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### 2010 Best Warrior Competition

*Reserve Soldiers battle for the right to call themselves the 143d ESC's Best Warrior during a 10k road march. The candidates had two hours to complete the march and carried 35-pound sandbags in their ruck sacks along with water, weapons and body armor.*



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# THE COMMAND POST

**BY BRIG. GEN. DANIEL I. SCHULTZ**  
**143RD SUSTAINMENT COMMAND (EXPEDITIONARY)**

Congratulations to the 207<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group for an outstanding job this March in planning and conducting a successful brigade-level, field-training exercise. Nearly 1,500 Soldiers participated in a four-day exercise at Fort Bragg and Fort Shelby that included personnel jumps, weapons qualification, suicide-prevention training, and much more. Thank you for setting the example of what we can accomplish and for leading the way.

I charge all 143d ESC Soldiers to continue to pursue training and development. Many of you have recently returned from deployments. Approximately 1,000 Soldiers from more than 14 units of the 143d ESC will return to their CONUS locations by the end of 2010. For those still deployed, find positions where you can advance upon your return. For those who have already arrived home, seize the opportunities you now have. The Noncommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) and the Officer Education System (OES), offer numerous schools and courses to develop your leadership abilities, like the Warrior Leaders Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course (BNCOC) and the Captains Career Course. Demonstrate initiative and attend training that hones and perfects your military occupation specialty. Take responsibility to enroll in these courses and develop yourselves professionally as Soldiers, NCOs, and officers.

Also, as we near the summer months and the temperature increases, keep safety in mind. Stay proactive in preventing injuries amongst you, fellow Soldiers and family. Follow road laws, local laws and observe Army policy. Do not drink and drive, whether operating an automobile, a boat, or other means of transportation. If you purchase a motorcycle, make certain you complete the mandatory Army motorcycle safety course. As Soldiers of the U.S. Army Reserve, you must maintain a standard of readiness to deploy with little notice whenever and wherever needed. Leaders, ensure your troops stay safe, healthy and ready.

Sustaining Victory!



### Got News?

If you are a Soldier who has been promoted, decorated or reached a significant milestone in your Army Reserve career, or if you are a leader who has Soldiers that accomplished achievements, share your story and complete a Hometown News Release form online and share it with ESC Today.

## ESC Today

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# THE BOTTOM LINE

BY COMMAND SGT. MAJ. JAMES WEAVER  
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Reserve Soldiers, now that you are resettling back into your stateside lives, both civilian and garrison, I want to congratulate you again for a job well done. At the same time, I would encourage you to not rest on your laurels but to continue your hard work and advance to the next levels of your careers.

I strongly advise Soldiers to seek out education opportunities, not just civilian, but military education. Military education opportunities have been refined through our deployments and are essential in the development of Army leadership skills. To reflect these refinements PLDC, BCNOC and ACNOC have been renamed as Warrior Leadership course (WLC), Advanced Leader Course (ALC), and Senior Leader Course (SLC) respectively.

The transfer of knowledge begins with these military education courses. As you increase your knowledge base through deployment and training it becomes increasingly important to pass on this knowledge to junior Soldiers. The experience and skill sets developed in these courses and the transfer of these skills down the line is what makes the United States Army and Army Reserve the most formidable fighting force in the world.

That being said it is your responsibility to develop the skills you have learned and to prepare yourself to transfer that newly gained knowledge to those Soldiers under your leadership. This means remaining in fighting shape, maintaining your Army Warrior Tasks, and continuing your military education. See your training NCO today to review available dates to attending WLC, ALC and SLC and take charge of your career and Army future.



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# PUBLIC AFFAIRS 101

BY MAJ JOHN ADAMS

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I made it! My name is Maj. John J. Adams and I'm your new Public Affairs Officer. My family and I are coming to the 143d all the way from Pago Pago, America Samoa. Over the months ahead you'll begin to see a robust and pro-active Public Affairs strategy focused on highlighting you, the 143d Soldier.

Congratulations are in order for Staff Sgt. Raul Tirado, from the 204th Public Affairs Detachment, who led the successful publication of the ESC Today during the PAO vacancy. Through his leadership, mission focus and enthusiasm he has enhanced the already outstanding reputation the ESC Today has fostered with the field and here in Orlando.

I am honored to serve as your PAO and will work hard to meet operational requirements and the telling the Soldier's story. But first, let's take a look at what a PAO brings to the fight. The functional area Public Affairs is aligned under the Maneuver, Fires and Effects division. More specifically, Public Affairs is within the Effects sub-division shared with Information Operations and Air Defense Artillery.

The core competencies of Army Public Affairs are: Command Information, Community Relations and Media Relations. I'll explain this further below.

## **Public affairs planning**

The process of continuously assessing operational situations for PA implications, developing solutions and monitoring the effects of implemented PA operations.

## **Execute information strategies**

The development and execution of synchronized campaigns for using all available and appropriate methods of communicating messages to inform internal (command information) and external (public information) audiences and maintain two-way communication with those audiences.

## **Conduct media facilitation**

The process of assisting media representatives in covering Army operations; maximizing their access to Soldiers while also maximizing the commander's access to the media.

## **Conduct public affairs training**

The process of providing or coordinating PA training for Soldiers, civilian employees and family members, as well as specialty training for PA professionals.



## **Community relations**

The maintenance of effective community relations contributes to the morale of soldiers and their families, directly supports public understanding of America's Army, enhances the projection and sustainment capabilities of Army installations and garners hometown support for Soldiers and their families.

As you can see, the Public Affairs mission is vital to a command's success and maintains focus on the Soldier and their story. That's why all subordinate commands will soon see plans to develop a robust Unit Public Affairs Representative program or UPAR. This program ensures Soldier stories and accomplishments are being reported from the detachment or company level, thus allowing for larger coverage of the command. Together we can spread our Soldier's story across an array of mediums and ensure their professionalism does not go untold. Again, I'm honored to be your new Public Affairs Officer and together we'll give the 143d ESC what it deserves, maximum positive exposure as a premier Army Reserve Operational Command.

Visit the 143d ESC Homepage

<http://www.usar.army.mil/arweb/organization/commandstructure/USARC/OPS/143ESC>

## 143D ESC SAFETY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE



(Left) Brig. Gen. Daniel Schultz, commanding general 143d ESC, receives the United Safety Council 2009 Excellence Safety Military Award, from Col. Edwin R. Marrero, 143d ESC, command safety officer at the TY11 Yearly Training Briefing event in Orlando, Florida. The HQs143d ESC received the award for an exceptional year in accident prevention while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from January 2009 to January 2010.

(Right) Lt. Col. Barry Bort, 641st RSG Commander, received the 143d ESC Command Safety Program Award, FY 09 Brigade-level from Brig. Gen. Daniel Schultz, 143d ESC Commanding General at the TY11 Yearly Training Briefing event in Orlando, Florida. The 641st RSG received the award for executing the Best Brigade-level Command Safety Program within the 143d ESC in FY09.



(Left) Lt. Col. Timothy Bobroski, 362nd Quartermaster Battalion Commander, received the 143d ESC Command Safety Program Award, FY 09 Battalion-level from Brig. Gen. Daniel Schultz, 143d ESC Commanding General at the TY11 Yearly Training Briefing event in Orlando, Florida. The 362nd QM BN received the award for executing over 95% course completion in Composite Risk Management, the highest within the 143d ESC in FY09.



# Warriors Demonstrate Army Strength



*143d Best Warrior candidate Sgt. James Taylor of 665th Quartermaster Detachment, 362d Quartermaster Battalion, 207th RSG sends a round down range during weapons qualification. (Photo by Pfc. Jon H. Arguello, 204th Public Affairs Detachment)*

**By Pfc. Jon H. Arguello**  
204th Public Affairs Detachment

**ORLANDO, Fla.** – Six Army Reserve Soldiers converged in Central Florida from March 8-13 to compete for the honor of being called the 143d Expeditionary Sustainment Command's Best Warriors. Six Reserve Soldiers from throughout the command participated in the event, held at Avon Park Air Force Range, coming from various parts of the Southeast.

The candidates left the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Orlando, Fla. March 8 on their way to Avon Park for orientation and briefings. The competition began on the morning of March 9 with a written examination on Army knowledge and was followed by a board in which the candi-

dates would be questioned on Army regulations, drill and ceremony, leadership, Uniform Code of Military Justice, current events and other topics.

Each of the competitors said they were looking forward to competing and wanted to bring the trophy back to their unit.

"It's an honor to be here and compete with these guys," said Spc. Christopher Bryant, an information systems operator from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. "They are all really good guys and they all have a great shot."

The candidates all shared a desire to challenge themselves. Uncommon tenacity, common in Soldiers, became a common identifier of the troops.

"I wanted to challenge myself," said Sgt. James Taylor, an automated logistics specialist

from Wilson, N.C. "I wanted to do something that really stood out. I really do not want to lose."

Each Reservist said they had particular strong and weak suits.

"I'm not going to say I'm all hooah hooah, but I enjoy the physical aspect," said Spc. Austin McNulty, a parachute rigger from Ringgold, Ga.

"My weakest suit is whatever I allow to be my weakest suit," said Taylor.

The next day began with a PT test and was followed by day and night land navigation courses. The candidates waded through at some times chest-high thickets and brush to find designated points and mark them accordingly on their answer sheets.

The next day, could have been considered the toughest day

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# 143d ESC Best Warriors Compete



143d ESC Best Warrior candidates Sgt. 1st Class Marc Facunla, 861st Quartermaster Co., 640th RSG and Spc. Christopher Bryant, 352d Combat Service Support Battalion, 642d RSG take a written examination prior to the board portion of the competition. (Photo by Pfc. Jon H. Arguello, 204th Public Affairs Detachment)

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as the Reserve Soldiers qualified on their m4 rifles before beginning the 10k road march. Soldiers weighed sand bags to 35 pounds loaded them into their ruck sacks or assault packs before moving on to the starting point.

"This is definitely the most challenging events physically," said Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Andrew of the road march. "You can't just walk into it and expect to compete without preparation."

As quickly as all the other events, prepared or not, the candidates took off with a "go get'em boys" from Command Sgt. Maj. Donald McGlasson of the 373d Quartermaster Battalion and began their two hour march at furious pace.

The fourth day of competition included five Army Warrior

task stations including evaluating a casualty, 9-line MEDEVAC, searching a vehicle, reading a map and plotting points and maintaining an M-249 squad automatic weapon.

As each Soldier moved from one station to another and was graded on how well they performed the individual task. Each station awarded points to the Soldiers and sent them to another station.

"When evaluating and treating a casualty it is important treat in order of importance," said Staff Sgt. Michele Bell, 143d ESC Air Movement NCO and grader for the competition. "Splinting a fracture does no good if the casualty isn't breathing. As a grader I was especially hard on soldiers if they deviated from this. I tried to make the scenario as realistic as possible and the casualty had

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Paratrooper Spc. Austin McNulty, a rigger from the 861st Quartermaster Co., 640th RSC, demonstrates the proper way to break down a M-249 Squad automatic weapon during the Army Warrior Tasks portion of the competition. (Photo by Pfc. Jon H. Arguello)



*Sgt. James Taylor, left, runs his 2-mile during the PT test of the 143d ESC's Best Warrior Competition. Spc. Christopher Bryant puts his joint service lightweight integrated suit technology equipment during the Army Warrior Tasks portion of the competition. (Photo by Pfc. Jon H. Arguello, 204th Public Affairs Detachment)*

## AWTs Promote Battlefield Survivability

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several different wounds and or medical issues that needed to be treated."

Bell explained that these competitions serve the Soldiers best when real world environments and situations are emphasized.

"I just returned from Afghanistan and that region is very unpredictable, it is vital that soldiers continue to keep their first aid and basic soldier skills sharp. Medical emergencies can happen anywhere, of course on the battlefield, but in your daily life. Performing basic first aid correctly can save a person's life or keep him or her comfortable until medical personnel arrive. Competitions like these prepare junior soldiers to become outstanding NCOs and help NCOs become better leaders."

The winners of the competition would also represent the 143d ESC at the United States Army Reserve Command level of competition and further.

"These Soldiers need to be graded tough because they will go

on to represent us at other levels of competition including against active Army components," said 143d ESC's top NCO Command Sgt. Maj. James Weaver. "We need to be prepared for the tougher levels of [Department of the Army] competition.

The sergeant major also

pointed out another important reason: "Essentially all of these competitions and other training events lead to better survivability. It's all about promoting how to protect themselves and survive on the battlefield."



*Sgt. 1st Class Marc Facunla plots points on his map during the Army Warrior Tasks portion of the 143d Best Warrior Competition. Army Warrior Tasks are considered essential to Army competitions as they promote battlefield survivability and necessary deployment skills. They included evaluating a casualty, searching a vehicle, reading a map, calling in a 9-line MEDEVAC, maintain an M-249 squad automatic weapon. (Photo by Pfc. Jon H. Arguello, 204th PA Det.)*

# Smith, Facunla edge out victory at BWC

Story by Pfc. Jon H. Arguello  
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ORLANDO, Fla. — Six Reserve Soldiers laid it all out the field this March as they competed for 143d Best Warrior bragging rights at Avon Park Air Force Range.

The competition was a mix of mental and physical gut checks that allowed the candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and proficiency in Army tasks, from a written exam to a 10k road march to a round-robin Army Warrior Tasks day.

Although the competition was close, with leaders switching places several times, three Soldiers pulled away with the win at the end. The three Soldiers, Spc. Christopher Bryant, Spc. Walter Smith and Sgt. 1st Class Marc Facunla, Best Warrior Runner-up, Best Warrior Soldier, and Best Warrior NCO respectively, performed excellently across the board.

“The thing I’m looking forward to the least is the 10k,” said Walter Smith, a watercraft operator and native of Sarasota, Fla., after the first day of events. “I think I did ok at the board—I’ve done quite a bit of studying.”

Smith, with Heavy Watercraft Detachment 1, 864th Transportation Company, apparently had nothing to worry about as he pushed the pace of the 10k to redline levels and was first to cross the finish line.

Spc. Christopher Bryant, the competition’s runner-up from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. said that the competition was another opportunity the Reserves offered that few other part-time jobs could and that he was honored to be a part of it.

“It’s fun. You get to meet cool people and when it’s over with, you get to go back to your other life,” the information systems operator and analyst of the Army Reserves in general.

“There are all sorts of opportunities in the Reserves if you just take advantage of them.”

Although he put forth an incredible effort to win the competition, winner of the NCO division,



Best Warrior runner-up Spc. Christopher Bryant (left), Spc. Walter Smith (center), winner of the 143d Best Warrior Competition—Soldier and Sgt. 1st Class Marc Facunla, winner of the NCO division hold their trophies during a ceremony celebrating the winner and participants March 13.

Sgt. 1st Class Marc Facunla, from Antioch, Tenn., said he wasn’t competing just for himself and being an NCO means leading from the front.

“I couldn’t exactly ask my Soldiers to come here and compete if I wasn’t willing to go through it myself. These competitions are important and in order to encourage participation, I wanted to show my Soldiers that I was willing to do it too,” said the paratrooper from the 861st Quartermaster Company.

Facunla’s job as an Army parachute rigger, is a constant demonstration of proficiency in one’s duties. It’s this job that keeps him focused on the mission, a skill that served him well during the competition.

“It’s hard enough doing a PLF when your chute opens like it should and you’re doing everything right,” Facunla said. “If a Soldier jumps one of our chutes and it’s not 100% correct, they may survive, but they also may get hurt. The importance of doing your job right becomes clear and that importance factor plays a part in every rigger.”

Staff Sgt. Michele Bell, one of the coordinators and graders of the competition had this to say about

the candidates: “The competitors performed well under stress. Soldiers continually strengthen themselves mentally and physically through Ongoing Training. Soldiers that step up and compete in these competitions live the core army values and that shows what being a strong, dedicated soldier is all about.”

The two winners of the competition will advance to the United States Army Reserve Command Best Warrior Competition this summer and if they win there, they advance on to compete against active component Soldiers at Department of Army level competition.

Command Sgt. Maj. James Weaver, 143d ESC sergeant major, congratulated the Reserve Soldiers saying, “Soldiers, this is probably your third step before reaching the plateau and going over the edge and winning the whole thing, right?”

Emphasizing Army mantras Weaver continued, “You have to continue to prepare. You have to continue to study. You have to continue to prepare your body physically for the rigorous exertion you’re going to have to go through.”

# 207<sup>th</sup> RSG Soldiers get Down and Dirty in War Fighter Training at Camp Shelby



Sgt. Kevin Brinson of Jackson, Miss., fires an M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon during a field training exercise at Camp Shelby, Miss., here, March 20. Brinson is a human resources specialist assigned to the 365<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Sustainment Battalion, 207<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, 143<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Command. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Jon Soles, 210<sup>th</sup> MPAD)

By Sgt Jon Soles  
210th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**CAMP SHELBY, Miss.** – Soldiers of the 365<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Sustainment Battalion, 207<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group, 143<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Command, got down and dirty for war fighter training in the pine belt of Mississippi, here, March 18-21<sup>st</sup>, during a field training exercise at Camp Shelby.

Soldiers qualified with their weapons, trained in combat lifesaving first aid and conducted Warrior Task and Training to enhance their warfighting skills and become more proficient in their military occupation specialties.

“This exercise is to hone in on Soldier skills and Soldiers know what for heading into a war zone,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Blevins, senior enlisted advisor for

the 365<sup>th</sup> CSSB. “These units are multi-tasked and multi-talented and we are always trying to improve their training.”

Even though the Soldiers trained on an Army post among dense pine forests in Mississippi, their next time in the field could be downrange in a real combat zone. To give the Soldiers a realistic setting, they were in a mock-up forward operating base complete with guard towers and a field shower.

“Being in the field environment gives the Soldiers the feel of a deployed zone,” added Blevins, who described the FTX training as “rigorous.” “It gets the Soldiers a feel of what they’re going to experience when they are deployed.”

One of the highlights of the

training was weapons qualification. Soldiers were divided by companies to qualify on a zero range and a qualification range. Soldiers also had the chance to fire and qualify with crew-served weapons such as the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon. Col. James H. Griffiths, commander of the 207<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group, and Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Hilliard, senior enlisted advisor of the 207<sup>th</sup> RSG, visited the training sites and took the opportunity to mingle with the troops. Hilliard said training in the field environment helps Soldiers remain sharp and proficient.

“It’s a morale booster to get them out of the Reserve Center and do some realistic training,” Hilliard

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# 207<sup>th</sup> RSG Soldiers get Down and Dirty

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said. “And we get them a chance to familiarize themselves with the crew-served weapons.”

One of those Soldiers who fired the M-249 SAW was Spc. Nathan Holybee, a logistics specialist assigned to the 344<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company. The Hattiesburg, Miss., native said the training made a difference in his marksmanship.

“The familiarization training is real good,” said Holybee. “You could tell a lot of difference from the first few rounds.”

Sgt. Kevin Brinson, a human resources specialist assigned to the 365<sup>th</sup> CSSB, said he served as a M-249 SAW gunner when he deployed three years ago. The Jackson, Miss., native said he was pleased to spend a weekend away from the Reserve Center and fire off some rounds from his assigned weapon.

“It’s a different feeling to see all the Soldiers out and about instead of being behind a desk,” said Brinson. “I like this change of pace.”

All aspects of operating a weapons range safely were observed, and Soldiers who are trained in range safety jobs had the opportunity to demonstrate and enforce the standards of safety. But qualifying

with a weapon is more than just an exercise is battle proficiency. Soldiers enjoyed the chance to compete for bragging rights on the range, according to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Kenard West, who is assigned to the 365<sup>th</sup> CSSB’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

“This weekend of training went well and a lot of the Soldiers seemed to have fun,” said West, a native of Jackson, Miss. “A lot of them [Soldiers] really like coming to the firing range and they got real competitive with each other.”

The list of required training was long, and included such WTT skills as reacting to direct fire and treating a chest wound. Soldiers also received training in administering urinalysis tests, suicide prevention briefings and the H1N1 flu shot. Noting that vehicle convoys are common in deployed zones, Maj. Merchell Pittman of Jackson, Miss., said the movement of units to and from Camp Shelby was training in itself.

“This gave them the opportunity to be involved in the movement plan of troops from their units to the training site,” said Pittman, support officer for the 365<sup>th</sup> CSSB.

But there was one benefit derived from the training that can’t always be taught or learned, accord-

ing to Pittman. That benefit is the camaraderie that results when the various companies of a battalion-size unit meet in the field.

“It gives the Soldiers a chance to interact with the other Soldiers in the battalion, the officers and non-commissioned officers,” said Pittman. “It’s good for unit cohesion. Unless we have a battalion mission, this is the only time you get all the units together.”

The units participating in the FTX at Camp Shelby were the 294<sup>th</sup> Replacement Company, 342<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Detachment, 441<sup>st</sup> Transportation Company, 814<sup>th</sup> Replacement Company, 818<sup>th</sup> Replacement Company and the 894<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company.

The 207<sup>th</sup> RSG had two other battalions in Ft. Bragg participating in the same events at the same time. Making this a brigade level FTX where units at two sites maintain active communication.

All together nearly 1,500 Soldiers from the 207<sup>th</sup> RSG participated in the four day exercise at Ft. Shelby and Ft. Bragg.

Though it was a weekend in the field, the training proved a productive use of the Soldier’s time away from the Reserve Center.



(left) Sgt. Keith Freeman of Louisville, Ala., helps Pvt. Lasheika Ford of Jackson, Miss., examine a paper target during rifle qualification during a field training exercise at Camp Shelby, Miss., here, March 19. Both Soldiers are assigned to the 365<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Sustainment Battalion. (right) Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Hilliard of Wilson, N.C., meets Soldiers assigned to the 365<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Sustainment Battalion at Camp Shelby, Miss., here, March 19. Hilliard is the senior enlisted advisor for the 207<sup>th</sup> RSG. Hilliard took the opportunity to meet Soldiers and listen to their concerns during the field training exercise. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Jon Soles, 210<sup>th</sup> MPAD)

# News from *SILVER SCIMITAR* 2010



**Silver Scimitar 2010**

## East meets West at *SILVER SCIMITAR*

*By Sgt. Jason Scott  
210th Mobile Public Affairs Det.*

**FORT DEVENS, Mass.** – Col. Donald Howell, director of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's Human Resources Command – Europe based in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and Sgt. Maj. Richard Miller, also with HRSC Europe, visited Silver Scimitar 2010.

Silver Scimitar is the U.S. Army Reserve Command level multi-component human resources training exercise designed to prepare units to conduct HR missions within every theater of operations.

"It's a confidence building exercise for our personnel who are going to be deployed and the HR community as a whole," said Howell.

Silver Scimitar is an opportunity to get HR Soldiers from all over the Army together and challenge them to learn from each other how to employ their competence and proficiencies, said Howell.

"We brought three postal subject matter experts and 13 trainees to stay abreast of changes in doctrine," said Miller, a native of Kankakee, Ill.

These 16 Soldiers join approximately 800 personnel from more than 30 units from the Reserves, National Guard and Active Duty in the Army's

premiere HR exercise.

This is the second Silver Scimitar exercise for Howell, who has held the position of director of HRSC Europe since its inception Oct. 16, 2008.

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## *SILVER SCIMITAR* Soldiers sharpen skills

*Story by Spc. Cooper Cash  
210th Mobile Public Affairs Det.*

**FORT DEVENS, Mass.** -- Soldiers from the 3rd Adjutant General Personnel Center from Jackson, Miss., inprocessed here today for Silver Scimitar 2010 in preparation for their upcoming deployment. The Soldiers from the 3<sup>rd</sup> AGPC are scheduled to deploy to Kuwait within the next few months to provide postal services, casualty reporting, replacement operations, and plans and operations for human resources.

This exercise provides essential human resources training for Soldiers in the CENTCOM theater of operations.

"I'm anxious about deploying, and I'm hoping to find out what my role will be in a deployed environment during this exercise," said Spc. Martin Galnares of the 3rd AGPC from Jackson, Miss.

The nature of the various roles in human resources requires specialized training.

"Silver Scimitar is the only exercise that replicates what we do in theater," said Col. Robert A. Kay, director of the 3rd AGPC.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Army visits *SILVER SCIMITAR*

*Story by Sgt. Jason Scott  
210th Mobile Public Affairs Det.*

**FORT DEVENS, Mass.** – Col. Roger D. Cotton, 1<sup>st</sup> Army Division East G-1 based out of Fort Meade, Md., toured Silver Scimitar March 21.

Cotton, a native of Milton, Fla., said he is assessing the exercise to see if elements of the training can be implemented in his organization, which is responsible for training all deploying Army Reserve and National Guard units east of the Mississippi.

"Fort Devens seems like a great place for deploying soldiers to get their training," said Cotton.

# Composite Risk Management News

Composite Risk Management (CRM) basic course is required one-time training for every Soldier. Basic CRM course focuses on the 5 step risk management process ensuring risk mitigation procedures are utilized in every operation. Commanders are required to ensure all Soldiers complete this important training. The training can be completed two ways. The Soldier can attend a CRM Class by a

unit CRM certified trainer and the training documents forwarded to the 143d ESC Safety office for ITRS update. The second way to complete the training is for the Soldier to complete the course on-line at <https://www.lms.army.mil/Saba/Web/Main>. The Soldier will receive a print-out of the completion and the on-line training will update in ITRS within 15 working days. If

the Commander identifies a Soldier that has completed the training, but was not updated in ITRS, the unit will forward a copy of the completion certificate to their respective RSG/BDE Safety Officer to update ITRS. Further information pertaining to CRM training direct to Mr. Whitney, 143d ESC Safety Office at 1-800-221-9401 x1217 or at [Claude.Whitney@usar.army.mil](mailto:Claude.Whitney@usar.army.mil).

Composite Risk Management & Safety News

Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Class A Accidents/Fatalities/Rates				
	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	3-Yr Avg.
Class A POV	114	132	121	122
Accident Rate	.158	.183	.178	.173
Army Military Fatalities	110	129	115	118
Fatality Rate	.153	.179	.169	.167

## Note on POV & Motorcycle Safety

The *Driving as a Life Skill* program consists of mandatory driver safety training, Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS), and Motorcycle Mentorship Program. The Army strategy for mandatory driver safety training includes the *On line Accident Avoidance Course* (for basic driver safety training); *Local Hazards Training*, for personnel newly assigned to an installation; *Intermediate Traffic Safety Training* for all Soldiers less than 26 years of age; and *Advanced Traffic Safety Training*, which Soldiers will receive twelve to eighteen months after completing the intermediate course. All newly-assigned Army supervisors will receive *Supervisor Traffic Safety Training*, and prior to operation of a motorcycle, Army personnel are required to successfully complete an Army-approved hands-on *Motorcycle Rider Safety Course*.

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## FORD MESSAGE TO 143rd ESC MAINTENANCE SOLDIERS 91B SKILL LEVEL 10/20



Here's the Ford message:

To: 143rd ESC Maintenance Soldiers 91B skill level 1/2. USARC in partnership with the Ford Motor Company is looking for names, (Nominees) of Junior Ordnance Soldiers that would be interested in becoming a Ford Master certified technician. The need to have our Ordnance Soldiers trained in theory has led the school house to change how we are training OD Soldiers. That process is called Skills based Training (SBT). We will be teaching theory principals which are what Ford Motor trains their technicians. We will validate the education with the most difficult platform and two other platforms before graduation. Selected Soldiers will complete 88% of the training through Distance Learning and the remaining process is in a Ford training center. Upon completion the student Soldier is Master certified.

Employer partnership. The employee through the EPO program can request an interview through a Ford dealership and his military skills, civilian skills and this certificate will surely allow them to get a job with a Ford dealer. This training program is necessary for a Ford technician to do warranty work. This is a feather in the hat for any Soldier who aspires to go to the next level. Secondly there are dealers who would rather hire a Soldier because of the skills, values and drug free status. I already have a big dealer in the New England who is excited about hiring a Soldier who has taken the initiative on his own time to complete this training. The best part is that the OCAR has already paid the fees for the two part training agenda. The in house training agenda by my understanding may be completed in lieu of AT.

The 143rd ESC is to provide the names of a primary, secondary, and alternate candidates for this training with the intent that on or around 1 May there will be a signing ceremony where twenty candidates will start their DL portion which must be completed within one year. The cost for this was 2600 dollars to train the twenty folks. One of the reasons they are seeking more than twenty total names is if someone drops out in the DL portion we have the approval to hand this off to an alternate. I want Soldiers that are excited and want to be the first to complete this. I also want those who will take this to the next level of professionalism.

In summary, I need the names of junior Ordnance Soldiers with 110 GT scores that are interested in becoming a Ford Master certified technician. Interested Soldiers please contact CW5 David N. Conrad at 800-221-9401 x1740 or email [David.N.Conrad@usar.army.mil](mailto:David.N.Conrad@usar.army.mil)