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What's Happening?

- 585th EN CO Inactivates
- Fully immersed in training for future missions
- Construction Missions
- National Training Center Missions
- Command Team Changes



Commander's Corner



Greetings Pacemaker Soldiers,
Families, and Friends,

It is an understatement to say that we have been busy in the past few months. The hard work that our Soldiers have completed on projects around JBLM have been critical to us mastering our craft and building strong teams to work effectively and efficiently together. Our platoon validation exercises, missions at the Yakima Training Center, counter-IED training, and extensive weapons training has prepared our Soldiers to fight and win in combat.

The 585th Vertical Company is working hard as we near their inactivation on September 15th; the Roughnecks' legacy will continue in the Soldiers and leaders that have served within the unit. I can't speak highly enough of the Soldiers who have worked tirelessly to turn-in over 1,500 pieces of equipment, all while getting themselves ready for their own transfers to other units on post or across the Army, or to a honorable transition to civilian life. The Roughnecks taught the battalion extremely valuable lessons and set the pace. They never slowed down, continuing excellent training, testing technical and tactical knowledge with culminating events such as Roughneck Stakes and Warrior Stakes. Thanks for your hard work and great job!



Other highlights include the great work 22nd Engineer Clearance Company is doing as they prepare for a month long exercise at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California. Their tireless efforts and hard work will serve them well as they are faced with many challenges including the brutal California desert heat. In support of 22nd are several leaders from within the entire Battalion to ensure safe and effective training for the clearance company.

I want to thank all of you for the continuous family support to the battalion. The successful turn out during the Brigade Organizational Day and Pacemaker Enterprise would not have happened without you. Congratulations, Pacemakers, on winning the Brigade Commander's Cup! Stephanie and I always enjoy getting to know the most important aspect in our Soldiers' lives, their Families.

The beginning of summer marks the beginning of some exciting times ahead. It is inspiring to see the hard work and dedication of the Pace-

maker Soldiers and how they constantly strive to accomplish more and continuously do the right thing each and every day. Every Pacemaker Soldier is focused on self-improvement and they continue to improve every day.

Summer is a time to take a break from the typical Seattle weather and enjoy the sunshine. I encourage you to get outside and enjoy the weather, your time off, and your families, taking in all the Pacific Northwest has to offer. However, I ask for your continued vigilance on matters of safety, both on and off duty. I will also share the reminder that as members of the Army community there may be times when any of us may need help. Please remember that there are many people and organizations around you who can offer resources and support; all one needs to do is ask. We are all one team.

Set the Pace...Pacemakers Rise to the Challenge

LTC Steven M. Sattinger

Pacemaker 6



Command Sergeant Major's Foxhole



Greetings Pacemakers and Families,

First, I would like to say that I am so proud of all that the Soldiers have accomplished in the past few months. So many of you are striving to go above and beyond. That is what we are looking for in the Pacemaker Battalion. Those setting the standard are the leaders; they are the people who carry this organization forward. Doing what is asked is simply meeting the standard. Doing what is asked and then more is setting a new standard and creating opportunity to better yourself and those around you. Taking advantage of courses available to you is a way to set a new standard for yourself. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight all of the great programs running through the Pacemaker Battalion. We have several programs in place to promote young leader development and enhance future opportunities for Soldiers both in and out of the Unit. One of the best opportunities for our Soldiers to enhance their knowledge and skills is through Functional Academic Skills Testing classes which are available at education centers and taught by our own leadership. The FAST program



prepares Soldiers for the Armed Forces Classification Test, allowing for more future opportunities to our Soldiers.

To augment valuable education not otherwise available to young leaders, the battalion hosts the Junior Leader Development Course (JLDC) to any Soldiers who want it. The purpose is to cover leadership topics and provide new NCO's with the knowledge required for success in their new leader roles. Not only does it bridge the gap between organizational and institutional courses by providing training for junior leaders not normally provided by the Noncommissioned Officer Education System.

Thank you to the Families of

our Pacemakers; I remain increasingly proud of all that we have accomplished and confident in the Leaders and Families who will carry us through these busy times. You have all been unwavering in your support and your participation in Family events like Pacemaker Enterprise is appreciated. Giving the Families the opportunity to see what our Soldiers do every day is a fun way to gain an understanding of how hard the Pacemakers work. It requires unwavering ethics to not only do what is right when someone is watching, but to do right when nobody is watching. This describes our "Pacemakers". This character comes from loving Families and every one of you who shares equally in the success that we have. Thank you for your sacrifices and contributions to our Army and Nation.

Set the Pace...Pacemakers Rise to the Challenge

CSM Eugene Russell



PACEMAKERS in Action!



A Look Ahead..

DONSAs

4-7 September: Labor Day

BN Events

23 July: Brigade Change of Command

7 August: Hail and Farewell

MWR Events:



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Headquarters & Headquarters Company— “Regulators”

From the Commander’s Desk:

Regulators,

Our teamwork, cohesion and morale were put to the test this past deployment to the National Training Center. Despite our notional casualties, we blew the ball out the ballpark and had astounding mission success. As days get longer and we enter this summer's PCS/ETS season, we are bidding farewell to our good friends and outstanding officers, NCOs, and Soldiers. To those who PCS we wish all the best and safe travels to their new duty stations; to those transitioning out of service we thank them for their job well done; to those that are currently deployed to an austere environment and internally with USACE, we keep you in our thoughts. Nevertheless, we are also blessed with all the newcomers who are just arriving at the unit. You are the future of this organization and to you we extend our warmest greetings. In closing, I would like to thank the Family Readiness Group leadership, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Ash, for their support to the rear detachment during our deployment to NTC, as well as for organizing fund raising events, and FRG meetings that not only doubled our company Family Fun Days' budget, but more significantly, tripled spouse participation in the unit's FRG. REGULATORS!

Regulator 6 — CPT Lev V. Axenov

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

The past quarter has been very busy for the Regulators with our main event; the rotation to the National Training Center in Ft Irwin, CA. During our time, we were able to get an honest assessment of our abilities to complete our mission. We displayed proficiency in our tasks while simultaneously building unit cohesion and breaking in our new commander, CPT Axenov.

Following the NTC rotation and a quick recovery period, Regulators displayed their dedication and strived to improve at all tasks from weapons proficiency to CBRN knowledge. Regulators were resilient and immediately stepped up to the plate when the time to conduct more training came around.

The Regulators are continuing to transition, as 84th EN Detachment completed their inactivation and 28th EN Detachment is a few months away from the same. It's always difficult losing members of the Regulator family, but we wish the soldiers and their families the best in their future endeavors.

Regulator 7– 1SG William Ash



Commander and First Sergeant at NTC

Headquarters & Headquarters Company— “Regulators”

This past quarter has been very busy one for the Regulators. Regulator soldiers completed a month long rotation at the National Training Center (NTC) which proved to be an excellent test of where the company stood. Training continued as Soldiers participated in “Regulator Stakes.” Their hard work paid off as the extra training led to the unit placing third in BN level “Pacemaker Stakes.” 28th EN Detachment (Concrete) continued their path toward inactivation, turning in equipment and assisting 585th EN CO in one last concrete project putting up flag poles at 7th Infantry Division headquarters. Several HHC officers participated in Ranger/Sapper train-up to better prepare themselves to earn the coveted Ranger and Sapper tabs. HHC officers reached personal milestones in running events, with the HHC Commander and BN S3 completing the Capital City half-marathon, and the BN XO preparing to run a marathon in Leadville, CO at an elevation of over 10,000 feet. Regulators always make time for a little fun, enjoying events such as the FRG “Pie in the Face,” and a Company Adventure Day that included Paintball on JBLM and a hike at Mount Rainier.



CPL Ramsey and SPC Boettcher of 28th EN DET assisting 585th EN CO with their flag pole project

REGULATOR OF THE QUARTER



CPL Wolphagen assisting SPC Palman during her promotion



Regulators enjoying FRG Pie in the Face

Congratulations to CPL Wolphagen and SPC Palman for winning the BN NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Boards respectively. We are proud to have Regulators dominating at every level. CPL Wolphagen and SPC Palman both work in the 864th BN S1 shop, but one would be mistaken to think their skills end there. Both regularly participate and excel in all training that the regulators conduct.



Forward Support Company—Providers “First in Support!”

From the Commander’s Desk:

To the Provider Families,

Throughout the 3rd Quarter, your loved ones have continued to achieve. From the National Training Center to various ranges and field exercises, our Soldiers have been at the forefront of logistics. The blunt reality is that although this is an engineer battalion, no training can occur without the solid backbone of the FSC. The outstanding work that our Soldiers put in to maintenance, transportation, supply, ammo, and fuel continues to allow the engineers to shoot, move, and communicate. We have navigated a plethora of obstacles this quarter including a 30 day deployment to the National Training Center, Combat Life-saver Training, Warrior Stakes support and participation, physical fitness training, and weekly sergeant’s time training. All of these events could not have been a reality without the support that you provide for your loved one. We as a command team look forward to another quarter of hard work and I appreciate everything you and your loved one do for this company. Providers!

Provider 6—CPT Arron M. Edmonds

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

Greetings Provider Families,

As the senior enlisted advisor to the commander, it is my job to affirm the strength of our NCO corps and groom all Soldiers in our company to become tomorrow’s leaders. Once again our Soldiers have performed exceptionally and I have the utmost confidence that they are the next generation of the Army’s finest. The main focus of this quarter was to perform in a deployed environment at the National Training Center with all of the training we have accomplished. I am happy to say that we passed our company certification with flying colors. Otherwise, it has been business as usual for the Providers and we have been working to maintain our basic soldiering skills, physical fitness, and weapons training. However, mentorship is the standard for the command and we are always looking to improve. I am proud to say that we had 2 Soldiers join the NCO corps and 3 Sergeants pin the rank of Staff Sergeant over the past 90 days. Regardless of the amount of emphasis placed on training and readiness, nothing is a higher priority to this company than the Soldiers in our formation. I hope that you all had a safe 3rd quarter and I look forward to working with you all next quarter.

Provider 7 - 1SG Talmige Bell



FSC officers before redeployment from NTC



Soldiers participating in the M4 qual range



FSC supported the 555th EN BDE Summer Safety Program by delivering vehicles involved in accidents to JBLM in an effort to promote safe driving practices.



FSC enjoyed the month long SO-CAL vacation, particularly the excellent weather and driving conditions.



While in "the box" FSC Soldiers needed to utilize generators to power all equipment for maintenance, field feeding, distribution, and headquarters operations.

PROVIDER OF THE QUARTER



PFC Breaux is the 3rd Quarter Provider of the Quarter. His accomplishments include over 2000 miles at the National Training Center as a member of the Convoy Logistical Package, a perfect 40/40 on his assigned M4, and selection to become the next FSC Ammo NCOIC.



22nd Engineer Clearance Company—Hooligans “So Others May Follow”

From the Commander's Desk:

The Hooligans have been going non-stop for the past three months and are ready for our next challenge, the National Training Center. The road to NTC has been rocky, but our team is well prepared and excited to demonstrate our expertise. The pace picked up for the company beginning in April as we headed to the Yakima Training Center to work with the 14th Brigade Engineer Battalion. During our route clearance missions and the construction of survivability positions, we got a chance to work with the same units we will support at NTC. Immediately following the company's return to JBLM we headed back out into the field for another week to participate in the 864th Engineer Battalion's Platoon Validation Exercise. After proving our capabilities, we jumped straight into NTC preparations to begin loading containers and prepping vehicles for transport to the rail yard. After several long nights filled with hard work, all of our equipment was properly accounted for, marked, packed, inspected and shipped to NTC. I have asked a lot of the Hooligan Nation over the past three months, and they have risen to meet every challenge. I am going to continue asking more from them as we head to NTC, and I know we will be successful.—Hooligan 6 CPT Brian C. Martin

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

The past quarter has been packed with training for the Hooligans on the 22nd ECC. In April Soldiers excelled at our rotation to the Yakima Training Center, and upon returning from Yakima the Hooligans proved their proficiency in their profession at the Platoon Validation Exercise here on JBLM. After returning from the being in the field for all of April and half on May, the Soldiers of the Hooligan Nation have worked tirelessly to get the Company ready for our National Training Center rotation in July.

In the past several months we have had SGT Bugarin and SGT Hauk complete the Advanced Leaders Course (ALC), and SFC Linton, SFC Yost, and SSG McElroy completed the Senior Leaders Course. We are proud of their accomplishments and the outstanding example they are for their Soldiers.

I look forward to watching the Company excel at the National Training Center this summer. I am consistently impressed with the professionalism our Soldiers and NCOs. It is an honor to lead such an amazing group.

Hooligan 7 – 1SG Joseph R. Ingle



22nd Engineer Clearance Company—Hooligans “So Others May Follow”



SPC Wren is extracted from a Husky during CASEVAC rehearsals YTC



Stryker Turret Defilade Fighting Position dug by the EQ Platoon at YTC Rotation



LT Nguyen and SPC Meade conduct the BDE's Sapper Train-Up Helocast into American Lake.

HOOOLIGAN OF THE QUARTER



SGT Cribley demonstrated his MOS proficiency and was crucial to the company's success at YTC. Throughout April he made multiple trips between JBLM and YTC to move route clearance equipment. During the month of May, he continued to coach, teach, mentor his subordinates through RESET and prep for NTC. In June, he resourced and led home station RG-31 drivers training, qualifying 15 Soldiers on equipment critical to our NTC rotation.



570th Sapper Company— “Fido!”

From the Commander's Desk:

Over the past three months, FIDO has hit the ground running after completing its post-deployment “reset” period. In April, FIDO Sappers completed the company’s first field exercise of the year with the 2015 FIDO Stakes, four days of continuous training in which Soldiers and NCOs were evaluated on basic warrior tasks such as land navigation and weapons qualification. In May, FIDO executed a full company-level operation in support of the validation exercise for 571st Sapper Company and 22nd Engineer Clearance Company. FIDO’s headquarters battle-tracked and directed subordinate unit tasks while our Sappers served as training opposition forces, or OPFOR, to provide our sister companies with realistic scenarios. In June, FIDO distinguished itself both by running JBLM’s first ever live-fire exercise of the newly fielded Spider Munitions system and by an outstanding performance at the 864th EN BN Pacemaker Stakes. In Pacemaker Stakes, FIDO was recognized for excellence with the battalion’s #1 Squad, #1 Soldier, and #2 NCO out of a total of 31 squads and 210 Soldiers and NCOs! FIDO has worked hard from April through June with great results, and I look forward to leading the company to even greater success as we transition to Squad and Platoon level training in the next 3 months! -FIDO 6 CPT Harpen

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

The rough and tough Sappers of FIDO went above and beyond this last quarter accomplishing training while balancing the requirements of garrison duty. 570th Sappers competed in FIDO stakes during the last week of April, a culminating exercise designed to test and challenge the Soldiers on basic skill level tasks and physical fitness. I was personally proud of the effort displayed during the stakes, as Soldiers worked through a high operational tempo and with little rest. The scores from this training event will help us refocus our retraining and prepare us for the Battalion level Pacemaker Stakes in June. In the upcoming weeks, Sappers will be afforded the opportunity to take leave in the early weeks of July before tackling squad level training in August and September.

-FIDO 7 1SG Mallory



Members of 2nd Platoon “Hell Hounds” conduct a hike up Mt. Rainier.

Soldiers from 1st Platoon “Dog Pound” conduct MOUT training.



Fidelity

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Organization

FIDO SAPPER OF THE QUARTER

The FIDO Sapper of the Quarter is SPC Celone. SPC Celone took 1st place during a highly competitive FIDO Stakes having the highest point total. Despite the competitive nature of the event, SPC Celone motivated his company mates and assisted in the setup of the lanes.

SPC Celone is a dependable Soldier, and a rising junior leader who strives for excellence on a daily basis. Congratulations and a job well done!

-FIDO 6



3rd Platoon “WolfPack” work on counter-mobility tasks by emplacing wire obstacles.



571st Sapper Company— “Rock Hard!”

From the Commander's Desk:

It has been an intense and fast-paced operational tempo for the Rock over the past quarter. The Soldiers excelled during the month of April at YTC in support of 3-2 Stryker Brigade. The mission of each infantry battalion was greatly enhanced through the counter-mobility efforts of the Rock. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Soldiers for their hard work and dedication throughout the exercise. I would also like to thank 1SG Johnson for his unwavering support for the Soldiers and their families throughout his time in the company. The Rock will miss you greatly. 1SG Mang has transitioned into the company and his energy and efforts are already making a Rock Hard impact. This quarter has been filled with additional successful training. Our Soldiers stood out during the Validation Exercise demonstrating a high level of tactical proficiency and also showed the BN what the Rock is made of during Warrior Stakes. This next quarter will have a slightly slower pace with a focus on families but also honing our individual skills. We have several ranges planned as well as a two-day FTX in August that will include an Air Assault mission. Despite the level of effort needed to achieve high standards, we will remain focused on the 'Whole Soldier Concept.'

Rock Hard! - Rock 6 CPT Jason M. Shinar

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

The Soldiers of the Rock have been extremely busy over the 3rd QTR with various Collective Training Events. During the month of April, The Rock supported 3-2 SBCT at the Yakima Training Center. Their missions were heavily focused on counter-mobility where they emplaced various obstacles including Volcano Minefields, Triple Standard Concertina, 11-Row, and tank ditch. Moving into May, the Rock turned its attention toward the Validation Exercise. Success was realized against the OPFOR through the emplacement of MOPMs Minefields and various other obstacles.

Over the previous quarter we have had several Rock Soldiers set themselves apart from their peers. SGT Burt graduated from the Warrior Leaders Course and several Soldiers excelled during Warrior Stakes. SSG Parrish earned the honor of 1st place among NCOs in the Battalion and SPC Tavani achieved 2nd place for junior enlisted Soldiers. Additionally, 1LT Bradley and 1LT Emory represented JBLM competing in the Army's Best Sapper Competition at Fort Leonard, MO.

I have served as the First Sergeant for only three weeks thus far, but the standard to which the Soldiers hold themselves and the discipline level within the company has been outstanding. The Rock is a well-oiled machine that only continues to improve.

Rock 7 – 1SG Aaron Mang



3rd PLT emplaces an 11-Row wire obstacle while support 1-23IN at Yakima in April 2015



2nd PLT emplaces a Log Crib during the VALDEX in May 2015

SAPPER OF THE QUARTER



SPC Prisyazhnyuk (Nuk!) serves as a wheeled vehicle mechanic in the maintenance section. SPC Nuk works tirelessly on completing services and maintaining vehicles. The 571st has kept a 99% or better OR rating during the 3rd QTR thanks to his efforts. He also won the Maintainer of the Quarter Award, setting himself apart from his peers. Additionally, SPC Nuk graduated from college with an Associate's Degree this QTR!



585th Engineer Company— “Roughnecks”

From the Commander’s Desk:

Greetings,

The Roughneck Family is doing great. On the 15th of June, we reached our 90 day mark till inactivation. Currently, the company has transferred about half of its equipment, and over 80 Soldiers have left the company since I took command in November 2014. However, the company still continues to do great things while we prepare for inactivation. In June, under the leadership of 1SG Brown 24 Soldiers were certified Combatives Level I and over 40 were trained. This week an additional 50 Soldiers will participate in the battalion warrior task training, which should be a tough, challenging, all day event. Lastly in July, we intend to certify as many Soldiers as possible as combat life savers. This is a good skill set to have whether one stays in or gets out of the Army. We still have a long way to go, but I would like to take a second to thank the Soldiers for their hard work and participation while they prepare to PCS and ETS. -Roughneck 6 CPT Larson

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

Fellow Pacemakers,

It has been a very exciting quarter for the Roughneck family and I would like to thank all of you for the hard work and dedication to the mission. The Roughnecks participated in numerous tasks in the last 90 days in which all were executed with precision. 2nd PLT took the lead building a fire fighter skills trainer for all the firemen on JBLM. Roughneck Stakes was a company competition that evaluated each squad on different Mission Essential Tasks that allowed each Soldier to identify their weaknesses and strengths. HQ PLT rose to the challenge and took first place out of twelve squads; job well done! All Soldiers went through an intense combatives program that taught them to fight and survive in hand to hand combat. Twenty-four Soldiers were certified and over forty Soldiers in the company were trained. SPC Stride was chosen to install a window in the division headquarters building in support of the field officer on duty desk.

All of this training was being conducted while we prepared our equipment to be laterally transferred, and Soldiers and family members prepared to ETS/PCS from the Army. Still, we had Soldiers Rise to the challenge and better their career. SPC Horiuchi competed and won the Company soldier of the month board, and SPC Baia and SPC Glassey were awarded a Battalion Coin for their dedication to mission accomplishment. Keep up the good work!!! -Roughneck 7 1SG Brown



2nd Platoon placing concrete for the 7th Infantry Division Headquarters' BLDG flagpoles.



Roughneck Advanced Rifle Marksmanship Range



585th Engineer Company— “Roughnecks” “Roughnecks”

2nd Platoon Hellhounds

We have been busy with a mix of combat training and construction projects. In practicing the Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills, Soldiers attended an Advanced Rifle marksmanship Range on North Fort, JBLM in late April 2015. Soldiers trained on higher level shooting techniques to include shooting while moving, reloading while moving, shooting from several different positions, and shooting from various close range distances. In addition, Soldiers had multiple opportunities to qualify with the M4 Carbine on Alt-C paper targets.

For construction, second platoon received a mission mid June to construct concrete pads and place five flagpoles in front of 7th ID headquarters on Main Post, JBLM. Over two weeks, Soldiers excavated the ground, constructed precise formwork, placed approximately seven cubic yards of concrete, and raised one 26’ tall pole and four 24’ tall flagpoles. Construction was completed on 25 June and the finished product received several compliments and praise from senior JBLM personnel to include the 7th ID Commander and Command Sergeant Major, MG Ferrell and CSM Murphy.



Finished 7th ID flagpole construction project.



3rd Platoon completes a lane at Roughneck Stakes.

3rd Platoon Titans

We conducted a wide variety of training which led up to the culminating event for the quarter, the 864th EN BN Warrior Stakes. The entire platoon trained on radio communications, weapons assembly and disassembly, marksmanship, land navigation, casualty care, and various other warrior tasks. Prior to the Warrior Stakes competition, 3rd PLT Soldiers also conducted Roughneck Stakes, where they tested many of the same skills. 3rd PLT Soldiers also participated in a two week combatives level 1 certification course. SPC Gerbe and SGT Defriese built a CQ desk at the new division headquarters for their technical expertise in carpentry. The Titans have remained motivated throughout the inactivation process and continue to train to the highest standard while preparing the company for inactivation.

ROUGHNECK OF THE QUARTER



The Roughnecks had two Soldiers who were committed to excellence this quarter. SPC Gonzales and SPC Fangonilo both graduated with distinction on the Commandant’s List based off their superior performance at the Warrior Leader Course.





610th Engineer Support Company “Ghostriders”

From the Commander’s Desk:

This quarter has been jam packed with individual operator skills and construction projects. The Ghostriders completed two construction projects that will have lasting impacts on JBLM and the community. In April, the Ghostriders improved the 1.3 mile long Solo Point run trail, providing JBLM Soldiers and Families with a safe run route away from traffic, to the waterfront at Puget Sound. Lastly, this June we constructed a gravel parking lot at the Okubo Family Medical Clinic, reducing congestion by generating 70 parking spots. These projects allowed our Soldiers to train on their MOS and operate equipment. We also evaluated our Soldiers with Ghostrider Stakes in April, testing Soldiers’ ability to execute warrior tasks and drills. We culminated third quarter with a Best Operator competition, which identified the company’s most skilled equipment operators. We are looking forward to a summer filled with more construction projects, a company organizational day in August, and a company field exercise in September.

GhostRider 6—CPT Michael B. Yuengert

“Dig Deep!”

From the First Sergeant's Desk:

The Ghostriders have had an exciting third quarter. Our tempo has been non-stop! As the Pacific Northwest started to warm up, we began construction projects. We are proud to have provided horizontal construction support in completing the Solo Point run trail and the Okubo Family Medical Clinic parking lot. I am so proud and impressed by our Soldiers for their relentless work ethic and their ability to operate equipment. Our company Ghostrider Stakes was a great event that highlighted our Soldiers skill level and warrior tasks and drills. It allowed the squad leaders and leadership to assess our Soldiers individual skills and highlight what we need to focus on in the future! This summer is going to continue to be high tempo with more construction projects, Sergeant’s time training, and train up for our culminating company field training exercise in fourth quarter where we will certify our squads and platoons. Our Ghostriders continue to impress me with their outstanding work ethic and desire to succeed!

GhostRider 7– 1SG Michelle J. Crittendon

“Dig Deep!”



DIG DEEP!

610th Engineer Support Company "Ghostriders"



3rd Platoon conducting grading operations on 1.3 mile long Solo Point Run trail.



3rd Platoon hauled and spread over 2,000 cubic yards of crushed gravel along Solo Point Run Trail!



2nd Platoon emplacing 70 parking stops at the Okubo Family Medical Clinic



Ghostriders compacting the Solo Point Run Trail.

GHOSTRIDER OF THE QUARTER



SPC Christopher Marchio is the Ghostrider of the Quarter. SPC Marchio was the best operator in our company Best Operator Competition in which Soldiers were tested on their ability to construct a v-ditch with a Grader, construct individual fighting positions with the I-HMEE, construct vehicle fighting positions with a D6/D7 dozer and truck trailer maneuverability operations.



Junior Leader Development Course—June 2015

Congratulations to the following Soldiers and Non-Commissioned Officers on graduating the Pacemaker Junior Leader Development Course:



SGT Charbonneau, Joseph

SGT Harkrider, Jason

SGT Willis, Tucker

SPC Byrd, Chaz

SPC Draughon, Geoffrey

SPC Epperly, Chad

SPC Formoso, Bartolomeo

SPC Gillen, Thomas

SPC Huff, William

SPC Kwasnick, Stephen

SPC Miller, William

SPC Pehl, Adam

SPC Wren, Alec

PFC Sharma, Prashant

Thoughts for the Pacemakers—Chaplain's Corner

On June 15, 1859, an American settler on what today is San Juan Island shot and killed a pig that was eating his potatoes. Unfortunately, the pig belonged to Great Britain's Hudson's Bay Co., and an international incident began. Since the United States and Great Britain were already in heated discussions about poorly defined U.S.-Canadian boundary lines through the San Juan Islands, tensions quickly escalated. By August, 461 American forces faced off against 2,140 British forces in a standoff. In the end, tempers cooled and a permanent boundary between Canada and the United States was established in 1871. The only casualty of the Pig War was the pig. Today, the incident is commemorated at San Juan Island National Historic Park. When I was made aware of this event, it reminded me of the story in Mark 5.

In Mark 5:1-20, we see a story where Jesus had healed a Demoniac. But the difference here unlike in his other exorcisms was that He sent the demons into a herd of pigs nearby. This upset the nearby Townspeople because of the loss of property, and the potential of what God was going to do in their lives. They didn't rejoice that this Demoniac was made whole, they focused rather on what was lost than what was gained. They didn't want Jesus anywhere near them for fear that He was going to clean house. Instead of seeing the glass half full, they saw it half empty.

I wouldn't like to lose property at all, but if it meant I gained something spiritually in my life, then maybe it is just what I needed? The townspeople pleaded Jesus to leave, and He did just that! He simply about faced and walked back into his boat and set sail back across Galilee. God will not force Himself into your life, but He will change the lives of people around you. The question is, will you recognize that? And if you do, will you turn Him away? Even if it means you might lose some pigs?

In the next few months, I will be in and out of the office due to my upcoming and surgery. If you need to see the Chaplain, come and check my office and if I am not in, my assistant, PV2 Pierre will be here and she can schedule a time where you can see either myself or the Brigade Chaplain, CH (MAJ) Todd. Thanks so much for all that you do for this Battalion!

God Bless you all!!

CH (CPT) Jamie Freeland aka "Chappie"





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