

Lightning Times

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Greetings from across the water to you and all your families this Mother's Day! My name is CPT Thomas Sanchez Jr., the new Detachment Commander for HHD. A little bit about me: I have two children Taelor, age 9, and Javier, age 6. My family and I have lived in the Fort Hood area for over four years, and I look forward to bringing this unit home safe and sound. As an old Soldier with over 20 years of experience, I can say that Soldiers are the key to success within this organization; however, without the support of the family, we cannot operate or maintain our mission. Let me begin by thanking

MOTHERS DAY E D I T I O N

CPT Barron for his dedication and seamless transition during the change of command. He truly has been a blessing to the Soldiers and the Brigade since our deployment. He will be greatly missed as he heads to Human Resource Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

In addition to our mission, we have a number of Soldiers who are achieving personal fitness goals. On our last APFT, we had three Soldiers receive Army Achievement Medals for exceeding the APFT standards and nine Soldiers received the Army Physical Fitness Patch.

SPC (P) Wheeler set the standard last month by passing the promotion board and representing the 69th BDE. We have much to anticipate from this young Soldier, and hopefully many more Soldiers will follow his example!

Another Soldier who attained an exceptional achievement is SSG (P) Cunningham who was selected for promotion to SFC. This is no easy feat due to the Army's drawdown, and competition to the next rank is getting harder and harder every year. She truly is well deserving as she continues to represent the best in the logistics community. Congratulations!

Sadly, we are preparing to say goodbye to our Deputy Commanding Officer, LTC Mark Holler. He has guided us through this deployment with his expertise gained from his experience as 1-44 ADA BN's Battalion Commander. I would like to thank LTC Holler for his service and dedication to Soldiers and for helping me transition into this new position as HHD Battery Commander. He is a Soldier's Soldier, and I will miss his advice and counsel.

All the Best...No Fear on Earth!

Mother's Day

Specialist Erica Woods:

To my Mother in Tennessee,
I just want you to know that I love you and I appreciate all that you've done for me. It's your example and actions that have made me a stronger woman, made me into who I am today.

Although physically I can't be there to do anything for you this year, just know that no matter where I am, I will be thinking of you and have you in my heart, not just this day, but every day.

All my love and thanks.

Specialist Zachery Yeary:

To my Mother in Georgia,
Happy Mother's Day, mom. You're awesome and I love you. Thanks for putting up with my shenanigans for the last 22 years. I look forward to putting up with yours for the next few. And your welcome for being such an awesome son.

SSG Missael Garcia:

To my Mother in Texas,
Happy Mother's Day. I'm so glad that you're my mom. You've helped me go through a lot in my life, through the tough times and the good. You've guided me and given me direction when I needed it most. I'm really lucky to have you as my mom.

When I get back home, I'll make up for lost time, take you out for our annual dinner, and go on a trip together.

Specialist Roy Longoria:

To my Mother in Hawaii,
I do apologize for not giving you the attention that you deserved the past few years, but I do miss you. I am proud of you for what you have given to me, making and shaping me into who I am. Happy Mother's Day.

To my Wife in Texas,
I love you very much and care, even though sometimes I feel like I don't do the best job at showing it. You've always had the best intentions and provided what I've need. I love you for being so

affectionate and caring.

Happy Mother's Day.

SSG Stephanie Cunningham:

To my Mother in Oklahoma:
Also known as my best friend forever. Did you know...? That God created mothers because he couldn't be everywhere.

Thank you for all that you have done for me and continue to do. I love you and miss you deeply. I hope your Mother's Day is full of lots of love, hugs, and you enjoy your gifts!

CPT Steven Modugno:

To my Mother in California:
I probably don't say it enough, Mom, how much I love you and appreciate all you've done for me. Sometimes it's very easy to get caught up in the life that's in front of me and miss the opportunities to just talk to you. But know that I love you. Happy Mother's Day.

The Happening



Above: SPC Sohal was promoted to the rank of CPL. He was welcomed into the ranks of Non-commissioned officers.

Left: The S-1 Shop got to meet Billy Blanks, a famous Tae-Bo instructor. He was happy to pose with the 69th ADA Brigade Soldiers for a quick shot.

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Soldier's Name (no rank included)
69th ADA BDE
APO AE 09309-1221



TO THE FAMILIES

We want to personally thank all of our Families for your support and dedication. Without you, we could not be the Soldiers that we are, let alone perform at a high level each day. Thank you for keeping the home fire burning as we know that is no easy task. We look forward to the day that we will return home. Until then, please continue to support your Soldier so that he or she can fulfill their obligation to our great nation.

-HHB Command

CPT Sanchez and 1SG Gahl

GUARDING THE SKIES!



IMPORTANT DATES

April Birthdays

SSG Miller, Darrell	9 APR
CPT Greco, Brian	9 APR
SFC Gahl, Paul	9 APR
MAJ Minor, Matti	10 APR
SPC Culler, Brooke	14 APR
MAJ Whitlock, Carla	18 APR
PFC Maduri, Anthony	20 APR
SGT Berlingeri, Ricardo	27 APR
CPT Bohache, Jessica	30 APR

May Birthdays (Upcoming)

SPC Martinez, Shawn	12 MAY
SSG Williams, Jesse	13 MAY

