

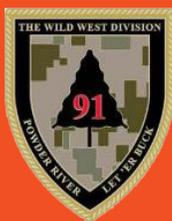
91ST TRAINING DIVISION OPERATIONS WARRIOR 91 13-01



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Powder River, Let 'er Buck!



COMMAND SGT. MAJ. GREGORY S. CHATMAN

Division Command Sergeant Major

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Fort Hunter Liggett and the 91st Training Division's WARRIOR 91 13-01. The 91st Training Division (Operations) is tasked by USARC to provide a platform for Train/Ready Year 2 and 3 units in order to enhance capabilities and be a force multiplier in today's total army. Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Talley put out his guidance in Rally Point 32 in June, 2012. As part of his Strategic Guidance one of his priorities is to "Provide trained, equipped, ready and accessible Soldiers, leaders and units to the Total Force in support of the full range of planned and contingency operations." Later in his Operational Priorities he says he will "Emphasize technical skills training in tactical environments; embrace the Army Reserve Training Strategy – Warrior Exercises (WAREX) and Combat Support Training (CSTX); participate in theater exercises when appropriate."

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The Soldiers of the 91st Training Division (Operations) will continue to refine our training support requirements in order to provide an environment where leaders can be challenged in their capabilities to execute missions and Mission Essential Task List tasks.

I also want to emphasize safety. Our most important responsibility is to ensure safety is the number one priority when it comes to training and taking care of our Soldiers.

While here at Fort Hunter Liggett remember that we train to standard and not to time. This is one of the few collective training opportunities Soldiers and leaders may have to get their units proficient and prepared for an environment in the ever changing landscape in which we fight and win.

I hope that you enjoy the challenge and you engage in the training opportunities that the Soldiers of the 91st Training Division (Operations) set before you.

POWDER RIVER, "LET 'ER BUCK"

Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory S. Chatman

BRIG. GEN. JON D. LEE



Division Commander

Welcome to the home of the 91st Training Division (Operations) and Fort Hunter Liggett. We are proud to provide the training venue for Warrior 91 13-01, which is part of the Army Reserve Training Strategy.

In addition to providing collective task training exercises for Army Reserves Combat Support and Combat Service Support units, the 91st Training Division (Ops) also provides training to joint, combined, and active component forces. Training is constantly updated and revamped to provide Soldiers the best preparation for current conflicts to which Soldiers may be called to protect and defend the Constitution and preserve our freedoms.

I am a champion for LTG Tally's vision regarding Rally Point 32. I encourage that every Soldier read the Rally Point 32 brochure. To restate the Chief of Army Reserves intent, it is to sustain a high-quality, all-volunteer, operational Army Reserve for Army and Joint Force missions at home and abroad. Our Soldiers, leaders, and units will couple vital military capabilities with civilian-acquired skills to provide strategic depth across the full range of military operations.

We are leaving a decade of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and moving into a period of uncertainty and complexity. Our exercises for training must confront that uncertainty in the future operational environment.

The 91st Training Division and our stakeholders (1st Army, 75th Division, RTS Med, MRTC, 63 RSC, and Fort Hunter Liggett – IMCOM) are committed in providing the units the ability to train in an environment that builds on combat experience, develops new leaders and exercise our Army Doctrine.

We will remain the best Army in the World because we will continue to train better than anyone else. Leaders must take advantage of the resources and environment provided here at Fort Hunter Liggett. Don't settle for anything less.

Safety is always a priority. Thank you for the discipline to make safety part of your daily checks and training. We must always remember that safety is a combat multiplier in protecting our force and resources.

I would be remiss if I didn't stop to thank our Family members. In the words of Gen. Casey, "Families are serving side by side with us, enduring our hardship, providing the unconditional love and support that truly makes our Army strong." To the Families, I salute.

Train hard and train safe.

Brig. Gen. Jon D. Lee
Commanding General
Wild West Division

Warrior Exercise Finds Wings



“Warrior Exercise 91 13-01, allows soldiers to live in a deployment environment and conduct full-scale training missions – with real-world challenges included.”



Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Gary A. Witte

FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. – There are times when your emergency medical transport doesn't just have wheels.

Soldiers with the 801st Combat Support Hospital practiced loading casualties onto a C-17 that landed on a dirt airstrip at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., March 19 as part of a multi-week training exercise. The Reserve unit, from Illinois and Indiana, worked with Air Force personnel to learn the process of handling wounded on the plane.

U.S. Army Spc. Kasie N. Mumford of Anderson, Ind., a medic with the 801st CSH, said the training was both realistic and welcome, since the unit doesn't often work with the Air Force.

“It was a great opportunity,” she said. “We've never gotten to experience anything like that.”

Mumford said the variances of equipment and prioritizing patients

are also important to learn since the plane could be flying for 13 to 14 hours, compared to a shorter ambulance or helicopter ride.

“Your patient prepping is completely different than it would be [if they travel for] 15-20 minutes,” she said.

More than 30 Soldiers took the class led by U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Angel Delacruz of Lichfield Park, Ariz., with the 146th Aeromedical Evacuation Squad from Channel Islands, Calif. He taught the Soldiers airfield safety, the proper hand signals for approaching the aircraft and the location of medical gear aboard the plane.

“It's beneficial,” he said. “It gives them an understanding of what they can see...The setup is different for us on the aircraft.”

Delacruz said the plane's medical equipment includes everything that would be part of an emergency treatment “crash cart,” such as suction and sharps containers.

The aircraft from Travis Air Force Base landed in the afternoon on an unimproved runway near one of the camps set up for the March exercise. Its jet engines blew dirt and dust across the area before coming to a halt. An ambulance loaded with people acting as wounded personnel slowly pulled up and Soldiers followed Delacruz through the procedures.

U.S. Army Col. Andre K. Artis of Dyer, Ind., commander of the hospital, said his facility is only able to stabilize and transport severely injured patients. The event helped build camaraderie with the Air Force personnel who would have to handle that transportation, he said.

During the rest of the afternoon, C-17s practiced takeoffs and landings on the short airstrip.

“That's a beautiful sight,” Artis said. “These guys are up and down before you know it.”

Warrior Exercise Movers & Shakers



858th Movement Control Team *Bay City, Mich.*

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Derek Q. Adams of Romulus, Mich., transportation supervisor for the 858th Movement Control Team hands back the required paperwork for a vehicle to leave camp during a training exercise March 21 at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif. The multi-week Warrior Exercise drew thousands of Reserve Soldiers from across the United States to participate. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Gary A. Witte, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Gary A. Witte

FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. – If you think keeping tabs on a thousand people staying in your house would be tough, consider keeping track every time one of them leaves or arrives.

The 858th Movement Control Team, a U.S. Army Reserve unit from Bay City, Mich., spent much of March accomplishing a similar, if more complicated, mission during a joint training operation in Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif. The Warrior Exercise lasted several weeks and drew more than 3,500 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen.

Camp Schoonover, where the 858th MCT was stationed, saw constant convoys, cargo movements and traffic. And every time someone wanted to depart or enter the camp, they had to have the proper permissions, U.S. Army Spc. Cara M. Bolton of Grand Blanc, Mich., a movement specialist, said.

“In order for anyone to move, they have to see us,” she said. “It’s a lot of people.”

During the first couple of weeks, vehicles came through the gates in ones and twos, yet hauling a couple of hundred people a day, she said. When the exercise shifted to 24-hour operations, convoys had to have three or more vehicles with tactical support. This still meant almost a hundred vehicles rolling in and out each day.

U.S. Army Capt. Joseph A. Mounts of Bay City, Mich., commander of the 858th MCT, said monitoring and coordinating all of this is an important job, especially during a real-world deployment where leaders have to know the location of all their assets at all times. The unit even tracks flights in and out of bases.

“We’re the eyes and ears of the theatre commander,” he said.

Not only was the March exercise good training for Soldiers of

the 858th, it also helped teach the other units the importance of planning and notifying movement control teams about their plans during a deployment, Mounts said.

When Soldiers leave a base on patrol or cargo is shipped from one location to another, the movement control teams have to know, he said.

“They can’t just move whenever they see fit,” Mounts said. “Nobody would have an understanding of where they are. And chaos can result.”

U.S. Army Spc. Andrew W. Van Scyoc of Dearborn Heights, Mich., a transportation management coordinator, said the exercise gave him a different perspective on his previous training, where they used computer programs to track convoys and other movements.

“It was more of a hands-on approach,” he said of the Warrior Exercise. “You get to see all that first hand rather than sitting behind

a desk.”

Requests for movement had to be made more than 24 hours prior and if a convoy was scheduled to travel on California state roads, they had to get clearance from the state. Then the unit’s paperwork had to be approved by the MCT at staging lanes prior to rolling out.

Bolton and Van Scyoc were on the advance party for the unit and were present almost a

week before any of the life support, such as field showers, water buffalos or hot meals, were available.

“We’re first in, last out,” Van Scyoc said.

Mounts said the unit will have spent the maximum amount of time allowed for annual training – 29 days – working for the exercise. He said there was no negativity among his Soldiers, no one got hurt and he was extremely satisfied with

the job they did.

“Really, there’s not much more you can ask for,” he said.

The exercise included tactical training for members of the unit, including convoy movements, dealing with improvised explosive devices and base defense. This training, along with duties such as gate guard and kitchen work, had to be done even with the constant work of movement control.

Bolton, who missed some of the training because of the movement mission, said the exercise gave her first-hand experience establishing standard operating procedures with higher command and helped her learn to delegate. She expressed pride in being on the forefront of the mission.

“You look at everything and say, ‘We set this up,’” she said.



200th Preventive Medicine Unit *Redwings Horse Sanctuary*

Soldiers with the 200th Preventive Medicine Unit make their way through a pasture scattering the herd of wild mustangs at the Redwings Horse Sanctuary. The soldiers tested the water supplies throughout the property during warrior exercise at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Lisa Rodriguez-Presley, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

Army Vets Get Valuable Training at Redwings Horse Sanctuary



Story and Photos by Sgt. Lisa Rodriguez-Presley

LOCKWOOD, Calif. – The United States Army has a long and colorful history with horses. While tanks and armored vehicles are now the mounts of Army Cavalry units, Soldiers of the 149th Medical Detachment Veterinary Services and the 200th Preventive Medicine Unit continued that history by training at Redwings Horse Sanctuary during warrior exercise at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

The veterinarians and vet techs got hands on experience at the 160-acre facility that rescues abandoned, abused and neglected horses and burros. A variety of breeds and backgrounds are represented among the 85 residents of the sanctuary, allowing the vets to work with horses of every size and temperament. Redwings' veterinarian Stephen McClenny was on hand to show the soldiers some basic horse handling techniques,

how to perform a physical, and diagnosing illness.

It was a unique experience for the unit, and though the Army no longer has horses, according to Maj. Victoria Smith, a Field Veterinarian from Lacey, Wash., the experience treating them is especially helpful prior to deployment.

It is great to get hands on training with large animals before a deployment because part of our mission is working with the local population," she said. "They will often bring horses, cows and other farm animals to us for treatment so getting this training before we get in theater makes it easier for us to provide those services."

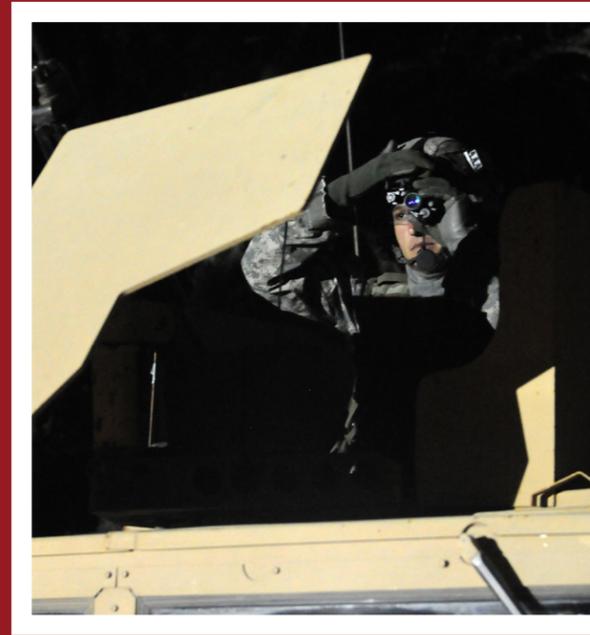
The training for these soldiers marks the first time Redwings Sanctuary has provided training to the military, but for executive director Linda Plumb, this opportunity falls right in line with the mission of the sanctuary. "A big part of our mission here is to community outreach

and education," she said. Working with military or civilians, it allows us to get the word out so people will learn to appreciate these magnificent creatures."

As soldiers made their way through a large pasture toward a water pond, a herd of curious wild mustangs began to follow them. The soldiers gathered samples from all of the water sources on the sanctuary to check for bacteria that could be harmful to the animals.

Approaching slowly, the mustangs allowed the soldiers to get close enough to touch them, which was a thrilling experience for Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Howle of Tracy, Calif. "Man, I have the greatest job in the world," he said. Stroking the muzzle of a white mustang, he looked toward the other soldiers and asked, "Where else would you ever get to have an experience like this?"

Warrior Exercise MPs Join Forces



363rd Military Police Company/ 447th Military Police Company

Spc. Brandon F. Crutchfield of Bonifay, Fla., a gunner for the 363rd Military Police Company, adjusts his night vision device prior to an evening training mission March 22 at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., during the U.S. Army Reserve exercise, Warrior Exercise 91 13-01. The unit, based out of Grafton, W.Va., was one of many from across the United States participating in the multi-week joint Warrior Exercise. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Gary A. Witte, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Gary A. Witte

FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. —Take parts of a U.S. Army Reserve unit that don't normally train together, mix well and liberally add enemy firefights.

With hard work, you may see results similar to the achievements of the 363rd Military Police Company during the Warrior Exercise training operation at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., in March. After half the unit was tasked elsewhere, two squads — each from different parts of West Virginia — and a third from Pittsburgh were sent to the multi-week joint training exercise as a single element.

U.S. Army Sgt. Chad D. Webster of Morgantown, W.Va., a team leader, said the Soldiers drew together quickly. They began holding extra training during their downtime and veterans in the unit shared their knowledge with the newer Soldiers — many who had only recently completed their initial

military training.

"Anyone who had been deployed or had experience on the civilian side, they threw it in there," Webster said of the three squads. "We've worked together here and there, but not ... where we're completely integrated."

1st Lt. Lucas Collins of Mechanicsburg, Penn., the acting commander, said he hopes his Soldiers will take the knowledge gained here and share it with the rest of the company.

"The Soldiers have really bonded well," Collins said. "They've become a cohesive unit out here and they've done that from day one."

The unit, heavily tasked with activities such as cordon and search patrols, security patrols and base defense, ran at least a mission a day once 24-hour operations began. The overall scenario of the exercise simulated nation-rebuilding efforts.

"Our tempo has been pretty high up to this point," Collins said.

"They've responded well to the intensity level."

Even as the challenges grew, another squad-sized element from the 447th Military Police Company out of North Canton, Ohio, was thrown into the blend.

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Lahomma D. Fowler of Morgantown, W.V., acting first sergeant for the 363rd MP Co., said the leadership worked through the typical "bumps in the road" of attaching them to the element while running missions.

"It always takes a couple of days to get into the groove when you're integrating a new group," she said, adding that it has gone well since then.

Real world challenges flowed side-by-side with simulated ones during the exercise. The 363rd MP Co. last deployed to Iraq in 2009 and Fowler said the training scenarios their Soldiers have faced at Fort Hunter Liggett have been realistic ones.

"They have outstanding role-

players and that makes all the difference," Fowler said.

"Our guys who have deployed before are saying it's right on key."

U.S. Army Pfc. Daniel W. Palazzo of Montgomery, Penn., a gunner for the unit who deployed to Iraq, said the situations the unit faced during the exercise, helped show that not every situation calls for force.

"Sometimes you've got to take your finger off the trigger and take it easy," he said. "An aggressive posture is not going to win the hearts and minds."

Collins said the exercise had the additional benefit of allow-

ing Soldiers to use skills they may not be able to practice during typical training weekends. The Pittsburgh unit, for instance, would normally have to travel almost two hours to get into a field environment, he said.

During the 24-hour operations portion of the Warrior Exercise, the unit has faced personnel shortages through simulated casualties, rapid changes of missions and equipment challenges.

"They have to make sure the equipment is ready for the next day," Collins said. "It's a continual process of checking over the vehicles.

Checking over personnel, weaponry. Checking over

communications equipment. Everything."

U.S. Army Pfc. Ethan Rensel of Portersville, Penn., a driver for the unit, said he did not expect the training to be as good as it turned out to be. He now believes the missions, ranging from hunting explosive device makers to dealing with local nations, helped get him ready for possible deployment.

"In the short time we've been here, I've learned a lot," he said.

The enemy hasn't always been the ones teaching the lessons. The first sergeant described one early morning event when the enemy forces, known as OPFOR, were

about to attack the camp's main gate while members of the unit were on guard.

The team leader at the gate, having just gotten intelligence about the impending attack, knew that another section of the unit was soon returning from a patrol and radioed for assistance. Between the armored vehicles and gunfire from the unit at the gate, the enemy was eliminated, Fowler said.

"The OPFOR were pretty surprised we had [communication] between the two and they were working together," she said, smiling.



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The 91st Training Division (Operations) has a proud history of military service dating back to World War I. It was constituted Aug. 5, 1917, at Camp Lewis, Wash. and since 1959, has focused on training Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the western United States. The division trains multi-service units with realistic but safe training to satisfy training objectives and meet mission-essential tasks.