



# The Seahorse Standard

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## “Bridle and Reins—Stand Tall!”



### The Commander's Column



It was another great month for the Soldiers of the Seahorse Battalion. We had some large muscle movements with the Jungle Eaters of the 60<sup>th</sup> EN CO flying up to Frontenac and the Steel Hammers of the 76<sup>th</sup> EN CO moving south to Spin Boldak. We also pushed the 655<sup>th</sup> Engineer Det from TX out to Leatherneck and the 538<sup>th</sup> Engineer Det to Wolverine to support team Blade of the 15<sup>th</sup> EN CO. These moves are significant because they set the conditions for the engineers to support the Forward Operating Bases construction for follow-on infantry and aviation units. HSC and FSC have initially done a lot of the heavy lifting with providing the units outside of KAF with mail, intelligence, logistical, signal and maintenance support. We also welcomed a new unit to Task Force Seahorse, the 269<sup>th</sup> Engineer Well Drilling Det from Florida – ILT Rivera and his crew bring a wealth of knowledge and a much needed capability to the theater. We also had

our first of what will be many VIP visits to the Battalion. LTG Van Antwerp, the Chief of Engineers, gave out numerous coins to deserving Soldiers and lauded the efforts of the Battalion and the “can do” attitude of its leaders and Soldiers. The Battalion has overcome many challenges and has established a great reputation with assisting its fellow joint engineers – the Seabees from the Navy and Red Horse from the Air force with mission accomplishment. The Battalion was also visited by BG Buckler, the Deputy Commanding General from the 412 Engineer Command. The 412 ENCOM will arrive in the future to command and control most of the engineer units in theatre. Once again, I can't thank the rear-det leadership enough for the great work they are doing training and deploying our newly arriving Soldiers as well as doing a great job taking care of Families. We



**LTC Heath C. Roscoe**  
19th EN BN Commander

are exceptionally proud of our spouses, children and Family members who continue to shoulder a tremendous load taking care of a myriad of responsibilities at home while providing positive support to their deployed service member. Thank you all for your service to our unit and to our great Nation.

**BRIDLE & REINS!**

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### Command Sergeant Major



#### Seahorse Families!!!!

I want you to know I am just as proud of you today as I was a month ago. You continue to stand up to the plate and hit grand slam home runs. It's a little over 90 days now and we are really putting it all together in answering the nations call. Life here is getting better daily. The Battalion Commander and I, with selected individuals from the staff, travel throughout Afghanistan very often and your Soldiers are doing well. They are doing an outstanding job. About two weeks ago, we had the Corps of Engineers Chief here and he assured the battalion that what we've done here so far is being noticed all the way to the White

House. He is not the only high ranking Leader who knows your Soldiers are bursting their butts over here in this on average 106 degree weather. Life support at the outlying Forward Operating Bases (FOB) is getting better by the week. However, this will change in a just few short weeks, as you have seen on the news, the number of Soldiers in theater will increase by a large number. With this happening, your Soldiers will lose a lot of their luxuries, such as not having to wait in the Dining Facility (DFAC) lines, not having to wait in lines to get on the internet, and not having to wait in line for showers. This will only be somewhat painful for a short period of time. More of our equipment, tools and

construction materials have arrived, we are very excited about this. This will allow us to do what we do best, we will show the nation that we are even better with our equipment and tools. Same as last month, your Soldiers look forward to receiving mail, care packages, cookies, brownies, and anything else of legal means you can send. **Command Sergeant Major's Advice:** Life here has its ups and downs. 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



**CSM Darrell L. Dixon**  
19th EN BN CSM

what they doing. This is MOTIVATION to the highest degree.

**CSM's words of the month: PATIENCE and UNDERSTANDING**



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## Commander's Corner

Your Soldier continues to impress me every day with a high work ethic, dedication, and drive to complete the mission. I am extremely proud of their efforts. We had a good 4th of July with a great dinner, football game and some "homemade" fireworks. The Vertical MOS team won the game in overtime. R&R has begun and reintegration can be a challenge. I tell the soldiers to be patient when they arrive home, and I ask you to also be patient and enjoy your time together. Thank you for your support and dedication for OUR soldiers.

**BLADE 6** - CPT Rob Fairel

## Around the Company

2/15th has been working multiple projects. One is the triple-strand concertina wire around the FOB, working the new HLZ, road maintenance, and preparing location for company size TOC. The HLZ has been the platoon's focus. They have worked many long, hot and dusty days raising the ground over 10 feet. At the end of July, 2/15 will leave the 15th EN CO and join forces with 60th EN CO for horizontal work. The daunting task of moving so much fill would not have been possible without their efforts.

3/15th's focus has been the Entry Control Point of the base and ammo dump location. The PLT constructed culverts bypassing a large wadi that runs through the ECP without washing out the road. Their focus was later redirected to the ammo dump preparing for other units to arrive. To date 3/15th has hauled over 400,000 cubic yards of



**Top Left:** SPC Daniels, SPC Hodgeman, and SPC Martin construct stairs on the FOB. **Top Right:** SFC Stewart, SPC Duncan, and PV2 Codrington, stand on the finished product for quality assurance.

material while, simultaneously working both the ECP and BLAHA. Both of these projects are required to sustain all units on FOB Wolverine. Their tireless efforts and dedication are noted by not only by military members of the FOB, but also by civilian counterparts.

1/76th has been constructing life support projects for the entire FOB. They Constructed stairs from LSA 1 and LSA 2, multiple walls, tables, motor pool steps and shelves. They have completed these projects while also maintaining security positions on the FOB. Additionally, they collected and accounted for all materials on FOB Wolverine. Currently, they are planning to construct guard towers for security positions.

3/60th has also shared in the duties of security. They have completed several stairs both at the FARP and the refueling area. They worked on improving the security on the FOB by placing an unused tower on top of another

tower to enhance the ability to see insurgents in the deep wadis. In anticipation of building the 50' X 90' TOC they have completed 75% of the necessary prefabrication work.

Maintenance has had the worst job with most of the equipment considered "None Mission Capable" (NMC), work had to begin immediately. A problem occurred instantaneously when it became difficult to order and receive parts. Recently repair parts have been arriving, and fixing the "Heavy Junk" became easier.

It has been difficult with our supply SGT at a different location. Now that the supply tent is open and the supply SGT here, it is now easier to order and receive supplies that we need.

**BLADE 5** - CPT Diana Lively

## Top's Corner

The Soldiers have been working hard not only in the area of construction but also in force protection. We have recently received a large "push" of hygiene items. Thanks for your concern and support. Mail will always be a slow process, I ask you to be patient and to not send any perishable items in packages. Avoid sending any insured packages, an insured package must be delivered by a certified mail handler and takes longer to arrive at FOB Wolverine. Never send any alcoholic beverages, even as a joke this action can get your soldier in unwanted trouble. Continue to pray for us.

**BLADE 7** - ISG Timothy Thompson



**Top:** CSM Dixon patches ISG Thompson at FOB Wolverine. **Right:** Soldiers from Team Blade work hard in the heat and dust to get the job done, except supply, who works in the A/C inside.



# Commander's Corner

## Jungle Eater Families and Friends:

As expected, the month of July brought with it a drastic increase in heat and work load for the 60<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company. Our Soldiers responded to both brilliantly, and have been making their presence felt in the fight throughout southern Afghanistan, preparing the way for incoming maneuver forces.

1<sup>st</sup> Platoon continued the labor intensive job of placing matting for rotary wing aircraft at FOB Tarin Kowt. They have constructed a refueling point, parking areas, and taxiways that stretch over 10 football fields in length and will be an important fixture in the fight in the north. They have also been actively engaged in constructing several operations centers for units that will be stationed there, putting their carpentry and electrical skills to

the test. 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon erected one 40' by 50' Seahut and began construction on a second at Kandahar Airfield to house the headquarters of units to be stationed at KAF. They have demonstrated true toughness and ingenuity during the projects, working hard in extreme temperatures and overcoming unavoidable obstacles that come with working in theater. Some of these obstacles have caused them extra work, but they have performed magnificently.

3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon continues to be a critical part of the fight for the 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company at FOB Wolverine, contributing to the tough and necessary task of providing FOB security and putting their construction expertise to work on the FOB.

The headquarters section and the PSD have been actively supporting all of our Soldiers and have been given the tough assignment to prepare the way for the entire company mi-

nus 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon to eventually relocate at FOB Frontenac. They are putting in place every conceivable piece of life support that the Soldiers will need to be comfortable at Frontenac and ensure that they will be able to operate effectively and continue to support the effort in Afghanistan. They are doing the tough, behind the scenes work that rarely gets the same recognition, but is always critical.

CPT Vanessa Stolzoff has arrived to take over command of the company. She will be a fine commander and will ensure that the Soldiers are taken care of and have every support they need to continue serving their nation in battle. And so, I wish to say a grateful thank you to every Family member and Friend of the Jungle Eaters who have supported us, and ask you to continue to support your Soldiers and the leadership of this company. It is truly an entire team effort and we couldn't do it without you.

**Jungle Eater 6 - CPT Dan Andrews**



Left: Captains Andrews and Stolzoff inventory property in preparation for the coming change of command.



Top: 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon members taking a much deserved break from the sun shaded by a line of Hesco baskets.



1<sup>st</sup> PLT Soldiers working hard placing AM2 Matting at FOB TK while Chaplain McDonald provides religious support.



Left: 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon Soldiers raising one wall of their 40'x50' building.

## 15th EN CO continued



Top: SSG Allison and crew construct the vehicle loading ramp area. Right: SFC Bryant directs the crane removing a guard tower.



Top Right: SGT Hall and CPL Heivly discuss grader operations.



Bottom Right: SGT Poucher works to place culverts at the ECP.



## Commander's Corner

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

The last few days of June and all of July has flown by for Team Hammer. Towards the end of June, Team Hammer safely convoyed from Kandahar Airfield to FOB Costel – our permanent home. FOB Costel has many of the typical characteristics associated with most small forward operating bases: infrequent flights, no lights at night, and a close neighborhood community with the other residents.

FOB Costel has most of the life necessities we need as Soldiers but on a smaller scale. There are a few internet lines that we share with the National Guard unit here as well as a phone for MWR. Many of us have local cell phones that we have been calling or text messaging you with to try to stay plugged in about family updates on the homefront. The gym is probably one of the

better gyms for a base this size and a running track around the helicopter landing pads allows us to get in some running. The only real complaint is that the new contracted cook has been uncreative with his recipes. So thanks for the snacks you have sent!

Blade 1 (1/15<sup>th</sup>) equipment has been steadily arriving as a result of the efforts of FSC sending it out to FOB Costel. SSG Govan, SGT Wegner, PFC Desimone, SGT Wright, and PV2 Childs paved the way for the Blade by receiving and fixing equipment so it was ready to work. The mission for 1st Platoon has been to level the new FOB for motorpools, helicopter landing pads, and refueling points. All the Soldiers in 1st Platoon have been busy rotating on their equipment to level the ground, fill Hescos, and spread gravel for motorpools and areas where contractors and 2nd Platoon will be building.

The electrical skills of Hammer 2 (2/76<sup>th</sup>) have been put to use over the last

few weeks repairing electrical wiring and bringing it to standards. Hammer 2 started on the construction of SEA-Hut to provide office space for the inbound Stryker cavalry battalion. When not working on the SEA-Hut, 2nd has been helping escort trucks of the gravel and other material needed for construction.

With Soldiers starting to go on R&R leave this month, Headquarters has been busy completing all the required paperwork to ensure everyone makes it home on time. Supplies that shipped from Fort Knox have arrived in the containers and been issued out to 1st and 2nd Platoon. Meanwhile, Maintenance has been working sunrise to sunset to keep the heavy equipment for Blade 1 operational. All the residents on FOB Costel are thankful for SSG(P) Walker and his team who have been fixing generators, kitchen equipment, and anything that comes across their path.

**STEEL HAMMER 6** - CPT Scott Williams



Top L: PFC Walker passes his Gerber to SSG Flores while SGT Barrientos and other 1/15<sup>th</sup> Soldiers string Hescos for the new refueling point. Bottom L: LTC Roscoe promotes 2LT Disponett to 1LT outside the 19<sup>th</sup> headquarters at KAF.

Above: SGT Brand is pinned by 1LT Disponett and CPT Williams on 01JUL09. SGT Brand (2/76<sup>th</sup>) is one of the first Soldiers to be promoted to SGT in the 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion since deployment.



Left: HQ Soldiers and platoon leaders gather on the Boardwalk at KAF after a game of ultimate frisbee.

## 72nd Survey & Design Detachment

This week the 72<sup>nd</sup> Engineers on FOB Wolverine led by SGT Hamilton, continued multiple life sustainment projects. They handled the Quality Assurance for the FOB entry control point to ensure that the 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company maintained the design standards. The Lasers also worked on designs for the Helicopter Landing Zone and Ammo Dump to prepare FOB Wolverine for the surge. On KAF, SPC Abshire is readying his team to move out to his mission site as

soon as he can get a flight.

**“SURVEY AND DESTROY”**

**LASER 6 -CW2 Rodney Johnson**

**Right: SPC Sanjurjo takes a measurement on FOB Wolverine with a Trimble 560I geodimeter.**

**Below: SPC Sanjurjo takes a measurement with a Trimble R8 GPS system.**



**CSM Dixon patches SSG Machen during the 72nd DET Combat Patching Ceremony at Kandahar.**



## 538th EN Detachment



**SGT Turner places the 20th Engineer Brigade combat patch on the sleeve of a proud SPC Distler, signifying over 30 days of service in a combat zone.**



**SSG Smith points to the universal rotary girder joint on a piece of equipment during a knowledge check.**

## Commander's Corner

Hello to all the Warrior families out there! Well this last month was definitely a busy one for the company as a whole. The HSC Family is now pushing over 200 with all of our attachments. We have missions going on across our little area in Afghanistan and some going on in the Horn of Africa. We sent the 655<sup>th</sup> out to help the Navy with some general engineer missions supporting the Marines. The 538<sup>th</sup> will be moving out to assist the 15<sup>th</sup> with some earthmoving and carpentry missions. The 269<sup>th</sup> a well drilling detachment from Florida was sent to pick up some specialized equipment in the Horn of Africa. The PSD is back from helping 15<sup>th</sup> with security and is moving on to escorting the battalion commander. The TOC is still keeping us straight but don't expect to get any pictures of what they are doing their work is in a "Secret" area so pictures aren't allowed. They are doing good

things tracking all of the missions and taskings that the Navy has been sending down to us. The ALOC is still fighting the logistics battles for the battalion. They are working around the clock trying to pry resources out of the complicated systems that are in place. The battalion aid station and its medics are spread out across the region helping to keep soldiers healthy and treating the minor injuries that we've had from a few accidents. Don't worry, nothing serious and the folks are back at work. 3/76<sup>th</sup> is fully engaged in projects around Kandahar Air Field building roofs and our battalion headquarters building. They've been a great addition to the company and are making life better for everyone. HSC Operations is holding down the fort and trying to support the company in everything. We share workspace with the FSC and are all working together great. The company supply reps are arguably the busiest with everything from weapons and ammo to ice and chow. It's a lot of stuff to stay on top of but they are making things happen.

We've had a bunch of additions to the company with LTs coming in to help the ALOC and TOC and Captain Meade returned to fill the role of a Battle Captain. We've also had some departures, ISG Mejia and ISG Gross switched companies in a move to spread some experiences around. ISG Mejia will be missed but ISG Gross has hit the ground running and is already doing great things.

We had a bunch of people getting recognized with SPC Barnes getting a Battalion coin for her great work. We were also visited by LT General Van Antwerp, the engineer regimental commander, and he presented his highly coveted coin to PFC Gomez, SPC Schnieder, and PFC Flake. There's a lot of great things going on but we couldn't do it without the support from the home front. We appreciate the care packages and we'll keep you informed.

**"Warriors First!"**

**Warrior 6** - CPT Sean Wittmeier



**ISG Mejia imparts some NCO wisdom on SGT Ford prior to a mission. ISG Mejia transferred from HSC to be the 76th Engineer Company first sergeant in mid-July. ISG Gross is the new HSC first sergeant.**



**TOP: 2LT Davis, PSD Platoon Leader; SGT Carter, and SGT Foulks gather at an MRAP for a photo prior to beginning the day's work. Sadly, the photographer's camera no longer works after taking the picture.**



**PFC Minogue keeps an eye on these fine Soldiers from the PSD while they anxiously anticipate another day full of intense training in the heat and dust of sunny southern Afghanistan.**

**BOTTOM: ISG Mejia observes 3-76th's convoy lane training led by their new platoon leader 2LT Miller, and SFC Hunsacker. The training is one of the many resources the battalion has been able to take advantage of while on KAF.**





## Commander's Corner

### Reinforcer Friends and Families:

Thank you for the tremendous support that you have given to your deployed Soldiers. The Soldiers have been extremely grateful of all the care packages and other items sent from the rear, as well as the support expressed in cards and phone calls. The encouragement that you give goes a long way to helping us better accomplish our mission. This is also true for the marvelous job that you have all done to keep things running smoothly back on the home front.

## HQ PLT

Headquarters Platoon, FSC remains an essential part of the 19<sup>th</sup> EN BN mission here in Afghanistan. Early in the week, parts were ordered for Direct Support maintenance of a weapon from FOB Wolverine, and are pending installment upon receipt of the parts. Time has been spent continuing the setup of the Battalion Arms Room, preparing for a larger amount of Soldiers being sent home for R&R and emergency leave. We work with what we have, and hope to find a larger container to accommodate for a larger influx of weapons. At first, there was some confusion as to the turn-in process, and

The unit has continued to work extremely hard ensuring that the battalion is supported and capable to accomplish its engineer mission. Your Soldiers have continued to set the standard in support, all while working with limited capabilities in austere conditions. I have been extremely proud of the performance of your Soldiers and what they have accomplished. Again, thank you for your continued support of your deployed Soldier and the company. **REINFORCERS!**

### Reinforcer 6 - CPT Matthew Brown

the items eligible for storage in the Arms Room. Through communication and steady patience, essential information has been passed down, and a pattern of organization is beginning to emerge from what was once confusion and discombobulating. At some point we are hoping to acquire a power supply for the Arms Room to make things a little easier. The supply section of our platoon has continued an outstanding job at ordering supplies, parts, tools, equipment and other required necessities. Also, this week brought the much anticipated arrival of SFC Doby (formerly SFC Andrade), a vital part of the Headquarters family, and our platoon is complete once again. Our company also participated in the honorable



The Reinforcers gather for a heart-warming message on Father's Day in front of the barracks in South Park.



"patch ceremony" which etches our presence into the pages of wartime Army history. The 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion has a rich history of participation in campaigns, and we are all proud to be a part of the addition of Operation Enduring Freedom to that list. We know that the Soldiers are in your hearts, but we

would once again like to remind everyone that everyone here misses their loved ones dearly, we couldn't do it without your support, and can't wait to get home once our mission here is finished.

### PFC Kannenberg

## Maint. & Distro

During the month of June, MNT PLT came into its own establishing its footprint on KAF. The platoon office and maintenance work area are now currently up and running allowing everyone to remain gainfully employed. With the reception of our much-needed comrades from Ft. Knox, we are now more capable of supporting our missions. We also received the majority of our equipment and personal gear bringing more of the creature comforts of home to the Soldiers. SGT Treves, SPC Stewart A., SPC Stewart T., SPC Davis J., and SPC Grush-Kinder all were tasked to travel to Kuwait in an attempt to expedite shipment of battalion equipment. The mission was very successful and allowed the battalion to pick up the

speed at which it carried out its missions. Even though 4<sup>th</sup> of July was spent away from home, we enjoyed a concert by Flyleaf and a barbecue that lifted the spirits of all who attended. It was a rare occasion that allowed for much needed relaxation and time to unwind from the work schedule. This month the Distribution platoon has been tracking old missions as well as new missions while other companies push out to outlying FOBs. Since Distro's arrival early May, these tasks have included: escorting local drivers on KAF, pulling guard duty on the Battalion's sensitive items, manning watch on two Entry Control Points, and receiving the Battalion's building supplies for construction. Distro platoon has been responsible for pushing out all building materials to the other companies. These materials include: wood, nails, pickets, barbed wire, and other force protection items.

Distro has also been sending out more vehicles and engineer equipment to the FOBs to assist the construction effort in Afghanistan. Since the last month, the platoon has received new personnel to help assist in the busy mission. The platoon maintains shift work to help accommodate personal time and rest. The platoon is moving towards finishing up shipping out all the Battalion's equipment going out to the FOBs in order to make construction efforts increase, and to make way for new units to occupy the FOBs as well. Distro is working nearly 24-7 with the least amount of equipment and personnel, but with the greatest workload. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by the Battalion, and they are key to success during this deployment. **SGT John Mitchell**



**19th Engineer Battalion  
Kandahar, Afghanistan**



**Chaplain's Corner**



**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**  
**1LT Thomas Lopez** 



**SSG Harris, 1LT Zdaniewicz, SGT Thurber, & SPC Figueroa hang out July 4 during the Flyleaf concert in South Park.**



**CPT Nguyen and CSM Dixon are all smiles after being presented with his farewell gift. He served as battle captain for the first three months of the deployment and will be returning to the States to continue his education. CPT Nguyen served his entire Army career with the 19th EN BN, and will be remembered for his cheerful, positive attitude.**

Greetings to all our family, friends, and loved ones back home. The biggest transition challenges have been overcome now, yet endurance is still the key to winning this race. We have completed mile 3, the end of the third month of this 12 mile race. Can you believe that we have already completed one quarter of the deployment? Your support and prayers have been well received. As I travel back and forth to each of the FOBs the battalion is working on, I find that Soldiers are making a solid effort to keep the seeds of relationships back home well watered. Soldiers speak of how often they call home and the frequent sending and receiving of care packages. Many children back home have already seen videos of Mommy or Daddy reading a book to them, or recording a personal message about how things are going, and how much we miss you. As the mail continues to pour in and the phone cards continue to be used, we draw the strength and encouragement needed to continue on. I know God has blessed our efforts here in sunny Afghanistan, and I pray that he continues to bless the home front. God bless as you continue to endure

the summer months with children, and as you continue to run the hundreds of daily errands without the assistance of your spouse. And God bless as you make decisions to maintain the homes we love so dearly and long to return to. May God continue to reveal His purpose in our lives as often as we choose to follow His will. My steadfast prayer is for God to pour out His blessings on the 19th Engineers and loved ones. May you continue to Stand Tall! - **CH (CPT) McDonald**



**CH (CPT) McDonald proudly receives his combat patch from LTC Roscoe during the HSC patching ceremony in July at South Park.**

**Promotions & Awards**

Name	From	To	Co.				
Ryan Runes	PFC	SPC	60 <sup>th</sup>				
Steven Bellovich	PVT	PV2	15 <sup>th</sup>	Lucas Ellenberger	PFC	SPC	60 <sup>th</sup>
Christopher West	PVT	PV2	15 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Mazzullo	PFC	SPC	60 <sup>th</sup>
Chad Amus	PV2	PFC	15 <sup>th</sup>	James Mizelle	PFC	SPC	60 <sup>th</sup>
Joseph Weatherford	PV2	PFC	15 <sup>th</sup>	Everardo Aleman	PV2	PFC	72 <sup>nd</sup>
Jonathan Walker	PFC	SPC	15 <sup>th</sup>	Nathaniel Babcock	PV2	PFC	72 <sup>nd</sup>
Jason McKinney	PFC	SPC	15 <sup>th</sup>	Joel Denman	PV2	PFC	72 <sup>nd</sup>
Paul Clements	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	David Garvey	PV2	PFC	72 <sup>nd</sup>
Termaine Davis	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	Jerome Roberts	PV2	PFC	72 <sup>nd</sup>
Jeremy Hernandez	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Marshall	PFC	SPC	76 <sup>th</sup>
Eboney Johnson	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Wile	PFC	SPC	76 <sup>th</sup>
Bryan Knoblauch	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Disponett	2LT	1LT	76 <sup>th</sup>
Perez Laduna	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	Muhammad Billings	PV2	PFC	538 <sup>th</sup>
Christopher Landis	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	Zachary Chiupka	PFC	SPC	FSC
Alexander Lucas	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Kim	2LT	1LT	FSC
David McClay	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>				
Chauncey McCoy	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Award</u>	
Vincente Melendez	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	PV2 Jeremy Mays		COA	
Justin Mosley	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	PV2 Daniel Nivala		COA	
William Paupst	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	PV2 Michael Papp		COA	
Arturo Romero	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	CPT Don Nguyen		AAM	
Jacob Sellnow	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	2LT Nathaniel Miller		NAM (Navy)	
Matthew Smith	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>	SPC Kyle Lightfoot		NAM (Navy)	
Kyle Stewart	PV2	PFC	60 <sup>th</sup>				



# Alpha Company Gators

It's hard to believe that we are already well into July and summer break is nearing its close. The Battalion has been gone for almost three months and folks are coming home for R&R leave. So far, I have been impressed with the 19<sup>th</sup> Engineers families as they show that they are a resilient and integral part of the Army Family. I hope that we, as your rear-detachment, have been meeting your needs and exceeding your expectations. I encourage anyone to your rear detachment company commanders if you are having any problems that need to be addressed.

In other news, we had our first planning session this week for a Spouses Appreciation Day. We are going to be finalizing that over the next month and are looking at dates in October. The general concept is that it is a day of relaxation and socialization where 16<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment and the 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Rear Detachment can show our appreciation for all of your sacrifices. If you have suggestions for how to make this event a success, please send them to your FRG Leaders. Until next time, best wishes!

**Gator 6** - CPT Paul Turbeville

★ 19th Engineer Battalion vFRG Website: [www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org)

★ 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](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

★ [www.uasjobs.opm.org](http://www.uasjobs.opm.org)

★ [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com)

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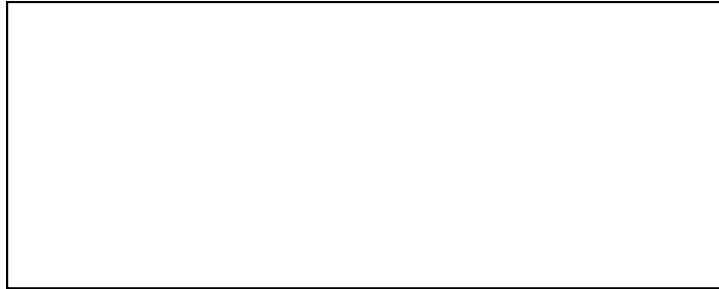
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