



COMMANDERS CORNER



Greetings to all of our soldiers, civilians, and families. The period of transitions is upon us. The FCOE Change of Command was done superbly by the soldiers of our BDE.....I received several compliments for those attending and witnessed our formation in action. From what I could see, the troops looked great and I am very proud of each of them. We have several more Change of Command and Change of Responsibility ceremonies and look forward to showcasing our great soldiers.

Transitions can be a difficult period, but like anything else, if properly planned and coordinated can be effectively managed to minimize the turbulence and friction. I view transitions as a positive step for an organization or an individual. We create situations for individuals to professionally develop by putting them in leadership positions.....their success makes the unit and subordinates thrive and enables the Army to move those individuals to other challenging leadership positions to further develop and prepare them for greater responsibilities. I am extremely proud of the development of our leaders and all of the successes borne by their positive leadership.....it is fitting to give them additional opportunities to lead. Equally important, is the growth and opportunity of a new leaders to accept their new positions and continue to move the unit forward while developing their leadership skills.

Finally, a big transition we are about to undergo is the reflagging of the Brigade to the 30th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. This is a monumental and exciting transition as the Brigade assumes the lineage and honors of the 30th ADA BDE. There are several 30th ADA BDE members out there that are eager to connect with us and share in the unit's storied and successful past. We will conduct this ceremony at 1030 hrs on the 18th of May.....it will be the culminating event to the FCOE conference and ADA seminar. I invite all to attend and be part of a significant piece of ADA history.

Sincerely, COL Bill and Brigitte Stacey



FAMILY READINESS NOTES

FRG Training Opportunities

Family and Soldier Support Training (FASST) 23 May, 0845-1530

Join us for a day of training on Family Readiness Group (FRG) Leadership. This training is geared for FRG Leaders, Commanders and Rear Detachment Commanders, but anyone involved with FRG may attend in an effort to gain a better understanding of FRGs. They are held at the Graham Resiliency Training Campus, Building 2934 Marcy Road (off Currie Road behind the Burger King on Sheridan Road), from 8:45am-3:30pm. Contact ACS to register for the training at 442-4916. If child care is needed, you must register with them at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Children must be registered with Child Youth and School Service (CYSS). Contact Army Community Service (ACS) 442-4916 to register.

Future dates:

27 Jun Commander & Rear Detachment Roles

25 Jul Special Topics - TBD



Volunteer Childcare in Unit Settings (VCCUS) 24 May, 0800-1200 location TBD.

Please contact FRSA, 580-442-3547 or lisa.m.villarreal-hughes.civ@mail.mil <<mailto:lisa.m.villarreal-hughes.civ@mail.mil>> if interested in attending this valuable course. This is a great opportunity to train volunteers to provide childcare at your FRG Meetings or Activities and unit functions. Ages 13 and up can be trained, but an adult must be in the room at all times. Reach out to your teens, colleges students, parents, retirees and anyone you can think of!

This volunteer based childcare program allows for on-site care during meetings and events organized by military units, Army Community Service groups or Morale Welfare and Recreation. Through VCCUS, Outreach Services will provide childcare training to volunteers from our unit and other military organizations. The program is designed to allow the exchange of free and temporary childcare services during unit sessions when the demand for childcare is high, or when Child Development Center Services are not available. Parents and guardians of children in VCCUS must be attending the same on-post function, and must remain at the site while their child is under volunteer care.



Mother's Day Brunch

Treat mom to a special Mother's Day Brunch at the Patriot Club. Brunch begins at 12:30 pm and reservations are required by Tuesday, May 8. Meal includes: garlic herb roasted chicken, southern fried catfish, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn on the cob, stewed okra & tomatoes, hush-puppies, chorizo and eggs w/tortillas, home fries, bacon, meat and veggie quiche, omelet & waffle station, rolls, assorted salads, desserts and beverages. \$18.50 non-members, \$18 members, \$7.50 children 6-12, Free for children 5 and under.

Reservations are required by May 8. Call (580) 442-5300

Army Concert Tour

Country superstar Alan Jackson takes his tour to Fort Sill Polo Field as part of the 2012 Army Concert Tour on Saturday, June 30th pre-sented by Army Entertainment and Fort Sill Family and MWR. Special guest will be Easton Corbin. Tick-ets for the show are on sale now! The concert is open to the public and tickets are available at Fort Sill Adventure Travel locations. Tick-ets can also be purchased here online or by calling 1 -800-999-2987. Advanced ticket price is \$30 and tickets will cost \$35 at the gate. Children 6 and under are free. The show will end with a spectacular fire-works display.

Join us for **Mother's Day Brunch**
 Patriot Club • 12:30 pm • (580) 442-5300

2ND ANNUAL FORT SILL POLO CLASSIC

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1:30 P.M.
FORT SILL POLO FIELD

FREE Tickets at Fort Sill Adventure Travel

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Polo Match

Family and MWR will host the 2nd Annual Fort Sill Polo Classic, Sunday, May 13. Join us on the Polo Field for an afternoon of fun and excitement. The match begins at 1:30 pm.

Your FREE tickets can be picked up at Fort Sill Adventure Travel (North Entrance).





1-56 ADA BN “Night Hides Not!”



Commander: LTC John Wanat

CSM: SGM Keith Maxwell

Greetings again to all friends and families of 1-56 ADA!! The Family Readiness Group is the heart of a unit! Spring is in full swing and with it the dramatic changes in weather patterns continue! As a reminder, April-May high risk months for severe weather, so continue to seek out local weather information in your area and maintain your severe weather action plan. The month of May signifies a great multitude of things to many people. May is the month we honor all of the mothers for their sacrifices as well as the month we take pause in remembrance of those near and dear to our hearts. So whether it is Mother’s Day or Memorial Day please take the time to reflect on life, friends and family.

The month of May is an important one for the unit. Beginning with the Installation Change of Command on the 4th of May, we will have the opportunity early to showcase this battalion to the new CG. Further, 12 thru 18 MAY is the Fires Conference. Leaders and alumni of both Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery around the world converge annually to share knowledge and focus on the future of Fires in the Army. We will host the closing event of the Fires Conference 18 MAY for Air Defenders in the Cognitive Air Defense Training Simulator Complex located in the Jared C. Monti Simulation Center as our Commandant will deliver the Air Defense Campaign Plan to attendees. For those that attended the last Family Readiness Group ceremony, you received a sneak preview into the main auditorium and the ongoing renovations.

Additionally, the upcoming Charlie Battery Change of Command on the 24th will mark a summer of change for the Battalion. CPT Stephen Tolbert will relinquish Command of the Junior Officer Education Battery to CPT Allen Taylor. This event will be the first of many change of command and change of responsibility ceremonies for the Battalion and the Brigade. In case you missed it, SFC Lachelle Hazell of HQ/A Battery assumed responsibility as First Sergeant. A quartermaster by trade, SFC Hazell’s ascension to this position is a tribute to her professionalism and speaks to her potential.



HQ/A: CPT Dustin McGriff / 1SG (SFC) Lachelle Hazell

Lone Wolves and Lone Wolf families, welcome to another edition of the battery newsletter. This month was a busy one, as the battery has been preparing for much change over the course of the summer months. This will include several classes coming in during May and June as well as a change in leadership and mission to 1-56.



25 METER TARGET:



This month the members of 1-56th have been working towards the ultimate goal of moving to our new location, Bldg 1607, the Brigade Staff building.



Fort Sill Tid-Bits Misc. Events

- BN Change of Command (08 June)
- BN Hail and Farewell (10 May)
- Payday activities/Fort Sill COC (04 May)
- BN Organizational Day (1 June)

BIRTHDAYS:

CPT McGriff and SSG Normandin 18 April

ANNIVERSARIES:

AWARDS:

1-56th will be celebrating the addition and of course the future progression of its members with a Hail and Farewell at The Old Plantation in Medicine Park on 10 May 2012. The informal ceremony will kick off at 6pm and each individual will be recognized for their services and accomplishments. This will include much of the 1-56 leadership as many in the brigade are changing out.

C Battery: CPT Stephen Tolbert / 1SG Allen Carter

CDR and 1SG Corner

Cobras and Cobra families,



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Cobras and Cobra families,

Hello again from the Cobra Cadre and Staff. It has been a busy month for everyone in Cobra Country. This month we said farewell to BOLC and CCC classes 01-12 and are already preparing for the arrival of classes 03-12. The weather is heating up and so is the tempo here in C Battery. We look forward to another productive month of training. I'd like to say Happy Birthday and congratulations to the following Cadre and family members on their birthdays, anniversaries, and promotions.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

SFC MARTIN (14 APR)

MAJ LONGORIA (12 APR)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

SSG RYALS + CECILIA (02 APR)

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

CPT GUY (28 MAY)

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

CPT GEISLER (24 MAY)

SFC RUPPRECHT (30 MAY)

AWARDS:

MAJ RODRIGUEZ (MSM)

MAJ LONGORIA (MSM)

FAREWELLS:

CPT BUGADO

SSG SCARLETT

BATTERY HQ:

Charlie Battery HQ has been working hard all month long. We had an exciting first week with the BOLC 01-12 graduation happening just a few days before the BN Golf Tournament. Just a few short weeks later and we had to say goodbye to the Captains of CCC class 01-12.

The Battery HQ has been in a constant state of transition, losing SSG Scarlett and integrating SSG's Mackey and Stoffel. April has been a busy month but has gone smoothly thanks largely to the hard work of the Battery Staff and Cadre. Let's keep up the good work and have another great month of training.

BOLC CLASS 01-12:

It's been a long hard road for the students of BOLC class 01-12, but they have reached the end. At the very start of April we said goodbye to the young LTs as they make their way to their next duty station. The graduation went great thanks to the help of all the Cadre of C/1-56. We would like to take this time to recognize a few members of BOLC 01-12 who went above and beyond during their time here:

INSTRUCTOR OF THE CYCLE

SFC George Rupprecht

DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE

2LT Kerry Fredrich

LEADERSHIP AWARD

2LT Jason Graham

COMMUNICATION SKILLS AWARD

2LT Kimberly Leyva

IRON LEADER AWARD

2LT Kyle Werner

Congratulations class 01-12 and Good Luck!

BOLC CLASS 02-12:



1LT Correa shows local students how to wear their gear.

Having recently completed their core phase training in BOLC B, the Honey Badgers are moving on to their branch specialty training and are enthusiastically ready to become true air defenders. Prior to initiating their branch training, the Honey Badgers proudly graduated five allies from course and held a ceremony for them at the international student division (ISD) building. The allied students expressed their gratitude to the cadre members and made gift offerings as a token of their gratitude for the opportunity to train among US officers. The support from the US classmates demonstrated the strong bond and effective relationships that have been created for the years to come.



Congratulations to the Allied Students of BOLC 02-12!

As the remaining members of the US officers moved on to learn air defense doctrine, they found themselves deeply immersed in short-range air defense (SHORAD) training. Much of the SHORAD information the Honey Badgers had to learn was a condensed version of what is taught to their enlisted counterparts in AIT. Regardless, these BOLC B students eagerly consumed the knowledge provided by their instructors and completed the Avenger Weapon and Sentinel Radar System course with a hundred percent pass rate. In addition, the Honey Badgers had an opportunity to observe the operations of counter rocket artillery mortar (C-RAM) as they went out to the field to engage in firing drills.

Apart from their SHORAD training, the Honey Badgers were able to involve themselves in community activities such as the CG run and public services to the community. During the CG run, the BOLC B officers were able to unite with their Captains Career Course counterparts and in passionate spirit of air defenders, they ran a combined six miles in support of Major General Halverson. Aside from post activities, these new air defender officers partook in class project that reflected in their commitment to the community of Lawton. This class project involved an effort to provide Army career knowledge to the high school students of Lawton. The intent of the mission was not only to sell the Army as a career, but also to inform the Lawton youth members the importance of goal setting and critical decision-making steps in their lives. The BOLC B students provided insight on the importance of goal setting and decision making as a crucial part of transitioning out of high school. Whether it is the Army, college or other career goals, the BOLC B officers encouraged the high school students to perform critical thinking and utilize their vast array of resources to develop themselves.

While completing their initial air defense training and engaging in unique activities, the Honey Badgers remain motivated and dedicated as they enter the Patriot training phase. With the recent announcement of their duty station assignments, these new officers are seeking ways to embrace the latter half of their course and become effective leaders to their troops.

“That’s a No-Go Baby!!”

Honey badgers



BOLC students share some of their experiences with the local high school students.

CCC CLASS 01-12:

It's always hard to say farewell and this month was full of them as we say goodbye to the Captains in CCC class 01-12. The Captains have come a long way since they arrived here a few short months ago, and now they move on to their next assignments.

Whether the Captains are moving on to a new command or staff position, we are confident that they will do well in their future as Army officers. We would like to recognize a few of the Captains who really excelled during their time in CCC.

Distinguished Honor Graduate

CPT AURELIO VARELA

IMS Distinguished Honor Graduate

MAJ YONG JIE ANG

Commandant's List

CPT KHRISTINA ALLEN

CPT NATALIE CAHILL

CPT RACHEL KINNAS

CPT WILLIAM ROGERS

CPT WEI-DA JIANG

Army Values Leadership Award

CPT AURELIO VARELA

Colonel Patterson Tactics Award

CPT RYAN EVANS

Army Communication Skills Award

CPT WILLIAM ROGERS



Iron Leader Award

CPT MICHAEL BARON

Combatives Champions

CPT MICHAEL BARON- LIGHTWEIGHT

CW3 BYRON DEAN- HEAVYWEIGHT

Congratulations Captains and Warrant Officers of Class 01-12 and Good Luck!

CCC CLASS 02-12:

It has been a busy month for Captains Career Course Class 02-12. April was kicked off right with a great turn out at the Charlie Battery hosted golf tournament. Our Captains who had the chance to participate enjoyed every minute of it.

After that it was back to work for the students and Cadre of 02-12, jumping right into MDMP. The Military Decision Making Process took up a good portion of the Captains classes this month since it is such an important topic for officers especially.

With class 01-12 gone, class 02-12 had the opportunity to move into the Snow Hall classrooms. The Captains are excited about the change of location and it is sure to lead to a great month of training.

Cobras FRG

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new families that have joined the Cobra team! We are looking forward to getting to know you! We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new little Cobras that have been brought into this world.

Congratulations!

Future FRG Meeting: NA

Information for Childcare:

AFTB Classes are offered here at Fort Sill. Army Family Team Building Classes are FREE for Military Families. You can learn a lot about the Army Life! Free Childcare is available. For more info call 442-2039. For FREE childcares call 442-3927.

Upcoming Events

- Mother's Day (11 MAY)
- Army 10 Miler (12 MAY)
- BOLC/CCC Dining Out (09 1800 JUN)
- C Btry Change of Command (24 0830 MAY)
- Memorial Day Weekend (26-28 MAY)
- HQ/A Btry Change of Command (12 0900 JUN)

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! All volunteer positions are open 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!



SET THE STANDARD



Hope you are all enjoying the nice weather. Our Battalion had a slow but very wonderful month. With the warm weather, in the upcoming months we will be having more family activities. We initiated with welcoming 1SG Cornish to our Bruin Family. He is the 1SG for A3 in



1SG Cornish Change of Responsibility

In the mid month of April, Delta Battery had a live fire of the Counter Rocket, Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM) at Thompson Hill Tower on Fort Sill's West Range.



2-6TH ADA BN

Congratulations to the Avenger Master Gunner Graduates. Well job done. Guest speaker for the graduation was CSM Cowan from 6th Brigade ADA.



On 4 May, we will be having a Hail and Farewell to welcome our new members to the “Set the Standard” family and to farewell those departing such as CSM Gooden. His Change of Responsibility will be 10 May 2012. We will greatly miss you CSM Gooden. Also leaving us will be CPT Boughton, 1SG Stovall, 1SG Pyles, MAJ Daoud and MAJ Weaver. We wish you luck to you and your family. We want to welcome MAJ Bucher and his family to our Bruin Family.

We have a busy summer coming with many family fun, we hope to see our families get involved. Our events for the next couple of months are:

May 3 Bravo Battery Change of Responsibility

May 23 HQ/A Battery Change of Command

May 31 Hail and Farewell

June 15 Battalion Water Park Potluck

June 20 LTC Adams Change of Command

June 29 Hail and Farewell

July 13 Golf Tournament

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.

We sincerely appreciate everyone’s support!

LTC Brian W. Adams and CSM Robert D. Gooden



ERG NEWSLETTER



Commander's Corner

LTC Elizabeth Smith

Dear Friends and Families,

Wow, yet another month has flown by, and here we are smack dab in the middle of Spring! The butterflies are out everywhere, the weather remains unpredictable, and the unit, as ever, is as busy as can be! I would like to thank all of my senior leadership for their great support during my absence in making sure everything ran as smoothly as ever! You all did a wonderful job, and I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication! I hope you all enjoyed Spring Break and Easter, and had some time with family and friends. As we head into May and the summer months, I hope to see more of all of you at the Post Yard Sale, Strong Bonds, the Polo Match, and all of the other great events that are on the calendar. Thank you all again for all of your support and dedication. It is truly an honor to command this fine unit!

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Birthdays:
HQ/A - CW3 Nelson (5 May), SSG Castillo (11 May)
B - SSG Hurd (10 May)
C - 1SG Sawyer (7 May), SFC Mason (11 May), SSG Bright (31 May)

Promotions

I would like to Congratulate the following exceptional Soldiers for their promotion to Sergeant First Class: SFC Andrea Garza, SFC Shawn Daly, SFC James Jenkins.

Hails

A warm welcome to CPT Simpson, SFC Tapia, SSG Johnson, and SPC Mata of Alpha

Farewells

A fond farewell goes out to OPT Lee of Alpha to Captains Career Course and SFC Lewis of Alpha to retirement.

Sports

The 3-6 Basketball team rose from a slow start to beat HHB 25 FA in the intramural basketball finale for the Commanders Cup this year.

Newborn Cubs

SSG Jacob (Bravo) and his wife are expecting their child in early May. SSG Hernandez and his wife welcomed their new baby boy, Jacob this month.

 * **YOU'RE INVITED - FRG MEETING** *
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 * All Family members are invited to attend the monthly BN FRG meeting! *
 * The purpose of these meetings will be to spend time together and offer *
 * support as well as to share information of interest to families. Any and all *
 * family members are welcome—spouses and significant others, parents, *
 * siblings, friends. Children are always welcome as well. Check the newsletter *
 * each month for dates and times. *
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 * The next FRG meeting will be: **Wednesday, April 25th, 5:00pm at the BN Conf. Rm** *

Upcoming Events

- FRG Meetings: HQ/A - May 25, B - May 15, & C - May 18
- Bn Coffee - 16 May at Braum's (6:30 pm)
- BDE Re-flagging - 17 May
- Armed Forces Day Parade - 19 May
- HQ/A Change of Command - 24 May



Congrats on your promotion to SFC
 Soldiers of 3-6 ADA BN
 March 01, 2011

Combatives

Congratulations to the 3-6 Combatives Team for "mauling" their competition.
 Coaches: SSG Aldrich, SSG Brooks, SSG Castillo
 PFC Frew - 1st place
 PFC Alstaetter - 2nd place
 PV2 Maldonado - 3rd place
 SPC Jensen - 1st place
 PVT Escanuela - 3rd place



Social

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 thereon a regular basis. This is the address: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Lawton-OK/3rd-Battalion-6th-Air-Defense-Artillery-Brigade/110259838122073?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!"

Sincerely,
 LTC Liz Smith

Don't Forget!
 Memorial Day is 25 - 28 May

Words from the Senior Advisors

Hi Everyone,

Spring is upon us, and the Post Yard Sale is fast approaching! I hope all of you are coming out to support Bravo and Charlie Battery at their booths! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

As it gets closer and closer to handing the reins over, I would like to thank all of you who have been constant supporters of the FRGs.

My last coffee will be an ice cream social May 16th at Braum's Ice Cream at 6:30 pm on Cache Road. Hope to see you all there!

Thanks,
 Sun

The Story of a Great Battle!

An old Grandfather said to his grandson, who came to him with anger at a friend who had done him an injustice, "Let me tell you a story son.

I too, at times, have felt a great hate for those that have taken so much, with no sorrow for what they do. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy.

It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times." He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me. One is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him, and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight when it is right to do so, and in the right way.

But the other wolf, ah! He is full of anger. The littlest thing will set him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his anger and hate are so great. It is helpless anger, for his anger will change nothing. Sometimes, it is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit."

The boy looked intently into his Grandfather's eyes and asked, "Which one wins, Grandfather?" The Grandfather smiled and quietly said, "The one you feed son, the one you feed!"

James Wall

Knowledge Management Advisor

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