



COMMANDERS CORNER



Happy Holidays to all of our Soldiers, civilians, and families. Brigitte and I wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season and a happy New Year. It has been a busy, but very productive year, so a well deserved break is warranted. Please take the time to wind down and spend good quality time with family and friends - before you know it, we will be back to work.



The holiday season is also a time when unexpected tragedy might strike.....please know that the Brigade is always here and I can be contacted at any time. Just because you may be on leave or away during the holidays, your chain of command is only a phone call away and will provide you with any assistance you or your family might need.

Please enjoy your holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back in Jan 2012!

COL Bill and Brigitte Stacey



FRSA NOTES

**FRG Steering Committee Meeting is 26 January 2012,
6-8 PM, Resiliency Training Center, RM 124**

Military Spouse Scholarship Applications Open Now

Each year, the National Military Family Association (NMFA) awards many scholarships to military spouses through its Joanne Holbrook Patton Scholarship program. The application period for 2012 scholarship awards begins today, 1 December 2011, and all applications must be submitted by 31 January 2012.

The Joanne Holbrook Patton scholarship is available to military spouses who hold a valid military ID as of 1 April 2012. Active duty, reserve, retiree, National Guard and survivor spouses may apply. Members of the NMFA Board of Governors or Board of Advisors, volunteers, employees, and their immediate families are not eligible to apply. Scholarship awards may be up to \$1,000 and must be used for tuition, fees or room and board.

The Joanne Patton scholarship may be used for high school GEDs, English as a Second Language education, vocational certifications, state-required licensure, post-secondary, undergraduate or graduate work. All studies must be done through U.S. schools, though the scholarship does cover distance learning and may be used by spouses who reside overseas but attend classes through an U.S. school.

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“HEADHUNTERS”

Ball Etiquette!



PROTOCOL INFORMATION

Each year the 6TH Air Defense Artillery Saint Barbara's Ball (formal Dining Out) This event is a lot of fun, military personal attends wearing their dress uniform.

Guests wearing civilian attire will dress as follows:

- **Women:** will wear a formal evening dress or gown, it should be knee to floor length and tasteful. At Prom Party Dress we carry a great selection of Evening Dresses and Ball Gowns perfectly suited for this event.
- **Men:** will wear a tuxedo

POSTING OF THE COLORS

Once everybody has been introduced, they go to their tables to wait for the entrance of the colors. Individuals in uniform should remain at attention and face the colors at all times during the presentation. The color guard posts the colors once indicated by the commander.

POW/MIA/FALLEN CEREMONY

This is a very solemn ceremony conducted to honor those (men and women) who remain missing in action or as prisoners of war. A table is set in the middle for all to see and remember them.

TOASTS

Before dinner, the toasts are done to honor the military personnel, leaders and guests. Also a silent toast is performed to honor the prisoners and missing in action.

DINNER

No special rules here, only proper dining etiquette.

GUEST SPEAKER

On each ball a distinguished guest is asked to address the assembly of military personnel, This person usually has some connection with the armed forces.

DANCE

Following the dinner, the colors are retired and the Ball Dance begins.



6X HHB





**T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, HE LIVED ALL ALONE, IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE
MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE. I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.**

**LOOKED ALL ABOUT, A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE, NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN A TREE.
NO STOCKING BY MANTLE, JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND, ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES OF
FAR DISTANT LANDS.**

**WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF ALL KINDS, A SOBER THOUGHT CAME THROUGH MY
MIND. FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, IT WAS DARK AND DREARY, I FOUND THE HOME OF A
SOLDIER, ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.**

**THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE, CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR IN THIS ONE
BEDROOM HOME. THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER, NOT HOW I
PICTURED A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.**

**WAS THIS THE HERO OF WHOM I'D JUST READ? CURLED UP ON A PONCHO, THE FLOOR FOR A
BED? I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT, OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE
SOLDIERS WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.**

**SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY, AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY. THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS, LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.**

**I COULDN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY LAY ALONE, ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE IN A LAND
FAR FROM HOME. THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE, I DROPPED TO MY KNEES
AND STARTED TO CRY.**

**THE SOLDIER AWAKENED AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE, "SANTA DON'T CRY, THIS LIFE IS MY
CHOICE; I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, I DON'T ASK FOR MORE, MY LIFE IS MY GOD, MY COUNTRY,
MY CORPS."**

**THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP, I COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED
TO WEEP. I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND STILL AND WE BOTH SHIVERED FROM
THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.**

**I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT, THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR SO
WILLING TO FIGHT. THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA, IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."**

**ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT, MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND, AND
TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.**



“NIGHT HIDES NOT!”

Commander: LTC John Wanat
CSM: MSG Keith Maxwell



Greetings again to all friends and families of 1-56 ADA!! The Family Readiness Group is the heart of a unit!

Due to the number of holidays, in many ways November is a short work month. However, November is also the time to reflect on the sacrifices of those military personnel that preceded our service to the Nation and to give thanks for everyone and everything in our lives. While I am sure that we give thanks regularly it is important to have a designated time on the calendar to ensure we never forget the sacrifices of others and to be thankful for what we have.

During the course of the month we also had the opportunity to participate in one of the more important events in the storied history of our branch. The ribbon cutting ceremony this past month marked the establishment of the Air Defense Artillery Association's new home at Fort Sill. Our newest BOLC Class 01-12 subsequently responded by all students signing up for ADA Association memberships. As professionals we must continue to encourage the younger generations to ensure the Air Defense Artillery and Army as Institutions are preserved in a professional manner.

Giving back to Veterans in November (edited)

On 2 November, Headquarters/Alpha Battery re-energized its volunteer Community Service Program by heading out to the Lawton/Ft. Sill Veteran's Center. During the visit, HQ/A Soldiers and second lieutenants waiting to go to BOLC-B visited with the veterans from different sections of the center and assisted them into the ballroom for coffee and donuts. We sat down with all the vets and offered our friendship and company while they enjoyed their Wednesday treat. Upon completion of their treats we ensured everyone made it back to their appropriate rooms. As we head into the holiday season, the battery looks forward to more volunteering opportunities with plans to do more activities with the Veterans Center as well as the Lawton Food Bank. - CPT Dustin McGriff, HQ/A 1-56 Commander



Members of HQ/A sit with Veterans during an afternoon movie.

1-56 ADA BN

This month also served as our Battalion quarterly farewell event. As many new and talented faces continue to arrive at the unit we also export our outstanding leaders to continue to serve our Nation, our Army and our Branch. We bid a fond farewell to the Bishop, Blaisdell, and Carruthers families. Thank you for the memories, your service and the impact you have made on the Officer Education Battalion! Your contributions invariably shaped the minds of the future of our Air Defense Branch! Best wishes in all of your future endeavors! We would like to welcome the Costas, Fulcher, Hoffman, Nguyen, Pengilly, Queen, and Scarlett families to the battalion! Hand selected for this assignment, we know we will all benefit from your collective knowledge and experiences as you instruct the future of the Branch! Finally, please continue your thanks, prayers and well-wishes to the Woodberry family: CW2 Woodberry is currently serving in Iraq, returning in January 2012! You continue to remain in our hearts and minds. Stay safe!

Upcoming Events

- 3 Dec – FCOE St. Barbara’s Day Ball Patriot Club
- 7 Dec - Battalion Holiday party – 1830 Location (Cameron University) The McCasland Ballroom
- 9 Dec – 6X St. Barbara’s Day Ball Patriot Club
- 18 Dec – FRG Gift wrapping fundraiser

Below is our finest BOLC Instructors conducting a board and uniform inspections for a MacArthur JRTC Program



BOLC Instructors conducting a board for JRTC



CPT Rodriguez conducting uniform inspections



SFC Kemper conducting a uniform inspection JRTC



SFC Ramos continuing uniform inspections

From the Air Defense Artillery School’s Officer Education Battalion, thank you for all that you do! Get involved! Our Family Readiness Group is in need of your support! Many hands make very light work! We have had some volunteers step



forward this past month! We are still in need of a new FRG treasurer and we are also looking for CARE team volunteers! CARE Team members of the FRG offer emotional support and practical assistance to Family members going through difficult situations (i.e. unexpected surgery, injury, illness, unexpected displacement, fires, etc.).

Remember, all volunteers on Fort Sill must be registered in Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS)! The volunteer hours tracked allows the Army to reward, inform and strengthen our military community! Please contact the TRADOC FRSA Mrs. Lisa Villarreal-Hughes @ lisa.m.villarreal-hughes.civ@mail.mil, call 580-442-3547/3849, or visit bldg. 1607 for details. Registration takes less than 10 minutes!

If you would like to get involved with the FRG please contact Mrs. Lydia Hawkins @ lydia.hawkins@us.army.mil or 310-872-4266. You can also contact CPT Dustin McGriff @ dustin.d.mcgriff.mil@mail.mil or call 580-442-0590.



Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas!



SET THE STANDARD



The holiday season is upon us and 2-6 ADA BN sincerely hopes you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are very thankful for the wonderful leaders, soldiers and family members we have. November is also a time to honor and recognize our veterans, past and present, for their service. It is a special month for our service members as we honored Veteran's Day. Thank you for your service, hard work and dedication.

Holiday party planning has begun as we are approaching December. With Delta Battery heading into the field at the beginning of December followed by block leave, they held their Holiday Party on 17, November at the Fairfield Inn and Suites. Also from Delta Battery, we would like to congratulate the Popoloski family for being nominated for the Family of the Year Award.

We continue to be thrilled about what we will accomplish for our Soldiers and their families for the remainder of this year and look forward to the New Year. Our unit has accomplished monumental tasks and continues to train and certify our Soldiers for war, but also making sure they stay stress free. If any of our Soldiers or Spouses wishes to volunteer or just need information, contact your Battery FRG Leader.

On 9 December, 6th ADA Brigade will host the Saint Barbara's Day Ball at the Patriot Club. This event is open to all members of the Brigade. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a safe and happy holiday!!

We sincerely appreciate everyone's support!

LTC Brian W. Adams and CSM Robert D. Gooden



3-6 ADA BN

"The Night Before Christmas"

"BEAR THE STANDARD"

Commander's Corner LTC Elizabeth Smith



Dear Friends and Families,

November has been a busy month for the BN. The highlights for the month; BN Hail and Farewell that was held at Los Tres Amigos, CG Walk/Run Challenge, Arvest/3-6 Golf Tournament, ALC/SLC Graduation, Strong Bonds Retreat, HQ/ A FRG Potluck, 3-6 BN Thanksgiving Meal serving that was held at the Bamford DFAC, and BN Ethics Training Part II; great turnout for these events. Thanks to all those who came out and showed their support.



As always.... the **3-6 ADA Facebook** page is a great resource for events in the Battalion. We will post pictures of our events, videos from graduations and other information there on a regular basis. This is the address: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Lawton-OK/3rd-Battalion-6th-Air-Defense-Artillery-Brigade/119259838122073?ref=sgm&a=46&ajaxpipe=1>, or just do a search for 3rd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

Until next month, "BEAR THE STANDARD!"



Words from the Family Readiness Senior Advisor

Hi Everyone,

Well a busy year is winding down but there still is a lot going on. We have the FCoE St Barbara ball on 3 Dec and of course our 6th BDE ball on 9 Dec, plus the 3-6 Christmas party on 5 Dec at 1800. {lease check with your Battery FRG leader for the room number at Cameron University. Ladies are reminded to bring your favorite desserts.

Our December coffee will be on 2 Dec 2011 at 1800, don't forget we will also have our Xmas ornament exchange. We will meet at my home for the festivities.

Any Battery needing extra help for Xmas wrapping please call me.

Have a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year.

My best wishes to all, Sun Smith



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11/04 SSG Garza
11/04 SGT Pitts
11/07 1LT Powell
11/12 SFC Barnes
11/14 SSG Ortiz
11/16 WOC St.Clair
11/21 SSG Maldonado
11/23 SFC Walker
11/27 CW4 Brown

PROMOTIONS

None

HAILS

A warm welcome to SGT William Young and his family, who

FAREWELLS

arrived to Bravo Battery.

We had to say goodbye to several more Soldiers this past month as they moved on to other chapters of their lives. From HQ/A: SSG David Farris. From Charlie: SFC John Walker.

SPORTS

DON'T MISS OUT! Join us as we compete against our rivals on the soccer field, 15 November at 2000hrs, B 3/6 kicks off with the German Air Force; on 16 November at 1800hrs, B 3/6 kicks off with B 2/6; on 19 November at 1300hrs, B 3/6 kicks off with C 2/6; and on 28 November - 01 December will be the Soccer Post Championship. Family members are welcomed; so get out there and show your support!!

NEWBORN CUBS

None expecting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Block Leave Mandatory Safety Brief, 12 Dec
Holiday Block Leave Safety Stand Down, 15 Dec
Holiday Block Leave, 16 Dec- 03 Jan
HQ/A Holiday Party, 16 Dec
Christmas Holiday, 23-26 Dec
New Year's Holiday, 30 Dec- 02 Jan



New Years Resolutions Tips

4 tips for making New Year's resolutions that matter!

All over the world, turning the calendar over to January the 1st is an excuse to make personal resolutions for the coming year. It is also a way to bring about certain frustration for you if the goals that you set for yourself are unreachable, unattainable, or just something you have no interest in doing.

Making resolutions can be done at any time of the year (Really! I do it all the time), but if you have been thinking about several new ones for the coming year, here are four tips to help you not only make resolutions, but to keep them too.

1. I Resolve To... Okay, you have made your resolutions. Now, step back and take a look at each one of them. Are they resolutions you wanted to make or resolutions others have told you to make? Make certain that each resolution is something you definitely want to keep, not a half hearted attempt at reaching a goal that you really aren't interested in reaching in the first place. If your resolution needs to be modified, DO IT NOW! (Only you can do this!)

2. My Goals Are... Are your resolutions reasonable or are they reaching well beyond what can reasonably be expected? Let's say your goal is to lose 70 pounds in the coming year. While the weight loss resolution is admirable, do you have the time to exercise regularly? Change your eating habits? Change your lifestyle?... Is the 70 pound weight loss goal too much, too soon? Would it be better for you to stretch the amount you want to lose "beyond one calendar year?" Consider your health: both physical and mental when evaluating your goals. Keep in mind how your resolution may impact friends and family members...you may be a "bear" to live with over the next twelve months! If that's your true goal... GO FOR IT! (You have my support!)

3. I Have Fallen and I Cannot Get Up!... Do you quit at the first sign of failure? If you splurge on food, do you consider your diet and resolution to be over? If so, why? Simply start again and continue.(It sounds easy, because it is) The road to any goal is paved with pitfalls and you are bound to backslide from time to time (We all do). Best advice: Find an accountability partner who knows (and understands) your resolution and can encourage you to keep it (The last thing anyone wants to do, is look bad in front of a partner or friend that you are accountable too).

4. Reward Yourself... Reward yourself along the way, and at the end of the year, based on how well you kept your resolution. If you hit your weight loss goals, consider going on a cruise -- don't overeat! -- as a reward for good behavior. If you miss your goals, keep the cruise idea open for when you "DO" meet your goals. In other words, some resolutions are ongoing and shouldn't be restricted by a 365 day calendar.

Remember this: resolutions are for your benefit, not your detriment. Your attitude toward a particular resolution will help you determine whether you should make that particular resolution or not. Any resolution made which doesn't have your enthusiastic backing will certainly become a pain in the neck come February or March and forgotten altogether by April. Make resolutions that matter and be the better for it!

YOU CAN DO THIS! TRUST ME... I KNOW YOU CAN.

I wish you wealth, health, life, joy and happiness in all things for the upcoming year!

Have a super month!

PS: If you have stories, events, things you have learned along the way... Please share them with is all, one thing is sure... There is real power in shared knowledge, experiences and understanding (YOU CAN HELP!).

James Wall

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NOTES

THANKFULNESS

By CH R. Randall Thomas

We should thank God and be completely grateful to Him for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. But often times when things are going well, we see no need to thank God throughout the many days of the year because we somehow think that we, in our limited power, have somehow ushered in the supernatural power to maintain an everlasting equilibrium of perpetual joy and glee in our lives. Then all of a sudden tragedy strikes and we find our human power significantly lacking in its ability to control the disarray that has ensnared it. That's when we call on God. Out from the dark abyss of despair and the colossal heap of destruction, we call on God, an entity who transcends the minute sphere of our own personal turmoil, to remedy a problem only He can fix. Often times, the pain is too much to bear – our marriages go awry due to separation from spouses, we lose positions of responsibility and prestige because of misplaced priorities, loss of loved ones, etc. In acknowledgment of our human frailties, depleted of all human power to resurrect ourselves from the depths of isolation and self-imposed chaos, we then scream out to God whom we know can save us from our affliction. And God, in His infinite benevolence and eternal grace, reaches down with loving arms into the depths of our mortal souls and divinely lifts us from the quicksand of our own tragic circumstances.

Thanks, as we know, is the expression of genuine and sincere appreciation for the kind acts bestowed upon one. A "Thank-you" reaffirms the expression of human goodness. It consummates the desire of all mankind to aspire towards the heavens in their feeble attempt at an expression of the divine. A simple thank-you has an uncanny ability to stir the mind, pierce the heart, and soothe the soul as its recipient can now bask in the ecstasy of knowing that he/she is valued as a man, woman – a human being. Refraining from thanks rips the soul, engenders strife and potentially causes ill will and disunity because one has not been shown appreciation for his/her kindness. The absence of thanks mocks at the face of kindness, and tramples under foot the pearls of blessings emanating from the purveyors of selflessness. Can you not imagine the immense pain, the feeling of disappointment and rejection when we opt not to thank God for the goodness He rains down upon us?

