

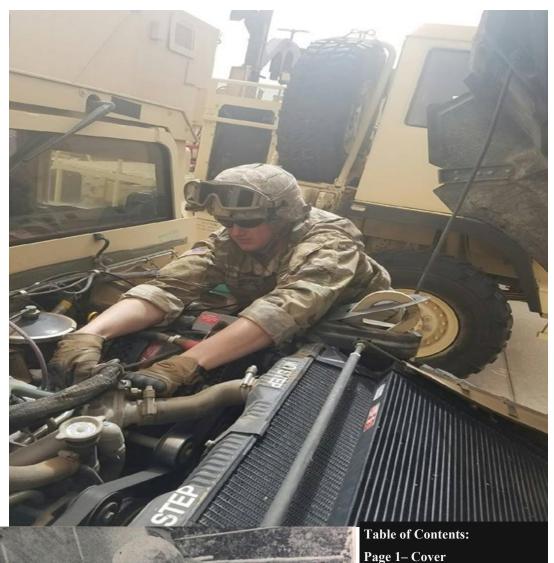
### Ready Press

Ready First Combat Team 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division Covers From 01- 30 April

# 501st BSB Drives Maintenance on the Battlefield!

**Top**: PV2 William Young of Bravo Company, 501<sup>st</sup> Brigade Support Battalion conducts maintenance checks before Gunnery exercise. (Photo by PFC Aaron Rojas)

**Bottom:** PFC John Wilsman of 501<sup>st</sup> Supply and Transportation Battalion conducts maintenance checks before the Autumn Forge exercise. (Photo by Walter Crockett, 1982)



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#### Ready Press



# To the Soldiers and Families of the READY FIRST Brigade



Dear Soldiers, Families and Friends of the Ready First Combat Team,

The Command Sergeant Major and I wish you a Happy Memorial Day. As current Soldiers, and those that support their Soldier, Memorial Day is a day we remember not simply those that died defending the Nation but those who continue to serve and defend the ideals of our forbearers. Whether serving in Afghanistan or at Fort Bliss, TX we honor those who have gone before us. We honor them with our commitment to accomplishing our missions and looking out for one another.

In both Afghanistan and at Fort Bliss your Soldiers continue to excel. At Fort Bliss, the Ready Detachment continues to build readiness, not only for the RFCT but for 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division too. The Ready Detachment helped train 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade for their upcoming rotation to the National Training Center. Furthermore, the Ready Detachment assisted members of the Gunner Battalion prepare additional Soldiers for deployment. In Afghanistan, the RFCT continues to conduct its train, advise and assist mission as well as its support to US Forces across Afghanistan. Many of the articles that follow highlight your Soldiers' actions.

As we look forward to the coming months the, Brigade will transition into its summer training cycle at Fort Bliss and continue its deployed operations across Afghanistan. Many kids will enjoy an extended vacation. Wherever the summer takes you, the CSM and I wish you happiness and a summer full of laughs. Please remember all those in the Ready First Combat Team and those whose memory we honor everyday with our actions in defense of the Nation

READY FIRST!

**IRON SOLDIERS!** 

CSM EUGENE RUSSELL

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CSM, Ready First Combat Team

COL ERIC S. STRONG

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Commander, Ready First Combat Team



#### 4-17 IN

#### Ready First Combat Team

## "Truth AND courage!" Hard Work Pays Off

The month of April has brought many achievements to the Buffalos on both sides of the globe. From Brigade recognition of the dedication our soldiers and leaders have in the rear to the mission and the BN, to notable actions during operations forward deployed, the Buffalos continue to lead from the front and set the example for what it means to be a member of the Buffalo Battalion. Both the Ready Detachment at FT Bliss and Task Force Buffalo here in Afghanistan have been working night and day to accomplish the mission. The selfless service of the men and women of our Battalion does not go unnoticed, occasionally leaders are able to give them a little something to show the appreciation of those serving alongside them.

When engaged in active ground combat, a simple patrol can turn into the most stressful moment of a soldier's life. Despite the inherent stress of the situation, when such incidents have occurred in theater, our Buffalos perform admirably. Implementing the training they've received and remaining calm under fire, the actions of our soldiers resemble a finely tuned machine turning potentially life threatening situations into an accomplished mission. It is for that reason that several soldiers have been awarded their Combat Infantryman Badge and Combat Action Badge this month.

The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) dates back to 1942 in World War II. Made exclusively for the Infantryman, the CIB distinguishes those who have served in active combat. The award was created to honor the courage, discipline, and sacrifice of soldiers that serve as infantryman. The CIB, and it's non-Infantry equivalent, the Combat Action Badge (CAB), which is awarded to all other branches of the army that have faced combat, serve as reminders to others that the soldier has proven themselves on the battlefield and has demonstrated a mastery of basic skills in an active enemy combat engagement.

This month, several members of Task Force Buffalo have been awarded the CIB or CAB. Several members of the team also continue to earn battalion coins from the battalion commander and command sergeant major.



COL Strong pins the CIB on PFC Averbeck in recognition of his efforts during combat operations.

CIB-		CAB-
PFC Averbeck	SPC Hanebrink	SPC Brown, R
SPC Bautista	SPC Kammerer	SPC Brown, S
SGT Eakin	SPC Nammany	SGT Carlile
PFC Elisara	SPC Pardo	PFC Cox
SGT Nowaskey	PFC Rock	SPC Dehoyos
1LT Teshima	SPC Roper	CPL Douglas
PFC Wise	SPC Salas	PFC Huynh
PFC Epps	SGT Schwartz	PFC Marquez
SPC Bullock	SPC Shola	PFC Myers
SPC Daniel	SPC Simon	PFC Valente
SGT Dixon	SPC Small	SGT Mataban
SPC Faust	SGT Stacy	SPC Riley
SPC Goswick	SSG Vicente	SGT Torresvenegas
PFC Woolf	PFC Porter	1LT Truan
SGT Butler	PFC Satchell	SPC Loy
SGT Carver	SGT Stokes	SGT Spinelli
PFC Kotary	PV2 Brown	PFC Taylor
SPC Lewis	SGT Frazier	SPC Aguirre
SGT Norton	PFC Manly	SPC Lopez



#### Ready Press

The 6<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>St</sup> US Cavalry Regiment (6-1CAV) continues to conduct its train, advise, and assist mission to the 203<sup>rd</sup> Corps and 303<sup>rd</sup> Zone in Paktiya province, and other provinces in the southeast region of Afghanistan. The Squadron recently hosted the Deputy Commander, LTG Castellano, and Command Sergeant Major, CSM Clark, of the Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan. The Squadron will also host several other coalition Generals in May, to include the Resolute Support Chief of Staff, LTG Weigt, and the Resolute Support training planner, BG Leitgen. The Squadron is also preparing to welcome a new Task Force Anvil Commander, COL Matthew Van Wagenen. The Dragoons are eager to support COL Van Wagenen's intent for the Squadron and Task Force as we continue or mission in Afghanistan.

Comanche Troop, 6-1CAV, recently organized a physical fitness competition, consisting of 11 events. The competition designed by SSG Cody Taylor gave members of the Troop and their leadership an assessment of their physical fitness as we continue our mission here. The competition was very successful, and inspired a Task Force Anvil version of the event. This welcomed four person teams from each Troop in the Squadron, as well as teams from the Police and Military advisors. Comanche Troop Soldiers and NCOs ran the event. The overall winner of the Task Force competition was Horseman Troop, 6-1 CAV. All the teams exhibited high levels of fitness and professionalism throughout the competition.

The Squadron continues to promote strong and excellent leaders while deployed here in Afghanistan. Earning a promotion in a combat zone/environment continues to speak volumes about the following individuals, not only in their ability, but also in the trust that the Army has in them. Two senior Noncommissioned Officers were promoted from the rank of SFC to MSG during the month of April. 1SG Phillip Wedge of Blackfoot Troop, and 1SG Matthew Decker of Comanche Troop were both promoted from E7 to E8. Both of these Soldiers set the standard for what an NCO should embody and represent, and they lead the way for the Troopers they serve. The Dragoon Family greatly appreciates their hard work, and continued dedication to the mission.

Top: Philip Wedge pinning his new rank.

Middle: 1SG Matthew Decker being pinned by C TRP Commander,

CPT Doug Snodgrass

Bottom: CPL Scotland Myszenski Participating in the PT Competition









#### **16 BEB**

#### Ready First Combat Team

#### **Charlie Company Blood Drive**

Charlie Company, 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, hosted a Company Blood drive with the Armed Services Blood Program Apr. 24 2017 at the 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Company Operations Facility on East Fort Bliss, Texas.

The purpose for the blood drive was to show support for the local community and fellow service members currently deployed in war zones.

In total, 55 Soldiers and family members supported the blood drive and donated. The majority of blood donors were O+. Approximately 1 in 3 people have O+ blood, which makes it the most common blood type and incredibly crucial in maintaining adequate blood supply.

My reason for giving blood is because when my grandfather was in the hospital, they did not have his blood type, said Spc. Gaelen Przybylowicz, combat medic, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. Spc. Pryzbylowicz, an O+ blood donor, believes "A pint of my blood can save someone's life."



**Top:** Soldiers from 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, donating blood while staff members monitor their progress Apr. 24 2017.

Bottom: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Raul Telles, first sergeant, Charlie Company, 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, is all smiles while participating in the blood drive Apr. 24



#### **Elite Company TOW Missile Range**

By 16th EN BN UPAR SSG Porterfield, Eric

Amid a picturesque background of gorgeous mountains, the sun provides perfect illumination for what's about to take place. The feeling of excitement and anticipation is apparent. Suddenly, a thunderous, piercing sound can be heard off in the distance. Another target destroyed.

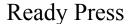
The Soldiers of Elite Company 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion completed their TOW missile range. Elite, an Anti-tank company, is a unique element within the 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team. As an asset to the Brigade, Elite Company provides extreme lethality due to its deployment of the M1134 Anti-Tank Guided Missile Vehicle. This Stryker variant evens the playing field and possesses the ability to defeat most armored vehicles. The Tube-launched, optically tracked, Wire-guided missile, or TOW, was originally designed by Hughes Aircraft. This weapon system first saw combat during Vietnam and has been utilized in most major conflicts since the early 1970's.

Elite Company qualified six crews on this day. It has been several weeks since the culmination of this training. However, the Soldiers, NCO's and Officers of Elite Company continue to perfect their craft.



The Soldiers of Elite Company 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion completed their TOW missile range.







### Without Logistics, We cannot Fight and Win 1LT Wilson Cheng, 501st BSB UPAR

LTG Frederick Franks, the commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> Corps during Desert Storm, articulated that logistics is an important fundamental to fight and win wars: "Forget Logistics, you lose." (LTG Frederick Franks, 1990)

Logisticians have an important job to ensure maneuver units have the necessary resources to fight against our enemies. If we fail to transport or distribute food, ammunition, water, fuel, or maintenance, we contribute to our defeat. It is very important that we continue to train to support our maneuver battalions. Provider Soldiers continue to live the motto "Supporting Victory" in every operations they participated, whether we are supporting the Decisive Action at the National Training Center (NTC) 17-02 Rotation in November 2016 or Provider Gunnery at Range 66 in April 2017.

CPT Philip Stofanak of Alpha Company, 501<sup>st</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, and 1LT Johnathan Moore's Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricate (POL) and Water Platoon, successfully transported and issued out over 100,000 gallons of fuel and 70,000 gallons of water to support six Forward Support Companies (FSCs) with over fifty Logistics Package (LOGPACs) during NTC 17-02. As a result, the Stryker Brigade Combat Team accomplished their missions with the dedication and hard work from Alpha Company fuelers and water dogs.

While Provider Soldiers successfully

train for 1SBCT decisive action operations, they continue to provide support at garrison when they came back from NTC. Alpha Company Fueler and Water Dogs conducted a LOGPAC operation in support of H FSC Gunnery exercises in March 2017 with a convoy of 10 vehicles and 24 Soldiers. POL and Water Platoon travelled to Route Green where they conducted a Logistics Rally Point and coordinated the delivery of 4600 gallons of fuel and 600 gallons of water while performing site security.

Provider Soldiers will continue to support any operations to ensure our

maneuver units accomplish their objectives. They are highly motivated and proficient in their jobs and they continue to live the motto of "Supporting Victory."

Top: Soldiers from 501<sup>st</sup> Supply & Transportation Battalion Conducted fuel operations at FT Hood, Texas in 1971 (Photo extracted by 1LT Wilson Cheng from Ironsides Newspaper, Vol. 26, No 35, Published on 03 December 1982)

Middle: SGT Easter (right) of POL Platoon, A/501<sup>st</sup> BSB transfer directs the transfer of 600 gallons of water to H FSC. (*Photo taken by 2LT Barlow, POL Platoon Leader*)

**Bottom:** SPC McCallister of POL Platoon, A/501<sup>st</sup> BSB transfers fuel to H FSC fuel truck. (Photo taken by 2LT Barlow, POL Platoon Leader)









#### TF Leopard

#### Ready First Combat Team

#### **Senior Advisor Corner:**

Howdy Leopard Family and Friends! Spring has sprung here in Jalalabad, and the Leopards are in the full swing of things as we continue to advise and assist our Afghan counterparts. The 202nd Zone Afghan National Police play an essential role in providing a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Afghanistan, and our critical role in helping them establish a law-abiding, cor-

ruption-free environment serves as our charter. The upcoming months will be very busy for the police, and, therefore, the Leopards, as the weather warms up, mountain passes clear, and activity in the zone significantly increases. Jalalabad is one of Afghanistan's largest cities, lying at a critical juncture between Pakistan to our east, and Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, to our west. With its large population and important geographic location, the city comes to life during the summer months, significantly increasing the importance of our zone counterparts protecting and serving the people living and working in the area. Our efforts these last few months have set the stage for success of the Zone's efforts, and we will continue to vigilantly coach and mentor the Zone's leadership to build capacity and competency to operate independently in the future.

Afghanistan celebrated their New Year and Farmers Day holiday on March 21st. Similar to our own New Year's celebration, this annual observance gives the Afghans reason to celebrate and spend time with their families. The party can last as long as a week and the team was fortunate to be invited to a dinner hosted by our local Cultural Advisors. We had the privilege of sharing a traditional Afghan meal while observing several Afghan ceremonial activities and dances. Our CAs have truly become integrated into our team, and participating in the New Year's celebration strengthened our bonds with these critical teammates.

Life on Fenty continues to resemble an all-inclusive, spa-like resort. We have all the food you can eat, the shade and smell of eucalyptus tress, and the nightly



beat of helicopter rotor blades to lull us to sleep. The recent clear days have exposed the snow-capped mountains surrounding us, giving off the vibe of a spring break ski resort. Like George Strait says, "If you buy that I'll throw the Golden Gate in free!" We really have no complaints—our team is tight and mission focused, and we continue to ebb and flow as people redeploy and arrive to meet our mission requirements. This month we gained CPT Ter-

rill Hines to lead our finance team, SSG Wallace-Myles to serve as our Public Affairs Officer, and Mrs. Jan Walsh in our sustainment cell. We said farewell to two of our CAs and one of our LEPS, Dough Marshall—best of luck to each of them!

The 90 day outlook for the team includes advising a possible headquarters move, focus on training, and building a more competent force. It is important for us to assist the police in their efforts to become a part of the community and live amongst those they protect. We are advising the 202nd to become responsible professionals and to act as first responders. This is all possible through the diverse makeup of the team that has been assembled from military and civilian agencies.

SGM Pulido and I would like to thank you all for your continued support to the members of Task Force Leopard. Your support keeps morale up and the team focused on their mission. We truly appreciate the sacrifices you're making by taking care of the homefront while we're away. I know it can be a thankless job, but deserves so much recognition. So thank you for your love and commitment to us! One last comment—congratulations to SFC Daniel Dodds on his selection to Master Sergeant. Well deserved and hard earned...you'll make a fantastic First Sergeant! LEOPARDS!





#### 1-36 IN

#### Ready Press

Gryphon Soldiers soared rapidly through the month of April! Meticulous organization and preparation led to highly successful inspections from the division COMET teams. Inspections consisting of the supply room, arms room, and maintenance bay allows Gryphon Company to establish and maintain systems in order to create the most efficient Forward Support Company in the Ready First Brigade. Aside from crushing maintenance on the battalion Stryker fleet, Gryphon Soldiers participated to improve their community by sacrificing their time to paint the gymnasium at our Partner In Education: Santa Teresa Middle School. As Gryphons, we don't have to look far to recognize greatness; in the month of April, we are recognizing SGT Bowels for his giant leap from junior enlisted into the NCO Corps; PFC Cheek for earning a 291 on his APFT, the highest score for enlisted in the company and in the battalion; and 1LT Henrickson, Gryphon 6, for being handpicked by the Brigade Commander to earn the prestigious Fort Bliss Volunteer of the Year award for 1st BDE. As we continue to excel for great-ness back here in Fort Bliss, we want to extend our forward Spartan Family a message, letting you all know how proud we are of the impeccable job you are doing miles away and we look forward to your safe return!

Gryphon 6

#### BATTALION CHAPLAIN—

#### **CPT CARTMILL**

Greetings to our Families and friends of the SPARTANS. I hope this newsletter finds you and yours doing well. As most of you know with-out me even telling you, we've passed the one third mark in our deployment to Afghanistan. I would like to start the Volume 1 Issue 3 of The PIKE and SHIELD by thanking our spouses and Families for your sacrifices that you make every day as we serve in Operation Freedom's Sentinel. You all take care of the home front and are doing tasks that we normally take care of when we are home. You step up when we are unable to be pre-sent at your birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other special events. We as Soldiers are told many times by people "thank you for your ser-vice", and we who are deployed would like to tell our spouses and Fam-ily members "thank you for your ser-vice as we serve".

The care packages that Family members, friends, churches, charity organizations and school children send to our SPARTANS always boost our morale. The care packages are much needed and greatly appreciated in our remote sites that do not have access to purchase hygiene and personal items. Emails, social media and skyping keep us connected to our loved ones and friends, but letters and packages always seem to brighten our day.



G CO Soldiers conducted community outreach at the Santa Teresa
Middle School.



My Chaplain Assistant, SGT Villarreal, and I are travelling all over Afghanistan visiting every Task Force SPARTAN site to check on our Soldiers, conduct religious services, provide confidential counseling, and spend time with them. We are always impressed with the performance and conduct of our Soldiers at the sites we visit. They are always talking about and sharing pictures of Family back at Ft Bliss and at various locations.

As the Religious Support Team for the 1-36 IN BN TF SPARTAN, SGT Villarreal and I con-sider it a sacred trust and a great honor to visit each site and to care for our SPARTANS.

We pray for our Soldiers and their Families every day; we also pray for TF SPARTAN'S success and safety in our mission here in Afghani-stan. I would like to thank our Families and friends for your thoughts and prayers for our three wounded Soldiers as they are steadily recovering from their wounds. God speed and God bless you all, and God bless America.

PRO DEO ET PATRIA

(For God and Country)

TF SPARTAN Shepherd Chaplain (CPT)

Paul Cartmill



#### Ready First Combat Team

Soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment have been busy accomplishing a myriad of missions while supporting the Ready First Combat Team in Afghanistan. The Gunners maintain influence across the battlefield in multiple mission sets.

Bravo "Bulldog" Battery continues to provide howitzer fire support for the Train, Advise, Assist Command – East (TAAC-E). Their missions on key terrain help secure the area of operations and prevent insurgents from accomplishing their plans.

The Fires Support Teams (FISTs) for the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment provide continuous support to their maneuver brethren. On each mission and around the clock for base defense, the Forward Observers and Fire Support Officers of these teams remain ready to bring in mortar, howitzer and air fires to protect their units and defeat the enemy.

The deployed portion of the Gunners Headquarters continues to advise the Afghans as part of the Military Advisory Team. Serving with other advisors selected from the Ready First Brigade and the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, they train, advise and assist the Afghan National Army's 201<sup>st</sup> Corps in an effort to improve their systems and processes.



**Top**: B BTRY receiving brief from LTC Sandor down range in AF

**Middle**: FiST executing call for fire with JTACS during Table VI certifications

**Bottom**: A BTRY executing Table VI certifications in preparation for upcoming missions







#### 3-41 IN

#### Ready Press

#### 3-41 IN: Prepared for the Present

-1LT Patrick Yehlik 3-41 IN UPAR

The Rifles Battalion trains to hone essential skills and fosters a competitive atmosphere. Recent exercises like Stryker Gunnery and Advanced Individual Marksmanship best exemplify this philosophy. Yet, improvements to readiness do not restrict themselves to the field, changes within the staff led to a more productive and adaptive unit as well. 3-41 Infantry Battalion readies for war.

Stryker Gunnery proved tremendously successful this quarter. 3-41 IN achieved full qualification of its crews. Exactly 23 crews of the Battalions 73 crews qualified as distinguished, 15 qualified superior, and 17 qualified. Only 18 Crews were required to test a second time and succeeded in qualification. The

Top Gun Team led by CPT Riley took home an astounding score of 993. A score that his gunner CPL Barton confidently stated could be perfected with just one more attempt. Yet, the sizable lead over the competing teams placated the impetuous for an additional attempt. The success of the training was a result of the dedication and tenacity of Staff Sergeant Adam Ellis, the Battalion Master Gunner. Staff Sergeant Ellis developed, planned, and executed the train-up and the training in near autonomy from the rest of the Battalion staff. His plans proved sound and the Rifles Battalion benefited greatly from his efforts.

Advanced Individual Marksmanship offered NCO's and soldiers a unique opportunity to learn from Special Forces soldiers. The event endured over a week and soldiers found themselves drilled on the finite details of Basic Rifle Marksmanship. The drills were unique, competitive, and demanding. For example, one drill required firers to accurately engage three targets as quickly as possible. A simple task, but one that grew in importance as bragging rights progressively changed hands amongst the trainees. The ultimate victor

turned out to be PFC Olsen, HHC Mortars Platoon, who knocked down the three target in an untouchable 3.2 seconds. He then loudly pronounced the superiority of the Mortars Platoon over the Recon Platoon. Reportedly this initiated a healthy feud between Mortars and Recon that still rages on nearly two months later. Soldiers from both platoons tend to assert their dominance through PT. On formation runs, should one platoon pass another, the loser pays the price of smug looks from the passing victors. A price neither group of soldiers intend to pay.

The BN S3 CPT Gilbert instituted reforms to the Battalion Staff which led to an overall increase in readiness. Clear delineations of responsibility between FUOPs and CUOPs led to speedier planning. A six week planning window for companies became strictly enforced. Furthermore the orders process grew into a more rapid and streamlined process. As a result the Battalion operates efficiently and Company Commanders benefit from self-

assurance to plan their own training.

3-41 IN boasts a great deal of confidence moving into unit's centennial celebration. Preparations began this month for the BN Ball and sales of commemorative memorabilia of surged. A new plaque on the wall to Battalion hallway, funded by former soldiers of the battalion, was recently constructed to honor the centennial as well. The Rifles Battalion truly finds itself prepared to honor a storied past, but remains determinately eager to leave a mark on the history of the future.







Staff Sgt. Keith Martinson from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment won the NCO of the Quarter board and Spc. Matthew McCullough from Bravo Troop, 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment won the Soldier of the Quarter board down range.



DCG Landes conducts a Ready First re-enlistment



Charlie Company, 501st BSB conducts internal Best Medic Competition



SMA Dailey visits Ready First!



U.S. service members and civilians joined our NATO allies from the Polish Army to take part in the European Union run



Ready First Soldiers help train for the Invictus Trials rowing competition.



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Ready First holds quarterly motorcycle refresher training



#### **Stryker Retention**















During the 2007 – 2010 surge our Army took in many new Soldiers, making our Army bottom heavy and lacking in leadership. The automatic promotion system asked young Soldiers to take on more seasoned leadership roles early in their careers. While enlistment numbers flourished the quality dropped adding pressure on command team to continuously adjust.

The greater purpose I serve as I see our Army growing again with the implementation of National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2017, is to always meet our Army's end-strengths through quality vetting of our reenlistment eligible population serving the best interest of the Command Teams mission and Soldiers that they will serve with.

Master Sergeant Luis A. Gutierrez Jr.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the current reenlistment window?

A: The reenlistment window opens 15 prior to your contractual FTS date.

Q: How long do I have to be at Fort Bliss to PCS?

A: Most branch manager will start looking at PCSing you once you have around 30 to 36 months' time on station (TOS). Through reenlistment you can leave as soon as you hit 24 months TOS.

MSG Luis A. Gutierrez Jr. Senior Career Counselor for 1<sup>st</sup> SBCT DSN: 915-741-0544

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Ready First!



1lt Stanton (left) reenlisting SPC Hobbs (right) at the Fort Bliss Aquatic Center. First reenlistment of its kind since the center opened. Well done.