

SANTA FE WINGS

THE 35TH CAB GOES ROLLING ALONG

EVERY GOODBYE MAKES THE NEXT HELLO CLOSER.

By: 1st. Lt. Kerri Brantley



It was a beautiful day in Sedalia, Mo when we honored the Soldiers of the 35th CAB for their departure to Kuwait. Families, Friends, loved ones, and communities gathered around to send us off with many blessings and words of encouragement. As we embark on this new adventure, for some of us our first deployment, be mindful of the supporters you left behind and keep in touch! We want you to stay connected. Thank you for everyone who made the departure ceremony a success. We have started counting down the days for when we will return to the "show-me" state.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

By: Brittany LaChance

Family Assistant Centers are located around the state to serve the needs of service members and their Families by providing six essential services. Whether pre, during or post deployment, these centers offer information and referral services to all Service members and their Families' regardless of their branch of service or duty status. The FACs are located geographically around the state of Missouri and serves those located in that region. Not being located near a military installation or facility is no longer a roadblock to getting service and support. FACs are an information and referral resource and can provide assistance with financial, legal, TRICARE, ID cards, crisis situations and community information and outreach.

When a service member deploys there are several resources

available for the family. One of the most beneficial ones is the use of child care. Families of deployed Army National Guard Service Members have access to 8 to 16 hours per month of child care at no cost to the parents. This is only available in Missouri State licensed and annually inspected child care programs. This is per child up through the age of 12. Our Military Kids is also another great resource for those with families. This organization offers up to \$500 per child to go towards an after school activity (dance, base ball, camps...etc) and is only available for families of deployed service members. For more information on the above resources or any other assistance please contact your local FAC.

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STRENGTH AND HONOR

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Commander's Corner

35th CAB Soldiers and Families.

We have been together for nearly two months now and I continue to be impressed at the dedication and hard work. We are pulling together as a team and are working ever so hard to train and complete all of our required tasks. Everyone has completed all requirements given to them and done it in an excellent, professional fashion. In the last 50 days we have completed all tasks at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. We had a beautiful departure ceremony and the outpouring of love and support from family, friends and community was amazing and also humbling. You have all worked so hard while here at Fort Hood, Texas and this has paid huge dividends as we have received accolades in every training event we have done to include the recent CPX.

The comments from the after action review were nothing but extremely positive on our performance as a unit...we still have work to do as we will always continue to improve, but we are off to a outstanding success and it is entirely due to your dedication and professionalism. We now prepare for our validation event with the Aviation Training Exercise at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. I know the same continued professionalism and dedication will carry the day and the ATX will be an astounding success as will our deployment.

I must thank all families and friends. Your outpouring of love and support has truly been a blessing to all of us.



Did you know?

...that the youngest US service man was 12-yr-old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a dishonorable discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by an act of Congress.

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CSM Column



*Command Sgt. Maj. Vogel
instructing Soldiers on the SINGARS
radio.*

Before I left home I was asked many times by family and friends, "What are you going to do at Fort Hood?" My answer always was that we are going to train, but training is really only a part of the answer to that question. We have completed many training events here such as language training, Middle Eastern Culture, specialized communications and computer training. We are learning new tactics, techniques and procedures that will help us accomplish our mission. That's a good Army answer, but it's not the whole answer. The most important thing that we are accomplishing here is building a team.

What has it been like at Ft. Hood? It's frustrating, it's boring and it's hot and humid. Often it gets on your last nerve and some of the time it makes no sense. But it isn't all terrible, sometimes it is exciting, often it is hilarious and on occasion it is even a good time. Our shared experience here at Ft. Hood, both good and bad, is the glue that is bringing us together as a team.

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In the name of:



The Father;



The Son;



and the Holy Ghost.

Chaplain Chat

As we are now very much into our MOB process at Fort Hood, we have been away from our friends and family for a bit. Many people have asked me about how to stay connected with their family during this time. We have cell phones still while we are here, maybe even Skype or Face Time, etc. But these are means by which to connect, not the connection at the human level.

Several months ago, I brought up the concept of the 5 Love Languages. In that Chaplain's Corner, it was put in the context of marriage, but it actually applies across the board to kids and even pets. Here is a refresh on the overall concept:

Picture this scene....If you tell your spouse that you love them 1000 times a day every day for 3 years, but you say it in French....and your spouse doesn't speak a lick of French, then your spouse may have no idea that you love them. Furthermore, they may have assumed by the passion in the way you say it that you are cussing them out. Do you see how your intent is kind of irrelevant in that example? It is not that you are not putting in the effort, but just not communicating in a way your spouse understands. We all want to feel loved, but if we can't speak the language of our spouse or kids it may go unnoticed.

I am not really talking about English, French, or Italian. I am talking about you and your spouse's "love language." Gary Chapman has a great book on the subject, and he lists them in this way:

~Quality Time~Words of Affirmation~Gifts~
~Acts of Service~Physical Touch~

We usually try to "show" love to our spouse in the language we want "shown" to us. But that leaves it to chance on whether you speak the "same language." The disconnect causes significant conflict in marriage because neither partner "feels" loved. I highly recommend the book.

But how do we connect? You have the medium, you have the concept, the practical application is first to KNOW what your spouse or kid's language is. Here are a few ideas.

Quality Time – Even though we are separated geographically, you can be deliberate about talking to your loved one and giving them your undivided attention.

Words of Affirmation – You can tell your loved one some great things; you love about them and reinforce their talents, appearance, behavior.

Gifts – With technology, it's easy to order a flower, or send a special trinket from afar.

Acts of Service – This one may be more difficult, but when there are honey do's and you can be the one who coordinates someone else to do them, and can talk about it, you can still get some credit.

Physical Touch – Yet, even more difficult. During geographical separation, this person wants to feel the touch of another person (this does not always mean sexual). If you are on the phone with your kid, you can have them give mommy or daddy a hug for you, for example. You can have best friend (same gender) give them a hug from you for you.

This list is not exhaustive but rather to get you thinking about things you can do. Don't make excuses, talk about these type things with your partner.

Your UMT (Unit Ministry Team) is here to help you.

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"Serving God, Serving Country, Serving Soldiers"

Special Message from the Mayor of Sedalia

Transcribed By: 1st Lt. Kerri Brantley

From Mayor Elaine Horn's speech at the departure ceremony:

Ladies and gentlemen, it is truly my honor to be here today to thank you for your service to our country and for what you have done and what you are looking forward to doing; so that you can come home to your loved ones and your family. This just got me to wonder, why does it take a minute to say hello to someone, but forever to say goodbye? Because where we love is our home, home that your feet may leave, but your heart never will. And while you're away just remember; that to weave into the faith, because God will find the thread and he will feed your faith and your fears will starve to death. Now America without her Soldiers, to me reminds me of God without his angels. You are our angels; you are the ones who protect us. And give us the ability to do what we can do here today.

And we know that you could not do it without your loved ones. And so we thank those, wives and husbands; brothers and sisters; moms and dads; and all your children for being there to love you and to support you, even though it hurts and it's hard for them, they know you'll hurry home to them as quickly as the Lord allows it. So that we know that the sun sets with us, as it rises with you; bringing all of us one day closer to seeing you back here with us. So please don't worry we will take care of your families and your friends, so that you may do your job and hurry back to us.



Mayor Horn addresses the unit.



Awesome view of our supporters.

Colonel's Corner (Continued from page 2)

The packages to the Soldiers pour into our mail room and bring tremendous smiles to the faces receiving a package or letter from home. Please continue this as it is a great morale boost to each of your Soldiers and helps them to maintain focus on the task at hand by knowing their family and friends are behind them in all they do .

We have a tremendous Family Readiness Group who is organized and excited about supporting our Soldiers and our Families and we also have excellent family programs to help each other in the time of need. Please use the FRG and family programs. They are there to support our families.

Lastly, I must say it is such an honor to work and serve with the greatest Soldiers and Families in the world. I thank you for your dedication to our great nation and to the Soldiers of the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Santa Fe,

Col. Mark W. McLemore

CSM Column (Continued from page 2)

As a group we are starting to gel. Before we started our training many of the Soldier's in the Brigade knew each other, but we have added a bunch of new members to the unit. Many of us had at least served together for a two week Annual Training. I will tell you, it's easy to get along for two weeks, but living and working together for a year is a bit more challenging.

So building the team is all building workable relationships that will get us through the rest of this year. We are still in the process of learning each other's strengths and weaknesses; learning where we fit in and where we don't. In addition to the things that we have learned in training, we now know who makes the best cup of coffee. We know who tells the best jokes and we have identified the practical joker's of the group. That's the good stuff.

For the bad; we know who snores, we know who doesn't know how to whisper when they are awake at 4 a.m. and we know who lets the barracks door slam every time they leave. Good or bad, these are all important and are the building blocks of the workable relationships that will get us through deployment.

Strength and Honor,

CSM Joe Vogel

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Affairs is here to assist the command in getting our story back home, to inform the public what we are doing while serving and protecting our great nation. It is vital to the success of our mission.

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SAFETY

Now that we are mobilizing, we need to adopt a safety mentality for both ourselves and our Families. Please bear in mind that safety at home is just as important as safety on this deployment. For all things safety, please use the Army's safety website below as a primary resource for links and information for Soldiers and Families.

<https://safety.army.mil/>

Thank you,

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~PROMOTIONS~

Clockwise:

- Spc. Anna Armine
- Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Brown
- Sgt. 1st Class John Zapata
- Sgt. Amanda Kessler



These Soldiers have demonstrated their qualifications and increased their level of responsibility.

Month in Review

Home Sweet Home, female barracks



Pallet Load Class



Special Staff working together



Spc. Allbee setting
Up the operations
Center.



Soldier's setting
up protective
vests.



A photo-op at Key Leader Engagement training, which prepares leaders on cultural interactions with Islam Nations.



The 35th CAB marching in unison, here at North Fort Hood, Texas.

