

DESERT BULLS



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Great BCT Warriors -

This week I have been reviewing the company level training plans that your commanders and first sergeants have been working on. I want you to know that they are well thought out plans, resourced well with both equipment and time. In my 26 years of experience with training, these are some of the best plans I have ever seen. Your commanders have synched these plans against the battalion and brigade requirements and are moving forward in an aggressive manner to execute their plans. I mention this so that you are

aware that the training you are participating in is well thought out. By the time you have completed your training at Camp Shelby - you will be well prepared to execute the mission in Iraq. I have also had the chance to travel to some of the training across the width and breadth of Camp Shelby. You are doing a fantastic job everywhere I stop. Forward Operations Base Defense, Quick Reaction Force, Squad Live Fire, Military Operations on Urban Terrain Lanes as well as some of the classroom training with Blue Force Tracker and the various other Army battle command system components we are issuing. I am very pleased by the attitude and professionalism of all the Brigade Soldiers I have seen. I want you to know you are definitely doing the right thing, at the right time,

in the right place and with the right equipment and right attitude. I ask that you remember that sixth and last RIGHT you do need to work on - in the right uniform.

The last item I want to leave with you this week is the webpage our Public Affairs Office section has developed. It can be seen at www.redbullweb.com. Please pass this address along to all of your friends and families. It is a great tool for them to reference and to keep tabs on the Brigades progress. Each week new items of interest are hung on this site. Tell them to visit often to find out what you are doing.

As always Redbulls - **ATTACK.**

Col. David Elicerio
1-34 BCT Commander



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1-34 BCT PA

Chinook overhead

A Chinook helicopter flies over Camp Shelby's cantonment area Tuesday. These helicopters also have been used in the last several weeks to carry water buckets in fire fighting missions.



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Media awareness

- Always tell the truth.
- Assume that everything you say will be used and attributed to you. Avoid "Off the record" conversations with reporters. If you don't want to see it in print or on television, don't say it.
- Stay in your lane; talk only about things for which you are responsible.
- Do not speculate.
- It's OK to say: "I don't know."
- Refer specific recruiting questions to your recruiter.
- If you can't answer a reporter's question, explain why. For example, if the incident is under investigation, just let the reporter know.
- Always remain calm and professional.
- Practice what you want to say in front of a mirror or a friend to become more comfortable.
- Be yourself. You have a great story to tell and your community wants to hear it!
- Discuss what you know, provided OPSEC is not violated.

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Day in Red Bull history

Tuesday Nov. 9, 1943
Near the town of Venafro, Italy
Just at dark *1st Sgt. Woodrow E Bailey* fired three rounds from his (M-1 rifle) into the brush by the radio truck, later *Pvt. Joe J Haren* fired his "Tommy Gun" into the same hedge, both claiming something had moved in the brush. Still later in the night *Pvt. Henry E Ellison* fired one round at something moving, which he claimed was a man. But the next morning they discovered a white cow on the opposite side of the brush ... Could this company be getting jittery?

Just the facts

PX hours: 0900-2100
Monday through Saturday
Main gym hours: 0500-2100
Monday through Friday;
0800-2000 Saturday, Sunday
Sewing Center Hours:
Monday through Friday 0800-1600; Saturday 0800-1300
(pay in advance)
Book of stamps sold at PX
Laundromats open 24 hours
Post Office at Building 2490
(near Paxton Hall)

BIG DADDY'S BARBERSHOP

We're right on target!
Cpl. Walton Building 2335 From 1830 to 2100hrs

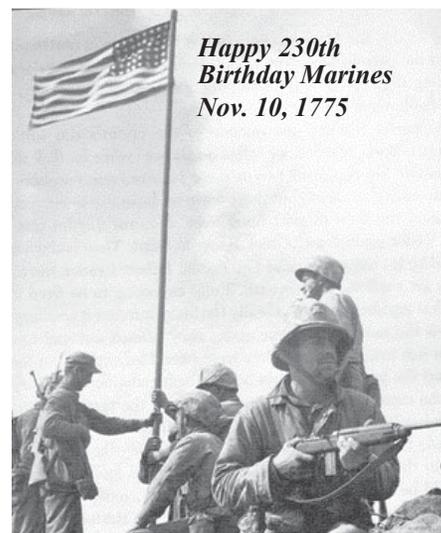
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The 1-34 Brigade Combat Team is the only National Guard brigade among 92,000 troops that will be in the next rotation of U.S. Forces in Iraq, Associated Press reported Tuesday.

1st Squad., 167th Cav. largest unit

Did you know that the 1st Squadron, 167th Cavalry, is the largest combat arms unit in the Nebraska Army National Guard?

RSTA also stands for Reconnaissance Surveillance Target Acquisition?



Happy 230th Birthday Marines Nov. 10, 1775

On the cover: Soldiers in Company A, 134 Brigade Support Battalion probe for "mines" Tuesday during Day 1 of Common Task Training near the Gymnasium. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1-34 BCT PA.

The following information should not be reported:

a. For US or allied units, **specific numerical information** on troop strength, aircraft, weapons systems, on-hand equipment, or supplies (e.g. artillery, tanks, radars, missiles, trucks, water), including amounts of ammunition or fuel moved by them shall be described in general terms such as "company-size," "multibattalion," "multidivision," "naval task force," and "carrier battle group." Number or amount of equipment and supplies **may be described in general terms** such as "large," "small," or "many."

Chaplain's Corner



Have you ever noticed a Chaplain's signature?

Their rank is always in parenthesis, whether they are a first lieutenant or major general. The reason is we are first and foremost a Chaplain who carries out the Religious Support Program of the commander.

Chaplains are addressed as simply "Chaplain", whatever rank they are. Chaplains need not be addressed as "Sir" or "Ma'am". (Of course, even I forget once in a while myself when I see another chaplain with a higher rank and sometimes address the individual as "Sir" or "Ma'am".)

BCT first to receive ACU Bibles

The 1-34 Brigade Combat Team made history last week in being the first unit in the military to receive the new Army Combat Uniform camouflage Bibles.

The covers display the 34th Infantry Division Red Bull imprint on the digital camouflage pattern. A second feature of these Bibles is that they have a 34-page section of never before provided "Bible Helps" in the back of each Bible. Helps, including how to study the Bible, how to read the Bible, and basic spiritual training.

These Bibles are available from the BCT's seven Unit Ministry Teams. Each Soldier will be able to receive this spiritual Rapid Fielding Initiative, said Chaplain (Maj.) Randy Wendt, 1-34 BCT Chaplain.

I think this is a good thing because of the role the chaplains have within the Army. We are concerned with ensuring the free expression, worship, and practice of religion.



Our focus is always on the Soldier and their spiritual needs. I hope this tidbit of information will help the Soldiers view their chaplain as one who will always regard each Soldier as being important. Yes, chaplains have a rank but I always try to see our rank as secondary to our mission of religious support.

— *Chaplain (Maj.) Jerome Fehn*



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1-34 BCT PA

Staff Sgt. Thomas Murray, senior chaplain's assistant for the 1-34 BCT, holds two of the Army Combat Uniform camouflage Bibles the chaplain's office received last week.

"We as Soldiers give thanks for our commander's wisdom and support in providing this provision of the Word of God," he said. "The best use of this training tool is to open it and read it.

"Like your primary weapon, if you fail to train on it, you will fail to withstand the assault of the enemy in the day of the battle."

Start your spiritual fitness training now so that when the day of evil comes you will defeat the enemy.

GREER CHAPEL Bldg 804
558-4078

Catholic Mass		
Saturday		1400
Sunday		1400
Protestant Worship		
Sunday	0900	1100

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod		
Sunday		1600
November 13, 27		
December 04, 18		

Contact the Post Chaplain regarding these Off-post worship opportunities:

Episcopal	Sunday	0800	
Jewish	Friday		
Transportation departs Bldg 2103 at 1715 on 1st Friday of the month; and 1815 during the remainder of the month.			
Muslim	Friday		
Transportation departs Bldg 2103 at 1215 each Friday.			
Latter Day Saints	Sunday	0900	1300
LCMS	Sunday	0800	1030
Transportation departs Bldg 2103 30 minutes prior to Service.			

RED BULL RELIGIOUS
SUPPORT CENTER Bldg 2103
558-4372

Meditation/Prayer Room	Daily	Anytime
Bible/Prayer Fellowship	Tuesday	1900
Women's Bible Fellowship	Wednesday	1900
Prayer Warrior's	Thursday	2000
Juma Prayer	Friday	1330
Jewish Sabbath	Friday	1900
Musician/Soloist Rehearsal	Friday	1900
Catholic Mass	Saturday 1800	Sunday 0900
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to the Catholic Mass.		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturday	2000
Protestant Worship	Sunday	1030 1900

A Soldier's Story

Soldier's civilian job allows him flexibility

Name: Mike Leach
Age: 37
Hometown: Robbinsdale, Minn.
Marital status: Married with a son and daughter
Favorite movie: The Passion of the Christ
Favorite music: Contemporary Christian
Favorite food: Pork Roast
Favorite pastime: Working with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing

Story and photo by
Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood
1-34 BCT PA

Sgt. Mike Leach's civilian occupation allows him to make up his own hours, sit inside a comfortable Mini Van for several hours and even chat with a famous radio talk show host, Ron Rosenbaum of KSTP Radio, Minneapolis, Minn., several times.

Leach of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 136th Combined Arms Battalion, is an independent taxi driver for Airport Town Taxi Service in the Minneapolis, Minn., area. He has been doing this for the last three years.

"I just love it, love the flexible schedule," he said. "Able to do stuff with my kids whenever I need to. It is a lot of hours but its not real hard work."

Leach, who is working in operations and the gunner for the battalion's command sergeant major, said he can spend as much as 80 hours a week on the road. "Anytime I want to go out, I have the taxi 24/7," he said.

He said he has met a lot of great customers as a taxi driver also. His coverage area is northwest of Minneapolis and south to Bloomington, Minn. But he has been held up once. He said his Army training helped him in this hold up.

"Being able to stay calm and not losing it," said Leach who was in the Active Army for nine years. Leach, who has been the National Guard for four years, also said taxi driving and serving in the Guard has similarities.

"As long as you're doing your job and know what you're doing you're pretty much left alone," he said. "As long as you're still accomplishing your mission."

Leach became interested in his taxi driving mission after being late for work one day. He had no vehicle



Sgt. Mike Leach, a taxi cab driver in Minnesota, posed Monday by a Humvee near the 2nd Bn., 136th Combined Arms Bn., headquarters. Leach also is the gunner for the battalion command sergeant major.

because his wife had the keys to the couple's second car. He said he asked his friend for a ride. On the ride to work, his friend, who was also a taxi cab driver, told him about the taxi cab profession.

Leach said he was "hooked."

Leach plans to slip off the hook when he returns from his deployment.

He said he intends to pursue a Masters Degree of Theology and become a National Guard chaplain's assistant.

Duluth Holiday Shout Outs!



Call 218-727-2105, 0600-1900, and tell the announcer that you are a deployed soldier with a holiday greeting for recording.

Ron Stone, Clear Channel Radio

IRON RANGERS!



YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE UNIT HOLIDAY PARTY!

PLEASE TELL THEM TO CALL THE FRG OR UNIT FOR SPECIFICS.



IN OUR SIGHTS



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1-34 BCT PA
Company A, 1st Bn., 133rd Inf., Soldiers practice moving as a team in a building search exercise Monday near their headquarters.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1-34 BCT PA
Soldiers from 1st Sqd., 167th Cav., use binoculars and spotting scopes to identify several small and large objects several meters away last month.



Photo by Kent Westberg, 1-34 BCT PA
Sgt. 1st Class John McCann, (left) Spc. Alkali Yaffa and Sgt. 1st Class James E. Rolshouse smile after participating in combatives last week. All are members of the Hq. and Hq. Co., 1-34 BCT.