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#### "Bridle and Reins—Stand Tall!"



## The Commander's Column

Greetings Family and friends! It was another busy month for the Soldiers of the Seahorse Battalion. This month more of our equipment and personnel arrived along with the Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) from Fort Lewis. The SBCT will conduct operations in the areas where your spouse currently works. The reason we were pushed to deploy from Knox so soon was to expand the existing FOBs and in one case build a new FOB so the infantry and aviation could move right in and begin operations. This milestone has been achieved and a lot of the credit goes to the hard work of your deployed Soldier. As CSM Dixon and I travel to each location, we are always amazed and impressed with the work ethic and motivation of the subordinate units striving to complete their missions under austere conditions. They are doing the work that they joined the Army to do, but they also all say they really miss their Families. I also want to

mention some gifts that we received this month showing America's support for her military. A big thank you goes to Mr. Michael Morgan from Schwartz Opportunity Support out of Louisville, KY whose team raised money to purchase 180 phone cards with 150 minutes each for the Battalion. We have also received hundreds of care boxes from schools and churches across America with letters stating their support and lots of goodies/hygiene items that go to use right away. The chaplain has a tough job of sorting through the boxes and delivering them out to the Soldiers that reside off of Kandahar; as a result - the chaplain is one of the most travelled men in the Battalion. I am extremely grateful for the outstanding performance of the rear-detachment in deploying personnel and equipment along with pushing the mighty 502E out the door to OEF – keep up the great



LTC Heath C. Roscoe 19th EN BN Commander

work! To our Families, I am just as impressed with how you all are coping with the deployment and handling issues that arise. FRGs you are doing a great job and we all applaud your efforts. Your attention on Family members is allowing us to focus on our jobs and we do appreciate all that you do. Thank you for your service to our unit and to our great Nation.

**BRIDLE & REINS!** 

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Soldiers, family, and friends of the 502nd Bridge CO gather at Sadowski Field House at Fort Knox for the unit's departure ceremony. The 502nd will be joining the BN in OEF at the end of the month.











CSM puts combat patch on FSC guidon bearer





SM takes over BN





Seahorse Families!!! I know we have some of the greatest families in the world. I will bet this against any Army family team in the world. Life here in the big sandbox is getting better; this is evident with mail delivery, more dining facilities, more internet connections, more phones and more care packages from different organizations around the United States. Your Soldiers are busting their butts making a difference here in theater. Everywhere the boss and I visit, all we hear is how much of an impact your Soldiers are making. It's nice to hear from others of how great and wonderful your Soldiers are performing. I am not telling you anything you don't already know about your Soldier. I travel to every destination where your Soldier lay his/her hat. Living conditions are better for some than others; we are desperately fighting day in and day out to make life better. This month I will not talk as much, I will share with you some photos of my trips to each location. Command Sergeant Major's Advice: No matter what, the morale is still high. Please remember, our success over here is partially dependent on you back there. Please continue to write your Soldiers, send emails/cards, goodies, and constantly remind them of how much you support and appreciate what they are doing. This is MOTIVATION to the highest degree. CSM's word of the month: BELIEF

CSN clowns with SPC Kossar

CSM congratulates 72<sup>nd</sup> after Combat patch ceremony









### Commander's Corner

I hope that all the kids who recently started their school year are enjoying the new setting and new friends. Families thanks for all you do for your Soldier. I cannot say that enough. Morale is high and work continues at an impressive rate. I am very pleased with the effort and could not ask for a harder working and professional group of Soldiers. There are plans to bring a PX, Barber Shop and cardio equipment to the FOB. No timeline on when these items will arrive. Please stay in contact with the FRG. We are working company T Shirts, the FRG will have all the required information for purchase. BLADE 6 - CPT Rob Fairel

## Around the Company

3/15th continues to focus on the Entry Control Point of the base and ammunition area. They have completed one row of cells allowing other units arriving an ammo storing area. To date 3/15th has hauled over 725,000 cubic yards of material while, simultaneously working both the ECP and BLAHA. They have completed the helicopter landing zone allowing all helicopters to land on the FOB. 3/15th was tasked with the first off the FOB construction project. They widened a critical roadway to both stop the insurgents and allow friendly forces to move. This mission was planned for two days with 3/15th completing in less than eight hours.

1/76th has work diligently splitting their platoon up between maintaining security and constructing the 15th TOC buildings. During this month other units arrived taking the burden of security from 1/76th. 1/76th now focuses on the TOC and small projects to improve life on the FOB. They finished the guard tower inside the ammunition area which greatly improved security. 1/76th has been very flexible through the change of FOB protection back to their MOS's within the **BLADE 5** - CPT Diana Lively



Top Left: SPC Hodgeman and SPC Kolbek work on placing tin on the roof of the SEAhut. Top Right: PFC Mosley and PFC Johnson place footer pads on the newly compacted soil for the hut their platoon is about to build.

engineer field.

3/60th has worked all month to build a wood structure from nothing. First they staged all prefabricated materials near the site. Next they placed the footers once the pad was at grade. Within 3 weeks they had a building up with the roof on. Additionally, they placed roofing on during hours of darkness. Prefabrication to run the electrical has started with anticipation of material arriving with in a week. The 50X90 company TOC is 90% complete. This has been a true team effort with all members giving their best.

Maintenance continues to repair "None Mission Capable" (NMC), equipment. They also have been finishing up repairing equipment that is returning to other units. There has been an increase in parts arriving allowing them to replace several engines. They have been a major support to the company and others on the FOB by repairing all sorts of vehicles. This PLT is the dirtiest on a day to day basis. These guys work hard and are the unsung heroes of the company.



Above: CPL Martinez finish grades the guard tower site using the road grader.



# Above Right: SSG Franks supervises the relocation of the

## **Top's Text**

Hello all, as you can see we have stayed busy and your soldiers are doing well. Although things here on Wolverine have gotten a little crowded, it is only because the hard work of Team Blade. Continue to support your soldier as we are just getting into the 4th month, and we have a long road ahead. The commander has mentioned the Company T-shirts, we have raised enough money that all the soldiers will get one. Then we take orders for family members for both Hats and T-shirts. We have included every element of Team Blade in the design, and hope to offer kids sizes and pink for the ladies. There will be more to follow on this. Take Care!

BLADE 7 - ISG Timothy Thompson



Left: CW3 Wylie helps SPC Hill and SPC Martin connect electrical and hydraulic lines on the newly placed engine. Center: SGT Hall levels fresh fill as it is dumped by military and civilian trucks.

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## **Commander's Corner**

#### Jungle Eater Families and Friends:

On 31 July 2009 at FOB Frontenac, I, CPT Vanessa Stolzoff became the commander of the 60<sup>th</sup> EN CO (VERT). I am excited to lead and work with each of the Soldiers, families, and friends in this great unit. Based on our company values of Teamwork, Excellence, My integrity, and Pride (TEMP) we will continue to improve ourselves and be the best in all we do. The Soldiers in this company are resilient and work hard every day regardless of the every location and situation.

I<sup>st</sup> Platoon worked on two different Forward Operating Bases this month. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> squad stayed at FOB Tarin Kowt to complete the emplacement of matting for rotary wing aircraft. At the end of August, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> squad moved to FOB Frontenac to aid in the completion of I<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> squad's building for a tactical operation center. I am excited to see the entire platoon work together on their upcoming projects. I know this hard working platoon will do a great job with whatever is required of them.

 $2^{nd}$  Platoon continued the construction on their two buildings and began preparations to move to Frontenac.

 $3^{rd}$  Platoon put their construction knowledge to good use this month as they continued construction on a tactical operations center for an incoming unit. The vital support provided by  $3^{rd}$  platoon at Wolverine continues to be a dominant force provider for all who work with this platoon.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon, 15<sup>th</sup> EN CO joined the Jungle Eaters this month as our horizontal element. This tremendous group of Soldiers has proved to be an exceptional asset to this unit and to completing the mission. This month they completed a firing point for the Field Artillery, a temporary burn pit for trash, RLB pads for future troop living, and they began construction on the motor pool for this FOB. Despite equipment set-backs, this platoon has shown that hard work and dedication make the task at hand attainable.

The headquarters section and the PSD continue to support all the Soldiers in this unit. Regardless of the task, temperature, or situation these fine Soldiers continue to give 100 percent. During the past month, PSD began their training to prepare for all potential upcoming missions. These fine Soldiers are eagerly absorbing all the knowledge and wisdom from their instruction and are applying it to ensure the safety of the Soldiers in this company. Headquarters section conducted their first classes on writing awards/ ratings and generator maintenance. Both classes better prepare the Soldiers for greater development.

I appreciate your continued support and I look forward to meeting each of you upon our safe return. Keep up your hard work and thank you.

Jungle Eater 6 - CPT Vanessa Stolzoff



<u>Above</u>: A Soldier from 2-15th EN CO excavates dirt from the burn pit using the HYEX, or hydraulic excavator. The burn pit will be used to dispose of waste.



<u>Above</u>: CPT Stolzoff receives the 60th Engineer Company guidon from LTC Roscoe during her change of command ceremony this month at FOB Frontenac.





<u>Above</u>: 2-15th EN CO uses the bucket loader to fill Hescos at the artillery firing point on the FOB.

Left: 2nd PLT sprays water on the relocatable building (RLB) pad to prepare it for compaction. Soldiers will move into RLBs once the pads are done and the RLBs are erected.

<u>Above</u>: A Soldier from 1-60th EN CO nails plywood to the exterior wall of the TOC.

<u>Below</u>: Another 1st PLT Soldier works on assembling the interior wall of the TOC





#### **Commander's Corner**

#### Friends and Family of 76<sup>th</sup>:

I want to start out this month's column by talking about how proud I have been of everything Team Hammer has accomplished. The Soldiers of HQ, Maintenance, 2/76<sup>th</sup>, and I/15<sup>th</sup> have stepped up HUGE this month with short timelines, and we have not accomplished this alone. You who are reading this - friends, family, and fellow Soldiers have helped us from daily conversation to pushing us the building materials or toiletries that make our lives better and the mission easier to complete.

Team Hammer spent the last weeks of July working through the life support and engineering issues that needed to be solved prior to the influx of the Stryker BN coming in to conduct combat operations. The experience of the Soldiers and NCOs in 2/76<sup>th</sup> and 1/15<sup>th</sup> gave the team a vast pool of knowledge as we worked through issues like a drainage and septic plan for the entire base. WOI Springette joined our team as CW2 Jones moved to battalion staff and both have helped with ensuring designs help the two platoons complete the mission. Life has become increasingly crowded at FOB Spin Buldak with the arrival of the cavalry battalion from 5-2 Stryker Infantry Brigade Combat Team (SBCT). The Fort Knox connection is alive and well as most of these troopers went through some kind of training at Fort Knox as cavalry troopers. Although the line for chow has gotten longer, an increased population has brought a few benefits to us: a DSN call center, a gym, and a SMALL PX are set to open in the next week!

Blade I (1/15<sup>th</sup>) has been working hard to fight the moondust that gets all vehicles stuck on the base. Everyone is grateful for the two roads the platoon has built in a short time. The platoon continues to establish safe-havens from moondust with motor pools and graveling around showers and refueling points. The platoon also has accumulated some colorful vehicles with local dumptrucks and bulldozers that help them with their mission. The team effort with 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon has sped up filling Hescos for the new entry point on the FOB as HSC and FSC continue to push us the equipment we need.

Hammer 2 (2/76<sup>th</sup>) has made friends

with a lot of VIPs as they continue construction on the 50'x90' SEA-Hut in the center of the new FOB. Three general officers visited in the last two weeks and were impressed by the huge structure that ILT Disponett and SFC Mitchell's team has been assembling. 2<sup>nd</sup> has also worked with Blade on a few missions like a fuel point and the entry point for the new FOB.

I also cannot forget how Headquarters and Maintenance platoon have kept us alive and moving the last month. We could not survive without Headquarters resourcing the supplies and Maintenance fixing equipment for anyone, anytime. Headquarters also started a Class IV supply yard with 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon. SGT Henderson, PFC Perjucci, and SPC Martin grew the aid station significantly before the arrival of the CAV battalion, and they have been busy treating Afghan Police recruits and local civilians.

Although we have been busy over here, we continue to think of everyone at home. Thanks for supporting Team Hammer!

STEEL HAMMER 6 - CPT Scott Williams





Left: SGT Trimble and SPC Herring hit the gym after finishing the floor on the SEA-Hut. <u>Above</u>: SGT Martin, PFC Madison, PVT O'Sullivan, SPC Taylor, SPC Herring, and SPC Hart stretch Hescos for the perimeter of the ECP.

<u>Below</u>: SSG(P) Fregiste and SGT Barrientos (1/15<sup>th</sup>) pose by a "jingle" excavator added to their engineer equipment line.



sonal Protective Equipment (PPE) with ISG Mejia and SGT

Brand. <u>Below</u>: SPC Hibler (on truck) starts the mail distribution to Team Hammer after a convoy. PFC Lewis (lower,



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#### 72nd S&D DET 655th EN DET

### 72nd Survey & Design Detachment

This month the 72<sup>nd</sup> Engineers on FOB Wolverine, led by SGT Hamilton, continued multiple life sustainment projects. They handled the QA for the FOB entry control point to ensure that the 15th EN CO met and maintained the design huge role in the organized expanon designs for the HLZ and BLAHA to prepare FOB Wolverine for the surge. SPC Abshire's team has been very busy on Spin Boldak designing and laying in interior road projects. CPL White and his team have been extremely busy on FOB Frontenac expanding

there. On KAF, we have been focused on gaining supplies needed by all the teams and several survey jobs of our own. Three new missions were passed down for various site surveys. The Lasers are playing a standards. The Lasers also worked sion of Kandahar Airfield. The guys are still in high spirits, and are pushing very hard to accomplish every mission given to them.

#### "SURVEY AND DESTROY"

LASER 6 -CW2 Rodney Johnson



LTC Roscoe and CSM Dixon present PFC Roberts with a battalion coin on Frontenac. The Command **Team presents** coins to Soldiers who have distinguished themselves through hard work during every visit to the FOBs.



CPL White, PV2 Aleman, SPC Sanjurjo, PFC Roberts, and PFC Evans prepare for a survey mission at Frontenac.

CW2 Johnson and SSG Machen would like to congratulate the following Laser who was promoted this month:

-PFC Barry Abbott promoted from PV2

**Congratulations PFC Abbott!!** 

### **655th EN Detachment**



SFC Acevedo places the 20th Engineer Brigade combat patch onto the right arm of SGT Toomey. The combat patch signifies that a Soldiers has served more than 30 days in combat.



CSM Dixon patches PFC Whaley, the 655th Engineer Detachment's guidon bearer, during the patching ceremony at Camp Leatherneck.



## **Commander's Corner**

Hello to the Warrior families out there.

First of all let me say thank you to our outstanding FRG Volunteers, Leah Dubree, Steph Segura, Erin Fineberg, and all the others. The Soldiers really appreciate the packages that you've sent and are getting some use out of all the goodies. We will take a picture of the banners once we find someplace suitable for a group shot. It should be forthcoming relatively soon.

HSC Inc. has been busy as ever getting the missions of the battalion completed. PSD has been on the road almost every week pushing much needed supplies and mail to our outlying FOBs. The Boss has been very clear that keeping them supported is a priority. The 31<sup>st</sup> and 269<sup>th</sup> Detachments have been working on our battalion motorpool/work area. They are putting in late nights spreading gravel and compacting the site. This motorpool has become our number one priority as space becomes a valuable commodity here in Kandahar. The 31<sup>st</sup> is getting ready to leave us as they finish up

their 15<sup>th</sup> month being deployed. They have been invaluable to the battalion, and were always ready to tackle any mission be it patrols to FOBs, or construction support. They have been outstanding but it is time for them to go. Their replacements the 1227th National Guard from South Carolina are on the ground and ready to get to work as soon as they can. The 538<sup>th</sup> is getting ready to move back to Kandahar after helping 15<sup>th</sup> out at WOLVERINE. There's work for them to do here at Kandahar and we could use the help. With all these folks it is getting a little crowded so ISG Gross is working on our other priority: living space. 655<sup>th</sup> has been doing outstanding work with the Navy out at LEATHERNECK. They have been pushed out to the front of the projects and are taking charge of key operations. They are going to be the source of continuity as the Navy there switches out with another unit. Our hats are off to them for a job well done. The TOC is still keeping us all straight. They have been continuously improving our foxhole updating all the commo and fighting for us and our missions. The ALOC has rebuilt our mail room procedures and trying to sort through

all of the stuff that we have here in Kandahar for completing all of our projects across Afghanistan. It's a daunting task and they have been given some extra folks to get it all done. We've pulled the TAC in from WOLVERINE and they are preparing for missions elsewhere. They are on the move and have been an asset everywhere they went. HSC Ops has been tracking and resourcing it all trying to keep HSC Inc. running smoothly. It's a never ending mission but we have gotten a lot done. We are busy but we are not bored, that's for sure.

Thanks again for all the support from the Families and friends from back home. Without you guys supporting us this would be a lot harder on the Soldiers. Your Soldiers are doing great. They are executing their missions and contributing to the fight here in Afghanistan all across the country. We'll do everything we can to keep them safe and return them to you as soon as we are mission complete.

#### "Warriors First!"

Warrior 6 - CPT Sean Wittmeier



Left: SSG Evans gets ready to hit the road with PSD for another mission outside the wire. **PSD** has been busy delivering much needed materials to the outlying FOBs to keep projects moving.



Above: A 3-76th Soldier bridges trusses to add stability to the Med Annex roof while working over 20 feet above the ground. **Right: CPT Wittmeier** checks out a 655th DET worksite while visiting Camp Leatherneck. 655th has been providing support to the Seabees there. Left: CPT Fairel, MAJ Segura, SSG Ridgeway, **CPT Blankenship, and** MSG Quillin share war stories after chow at FOB Wolverine.



<u>Above</u>: Two Soldiers brace trusses on the Med Annex roof project on KAF.





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FSC Reinforcers

## **Commander's Corner**

#### Reinforcer Friends & Families:

As we mark another month off of our calendars, your Soldiers continue to make great strides in supporting the Battalion's efforts here in Afghanistan. Your Soldiers have consistently set the standard for support. I cannot say enough about how much I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that your Soldiers have put forth.

l also appreciate all that our Families and Friends have done stateside. The incredible job that you have done and continue to do has been an integral piece of our mission success. Without your sacrifices and effort to support us, our unit definitely would not be able to accomplish all that we have.

Again, thank you for your continued support of your deployed Soldier and the company. **REIN-FORCERS!** 

**Reinforcer 6** - CPT Matthew Brown

## HQ PLT

During the last month HQ has accomplished many tasks and milestones. ISG Dye's test run of the M88 was the first time that an M88 was ever operated on KAF. ISG spent time out at Spin Boldak checking on the fueling missions in support of the 76th EN CO, the Stryker BN, and other supporting units. PFC Kannenberg also spent time out at Spin fixing dead lined .50 Caliber Machine guns that were integral pieces of force protection. Throughout the month his expertise allowed him to fix seven .50 caliber machine gun that were NMC. PFC Kannenberg and PVT McDuffy were also busy in the Battalion Arms Room receiving and issuing over 100 weapons for Soldiers going on and returning from R&R. We have also

added a new member to the HO PLT in SPC Grush-Kinder. He has been working with XO moving class IV to the 19<sup>th</sup> EN motor pool in an effort to help consolidate all of our building material. SPC Grush-Kinder is just one of three licensed operators for the forklift needed to complete the mission. With the addition of SPC G-K and SPC Hall coming back off of leave, HQ is now up to speed for any missions thrown our way. With that being said we are now preparing to assist in building our new TOC at the motor pool. The new FSC TOC with eliminate the problem of not having enough space to do our mission. Earlier in the month SFC Doby and SSG Harris volunteered to do a 36 mile walk. The walk took four days at eight miles a day. Even though it started in the morning, the heat of the day



ISG Dye shows his teeth as he maneuvers the first and only M88 Wrecker around KAF.



quickly set in and our two NCOs quickly felt the grueling effects. Neither the heat nor the distance was enough to deter them in their march to help raise money for the Women and Children of Afghanistan. At the end of the march the sense of pride and accomplishment was well worth the blisters and sore legs. Overall FSC raised \$425 towards the cause. SFC Doby and SSG Harris were awarded a medal for their time and efforts.

SGT Kinney

cles as described by the training they received their first month in country to take away from the reliance on local drivers and possibly start running some of the logistic convoys themselves. Distro has also started sending some of there troops on R & R (Rest & Relaxation Leave), this is a sign to most soldiers that time is moving on rather quickly and is a huge morale booster as soldiers are counting down the days till they can take a break from their duty. With eight months left to go the Platoons spirit is high knowing that the first quarter of this deployment is coming to a end. As they continue to work hard days and long nights a greater sense of accomplishment waves over the platoon as they remain the backbone of this battalion.



### Maint. & Distro

During the month of July, the Maintenance Platoon welcomed a new Platoon Leader, ILT Bridget Hug and SPC Toliniu. Since ILT Hug's arrival, the platoon has been extremely busy doing such things as conducting 100% inventories, receiving battalion equipment and shipping it to our fellow units. The maintenance platoon also has organized itself to operate at night, conducting unscheduled maintenance as well as services. During the month, a few members of the platoon conducted a 32 mile road march over a four day period. Upon completion the Soldiers received a Medal and a certificate from the Dutch Army. The process of moving to the new and improved motor pool has begun as the first containers and vehicles were

moved on August 15th. Next month will be exciting as we prepare to lay the ground to the motor pool and support the battalion.

During the month of July Distro Platoon has been heavy with escort missions. There is a continual increase in the ordering and shipping of supplies to the outlying FOB's, and a heavy demand for more vehicles. The platoon has also been spread around southern Afghanistan, with future plans to send more fuel teams to other FOB's in order to provide fuel support to their sister companies. The Platoon continues to supports the Battalion with a Company Master Driver (SGT Hurta), ongoing guard duty of the sensitive items containers, continuous supply runs, and main mission of escorting local drivers onto Kandahar Airfield. The Platoon has also started receiving the MRAP vehi-



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#### 19th EN BN Primary Staff

BN Executive Officer MAJ Joseph Lehman

- BN Operations Officer MAJ Daniel Segura
- BN Adjutant 2LT Brandi Smith

BN Intelligence Officer CPT Megan Conrad

BN Logistics Officer CPT Troy Miller

BN Signal Officer ILT Thomas Lopez





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### **Chaplain's Corner**

Greetings to all our family, friends, and loved ones back home. Another month has gone by here in Afghanistan. This is exciting as it marks another month we are closer to our loved ones. As I visit Soldiers, I am impressed by all the hard work and dedication they give day in and day out. They are working hard and are motivated to successfully complete the job in spite of the hot temperatures and dusty air. You at home should be proud of your Soldiers, they are doing a truly remarkable job.

We here are equally proud of the work you all do back home. We realize the stress of having to deal with all the issues you face in our absence may seem insurmountable at times. The great work you do in your mission has enabled us to be successful here. Thank you for all of the care packages and letters you are sending, it is encouraging to see the amount of love and support coming from back home. Please keep up the great work during these trying times of separation.

Great things are ahead for the battalion as we successfully drive onto the next missions that are given to us. My prayer for the friends and family of the battalion is that God be with us and guide us in strength, perseverance, and love as we press forward. - SPC Raymond, Chaplain's Assistant



## **Promotions**

| Name                | Co.                    | From | То  |
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| AUSTIN BLACKWELL    | HSC                    | PV2  | PFC |
| JASON FINEBERG      | HSC                    | SPC  | SGT |
| BRENDON CAUDILL     | FSC                    | PV2  | PFC |
| DAVID LOCKHART      | FSC                    | PV2  | PFC |
| MATTHEW HUGHES      | FSC                    | PFC  | SPC |
| BARRY ABBOTT        | 72 <sup>ND</sup>       | PV2  | PFC |
| CHRISTOPHER WEST    | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PVT  | PV2 |
| KEVIN NGUYEN        | HSC                    | PVT  | PV2 |
| NICHOLAS CHILDS     | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| COSHUN COCKRELL     | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| MARK MCREYNOLDS     | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| CHRISTOPHER MOORE   | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| JEREMY PERRY        | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| CORY SANDS          | I 5 <sup>™</sup>       | PV2  | PFC |
| JOSEPH SLAUGHTER    | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| DEREK HEADLEE       | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| RISHARD JEFFERSON   | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PFC  | SPC |
| JEFFERY TONG        | I5 <sup>™</sup>        | PFC  | SPC |
| SCOTT SCHNEIDER     | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PVT  | PV2 |
| NATHAN CLUKEY       | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| KARIM CODRINGTON    | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| JAIME GARCIA        | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| VALEJO JOHNSON      | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| OSVALDO LOPEZRIVERA | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| ISAAC OVCHINIKOV    | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| MICHAEL PAPP        | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| ARNOLDO TERRAZAS    | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PV2  | PFC |
| SHAWN WALSH         | 76 <sup>™</sup>        | PFC  | SPC |
| MICHAEL GASIECKI    | <b>76</b> <sup>™</sup> | PFC  | SPC |
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## **Alpha Company Gators**

The Rear Detachment continues to push forward as it assumed control of Soldiers from 502<sup>nd</sup> Bridge Company in preparation for their upcoming deployment. We have kept busy training Soldiers for deployment, resourcing training for 502<sup>nd</sup>, and sending needed equipment to Afghanistan to support the Battalion. As always, our highest priority remains with the families here.

3<sup>rd</sup> ESC and 233<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company have both returned now from Iraq, so we are the only deployed unit from Fort Knox currently. We learned a lot from their redeployment and are already beginning to plan for the 19<sup>th</sup>'s return. We promise that it will be a great event and will welcome our heroes back.

Gator 6 - CPT Paul Turbeville

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Click on "register" or "log in" if you already have a user account to access the 19th EN BN FRG site. If logging in for the first time, create a user name and password, you will need the last four of your sponsor's SSN. Locate our FRG by clicking on the state of KY on the map. Scroll down to Ft. Knox and click on the 19th EN BN link. This will take you to the site where information, pictures, and news will be posted once it becomes available. The Army FRG site also offers many tools and resources to family members back at home. Here are some additional helpful websites we encourage you to explore: www.militaryonesource.com www.uasjobs.opm.org www.tricareonline.com

www.fisherhouse.org

## www. usacares.org/about.html www.goldstarwives.org

www.nacrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/army.php

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**CPT** Turbeville and SFC McBryar gather for a photo with members from the 19th EN **BN FRG** after presenting an award.

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