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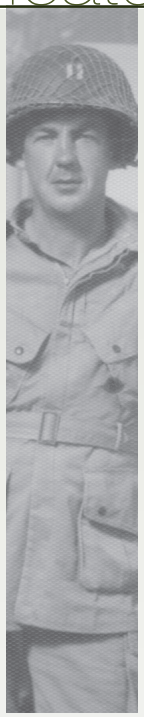

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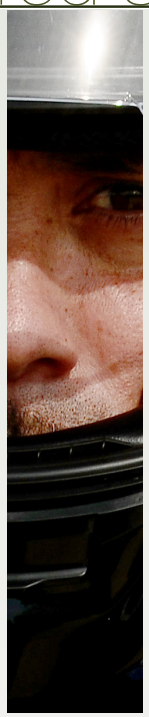

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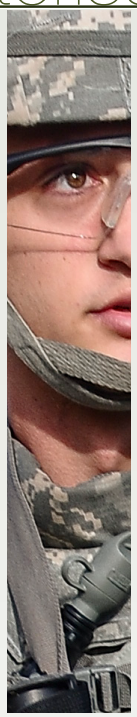

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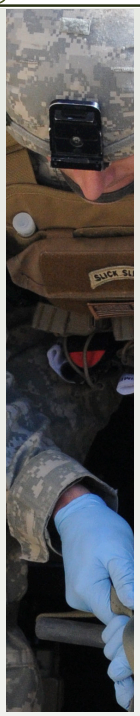

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CAMP BULLIS, Tx. -- Team 23 loads a wounded Soldier into a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle after treating him for various injuries during the 72-hour Army Best Medic Competition Oct. 26-28, 2012. The Best Medic Competition consisted of numerous events throughout the day that tested the Soldiers physically and mentally over the three-day period. Photo by Spc. Terrance Payton

COL MICHAEL FENZEL
3BCT BRIGADE COMMANDER

The elite nature of our brigade has been proven again and again. This month, 275 of our best infantrymen. Have proven what it means to be great infantrymen. Our Paratroopers are a part of the future for the 82nd Airborne Division and will continue setting the example as they go.

Through hard work and dedication, you have earned a place among America's expert infantryman. With expert training from our Non-Commissioned Officer Corps, we have proven that we are willing to train hard, go the extra mile, and dominate the playing field to ensure we are fully prepared for any situation that presents itself.

As a team, we understand what it means to master the basics. This has been show-cased by you in every division level competition we have competed in. Thanks to our NCOs we have a solid foundation. As we look among our ranks and see the newly minted Expert Infantryman, we can say with confidence that we are continuing to reinforce our foundation to work from.

These skills we work so hard to master will pay huge dividends in the coming months as we prepare ourselves for the upcoming training exercises and future missions that will come our way.

As we look into the future, we will continue to train hard, set the standard, and display the toughness that each of you possess. Discipline of 3rd Brigade Combat Team is our hallmark.

I know we will continue to do great things and forge the way to continued greatness as we move forward.

Remember, I am extremely proud of all of your accomplishments. "H-Minus!"

CSM NICHOLAS ROLLING
3BCT COMMAND SARGEANT MAJOR

The past several months, our dedicated Non-Commissioned Officers have worked more than 7,200 man-hours preparing for the Expert Infantry Badge training and testing. They set out to provide the best training possible to our Paratroopers; they succeeded.

The Expert Infantryman's Badge is unique among skill qualification badges. It can only be worn by an infantryman. Earning it sets him apart, as it displays his mastery of infantry skills.

Since its inception the test has been updated to keep pace with the changes in tactics, doctrine, and equipment. One characteristic remains: the EIB test is one of the toughest and most demanding mental challenges an infantryman will ever face.

Our NCOs began training 538 candidates at the beginning of the train-up week and finished with 275 candidates earning the right to wear the badge. Over 3,300 man-hours were dedicated by these candidates to earn their EIB.

The Army average percentage for "GOs" is approximately 20%. The Panther Family has exceeded that with more than 49%. This accomplishment is a testament to the professional NCOs who prior to the event, set up the event and trained the candidates, as well as the Paratroopers executing the test.

The weather is changing and needs to be considered not only when you are out in the field, but every day tasks too. With the decrease in temperatures the roads have a high potential of being slick in the mornings as you come into work. Slow down and watch out for the other drivers out there.

As we transition back into regular training cycles and prepare for holiday weekends and block leave, we need to stay safe. I need you to keep yourself and your fellow Paratroopers safe in the coming months. Without you, the brigade will not be able to accomplish the mission. "H-Minus!"

3RD BRIGADE HISTORY

Daniel B. McIlvoy was born in Springfield, Ky on July 16, 1912. McIlvoy's military career began at age 17 when he dropped out of Springfield High School his senior year to join the National Guard, at that time the National Guard was a cavalry outfit.

He joined the Army Reserve in 1940 while in medical school. In 1941 he graduated from Tulane Medical School and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army Medical Corps Reserve. The day after he finished his internship at City Hospital in Winston Salem N.C., he was ordered to active duty and received his initial training at the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He was assigned to the 96th Infantry Division at Camp Adair, Ore.

After completing parachute school at Fort Benning, Ga, McIlvoy requested overseas duty and was assigned to the 505th Regimental Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division. Completing additional training, he jumped with his regiment into Sicily, where he was blown off the side of an ambulance by enemy artillery.

After another combat jump on Paestum near Naples, the 505th was transferred to Quorn, England, for training in preparation for D-day While in England, McIlvoy set up a training program to familiarize the paratroopers with first-aid procedures and the use of the aid packs they had been issued. In addition, he studied the way medical supplies were dropped in combat and worked out an improved system. He and the other medical personnel of the 505th also improved their treatment of the wounded by setting up criteria for treatment and evacuation. The innovations of McIlvoy and his medical team are credited with saving countless lives during the next two years of the war.

Promoted to Major and regimental surgeon, McIlvoy jumped with the 505th into Normandy. While treating a wounded soldier, he was cut off from the rest of his unit and listed as missing in action for two days. In late 1944, he parachuted into Holland with the 82nd Airborne Division during the ill-fated

Arnhem Operation, and was in the thick of the fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. With the 82nd, 505th RCT, McIlvoy made four combat jumps, a distinction he shares with only two other medical officers in all of the Armed Forces. He received a Citation for Gallantry in Action from former Chief of Staff, General James Gavin; was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Unit Citations, Belgium Fourragers and Dutch Lanyard as well as the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received in Sicily and Holland.

After his death on May 31, 1998 at age 85, he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with the highest military honors.

DANIEL B. MCILVOY

chaplain's corner

Family separation can bring a strain over an intimate relationship such as marriage. When our needs are not met due to deployment or some other issues, we often lash out our frustration, resentment, and anger on our spouse. We may be in the receiving end of such an emotional outburst. How do we deal with a situation when our spouse acts wrong?

Leslie Vernick, in her book "How to Act Right When Your Spouse Acts Wrong," provides us a refreshing insight:

We can decide to live in response to the abundance of God, and not under the dictatorship of our own poor needs. We can decide to live in the environment of a living God and not our own dying selves. We can decide to center ourselves in the God who generously gives and in our own egos which greedily grab. When our spouse acts wrong we can:

SMILE rather than frown.

PERSEVERE rather than quit.

HEAL rather than wound.

ACT rather than delay.

FORGIVE rather than curse.

LOVE rather than hate.

BUILD rather than destroy.

PRAISE rather than gossip.

GIVE rather than grasp.

PRAY rather than despair.

What we sow is what we reap. The only way to get out of the vicious cycle of reciprocal attacks is to turn our focus on the love of God and let it shine upon our relationship. Remember, it is YOUR marriage, YOUR loved one, YOUR life at stake as you ponder about your response to your sinful-yet-beloved spouse.

DUKE VISITS 3BCTB

Photos by Spc. Terrance Payton

Paratroopers with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division hosted the Duke University Men's Basketball Team at Fort Bragg Oct. 15, 2012. The Blue Devil's put their team building skills to the test as they participated in an obstacle course with the 3BCT Paratroopers.

PANTHERS COMPETE IN THE US ARMY BES

Spc. Daniel Holmes (left) and Spc. Jason Snelling (right) maneuver a litter under a barbed wire obstacle during the final day of the Army Best Medic Competition Oct. 28, 2012 at Camp Bullis, Tx. The Soldiers of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division gave it their best effort during grueling three-day event and finished fourth out of 32 teams. Photo by Spc. Terrance Payton

CAMP BULLIS, Texas – Four medics from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division traveled to San Antonio, Texas to compete in the U.S. Army's Best Medic Competition Oct. 26 -28, 2012.

On a cold day filled with rain and lighting the Paratroopers from the Panther Brigade would not be deterred from completing the mission that they traveled so far to accomplish. The task at hand is to become the U.S. Army's Best Medic.

Sixty-four Soldiers selected from all across the Army competed in the continuous 72-hour two-man team competition that would put stress on the most seasoned medics. Spc. Daniel Holmes and Spc. Jonathon Snelling, Team 2, and Staff Sgt. Craig Miller and Sgt. Jason Boroff, Team 23, bested the 82nd Airborne Division's Best Medic Competition to earn the right to represent the Division here at Camp Bullis.

"Let me state that we have with us 64 of America's finest Soldiers in all of Army medicine here today," said Army Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, who was the guest speaker at the awards ceremony. "We have every division, every region, special operation, Special Forces, and the national guard that's represented here today."

Day one began with a physical fitness challenge, a n obstacle course and the M-9 and M-4 stress shoots that tested the team's physical strength as well as their marksmanship skills.

During the M-9 and M-4 stress shoots the teams had to evacuate a simulated casualty on a litter while engaging the enemy through a haze of smoke and the sound of weapons blaring from the loud-speakers.

"The best part of the competition was the physical demand and the medical tasks," said Boroff. "You get two hours to sleep and night before, and then the next day you get slammed with four medical lanes back-to-back. It was good training for sure."

The competitors also had to turn-in

T MEDIC COMPETITION

Story by Spc. Terrance Payton

their written test which consisted of 250 questions. The written test was issued at the start of the competition and the medics had the option of completing their test or sleeping during their down time.

On day two of the competition the Soldiers maneuvered through combat medic lanes, the land navigation course, and an urban assault course using simulated munitions similar to paintball rounds while defending themselves and treating casualties.

"The creativity and work that went into the medical lanes this year was great, every one that you hit was uniquely different and provided a different challenge," said Holmes, who competed here last year. "From the vehicle extractions to the tunnel system, everything was aimed to challenge you in a slightly different way."

On the final day the candidates had to access a mass casualty scenario and complete a litter obstacle course with a 180-pound dummy. If that wasn't enough, a timed 2.7 mile buddy run, testing the fortitude and endurance of the competitors was the final event. When asked how this competition differed from the 82nd Abn. Div., Snelling said the competition was more physical and continuous versus break in-between events, but the division competition definitely helped a lot in preparation for all of the tasks.

"We spent a lot of time at the division surgeon cell getting hands on training with the mannequin, getting familiar with equipment and talking through scenarios," said Holmes. "At the end of the day we came off the lanes really feeling confident that we did well and accomplished the objectives within those lanes."

The Paratroopers from 82nd gave their best effort but Staff Sgt. Andrew Balha from Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colo. and Staff Sgt. Alexander Folsom from Madigan Army Medical Center in Fort Lewis, Wash. representing Western Regional Medical Command earned the title of best Army medic and was presented trophies by Horoho.

"I would definitely like to come back again," said Snelling, who teamed with Holmes to finish fourth this year. "I would like to train up again, keep on top of my skills, stay proficient, get in a little better physical shape and come back and give it another shot."

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"The combat medic is the key component in greater than 90 percent survival rate of our combat wounded," said Horoho. "Our soldier medics may be competitors today but they will be heroes tomorrow. I congratulate all of the competitors for their efforts in this competition and for the contributions every day to our soldiers and their families."

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Story by Sgt. Joseph Guenther

82nd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, at the brigade's motorcycle safety training Oct. 12, 2012. Photo by Sgt. Joseph Guenther

According to the Department of the Army, "The Army's mission is to fight and win our nation's wars by providing prompt, sustained land dominance across the full range of military operations and spectrum of conflict in support of combatant commanders." Accomplishing this very broad mission requires well-trained, healthy and physically fit Soldiers to fill the ranks. Among the challenges of recruiting and training, is ensuring soldiers are well taken care of by their chain of command, and are properly equipped to face life's challenges so they can continue to fight, and train future warriors.

One problem commands may face is motorcycle safety. It is especially important to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. As the nation's Global Response Force, the "Panther Brigade" must be ready to send its Paratroopers anywhere in the world to help resolve any conflict with minimal notice. Each Paratrooper in the brigade must be able to support that mission, and that means being safe and responsible in every environment and situation, said Chris McKnight, the brigade safety officer.

"Other than combat, motorcycles are the single biggest killer of our Paratroopers in this division," said Col. Michael Fenzel, commander of 3rd BCT. "I think our brigade already has the best motorcycle safety plan in the entire division, and possibly the Army."

"We want to take it up a notch," Fenzel continued. "We want a full day focused on making sure we are thinking hard about how we ride."

The training began in a classroom environment discussing everything from to proper equipment to riding procedures. The class was attended by nearly every motorcycle owner in the brigade, in addition to their battalion command teams so they could bring a deeper understanding of the training requirements back to their units.

"During the morning, I was exposed to facts about motorcycle accidents and safety that I hadn't known previously," 1st Lt. Allison Shok of 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Cavalry Regiment added. "Also, actual riders within the brigade came up and explained their personal stories which really made me think about how to be a safer rider."

The instruction continued into the afternoon with hands-on experience as riders assembled to test their skills with sharp turns and other maneuvers. Their motorcycles and equipment were inspected.

Shok said, "The motorcycle safety day was a great combination of hands-on learning and classroom time."

Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Rolling of 3rd BCT explained the importance of experiencing motorcycle training and refreshers. "Being on a motorcycle is labor intensive," he said. "It's like being in a combat operation out there on the streets, especially in this area."

The training culminated with a "Slowest Rider" race, in which riders had to follow a course as slowly as possible without putting their feet on the ground. In this exercise, the first one to cross the finish line, or lose his or her balance, lost. The winners were awarded with a custom 3rd Brigade Combat Team reflective vest.

The instruction was well received by the Paratroopers participating in the training event. "This was really great, I got a lot of out of it," said Spc. Nate Curtiss, an infantryman with Company B, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He said it was like the civilian training he received back home, and that the instruction and practice were an excellent refresher.

"Chris showed us the basic skills that we could improve

Above: FORT BRAGG, N.C. -- Infantryman assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne is being tested to earn the Expert Infantry Badge on Oct. 22, 2012. Paratroopers endured weekloong tests that included an Army Physical Fitness Test, land navigation and a 12 mile ruck march.

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EIB

FORT BRAGG, NC – On the morning of Oct. 22, 2012 hundreds of Paratroopers stood in formation at Pike Field to take the first steps needed to earn their Expert Infantryman Badge. Infantrymen assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, began the weeklong EIB testing with the Army Physical Fitness Test and the daytime land navigation course. Paratroopers from 1st BCT also participated.

The Paratroopers were put through a number of different events that tested their skills as infantrymen. Along with the AFPT, on which they had to score at least 75 percent in each event, they were put through three combat-oriented lanes and graded on 10 different tasks on each lane.

Master Sgt. Christian Requejo, the noncommissioned officer in charge of EIB testing said "It was designed years ago as a test to refine the infantry skills of individuals, and those who went through and passed every event were awarded the expert infantryman badge."

As the they maneuvered through each lane, Paratroopers had to use basic infantry skills ranging from identifying terrain features, moving under direct fire, loading and unloading, and correcting malfunctions on various weapons systems, performing first aid on various wounds, calling for a medical evacuation, calling for and adjusting indirect fire support, and sending situation reports to a headquarters element.

Even though earning the EIB isn't a requirement, it is highly recommended that young Troopers attain this badge. For those who earn it, it is a point of pride, and a display to leaders, peers, and subordinates that this infantryman is fully capable of carrying out the infantry mission.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Granger, a grader at the Traffic Control Point lanes, explained, "The Expert Infantryman Badge means to me that I am a master of my craft and I can complete all the tasks required to defend America."

The TCP lane, designed to replicate combat conditions of forward operating base defense,

Granger said. "What they're going to face is this lane is a fair amount of time management skills on everything from turning on a [Blue Force Tracker], identifying

assessment], send up reports, put a radio into operation, and communicate on the BFT," he continued.

"Normally the attrition

Soldiers began their final event: the 12-mile foot march. The foot march, which had to be completed within three hours with their prescribed packing list, challenged the Soldiers

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combatants on a battlefield, identify noncombatants, prepare a range card for an M240B, use the weapon system to engage the enemy, find the location of the enemy when they move forward to get a [battle d a m a g e

occurs at the PT test and land navigation, but these guys have done really well," said Requejo. "I went through in Korea in 2000, when I received mine it felt really great because I was the only one in my company who actually got it."

"The attrition rate was higher there than here," Requejo explained. "Here in the 82nd we have a lot more guys that are physically fit."

On the final day of the EIB testing, the

to display their determination and toughness.

Out of the 544 Infantrymen that began, 252 were awarded the EIB, and 42 were classified as "true blue" EIBs. The reference "true blue" describes infantrymen who earned their badges with a first-time pass in every event.

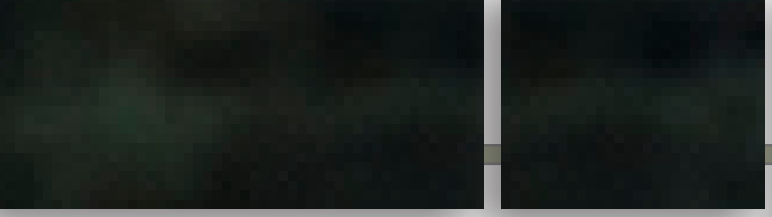
The Expert Infantryman Badge, or EIB, is a military badge of the United States Army. Although similar in name and appearance to the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), it is a completely different award: while the CIB is awarded for participation in ground combat, the EIB is presented for completion

of a course of testing designed to demonstrate proficiency in infantry skills.

The EIB was first created in October 1943. Currently, it is awarded to U.S. Army personnel who hold infantry or special forces military occupational specialties. To be awarded the EIB, the soldier must complete a number of prerequisites and pass a battery of graded tests on basic infantry skills; usually the testing phase is the culmination of weeks of training.

The EIB test is administered on average once per year with pass rates usually near 10 percent, depending on the unit conducting testing.

Personnel who have been awarded both the EIB and the CIB are not authorized to wear both awards simultaneously. In such cases, the CIB has precedence according to Army Regulation 670-1. However, while the CIB may have precedence, holders of both may choose to wear the EIB instead of the CIB.



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BEST WARRIOR

Photos by Sgt. Joseph Guenther

COMPETITION

FORT LEE, Va. -- Sgt. Darius Krzywonos, a field artillery surveyor assigned to 2nd Battalion, 12th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and the Forces Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, navigates a stress shoot course during the U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition Oct. 17, 2012.

FORT LEE, Va. – The Army's top Soldiers and Non-Commissioned Officers came together to represent the major commands from Training and Doctrine Command to Special Operations Command to compete for the coveted top position of U.S. Army Soldier and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year on October 15 – 19, 2012.

Representing Forces Command was the 82nd Airborne Division's own Spc. Jeremy Shivick, an infantryman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, and Sgt. Darius Krzywonos, a field artillery surveyor assigned to 2nd Battalion, 12th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

From October 15 – 19, 2012 the competitors were challenged to display their knowledge, show off their skills, and demonstrate their abilities to be an official spokesperson for the Army. The competitors began with a written test and an electronic warfare simulator on the first day. Over the next three days they were constantly shuttled from field environments to garrison environments and were challenged physically and mentally from before the sun rose, to well after the sun set.

Their second day began with an Army physical fitness test, which was attended by hundreds of the post's resident entry and advanced-level trainees. They shouted wildly as if cheering for their favorite sports stars as the competitors completed each event. Even the two-mile run was like a scene out of the Olympic games. Many of the competitors scored the maximum 300 points, and it remained too early for any particular Soldier to stand out.

Unlike the division and corps-level competitions, it wasn't easy to be able to determine how one soldier compared to the others, Shivick said. They were all extremely skilled and talented, he explained.

"I feel like I'm doing pretty well," Shivick said. "I trained for these specific tasks, and I used to think 'How am I going to apply what I know with common sense and judgment in a battlefield environment to accomplish the mission.'"

Despite his successes in his career, from earning his Expert Infantryman Badge his first try, to accelerating to the 82nd Airborne Division's Soldier of the Year shortly afterward, Shivick remains a quiet and humble young Paratrooper. He has attributed most of his successes to his leadership, particularly his squad leader, Staff Sgt. Jason Thomas, who also earned the title of the XVIII Airborne Corps Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

"They (my leadership) are the cornerstone of why I'm here today as well as the training when I first got to my unit," Shivick explained. "A few months after I got to my unit I had to take the expert infantryman test, I passed that…it has manifested into me being here now."

Despite the months of training and studying and preparing for the Best Warrior Competition, Shivick remains open-minded about his challenges, and takes every experience as an opportunity to learn.

"What I really liked about this (competition) is they assigned a team (to me), and as a specialist, I haven't quite been given the title of team leader yet. I've been given ethical issues to think about with (this team), and when I return to my team (at Fort Bragg, NC), I feel like I can take these experiences with me," he said.

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The team provided by the 7th Sustainment Brigade was the cornerstone of one of the final events of the competition. Shivick and the other competitors had to lead a fire team down a street of an Afghan village in order to pass the lane. Proper maneuvers were required, along with proper hand signals and security, as the competitors and their teams navigated through the Improvised Explosive Device lane. Along with maintaining a sharp lookout for IEDs, Shivick was required to report the progress of the patrol to the tactical operations center and interact with local population.

"Every day I'm learning something. No matter what level of competition I attend, I'm always impressed with the attitudes, abilities, and stamina, both mental and physical that other Soldiers possess," Krzywonos said.

Krzywonos, a towering Soldier who stands more than a foot higher than those around him, is a native of Poland and a Marine Corps veteran of Boznia and Somolia during the early 1990s. Like Shivick, he is quiet and humble, insisting that his personal role is only a small part of the overall Army mission.

"The lessons learned through the Marine Corps are carried with me here over the years," Krzywonos said. "They are discipline, the need and desire to carry on despite challenges, discomforts, and heartaches, no matter what."

That discipline and drive was challenged on the third day of the competition when the candidates were roused at 4:00 a.m. to the sounds of firecrackers, artillery simulation rounds, sirens, and shouts from the graders that dozens of their comrades were injured outside. The candidates rushed outside to save the lives of their comrades, played by Fort Lee Soldiers who each had simulated life-threatening injuries. In less than 30 minutes, each candidate had to rush to a casualty, provide life-saving treatment, and carry him or her to a casualty collection point.

With little time to recover, they were moved to the ranges to complete stress shoots, improvised explosive device lanes, and the chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear lane, in which they were required to clear villages with full mission oriented protective posture clothing using such equipment as gas masks.

"The stress shoot pushed me to the brink physically," Krzywonos said. "It was a hard event, but it was a well organized course. Each event had its own level of challenges."

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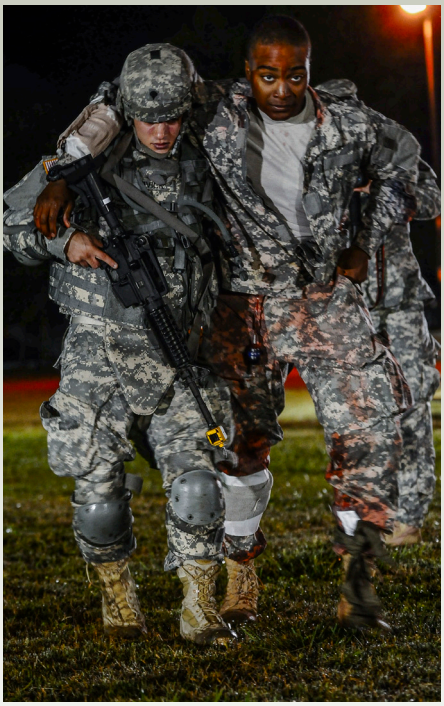

FORT LEE, Va. -- Spc. Jeremy Shivick, an infantryman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, and Forces Command Soldier of the Year, moves a patient to the casualty collection point during a simulated mass casualty event Oct. 17, 2012 as part of the U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition. The candidates were roused at 4:00 a.m. to the sound of firecrackers, simulated artillery, and sirens and informed that they would be treating injured Soldiers and moving them to a casualty collection point for time. Assessing the patient, treatment, and movement were all graded by observer controllers under high-stress conditions.

On the left: FORT LEE, Va. -- Soldiers and Noncommissioned Officers competing at the U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition completed multiple situational exercise lanes throughout the early morning and into the afternoon Oct. 17, 2012. The chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) lane tested the candidates' abilities to work as a team to clear Afghan villages and arrest insurgent targets while under threat of a chemical attack. Candidates wore mission oriented protective posture gear such as gas masks and protective suits to clear the village.

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The final culminating event of the U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition was the board, whose president was the Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler. Both Shivick and Krzywonos said they were well-prepared, and looked forward to completing the final event, and moving on to find out who won.

Finally, at the end of the week, all the competitors were moved to Washington D.C. to participate in the Army Ten Miler, and to attend the Association of the United States Army annual convention, where the winners would be announced.

"This isn't just about warrior tasks and drills, but the whole warrior concept," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Chandler at the AUSA luncheon.

Vice Chief of Staff General Lloyd Austin added, "Our best asset is not our tanks or our weapons, but our people." He continued, "I've seen you do the most amazing things, seemingly impossible things, and I have seen you do it routinely."

Despite the best effort made by the Forces Command Soldier and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, Sgt. Saral Shresta representing United States Army Special Operations Command took home the title of Soldier of the Year while Staff Sgt. Matthew Senna representing United States Army-Europe took home the title of Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

upcoming events

9-11 NOV 5/73 Marriage Retreat

12 NOV 2/505 Gift-wrap Fundraiser

13 NOV 2/505 FRG Steering Committee MTG

14 NOV 5/73 Steering Committee MTG
DIV Family Newcomer Orientation
@ Gavin Hall 0930
2/505 Volunteer Luncheon

15 NOV 2/505 Alpha Company Change of Command
Corp Family Readiness Training Forum
@ Fort Bragg Club
FRSA Town Hall Meeting
@ Reserve Center

16 NOV Holiday Hearts Deadline

17 NOV 1/505 Family Day

20 NOV 2/505 HHC Change of Command

21 NOV 82nd BSB Raffle Winner Announced

26 NOV 1/505 HHC FRG Meeting
Officers serve at the DFAC

11 DEC Brigade Run

15 DEC Begin block leave

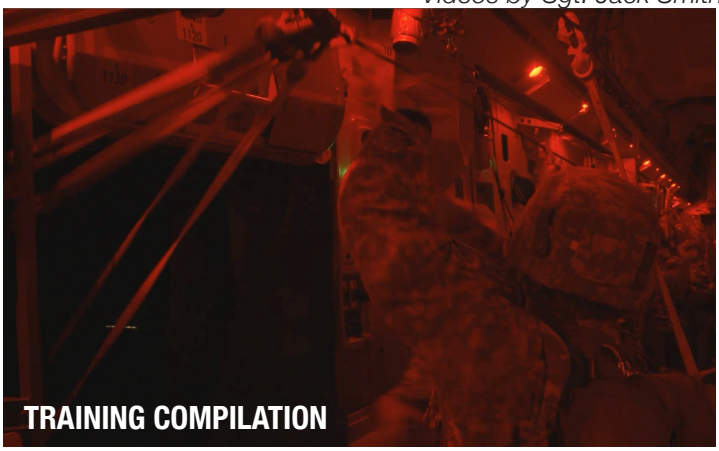
PANTHERBRIGADE YOUTUBE

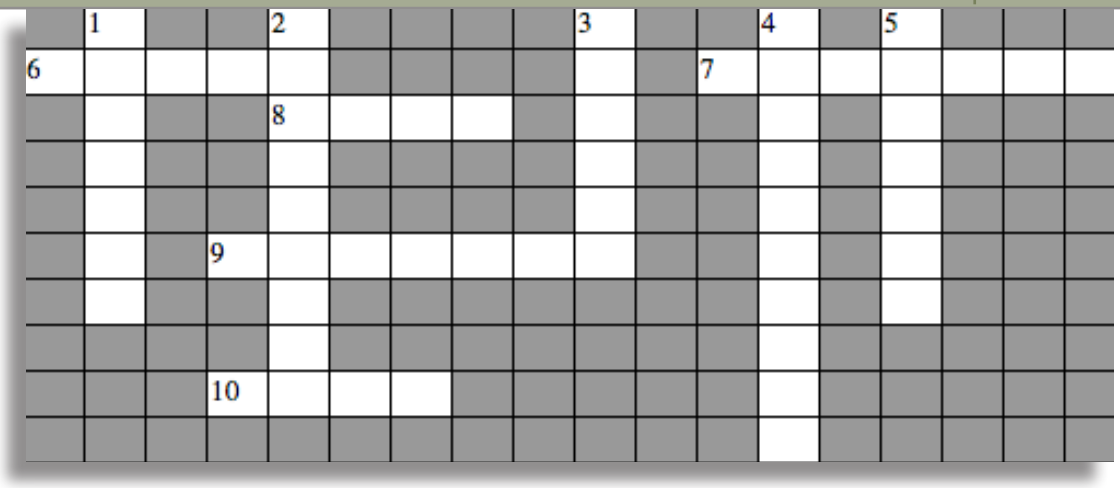
http://www.flickr.com/photos/pantherbrigade/

pantherbrigade at youtube.com

PANTHER BRIGADE ON FLICKR

Videos by Sgt. Jack Smith





ACROSS

6. The largest combined military operation in history
7. On 17 September 1944, as part of "Operation Market Garden"., the 505th made its fourth jump into _____, the largest airborne assault in history.
8. One of the seven Army Values. Definition: To fulfill your obligations.
9. When a senior NCO such as a 1SG, SGM, or CSM enters a facility, Troopers will call "__"
10. The beret must be worn 1 __ above the left eyebrow.

DOWN

1. The 505th Regimental motto. Paratroopers jumped prior to the actual invasion.
2. Heat injuries are preventable with proper ___ and an awareness of environmental conditions.
3. In the spring of 1918, the Division deployed to __.
4. On 30 April 1965, the 3d Brigade was alerted for combat as part of "Operation __ __."
5. Some ride their __ to the enemy, Others are sky paratroopers.

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Swift	Hickey
Erwin	Canham
Burnham	Higgins
Duncan	Farrell
Bradley	Trapnell
Ridgeway	Bowen
Gavin	Howze
Byers	Beach
Gaither	Conway
Palmer	Throckmorton

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