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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE 67TH MANEUVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE

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STEP BOARD CHANGES

QUARTERLY FOCUS

With 2025 STEP (Select, Train, Educate, and Promote) NCO Selection Boards right around the corner, it's important to start preparing packet submissions now. Beginning this year, the process has changed for the ranks of E5 and below. They will now be ranked on the STEP list using a Promotion Point Worksheet (PPW).

It is the responsibility of each individual Soldier to review and validate their Promotion Points Worksheet through IPPS-A. Any identified discrepancies should be addressed through the chain of command and remedied prior to board preference selection and PPW validation in IPPS-A.

Reach out to your first line leader for more.

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PIKE 6 BRIGADE COMMANDER

COL CHARLES "CHUCK" MCWILLIAMS

This quarter I'd like to address safety - a topic that's often both mentioned and unheard. With the warmer months and onset of Annual Training season, the risks to the force increase significantly. And despite the many highly dangerous activities and training events we engage in, the greatest risks result from more common and seemingly innocuous activities. Typically, the most dangerous activity during a drill weekend is the drive home.

My challenge to all Soldiers in the 67th MEB is to identify at least one additional opportunity to increase the safety culture within the organization this quarter. That may encompass range safety, driver safety programs, or recommendations to improve safety off-duty (such as during swimming activities or backyard barbeques). This effort feeds into 2 of my 3 Command Priorities: Focusing on the Fundamentals entails doing things the correct way - with an emphasis on safety - and the Future of the Guard (each and every one of you) which is dependent upon a culture that keeps Soldiers safe.

Thank You for serving on our team and have a great (and safe) Summer!



PIKE 7 BRIGADE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

CSM LUCAS POPPE



As a Soldier, you bravely serve your country with honor and courage. Your duty to protect is admirable. However, it is equally important to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Make the most of each day by fully engaging with your loved ones. Shut off work at a reasonable hour and be present, listen without distraction, laugh together and share quality meals. Let your children know how much you love them and keep communication lines open with your spouse. The bonds you strengthen now will provide comfort in tougher times.

It is also crucial to continue nurturing your physical and mental resilience. Do not let your training or health routines slip, as readiness is key. However, balance is important too. Allow yourself downtime to recharge through hobbies you enjoy or leisurely activities with your family. If stresses from the job start to weigh on you, seek counsel from your chain of command or military support programs. Coming home each night to your family should be an opportunity to decompress, not add more weight to bear. Taking good care of yourself now will help you serve with optimum vigor for many years to come.

FROM THE FIELD

QUESTIONS



Q1: When fiscal constraints limit external training opportunities, what is the best way to maximize training time internally during standard IDT weekends?

This is a terrific question, particularly (as you pointed out) since training funding currently limits the number of days that Soldiers can be on orders. Having PME as the priority (over Annual Training) decreases the number of Soldiers available for AT and increases the importance of collective training during IDT periods. Recognizing those constraints, the decision to train in a field environment (such as CATS-M or GTS) should be maximized during monthly drills with MUTA 5 or MUTA 6 drills when possible. The Nebraska Army National Guard has invested in our training areas considerably over the past several years so now would be a terrific moment to take advantage of those upgrades. Thank you for that question and for recognizing the increased relevance of training time during IDTs!

Q2: What has been the highlight of your military career?

Perhaps it's my age, but the highlights are increasingly those moments when I see Soldiers and junior officers being recognized for their hard work, efforts, and potential for greater areas of responsibility. Whether that be an award, a promotion, or selection for command – those are the most rewarding to me. Among those moments was having the privilege to swear in my daughter for her commissioning ceremony, where I'm quite certain I was more nervous than she was. Our nation is great and will remain great as long as we have outstanding and committed Americans such as each of you within the 67th MEB who continue to raise your right hands and affirm an oath of allegiance to our Constitution and the values represented within. I am honored to serve as your Brigade Commander!

- PIKE 6, COL MCWILLIAMS

Q1: I agree with what COL McWilliams said, getting out of the armory and utilizing Fort Nebraska training areas allows us to hone our "Move" and "Communicate" skills which are vitally necessary in a Large Scale Combat Operation (LSCO). These basic tasks are the foundation that all collective tasks are built. Take time to learn your individual/section equipment, conduct your preventive maintenance checks and services (PMCS) to standard using the dash 10 Training Manuals and conduct training using the eight-step training model outlined in FM 7-0. Focus on training at the individual/team level, and it will prepare you for future collective training.

Q2: I have so many great memories during my time in the Nebraska Army National Guard it hard to narrow down my favorite one. However my most rewarding moment is seeing a Soldier of mine who was struggling reach out for help and the National Guard answered. I saw this Soldier who was going down a bad path completely turn things around and eventually get promoted to Sergeant. To this day, I am so proud of what he had overcome and accomplished. That was one of the most rewarding moments for me. Every time I get to see units, sections, and teams working seamlessly together, building comradery, it is rewarding for me. Like the Commander, I am honored to be your Command Sergeant Major!

- PIKE 7, CSM POPPE

LOCAL FEATURE:

CITY OF WAHOO

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



On March 13, 2024, leaders with the Nebraska National Guard and the local Wahoo community spent the entire day in Wahoo engaged in various activities and conversations that honored Veterans, discussed emergency management best practices, and brainstormed future collaborative opportunities to further develop a reliable and valued relationship through the Nebraska National Guard's Community Partnership Program (CPP).

The CPP is a Nebraska Military Department program, managed and administered by the adjutant general, Nebraska National Guard. The CPP allows the Nebraska National Guard - to include the full Nebraska Military Department of the Nebraska Army National Guard, Nebraska Air National Guard and Nebraska Emergency Management Agency - to support the citizens of Nebraska by recognizing and developing enduring relationships within local communities and carrying out activities to build trust, sustain open lines of communication, and to enhance overall readiness for emergency response.

The CPP began with a wreath laying ceremony at the Saunders County Veterans Memorial in Wahoo, honoring Veterans from the local community. The day continued with visits to local businesses, tours of facilities and scheduled meetings with various local groups and organizations. Additionally, the Nebraska National Guard hosted a Guard for a Day event at the Wahoo High School where students of all ages from schools within the city had the opportunity to learn more about the Nebraska National Guard and even tour a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

The inaugural partnership was official when City of Wahoo Mayor Gerald D. Johnson and Maj. Gen. Craig Strong, Nebraska adjutant general, signed the Community Partnership Agreement that afternoon at Lake Wanahoo.



126TH CHEMICAL BATTALION



Headquarters Company for the 126th Chemical Battalion had an eventful second quarter starting with a location change for January drill to the North Omaha Readiness Center due to broken pipes and flooding at the South Omaha Readiness Center. The staff participated in training on the first two steps of the Military Decision Making Process conducted by contractors from Camp Dodge, Iowa.

The remaining battalion Soldiers and several from the 267th Support Maintenance Company participated in Combat Life Saver training provided by battalion medics.

In February, headquarters moved out to the Mead Training site to conduct individual weapons qualification tables 1 and 2 as well as night drivers training. This was the first time many of the younger Soldiers in the battalion were exposed to using night vision devices. Members of the communications section also had the opportunity to train on MOS-specific skills with the 234th Signal Company.



In March the staff picked up where they left off in January with MDMP Steps 3 and 4 while the remainder of the headquarters personnel prepared for annual training coming up in April.

The 179th Cyber Protection Team spent much of the quarter focused on Network Enumeration and Department of Defense Information Operations to prepare for the joint qualifications record training coming up during their annual training.

Second quarter was a little low-key for the 43rd Army Band. With no scheduled performances in January or February, the unit focused drill assemblies on mission essential tasks, squad-level music rehearsals and some full concert band rehearsal.

In March, the full concert band performed for the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association convention in Lincoln, and a brass quintet performed at the OCS Class 67 graduation in Nebraska's the Capitol.

Other events including attending an Open House, conducting combat life saver training, and completing weapons qualification level one.



128TH ENGINEER BATTALION



Soldiers in the 128th Engineer Battalion had an eventful second quarter executing assignments in Rwanda, wildfire assistance with state emergency management collaboration, the 623rd Engineer Company Change of Command, and the 128th's first Battalion Dining Out.

Towards the end of February and the beginning of March, 12 Soldiers from the Battalion volunteered for a two week State Partnership Program training exercise to Rwanda. In Rwanda, they worked with Rwanda Defense Forces (RDF) engineers assisting with survey drafting, plotting points for their basic training operations, and building ammo depots.



Beginning in March, 10 Soldiers from the 755th Engineer Firefighter Company were sent to North Platte to assist with Nebraska wildfires. The firefighters worked with the 155th Air Refueling Wing, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, and the Nebraska Forest Service across the North Platte area to control and contain the Betty's Way Fire. More than 30 agencies assisted with this wildfire that burned more than 70,000 acres in the North Platte area.

In January, the 623rd Engineer Company held a Change of Command ceremony for outgoing commander Capt. Joshua Miller and current company commander Capt. Jennifer Poessnecker.

Finally, the 128th Engineer Battalion conducted its first Battalion Dining Out during March with over 450 people attending the Lincoln event, establishing an astonishing standard for future dining outs. The De Fleury Medal was awarded to five engineers during the night, and Lt. Col. Nathaniel Krcilek, 128th Engineer Battalion commander, issued the oath of reenlistment for several Soldiers who made the decision to extend their service in the Nebraska Army National Guard. In addition to this, the 755th Engineer Firefighter Company won the battalion-wide competition for highest Army Combat Fitness Test scores.



402ND MILITARY POLICE BATTALION



This past quarter, the 402nd Military Police Battalion focused on building the future of the force and mastering the basics in preparation for the upcoming annual training season.

Headquarters led both community engagement and recruiting efforts by hosting an Open House, Career Fair, and Boss lift on March 1, 2024, at the Omaha Readiness Center. The event saw more than 100 prospective students from across the Omaha Metropolitan area and included 10 local law enforcement agencies who are also working to fill their ranks. The overall goal of the event was to showcase how a career in the National Guard and a career in law enforcement could support one another.

The associated Boss lift flew 13 employers from multiple law enforcement agencies on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter to observe the Mead Training Site. The Boss lift allowed Soldiers to give back to their employers while simultaneously educating them on what occurs during a typical drill weekend.





The 192nd Military Police Company also supported March's Open House in Omaha. The unit placed emphasis on fundamental priority training such as conducting combat lifesaver and MP desk operations - receiving reports from patrol units.

The 1057th Military Police Company held an Open House in Scottsbluff where they hosted students from Gering and Scottsbluff, showcasing a variety of different opportunities available in the Nebraska National Guard. The unit also held a community blood drive on Feb. 12, and continues to focus on mounted crew-serve weapons training in preparation for modified Table VI gunnery and full battalion weapons qualification in April.



734TH COMBAT SUPPORT SUSTAINMENT BATTALION



The headquarters for the 734th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion has been working hard on assisting its downtrace units, while also prepping for their annual training coming up in June.

In February, the Greater Nebraska Military Ball was executed without any issues with several hundred service members in attendance from throughout the State. We honored four people with the Transportation Regimental Award, hung our banner on our guidon for the most recent award during the deployment, and celebrated.

In March, the unit held a Change of Responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Yates to Command Sgt. Maj. NaTosha Siemek, immediately followed by a ceremony celebrating Yates retirement.



The 1075th Transportation Company and 189th Transportation company spent their second quarter preparing for their individual weapons qualification as well as getting ready for the Operational Force Theater Committed mission that was set to occur in April.

There were several promotions and awards given out across all the units, but one highlight came from the 1075th which presented the Transportation Regimental Award to Sgt. 1st Class Adren Uhlig as he prepares for his retirement from the AGR program.

The 267th Support Maintenance Company has been extremely busy this year preparing for their upcoming rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center in June, but they were able to take a moment to celebrate the retirement of Sgt. Jacob Berry in March.

They also were also preparing for their individual weapons qualification that the 734th headquarters coming is going to run the ranges for them to assist in their efforts to be ready for their Early Deploying Unit requirements for fiscal year 2025.



HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT COMPANY & 234TH SIGNAL COMPANY



Soldiers with Headquarters Support Company, 67th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade had a busy second quarter conducting annual training, getting involved in the community, and supporting a warfighter exercise.

In January, HSC Soldiers delivered more than 250 gifts plus miscellaneous toiletries and various perishable and dry goods to the Carolyn Scott Rainbow House in Omaha. The donations were collected during HSC's holiday party to give to the guest house where out-of-town families coming to Children's Nebraska can stay while children are hospitalized.

During annual training in March, headquarters Soldiers had the opportunity to focus in on maintenance and distribution procedures. Soldiers completed convoy operations and honed their recovery skills at the Greenlief Training Site conducting rollover and mire pit training. Additional signal and intelligence Soldiers worked to upgrade systems at the Spirit of '76 armory to enhance warfighting functions.





Simultaneously, more than 50 Soldiers supported the 1st Infantry Division in a warfighter exercise at Fort Riley, Kansas. Together, the Soldiers collaborated to synchronize and move, demonstrating Total Army capabilities across the formation, from the corps to the unit level. They were also joined by 14 members of the Czech Armed Forces who visited for a chance to observe the mass exercise as part of Nebraska's State Partnership Program.

The 234th Signal Company embraced the Total Army concept while hosting a joint communications exercise in February with 10 Soldiers from the 126th Chemical Battalion and the 2-134th Infantry Battalion. The 234th trained the other units' Soldiers on conducting retransmission radio communications operations from Lincoln to Camp Ashland. The training included ensuring proper setup and operational capability of equipment the other units' Soldiers don't often have access to.



The 234th also focused on their basic duty skills to setup satellite communication systems and a network provider for troubleshooting and testing communication internally.

In March, Spc. Chase Gragg attended Southeast Community College's Career Day in Lincoln on behalf of the unit representing communications opportunities available throughout the Nebraska Guard, while unit leadership met with 402nd Military Police Battalion leadership to plan for their upcoming joint annual training this summer.



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PROMOTIONS, AWARDS, HONORS & MORE



PROMOTIONS

SERGEANT

DAHLBERG PARKER KENNETH
HYTREK BRADLEY DAVID
JARZYNKA LANCE RYAN
JOHNSON CHASE MICHAEL
KAVAN NATALIE ELIZABETH
LEE DEVON MICHAEL
ODONNELL MADISON JOSEPHINE
WHITE ZACHERY MICHAEL

STAFF SERGEANT

DYE RHETT MICHAEL
GRUNDMAYER DANIEL ALAN
KIRCHNER TYLER ALAN
PROCHASKA BRENTON LEE
REDDEN GARY ALLEN
RICHARDS JOSY ALLAN
RIEDEL DALTON LEE
TEETERS JUSTIN ROGER
WRIGHT JOSHUA RAY
ZEISS JACOB DONALD

SERGEANT 1ST CLASS

JUETT NICHOLAS ALVIN
KILCOIN JASON ALAN
LENERS HEIDI JO
WISEMAN WILLIAM FLETCHER

MASTER SERGEANT

NOYES ANTHONY WILLIAM
SULLIVAN SHAWN MICHAEL

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

SIEMEK NATOSHA DAWN

CAPTAIN

DUGICK AARON THOMAS
HOBSON ANTOINE MARQUISEHENR
LAUENROTH COLIN JAMES
SANNICKS KAMRYN LYNNAE

AWARDS

NE LEGION OF MERIT

CW3 STIENIKE STEVEN JAMES

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

SFC LEDDEN NATHAN JAMES
1SG PRIKSAT JASON WEILER
CW4 LAMAY BRAD CHRISTOPHER
CPT CULLEN DAMIEN LEE
MAJ KOCH MICHAEL J

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

SPC MUNSTER CARSON MATTHEW
SGT BROWN THOMAS ANTHONY
SGT BUSS KALEB MARTIN
SGT DENKLAU MICHAEL WAYNE
SGT HEILBRUN DILLON COLE
SGT PALMER KYLE JAMES
SGT PFANSTIEL ETHAN GREGORY
SGT STEARNS GAURET MARCEL
SSG MAIN JASMINE RHAE
SSG PROCHASKA BRENTON LEE
SSG SAYLER MORGAN LYNN
SFC DODD ETHAN DAVID
MSG NELSON JEREMY LEE
CW3 JONES JOEL GLEN
CW3 OPPLIGER II STEPHEN PAUL
CPT DUGICK AARON THOMAS
CPT GRONEWOLD JONATHAN SCOTT
CPT LINTZ JONATHAN DEAN
CPT PERRY JADE ELISA
CPT SANNICKS KAMRYN LYNNAE
MAJ HOLLAND LUKE AARON

ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

PFC SOUVARALAK VIJITRA MCGUIRE
SPC CHEREK DOMINIC CLARK
SPC GOFF JOSEPHYNA MECHELLE
SPC HENDREN JACOB WESLEY

SPC HURD ANDREW TIMOTHY
SPC KELLEY III WILLIAM THOMAS
SPC SCHENDT CADE ALAN
SPC SCHLOTMAN ZACHARY KEITH
SPC SHEPHERD JOSEPH ANTHONY
SPC SLATTEN ROYCE HAYDENCHARLES
SPC SMITH SHAWN LEE
SPC VAK KALEB RILEY
SPC VASQUEZ MARCE DOUGLAS
SPC VU TONY
SPC WATSON LANE GARRETT
SPC WILLARD JACOB HOWARD
SPC WORTHY COLE RYAN
SGT HYTREK BRADLEY DAVID
SGT LOPEZ YOSELINE
SGT MACH IV JOSEPH FRANK
SGT MEYERS NATHAN JAMES
SGT PILE AUSTIN COLE
SGT SIMMONS JOHN PHILLIP
SGT STEARNS GAURET MARCEL
SGT SUTTON TRENTON EDWARD
SSG DOCKERY AARON JAMES
SSG ERNST ZACHARY DAVID
SSG KAPSA PHILLIP MICHAEL
SSG KASSELMAN PAUL THOMAS
SFC HIXSON DION WILBERT
SFC REYES KATHY HELEN
2LT VELAZQUEZPERFECTO JENIFER
CW2 GILBERTSON JOSHUA JAY

NE COMMENDATION MEDAL

SSG BENDICKSON TROY DAVID
SSG MUELLER DAVID NATHANIEL

NE INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

SGT HILL GIDEON CRUSHAE
SSG FREUDENBURG COLE HENRY
SFC HIXSON DION WILBERT

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OCS Class 67 – 67th MEB Graduates



43rd Army Band Commander, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Paul Kenney, Named Lincoln Public Schools Foundation Music Educator of the Year

Congratulations to the 1075th Transportation Company on being recognized with the Adopt-A-Unit program of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of United States, VFW Post 1504



Submission Request: We are looking to highlight a 67th MEB Soldier of the quarter in future editions of the Newsletter's Pike Prestige section. Submit a nomination now to 67thMEB@gmail.com with a name of the Soldier and a short summary of their achievement for potential inclusion in an upcoming issue.

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