



# THE SEAHORSE STANDARD

**JULY 2011 – SEPTEMBER 2011**

## A MESSAGE FROM SEAHORSE 6



Soldiers, Families and friends of the Seahorse Battalion,

I hope this issue of the Seahorse Standard finds you enjoying the warm summer months. I would like to take a few minutes to highlight some of the battalion's notable actions and accomplishments since the last edition, provide some insights into what lies ahead over the next few months, and remind everyone of some key resources available for our Soldiers and families here at Ft Knox.

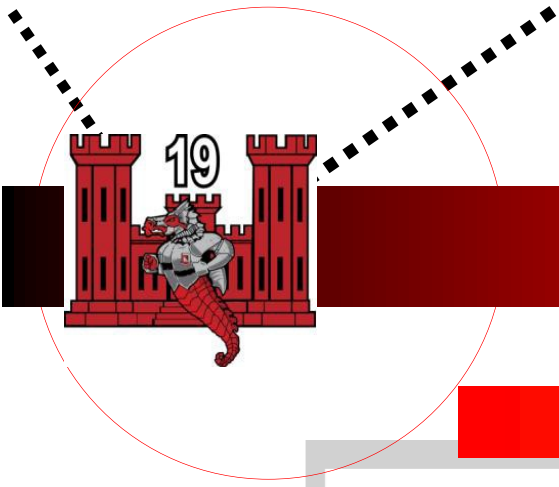
The past three months have been extremely busy for the battalion. In May, the battalion took on an increased role in force protection here on Fort Knox. This entailed providing Soldiers from all companies to increase installation security due to events across the world. Also in May the battalion completed a second mission to Nogales, Arizona, deploying a team of Soldiers from across the formation, led by the 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company, to complete a road construction mission in support of the US Border Patrol. In June we culminated the training conducted through the winter and spring with a Battalion Field Exercise, which tested everyone's ability to conduct engineer, support and combat missions. After a thorough recovery, the battalion took a well deserved 2-week max leave period in order to allow families to travel and enjoy the Independence Day holidays. In July, the battalion assumed responsibility for conducting Military Honors for veterans across a five-state region. During the month over 80 Seahorse Officers, NCOs and Soldiers flawlessly conducted over 130 missions recognizing the service and sacrifice of individuals that have served our nation. We then wrapped up July by conducting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seahorse Challenge identifying the toughest 4-man team in the battalion, an honor that was achieved by an exceptionally tough group of individuals from the 72d Survey and Design Detachment.

Many individuals and organizations across the battalion have performed above and the beyond the call of duty to make our last 3 months as successful as it was. First I would like to recognize and thank all the Soldiers and family members that stepped up to volunteer as security personnel during the Derby and Oaks events at Churchill Downs in May. Their efforts raised a tremendous amount of money for our units, providing resources that can be reinvested in activities that will increase Family member participation and overall unit readiness. I would also like to recognize the "rugged" spouses that stepped up to take on the Seahorse Spouse Challenge. The three teams of ladies demonstrated that they had what it took to excel in some tough Soldier training. Finally, I would like to thank all the Soldiers and Family Readiness Group volunteers that have planned, resourced, and conducted some exceptional community events such as the Family Safety Days by the 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company and 502d MRBC, the Kids Seahorse Challenge by the 76<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company, and all the volunteers that assisted with the 5K run and Mock Deployment in support of the Fort Knox Red Cross. As demonstrated throughout the last three months, members of the Seahorse Battalion are always ready and willing to step up and make the community a better place to live.

Looking out beyond August, the Battalion and Companies will focus on training for future missions while simultaneously supporting various organizations and activities on and around Ft Knox. With the Soldiers of 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division deployed to Afghanistan, and the Armor School having departed for Ft Benning, our Soldiers continue to be called upon to ensure Ft Knox is ready to meet all of its requirements. Though challenging at times, our leaders and Soldiers continue to demonstrate the ability to meet all requirements with an unwavering level of professionalism and expertise that the Seahorse Battalion is known for.

Over the next few weeks I expect our current Seahorse families will be settling back into busy routines as summer vacation ends and kids return to school on Ft Knox and in the surrounding communities. Though it has been well over a year since most of the battalion redeployed, stresses associated with living a hectic military lifestyle remain. As such, I would like to remind all members of the Seahorse Family that access to multiple support agencies on Ft Knox exist. If issues begin to arise such as indiscipline, substance abuse, domestic violence, PTSD symptoms, or financial problems be sure to take advantage of the unit Chain of Command or other agencies across the installation in order to receive support that can prevent larger problems. If there is concern of confidentiality, please remember the Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC) are always available to talk. Access to these resources are available to all members of the community, so if there is someone you know that may need assistance, please help them reach out and get the help that is available. It is important to keep everyone on the team and in the fight.

In closing I would like to once again express how honored my family and I are to be part of this great organization and community. We look forward to meeting each of the new members of the Seahorse team over the next few months and helping get everyone involved in continuing to carry on the Seahorse pride that makes being part of this battalion so special.



Command Sergeant Major

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CSM



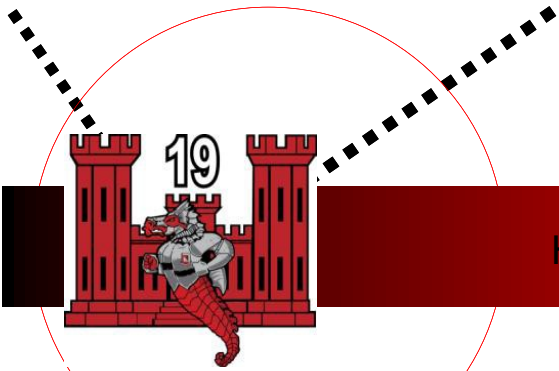
Hello once again Seahorse Battalion. Over the last couple of months the Seahorse Battalion has been very busy, we have made an impact with our Soldiers performing force protection on the gates, honoring our fallen comrades at funerals, and improving the quality of life through construction projects all while training hard for the next mission. I am very proud of the hard work given by the Soldiers and Families of this battalion, but there is still much work to be done. Take every opportunity to make a difference in and around Fort Knox. Get out and get involved with the many community projects and events that take place on a daily basis in and around the post. Remember these uplifting words when you wonder if you should get involved:

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

*-Theodore Roosevelt-*

I challenge each Seahorse Soldier and Family Member to get into the arena, and strive to do the deed, so you can experience the triumph of high achievement. Put down this paper, turn off the computer and get out and make it happen!!! **STAND TALL!!!**

-Seahorse 7-



## Headquarters and Headquarters Company

### Warrior Families:

It is good to see everyone back at work after the block leave period. I hope that those who were able to take leave had a restful and rejuvenating time with their families. As you have noticed, we have picked up right where we left off before the vacation. In addition to finishing the change of command inventories, the majority of the company qualified on the M16A4 or M4 rifle in July. HHC also helped run the second Seahorse Challenge competition, in which SGT Dawson, SPC Minogue, SPC Mesa, and SPC Engelken distinguished themselves with a strong performance in several grueling events. On the 22nd of July the company bid farewell to CPT Haravitch and I officially took command. CPT Haravitch will be working for Accessions Command here at Fort Knox as an analyst. We also saw 1SG Gross depart for his next stop at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and next week we will be joined by our new First Sergeant, 1SG Dunn.



**Soldiers from the 538th Concrete Detachment place concrete for a pad in the motor pool.**

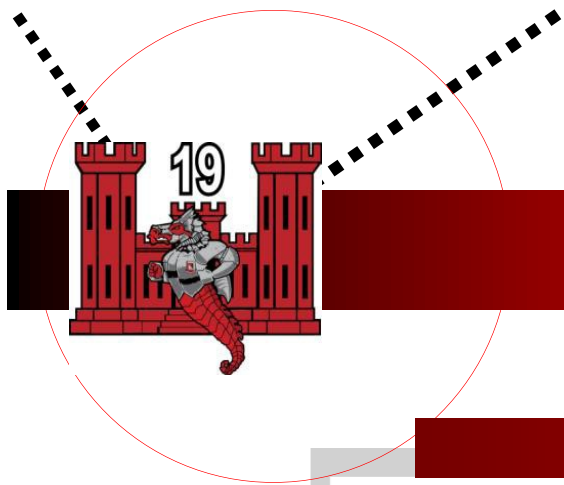
The new command team is excited about the training opportunities before us in the coming months. In August we will fire the M240B and MK-19 crew-serve weapons and will participate in a battalion Air Assault operation in Blackhawk helicopters. In September much of the battalion senior leadership and staff will be at NTC supporting the 307th Engineer Battalion's train-up for their deployment to Iraq. Meanwhile, the company will continue training on Fort Knox, including learning how to use our new AN-PSS-14 mine detectors. October's focus will be field training, with a short FTX from 4-6 OCT and another 11-12 OCT, and culminating in a capstone exercise from 20-28 OCT. We intend to initially hit field training aggressively so that holiday months can be focused on time with families.



**Soldiers qualify with the M16A4 at Canby Hill Range.**

If you have any questions about something in the company or the battalion, a great place to start is the FRG. We are grateful for the volunteer service of Tammy McCarter as our FRG Leader. She can be reached at 254-423-8879 or at [tammymccarter2006@yahoo.com](mailto:tammymccarter2006@yahoo.com).

**-Warrior 6**



## Forward Support Company

### FSC MONTHLY UPDATE



As the Summer comes to a close, it brings a lot of new faces and new changes to the Seahorse Battalion. I am very excited to be a part of these changes. I took command of the Forward Support Company on Friday, July 22, and I have been working diligently to make a smooth transition for the company. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with such a fine group of Soldiers and leaders who have been striving everyday to continue to improve the FSC. I know through hard work and dedication we will make the FSC an even stronger part of the Seahorse team.

By my side during this transition has been my wife, Megan, and my son, Joshua. Family is very important to me. Because I have a family myself, I understand the importance of strong, resilient families that support a company and battalion. During the tough times that Soldiers face when they are training and deployed, it makes it easier knowing their family supports them, and that their family is well cared for. I know how important it is to be able to trust that the company and battalion are helping to look out for your family, so you can focus on the fight. With that knowledge and my personal beliefs about family support and family time, I place a strong emphasis on unit events and the FRG. By working together, families, Soldiers, and leaders, create an atmosphere of support and camaraderie that has always been an integral part of the Army culture. I encourage you all to share your ideas, your time, and your support with the FSC leaders and the FSC FRG leadership team, so together we can all face the challenges that are ahead of us as a company.

My family and I are very excited to be here at Fort Knox and a part of such a great battalion. We look forward to a successful command and to meeting and getting to know everyone in the rest of the Seahorse family.

#### Chain of Command

**Commander: CPT Di Giovanni**

**First Sergeant: 1SG Wedding**

**Executive Officer: 1LT Hudalla**

**Operations NCO: SFC Rahmer**

**MAINT PL: 1LT Hines**

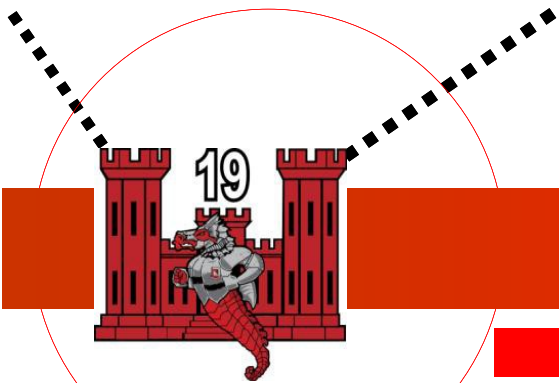
**MAINT PSG: SSG Layfield**

**DISTRO PL: 1LT Harris**

**DISTRO PSG: SFC Thomas**

-Warhorse 6-





# 15th engineer company (horizontal)

## TEAM BLADE

### chain of command

- Blade 6:** CPT Haravitch
- Blade 7:** 1SG Johnson
- Blade 5:** 1LT Brown
- Blade 57:** SFC Smith
- Blade 16:** 2LT Skinner
- Blade 17:** SFC Steese
- Blade 26:** 2LT Walker
- Blade 27:** SFC Whitford
- Blade 36:** 2LT Dauz
- Blade 37:** SFC Hammond
- Blade 47:** SFC Tran

What happened to the Summer? I can't believe we're back to school already. Hopefully everyone had a fun and relaxing summer and is ready for a great school year. We've been busy since the last newsletter in April. Below are some of the highlights over the past few months!

Over the past couple months we've had several key leadership changes in the company. We promoted SPC Mote and SPC Adams both to Sergeant. We've also switched out most of the officers in the company. Our first change was LT Dauz taking over 3rd platoon in late April. She is no stranger to Team Blade, coming moving over from the maintenance platoon. LT Daniel Walker joined the company and filled in as the maintenance PL until he recently took over as our 2nd Platoon Leader. LT Walker and his wife are coming to us from FLW. We then said goodbye to our XO, CPT Kim, as she departed for a quick deployment to Iraq with the 20th EN BDE headquarters. But quickly filling her shoes is our new XO, LT Jake Brown. He and his wife are coming to us from the 76th EN CO. Our most recent transition was our 1st PL; as LT Matthews moved on to take over as the QRF platoon leader and we welcomed LT Brandon Skinner and his wife. LT Skinner comes to Team Blade from the 538th Concrete Detachment.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **15- (about) 24 August:** Vibrant Response 12 Exercise
- **19 August:** Family Movie Night (1830, 3-1 Classroom)
- **28 August:** NTC Team departs
- **2-5 Sept:** Labor Day Weekend
- **13 Sept:** FRG Meeting (Resilient Families)
- **24 Sept:** Blade Spouse's Coffee (time and location TBD)
- **24-26 Sept:** Training Holiday
- **7-10 Oct:** Columbus Day Weekend
- **23-29 Oct:** Best Blade Squad Competition

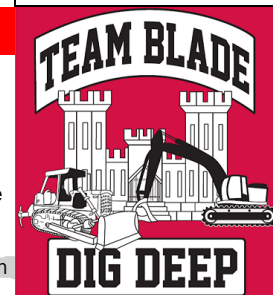
### BLADE TRAINING EVENTS

Since the last Seahorse Standard publication, Team Blade has executed several training events. In May through June, 2nd platoon (plus 538th, 76th and 72nd attachments) deployed to Nogales, AZ to build a 1.25 mile road along the US-Mexico border that the US Border Patrol will use to ensure the security of the boarder. The platoon's diligence, flexibility and extremely high skill level enabled them to complete the project on time, above standard and just below budget. Also the platoon's dedication to safety and environmental concerns led to them earning the Joint Task Force - North safety award, a coveted award for having zero safety violations, accidents or negligent incidents on- or off-duty. Also in May, we assisted Fort Knox with force protection primarily by conducting a roving patrol throughout the installation. You might have even seen us checking out vehicles in the commissary parking lot! We also assisted a few times on the gates.

In June, the remainder of the company at Fort Knox executed the platoon certification exercise. During this five-day event we conducted several non-tactical convoys, 1st platoon (with some Soldiers from 2nd platoon) conducted operator certification on the several pieces of equipment out at Training Area 3 in southern Fort Knox. All Soldiers had some stick time, with a majority of the operating time going to the newer Soldiers. 3rd platoon conducted drivers training on the Backhoe Loader (BHL) and a HMEE from the 502nd Engineer Company out at Pilcher's Landing. 3rd platoon spent several days over the past few months at Pilcher's landing working on constructing a boat launch for the 502nd EN CO to be able to conduct boat training on the Ohio River. Maintenance platoon executed a much-enjoyed recovery training event just outside of Zussman training complex. Then, the following day, each of the line platoons conducted a disaster response-type mission at the Zussman Urban Training Complex. This was a superbly executed mission and was an excellent train-up for our Vibrant Response 12 exercise this month in Indiana. When we returned from the CERTEX and completed recovery, we conducted a family PT day with a great turn out. Thanks so much for all who came!

In July, we conducted multiple funeral honors where we sent out several teams of two or nine Soldiers to render full military honors to fallen veterans. We also executed several smaller missions and projects, such as supporting the installation's Leader Training Course (LTC) graduation ceremonies. We spent a majority of the month preparing for the Vibrant Response exercise.

This month of August consists entirely of the Vibrant Response mission. We will have worked early days and late nights in order to conduct this mission. It should be a great exercise and we will return to Fort Knox with a tremendous, new amount of knowledge and experience. We will close out August with recovery from Vibrant Response and get ready for September!

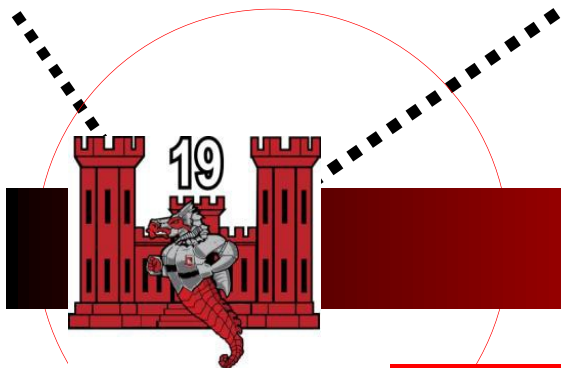


Thanks for all you do each and every day. Keep supporting each other and doing the right things! Keep your head down, keep coloring, DIG DEEP! ~ BLADE 6 and 7





# 76th Engineering Company



## HAMMER 6

<b>Chain of Command</b>
<b>Commander: CPT Meade</b>
<b>First Sergeant: 1SG Hunsaker</b>
<b>Executive Officer: 1LT Enriquez</b>
<b>OPS NCO: SSG Stokes</b>
<b>1st PSG: SSG Morris</b>
<b>1st PL: 2LT Murray</b>
<b>2nd PSG: SFC McKinney</b>
<b>2nd PL: 1LT Kane</b>
<b>3rd PSG: SFC Archilla</b>
<b>3rd PL: 2LT Foley</b>
<b>Maint PSG: SSG Stepanoff</b>
<b>Maint PL: 2LT Pargett</b>

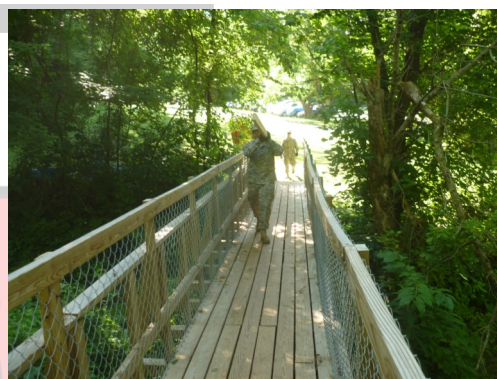
I've been in command of 76th Engineer Company (Vertical) for about 90 days now, and I am very impressed with the work this company has done thus far. It doesn't seem long since we started with change of command inventories back in March, but here we are now planning out fourth quarter, which extends to the winter holiday season. I'm definitely looking forward to seeing what this company can do in the upcoming months.

Over the last three months, these Soldiers have put in some high quality work on projects around the Fort Knox area, to include renovation of building 7712 at the former corrections complex, a heavy lumber bridge at Camp Carlson, a wheelchair access ramp for the Bluegrass Challenge Academy, a facility refurbishment at Lower Douglas Lake, and a masonry satellite platform for our neighbors at 3 ESC.

In addition to construction projects, we have had our fair share of missions and field training. Since taking the guidon, I've seen this company leading the way; executing Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection measures at the gates and around post on less than 24 hours notice, conducting a high-quality weapons range for the Browning M2 .50 caliber machine gun and qualifying our gunner teams on all other crew-served weapons, and enduring a demanding Platoon Certification Exercise featuring a complex mission at one of the US Army's premier urban training facilities.

Our focus for the summer months is on doing more of those things that make this company unique, namely vertical construction. Fortunately for us, Fort Knox Department of Public Works has given us opportunities to excel in this field. Vertical projects currently on the docket include construction of two range towers, another correctional building renovation, plus plumbing and electrical work at one of Fort Knox's foremost tactical training bases. In addition to projects, we look to engage in some high quality exercises and field training. Upcoming events include the annual 76th Engineer Company Hammerdai in August, a grueling two day leadership qualification exercise; and a company field training exercise in September to hone our field craft in preparation for higher intensity tactical training during the fall and winter months.

Almost in sync with the change of command has been the complete changeover of our Family Readiness Group leadership. So far, our FRG and family social programming has really taken off. The May FRG meeting at Blazers was a big success, as was the single Soldier potluck in June. In July, the company hosted Kids' Challenge, an event in which around 30 younger members of the Hammer Family got to compete in military-style, kid-friendly events. Our second single Soldier potluck will take place in late August. Last, but certainly not least, we will end the fiscal year in September with the company Dining-Out, a formal affair for our Soldiers and their significant others, sure to make for a enjoyable evening



Above: A Soldier carries building material down the newly built bridge at Camp Carlson.



War Hammer! Hammer 6 Out!

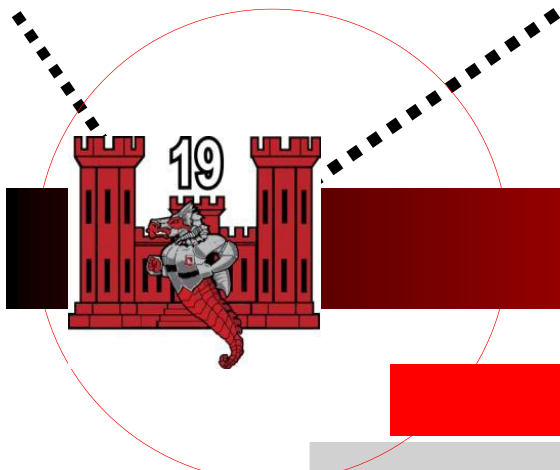
Left: SGT Shultz is being chased by an attacker during Kids Challenge Day.



Right: The guidon is returned to 1SG Hunsaker



# 502nd Multi-role Bridge Company



## BRIDGE 6

### Upcoming 502D Events

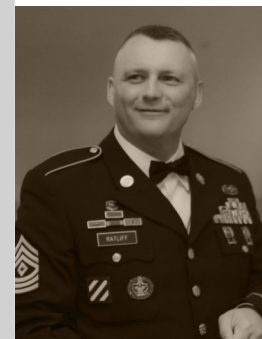
23 AUG—FRG Meeting

12-16 SEP—Company Field Exercise

2-5 SEP—Labor Day Weekend

20 SEP—FRG Meeting

Hello to all the Soldiers, Families, and Friends of the Seahorse Battalion! No surprise the 502D MRBC has been busy; as the largest company both in personnel and equipment we have a lot to do! For one, we have spent a lot of time developing and executing great training events such as the Boat Operator School and the Dry Support Bridge (DSB, nicknamed the "Transformer") operator and maintenance training. Since May, we have also been very engaged in conducting various capstone events. These events act like practical exercises and tests all in one; seeing how Soldiers execute what they have learned over the previous months and ensuring they grasp the appropriate concepts and are able to put them into action. One such event executed in April was the Command Post Exercise (CPX), and then during the first week of June, the company participated in the battalion Platoon Certification Exercise (PLT CERTX). The exercise was essentially designed to test the leaderships' planning, preparing, and executing abilities by accomplishing various missions and tasks throughout the day. Overall, our platoons did an excellent job, earning praise from various senior personnel within the battalion. And despite all this we still accomplish post support details such as gate augmentation and funeral honors details. And if that was not enough on their plate, some of our Soldiers even make time for volunteer activities; supporting the local communities around Fort Knox by working at a soup kitchen, cleaning up historic sites, and Ohio River bank clean up just to name a few. -Bridge 6-



# Fairwell

To 1SG Ratliff and his Family as they travel to Fort Irwin, California!

## BRIDGE 7



Above: The 502 assemble a float bridge on the Salt River.

Greetings fellow Seahorse Soldiers, Family members, and friends of the 19th Engineer Battalion from the desk of Bridge 7. It's been very busy around here lately as I have taken the reins from 1SG Ratliff who recently departed for Fort Irwin, California. I cannot express sufficiently in words the gratitude that the commander and I have for all of the hard work put in by our Soldiers and Leaders over the past couple of months. We executed some outstanding training at the platoon certification exercise where our platoons got a chance to showcase their war fighting skills in some world class training areas. Props to all of those involved in planning and executing a truly great training event but especially to FSC for keeping us fed, fueled, and firing. You guys rock. After recovery from the CERTEX we moved in to a much needed block leave period and then right into conducting funeral honors. Our Soldiers and Leaders that were tasked with that mission did an



NEVER QUITI - SFC Michael Staton, Bridge 7

### Team Bridge

Commander: CPT Hutter

First Sergeant: SFC Staton

Executive Officer: 1LT Corley

1st PLT: 1LT Dominique

1st PSG: SFC Keib

2nd PLT: 2LT Maci

2nd PSG: SSG Gonzalez

SPT PLT: 2LT Dolan

SPT PSG: SSG Canady



## 72nd Survey and Design Detachment

### LAZER 6



#### Command Team

CDR: CW2 Springette  
NCOIC: SSG (P) Rosa

As the 72nd Detachment Commander, it is an honor and a privilege to command such a unique group of Professional Soldiers. SSG Barron and SPC Babcock returned from their second rotation to Nogales, Arizona with the 15th EN CO. while providing support for the JTF-North road project. The "Laser Guided" Detachment is currently engaged in new and on-going projects like Pilcher's Landing Boat ramp and TA-14 Dry Support Bridge Site. Both projects are for the 502nd Multi-role Bridge Company. We are also continuing on Cedar Creek and Atcher DZ projects. To level out the 4th quarter of FY11, the Detachment will continue to coordinate with outside agencies for training opportunities and focus on Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills to retain and sharpen our warranted skill-set.



Above: The 72nd Brought home the Seahorse Challenge trophy as the Soldiers finished 1st Place in the competition.

#### -Lazer 6-



Left: Soldiers enhance their skills during a deployment to Nogales, Arizona to assist JTF-N in order to complete the construction of an access road for the border patrol.



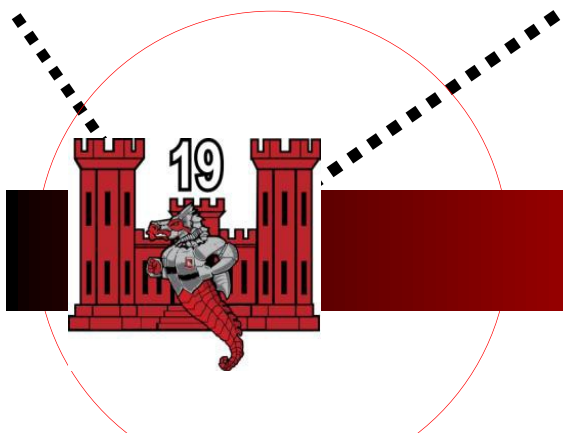
## BN Master Resiliency Trainer

Hey Soldiers and families of the 19th EN BN, my name is SSG Kent Martin and I serve as the only Master Resiliency Trainer (MRT) within the battalion. I am actually building this Army program from scratch within the battalion and I have been providing training since April 2011. My prior position was within the S1 but now I work MRT full time. My office is located right across from Staff Duty. This is a new program that was launched from the Department of the Army for both Soldiers and families. I did my training at Fort Jackson, SC in October 2010 and I am locked in to the 19th EN BN for two years. My roles and responsibilities is to provide tools to the team members of the Seahorse BN to better themselves through self assessment of five dimensions. These dimensions include Spiritual, Emotional, Physical, Social, and Family. I have given 50 highly qualified Non Commission Officers a 40 hour block of instruction to serve as Resiliency Trainer Assistants (RTA). To date we have one NCO RTA trained within each Platoon of the Battalion along with an additional RTA to serve as a secondary RTA for each platoon. The feedback from the Soldiers that have received some of the MRT training has been very positive and many of the Soldiers believe that the Army should have adapted this program a long time ago. I look forward to continuing to support each team member within the Seahorse family by giving each individual a proactive tool to better themselves.

-SSG Martin- BN Master Resiliency Trainer-







## Battalion Chaplain

### Greetings From the Battalion Chaplain!

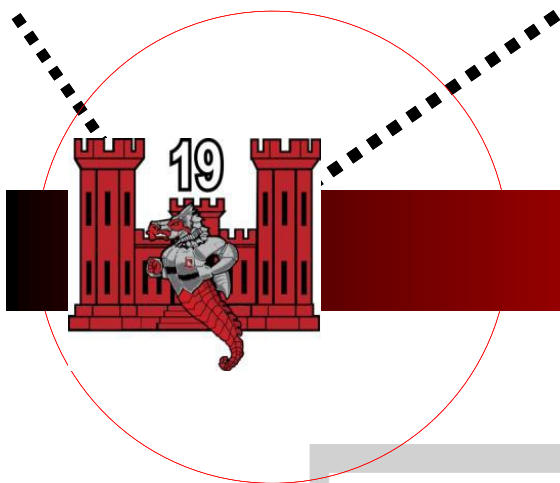


It doesn't happen very often in the service, but sometimes on rare occasion if you're fortunate, it is possible to PCS to your number one station of choice. That is what Fort Knox and the 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion is for us. This assignment is exactly what we wanted and we are more than glad to be here. We had heard wonderful things about the area and this unit and let me tell you up front, we are not disappointed. It truly is an honor to serve alongside each and every member of this wonderful army family. As the Battalion Chaplain I look forward to serving each and every one of you. With that in mind let me introduce myself and my family. I am Chaplain (Captain) Abdiel E. Fuentes and I have served our country for almost nine years. I am married to Mayerling, a much better person than I, and together we are blessed with three energetic bundles of joy. Eduardo, our oldest son is 14 years old and is attending Central Hardin High School. Abdiel, our middle son, is 10 years old and looking forward to making lots of new friends. Abigail, the true owner of our paycheck and the princess of the family, is 3 years old and loving life. We truly are very excited to be here and can't wait to make a home for ourselves and be part of your community.

Now, since I have been in the Army for more than a day, I know that some of you may be wondering what exactly it is that a Chaplain can do for the team, especially given the pluralistic environment in which we work. It is certainly true that I represent a specific faith group and I must abide by the tenants of faith as established by my ecclesiastical endorser, which in my case is the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ Endorsement Commission. So, if you are a member of the Christian Churches or the Churches of Christ, or part of the Restoration Movement, then we come from the same faith background. If this is not the case, then I can perform as many rites, ordinances, sacraments or other religious matters as my endorser will permit and you will allow me to do. What that means is that we can pray together, worship together, study Scripture together and counsel one another if you like. My promise to you is that while I will remain always faithful to my fundamentalist, conservative core values and principles, I will not push my views upon you at all. I am more than willing to share my values, principles and core beliefs but only if you want me to. You see one of the mottos of the US Army Chaplain Corps is to "Perform or Provide." What this means is that I will perform any religious rite that you need so long as I am allowed to do so by my endorser and it does not violate my own principles, values etc. If what you need is not something I am permitted to perform, I will do my very best to provide you with someone that can. At the very least I will ensure you have the right tools necessary for you to safeguard and execute your right to the free exercise of religion. In practical terms, what this means is that if your Catholic for example and are in need of a priest, I will put you in contact with a Catholic Chaplain. However, if you are satisfied with prayer that I can provide, I will more than gladly pray for you and your specific needs.

Now, so far I have shared with you what I can do when it comes to matters of faith. However, I am also aware that some of our country's heroes practice no particular faith nor are they interested in anything to do with matters of faith. Fortunately, there are still many ways in which I can help, if you will allow me to. By regulation, all Soldiers have a right to speak with a Chaplain about matters of faith or of the conscious. What this means is that you can talk to me about anything you like. We can talk about family issues, work issues, marriage issues, premarital counseling or whatever else you like. Further more, everything we talk about can be confidential unless you state otherwise. If you need to talk to someone, I am here for you. Of course, you also need to know that I have no command authority. I am an officer in the United States Army but my role is advisory in nature. I am an unbiased set of eyes and ears that can listen to your concerns and advise you on a course of action. I can also advocate on your behalf with the chain of command if you allow me to do so and if we both agree that it would be the appropriate thing to do. I was junior enlisted once, then an NCO and now an officer. If nothing else I might present a different perspective to you that may be helpful. If I cannot help you, then know that I will do my very best to find you a resource that can. I am here to serve you and I look forward to the opportunity to do so with excitement, with joy, with an open heart and mind, in prayer and with a humble spirit.

-Chaplain Abdiel Fuentes-



## Family Readiness Support Group

### Upcoming Events:

- 8 August –72nd Bake Sale Motor Pool 8:30-12:00
- 11 August–72nd FRG Meeting
- 11 August–76th FRG Meeting
- 23 August–502nd FRG Meeting

### Senior FRG Advisors

Cheryl Ray  
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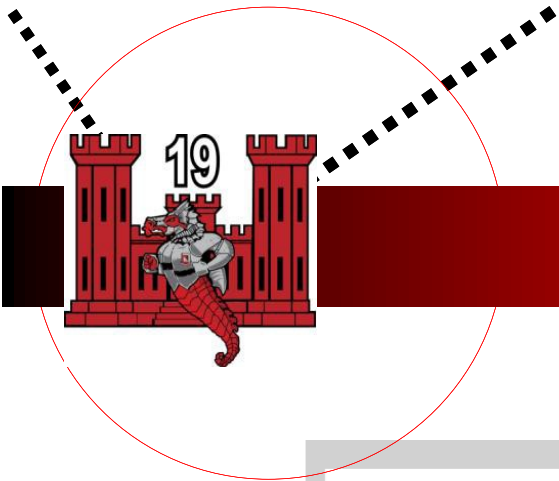
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## Up Coming Events

- **28 August to 24 September NTC Support**
- **September Funeral Detail Support**
- **2 to 5 September Labor Day Training Holiday**
- **7 to 10 October Columbus Day Training Holiday**
- **17 to 21 October 502nd at Fort Leonard Wood for Bridge Training**
- **December Funeral Detail Support**



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