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Shooting, moving, communicating:

31st ADAs first-ever "Gunfighter Competition"

Story by Maj. Jay Taylor

It wasn't the Ok Corral and Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday weren't here but marksmen from the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade showcased their skills with the tools of the warrior trade during the brigade's new 'Gunfighter' competition.

Twenty one shooters took to the east ranges on Fort Sill September 7 and 8 to compete for honors as the finest marksman in the brigade. Competitors' represented each of the brigade's battalions and the headquarters and headquarters battery, some coming from as far away as Joint Base Lewis/McChord, Washington to compete in the three-day event.

The competition was designed to build esprit de corps within units and validate the marksmanship programs of units within the brigade. To compete, participants must have qualified expert with their assigned weapon, not be pending any adverse administrative action and not have a profile prohibiting participation any event.

"These events were designed to allow participants a chance to engage targets from more the prone-supported position" said Capt. Patrick Leen, assistant operations officer for the 31st Brigade. "We want this event to facilitate outside the box, realistic marksmanship training. If it becomes a recurring event, it will serve as an event for the battalions to work towards advanced rifle marksmanship and as an event to showcase their Soldier's abilities."

Events included M16 rifle zero and qualification, engaging targets with the M249 squad automatic weapon, two shoot and move events and a 150 meter walk and shoot event.

"It has been an emotional roller coaster for these guys," said Master Sgt. Robert W. Bedford, the event non-commissioned officer in charge. "There were seven events and the lead changed seven times. These guys

showed up ready to be the top gunfighter in the brigade."

The event was well-received by competitors as they enjoyed the immediate feedback during the competition and the opportunity to compete against themselves and their buddies.

"Things started kind of slow for us but as we progressed the confidence goes up," said Sgt. Matthew J. Smarsh. "I wanted to do better but I really enjoyed the opportunity to train."

Smarsh, an Early Warning System Operator from A Battery, 5-5 ADA at Joint Base Lewis/McChord, Washington, did not know what to expect coming into the competition. He said he is looking forward to getting back to Lewis so he can train for next year's competition.

The competition brought together the brigade's best marksman and gave them the opportunity to share tactics, techniques and procedures that are working to train better shooters. "It gives us the chance to build on our junior leaders Warrior Ethos and their flexibility and adaptability," said Bedford.

"Shooting, moving and communicating; it is like blocking and tackling in football," said Col. Daniel R. Garcia, commander of the 31st Brigade. "The purpose of this competition is to identify the best warfighters in the brigade. I think we found them. Now these Troopers will go back to their units and train others to be as good as they are. I hope to see many more in next year's competition."

At the end of the week, there could only be one. After completing the final event of the competition on Friday, a six mile foot march with a 35 pound rucksack, the winner was Smarsh. He posted a 58 minute finish time on the march to take the top spot.

Rounding out the top finishers were Spc. Kenny, from 3-2 ADA, claiming second place and Pfc. Pudlo, also from 5-5 ADA at Joint Base Lewis/McChord, captured a third place finish.

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Commander's Corner



It is an honor to be the commander of this organization! Every time we accomplish a mission in this brigade, we do it better than anyone else. The professionalism, dedication to excellence and abilities of every Soldier, NCO and officer in this brigade is a model for all to follow.

As an example, we are in first place for the Commander's Cup competition. We are in great shape to maintain that lead and bring the cup to the 31st Brigade this year. Great job to the flag football team on their winning streak, to 4-3 ADA for winning the X Box football tournament and to everyone else who are competing and winning those individual events! Keep it up.

I am also very pleased with the low amount of in-discipline issues in the brigade. This is a testament to the commitment of the Soldiers to each other and leaders in this brigade. With that said, I want to urge everyone to maintain this important standard. We are coming into the holiday season and the opportunity to make bad judgment calls is ever present. Soldiers, remain vigilant and mindful of the personal decisions you are making. Leaders, remain engaged with your Soldiers and help them to make the right decisions.

3rd Battalion, 2nd ADA is currently battling the re-constitution of property and doing a great job against some significant difficulties. Trying to recover a battalion's worth of equipment from two geographically separated locations and from multiple organizations is a challenge to any organization. Yet, 3-2 is continuing to make things happen despite circumstances. Great job to all making this happen.

4th Battalion, 3rd ADA has been identified as the 32nd AAMDC's "9-1-1" force. This means they demonstrate the ability to accomplish any task assigned to them and are prepared to answer any call made to them. This designation signifies confidence in 4-3's capability and commitment to their profession. Once again, great job to the Soldiers, NCOs and officers of this stellar battalion.

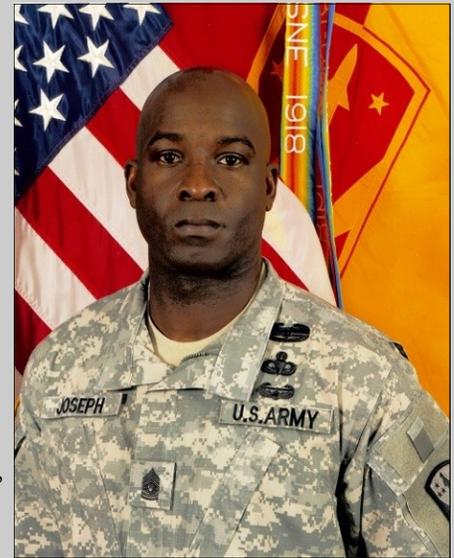
5th Battalion, 5th ADA is not to be out done. They remain focused on the re-constitution of their battalion and preparing for future operations. They have been battling some uncertainty of their future role in operations, but they are sticking to the basics and training excellent warriors at Joint Base Lewis/McChord. In fact, they recently sent six Soldiers to Fort Sill to compete in the Gunfighter competition, winning two of the three top spots. Great Job!

I am proud of every Soldier and family member in the brigade. I ask that all remain focused on our training and stay committed to the Army Values. Being a Soldier is an honorable profession and each of you should wear your uniform proudly and with dignity. Thank you for a very successful year and I know next year will be equally successful.

—Col. Garcia

Command Sgt. Major's Corner

I'm honored to serve alongside some of the greatest men and women this unit has ever seen in its long and fascinating history! As we move into the new fiscal year I would like to thank everyone who made last year one to remember. The 31ST ADA has developed a great reputation because of great Soldiers and civilians coming together to make our unit the premier force in the 32 AAMDC and this great Army. Our goal continues to develop and maintain battle-hardened Soldiers and take care of our families. We have accomplished a myriad of activities this year. We can only get better next year and I challenge everyone on the team to rekindle the fighting spirit and do not rest on our past laurels. I often receive messages where Soldiers would like to join the organization. This is a sign of doing things the right way and having a genuine concern for Soldiers' safety and welfare. This past year has afforded me the opportunity to be a part of something special. The deployments, visitations and meeting great people are events I will never forget. I look forward to this fiscal year being even better than the previous as we move forward and remain "Ready and Vigilant".



The Soldiers of HHB have done a remarkable job in assisting in the live-fire exercise, ceremonies and other joint exercises to sustain the deployability of our unit. We are blessed to have a Commander (CPT Daphne Mitchell-Wright) and First Sergeant (1SG Prentiss Hall) who honestly care about the Soldiers and their families. I want to thank the Soldiers in HHB who continue to volunteer during their off-duty time in helping, aiding and assisting in all Fort Sill BOSS related activities. PFC Gause is the Brigade BOSS representative and she continues to do a great job for the Brigade and Fort Sill.

I would like to congratulate SGT Robert Brower (Delta Battery 3-2 ADA) and PFC Eavian Allen (Delta 3-2 ADA) on winning the Brigade NCO and Soldier for this quarter. They will represent the unit at the Post level competition in November. The "Lethal Strike" Soldiers continue to lead the way and are truly an outstanding unit led by LTC Charles Branson and CSM Ronald Cowan. Recently, the unit has undergone a dramatic change in senior leadership. Some of the First Sergeants have been reassigned by DA while others remain in the Brigade in other key leadership positions.

The "I Strike" Battalion continues to amaze with their ability to build combat power for future operations. This unit has undergone tremendous training events and culminated the SPEAR (Standard Patriot Engagement Assessment and Readiness) training/evaluation with outstanding results. The unit will continue to meet all training objective as they assume the daunting mission of the expeditionary force.

The "Dragonslayers" continue to train and await final mission requirements from higher headquarters. I'm confident that this unit can perform any mission the combatant commanders request them to accomplish. I would like to congratulate SGT Smarsh in winning the Brigade gunfighter competition. This great unit, in the Pacific Northwest continues to accomplish a myriad of task while taking care of their Soldiers and family members.

Finally, continue to be safe and take care of each other. I want to congratulate MSG Jerry Woodley (3-2 ADA), 1SG Kevin Bruhn (3-2 ADA), 1SG Prentiss Hall (3-2 ADA), MSG Wilfredo Suarez (4-3 ADA) and 1SG James Brazill (5-5 ADA) for their selection to attend the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and ultimately be frock to Sergeant Major upon graduation. "Ready and Vigilant"!

-Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph

Soldiers meet Oklahoma State football players to share values

Story by Maj. Jay Taylor

Photos by Sgt. Tara L. Cook

"Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. Americans play to win all the time," said Gen. George Patton.

This famous quotation is prominently posted in the offensive line team room at Oklahoma State University and 35 Soldiers from Fort Sill experienced how OSU football players applied that particular military maxim to daily practice.

The Soldiers, from the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, traveled to Stillwater to spend the day



OSU wide receiver Justin Blackmon and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Joseph take time for a photo just after Soldiers have the opportunity to sit in on special teams meetings.



Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Joseph provides OSU football players with words of motivation and reminds defensive backs to maintain a "no-fly" zone just as he has for the

with the Cowboy football team Sept. 27. While there, they explored the similarities of leadership, core values and team building between Army units and college football. The Soldiers spent the day at Boone Pickens Stadium touring the facilities,

discipline and leadership. Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Joseph, the top enlisted Soldier for the brigade, led the Soldiers in reciting the Warrior Ethos, which received a hooah from the players and coaches.

"A football player and a Soldier share the same standard of discipline and getting our individual jobs done to create a winning team," said Joseph. "This is a great opportunity for our Soldiers to see that and have an appreciation that enforcing standards is required in any successful organization." "They were able to talk about their accountability to each other and their training," said Gundy. "If they have a missed assignment, it's a bad thing compared to what we have."

The Soldiers broke into small groups to shadow the players as they went through their practice session and quickly recognized familiar processes for the improvement of performance.

"Watching the team, I could see the similarity between what I do and what they do," said Pfc.

Lindsey Claunch, a Patriot crew member from C Battery, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery. "They talked about their mistakes but didn't dwell

joining players during team meetings and watching a team practice. The OSU players and Soldiers ended the day with dinner at the Cowboy training table.

Mike Gundy, OSU head coach, spoke to the players and Soldiers

during a team meeting, stressing the importance of

on them. They learned from them and moved on." The air defenders got a rare opportunity to get an inside look at the OSU football program and enjoyed the VIP treatment. Staff Sgt. Scott Smith, an assistant operations sergeant for the brigade and Oklahoma native, seized the chance to visit the campus.

"My parents are Cowboy football season ticket holders, but I get them most Saturdays," said Smith. "This facility is amazing and shows that the OSU football program has a great future. It's been a lot of fun visiting today and getting an inside look at the program."

The idea for the event was sparked after a recent visit to OSU by Maj. Gen. David Halverson, Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill commanding general, and

Riki Ellison, a three-time Super Bowl champion. Ellison is the founder and chairman of the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building public support for the development of missile defense systems.

"One of our biggest goals is to inspire Soldiers and show them the gratitude they deserve for the things they do every day," said Ellison. "The OSU Cowboys are a championship level football team and inviting [Soldiers] to be a part of that team is a way to show them just how important their role is since they do not get the recognition they deserve, we have the ability to do this."

OSU and the 31st ADA are planning future events, which pleases Claunch, who is also an Oklahoma native. She wants the team to come to Fort Sill to show the Cowboys what her team does.

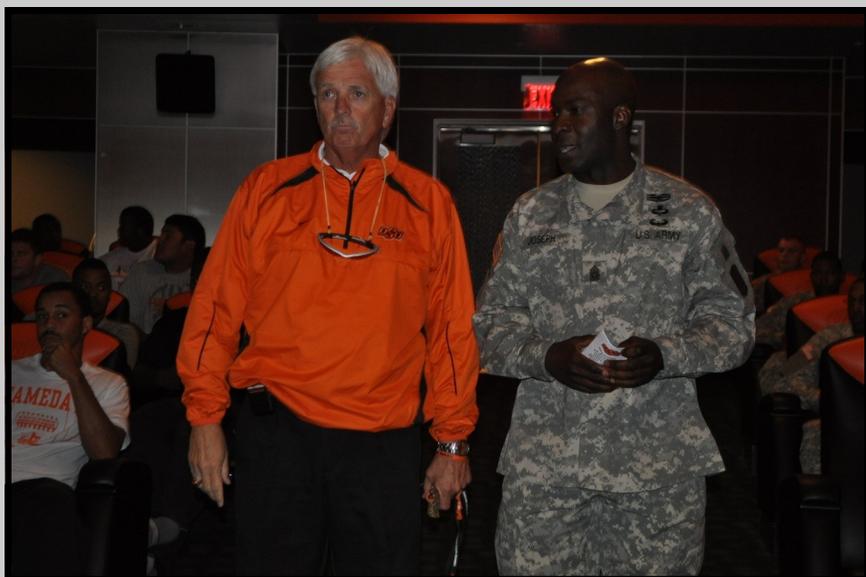
"I am from Newcastle and

watched Justin Blackmon tear us up on the football field. He comes from a military family and was very appreciative of us. He made time to talk to us and made us feel very welcome. I would like them to see what we do at Fort Sill."

The Cowboys next game is Saturday against Kansas. Joseph hopes to see the Cowboy defensive backs enforce a "no-fly zone" against the Jayhawks the same as he has spent his 22 years of service doing.



OSU Cowboy Head Coach Mike Gundy signs a football for long-time fan, Sgt. Robert T. Brower. Brower is also the current 31st ADA Brigade NCO of the quarter.



Mack Butler, Director of Football Operations and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Joseph visit to discuss the day's activities just before OSU's daily team meeting.



October is National Fire Safety Month

But fire safety is an important workplace topic throughout the year. Preventing fires is everyone's job. Keep your work area and home orderly and free of clutter. Maintain equipment in good repair. Promptly report any fire hazards so they can be eliminated. We all need to be alert to anything that could cause a fire, and take responsibility to report any problem areas so they can be corrected.

To Prevent a Workplace Fire

- Practice good workplace housekeeping. Do not allow clutter to accumulate around exits and stairways. Fire exits should always remain free and accessible. Empty trash bins regularly.
- Smoke only in designated areas, and extinguish smoking materials safely. Never smoke in storerooms or chemical storage areas.
- Place oily rags in a covered metal container. This waste must be properly disposed of on a regular basis.
 - Maintain machinery to prevent overheating and friction sparks.
 - Follow manufacturer's instructions in using and maintaining equipment.
- Never refuel equipment powered by gasoline, kerosene, or diesel fuel when the equipment is hot, or in the presence of an open flame such as a furnace or water heater.
- Report electrical hazards. Many fires start in faulty wiring and malfunctioning electrical equipment.
- Never overload circuits, and never force circuit breakers to remain in the "on" position. Never attempt electrical repairs unless you are qualified and authorized.
 - Maintain free access to all electrical control panels.
- Material or equipment stored in front of the panels would slow down the shutting down of power in an emergency situation.
 - It is important to understand the fire hazards of the materials with which you work.
- Use and store chemicals safely. Read the label and the Material Safety Data Sheet to determine flammability and other fire hazards. Provide adequate ventilation when using and storing these substances.
- Use all precautions to prevent ignition in potentially explosive atmospheres such as those containing flammable liquid vapors or fine particles. Use non-sparking tools, and control static electricity as required.
- Many workplace fires are set by arsonists; do your part to prevent these incidents. Lock up as instructed; report suspicious persons; and don't leave combustible rubbish where it can be set afire outside the building.
- Never block sprinklers, firefighting equipment or emergency exits. Observe clearances when stacking materials.
- Post emergency telephone numbers as well as the company address by the telephone in your station for quick access if a fire were to start in your work area.
 - Fireproof your work area. Get rid of stockpiles of combustible materials.

Remember, all those old files that you haven't gotten around to getting rid of are combustible.

Learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

The best way to fight a fire is to prevent it from happening in the first place.
Do your part to stop fires before they start.

SPORTS



Soccer season starts October 18th

Bowling tournament is set for December 3rd

These are the last sporting events left for 2011 and we are currently in 1st place for the Commander's Cup!

31st ADA Flag Football Team: UNDEFEATED



By Sgt. Tara L. Cook

The 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade flag football team is currently 6-0. As the reigning installation champions, expectations are high as the end of the regular season approaches. Most players returned from last year's championship team, but many new players were also welcomed. "From the first practice, our goal has been to repeat as post champions. But that's easier said than done," said 1LT Michael Savageau, coach of the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade flag football team.

The coach chose players for the team that could play any position on the field at anytime and wanted athletes with track-speed and football-ability. With two teams, the 'A' and 'B' teams, the "Ready and Vigilant" players have the ability to scrimmage every day in practice and challenge one another to get better.

"Every player on the team is not only important but aids us in our quest to repeat as post champions," said Savageau. "With 25 players and a roster of only 15, the additional 10 players know they may not play in the game, but their impact is just as great as those playing the game."

It all comes down to execution.

"If we play our game, and we execute our offense we are capable of out-scoring our opponents in every game we play," added Savageau.

Support from the Soldiers and Families that come out and support them each week is greatly appreciated. These Soldiers are proud to represent 31st ADA BDE and they truly embody the ideals and values of a championship team.

4-3 ADA: STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE, EXCEEDING THE STANDARD

By 1st Lt. Danielle Covington

4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery came a long way since it stood with its original 30 Soldiers in the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade's footprint. Most Soldiers may say they got off to a very slow start; however, as another quarter passed and leadership posted, the wheels quickly started moving and all the real world training began.

Some Soldiers may say that since 4-3 ADA started in their training last year, they have yet to take a break. There are a lot of words in the English vocabulary; the words like "busy", and "late night" were not what Soldiers wanted to hear. However, that is what the days of the average 4-3 ADA Soldier's endured.

4-3 ADA has accumulated a few field exercises into their toolkit to say the least. One is to believe that this Standardized Patriot Engagement Assessment of Readiness (SPEAR) was of great significance. 4-3 ADA participated in 32nd AAMDC's SPEAR in which evaluators came to assess 4-3 ADA, on their proficiency in the advanced air defense tactics using the greatest Patriot system. The SPEAR comprised of intense simulated air battle crews being assessed. The SPEAR evaluations occurred over four days, assessment after assessment; however, the week prior was faithfully dedicated to Pre-SPEAR.

Bravo Battery, 1LT Michael Savageau, "Pre-SPEAR enabled the units of 4-3 ADA to work as a team rather than individual units in order to accomplish the Battalion goals of assessing Table VIII Certified RAL levels while validating Army TTP and hard work. It was invaluable training without a doubt." To highlight Bravo Battery's success, they have received an overall rating of 99% with their crews accomplishing first time GO's.

Charlie Battery utilized the Engagement Control Station (ECS) and Battery Command Post (BCP) to focus on air battle management. The battery's Executive Officer, 1LT (P) John Nastus, "all three BCP crews also received first time GO's".

Delta Battery's BCP crews also passed with first time GO's. 1LT Daniel Lindberg says, "working early mornings and very late nights prepared Soldiers for suc-



CPT Tripp and other 4-3 ADA Soldiers watch while 31st BDE DCO LTC Ronald Hildner congratulates 4-3 ADA BN CDR, LTC Robert Fruehwald, on a job exceedingly well done.

cess with this training". Hence, the tight and engrossed schedule was across the Battalion. Majority of crews exceeded the standard and expectation. A couple of assessed at a higher level than previously evaluated as A/4-3 ADA, 1LT Michael Nizolak and experienced.

At the end of a hellacious week, the 32nd AAMDC evaluators brought 4-3 ADA BN into the briefing tent. It was a cool morning with just the sound of the clamoring of the 15K generators along the backdrop and all else were quiet. The evaluators with scorecards in hand, 4-3 ADA commendably qualified all of their air battle crews. 32nd AAMDC's MAJ Zoepelis highlighted, "4-3 ADA has achieved an above 80% assessment." He pointed out the young 2nd and 1st LTs as operators "accomplished the mission, embodied all the Army qualities and attentiveness to their overall craft". He mentioned Chuck Cecil as the hardest hitting NFL player of all time (while others begged to differ in the briefing tent). The 90's cover of Sports Illustrated headlined "Too Vicious for the NFL?" and that is how MAJ Zoepelis saw 4-3 ADA aiming to be, rating 4-3 ADA BN higher than other unit SPEAR's earlier this year.

“Oatmeal Makes the World a Better Place”

By Chap. (Maj.) Glenn R. Scheib

I was upset recently: my favorite DFAC failed to serve oatmeal for breakfast! As a substitute, I tried grits—but they didn't cut it! I moaned: “How can I start my day off right without oatmeal? Come on guys, you're letting me down here!”

Suddenly, as I moped in silence, the Soldier beside me uttered magical words: “Oatmeal makes the world a better place!” I looked up, and behold...there sat a bowl of hot oatmeal in front of him! Instantly, I charged to the oatmeal container (taking out six AIT Soldiers in the way). As I sat down, I turned to him and said: “I agree! Oatmeal makes the world a better place!”

What makes your world a better place? Is it seeing a three-year-old-boy wearing an ACU cap and walking beside his dad in the Commissary? Is it watching a new mom with her 4-week-old son strapped in the baby carrier on her chest? [I said to her: “He's not old enough to swing a bat yet.” She responded: “It's his first Rangers game!"]. Or, is it hearing COL Garcia proclaim at an award ceremony: “O, we knuckle draggers can get the job done, but Major Lori Wilson always adds the perfect touch that helps the 31st ADA BDE complete missions better than anyone else!” Jewish Soldiers of the 31st ADA BDE have a way to “make the world a better place.” It is observing Jewish New Year (**Rosh Hashanah**) on September 28, and the Day of Atonement (**Yom Kippur**) on 7-8 OCT.

On Rosh Hashanah, God records in the Book of Life each person's fate for the coming year. During the eight days of reflection that follow, Jews try to correct their behavior and seek God's forgiveness. Then, on the evening of the ninth day (Yom Kippur), they give their task of repentance one more try. They begin a 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer. At the end of that period, God "seals" the verdict and the person considers himself completely forgiven.

In the Bible, the Book of Leviticus, chapter 16, instructs the high priest to sprinkle the blood of an animal sacrifice in the direction of the Ark of the Covenant. This act was a symbol of God's forgiveness—which “makes the world a better place.”

Some notable major league baseball players have observed Yom Kippur, even when it conflicted with their career. In 1934, First Baseman Hank Greenberg refused to play baseball on Yom Kippur, even though the Tigers were in the middle of a pennant race. The Detroit Free Press columnist Edgar Guest wrote of him, "*We shall miss him on the infield and shall miss him at the bat / But he's true to his religion—and I honor him for that.*" Also, in Game 1 of the 1965 World Series, Sandy Koufax decided not to pitch because it fell on Yom Kippur.

What does it take to make your world a better place?



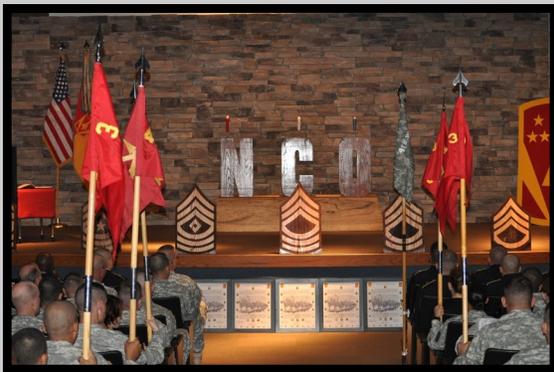
NCO Induction Ceremony and NCOPD

The NCO Induction Ceremony is a celebration of the newly promoted joining the ranks of a professional noncommissioned officers corps and emphasizes and builds on the pride we all share as members of such an elite corps. The following Soldiers were inducted into the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers on September 30, 2011:

Sgt. Homir Batallacotto, A Battery, 4-3 ADA	Sgt. Aaron Hines, E Company 3-2 ADA
Sgt. Henry Bresyn, E Company, 3-2 ADA	Sgt. Therin Koger, HHB 3-2 ADA
Sgt. Derek Brown, D Battery, 3-2 ADA	Sgt. David Letellier, A Battery 3-2 ADA
Sgt. Corey Byars, A Battery 3-2 ADA	Sgt. David Martin, A Battery 4-3 ADA
Sgt. Brandon Dalton, A Battery, 4-3 ADA	Sgt. Andrew McClement, A Battery, 4-3 ADA
Sgt. Ambiorix Diaz, B Battery 3-2 ADA	Sgt. Joshua Simmons, D Battery, 3-2 ADA
Sgt. Joseph Dowd, A Battery, 3-2 ADA	Sgt. Jeremy Turney, A Battery, 4-3 ADA
Sgt. Michael Eichhorn, B Battery, 3-2 ADA	Sgt. Michael Vanpatten, A Battery, 4-3 ADA
Sgt. Matthew Fox, C Battery, 3-2 ADA	Sgt. Russell Witcher, HHB 3-2 ADA
Sgt. Matthew Haulk, HHB 4-3 ADA	

The guest speaker for the NCO Induction Ceremony was SGM Scott R. Wilmot, Force Management Sergeant Major, G-3/5/7.

SGM Wilmot was also the speaker for the Noncommissioned Officer PRofesional Development session as well. He trained NCOs on “Managing Change in the Army.”



31st ADA Soldiers perform combatives demonstration for EHS students

By Sgt. Tara L. Cook

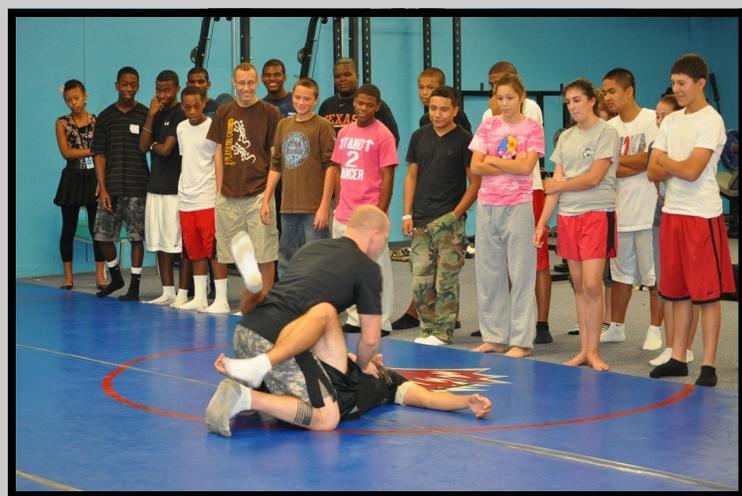
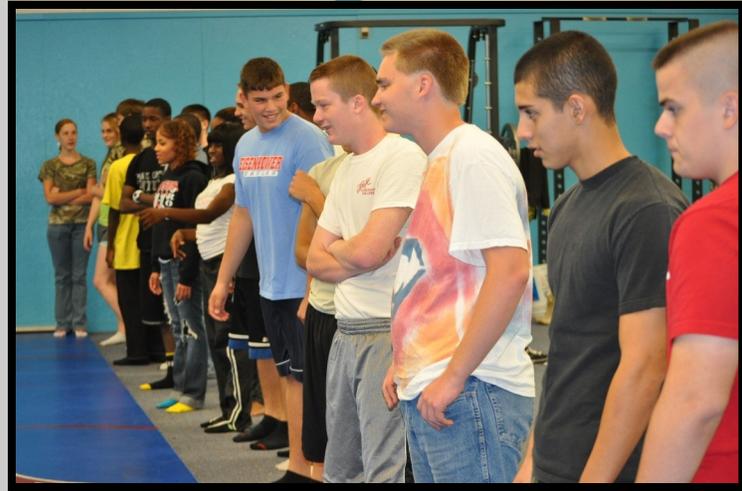
Fighting is as old as man and modern weapons. Two Soldiers from the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade demonstrated their Level III Modern Army Combatives (MAC) training skills on September 22, 2011.

Staff Sgt. Donald Kirchner of HHB 31st ADA along with SGT Jerry Gandy of E Battery, 3-2 ADA both spend their days at Fort Sill fight house where they train Soldiers, NCOs and officers across Fort Sill.

While visiting Eisenhower High School, a local school partner, Kirchner and Gandy demonstrated their MAC moves for more than 100 students who participate in the JROTC program there.

The demonstration provided the students a small glimpse of a different type of warfighting in which all Soldiers should be fluent.

The goal of MAC is to change the culture so that real combative ability is understood by every Soldier. By teaching realistic training methods and growing self sustaining indigenous combatives programs with units and organizations, Soldiers become a modern weapon.





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~ FRG ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Soldier and Family Resiliency Training Seminar

04 November 2011 0830-1430 Graham Resiliency Training Campus 2934 Marcy Road Fort Sill, OK

*Put First Things First *Deposit into the Love Bank *Build Self-Awareness *Relaxation-Massage *Communication Skills *Creative Ways to Say I LOVE YOU*Learn to Cook on a Budget *Toddler Training Development*How to Negotiate with Debt Collectors *Play is the Work of Children*Listen First, Talk Second-Seek to First Understand *Healthy Living Skills-For Families and Individuals *Blended Families (Yours, Mine, Ours) *Develop a Literacy Rich Home RSVP to Bonnie Jones 50-606-8562 or yvonne.m.jones24.civ@mail.mil by 13 OCT *Childcare will be available with rsvp only* (Children must be registered with CYSS to be eligible for the on-site childcare.) *Uniform for all attendees is civilian attire*

31st ADA BDE CARE TEAM TRAINING---A CARE TEAM offers emotional support and practical assistance to members of our Brigade affected by bereavement or traumatic injury. In the event a casualty or trauma occurs within our unit, the Commander may activate a Care Team based on the affected Family's needs and request for support. Training will be provided to teach you the roles and responsibilities of the Care Team, How to Help, Casualty Assistance and Grief. 24 OCTOBER 2011 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Graham Resiliency Training Campus 2934 MARCY RD. FORT SILL, OK Reservation for training required

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Evening Meal Will Be Provided

"Who's the BOSS?" Car Show

The Fort Sill and MWR BOSS Program hosts the "Who's the BOSS?" Car Show October 22nd from 10 am - 4 pm. at the 1/78th parking lot located on Crane Avenue. The show will feature Motorcycles, cars and trucks. Tons of family activities including Bounce House, drawing, coloring and more! The top 3 vehicles in each class will win hardware and then those 3 will compete for best in show. Interested participants can Pre-Register at the Fort Sill Auto Body Craft Shop located at Bldg. 2503 on Ringgold Road. For more information call (580) 442-4147.

Halloween Dance

October 21 Time 7 pm – 9:30 pm At Youth Center
Registered members are allowed to bring 1 guest per member. Members are required to sign their guest in and out.
Cost \$5 per teen**Prizes for best costume!!!
Call (580) 442-6745 for more details!

Adventure Travel has Dallas Cowboys and Oklahoma Sooner tickets for sale. For more information please call (580) 250-4040 or visit Adventure Travel inside the

Welcome Center (Building 4700).

Enjoy Sunday Brunch at the Patriot Club October 23 at 12:30 p.m. The menu features prime rib, apricot glazed chicken, roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, an omelet and waffle station, eggs, bacon, sausage, champagne and beverages. Brunch price is \$18.50, children six to 12 years are \$7.50 while children five and under are free. Reserve by Tuesday, October 18 at (580) 442-2025.

Before the brunch, participate in the Fishing Tournament out at LETRA. Registration starts at 6 am The tournament is from 7 am to 12 pm. For more information, call (580) 442-5858.

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