided to 3rd
Brigade Paratroopers
and Soldiers attached
to the Brigade
deployed to
fight in Vietnam
51 years ago.





HHC 3d BDE

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Best Wishes
during this
Holiday Season
and in the coming
New Year

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from the :
3d BRIGADE,
82d ABN DIV
and all
SUPPORTING UNITS,
HERE IN VIETNAM

AIRBORNE



52d CHEM DET

1Fury 6 Sends

LTC Zachariah A. Corke, Battalion Commander & CSM Jacob D. Provence, Battalion CSM



To the Families of 1-508 PIR,
TF FURY,

Seasons Greetings from Task Force FURY. The holiday season can be difficult when separated from loved ones, which is why we are grateful for the companionship

of FURY Paratroopers and the continued support from our Families back home.



Task Force FURY continued to serve as the Theater Response Force throughout the fall and into the winter season. Task Force FURY maintains a high level of readiness and flexibility as we continue to serve alongside our partners across Afghanistan.

Despite maintaining a fast-paced operational tempo while dispersed to remote and sometimes austere bases FURY Paratroopers carved out time to relax for a moment and celebrate the holiday season with fellow Paratroopers and Coalition Partners.

Thank you for the continued love and support from back home; the Battalion could not do what we do without you. You are always in the hearts and minds of these fantastic Paratroopers.



Rear-Detachment continues to train newly arrived Paratroopers to bring them up to the FURY and Panther Brigade standards, while welcoming back Paratroopers redeploying early from theater.

The FURY team at Fort Bragg celebrated the holiday season with their fellow Paratroopers of the Panther Brigade and 82nd Airborne Division.

Holiday outreach events provide our loved ones the opportunity to connect with Families and Friends, and extra-special efforts from Paratroopers like SGT Van Schmidt, A/1-508 PIR, pictured above in his Spider Man costume, made the Brigade's Trunk or Treat memorable. Stay tuned for notifications from your PFRG leaders and key callers for more information on upcoming holiday events!

1Fury Paratrooper to Recognize



The Task Force FURY Paratrooper of the Quarter is SPC Christopher Rose, the 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company Forward Observer. SPC Rose assists 3rd Platoon with various types of operations across Afghanistan. As the Platoon Forward Observer, SPC Rose is responsible for calling for indirect fires and assisting the Platoon leadership in understanding the mortar, artillery, and close air support capabilities available to them. SPC Rose honed his skills and became an expert at his craft while working with American and Coalition Partners. SPC Rose continues to be an example of why the 82nd Airborne Division and 3rd Brigade is the world's premier fighting force ...Fury From the Sky!



The Rear Detachment enjoyed a tremendous Thanksgiving Feast at the Brigade Dining Facility prepared by Gator Culinary Specialists while honoring our fallen heroes with a special display.





Cobalt Paratroopers of the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion Rear Detachment commemorated the World War II crossing of the Waal River on September 20th with a historical observance and friendly competition on Fort Bragg. Teams from each Company boarded Zodiac boats to paddle multiple times across Fort Bragg's McKellar's Pond under the cover of smoke while simulated artillery rounds detonated.





“Learning to Thrive in my New Normal”

82nd Airborne, Panther Recon Paratrooper Beats Cancer, Deploys to Afghanistan

Chanel Menges remembers sitting in the lobby of the University of North Chapel Hill Hospital one Christmas Eve, feeling sick and sorry for herself when she met a bald, 2 year-old little girl. Speaking to the child’s mother, Menges learned the girl just completed chemotherapy for a softball sized neuroblastoma on her kidney; the child also required sedatives to stay still enough for treatment.

It hit Menges, an Army 1st Lt., hard. If that little girl was excited to start every day because it was not the only time she was forced to sleep or feel sick, Menges knew she could dig deep within herself to find a positive attitude despite her circumstances.

Menges, a Paratrooper assigned to 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade

Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division overcame cancer and months of treatment to deploy to Afghanistan with the Brigade in early Summer of 2019 from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Originally from Boise, Idaho, Menges was diagnosed with Adenoid Carcinoma, a rare form of cancer affecting glandular tissue. In early October 2018, she underwent surgery to remove a plum-sized tumor and endured over 3 months of radiation therapy.

“Learning how to thrive with my new normal has been difficult. I’d be lying if I didn’t think about cancer coming back every day but this year has been full of milestones,” says Menges.

Paratroopers of the unit were by her side when she was diagnosed and when she received her survivor trophy after completing treatment.

Menges returned to the Squadron in February 2019. While continuing her recovery, she became responsible for coordinating and tracking Static-Line Airborne Operations in and around Fort Bragg.

“Fifth Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment is a special organization and I have always been proud to be a part of this team. Throughout cancer treatment my leadership, peers and soldiers ensured I was never alone and I was motivated in my sickest days to be a part of the team again,” said Menges.

“I stayed at the SECU Family House and countless members from the Squadron made the hour-long trip to visit me and ensure I was always part of the team. Needless to say, I couldn’t have asked for a better team to fight alongside.”

On March 29, 2019, the Department of Defense announced her unit’s deployment to Afghanistan in the Summer in support of Operations RESOLUTE SUPPORT and FREEDOM’S SENTINEL. Menges set her goal and her sights on deploying. Through a coordinated effort between the Brigade’s medical providers and experts at UNC, she achieved her objective.

Now in Afghanistan, Menges continues to fill critical roles within her Squadron by coordinating life support for deployed service members as well as personnel accountability and records upkeep.

“I have followed in my big brother’s footsteps my entire life. We went to college together, served at Fort Benning together and I had the opportunity to deploy to a base he once served at in 2014,” says Menges about where she draws inspiration.

“The best advice he gave me as a freshman ROTC Cadet shivering from exposure to 15 degree weather following a CWST [swim survival test] was, ‘stop feeling sorry for yourself.’

There are so many instances where those words have rung in my head and as I continue to make the comeback from cancer treatment, his advice couldn’t be more true.”





Appreciated Efforts

Paratrooper Family Readiness Group Helps Families Thrive During Deployment

CSM Teakell and I want to extend a special thanks to the Families, Volunteers and Paratroopers who devoted considerable time and effort to stage and conduct exceptional events for the Families of deployed Paratroopers.

Spearheaded by 1LT Brittany Pitts, the Brigade Family Readiness Liaison, and Senior Spouses, the PFRG conducted Trunk or Treat 2020 in October, the Brigade Thanksgiving Feast in November and Breakfast with Santa in December. Our Rear Detachment Leadership and the PFRG also advocated on behalf of Brigade Paratroopers during holiday-charity events like Trees for Troops, Holiday Hearts and Thanksgiving meal donations.

Their efforts, along with the numerous volunteers lending their talents, ensured Families of our Rear Detachment and of deployed Paratroopers enjoyed multiple high-quality events and opportunities to connect with the Brigade.

Throughout the remainder of our deployment to Afghanistan, we will continue to build upon the foundation laid by 1LT Pitts and the PFRG as we prepare to redeploy back to Fort Bragg, North Carolina and enjoy a period of block leave. Active communication between Families and Battalion or Squadron PFRGs will be critical to staying informed about redeployment timelines and activities.

Once again, I am grateful for 1LT Pitts' and the PFRG's efforts ensuring these communication channels are open and strong.

COL Arthur Sellers
Brigade Commander

CSM Reese Teakell
Brigade Command Sergeant Major



Recon 6 Sends

LTC Jonathan T. Hartsock, Squadron Commander & CSM Christopher C. Goodart, Squadron CSM



Task Force Panther Recon Family and Friends,

Greetings from Camp Dahlke! I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. The Task Force continues to perform exceptionally well in spite of the challenges of relocating to our new homes at AP Lightning and Camp Dahlke and learning our new areas of operations.

As you know from our last mailing, our Squadron received orders in late Fall to relocate from southwestern Afghanistan to two separate locations in eastern Afghanistan. As of this writing the move is well underway and, as expected, your Paratroopers make the complex look routine on a daily basis. Needless to say, Command Sergeant Major and I are awed by your Paratroopers daily.

Our new mission remains very similar to our old mission at CL Dwyer. We continue to secure our bases by patrolling the immediate area; we still man guard towers, and we continue to maintain a quick reaction force. The Paratroopers on our staff at AP Lightning are integrated into the headquarters of the one-star commanding general and he is very impressed by their professionalism and competence. Our staff Paratroopers here at Dahlke continue to excel at enabling daily operations in and around the base, while our mechanics at both locations have returned an otherwise broken fleet of vehicles to a fully mission capable status!

As expected, our new homes, located close to the mountains are cold, with temperatures dipping into the teens at night. Although the temperatures are low, thanks to your continued love and support, our spirits are high this holiday season!

Thank you! The mail is flowing into our new homes and we continue the work to forward all mail previously sent to CL Dwyer.



From L to R: LTC Hartsock, CSM Goodart, SFC Rivera, and SGM Wilson serve Thanksgiving dinner in the DFAC.

Quarterback SSG Alex Heald (brown shirt), rushes for a first down while 2LT Jordan Donnelson (blue shirt) reaches for his flags during the Officer/NCO Turkey Bowl



As always, the Task Force remains steadfastly committed to our mission, each other, and returning home soon. We appreciate your continued love and support more than you know. In case you missed it in our last mailing, the addresses to our new locations are below.

Once again, CSM Goodart and I could not be more proud of the entire Squadron. We are thankful for and humbled to serve alongside your Paratroopers each and every day. God Bless you and your Families this holiday season and we wish you health and happiness in the New Year!

CAMP DAHLKE

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FOB Dahlke

APO AE 09322

Airborne, All the Way!



AP LIGHTNING

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___ TRP/5-73 CAV

AP Lightning

APO AE 09354

Recon Paratrooper to Recognize



This quarter, 5-73 CAV recognizes Specialist Nicolas L. Alvarez. An Infantryman, SPC Alvarez serves as the Squadron Commander's driver. While deployed, he operates the Persistent Threat Detection System providing real-time intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance in the area surrounding CL Dwyer. In addition to his daily duties as a PTDS operator, SPC Alvarez consistently leads a team of other Paratroopers who work in the Squadron tactical operations center furthering their development as Paratroopers and Soldiers, completing their daily tasks, and leading physical training. SPC Alvarez hails from Whittier, CA and plans to marry his fiancée, Jessica following deployment.

Well done SPC Alvarez, thanks for all you do for the Squadron.



In keeping with tradition, leaders from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and 3rd Infantry Division served meals to deployed Service Members in Uruzgan (above) and Kandahar (below) provinces, Afghanistan.





Paratroopers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division escort Afghan and U.S. leaders in Daykundi Province, Afghanistan in early October.

Loyalty 6 Sends

LTC Michael Garry, Battalion Commander & CSM Gerardo Ramon, Battalion CSM



To the Families of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team,

The Paratroopers of Loyalty have been busy through the Fall season as they prepare for the Winter months. As a unit we have built a reputation of excellence through the efforts of your Paratroopers. Alpha Battery "Gators" and Bravo Battery "Bulls" remain focused on



the mission at hand and are respected members of each location at which they are stationed. Charlie Battery "Cobras" and Fox Battery continue to take very active roles in the South through field artillery support and sustainment operations enabling air movement across the country. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery leadership are continually impressed by the Paratroopers providing world class fire support at numerous locations.

The Loyalty Battalion could not be more proud of your Paratroopers' extraordinary work this holiday season; they will miss you at home this year but continue to remain focused day in and day out.

We appreciate all the love and support you have been sending your Paratroopers through care packages and Chaplain Schlecht is busy ensuring each one of your Paratroopers receives packages at every location.



Over the past few months, the Loyalty Rear Detachment worked hard to provide support to the Paratroopers and the Families of the 1-319 AFAR and the Panther Brigade.

The Rear Detachment remains focused on maintaining the readiness of our Paratroopers and our equipment while several Loyalty Paratroopers represented the Battalion well in Division-level competitions. Charlie Battery competed in the 82nd DI-VARTY “Best of the Best” Competition, while Alpha Battery “Gators” and Bravo Battery “Bulls” conducted rigorous section level training culminating in an air assault.

The PFRG has been an invaluable resource for our Paratroopers both at home and deployed and Rear Detachment leadership remains impressed and grateful.

Loyalty Paratrooper to Recognize

SGT Ruta, center, serves as the Fire Direction NCO for Alpha Battery, 2nd Platoon’s Fire Direction Center.

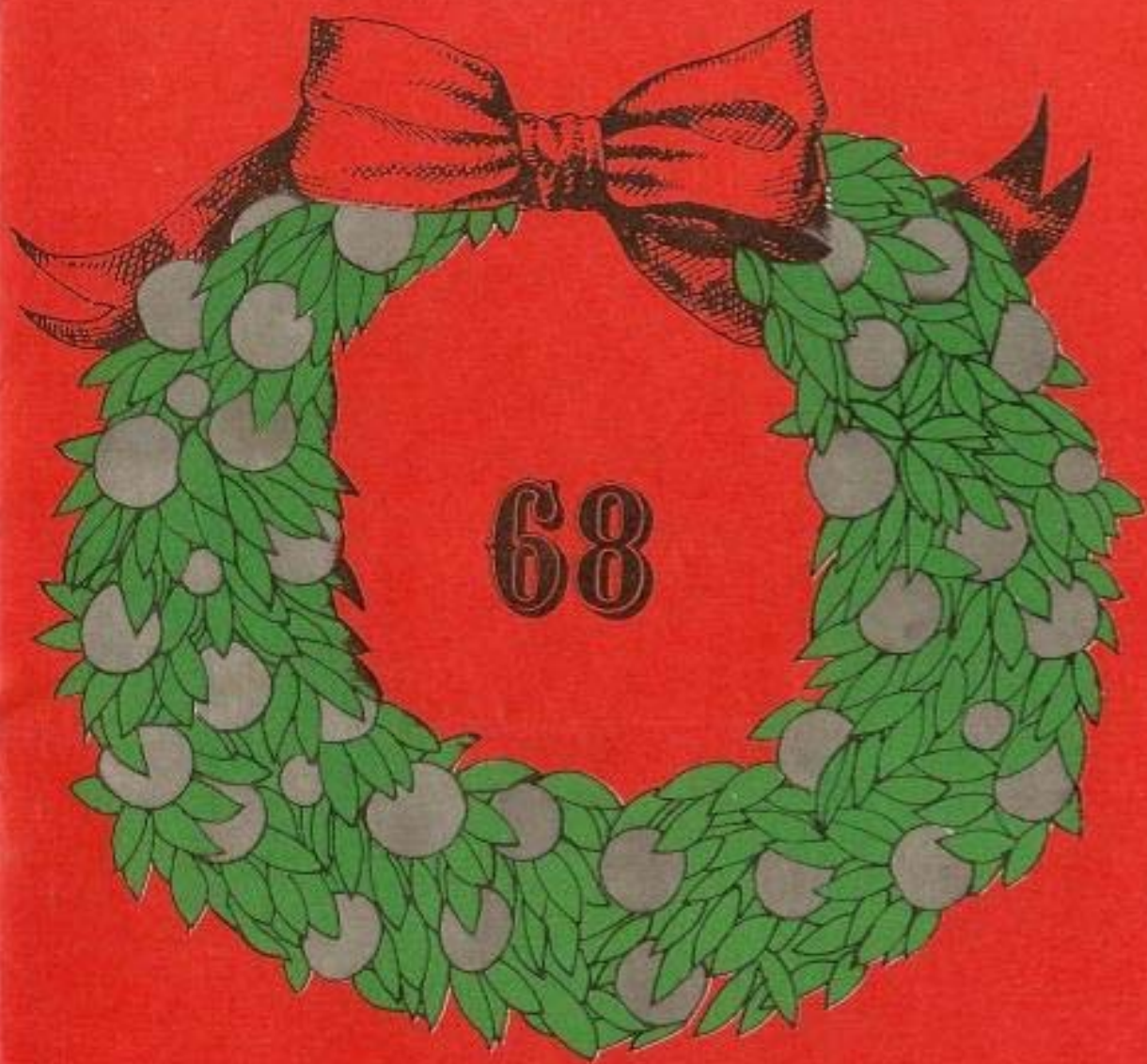
His exceptional performance is evident as he serves in a role two paygrades above his own.

SGT Ruta demonstrated his outstanding leadership capabilities by establishing and maintaining firing capabilities at multiple locations with limited supervision.

In recognition of his potential to succeed, SGT Ruta was promoted this quarter from CPL to SGT and his steadfast motivation, leadership, and commitment to excellence sets him apart from his peers within 2nd Platoon.



CHRISTMAS



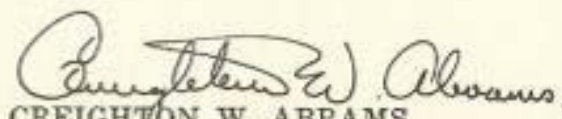
VIETNAM

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Christmas has a special meaning for American soldiers in Vietnam. Amid the tragedy and ugliness of war, the Holy Season reminds us of the joy and beauty of peace. In a land whose people struggle for a better life, the Christmas message brings cheer and hope for the future.

We who serve in this distant land may be justly proud. On this Christmas Day, no finer gift may one provide than to give of his own that his brother might share what he himself enjoys. This is what we are doing as we assist in supporting the Vietnamese in their struggle to maintain independence.

My best wishes to each of you and to your families on this Christmas Day. As we face a coming new year, may we each pray for success in our mission, peace on earth, and good will for all mankind.


CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS
General, United States Army
Commanding

Cobalt 6 Sends

LTC Aaron Cox, Battalion Commander & CSM John Hankins, Battalion CSM



To the Families of the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion,

The 307th AEB remains the premier force moving to the point of need, whether it is repositioning forces around Afghanistan to combat enemy threats or protecting the largest logistics hub in theater. Paratroopers of this organization continue to impress regardless of the task.

TF Cobalt aided in the reception and security plan for the U.S. Military's Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley, and the President of the United States Donald J. Trump during their surprise visit to support the troops on Thanksgiving Day. Our Staff was also given the responsibility of reception of Coalition Partner Distinguished Visitors, including two of the three Bosnian Presidents: Mr. Šefik Džaferović and Mr. Željko Komšić (Chairman).

Our Sapper companies continue Route Clearance Patrols and our Military Intelligence and Signal Companies are providing outstanding support to our Coalition Partners, all culminating in a stronger state of security for international forces, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and civilians.

The accomplishments of our Paratroopers are numerous, but they have come with many personal sacrifices. The CSM and I extend our deepest gratitude to all the Cobalt Families for remaining ready, resilient, and supportive of our efforts during our deployment.

Cobalt would be remiss if it did not mention the efforts of our dedicated Rear Detachment. The Rear Detachment and Paratrooper Family Readiness Group provided an enormous amount of support for the forward



Cobalt Paratroopers work with their Afghan partners to distribute winter aid to Afghan Civilians to help them in the cold weather.



elements by sending care packages for every holiday.

The PFRG sponsored several “Sip and Paint” events, providing spouses of deployed Paratroopers an opportunity to unwind and spend the evening painting in the company of other spouses going through the same experience of having a deployed

Family member.

At Bagram Airfield, Warrant Officer Justin Vegafría mitigated the effects of flooding from the local Coyote Creek by designing a denial grate, preventing debris from clogging and improving the overall water flow. This directly contributed to Bagram Airfield’s security of over 15,000 personnel by ensuring the base’s perimeter was not effected by erosive effects of flooding - an annual occurrence until now.

Cobalt Paratrooper to Recognize



PFC Jardiel Uribe is a M240B Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station Gunner and a member of the Shorab Bloodhound Team. In his spare time, he studies manuals to expand his understanding of assigned weapons systems and teaches CROWS classes to Fox Company, 2/7 Marines on Shorab. He also serves as the alternate VMR2 Minehound Operator and effectively employs the system to clear the way for our Marine counterparts.

PFC Uribe is enrolled in Trident University International, studying to earn a Bachelor’s in Computer Science and maintains a GPA of 3.91. PFC Uribe is an outstanding member and Paratrooper of the Cobalt Team! I Maintain the Right!

A member of the Daykundi Provincial Government takes a selfie with COL (P) Trevor Bredenkamp, then-incoming Commander of Train, Advise, Assist Command-South and member of the 3rd Infantry Division during a leader engagement in early October in Daykundi Province, Afghanistan.



Gator 6 Sends

LTC Christopher Hamman & CSM Mark Wrench



The talents and dedication of Gator Paratroopers shined through this holiday season!

Every Paratrooper in the battalion deserves to be proud of their achievements over the past quarter.

Recently, Alpha Company completed the first of two iterations of Convoy Protection Platform Collec-

tive Live-Fire exercises in preparation for their upcoming Gunnery in late February. Our Culinary Specialist Crew, pictured above, achieved the distinct honor of being selected as the Superior Dining Facility of the Quarter for fourth Quarter, 2019. They also showcased their talents and mastery of the culinary arts for our world-class Thanksgiving Feast at the Dining Facility which was appreciated by everyone enjoying the meal.

Gator Paratroopers celebrated the Holiday Season in style on Fort Bragg, most notably volunteering their time and efforts to host Breakfast with Santa for Families of the Brigade to enjoy.

Closing out the month, Gators ensured the readiness of the Brigade's ability to jump, fight and win by conducting administrative action and immunization rodeos before successfully completing the monumental task of ensuring the Brigade was postured for the Holiday Leave period.

Gator Culinary Specialists recognized for their dedication and expertise.





82nd Brigade Support Battalion Rear Detachment continues to receive incoming Paratroopers to the Brigade and prepare them for follow-on missions, whether here on Fort Bragg or in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

Since early Summer, the battalion sustained a high operational tempo to maintain the readiness of the Brigade across two continents while setting conditions for our equipment to be repaired and replaced, our barracks living quarters to be improved and our Families taken care of.

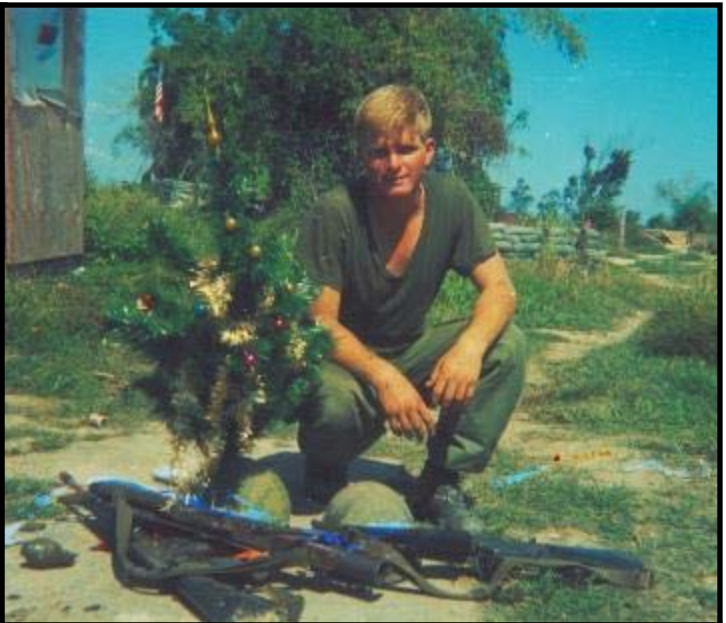
Showing exceptional duty and diligence was Gator Paratrooper SPC Andres Valdez, pictured, named the XVIII Airborne Corps Adjutant General Soldier of the Quarter!

Gator Paratrooper to Recognize

This quarter we recognize SPC Sara Acosta from Fox Battery! Originally from Sinton, Texas, SPC Acosta is a 91B—a Tactical Power Generation Specialist who ensures power stays flowing and the lights stay on at a remote base in Uruzgan Province, Southern Afghanistan.

Her duties also include the repair and maintenance of generators on the base while ensuring their safe operation.





Firebase All American, Christmas
1968, Pete Watkns

