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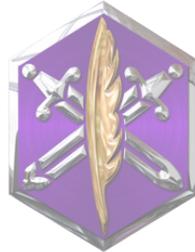
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Command Team Corner



We continue to be overwhelmed with an amazing outpouring of support since taking command this summer. The times when we stop to thank you, the Family and Soldiers of the 85th Civil Affairs Brigade, are too far and few. We sincerely appreciate your continued efforts, and sacrifices.

One of our key goals in command is to provide as much information as possible regarding the future of the brigade, and what that means to our Soldiers and their Families. We continue to interface across the Army network to provide as much predictability as possible for planning purposes.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It also seems that the holiday season has come and gone away as quickly as it came. We're sure kids are wondering where it went, as they find themselves back in school. Parents might be a little more appreciative of the new school year. We trust everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

This new year comes with continued planning and the closure of both the 80th Civil Affairs Battalion and the 84th Civil Affairs Battalion. This comes with no reduction in the demand for our highly professional Soldiers, and we are work-

ing diligently to see that missions are transferred over in a timely manner.

As we approach the second quarter of the year, we have some fun events for all to attend, if available. We hope to see everyone out supporting the brigade teams during the Best Warrior Competition during the last week of February. This challenge will test the team's minds, cohesiveness, leadership, and teamwork as they compete in seventeen tasks during a 48 hour period.

To cap off that week, we will celebrate families and soldiers of the brigade at the annual formal. This is scheduled for February 26th at Club Hood, and we look forward to seeing as many of the brigade Soldiers and Families as possible at this event. We appreciate everything the Soldiers and Families do for our brigade, for you are the bedrock that forms our Warriors into the Diplomats they are.

Thank You! Warriors 6 and 7 out.



A Reason to Give



Sgt. Mikel Lyden, (right), and Sgt. Angelica Munoz help deliver food.

By SPC

Brandon Keys

During the holidays, opportunities for helping the less fortunate are

all around us. Soldiers of the 85th Civil Affairs Brigade offered their support in the form of donating food to the homeless.

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MASKED FOR THE TASK

Preparing for a potential threat is something the U.S Army takes seriously. With the threat of chemical warfare all the more present in modern times, a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) range becomes paramount training for Soldiers.

The 85th Civil Affairs Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company recently conducted a CBRNE range to familiarize Soldiers with their new protective masks and better prepare for that threat.

"Given the fact that we never know what we're going to be up against, we need to be prepared for

all possibilities. By training with (CBRNE) equipment we hope to become better prepared for future situations from our adversaries," said Capt. David Fobar, the HHC company commander and a native of Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Soldiers went through a number of different exercises while inside the gas



chamber, but the focus was to execute the proper tactics in donning the mask in

case of a chemical attack.

"It's important for us to go out there, and be confident in how we use this equipment," said Pfc. Shelby Mullin, from Noble, Oklahoma and a CBRN specialist with HHC.

The training allowed the Soldiers to use the new protective masks and have a

better grasp on how to properly use the equipment during a CBRNE threat.



A Reason to Give continued...

Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Miller, Sgt. Mikel Lyden, and Sgt. Angelica Munoz traveled to Cedar Park to pick up a truckload of food to take to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Mission and Soup Kitchen.

"It's important to volunteer to help someone in need. It is a humbling experience to see a person or a child's face light up when they receive food

they can't afford. Every Soldier would be amazed of what their time and effort would do to an organization that is in need," said Miller.

Organizations like St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and Operation Phantom Support, which helps distribute food twice a week to over 600 families, make a huge difference during these winter months.



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WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

This week the #WarriorSpotlight shines on Spc. Adam Wise. Wise, a native of Waco, Texas and is a 91B, wheeled vehicle mechanic with HHC, 85th Civil Affairs Brigade. Wise joined the U.S. Army in January 2013 and has been stationed at Fort Hood for the past year and a half. According to his supervisor, Sgt. Dale Duncan, "Spc. Wise is a dedicated, hard-working Soldiers who is always willing to learn."

Q: How long have you been doing your job?

A: for the past year and a half

Q: What are your goals?

A: I want to get a job working with computers, maybe in Information Technology or network security when i get out of the Army. Also, I hope

to one day be able to bench press

my own weight.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: I enjoy video games, sports, playing with my two kids and food. I love my food.

Q: What do you like most about the Army?

A: Camaraderie, everyone help everyone. It also keeps me fit, even on days when i don't want to. I love the financial stability the Army offers versus living as a civilian.

Q: Describe your military career.

A: Its been interesting, I've a lot of different things I thought I'd never be able to do such as being able to fire a semi-au-

tomatic weapon, seeing a grenade launcher

fire a live grenade or even running four miles without stopping, so I'd say its been good.

Q: What do you like about being stationed here?

A: I am close to my family, just an hour away and I get to see my kids.

Q: What is your favorite movie genre?

A: Either comedy or action. I love to laugh and i love to see people laugh. For action, i love super heroes and i love watching fight scenes. My favorite movies would have to be the 1986 version of The Transformers, The Hangover and the Naked Gun series.

Q: What are you most proud of?

A: My kids. My daughter, she's super smart, already writing at a second grade level and she just got into first grade. My son is always energetic and always finds a way to make me laugh.

Q: If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you bring with you?

A: Water, a long range radio with batteries and a machete

Q: If you could spend one hours with anyone, who would it be and why?

A: Nikola Tesla. I would love to see all of his inventions. He was a very smart guy that invented a lot of the things that we use to this day.



WARRIOR DIPLOMATS SHARE EXPERIENCES ON VETERANS DAY.

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Veterans Day Story Continued....

Soldiers from the 85th Civil Affairs Brigade recently participated in Walsh Middle School's Veterans Day activities.

The event allowed Soldiers to provide support for the community of Round Rock, Texas, and produce a way for students to interact with service members.

"Soldiers took the event as an opportunity to share experiences with the students at Walsh Middle School and were given the opportunity to ask questions relating to military life." said Sgt. 1st Class Mark Woods, a native of Springfield, Missouri,

and the brigade's community liaison to Round Rock.

According to Woods, events like this provide a way for the Soldiers who live and work in the community to help the surrounding neighbors understand what Soldiers do while deployed and in a garrison environment.

"Seeing the equipment we as Soldiers use during operations gives students the chance to get to see and use the tools of our profession," said Woods.

"Because this is a volunteer army, unless

families have Soldiers of their own, the community doesn't have a chance to learn what we do. These events help bring our Soldiers into the community and show students and the community a little bit of what we do." said Master Sgt. Janet Gunn, 85th CA Bde. Preventive Medicine noncommissioned officer, and native of Hamin, West Virginia.

Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Miller, communications noncommissioned officer in charge, brought in some operational equipment for the students.

Learning about the

tools Soldiers use is just a small example of what the brigade hopes to accomplish during these events.

"The 85th Civil Affairs Brigade continues to build support for the community of Round Rock by working with the Mayor's office in order to bridge the gap between the military and civilian populations in Central Texas," said Woods.

Woods also explained that the brigade will continue to conduct similar outreach events with the community of Round Rock.

OPERATION JUNIPER SHIELD



Civil Affairs Soldiers from the 82nd Civil Affairs Battalion, successfully coordinated for and facilitated a round table discussion at an airbase in Agadez, Niger, between U.S. personnel and local leadership.

The visit provided an opportunity for Honorable Eunice Reddick, the ambassador to Niger, to discuss intergovernmental cooperation and the long-standing friendship between the U.S. and Nigerien governments.

The meeting also allowed Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, the U.S. Army Africa commanding general, to speak with formal, traditional and military leaders about the future of the airbase and pledge support to the mission.

The civil affairs team medic proved to be an invaluable asset as she provided accurate translation services throughout the meeting, creating a link between the U.S. and Niger that otherwise would not have occurred.