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Command Sgt. Maj. (Retired) Michael Taylor is inducted as the honorary command sergeant major of the 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment March 30, 2012. The induction was part of a ceremony that also welcomed new Paratroopers to the regiment during "Regimental Day" celebrating one of the oldest regiments in the 82nd Airborne Division.

3rd Brigade's Paratroopers receive training on BETSS-C

Story by [Spc. Terrance Payton](#)

Paratroopers with 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division have been conducting surveillance training here this week provided by a company named CACI on a system called Base Expeditionary Targeting Surveillance Systems – Combined, better known as BETSS-C.

The BETSS-C consists of four systems, which include the Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment, Cerberus, Force Protection Suite, and Rapid Deployment Integrated Surveillance System.

CACI provides five mobile training teams, which consist of a team leader and a primary instructor on each system. They travel all over the United States to provide BETSS-C training to active duty, National Guard and Reserve soldiers.

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“We are based out of Fayetteville and this is something that Fort Bragg needs to take advantage of,” said Sammie Sax III, a team leader for one of the BETSS-



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C soldier training teams. “The training is of no cost to the units. All they need to provide is the training area and the soldiers.”

The company, who has been training these systems for the past three years, also has two mobile training facilities that are equipped with 10 simulation stations that provide students with hands-on training in a classroom environment.

“It’s optimum to train 10 soldiers per class because it gives them more hands-on training,” said Sax. “We can train up to 20 soldiers per class if we place two soldiers at each training station.”

Students can receive training and become proficient on all four of the systems that make up BETSS-C in as little as 15 days, but training can be broken down into smaller sessions and tailored to fit the specific needs of each unit.

“The training is excellent,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Vinicombe, a student from Company A, 82nd Brigade Support Battalion. “I learned that early detection is crucial in security and will help tremendously with forward operating base security.”

The BETSS-C system provides soldiers with force



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protection, reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition, counter-IED, and counter-insurgent capabilities. It also provides 360-degree day and night and long range to short range coverage.

“Too many times they wait to give us this training right before we deploy,” said Vinicombe. “It’s good to have this training now.”

Sax said that they would like to train soldiers 90 days before deployment. The purpose is to train Soldiers who will be deploying to be able to operate the BETSS-C family

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“This training is very beneficial because we will use this equipment while deployed and units don’t know how to use it properly,”

said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Suggs of Company C, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion. “Having learned the basic installation and operation of the Cerberus and RAID, I can provide ‘train the trainer’ for soldiers who don’t know how to use the equipment.”

Soldiers in 3rd Brigade are receiving the training now to enhance mission readiness as the nation’s Global Response Force and may be called to be deployed at any time with short notice.

1st Battalion,
319th Airborne
Field Artillery
Regiment
Welcomes new
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Command
Sergeant Major
and new
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the Regiment



Spc. William Bush, a forward observer with Troop A, 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, analyzes target data for joint fires observer training he and other Paratroopers are receiving here from a mobile training team. A qualified joint fires observer is a significant force multiplier on the battlefield as they are trained to communicate with multiple ordinance-delivering aircraft, said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Carrillo, the brigade fire support noncommissioned officer.

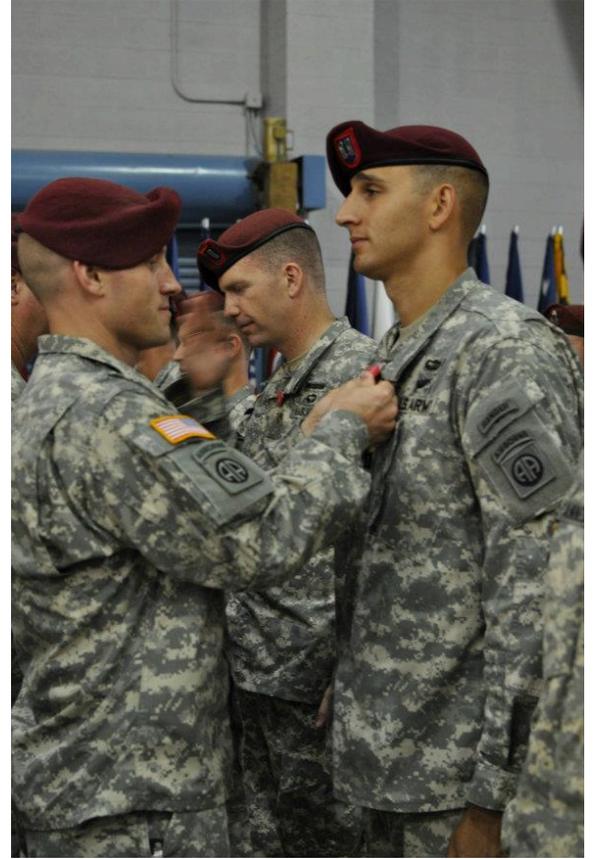


The Paratroopers of the 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, held a "Regimental Day" March 30, 2012. The purpose of the celebrations was to welcome Command Sg. Maj. (Ret.) Michael Taylor as the honorary command sergeant ...major of the 319th.

Following Taylor's induction in a ceremony near the battalion headquarters, he cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open the "Regimental Room", a conference room where artifacts from the regiment's history are on display.



1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment redeployment awards.





1st. Lt. Paul, Scifers, Headquarters, and Headquarters Company, 1st. Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Air Born Division, walks next to Lonesome Gulch Pond during a 12-mile road march at Fort A.P. Hill Va. Mar. 22, 2012. 353 candidates attempted to earn the coveted EIB; only 128 received it by the end of the week.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club candidates at 3rd BSTB



Sgt. Timothy Reil and Staff Sgt. John Hendrick of 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion stand by after completing the marksmanship portion of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club selection process on March 21, 2012. The selection process included events such as Ranger Physical Fitness Assessment, weapon assembly, and an oral board.



Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew McCoy of 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion tests each of the candidates on their knowledge of the United States Army standards and leadership during the final oral board of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club selection process on March 21, 2012.



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