

THE FRG CONNECTION

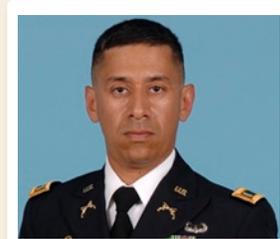
HHD 716th MP BATTALION (THUNDER)

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Commander's Corner

by 1LT Carlos J. Reyes,
Rear Detachment Commander



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FAMILIES AND SOLDIERS OF HHD,

I would like to take this time to reflect on the accomplishments of the Detachment thus far. It seems like just yesterday that we had the main body of HHD all filling out paperwork at the PPC in preparation for their departure to Afghanistan. During the time following their departure we have conducted so many activities as a Detachment and FRG. In January, shortly after the HHD Forward departure, the FRG and Soldiers gathered to work on their Valentine's day crafts projects. The Children involved worked very hard on their crafts providing extra love and care for their deployed soldiers.

The month of February proved very beneficial as Spouses participated

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Jen Renken--our self-defense instructor--demonstrating how to escape a choke hold.- Feb. 2012



You're never too young to learn how to defend yourself!



John Renken & Belinda Lambert

DID YOU KNOW?

The 716th MP Battalion is the most decorated Military Police Battalion in the US Army.





in a self-defense class taught by instructors from the Clarksville Mixed Martial Arts Academy. Spouses learned basic defense tactics that could prove useful in case of an attack. I watched in great awe as spouses tossed and flipped a 250 pound assailant on the mat over and over again. At the conclusion of the lesson instructors provided contact information for further training if desired.

The month of March was one of our most enjoyable times thus far, as the Detachment held its Easter Egg Hunt. Soldiers and Spouses from the Detachment gathered in the Community Chapel for a pot luck luncheon and fellowship session. Following the luncheon, the Participants were prepared for an Egg Hunt free-for-all. Children stuffed their baskets with an abundance of multi-colored eggs, some of which contained candy, toys, toy stamps, and a ticket for a Crayola Color Marker set. Overall, the gathering was a huge success and I am glad to have had such amazing participation.

As we look forward to the upcoming Spring and Summer months there are more events ready

to take place in the near future. In April the Volunteer Awards Dinner will be held, in order to recognize one of the Detachment's most cherished assets. Also, just on the horizon is the "Rivers and Spires" celebration and there is already talk of a possible Battalion Org Day. I would like to extend our best wishes to those deployed and our most sincere Thanks to all those making these events possible.

Respectfully,
1LT Carlos J. Reyes



HHD's Casing of the Colors - January 6, 2012

STAYING SAFE

Our FRG Event in February was a self-defense class taught by Jen and John Renken from Clarksville Mixed Martial Arts Academy (CMMAA). Since not everyone was able to attend, here are some tips to help keep you safe here at the homefront.

- Don't advertise to people you don't know that your spouse is deployed. You never know who might be listening.
- If you're leaving town for an extended period of time, make

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The Battalion's well wishes for HHD are displayed for all to see. January 11, 2012.



Valentines in progress in the Battalion Classroom - January 24, 2012

sure to arrange for your mail, newspapers, and yard to be taken care of while you're gone.

- At night, park your car in a well-lit area and be alert to your surroundings. Walk confidently. If you feel nervous, ask a store employee to walk you to your car.
- Trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. It's better to risk being rude to someone than to wind up being hurt by them.
- Keep your car doors and the doors (and windows) to your home locked.
- If you ever *are* in the situation where someone you don't know tries to drag you into their car, fight back. Don't go quietly. The more noise you make the more likely someone is to hear you and come to your aid. If you get in

that car, statistics show that you aren't very likely to come out alive. Although these can be scary things to think about, preparedness is key. Don't give a criminal the upper-hand. Think ahead, stay alert, stay alive.

DO YOU SPEAK ACRONYM?

Its been said that the military has its own language. Newcomers to the Army life-style are often confused by all those strings of letters. Here are a few acronyms you may have heard and what they stand for:

- AAR - After Action Report
- BAH - Basic Allowance for Housing
- BAS - Basic Allowance for Sustenance
- BN - Battalion
- CID - Criminal Investigation Division
- COB - Close of Business

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UPCOMING DONSA's & TRAINING HOLIDAYS

- 20th-22nd Apr.
- 25th-28th May
- 15th-17th June
- 4th-5th July
- 17th-19th Aug.
- 31st Aug.
- 1st-3rd Sept.

SUPER SATURDAY DATES (via CYSS)

- April 14th & 28th
- May 5th & 19th
- June 9th & 30th
- July 14th & 28th
- August 11th & 25th
- September 8th & 22nd

Call (270) 412-0173 or (270) 412-0174 to make a reservation. Children must be registered with CYSS to attend.



CONUS - CONTinental United States

DEERS - Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

DFAC - Dining Facility

ETS - Expiration of Term of Service

FTX - Field Training Exercise

LES - Leave and Earnings Statement

MFLC - Military Family Life Consultant

MOS - Military Occupational Specialty

MRE - Meal Ready to Eat

NCO - Non-Commissioned Officer

OCONUS - Outside

CONTinental United States

PCS - Permanent Change of Station

POA - Power of Attorney

POV - Privately-owned Vehicle

TDY - Temporary Duty

REMINDER BANDS

We have reminder bands for sale! They are marbled green and yellow (MP colors) and are imprinted with "716th MP BN". They come in three sizes: child, medium, and large, and cost \$4 a band. They make great Mother's Day gifts! Please contact Belinda Lambert (HHD716thFRG@hotmail.com) if you're interested in purchasing one.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have some events in the works! On May 9th at the USO we'll be doing a craft for Mother's Day. May 27th, also at the USO, we'll be working on Father's Day crafts. We can send both of these crafts downrange

for our soldiers. The next meeting after that will be on June 7th at the USO. The activity is to be determined. Reminders for these dates will be sent closer to their approach.

HHD FRG ON FACEBOOK



Did you know we have a Facebook page? We do! Check us out. ! Just search for "HHD, 716th MP BN". It's a good place to find out what we're up to as well as to see pictures of recent events. Photographs from HHD soldiers downrange can be viewed there as well. We hope to see you there soon!



Hunting for Easter eggs - March 31, 2012



Checking out the Easter egg hunt loot.