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Troopers and Families of the 3d Cavalry Regiment, In May 2015 we welcomed home the last of the Brave Rifles Troopers who were deployed overseas in support of our Nation's missions. Now that we are home on Fort Hood I hope everyone has had the chance to take some well-deserved leave with family and friends after our time away.

We recently completed "Brave Rifles Week" where the Regiment had the opportunity to compete in numerous sporting events and build camaraderie in celebration of the 169th birthday of the Regiment. Spirits were high (although a bit wet) as we celebrated our history and set us in the right state of mind as we get back to business as usual on Fort Hood.

One of our next big tasks is the conversion to the "Double V-Hull" Stryker platform. We are the fourth of nine Stryker brigades in the U.S. Army that is converting to the newer, better armored, and better performing Stryker!

Now that the rain has subsided I anticipate the members of the Regiment are going to partake in a number of summer-time activities. I'd like to remind everyone to stay



safe! Boating, BBQs, and block parties are great ways to fellowship and relax but all come with their own unique risks. No summertime activity is worth an injury or fatality.

Every day that I serve as this Regiment's commander I am in awe at the professionalism of the men and women serving amongst us. I will take every opportunity that I can to thank the Brave Rifles

Troopers and their families for their hard work and sacrifice they provide for the United States of America.

Brave Rifles!

A handwritten signature of Cameron M. Cantlon.

CAMERON M. CANTLON
COL, AR
75th Colonel of the Regiment

Troopers, Families, Friends, The Brave Rifles are back to business as usual. We have finished another chapter in the history of the 3d Cavalry Regiment. We closed out Operation Enduring Freedom, stood up the Train, Advise and Assist mission and now we are starting new in preparation for the next mission our nation calls us to do.

We are in the early phases of planning a training rotation at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, CA early next year. I challenge the Troopers and their Families to prepare for another NTC rotation early so it doesn't upset your day to day life when it comes time for the Brave Rifles to be away from home for about a month.

You may notice the Brave Rifles are being tasked with a number of extra duties due to "red cycle". It's our turn on Fort Hood to take on these day-to-day operations. Be proud of the fact that the Regiment is helping Fort Hood run smoother.

The sun is finally out and the 3d Cav Troopers will undoubtedly partake in a number of summer-time activities. Please take advantage of some of the great Fort Hood Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities that the military provides for us. The Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation area is a unique experience and I invite everyone to enjoy the beach and picnic areas. The recent floods in central Texas have created hazards in many areas. Please pay attention to warning



signs and be vigilant for you and your Family's safety.

When it comes to summertime safety one of the most dangerous situations you can find yourself in is driving under the influence of alcohol. Don't do it! There's no reason to risk the safety of yourself or the people around you! Drinking and driving can ruin your career and your life. I challenge leaders of all levels to take responsibility and do the right thing.

It makes me proud to serve with each and every one of the Brave

Rifles past and present. Thank you to the Soldiers for their service and thank you to the Families for their support. Our storied history would be nothing without the people that make up our Regiment.

Brave Rifles!

A handwritten signature of Roger L. Heinze.

Roger L. Heinze
XX Regimental Command
Sergeant Major



Sgt. 1st Class Jason Walker, Steel Squadron, 3rd Cav. Regt., is presented with the Maj. Gen. Aubrey “Red” Newman Medallion May 21 by Maj. Gen. Michael Bills, 1st Cav. Div. commander, at Veterans Field for showing excellence in leadership and developing his troopers.

3d CAV REGT COLLECTS AWARDS

The “Brave Rifles” held an awards ceremony May 21 to recognize 3rd Cavalry Regiment Troopers and units who have impacted the Army at the highest levels during a ceremony at Veterans Field on Fort Hood. The 1st Cavalry Division commander, Maj. Gen. Michael Bills, presented the awards. Three different unit awards were given to outstanding companies and troops who displayed superior achievements in the past year. The Dillard award, the Itschner Award and the Draper Award.

The Dillard Award was presented to the 66th Military Intelligence Company by the award’s namesake, Maj. Gen. Oliver W. Dillard’s daughter, Diane Broadnax, along with Bills. The award is given to the best military intelligence company in the U.S. Army and was selected by the United States Army Forces Command.

“My dad would have loved to be here,” Broadnax said about her 88-year-old father. “I’ll have a grin for the rest of the day; it was such an honor to be able to do this for

dad,” Broadnax said. Accepting the award was 66th MICO company commander, Capt. Eric Russell. The Itscher Award was given to the 43rd Combat Engineer Company. The 43rd CEC was nominated by III Corps for the active-Army component of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for being this year’s “most outstanding engineer company in each Army component,” according to the Army Awards Program.

The last unit award presented was

the Draper Award given to Killer Troop, 4th Squadron “Longknife,” 3rd Cav. Regt. The award was established by Lt. Col. Wickliffe P. Draper in 1924 as a way to competitively test the leadership of small cavalry units. The award is granted annually to the best troop or company in a unit with cavalry or armor Soldiers. Accepting the award was the Killer Troop company commander, Capt. David Stewart.

Bills, Col. Cameron Cantlon, the 3rd Cav. Regt. commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Heinze, the 3rd Cav Regt. command sergeant major presented the “Maj. Gen. Aubrey “Red” Newman certificates and medallions” to 17 troopers in the Regiment. These troopers were selected for demonstrating excellence in mentoring and counseling.

“These are the future leaders of our squadrons, brigades and our Army,” Cantlon said during his speech. “I think my sergeant major nominated me for this,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Walker, “It makes me feel really proud to represent the unit in this way.”

Army Commendation Awards were given to the 3rd Cav’s Best Ranger Team, Capt. Roy Glasgow and 1st Lt. Michael Matthaeus. The Best Ranger Competition was held in Fort Benning, Georgia, April 2014 and the 3rd Cav’s team finished in the top half of all the teams competing in the Army.

Certificates of Achievement were presented to the Gainey Cup competitors from Longknife Squad-



Col. Cameron Cantlon, 3d Cavalry Regiment commander, ties a streamer onto the guidon of Killer Troop, 4th Squadron “Longknife,” 3d Cav. Regt. May 21 at Veterans Field for its winning the Draper Award. The honor was bestowed upon the Troop for its dedication to excellence and leadership in a cavalry unit.

Diane Broadnax presents the Dillard Award to 66th Military Intelligence Company, 3rd Squadron “Thunder,” 3rd Cavalry Regiment, May 21 at Veterans Field. Broadnax is the daughter of retired Maj. Gen. Oliver Dillard, whom the award is named after.



ron. The Gainey Cup is an annual cavalry scout competition held at Fort Benning, Georgia.

1st Lt. Daniel Moriarty said, “The competition benefited us as well as the whole squadron. We took skills we learned from training and competing for the cup and brought them back to our unit.”

“The regiment has been busy with simultaneous deployments around the planet and they will stay busy as the year goes on,” Cantlon said, “even while serving in Afghanistan and Egypt, the Best Ranger and Gainey Cup competitors trained for their events and excelled in their respective competitions.”



Story Time for Buster



Staff Sgt. Jason Mueller, Headquarters Troop, 3-3 Cav. Regt., volunteers with his therapy-dog, Buster, at Williams Elementary School's Literacy Night May 4 in Georgetown.

Staff Sgt. Jason Mueller, a Soldier assigned to Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron "Thunder," 3rd Cavalry Regiment, volunteered with his therapy-dog "Buster" at Williams Elementary School's Literacy Night May 4 in Georgetown.

Literacy Night is a program where therapy dogs are used by the school to help build children's confidence while reading out loud. Williams Elementary

mentary School is made up of children in grades 3-5. Children went from room to room petting different therapy dogs and reading out loud to dogs, handlers and parents.

Mueller is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and has served a tour in the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt. Mueller has been in the Army primarily as a tanker for 18 years. He plans to retire when he gets over 20 and to continue volunteering with the therapy dog program.

"Buster's used to a lot of different situations," Mueller said.

Buster, a 6-year-old Boston terrier, had to go through hours of training and a number of different certifications to earn the "complex" rating of therapy dog. "Complex" refers to the types of scenarios that the therapy dogs are qualified for. Buster is qualified at the highest rating of therapy dog.

Buster has provided therapy to hospices, vet clinics, schools, and he recently took part in a "No Vet Dies Alone" campaign.

"Buster can sense when people aren't doing well," Mueller said.



Third Cavalry Museum

MUSEUM HOURS

Mon-Fri:
9a.m. - 4p.m.
Sat: 10a.m. - 4p.m.
Sun: Noon - 4p.m.

Created in 1930, the museum has followed the Regiment to every location it has called home. In 1986 the museum was officially staffed with professionals, charged with the responsibility of keeping the Regiment's history alive.



This animated picture frame is of Pvt. Timothy Cunningham, the first Trooper to lose his life during the battle of Vera Cruz, Mexico. After 164 years, his memory lives on as he welcomes each visitor who enters the museum.



3rd U.S. Cavalry
Association Gift Shop
located inside the museum



Playing in the Mud

The 3rd Cavalry Regiment celebrated its 169th birthday with a weeklong celebration, appropriately titled "Brave Rifles Week."

The event was held to celebrate the unit's long history, to honor its troopers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and to bring together the men and women currently serving in the regiment.

Throughout the week, sports competitions were held for the troopers to build camaraderie and to provide a little friendly competition. Each squadron provided teams to participate in a tug of war, basketball, dodge ball, trap/skeet shoots, flag football, soccer and softball tournament.

The sporting events were meant to develop the relationship between squadrons giving many troopers the opportunity to mingle and get to know other Soldiers they would not ordinarily interact with.

"The purpose of this week is to strengthen the bond between our troopers," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Turner, a member of Regi-

mental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Cav. Regt. "Though they are competitors here on the field, these competitions will bring the squadrons closer together."

From the sidelines, troopers and Families of players from across the regiment braved the rain and mud to cheer on their teams and show their support.

Family members were also able to participate in Brave Rifles Week festivities, including a Spouse Spur Ride that allowed them to get a glimpse of the training it takes to make a cavalry trooper.

Held at the Warrior Skills Training Center, the spur ride gave Family members the opportunity to use the state-of-the-art simulators for weapons firing and room clearing. The spouses also had to take a test on regimental history, run a mile and maneuver through an obstacle course.

"It showed me a little bit of what my husband does when he is training," said Jonie Blake, a member of the

Steel Squadron team. "It gave me a perspective on how intense things actually are. We are not in a stressful environment, and we can stop if we don't like something; they can't. They have to push on and deal with it."

But the week was not all competition and challenges.

After a Brave Rifles 5K/10K run, a memorial ceremony was held May 16 in honor of the troopers lost during the regiment's most recent deployments.

Col. Cameron Cantlon, the regimental commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Heinze, regimental command sergeant major, laid a wreath at the regiment's OIF Memorial and spoke on the importance of remembering the unit's fallen Soldiers.

"This week is a chance for us to enjoy ourselves and have fun, but we mustn't forget the 3rd Cav. troopers who came before us and sacrificed so much," Cantlon said. "This regiment is dedicated to respecting the past and building a future."





mored Cavalry Regiment among others.

Cone spoke of the trust bestowed upon soldiers by the U.S. people and the responsibility of being a leader in the military.

"When you look back at your carrier and what was really important it will never be about you, your rank or your awards," said Cone. "It will always be about the people, a legacy of leader development a generation of your subordinates who went on to do great things in the future."

After the address by Cone, a punch bowl was rolled out and in the traditional "Cavalry" way the evening's refreshments were concocted.

Each Squadron commander walked, some danced, to the center of the floor and added an ingredient with historical significance.

All Troopers regardless of rank where able to share this traditional Cavalry drink.

"I had so much fun," Said Spc. Stacy Martinez a training room clerk from New Mexico assigned to, Regimental Headquarters Headquarters Troop, 3d Cav. Regt. "I had never been to a Cavalry ball before. It was really fun getting together with people from across the regiment and just hang out. The dance floor was full, I never thought I would see commanders being so relaxed."

The night ended with hours of dancing and socializing. It was the last event for the "Brave Rifles" to recover from deployment. Now, the 3d Cav. Troopers return to training and bettering their methods, practices and themselves. Preparing for the next time the nation calls them up to serve.



Retired Gen. Robert Cone, the guest of honor and speaker at the 3d Cavalry Regiment Ball, scoops "grog" April 30 after the events official ceremonies have completed. Grog is a historic cavalry beverage made by mixing many different ingredients that represent different eras of the units history.



Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Heinze, 3d Cavalry Regiment command sergeant major, talks with friends of the Regiment during the 3d Cav. ball held April 30 at the Killeen Civic Center. The event allowed Troopers and supporters of the regiment to come together in celebration of returning from three simultaneous deployments to Afghanistan, Cuba and Egypt.



Col. Cameron Cantlon, 3d Cavalry Regiment commander, proposes a toast during the 3d Cav. Regt. Ball April 30 at the Killeen Civic Center. The ball is to commemorate the Regiments simultaneous deployments to Afghanistan, Cuba and Egypt.

The 3d Cavalry Regiment recently returned from deployments on three different continents. The unit served the nations' interests in Egypt, Cuba and Afghanistan. The regiment held its redeployment ball April 30 at the Killeen Civic Center. Hundreds of Troopers attended and where able to hear a speech from and meet retired Gen. Robert Cone former commander of US Army Training and Doctrine Command, III Corps and 1st Squadron ,3d Ar-

Spc. Gianfranco Tiralongolopez, an intelligence analyst with 66th MI Co., 3rd Squadron, 3d Cav. Regt., removes his boots at the “Thunder” headquarters to care for his feet at the end of the Thunder Mile May 28.



Staff Sgt. William Manerk, a squad leader assigned to Heavy Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3d Cav. Regt., applies camouflage paint to his face at Veterans Field at Fort Hood in preparation for the Thunder Mile, a 25-mile ruck march traversing tank trails and dirt roads, May 27.



25 MILES



Members of 66th Military Intelligence Company, 3-3 Cav. Regt., finish the Thunder Mile, a 25-mile ruck march, as they return to Veterans Field May 28 at Fort Hood.

NO SWEAT

More than 300 troopers from 3rd Squadron “Thunder,” 3rd Cavalry Regiment gathered at Veterans Field awaiting the sunset with much anticipation May 27.

They were going for a little walk.

Promptly at 9 p.m., the squadron stepped off on its annual “Thunder Mile,” a 25-mile ruck march traversing the tank trails and dirt roads of Fort Hood.

Each trooper carried a minimum of 50 pounds in their ruck sack, along with their M4 carbines. Spirits were high, with shouts of excitement echoing loudly as the first steps hit Battalion Avenue.

“I’m pretty excited,” said Sgt. Brandon Venier, a recovery vehicle operator assigned to Quicksilver Troop, 3-3 Cav. Regt. “I know I’m going to finish; I don’t quit. I didn’t quit for air assault – I’m not going to quit on this ruck march.”

Venier added that he was antici-

pating the challenges that would be facing him later in the evening.

“At two o’clock in the morning, I’m sure my feet and back will be hurting, maybe even my pride, but that’s not enough to make me quit,” he said.

The troopers walked throughout the night,

taking few breaks to recover. Moving in the darkness, a stream of chemical lights wound its way through the back roads of Fort Hood.

The participants used different methods to keep their energy and motivation up. Some called cadence, some played music from cellphones and everyone supported their comrades when they

needed an emotional push.

Regardless, motivation was still high and the event ended with a vast majority of the participants finishing the 25 miles.

The Thunder Mile is an undertaking in which finishing is the greatest reward – but that did not mean there was not a reward waiting for the troopers as the end of the course.

At the conclusion of the roughly 10-hour march, the exhausted troopers crossed the finish line where they were served up a hot steak-and-eggs breakfast.

“This builds morale in the unit,” said 1st Lt. Ryan Menges, a communications officer for Thunder Squadron. “These guys get pumped up. This is a good way to say goodbye to the people leaving us after deploying, and welcome the newcomers to the squadron. Mostly, we are turning the corner from the deployment into training.”



On a bright, clear and hot day in eastern Afghanistan 3rd Platoon, 2nd Squadron “Sabre,” 3d Cavalry Regiment, was fired upon while conducting a dismounted patrol. Because of the quick and decisive response of its troopers the insurgents got more than they bargained for.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Grady a weapons squad leader from San Antonio, TX and soldier assigned to, Sabre Squadron, 3d Cav. Regt, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for his actions on Aug. 4th 2014.



Staff Sgt. Patrick Grady F Troop, 3rd Platoon, Sabre Squadron, 3d Cavalry Regiment, is pinned with the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for courageous actions during an ambush while deployed to Afghanistan April 22 at Veterans Field on Fort Hood

A TRUE BRAVE RIFLE

More than 60 Troopers from Sabre Squadron left the safety of Forward Operating Base Shank to investigate locations enemies used to fire rockets into the FOB. While the movement was crossing an open clearing enemies of Afghanistan sprung an ambush.

“We where in a big open area. We got pinned down in the worst place to be caught in an ambush, said Capt. Tyler Clendenon, at the time 3rd Platoon Leader, Sabre Squadron, 3d Cav. Regt. “I bounded up with my machine gun team and placed them to fire on the enemy at our 12 o’clock.”

Grady and the first machine gun team where positioned toward the front of the column, which is not the Army norm. The platoon conducted a mock mission inside Shank just a week previous. Grady noticed that positioning the machine gun in the rear of the formation with the platoon leader was not optimal. Following his advise the platoon leaders begun placing the machine guns toward the front with the first squad so that they could more quickly move to position and return fire.

While positioning the first gun team the insurgents begun the second part of its ambush.

“I noticed the enemy was positioning to flank us from the left,” Grady went on to say. “So I ran back to grab my second machine gun team to place them on the left flank and engage the left side. It was such a large area I had to move back and forth between the separate teams. I got the credit but the gun teams kept us alive.”

The movement found its self in a L-shaped ambush. The insurgents watched the Troopers as they walked up and into a large clearing and opened fire 100 meters away from inside the tree line.

“The ambush was doctrine of what we would do. L-shaped and in the open, said Clendenon. In all honesty there in no way we should have walked out of that with out some kind of casualty but we did. “He did not think at all about his own safety. After positioning his guys he ran hundreds of yards over and over again through allot of enemy machine gun fire. Without his actions on that day

the formation would have lost allot of guys.”

Grady was awarded with the Bronze Star Medal with valor on April 22 for his actions on that day.

“Grady’s actions coordinating the defense of the patrol where a major factor leading to no one being injured of killed that day, said Clendenon. “He was a leader both that day and all throughout the deployment where we constantly engaged the enemy.”

Grady and the rest of Fox Troop saw a much more difficult deployment then most at the end of Operation Enduring Freedom Clendenon added.

He credits his soldiers for their work under harsh conditions and repeated enemy engagements for him making it home.

“My dudes where the best you could ask for,” said Grady. “We where told we where coming over here for base defense and to shut things down. That is not the mission we got, we faced the enemy every day.”



The opening day of the 2015 Best Ranger Competition, April 10, includes the Ranger Malvesti Obstacle Course, three buddy runs, a “pond swim,” urban assault course, spot jump, stress shoot, land navigation and a foot march ending at Camp Rogers on Fort Benning Ga.

The David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition is a test of physical endurance and mental wits. Many will compete, but only a few teams will actually complete the grueling 62-hour event. The competition was started in 1982 and continues today as one of the U.S. Army’s elite endurance competitions. The easy option for most teams is to stop when they feel like they can’t push themselves any farther, but for two infantrymen from the 3d Cavalry Regiment, quitting was never an option.

1st Lt. Roy Glasgow, and 1st Lt. Michael Matthaues, the incoming and outgoing executive officers assigned to Heavy Troop, 3rd Squadron “Thunder,” 3d Cav. Regt. completed the 32nd Annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition held April 10 – 12 at Fort Benning, GA.

The team originally came up with the idea to compete while they were de-

ployed to Afghanistan earlier last year. The 3d Cav. Regt held try-outs for the competition at Forward Operating Base Fenty in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. With only four month for train-up, the team had to act fast to prepare for the challenging competition.

“We wanted so see how far we could push ourselves,” said Matthaues, a native of Philidelphia, PA. “The hardest part for us was balancing our everyday jobs and responsibilities while deployed with training-up up for such a prestigious event,” he said.

The team traveled to Fort Benning immediately after returning from their 9-month deployment. Long hours were spent with conditioning drills and 12-mile ruck marches in preparation for the competition.

The team finished in 20th place overall

– an accomplishment in itself with more than 35 events to include a HELOCAST, unknown distance foot march, night land navigation, written test covering the Ranger Handbook, demolitions range, unknown distance kayak, as well as the famous Malvesti Obstacle Course.

“It’s really all about teamwork and really knowing the guy next to you,” said Glasgow, a native of Austin, TX. “We had to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses going into each event – we would switch who would take lead based on how we were feeling or who was more knowledgeable in one area,” he said. “There were numerous times when our bodies were telling us to quit but the encouragement from our friends, family and unit really helped us push through to see the finish line,” he said.

Fifty-two “buddy-teams” competed this year and only 24 made it to the end.

Grills gone wild

Summer is peak season for grilling, but also prime time for grill-related accidents, injuries and fires. Stay safe this summer with these tips.



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In Memoriam

3d Cavalry Regiment remembers the Troopers who now gather on Fiddler's Green.

<i>Spc. Brian Arsenault</i>	Northborough, MA.	<i>Spc. Wyatt Martin</i>	Mesa, AZ.
<i>Pfc. Gregory Adkins</i>	Sterling Heights, MI.	<i>SFC. Ramon Morris</i>	New York, NY.
<i>George Chagnon</i>	Pineville, LA.	<i>SGT Christopher Mulalley</i>	Eureka, CA.
<i>Sfc. Samuel Hairston</i>	Fort Bragg, NC.	<i>MG John Shea</i>	55th RCO
<i>Walker Helnik</i>	Sturgeon Bay, WI.	<i>H.L. Williams</i>	Cincinnati, OH.
<i>SSG Kevin Lewis</i>	Plano, TX.		

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“Wars may be fought with weapons,
but they are won by men. It is the
spirit of men who follow and of the
man who leads that gains the
victory.”

George S. Patton

28th Col. 3d Cavalry Regiment

