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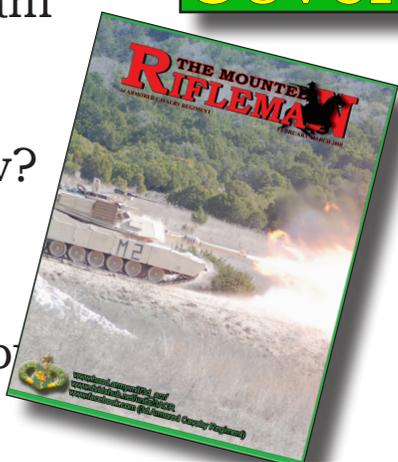
ABOUT THIS ISSUE

Brave Rifles are getting back into the routine of things as they train to perfect their mounted rifleman skills and prepare for the upcoming deployment slated for Fall 2010.

A group of 3d ACR Soldiers also recently competed in the annual Fort Hood combatives tournament.

Brave Rifles are also representing the Regiment by becoming heavily involved in community relations, tutoring students on mathematics throughout the Killeen area.

- The Editor



A tank crew from Maddog Company, Thunder Squadron participates in gunnery. (Photo by Pfc. Adam Hefner)



 **73rd**
Regimental
Commander

COL Reginald Allen

I'd like to start off with a resounding AI-EE-YAH! For the Brave Rifles and our entire Regimental Family. We have finished off a terrific quarter and accomplished a great deal with our families, in our training and for the heritage and history of the Regiment. I would like to express my praise for all of the hard work of the Regiment and my thanks for the steadfast support from all

BG McMaster,
71st Colonel of
the 3d Armored
Cavalry
Regiment,
visits with COL
Allen and CSM
Hunt.



of our families.

Since December we have conducted gunnery and squadron level training in preparation for our new mission in Iraq. Our Troopers have continued to show exceptional motivation and proficiency in every task they face. Our gunnery training is ongoing, ensuring that our Soldiers will be trained and ready for anything they may encounter at the National Training Center and our upcoming deployment. We have awarded the Draper Armor Leadership Award to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our Soldiers. Our Families have had the opportunity to join our Soldiers and observe first-hand the training we do to prepare for our important mission in Iraq. We opened the new 3d Cavalry Museum here on Fort Hood on Jan. 22 to showcase the pride in the heritage and heraldry of the Regiment since its creation in 1846. We are continuing to carve out our place at Fort Hood and demonstrate that we are the most capable and lethal brigade-sized element in the United States Army. The Regiment continues to push our standards

ever higher and set the example for others to emulate.

We are rapidly approaching the READY phase of the Army Force Generation process. We will culminate our training with a month-long training deployment to NTC for more realistic combat simulation. This event will provide the best possible training for our mission as an Advisory Assistance Regiment. We will prepare the Iraqi Security Forces to assume responsibility of their own country. In order to be prepared for any possibility, we will also be conducting kinetic training and everything in between. While there we will train hard, but safely. It falls upon the leadership at every level, including the individual Soldier to ensure the safety of every other Soldier. Every Trooper is a safety officer.

We know that we will be deploying this fall. Our training optempo is increasing so that we can ensure every Brave Rifles Trooper is fully prepared for the important and difficult mission at hand. We all need to be sure to make the most of our family time. As a husband and a father of two young children, I understand the challenges faced by families as we spend more time away from home. I highly encourage our loved ones to be involved with their units' family readiness groups, as they have vast experience and have developed tools to help with the stresses of training and deployment. This is the time for families to develop strong ties that may prove invaluable over our NTC rotation and deployment. Thank you for your support and keep up the great work! Brave Rifles!



XVIIIth
Regimental
CSM
CSM

Jonathan J. Hunt

I would like to start by congratulating each and every trooper on a job well done as the first unit in FORSCOM to shoot the Army's new Heavy Brigade Combat Team gunnery tables. We had no reported injuries or range safety violations throughout the three month rotation. As we continue to train and refine our skills it is important that we maintain this high standard of safety. This is accomplished by taking it back to the basics, making sure our equipment is fully mission-capable by continuing to conduct proper PMCS of our weapons systems and platforms. Also, familiarization and practice will help prevent possible negligence in the future.

Another recent accomplishment was the official opening of the Third Cavalry Museum which

houses 163 years of unit history. I strongly encourage 3d ACR Troopers and family members to visit the museum and preserve the legacy we inherited from our predecessors.

I want to take the time to congratulate Soldiers from Tiger Squadrons' Bandit troop for receiving the Draper Armor Leadership Award. This award annually recognizes Soldiers for demonstrating excellence in leadership and training. Bandit Troop was superior in Iraq and in garrison as they represented 3d ACR and the Armor Division in exceeding expectations.

I would also like to recognize The following Soldiers for receiving the III Corps retention award.

And lastly I would like to congratulate the following SFC and SSG for making the SFC/MSG promotion list:

MSG Jason Bryant
SFC Michael Cain
SFC Dwayne Sellers
SFC Toby Bailey
SFC Michael Bollig

We need to remain focused for the challenges ahead as we continue to train to perfect our skills and remember that we represent the best unit in the Army
Blood and Steel.....



Doors open to new Third Cavalry Museum



Photo by Pfc. Adam Hefner

Troops with 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment salute during the National Anthem at the grand opening of the 3d Cavalry Museum. The museum celebrates the 163 year history of the 3d ACR by preserving its rich heritage and proud lineage.

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Story by SGT Richard Sherba
3d ACR, PAO
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The 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment held a ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 22, opening the doors to the new Third Cavalry Museum, and opening an even bigger window to the regiment's rich and historic past.

"The Third Cavalry Museum is a window to the past, it provides a view back to the beginning of an Army organization that was unique in 1846 as the only Regiment of Mounted Riflemen and is unique today as the only Armored Cavalry Regiment," 3d ACR Museum Director, Scott

Hamric said to the assembled crowd. "Today, as we open a new chapter in the museum's history I invoke you to journey back in time more than 163 years and experience the continuing story of the Brave Rifles."

COL Reginald Allen, 3d ACR commander, also emphasized the importance of the museum, expressing his gratitude to those in attendance at the grand opening.

"It's an important date for us, because it gives us a place to maintain the legacy and history of one of the oldest units in the United States Army," Allen said, "As one of the only brigade level units in the United States Army to have a museum, with

our history and our legacy, it is fitting. We are honored to have everyone here to celebrate."

In his address to Brave Rifles troopers, guest speaker LTG Robert W. Cone, commanding general of III Corps and Fort Hood said, "When I think about the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, I think about

one thing, I think about the cavalry trooper. I think about what it means to serve in this Regiment."

LTG Cone previously served as a squadron commander in the Regiment, and personally attested to the character possessed by a Brave Rifles Trooper.

"I can tell you in my 20 years of close association with the Brave Rifles, I have never been let down by a cavalry trooper or a leader in regards of performing their duties," he said. "When you go through the museum it comes to life, the sacrifices that others have made, and the standards of excellence that have been achieved by the Regiment of



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Albright

CSM Arthur L. Coleman jr., and LTG Robert Cone, III Corps' command team, join COL Reginald Allen, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment commander and his senior noncommissioned officer, CSM Jonathan Hunt, in cutting a ribbon marking the long-awaited opening of the 3d Armored Cavalry Museum.

Mr. Scott Hamric addresses the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment and honored guests about the history of the Third Cavalry Museum. Mr Hamric is the museums director and oversees all museum operations.



Photo by Spc. Rian Drake

“This is the first time the museum has been housed in a purpose-built facility in the history of the Regiment. We have artifacts in the collection dating back to 1846. These objects tell the 163-year story of the regiment,” said Hamric.

“Ultimately, the museum is about the officers and troopers in the regiment. The museum will help teach these Soldiers whose shoulders they are standing on.”

The 3d Armored Cavalry Museum is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

mounted riflemen that have gone before you.”
The new Third Cavalry Museum is located in Building 409 on 761st Tank Battalion

Ave., and is part of a campus that includes the Third Cavalry Association gift shop, as well as a children’s exhibit, a research room and classroom.

REMININGTON



HEADQUARTERS TROOP, 3d ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

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By CPT Dawn E. Brooks
Remington Commander
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Remington Troop ended 2009 with a CPX that lasted about two weeks. The Troop had a lot of really cold weather to contend with but they were more than able to overcome what Mother Nature had to give them. For 2010 we started out the year with a Physical Fitness Test and with a very successful Regimental CPX.

From setup to tear down was about three weeks long and once again Mother Nature did not want to be kind to our training event. With Remington's hard charging and dedicated Troopers we quickly adapted to the cold and snow, some even made a snowman to pass the time.

Prior to getting to that accomplished feeling we had the grand opening of the 3d Cavalry Museum, preparing our dining facility for the Philip A. Connelly Award, qualified with our assigned small arms, conducted inventories, coordinated with other units both inside the Regiment like RSS and 66MICO and gain outside support from B63rd Signal Company. We could not have been successful without all these units helping

out. The CPX allowed some troopers to really shine thus giving them the opportunity to become the CPX heroes.

Prior to going full steam ahead into the CPX, we all let our hair down, put on the GO GO boots, platform shoes, flower child outfits, afros and bellbottoms and headed out to the DISCO. That was a great way to break the ice prior to 24hour operations in the TOC.

For some special sections like our PSD, things were not as fun as they accrued a little more training as the CPX ended. The PSD has been preparing for un-stabilized, stabilized Gunnery, day and night training, communications training, language and medical training. This is some of the training that makes them the elite team in the Regiment.

So far with a 40 person team lead by SFC Toby Bailey they are comprised of both males

and females and have tankers, Scouts, Medics, Communications and Maintenance Troopers. This team is always training to be better than the day before and deserves to be recognized by all.

It is not a secret that behind every great Trooper there is another great person that is helping to push them along and that person may be a friend, co-worker, or maybe family. So I would like to express a sincere thank you to everyone that has helped a Soldier. No Soldier can do it alone and without your persistent support and honest feedback Remington Troop was recognized for its outstanding retention for FY 2009. The Troop surpassed its goal and achieved over 200% of the Department of the Army's set goal.

Way to go Remington! Way to go Families! Always remember that Remington is the leader of the Regiment! Brave Rifles!



RHHT Personnel Security Detail prepares for the upcoming deployment.

RHHT exceeds retention goal



SSG Sharoder Faulk, RHHT Supply noncommissioned officer, has a little bit of fun while waiting for the retention award to be presented.



CPT Dawn Brooks, RHHT commander salutes COL Reginald Allen, 3d ACR Commander, during the presentation of the RHHT retention award.



Soldiers of RHHT hang out before formation before the presentation of the RHHT retention award.



Soldiers of RHHT stand in formation at the Troop while being presented the Retention Award.



COL Reginald Allen, 3d ACR Commander, presents CPT Dawn Brooks, Commander of Remington Troop, 3d ACR with an award for accomplishing 205% of its assigned retention mission for fiscal year 2009.

TIGER

1ST SQUADRON

3D ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT




LTG Robert Cone addresses the crowd at Palmer Theater Jan. 20. Cone presented this year's Draper Army Leadership Award to the Soldiers of Bandit Troop, 1st Sqdn., 3d ACR for their hard work and dedication.

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By LTC David Athey
Tiger Commander

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Edmund Burke

CSM Taylor and I could not be any more proud of our Soldiers and families and what we are doing. We are picking up the pace as we prepare for our upcoming deployment; we will be spending many days out in the field training. In the upcoming months we have a number of major training events. During January and February we will conduct gunnery training for our Tankers,

Scouts and Mortarmen here at Fort Hood as well as indirect fire of our Paladin howitzers at White Sands Missile Range - all to sharpen our lethal skills. During February and March we will partner with subject matter experts from the Austin Police Department to develop our law enforcement skills to better prepare ourselves to advise and assist Iraqi Security forces when we deploy. Also in March we will conduct unstabilized gunnery

were every platoon (combat and support) will fire from wheeled mounted machineguns culminating in a platoon level live fire distribution exercise.

We continue to appreciate all the sacrifices Soldiers and families are making as we prepare for our upcoming deployment. Separation is difficult but know that the training is necessary as we prepare our Troopers for the rigors of our upcoming missions in Iraq. We strongly encourage families to connect to their particular Family Readiness Groups. This is the time to begin building those relationships that will provide invaluable support and information when the Squadron deploys. Thanks again for all the support and the terrific work.



Photo by Spc. Rian Drake

LTG Robert Cone addresses the crowd at Palmer Theater Jan. 20 after presenting this year's Draper Army Leadership Award to Bandit Troop.

Tiger Squadron shows families their skills

By SSG Mark Albright
3d ACR, PAO

Families with 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment were given a rare opportunity to see their Soldiers in action Saturday, Feb. 6. Troops with Tiger Squadron showed the families what it's like in a training environment by allowing them to examine their equipment and see a live fire exercise.

"My son knows what I do, he knows I'm a tanker, and he likes tanks and we like hearing them shoot," said SGT Aaron Sharp, Tiger Squadron, 3d ACR a native of Pittsburg, California, "It gives him the opportunity to come see what I do."

Tiger Squadron holds a family day when not deployed in support of the Global War on Terror. The day includes displays of squadron vehicles and weapons, a M1A2 (SEP) Abrams Tank and M3A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle shooting demonstration and a hot lunch.

"I feel that it's pretty cool to come with my dad to work," said Sharpe's son, Jacob Sharpe, a 4th Grader at Cedar Valley Elementary.

"Things like this are very important. We try to do things like this across the regiment," said COL Reginald Allen, commander, 3d ACR, "This invites them (families) in to see what their Soldiers are able to accomplish, it gives families a sense of security about what their Soldiers are about to go do."



Soldiers of Tiger Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment show off their equipment during Tiger Squadrons family day the family day is an opportunity for family members to see what their soldier does and lets them build confidence (Photos by SSG Mark Albright)



Family members were given access to training to show what thier Soldiers do when in a field environment.

"If they have issues at home, it distracts them from what they do while they are deployed," Allen said.

This also was a chance for the squadron to continue its gunnery training. Tiger Squadron is the first to train under a new army system that qualifies crews to shoot at gunnery.

"Tiger Squadron is our lead

squadron out here today going through a regimental gunnery incident, said Allen, "A lot of firsts have been associated with this gunnery because the army has a new program on how to train gunnery and we are the first brigade in the army to actually do it."

Because they are the first squadron they are setting the standard for the way the army trains for gunnery. The gunnery phase is just one step in the training cycle for preparing for the Regiment's upcoming Iraqi deployment. Allowing the families access is important.

"This is the step that gives them confidence that they can shoot what they see, and they can destroy what they see if they need to do that," Allen said.



Soldiers of Tiger Squadron, 3d ACR demonstrate the ability of the M1A2 (SEP) Abrams tank. The day was dedicated to introducing family members to the way the Army trains while in a field environment and allows them to see their capabilities.



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LTC J. Bryan Mullins
Sabre Commander
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Sabre Troopers. It seems as if Christmas block leave ended an age ago. It is hard to believe that only seven weeks ago we reassembled from across the United States, knocked off the rust, and started serious preparation for combat vehicle gunnery. For many of you, it was your first Christmas home in three years, and I hope you enjoyed the well deserved break with your families and friends. Too bad we did not get our recent snow storm over leave when we could have had more time to enjoy it.

It is fair to say that the squadron has been consumed by gunnery over the last month and a half – either in training and preparation, execution, or recovery from the event. The Regiment was lucky enough to act as the first official lab rat for the HBCT gunnery manual, and all things considered, it was a great learning experience. I think most of us would agree we don't like Clabber Creek, Browns Creek, and all the electronics the range personnel at those locations want to hang on the Tanks and Brads. I think we

would agree that some of the targetry at Browns Creek was a bit hard to see, and a few of the troops "indestructible". I blame the terrible weather on Fox Troop, who always seems to have this effect on the environment when they deploy for training. If you did not enjoy the mud and trench at Clabber Creek, I suggest you might not have experienced a real gunnery. Not only did the squadron fire almost one hundred tank and Bradley crews, but we also fired all the Paladins and 120mm mortars, those for the first time in almost three years. Lion battery fired for the third time in less than six months, moving on to more challenging and advanced missions, reminding the entire Central Texas area that 3d ACR is back and training. Thanks to COLT 1 and the Fox FSE observing and directing these fires and going native up on the OP. Finally, it is critical to note the role played by Rattler, who delivered, issued, and guarded the ammunition on ranges, maintained fuel and medic coverage on the ranges, cooked the great food we ate twice a day, and repairing our busted vehicles at literally all hours of the night.

Congratulations are in order to a number of folks. Top

Tank was G24 with a 985, top Bradley was E34 with a 933, Heavy White platoon with four distinguished crews and only one Q2 in the entire company, and Grim Troop with 26 firing crews completing table VI. We will recognize all distinguished crews, the top tank, Bradley, mortar, observer, and Paladin crews, plus the top sustainer in a number of categories in an award ceremony in March. Regardless of external recognition or personal performance, I hope we all experienced gunnery as a meaningful experience in our professional development. Once routine in the heavy force, this skill set is becoming harder and harder to sustain.

The other theme to the past two months would have to be changes of command. From 22 January to 25 February the squadron conducted five: Eagle troop from CPT Gallardo to CPT Taylor, Sapper from CPT Jones to CPT Harper, Lion from CPT Romito to CPT Glasgall, Rattler from Major Cannon to CPT Gallardo, and Fox from CPT Sterrett to CPT Menal. In each case I could not have been more pleased with the execution of the property and knowledge transfer, and the final ceremony. It is truly amazing to thoroughly inventory

Sabre Gunnery Family Day



five troops worth of property down to the component level and only discover a few thousand dollars worth of missing property, particularly in a unit that executed a deployment within that period of command. I am impressed with your supply discipline and preparation required to pull this off.

Although it just ended last week, stabilized gunnery is far in the rear view mirror. The squadron staff executed a demanding CPX even as gunnery ramped down, confirming our systems, equipment, and personnel are

ready to advance to the next training step. Elements have finished recovery and are getting serious about driver training and weapons qualification programs for our transition to wheeled platforms and the upcoming NTC rotation. March brings unstabilized gunnery, platoon live fire, and a troop level virtual fire coordination exercise, in addition to a number of long weekends.

NTC is just around the corner and operational deployment closer than you think. The next time you glance at this magazine you will be looking at



pictures from Fort Irwin.

Keep up the great work and stay focused. The lives of your teammates, and the nation's mission success in Iraq depend upon it.



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By LTC Scott Gerber
Thunder Commander
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Troopers and families of the Squadron, for Thunder Squadron time has been flying by. It seems it was yesterday when the Squadron began to sign for their vehicles, however; with a blink of an eye the Squadron is utilizing the skills we have been training on for the past 8 months and has started the Gunnery process, eventually leading in to NTC. The Squadron has successfully completed Platoon STX, Troop STX, and Squadron STX in the coldest and most rainy days of the winter. We hosted a successful Squadron Ball at the Killeen Civic Center, which featured outstanding food, over 800 guests in attendance, and a great time. The Troops have taken and passed TGST (Tank Gunnery Skills Test), BGST (Bradley Gunnery Skills Test), and spent countless hours training in CCTT throughout many nights. All this training is creating a Squadron that will be ready for Gunnery, NTC, and eventually our upcoming deployment. The Squadron's future is clear, and that is to deploy. Our Soldiers are the strongest physically and mentally I have seen and I have

no doubt they will clearly be up to challenge at hand.

Currently Thunder is deep into Gunnery across the Squadron. We are occupying three ranges at one time where Ironhawk, Killer, Lightning, and Mad Dog are firing Stabilized (Tanks and Bradley's) Gunnery, and Regulator and Ghost rider are in Un-stabilized Gunnery (Wheeled Vehicles). Every Trooper in the Squadron must be proficient in Gunnery tasks. These skills will be used in all facets of the job of a Tanker or a Scout and allow Soldiers to compete within the Troops, Squadron, and across the Regiment. I applaud the determination of every Soldier during the long process as they try to achieve the highest score possible for a Gunnery score. Killer was the first Troop to conduct live fire during this iteration.

Killer has paved the way for the rest of the Squadron battling multiple issues caused by the range, which allowed Lightning to take the range with no problem. Once all Troops have completed their Gunnery iterations I have no doubt we will have the best scores in the Regiment.

Prior to Gunnery there were several changes to the Leadership in the Squadron. In late January Ironhawk said goodbye to CPT David Dixon at a

Change of Command ceremony. CPT Paul Roberts has continued to lead the charge for Ironhawk Troop into Gunnery with great success. Thunder Squadron did not say goodbye to CPT Dixon, however; he has now become Havoc 6.

Havoc Troop conducted their Change of Command Ceremony in early February bidding farewell to CPT Justin Harper who will be leaving the Squadron in May. As the Squadron continues to grow and change, it becomes apparent we have the best Leadership and Soldiers in the Army and the Squadron will succeed any mission or task given to it.

On a closing note, I would like to thank the Soldiers and the Soldiers families of Thunder Squadron for all their dedication and motivation to the Squadron. I know the days are becoming longer and work is getting tougher. I ask that all the Soldiers keep up the good work and never quit. You are an outstanding group of Soldiers who have impressed me every step of the way since the beginning. To the families I ask that you continue to support your Soldier on the home front. I thank you all for the continuous support you give to this great Squadron.

Brave Rifles! Veterans!

Thunder's HBCT Gunnery Training



A Soldier takes a moment to maintain his track.



Soldiers wait in line for their chance to qualify.



Last minute checks are performed while waiting to move to the firing lane.



A Soldier ground guides the Bradley into position.



Soldiers take time to police and organize the area after finishing their Gunnery tables.

LONGKNIFE



Courtesy photos

Longknife Squadron conducts a routine flight mission on the AH-64D Apache attack helicopter.



Longknife troops perform aircraft maintenance in the hangar.



A Trooper from Longknife refuels a generator during a training exercise.

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By LTC Dale Watson
Longknife Commander
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I am proud to report on the many accomplishments of Longknife Squadron over these last two months. Our unit successfully completed a deployment to JRTC during January and our Troopers performed magnificently. A lot of hard work, preparation, and a commitment to excellence ensured a safe and productive rotation. Safety was our number one priority as we entered into high OPTEMPO mission sets in support of 1-101.

Engaged leadership at all levels and a deliberate mindset allowed the unit to provide

world-class aviation support to the BCT. I cannot overstate the incredible professionalism and determination that was apparent throughout the formation and this was touted not only in Operations Group, JRTC, but up through the 101st Air Assault Division and CORPS as well. Longknife Troopers can be proud of their accomplishments and their actions reflect strongly on this great Regiment.

“The proof is in the pudding”. Longknife Squadron was put to the test and showed its prowess in the employment of Attack and Lift aviation assets in a contemporary operating environment. The Squadron conducted full-spectrum aviation operations to include Air Assault

Operations, Air Movement Operations, CASEVAC, and Resupply Operations with Stetson Troop in the lead.

Stetson Troop conducted an amazing 107 CASEVAC missions all within the “golden hour” ensuring no loss of life. This is a great feat considering this is not a primary mission for us. Nomad and Pegasus Troops provided graduate level Air to Ground Integration and conducted round the clock reconnaissance, security, and attack mission in support of the ground commander. In total, our aircrews flew over 700 AH-64 hours and 300 UH-60 hours in a short three-week period. Superb



Troopers from Longknife Squadron conduct last minute flight checks before the AH-64D Apache attack helicopter departs for a mission.

job!

Of course, the “behind the scenes” work by our maintainers and support personnel paved the way for the aerial successes. The maintenance management and oversight during high operation tempo operations that require continuous launch, recover, launch profiles is daunting to say the least. Tomahawk Troop with support of the line troop mechanics made this look easy. Their hard work allowed the Squadron to have a perfect launch record and we never missed one mission due to maintenance. This is pretty much

unheard of and is a testament to the technical expertise found in our unit.

The other “unsung heros” in the Squadron come from Renegade and their actions set the standard for FARP operations. Renegade Troop simultaneously executed three FARPs to ensure continuous refueling capability throughout the operating environment. Their ability to forecast fuel requirements and support from three different locations is a testament to their versatility.

Renegade Troop was heralded as the best FARP JRTC had seen

to date in terms of leadership, discipline, and safety. A first class organization!

I want to personally thank each Trooper for their “can do” attitude and determination to make mission throughout this past JRTC rotation. I am convinced this winning attitude played a pivotal role in our successes and is a hallmark of a great unit. Job well done! There is no rest for the weary though, as we prepare for our next JRTC rotation in April followed by a back-to-back rotation at NTC in May. Our unit is about to be tested at every level as we maintain this fast pace through the upcoming months. I call on every Trooper and leader to stay engaged and focused on the mission during this timeframe and your vigilance will ensure safety across the formation. Keep up the great work and I want to close with a final thank you to our great Longknife families for all they do to support us during these busy times. Your strength empowers us during the most challenging times.



MULESKINNER

SUPPORT SQUADRON

3D ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

By CPT Jason Goldstein
Muleskinner Squadron

As the Regiment conducts training and preparation for another deployment to the Middle East, a key component continues to ensure that this is able to happen successfully. The Regimental Support Squadron's Supply and Transportation Troop provided logistics support for the Regiment's Gunnery. Deploying to the field a week prior to Tiger Squadron beginning Stabilized Gunnery, the Support Squadron established a logistics base to support Gunnery at the Trapnell Ammo Transfer Point. The team assigned this task established Ammunition Transfer Holding Point (ATHP) to hold the over 800,000 rounds the Regiment would need to execute Gunnery. The Supply and Transportation (S&T) Troop drew all the Regiment's ammunition, built configured loads for each unit and each range, and were ready for the start of Gunnery two days prior. Fuel and water assets were setup in the logistics base to provide the Ground Cavalry Squadrons the full complement of logistics resources they would require. Throughout Gunnery,

S&T conducted over 60 logistics missions delivering fuel, ammunition, and water to the units in the field. All told, Support Squadron delivered over 350,000 gallons of fuel, 65,000 gallons of water, and drove over 400 miles in and around the training areas to support the Regiment.

To ensure the Regiment would not fail in its execution of Gunnery operations, Maintenance Troop provided critical maintenance and supply support throughout the 75 day exercise. The Supply Support Activity (SSA) worked till midnight each day and weekends to ensure that someone was always available to provide critical repair for the Regiment's Tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles. The Armament and Missile Sections in Maintenance Troop were on call 24 hours a day and worked countless jobs

to ensure that these systems were always ready to shoot.

As the Regiment continues its preparation for the National Training Center (NTC) and its deployment, the Support Squadron continues to take advantage of opportunities to support the Regiment and prepare its forces for the next mission. Gunnery provided the Muleskinner Squadron with a valuable opportunity to train critical tasks that are only perfected in realistic training events, where the full capability of the Support Squadron can be exercised. Based on the successes in both training for the Muleskinners and ease for the Ground Cavalry Squadrons, the Muleskinners will continue this level of support for Unstabilized Gunnery in preparation for our pending deployment.



Courtesy Photo

Troopers from Muleskinner Squadron process ammunition during a live-fire training exercise during gunnery.

RSS supports 3d ACR



A Regimental Support Squadron Soldier labels boxes as they are processed for shipment



Soldiers RSS lay out tools for inventory



A Soldier breaks down a pallet of supplies



A Soldier replaces tools after completing inventory



Soldiers prepare materials to be turned in

Stabalization Transition Team



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By LTC Jonathan Larsen
STT Commander
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First, I must say that it is a great honor to be counted as part of this great Regiment again; and I would be remiss if I did not start by thanking the whole Brave Rifles Family and Team for the wonderful welcome that we have received.

As you travel west down Battalion Avenue almost across the street from the 3d ACR museum; you may have noticed the sign out in front of building 10045 with the 3d ACR "BUG"; which reads 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment Stabilization Transition Team (S-TT). No that is not a miss-print and it is not just some random sign, as the Regiment prepares for our next deployment; we have been assigned to the 3d ACR, as augmentees for the Security Forces Assistance Mission. And we have occupied the old "Gold

Star Family" building as our Headquarters between now and deployment.

Over the next couple weeks; you will notice an increased number of Lieutenant Colonels and Majors wearing the 3d ACR patch and sharing ranges, training areas and classrooms with you. The first six of these officers have signed in and are working with Remington and the Regimental staff to build our unit from the ground up. We will eventually have forty-eight officers assigned to the Regiment. From this pool of Officers, we will divide into numerous teams; some of which will remain with the Regimental Headquarters and the remainder will be assigned to each of the Squadrons to assist with our increased partnership mission with the Iraqi Government and Security Forces in Iraq.

Many of our Troopers will report to Fort Hood in a "Temporary Duty (TDY)," status

and will not have their families with them. So we want to welcome them to the 3d ACR S-TT Family.

April will be a busy month for the S-TT folks; we will welcome the majority of our Officers and conduct our required training, utilizing a Mobile Training Team for the 162nd BDE from Fort Polk. Additionally, we will support the Braves Rifles LTP trip to the National Training Center and prepare to deploy to California for our training at Fort Irwin in May.

As we continue to stand up the newest attachment to the Regiment, we look forward to introducing ourselves to each formation within the Regiment, to renew some old friendships and get to know the Troopers. And thank you in advance for your support and patience.

Again, it is wonderful to be part of the 3d Armored Cavalry, BRAVE RIFLES!!!

Chaplain's Column



By MAJ C. Wayne Brittian
Regimental Chaplain

Michael Swenson loved to swim. In fact, every night after school he would go to the community pool and swim lap after lap just for pure enjoyment. As time went on, an ad appeared in the newspaper announcing a local meet. Michael entered and continued to practice. It was a ten-mile race across a lake. With only four weeks to prepare, Michael intensified his workouts.

Race day finally arrived, and to Michael's astonishment and dismay, hundreds of contestants had also entered. On top of this pressure, thousands of people showed up to cheer for their favorite contender.

Instructions were given, the swimmers were lined up, and the gun went off to start the

race. Michael's preparation and hard work paid off. At the five-mile mark he had a commanding lead. But then fatigue struck, and fatigue makes cowards of us all. Negative thoughts began flooding Michael's head. What am I trying to prove? I can't make it, Michael rationalized. I'll quite now but learn from this so I can win next time.

As Michael slowed down, the second-place swimmer started to make his move. He swam to within one hundred yards of Michael at the eight-mile mark. But Michael fought back. His second wind kicked in and he was able to put the negative thoughts aside and push himself to greatness.

At the nine-mile mark the second-place swimmer was now only thirty yards behind him. Michael knew it and pushed himself even harder.

With only five yards to go, the

second-place contestant passed Michael and won the race. Both swimmers collapsed and lay in the sand gasping for breath. Then something interesting happened. All the spectators congratulated the winner for his excellence but immediately turned their attention to Michael. Why? He wondered. After all, he hadn't won. A lady passing by who didn't see the race and couldn't see the contestants was also confused.

She tapped a man on the shoulder and asked, "Why are they making such a big deal of this guy? He didn't win!"

The man turned to her and replied, "Because Michael would have easily won had he had two arms!" (Puppies for Sale)

Booker T. Washington said, "Success is measured not only by how much one achieves, but by how many obstacles one overcomes in the process." Perhaps someone has done greater things than you. But your achievements should be weighed on their own merits and in light of the adversity in which you accomplished them. Though your progress seems small, give thanks to God for the distance you've covered, saying, "Thus far has the Lord helped me" (1 Samuel 7:12).

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, thank you for the success You've given me in my endeavors. Help me to remain faithful even when my results are small. Amen.

C. Wayne Brittian
Regimental Chaplain

DID YOU KNOW???



The Regiment has a history in the United States Army that dates back to May 19, 1846, when it was constituted in the Regular Army as the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. This unit was reorganized at the start of the American Civil War as the 3rd U.S. Cavalry Regiment on August 3, 1861. Today, "3rd" has been replaced by the designator "3d" in the regiment's title, and the word "Armored" has been added to recognize it as a heavy cavalry regiment (equipped with M1 Abrams Tanks and M3 Bradley cavalry fighting vehicles.)

Under various names it has seen action during ten major conflicts: the Indian Wars, the Mexican-American War, the American Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the Philippine-American

War, World War I, World War II, the Persian Gulf War, SFOR in Bosnia, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Twenty-three of the Regiment's troopers received the Medal of Honor, all awarded for gallantry in action between 1871 and 1898. The list includes William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, whose award was rescinded in 1916 for not being a member of the military. Cody's medal was reinstated in 1989.

At present, the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment is the only heavy armored cavalry regiment in the U.S. Army. The other two remaining armored cavalry regiments, the 2nd and 11th, are organized as brigade combat teams.

The regiment is currently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

1. From the original movie, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, the tankers are from the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment?

2. Our unit was the first military unit to cross the Alps since Hannibal in 215 B.C.

3. On November 11, 1921, the Regiment furnished the cavalry escort for the Unknown Soldier from WWI in Arlington national cemetery.

4. This Regiment was originally organized for establishing military stations en route to Oregon. However the Mexican war intervened and the troopers found themselves diverted to participate in the invasion of Mexico.



Civil and Public Affairs



MAJ Tad Gilbert
Civil Affairs

CPT Aaron Doft
Public Affairs

Strong Bonds in the Community

One of the roles of Civil Affairs in the United States Army is to develop meaningful contacts with local officials and members of the community that provide an atmosphere of cooperation between the host communities and the supported unit. The roles of public affairs in the U. S. Army are similar, but concentrate on contact with media outlets in order to ensure that the story of the unit's Soldiers is told. Together, we foster an environment of mutual benefit among the Soldiers and our families and the community in which we live.



Photo by Capt. Aaron Doft

COL Allen presents tokens of appreciation to the Mayor of Harker Heights and the President of the Killeen/Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce.

On a monthly basis, the Killeen/Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce invites members of the 3d ACR to attend its organization's social mixer. The March Mixer was hosted at Holiday Inn in Killeen, and the Chamber members openly demonstrated their continuing commitment to support the Soldiers and families of the Regiment.

As a sign of gratitude for their steadfast devotion, COL Allen presented Ed Mullen, Mayor of Harker Heights, and Bill Koslic, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, with framed posters depicting the dedication of the Troopers of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen. We are grateful for the services they provide our Troops.



Photo by Capt. Aaron Doft

COL Reginald Allen and LTC Greg Stokes speak with Salado Mayor Merle Stalcup and his wife Karen about the Regiment and its relationship with the village of Salado.

On Mar. 8th, 2010 Salado Chamber of Commerce invited members of the 3d ACR to attend their "Dawn of a New Decade" celebration. COL Allen and CSM Hunt, with other members of the Regimental staff graciously accepted the invitation, showing their commitment to the burgeoning relationship between the Salado Chamber and the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.

Salado has recently adopted the Regiment and established a military affairs council.

We look forward to cooperation that will support our Soldiers and their families through the trying times ahead as well as support the village of Salado into the future.

3d ACR Family Readiness Group Updates

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By Amanda Roesener
3d ACR, FRSA
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Tiger Squadron has been busy offering a unique opportunity for friends and families to see firsthand what they do in the field and during deployment. In February, Tiger Squadron hosted a Family Day in the field, featured on a local newscast. Families witnessed live-fire demonstrations as well as static displays and audio/visual display. Spouses, children and parents alike were thrilled with the impressive display of fire-power. Their demonstrated proficiency alleviated worries that come with not knowing what goes on in their Troopers' lives.

Sabre Squadron held their monthly FRG meeting with great success. Having these gatherings on a regular basis continues to build better relationships within the Family Readiness Groups. Sabre Squadron is in the process of preparing for their ball in the near future. Sabre Ladies plan to use the great services offered by the Belle of the Ball Program from the Enlisted Spouse Club. These ladies will be able to borrow a beautiful gown for the price of dry-cleaning only. This is a benefit for troopers and families, allowing them to attend formal events dressed in style for less than it cost to buy a bracelet to match.

Thunder Squadron Troopers and Families enjoyed a night of fun and relaxation at their recent Winter Ball, dancing the night away and enjoying

the amazing food and music. The ladies stepped out in style and the Troopers took part in the historical tradition of the grog bowl with decorum. The Squadron has also welcomed three new troop and battery commanders. HHT said farewell to CPT Harper and his spouse and welcomed CPT Dixon and his wife Christy. Ironhawk Troop now has CPT Roberts as their new Commander and his wife Rebecca. Regulator Battery is now commanding and at his side is his lovely wife Heather. All the recent changes are helping prepare Troopers and Families for the challenges to come.

What's been going on in Longknife FRG- plenty! Julie Wankelman, who has served as the Regimental Layette Program Coordinator for over a year was recognized at the Community Services Council Meeting in January as a Volunteer of Merit for October. Wonderful Volunteers are a regular occurrence with Longknife as proven by the Pegasus Troop FRG Leader, Kerry Brant . Mrs. Brant was recently recognized as the Volunteer of the Quarter for the Regiment for the first quarter at the recent Hood Hero's ceremony. The Squadron will continue to keep moving forward with assisting troopers and their families by continuing to offer on-site registration with CYSS throughout their previous and upcoming JRTC rotations. Longknifetroopers are off to JRTC and NTC back to back training for the next few months and the

Squadron Spouses coffees have been a hit and will be hosting another coffee in early April.

Muleskinner Family Readiness Group is showing great success with the implementation of the eArmy Messaging System, making it possible to contact up to three phone numbers, two emails as well as sending a text message if needed. This system allows for rapid communication from the command team to the troopers and families which will enhance the notification process for emergency situations as well as redeployment.

Mrs. Kathy Luedecking of Muleskinners Squadron was recently recognized as a Hood Hero for the first quarter. She received the Individual Volunteer in Communities Hood Hero's award for her dedication and volunteer spirit assisting with the success of the Santa's Workshop. She continues to give back to the families of Muleskinner Squadron and the Fort Hood community.

Remington Troop Family Readiness Group has undergone a number of changes over the last few months and is looking forward to even more variety in the future. The group has welcomed quite a few new members, all who have received unit crest pins at the FRG meetings. The FRG is working hard at improving the program to better assist incoming family members. Over the last couple of months Family Members have enjoyed fun team building skills, as well as presenting door prizes. Remington Troop Family



COL Reginald E. Allen, CSM Jonathon J. Hunt, Mrs. Allen and retired GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, President, Association of the United States Army, stand ready to cut the ribbon opening the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment Family Readiness Center.

Readiness Group is trying hard to welcome all new members and is looking forward to the spring with deployment information and fun events for the troopers and family members to better adapt to the upcoming year ahead.

The Regiment as a whole is looking forward to the challenges and the opportunities that will be available to them throughout the next few months as we work together to become a team that will sustain the Troopers and Families as we prepare for deployment.

Each new family member is invited to attend any meeting they would like, we welcome Troopers and Single Soldiers as well. The next 3d ACR Newcomers Brief will be held at the Phantom

Warrior Center on the 4th of May at 1:30 pm, the Regiment wants to put the word out that it would like more family members to come in and attend. Please ensure that your Family has the correct information to exactly which T/C/B you are assigned to and has a contact phone number. If you have not been contacted, then please initiate contact, therefore better assisting your own family receiving the flow of information! We want to reach out to everyone we can but it takes the Regimental Families reaching out to each other to make a better future for us all.

If you would like to get involved in your FRG or even as a volunteer in the local community, please contact your Family

Readiness Support Assistant and she will be more than happy to link you and your family to the resources you require! For more info You can also visit www.myarmyonesource.com

Army Family Team Building Classes

- Volunteer Management Information System
- Budgeting
- Counseling
- Tax Help Info

and too much more to list! Check it out! Don't forget to follow the Regiment on Facebook for up-to-date info on what is going on in the Regiment as well as the surrounding area!

3d U.S. CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

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By MAJ Douglas Chimenti
3d ACR, FECC OIC
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It is my pleasure to announce the formation of the 3d U.S. Cavalry Association. The old 3d Armored Cavalry Association is being dissolved after 15 years of enormous support to the Regiment. The old association was formed under restrictive tax laws and a constitution that limited its support to the Regiment, and its Soldiers and families. I would like to thank COL (Ret.) Richard Quinn, the Executive Director of the 3d Armored Cavalry Association, for his support and dedication to the Regiment and his help in the formation of the new Association.

The Mission of the 3d U.S. Cavalry Association:

1. To honor those comrades-in-arms who have served, and especially to honor those who have sacrificed their lives while serving in THE BRAVE RIFLES.
2. To preserve and strengthen the comradeships formed while serving with THE BRAVE RIFLES by publishing an Association newspaper, conducting reunions and other appropriate means.
3. To proclaim and publish the traditions and achievements of THE BRAVE RIFLES.
4. To support the Soldiers actively serving in THE BRAVE RIFLES.
5. To provide assistance by means of the 3rd Cavalry Association toward museum programs and the preservation of the artifacts and history of THE BRAVE RIFLES. The new Association will grandfather all 3d Armored Cavalry Association members into the new Association as lifetime members.

The Board of Directors for the Association are; LTG (R) Mike Lyle 61st COR, Greg Schannep, COL(R) Richard Quinn, COL(R) Mike Brown, and SFC Robert Boone. The 3d U.S. Cavalry Association looks forward to supporting the Regiment. AI-EE-YAH! BRAVE RIFLES!

Association's Fallen Heroes

Pekar, Sylvester
Magro, Calvin A
Lemonie, Harry P
Pilolla, Andrew



Retired personnel from 3d ACR enjoy lunch with Colonel Reginald E. Allen and Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan J. Hunt.

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3d U.S. CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

CONTINUE TO SERVE BY JOINING THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE REGIMENT OF MOUNTED RIFLEMAN. PRESERVE AND SHARE OUR HISTORY, HONOR THOSE COMRADES IN ARMS WHO HAVE SERVED, SUPPORT THE SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES OF THE REGIMENT, SUPPORT THE 3d ACR MUSEUM.

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Members Benefits

- 3d ACR sticker
- 3d ACR lapel pin
- 10% off in gift store
- Association ID card
- Membership Certificate

www.braverifles.org

Membership is open to any member or former member of the Regiment, Spouses, and Friends of the Regiment.

AER is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. AER's sole mission is to help soldiers and their dependents.

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own". AER provides commanders a valuable asset in accomplishing their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of soldiers.

AER funds are made available to commanders having AER Sections to provide emergency financial assistance to soldiers - active & retired - and their dependents when there is a valid need.

AER funds made available to commanders are not limited and are constrained only by the requirement of valid need.

For these reasons, the AER assistance program is conducted within the Army structure by major commanders and their installation/organization commanders through AER sections and other related organizations.

www.aerhq.org

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www.opm.gov/cfc

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OUR MISSION

AUSA represents every American Soldier by:

- Being the voice for all components of America's Army
- Fostering public support of the Army's role in national security
- Providing professional education and information programs

www.ausa.org

Personal Deployment

Safety Message



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By Mr. Pete Higgins
3d ACR, Safety Officer
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Few other occupations present the challenges to our Safety and well being as does being part of the United States Army. Challenges such as separations, travel, duty in remote and often dangerous locations, and the diminished ability to choose where you are going are all part of our daily lives within the Regiment. Preparing ourselves to meet these challenges will be paramount in the coming weeks leading up to our deployments to the NTC and later to Iraq. Below I will address some topics to help you to stay safe in the coming events.

Above all you must be healthy and fit for what we are going to be doing in the coming months. How physically fit are you? All of the PT you have been doing does have its purpose you

know. Life as a Soldier is physically demanding and it has been proven that physically fit Soldiers are less likely to become ill or to suffer non combat related injuries than those that are not. Prepare and protect your body the best that you can. Once you are fit, take good care of yourself. If you are sick, see the medics, don't just try to tough it out or self medicate. Minor diseases and injuries can be much worse than you may think. You are a vital asset to the Regiment, take care of yourself.

Now that you are physically fit there are some other things that can help keep you that way. Things such as wearing your PPE, that's your Personal Protective gear. This includes your Kevlar helmet, Ballistic Eye Protection, Hearing Protection, Ballistic Vest, gloves and properly fitted, serviceable boots. Forgetting to wear your PPE can really put you out of commission. The newest Kevlar has been proven to protect you significantly from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) as well as the assorted dents and dings you may get without it! It may be heavy, it may be hot, but it will save your life!

The approved Ballistic Eye Protection is designed to be able to protect your eyes from the equivalent of a shotgun blast to the face. Stay away from the cheap "cool guy" specs that you may have seen, they afford little if any real protection. Besides, you only have one set of eyes! Protect them! If you get into heavy dust

conditions, swap them out for your goggles which will give you better protection from the small dust. Remember, a piece of dirt smaller than the period at the end of this sentence can not only be uncomfortable but will ruin the lens in your eye permanently! Hearing Protection, use it or you will lose it! Your hearing that is, it is horrifying to look at the statistics of how many old Soldiers have hearing loss to the point that they must wear hearing aids just because they did not use ear plugs, a CVC, Flight Helmet, Ear Muffs or other hearing protection, often just so they could look "cool" or "hardcore."

Your Ballistic Vest, no matter which version you are issued, learn how to wear it properly with all of the ballistic plates, neck guard and other bits properly mounted and adjusted. This piece of PPE more than anything else can really save your life. With it you can stop a 7.62 round like Superman, but without it, well you will defiantly be the one that gets stopped. Wear it, it works!

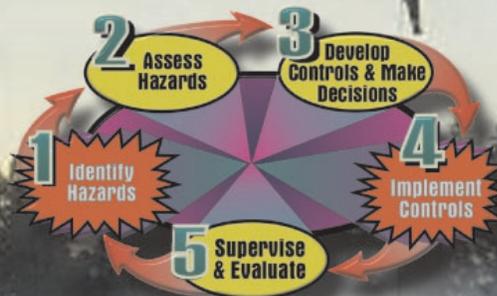
Gloves will protect your hands. The NTC and Iraq both can get over 120 degrees for days at a time, so everything gets hot! Some of it even gets hot enough to give you a good second degree burn! They will also help protect you from cuts, scrapes and the assorted nasty things that you may wind up getting into while deployed. Get good ones

that fit and they will feel like a second skin before you realize it.

Last piece of PPE I will mention would be your boots. Soldiers make a living on their feet. Wear good sturdy properly fitted boots. Again go with good ones that are well made, not just the fancy ones. Just like your eyes and ears, the set you have now must last your entire life! Protect them. Of all the things that can hurt you in the desert the most common would be Heat related injuries. Prevention of which can be quite simple just drink water! Simple rule of thumb, if you are not urinating, you need to drink more water! Also stay in the shade as much as possible and slow down doing more strenuous tasks early in the day or late in the day to avoid the heat. If you are getting headaches while working in the heat of the day increase your water intake. Watch out for your Battle Buddy, are you both drinking enough? Learn the warning signs for heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If you see someone that may be suffering help them out! One last item that can help is to stay away from dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building, they require a huge amount of water to be safe and can actually cause more harm than good in the desert.

Another thing to remember in keeping your body safe is your own personnel hygiene. Wash your hands often to help prevent disease. Be sure to do so before you eat, because you never know what else is in the sand, dust that you have all over your hands and I am sure if you knew you would not want to be eating it! Bathe whenever

Ingredients for a successful mission



The right mix every time

you are afforded the opportunity and remember to put on clean clothing! Also remember to brush you nasty teeth! Not only will it save you a trip to the dentist, but those around you will appreciate it as well!

All of this, as well as the training that you have received, and will continue to receive, will go a long way in keeping you safe and healthy during our deployments. Take care of yourself, and be safe.

Retention Awards

The FY 2009 Retention Awards are listed below. These plaques were presented for excellence in retention and of exceeding their assigned retention mission for FY09. Tiger was the Top Producing Squadron in the Regiment.

Tiger Squadron, for accomplishing 180% of its assigned retention mission for fiscal year 2009

Sabre Squadron, for accomplishing 170% of its assigned retention mission for fiscal year 2009

Thunder Squadron, for accomplishing 148% of its assigned retention mission for fiscal year 2009

Longknife Squadron, for accomplishing 178% of its assigned retention mission for fiscal year 2009

Muleskinner Squadron, for accomplishing 172% of its assigned retention mission for fiscal year 2009

Remington Troop, for accomplishing 205% of its assigned retention mission for fiscal year 2009

Safety Awards

| Unit | Last Incident | Date Occurred | Award Level |
|---------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| HHT 1/3 | Under Age Drinking | 02 DEC 2009 | Received Black Eligible Gold |
| B 1/3 | POV MVA | 27 NOV 2009 | Received Black Eligible Gold |
| C 1/3 | Personal Injury | 28 NOV 2009 | Received Black Eligible Gold |
| HWB 1/3 | Civil Arrest | 24 NOV 2009 | Received Black Eligible Gold |
| HHT 3/3 | POV MVA | 17 JAN 2010 | Received Black Streamer |
| I 3/3 | Civil Arrest | 27 DEC 2009 | Received Black Streamer |
| K 3/3 | POV MVA Personal Inj | 13 DEC 2009 | Received Gold Streamer |
| L 3/3 | POV MVA | 05 OCT 2009 | Received Gold Streamer |
| N 4/3 | AH-64 MVA | 26 DEC 2009 | Received Gold Streamer |
| O 4/3 | POM MVA | 23 AUG 2009 | Received Black Eligible Gold |
| S 4/3 | Personal Injury | 06 MAY 2009 | Received Gold Streamer |
| S&T | POV MVA | 19 NOV 2009 | Received Black Eligible Gold |
| MED | POV MVA | 20 OCT 2009 | Received Gold Streamer |
| 89 CHEM | Domestic Violence | 09 SEP 2009 | Received Gold Streamer |

3d ACR Stabilized Gunnery

Story by
CPT Christopher Schmitt

The 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment completed its stabilized gunnery during the early hours of March 4th, 2010. Beyond the usual excellence in its training, this was an especially significant gunnery for the Brave Rifles as it is scheduled to be the final gunnery to be shot using tanks, as the 3d ACR will, in the near future, become primarily a Stryker unit.

The final round fired was shot by Maddog Troop only hours before a Regimental Run on March 4th. The shell of this round was presented to COL Reginald Allen by LTC Scott Gerber, the Commander for Thunder Squadron, in a short ceremony on April 1st.

The genesis of 3d ACR's final tank gunnery began nearly six months ago as the Brave

Rifles' Regimental Master Gunners, SFC Richard Wagner and SSG Vantonio Everett, began planning the exercise. Ensuring that the Regiment was trained on traditional tank gunnery was imperative to the Regiment, as it would ensure that the next generation of tankers is prepared to fight in any conditions. This allows the 3d ACR to remain the highly-trained and expert force which it is.

Following three months of preparation, including extensive pre-gunnery training and many vehicle crew drills, the Brave Rifles gunnery was underway as Tiger Squadron began firing steel downrange on January 25th. Each of 3d ACR's units trained extensively during both day and night over the next six weeks, maintaining the Brave Rifles tradition as being the most skilled force on the battlefield.

Over the course of gunnery operations, the Regiment

fired 105 Abrams tanks and 123 Bradleys. This much training naturally led to fierce competition amongst the squadrons, troops, batteries, companies, and platoons. In recognition of these awards, on March 4th prior to the Regimental Run, COL Allen presented his "Top Gun" awards to the best performers in the Regiment. The best tank company was Maddog in Thunder Squadron. The highest scoring scout troop was Lightning Troop, also in Thunder. Sabre Squadron was well-represented by having the best tank platoon, 2nd Platoon in Heavy Company. The final award was given to 3rd Platoon in Lightning Troop for scoring higher than any other scout platoon.

The Brave Rifles 2010 gunnery operations once again proved why the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment is the most dangerous unit in the army. Veterans!

Top Gun Stabilization Gunnery

Stabilized Gunnery Awards for 2010

"Top Gun" Tank Co. 2010: Maddog Company, 3/3

"Top Gun" Scout Trp. 2010: Lightning Troop, 3/3

"Top Gun" Tank Plt. 2010: 2nd Platoon Heavy Company, 2/3

"Top Gun" Scout Plt. 2010: 3rd Platoon Lightning Troop, 3/3

CSM Coleman's tank ride



Photos by Sgt. Richard Sherba

A Tiger Squadron, 3d Amored Cavalry Regiment, tank crew joins CSM Arthur L. Coleman Jr., III Corps and Fort Hood Command Seargent Major, in operating a M1A2 (SEP) Abrams Tank. Coleman commented on the crew's ability to work together as a dedicated team.

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Story by SGT Richard Sherba
3d ACR, PAO
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Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur L. Coleman Jr., III Corps and Fort Hood CSM recently paid a visit to the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment during which he drove the M1A2 (SEP) Abrams Tank for the first time.

"I get to see the crew operate as a crew, I get to hear and see some of their concerns as to what it really takes, and what they are lacking as far as preparation, equipment, things of that nature," said Coleman. "I really get to see and hear it from the actual Soldiers themselves that are actually going to be driving, maintaining and operating this piece of equipment."

After meeting with and talking to a tank crew from 1st "Tiger" Squadron, 3d ACR, Coleman was given a briefing on the tank, and the different roles and responsibilities of each crew member.

"It was a privilege just to have someone that

high up wanting to know what we do day-to-day even though that's not his MOS [Military Occupational Specialty] nor has it ever been his MOS, he is taking an interest in troops throughout III Corps and not just III Corps Headquarters, which I think is a really cool thing," said Sgt. Nathanael Snyder, assigned gunner of the tank crew.

Upon completion of the briefing, Coleman climbed up onto the tank and lowered himself into the driver's seat.

Within moments the sound of a robust 1,500 horse power engine was heard roaring, as 70 tons of heavy armored superiority could be seen navigating across the training field with Coleman at the throttle.

Coleman's drive may have lasted minutes but the impact of Coleman's visit will last much longer on the 3d ACR Troopers. "I think it was a morale raiser, to just have somebody that high up come out here and just spend time with us, and be interested in what our job is, what we do on day-to-day operations, and we got to brief him personally. I think it made an impact on morale, it obviously raised it," said Snyder.

After talking with and presenting each crew member with his personal coin, Coleman was asked about the experience and 3d ACR's upcoming deployment scheduled for fall 2010.

"My first time on a tank, and I tell you what, I am very impressed because I see the teamwork that it takes, and I am a big team builder. I think it's important for our Army and for our Soldiers to



CSM Arthur L. Coleman Jr., III Corps and Fort Hood Command Sergeant Major receives a brief by 3d ACR Soldiers on the M1A2 (SEP) Abrams Tank before driving the tank. This was Coleman's first time operating a tank.

be part of a team, and so what you have here, you have a dedicated team," said Coleman. "It takes the entire team to be able to make that tank go, to operate it and to maintain it. The team I had today showing me, a seasoned Sergeant Major, what to do, I am very impressed. They are well trained, they are capable, and my gut feeling is this particular team here is ready to go."



CSM Arthur L. Coleman Jr., III Corps and Fort Hood Command Sergeant Major During the visit 3d ACR Soldiers received a coin from Coleman for demonstrated skills.

Field Training Exercise



Photo by Pfc. Adam Hefner



Photo by Sgt. Richard Sherba



Photo by Sgt. Richard Sherba



Photo by Sgt. Mark Alright



Photo by Pfc. Adam Hefner



Photo by Sgt. Mark Alright



Photo by Sgt. Richard Sherba



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BRAVE RIFLES! VETERANS!



**YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN
BLOOD AND FIRE
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