



# ALL HELL CAN'T STOP US

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE 67TH MANEUVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE

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## THE ACFT APPROACHES

### QUARTERLY FOCUS

This is a reminder that all National Guard Soldiers must have a record Army Combat Fitness Test by April 1, 2024.

Over the past few years, Citizen-Soldiers everywhere have been training hard for this new fitness testing requirement, all while embracing the U.S. Army's Holistic Health & Fitness System.

H2F empowers and equips Soldiers to take charge of their health, fitness, and well-being in order to optimize individual performance, while preventing injury and disease.

If you're still looking for ACFT training, or any other health or wellness related support, reach out to your leadership or H2F today.

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## PIKE 6 BRIGADE COMMANDER

COL CHARLES "CHUCK" MCWILLIAMS

First off, let me thank each and every one of you for serving our great Nation. I am privileged to serve as your Brigade Commander and look forward to the many outstanding accomplishments from you and your fellow Soldiers. As my battle buddy, CSM Poppe, and I get to battlefield circulate over the course of the next Training Year you'll hear me frequently refer to our 3 Lines of Effort: Focusing on the Fundamentals, Embracing a Total Army Concept, and Forging the Future of the Nebraska Army National Guard.

By mastering the basic Soldier skills, we will be prepared for success in any mission. We must anticipate execution of those missions alongside our active-duty counterparts as well as the Joint Force, thus acceptance of a "Total Army" mindset is critical. Finally, the future of our organization is You! We must build all of our Soldiers to grow both professionally and personally to elevate the Guard to its true potential. That is my commitment to you and I humbly accept that responsibility. Never forget that All Hell Can't Stop Us!



## PIKE 7 BRIGADE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

CSM LUCAS POPPE



As a Soldier in the Nebraska Army National Guard, personal development should be one of your top priorities. This is a time for you to further your education, learn new skills and enhance your leadership abilities. Take advantage of Tuition Assistance to earn college credits or finish a degree. If college is not for you look at our Credentialing Program which offers a lot of different programs to choose from.

Consider training opportunities to become proficient in another career field or learn a new language. Volunteer for assignments that allow you to mentor your fellow Soldiers and practice delegation. Strive to continuously improve both your physical and mental fitness. Document your accomplishments and seek constructive feedback from your leadership on how to progress. Develop short- and long-term goals to map out your self-improvement plan. With focus and hard work, you will become a more well-rounded and capable member of our NEARNG team ready for increased responsibility.



# FROM THE FIELD

## QUESTIONS



### Q: What are the plans for the use of the 901st throughout the state?

I've synched up with Prairie Steel 6 for this one, but the bottom line is that units throughout the state are populating feeding requests and sending to the 734th CSSB for sourcing. The 734th CSSB SPO in coordination with the 901st FFP will determine the best method to support customers (e.g., garrison kitchen, MKT, AK, etc) to balance the training needs of the teams. Therefore, the 901st will determine which detachment and how many personnel to assign to support a request and will use a combination of IDT days, Year-Round AT days, and RMAs to place Soldiers on status to support the customers at respective locations.

### Q. What are your current goals and future goals of the MEB?

Terrific question – and this lines up with my three command priorities. As several MEB units have redeployed over the past couple of years, my first intent is for us to re-focus on the fundamentals and “master the basics.” In other words, this is a good time to make sure that we build and maintain competency in our basic Soldier skills and tasks. Next up, we must always be cognizant that we are part of the Joint Force and prepare to integrate into other echelons more easily, such as Divisions and Corps. Finally – my long-term priority is the future of the organization – which is each one of you. As a Senior Leader, I have a responsibility to position the 67th MEB (and the Nebraska Army National Guard as a whole) for enduring success and that will only be possible if we (as an organization) and I (as your Brigade Commander) invest in your growth and development as Soldiers, future leaders, and citizens of our great nation.

- PIKE 6, COL MCWILLIAMS

### Q: What's your best advice for new leaders (such as for newly graduated BLC students)?

**Lead by example.** As a new leader, your team will be watching how you conduct yourself to learn the culture and expectations. Make sure you always demonstrate the behaviors and values you want to see in your team.

**Listen more than you speak.** Take time to understand your team's strengths, challenges, goals, and priorities by actively listening to them. Listening will help you gain their trust and support.

**Build strong relationships.** Get to know each team member as an individual. Find ways to connect with them, appreciate their contributions, and support their career development and well-being. Strong relationships will help the team work better together.

**Admit mistakes and seek feedback.** As a new leader, you won't have all the answers and will likely make some mistakes. Own up to errors and openly ask for feedback to improve. This shows humility and a commitment to continuous learning.

**Set clear expectations and follow through.** Make sure your team understands their responsibilities, goals, and how their work contributes to the overall mission. Provide regular feedback and coaching to help them succeed. Follow through on any commitments you make.

**Empower your team and trust their judgment.** Micromanaging will undermine your team's confidence and initiative. Give team members autonomy to make decisions within agreed upon guidelines. Have faith in their abilities and back them up.

**Focus on the team's success, not your own.** As a leader, your top priority should be achieving the team's goals, not personal glory. Promote a culture where people help each other succeed through collaboration.

- PIKE 7, CSM POPPE



# FUNDAMENTALS

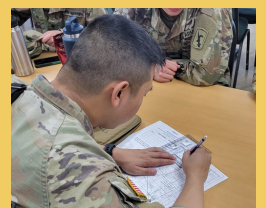
## LINE OF EFFORT 1

The Brigade Commander's first Line of Effort is for Pike Soldiers to Focus on the Fundamentals by going back to the basics to hone in and master Warrior Tasks and Skills.

Whether donning protective masks during CS gas exposure, throwing hand grenades, conducting crew-served weapons familiarization or digging into specific MOS-related tasks - completing the basics with accuracy and efficiency are key to building a strong foundation necessary for advancement and growth.









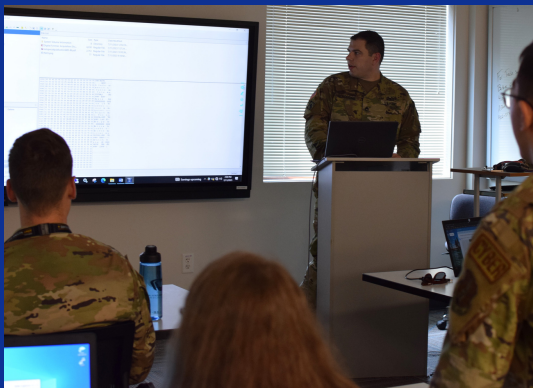
# TOTAL ARMY

## LINE OF EFFORT 2

The Brigade Commander's second Line of Effort is Embracing a Total Army Concept which requires Pike Soldiers to seamlessly integrate and execute missions alongside active-duty and joint force counterparts.

Training for the "Total Army" concept begins here in Nebraska through leveraging collaboration between units, across major subordinate commands, and with other services and interagency partners.

This training may include throwing grenades with the infantry, reconnaissance and medical evacuations with aviation, completing a warfighter exercise with an active-duty division, augmenting an airshow, or building new construction alongside Navy Seabees.











# FUTURE GUARD

## LINE OF EFFORT 3

The Future of the Guard can be found in three different areas: developing leaders at all levels, growing and molding the current force, and actively recruiting from local communities.

The 67th MEB remains committed to ensuring the Future of the Guard, as evidenced by participation in the wide variety of community events.

Along with intentional community involvement, Pike Soldiers strive for personal and professional development through military and civilian schooling, and participation in staff rides, competitions and other unique training opportunities.









# PIKE PRESTIGE

PROMOTIONS, AWARDS, HONORS & MORE



## Welcome Home 1057th Military Police Company (Team Two)



Congratulations Spc. Gideon Hill  
NEARNG Soldier of the Year 2023

Happy 75th Anniversary 43rd Army Band  
1948-2023



Sgt. Brendon Hoeke  
2023 Best Engineer Award

192nd Military Police Company  
1057th Military Police Company  
received the Meritorious Unit  
Commendation

Great work by all the Pike Soldiers who  
earned a German Armed Forces  
Proficiency Badge



**Note:** Future editions of the 67th MEB Newsletter's Pike Prestige  
will include full lists of promotions, awards, and other honors.



# MORALE WELFARE RECREATION

Who ever said there's no fun in the Army, anyway?





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[402nd Military Police Battalion Facebook](#)  
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## We want to hear from you!

Do you have a question for the Brigade Command Team?

Do you have a story you want to share with others?

Do you have feedback on this newsletter?

Send your questions, comments, stories, etc., to [67thMEB@gmail.com](mailto:67thMEB@gmail.com) and you could be featured in an upcoming edition of this newsletter.

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