



101st Combat Aviation Brigade

DESTINY Family,

As we publish our first-ever newsletter from the DESTINY Rear Detachment, let us begin by expressing how proud we are of all our DESTINY Soldiers serving in combat in Afghanistan. As we follow the news and get routine updates from our deployed leadership and loved ones, we realize what an incredible job each and every member of the team is doing during such a critical time in our nation's history. We couldn't be more proud of your sacrifice and we remain fully committed to supporting each deployed Soldier and their Families to ensure the job gets done to the highest standards that are the cornerstone of the Wings of Destiny and 101st Airborne Division legacy.

As fall is upon us here at Fort Campbell, our Families continue to amaze us with their resiliency and untiring support to our Family Readiness Group team. Beginning in late September, our team initiated the second iteration of the DESTINY Walk to Afghanistan. Under the leadership of Mrs. Mitzie Thompson from TF SABER, our Brigade has partnered with the Division, the City of Clarksville, Austin Peay State University, and numerous organizations throughout the country to structure our daily activities with a single purpose in mind: support our deployed Soldiers and their Families. We established a goal of logging enough miles as a group to cover the 10,644 miles from Campbell Army Airfield to Bagram. Well, in just 5 short weeks, we've already made it there and are on our way back. Fear not, I'm confident we'll be on short final to Bagram Airfield again by Christmas. Watching our Families and extended community unite with such vigor for such a great cause is awe-inspiring, and we don't intend to let that wane for a single second until every member of the DESTINY Team is back at home with their loved ones.

You will also see several photos throughout this newsletter of our recent Halloween celebration. The Brigade hosted a Trunk or Treat and Haunted House (1-101 HQ) on October 27th. Our Families had a blast and the kids looked great in their costumes. CW3 Steve Blovat coordinated our haunted house and it received rave reviews. At one point there was a line that stretched around the headquarters as our Families wanted to experience a great, interactive Halloween experience. (continued on page 2)



The winning designer of the best Trunk along with Kelly Bontrager, LTC Harrington, SGM Martin and Roberta Hamm

As we continue to focus on our Families and our collective resiliency during the deployment, we are also focused on training our Soldiers and leaders in preparation to deploy in support of the Brigade or in preparation for our next mission upon the Brigade's return. Each battalion rear detachment is led by fully engaged leaders who understand how to set realistic, attainable goals and how to develop junior leaders. As a brigade, we recently graduated 27 Soldiers from our first-ever individual deployment readiness training program. Each of these 27 Soldiers stand ready to deploy when called to ensure that the Brigade does not fail in its vital mission. The Brigade also continues to graduate highly motivated Soldiers from the Sabaulaski Air Assault School, Pathfinder School, the Warrior Leaders Course, and various professional military education programs. Our professional NCO corps is also developing a comprehensive Soldier training plan to ensure that each new Soldier is prepared to meet the rigors of our next mission by focusing on individual Soldier tasks such as marksmanship and Eagle First Responder medical training. Every command team wants their forward element to return to a rear detachment that is better trained than when they left; I'm confident that each of our battalions will accomplish this goal.

As we close this letter, we want each DESTINY Soldier serving in Afghanistan to know that every Family member and Soldier back here at Fort Campbell is fully committed to the mission at hand. We understand that thousands of miles separate loved ones during a challenging time, but we remain committed to building the resiliency of our Families to make this time of separation as smooth as possible for the entire DESTINY team. We will continue to leverage all resources available to support our great team and will continue to show our dedication to our deployed Soldiers as they expertly perform their mission during a decisive time in our nation's history. Thank you for your selfless service and we look forward to each Soldier reuniting with their loved ones in the future.

Wings of Destiny!

LTC Bernard J. Harrington
SGM Jon A. Martin
Mrs. Kelly Bontrager



1-101 No Mercy

Greetings to the soldiers, NCO's, and officer's of Task Force No Mercy! We hope that this newsletter finds you all in good spirits and that we are able to provide you with the comfort that your families are thinking of you and the hard work you all are doing. Every day that you are gone is a reminder of the sacrifice you make in protecting our nation and the liberties that we cherish. We hope that you enjoy the update on what we have been up to over the past month or so.

On Thursday, October 18th we had the pleasure of honoring Susy Drake at 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Headquarters, McAuliffe Hall. She was recognized as one of the outstanding volunteers of the month throughout the division by COL Jimmy Blackmon, 159th CAB Commander on behalf of MG James McConville.

On Friday, October 19th the spouses and children of "Expect No Mercy" gathered at the Family Readiness Center to enjoy "Movie Night." Casper was the movie of choice and everyone enjoyed eating popcorn and picking through the goody bags. It was a great event that we hope to emulate in the coming months.

The brigade's Halloween Haunted House and Trunk or Treat event took place on Saturday, October 27th. CW3 Steve Blovat was the lead planner for the Haunted House and developed a remarkable event, which took place in the "No Mercy" headquarters. The turnout for the event was incredible as more than 300 family members and friends took part, despite the cold temperature. Trunk or Treat was also a great event that filled the parking lots surrounding the 1-101 and 6-101 buildings.

The rear detachment has been busy preparing for your return (already!). We continue to send our soldiers to school to prepare them to integrate into your command programs and formation upon return. Some of our recent graduates are listed below;

SSG Bracken-SHARP
SGT Schmidt-UPL and ABIC
SGT Lorimor-UPL
SPC Busa-WLC
SPC Carson-WLC
SPC Davidson-WLC
PV2 Piazza-Armorer Course

We would also like to recognize our most recent Air Assault graduates;

SPC OKU
PFC WESTEN
PV2 OSAFO

In the coming months the rear detachment in partner with the FRG will continue to prepare for your eventual return. We are continually amazed by your accomplishments and look forward to the continued communication. Until next time, Expect No Mercy!

CPT Nick Young Rear Detachment OIC
Lorry Ryan FRG Advisor
Elke Sampson FRSA



2-17 CAV Saber



On Saturday, September 22, the Families of 2-17 CAV participated in the Walk to Afghanistan kickoff event. HHT is currently in the lead for mileage logged for the month of September. Our families are working very hard and are on track to make our goal.

We had our second Squadron level FRG meeting on October 9th; our guest speaker was from the Casualty Notification and Assistance office. We discussed the differences in casualties and why even the wounded are called casualties. Our discussion continued on the importance of the Families letting their FRG Leader or Rear-D Commander know when they were traveling out of town.

October 27th was full of ghouls and goblins as the Families took part in the BDE Trunk or Treat and Haunted Battalion. We had a good turn out and enjoyed the opportunity to do a little early trick or treating.

As the holiday's quickly approach, we thought it would be a perfect time to have someone from ACS Financial Readiness come and speak on how to improve financial stability and to develop a spending plan for the holiday's and beyond. This will take place on November 13th at Squadron.

Our last big event we have planned for the year is our 4th annual Breakfast with Santa! We are working to have an OH-58 for Children to have their picture taken with. We will have food and crafts for our families to enjoy.

There are many great things back here on rear detachment that families are taking advantage of. With every event that we have, the number of family members participating seems to be growing. Although everyone seems to be getting along just fine back here, we are anxiously awaiting your return. Stay safe and OUTFRONT!



2-17 CAV Saber continued



5-101 Eagle Assault

Families and Friends,

We are so excited that we have two months down and only seven months to go. Although we know no one is more excited than all of you.

We wanted to give you a quick update of what has been taking place back here since you have departed

On Sept 8th we held our first Task Force Eagle Assault FRG meeting. This meeting was a meet and greet, introduction, and family craft night. Over 125 Families participated in making a deployment countdown chain for their Families.



Rear-D held a remembrance ceremony on Sept 21st in honor of our Fallen "517" heroes. We were grateful that both Danielle Baldwin, and Tiffany Wagstaff, two of gold star families, were able to attend.



The kick off for Walk to Afghanistan was successful because a large amount of family members from Task Force Eagle Assault, and Task Force Destiny who partake in the event. As of Oct 6th Task Force Eagle Assault Families have logged over 6,215 miles. We are currently in second place behind Task Force Saber.





5-101 Eagle Assault Continued



Oct 4th marked our second Task Force Eagle Assault BN FRG Meeting. The 101 CAB MFLC Joyce Young presented a short brief on rumors and their effects. 45 spouses attended and was grateful to hear updates from forward from CPT Aldaya. Our Fall Fest was a great success at Riverview Mounds Farm located in Clarksville. With over 100 families who enjoyed the picnic, petting zoo, pony rides, and hay rides.



(Scott family from C Co)

Oct 18th Angela Whidden, Bravo Co Frg Leader, was presented the Division Volunteer of the month certificate and Abby Moore, Alpha Co FRG Leader, was presented one of Division's deployment coins.



Ten of rear d Soldiers assisted Hazelwood elementary, our partner in education, with their trunk or treat event which took place on Friday Oct 26th. Rear d will continue to support Hazelwood elementary in the near future with reading projects. On Saturday Oct 27th, our Families joined together to participate in 101 CAB's Trunk or treat and Haunted BN. We had so many families join in on the fun that we lost count. Over 20 5-101 rear d Soldiers helped make both events a success.



6-101 Shadow



Shadow Rear Detachment



Hello Soldiers, families, and friends of 6-101 GSAB and TF Shadow. First, let us start by saying how wonderful it is to be a part of such a great formation of Soldiers and Families. For those of you who don't know us, we are the Battalion Rear Detachment Commander and First Sergeant, CPT Megan Young and 1SG Jack Essig. It has been so nice to meet the members of our Shadow families over the past few months and we look forward to meeting more of your loved ones as the deployment progresses.

We are writing to update everyone on what the Rear Detachment Soldiers and FRG teams have been up to. Most recently, we participated in the Trunk-or-Treat which was a major hit with all the children of the 101st CAB and some from the local community. Soldiers volunteered many hours of their time to decorate and put on an amazing haunted house that was full of scares!

We kicked off the Walk to Afghanistan campaign with a 5K walk on September 22nd. It was a fantastic event for our families and also for the Ft. Campbell and Clarksville community. We continue to receive an outpouring of participation from the local community with multiple Walk to Afghanistan events planned throughout the deployment.

The Shadow battalion continues to support Barkley Elementary School with the Strategic Outreach Program. To help kick off the fall season, numerous Soldiers volunteered their time to assist with the Barkley Fall Festival. From popping popcorn to DJ'ing the disco room, the Soldiers of 6th Battalion had a blast interacting with the children and families.

6-101 Shadow continued

While the forward element has been gone, we have kept our Rear Detachment Soldiers busy. We conducted 100% property inventories, laterally transferred 12 aircraft and 3 vehicles to the 82nd ABN, continue to perform area beautification of company areas, and reorganized the Battalion motor pool's over 250 vehicles.

It is important for us as a Rear Detachment to support the forward element. Part of that support involves taking care of the families who are left behind during a deployment. As the holiday season approaches, we will continue to reach out to our families. Through community outreach and service to others, we will remain strong stewards of Task Force Shadow while you continue to serve our great country.

“Shadow of the Eagle”

Megan E. Young
CPT, AV
Commanding

Jack J. Essig
1SG, USA
First Sergeant

FRG Advisor



Greetings Shadow Families and Soldiers:

Can you believe it is already fall? I love this time of year, the color of the leaves, the cool crisp air, the smell of pumpkin pie, and hot apple cider. I hope that you were able to come out to Trunk-r-Treat and see what a great job the rear detachment did on the haunted battalion (BN). You can always count on the Shadow team to do great things, even when it's scaring the bejeebers out of children.

The family readiness group (FRG) leaders have been doing such a great job passing along information and coordinating business and social events. They volunteer several hours every day, week, and month of the year. Why? You may ask. It's because they care about each of us. They do this all out of the goodness of their hearts, and what big hearts they have. I am so proud of all that they do. Although they ask for nothing in return, a “thank you” goes a long way.

We just had our first BN FRG meeting and although we had a few “technical difficulties”, it went quite well. The Resiliency Training team came to give us a few tips on how to be more resilient, and find the good things in life. We will continue to offer these BN meetings during the deployment and hope that you can join us.

6-101 Shadow continued

We also had our first Eaglet movie night. That was great! We watched "UP", ate pizza and popcorn, and enjoyed each other's company. You know it's a good night when the kids and adults are smiling and wanting to know when the next one will be. Don't worry, it's coming soon.

In December we are planning to have a Christmas family social. It will be a potluck style meal and we are hoping to get a visit from a very special guest. I hope to see you there to enjoy a wonder time together as the Shadow Family.

I firmly believe that the 6-101 FRG has something for everyone! I urge you to take advantage of all the FRG has to offer, in the manner that suits you best, whether you are searching for information on post-wide services available to you as a military family member, volunteer opportunities, or fun activities that allow you to do new things and meet new people.

I invite you to attend the upcoming 6-101 events, and look forward to seeing you!

TTFN,
Sue Aoki

6-101 AVN BN FRG Advisor

FRSA



Hello, my name is Dennis Robinson; I am the 6-101 CAB Family Readiness Support Assistant. Please feel free to contact me at dennis.robinson.civ@mail.mil or (931) 472-5918 if you have any questions or concerns. I will be here to assist and point you in the right direction. Our goal is to help families become more self-sufficient and resilient.

Thanks,

6-101 Shadow continued

BARKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL 2012



Pig Pile on SPC Hargraves!



SFC Harding wants some popcorn too...



PFC Allen is wondering whose child she just adores and can't let go.



Who knew cotton candy would be so messy!

6-101 Shadow continued

BDE Trunk or Treat and Haunted Battalion Fall Festival 2012



Future Shadow Eagles enjoying the fall festival.



Don't want to mess with these two little guys tonight.



Group photo of all the haunted house volunteers. They put on quite a show!



SPC Valois, ready to scare the pants off of some little kids!



SPC Moad, aircraft electrician by day, exorcist by night!

6-101 Shadow continued

Walk to Afghanistan



HHC's Iron Eagles power walking to Afghanistan!



96th ASB Troubleshooters

The last month for the Troubleshooter's rear detachment can be summed up with one word: Supply. All the companies have been diligently working to inventory 100% of their property books. It has not been all work though as we have also had time to enjoy the season with the "Trunk or Treat," event that took place on the 27th. There was a haunted house for the kids in the 1st BN conference room and the 6th BN parking lot was used for the treat piece of the Trunk or Treat.

We have also been chipping away at the walk to Afghanistan. Our soldiers alone have totaled well over 1000 miles and continue to punch away while at work and home. We have also been enjoying the related events as well.

We have also had some very satisfied spouses that have taken advantage of our VTC capabilities with their soldiers forward. I encourage every soldier to try and take advan-

tage of this opportunity as it has made for some very happy family members. We would like the soldiers forward to know that you are always in our thoughts and are proud of the hard work you do each and every day.

96th ASB Troubleshooter's CPT Michael Anderson

From the Advisor

Hello Troubleshooters,

I Let me start by saying that we are very proud of you and the work you are doing in Afghanistan. There is not a day that goes by that you are not in our thoughts and prayers.

The company FRGs are still standing strong in your absence. Meeting attendance dropped a bit at first, but now attendance is on the rise. Your FRG leaders and the POCs are working hard to

keep your family members informed of what is happening in Afghanistan and in the rear.

At the battalion level, we have continued with the spouse socials (child care included), and have even incorporated the Chaplain, Mrs. Joyce (MFLC) along with various speakers to help keep us focused on getting through this deployment as a family unit.

January 11th, the

battalion is hosting an After the Holidays Bash and soon after, the brigade is hosting a Half Way Home Dining-in as a celebration of the deployment being half way completed. We are so looking forward to your safe return. Continue to Fix, Move, Communicate, Troubleshooters.

Sincerely,
Teresa Bahoque- BN Advisor

- * 07 Nov 12: Spouse Social Hosted BY: Bravo Co. at DW Rec Center 1800-2000hrs.
- * 08 Nov 12: Charlie Company Spouse Social
- * 20 Nov 12: 96TH ASB Quarterly Brief at the FRC Bldg by Gate 1. 1800-2000hrs.
- * 13 Nov 12: Alpha Company is a having Thanksgiving Potluck FRG Meeting BN Conference room. 1800-2000hrs.
- * 16 November HSC FRG Meeting at FRC 1800
- * 28 Nov 12: FRG Meeting for Nov/Dec. at DW Rec Center. 1800-2000hrs.
- * 05 Dec 12: Charlie Company FRG Meeting at the FRC Bldg. 1800-2000hrs
- * 11 Dec 12: HSC FRG Meeting will be held at FRC Bldg by Gate 1 1800-2000 hrs.
- * 11 Jan 13: 96TH ASB After Holiday Bash at



**WINNER OF THE BEST DECORATED TRUNK 96th ASB BRAVO COMPANY
MRS. HEATHER STARNATER**

HHC BDE Hellcats

HELLCATS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2012

“101 CAB HHC executed a cohesion event in support of Suicide Standup on 28 September 2012. The event tested the physical and mental abilities of HHC personnel as well as providing a team building environment to fully incorporate all the new arrivals into the Hellcat family. Six stations were prepared throughout the brigade area spanning approximately 3.5 linear miles. The course took four teams of eight Soldiers past the Burger King, through the obstacle course, down the Angel’s Gate trail, and to the barracks before they finished back at the company area.

Physical events included heavy doses of PRT training combined with crossfit-style Workouts of Death (WODs). Mental events had teams answering 101st Airborne trivia and alternating lines of the Soldier’s Creed. Technical events like properly dressing in full MOPP 4 gear and evaluating and evacuating a casualty were also thrown into the mix for good measure. To top it all off every completed station “rewarded” teams with an additional item to carry for the remainder of the course, including sand bags, fuel cans, and PT logs.

Through cold winds and rains the teams fought, careening through puddles, low crawling under barbed wire, and cutting overland seeking to gain a precious few seconds advantage over their adversaries. In the end a dramatic comeback was made by the team who completed the first obstacle dead last and was written off by the Sergeant Major.

All who participated agreed that the event was a huge success, and one that was promised to be repeated again soon. Old Hellcats and new were brought together to work toward a common goal, each contributing his or her own expertise to the mission at hand. When our comrades down range are welcomed back it will be with open arms by an HHC team that is highly motivated, highly trained...and ready to kick their butt in the inaugural 101 CAB HHC Redeployment challenge!

LT Brandon Utykanski



