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GREYWOLF 6 SENDS

Building Relationships and Strengthening the Alliance

If you recall, in the last GW6 Sends I laid out the six things we use to define “winning” as a Brigade here in Korea. One of those points is to conduct partnered operations with our Republic of Korea (ROK) teammates that increases lethality and interoperability. You can see firsthand how our Brigade accomplishes this by checking out GREYWOLF! The Magazine or following our posts on social media (Facebook and Twitter).

Conducting partnered operations that increase lethality and interoperability begins with building relationships. Relationships produce alliances and the alliance between the Republic of Korea and US Army dates back over 69 years to even before the start of the Korean War. But it was that war and the subsequent threats to the Republic of Korea that has strengthened and reinforced the importance of the alliance. Nearly 70 years ago the 1st Cavalry Division landed in Pohang-Dong and battalions in this Brigade have a rich history and legacy, much of which they earned fighting alongside the Korean people from 1950-53. Despite the longevity of our alliance, we must continue to conduct partnered training and build relationships with our ROK Army allies.

Over the past few months we conducted platoon-level live-fire exercises that incorporated ROK infantry units, which incorporated enablers such as engineers, Army aviation and even joint forces from the Air Force. We executed company-sized combined arms breach operations that incorporated ROK Infantry and Chemical units. We conducted combined dense urban area training, mortar live-fire and simulations training. In pursuit of building understanding and interoperability, our battalions and companies have conducted joint fires training, capabilities briefs, joint planning sessions, and relationship building through sports, meals and cultural events just to name a few.

This type of training ensures we remain the most ready and lethal combined fighting force on planet earth. Rigorous training in tough, realistic environments also ensures we build agile and adaptive Soldiers; men and women of character and consequence who are ready to make the hard decisions in time of crisis. As we near the midway point of our rotation, we will continue our unceasing pursuit of increased lethality and interoperability and we will continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our ROK Army partners, united through our shared history and our combined training program.



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COL. Kevin Capra
GREYWOLF 6





GREYWOLF 9 SENDS

Soldiers, family, friends, and former members of the brigade welcome to this installment of GREYWOLF 9 sends! This month marks the brigade's half-way point for the rotation here in Korea and our Soldiers are working incredibly hard every day. That being said I would like to talk to you a little bit about resiliency and how Soldiers cope with everyday life while deployed.

A Soldier's life is difficult and stress can build up. Even the most senior Army leaders need a way to relax and forget about work. So, you may be wondering what options our Soldiers have to unwind after a hard week in the motor pool or out training.

The Army has an abundance of programs aimed specifically at resiliency, and activities for Soldiers during their off-time. The most widely known of these programs is the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. BOSS is typically reserved for unmarried Soldiers, however, since every Soldier in the brigade is in Korea without their Family everyone is eligible to participate. Similarly our great allies, the Republic of Korea, offer many cultural opportunities for our Soldiers through the Good Neighbor Program. This program is sponsored by local citizens, businesses and the government as a way to show their appreciation to our Soldiers. It is also a way for our Soldiers to better understand the Korean culture and bridge the divide. These events through BOSS and GNP include site seeing and cultural events around Korea, deep sea fishing trips, ski outings in the winter, shopping trips to Seoul and on post volunteer opportunities just to name a few. Most events are free or available at minimal cost. Additionally, like most areas around a military base community volunteer opportunities are abundant; our Soldiers are taking advantage and lending a much needed hand. GREYWOLF Soldiers volunteered countless hours at local schools, food banks, and orphanages in the last few months.

For Soldiers that do not want to leave the installation, DFMWR or the Department of Family, Moral, Welfare, and Recreation offer many other options for them to choose from on Camp Humphreys and Camp Casey. DFMWR operates most of the on post facilities where Soldiers can do everything from play in a softball tournament, to bowling. Camp Humphreys has a world class 18-hole golf course and driving range that just opened this year. Additionally, there are swimming pools, a wood working shop, soccer fields, basketball courts, several gyms, bike paths, running tracks, and movie theaters. The entire purpose of these facilities and events are to help Soldiers have some fun and relax.

Resiliency isn't just important for our Soldiers, but also for our Families at home. There are multiple programs offered through the Army and Fort Hood in particular that can help you relieve stress and recharge yourself while juggling family and home responsibilities. You can find out more by contacting your Family Readiness Group Leader about opportunities.

Resiliency is a key pillar to our success. It feeds directly into our readiness by maintaining emotional, mental and spiritual health of the formation. I encourage all of you to find something that helps you recharge your battery and reduce stress. Take advantage of the resources available and reach out for help. We are here for you.

Until next time...keep your powder dry! And I'll see you on the high ground!

CSM Ryan McLane
GW9

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LETHALITY AND INTEROPERABILITY THROUGH COMBINED TRAINING

By: Capt. Scott Kuhn

The GREYWOLF Brigade defines winning as conducting combined training that increases lethality and interoperability. One example of this type of training was the platoon live-fire conducted by 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment “Warhorse” the last week of September.

The training incorporated infantry platoons from the 90th Mech Battalion of the Republic of Korea Army as well as various Army enablers including engineers, aviation and ISR assets. The platoons also had close air support provided by Air Force A-10s and controlled on the ground by Air Force Joint Tactical Air Controllers attached to GREYWOLF. Altogether over 200 Soldiers and Airmen participated directly in the exercise.

“Upon arriving, we identified training opportunities to improve our lethality,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Black,

the Warhorse battalion commander. We aimed to provide the most realistic training environment, showcasing Warhorse’s ability to conduct combined arms maneuver with assets and enablers available in most combat situations,” he said. “Whether controlling AH-64s [helicopters], calling for fire from A-10s, or executing simple battle drills, we stressed the entire platoon from forward observers, Troopers, and leaders ready to fight and win in any operational environment.”

During the live fire, platoons received intelligence from ISR assets, moved through an area to seize an objective, while echeloning fires with A-10s, AH-64s, and 120mm mortars. The dismounts were provided support by fire by both Bradley Fighting Vehicles and BMP-3s from the 90th Battalion. Once they reached an obstacle, the engineers breached it with an improvised Bangalore. The platoon pushed

through, clearing bunkers with live hand grenades and seizing the objective. “The most difficult portion of the operation was ensuring the synchronization that is so important to combined arms maneuver,” said 1st Lt. Nate Wavro. “No other Platoon LFX that I’ve seen or heard of has offered such a vast amount of learning opportunities in one scenario. The idea of planning an LFX utilizing so many assets for a platoon is fantastic and requires a great deal of progression, from every asset. This was a great culminating event and a truly rewarding experience professionally,” Wavro said.

The planning and train up for this began almost as soon as the Warhorse Battalion hit the ground. According to Black, it was his goal to get his units to this level of training and interoperability while here in Korea. “Conceptually, I wanted tough, realistic training in similar terrain we may fight on





that combined both our combat platforms and dismounted Infantry in terrain,” Black said. “Range concerns modified some aspects of the live fire, but Range Operations at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex accommodated us throughout the process to achieve our training objectives.”

In addition to some of the range restrictions, the Soldiers of Warhorse had other challenges to overcome during the training including the restricted terrain and the language barrier between the ROK and US forces. But they

credit their Korean Augmented to U.S. Army soldiers (KATUSAs) for helping to mitigate the interoperability issues. “During execution we had RTOs from the ROK Mechanized Platoon attached to the Platoon’s headquarters element to relay frontline trace and SITREPs between units.” Wavro said. “The ROKA forces really enjoyed the training as well. I think they gained a better understanding of what it’s like working along with US Forces through such a realistic training scenario.”

The battalion is building off the

lessons learned from this event to coordinate and plan more combined training.

“We received great, positive responses from our ROKA partners,” Black said. “We are currently planning another live-fire exercise with the 80th Armor Battalion. We will execute the training following gunnery and incorporate ROKA T-80U Tanks with our Tank Platoons. This exercise will continue improving Warhorse’s lethality and interoperability; becoming better, more lethal Soldiers.”



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**“THE MOST POWERFUL
WEAPON ON EARTH IS THE
HUMAN SOUL ON FIRE.”
– FERDINAND FOCH**



6-9 CAV MAINTENANCE TEAM SUPPORTS GUNNERY TABLES

By: Staff Sgt. Jacob Kohrs

U.S. Soldiers with 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division are at the Rodriguez Live Fire Range conducting their gunnery tables for both the M1A2 Abrams Tank and the M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Everything is all well and good until something breaks and that's when the behind the scenes maintenance guys jump in and start working their magic.

"We are the support for the guys who are firing the tanks," said Pvt. 1st Class Matthew Chick, a tank mechanic. "And when they break down, we recover the tank and get to work on fixing it."

For Chick, this is the first time that he is conducting maintenance on vehicles out in the field and he is finding out just how challenging it can be.

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to work as a team, we can make it through the challenges,” said Gaddy.

Overall, it’s about safety and training.

“Our biggest concern is safety, we want to make sure that the crew can safely work their tank and that the tank is working to its best ability,” said Chick. “But for me this is a great learning experience.”

“One of the biggest challenges is that we don’t have the same resources out here as we do in the maintenance bay. Such as, we had to remove the engine of a tank with the M88 Recovery Vehicle, where as in the bays we have engine cranes to remove the engines,” said Chick.

A few of the other things that Chick said were challenging were working in the weather and diagnosing the problems quickly.

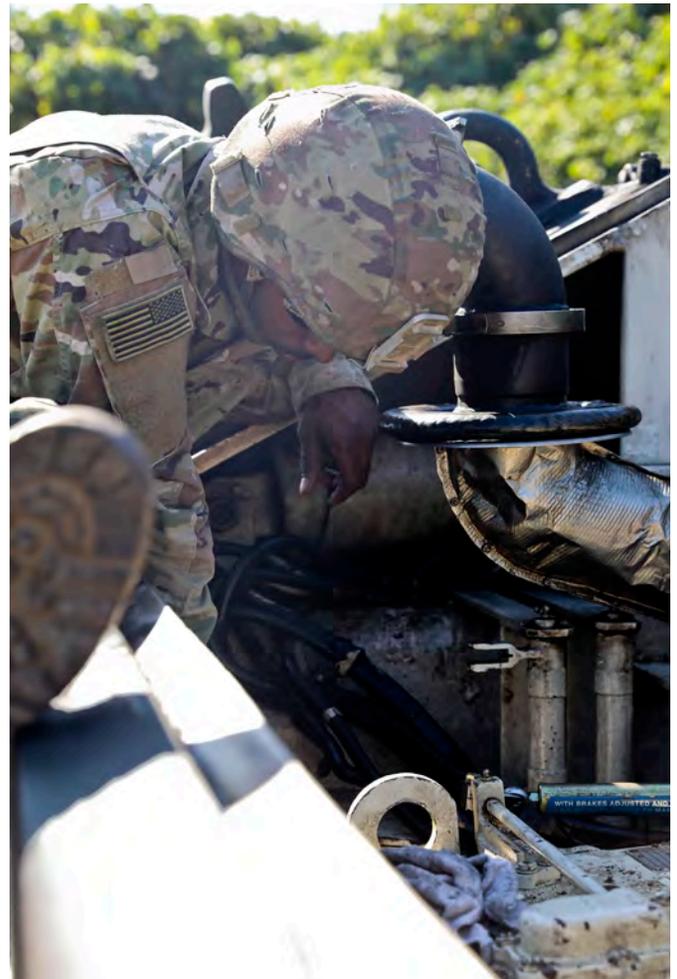
“Back in the motor pool, we have deadlines to get problems diagnosed and fixed,” said Chick. “But out here that timeline decreases drastically because the tank crews have a long mission that needs to be completed in a very short amount of time.”

Sgt. Joshua Gaddy, a wheeled mechanic talked about some of the other challenges that his Soldiers new to the field are finding out.

“The heavy duty jobs out here become a challenge, like breaks,” said Gaddy. “And back in the motor pool everything is at your fingertips, where out here you have to think outside of the box to get a vehicle up and running.”

For his Soldiers experiencing gunnery for the first time, he said they are still getting used to working in the elements and not having a comfortable bed to go back to at night.

“As long as you prepare for it and have everyone in the same mindset



OCTOBER IN REVIEW



MASTERING THE FUNDAMENTALS

Our Troopers continued to get after the fundamentals during the month of October including small arms ranges, medical training and much more such as this 40 hour Javelin course that 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment conducted. The course included classroom, simulation and field training on the anti-armor weapon.

3-8 GETS READY FOR TANK AND BRADLEY GUNNERY

The Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment had a busy month of October preparing for their turn to conduct Bradley and Tank gunnery. They spent the month preparing their vehicles, conducting simulated gunnery and gunnery skills testing. Near the end of the month they loaded their vehicles on trailers and moved them out to Rodriguez Range.



CBRN TRAINING IS VITAL TO MAINTAINING READINESS

Conducting Chemical, Biological, radiological, Nuclear training is vital to maintaining readiness. 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery spent a week focused on materials training, ensuring that our Soldiers are #ready and confident in using their assigned gear.

Soldiers donned their protective equipment (MOPP), operated detection devices, and validated that their protective masks worked and were serviceable.

The culminating event of the week was the CBRN chamber, which is the ultimate test in building equipment confidence for Soldiers.



BLACKSMITH CAREER COUNSELOR NAMED BEST IN 2ID

Staff Sgt. Randall Peaslee a native of Olympia, Washington, the career counselor for 215th BSB Blacksmiths and winner of 2nd Infantry Division Career Counselor of the Year. The competition consisted of an Army Physical Fitness Test, a written exam and a board.

“Being a career counselor is extremely challenging and rewarding at the same time. Nothing to me is better than helping Soldiers achieve their goals, via reclassification or choice of duty station. At the end of the day as long as I can help advise a soldier to be successful in the Army, everything is worth it.”





HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS TROOP VOLUNTEERS

Staff officers from Greywolf Brigade gave of their time to support a local community outreach center. The officers spent a Saturday morning and afternoon making Kimchi, a traditional Korean dish, for the poor and hungry of the local community. This is one example of the many opportunities that the GREYWOLF Brigade has had to give back to our generous hosts.



BUILDING INTEROPERABILITY THROUGH CAPABILITIES BRIEFS

The Soldiers of the Military Intelligence Company, 3rd Brigade Engineer Battalion, recommend fellow intel Soldiers from the ROK Army to their motor pool in order to share some with them the capabilities of the company. The brief included showcasing the Shadow unmanned aerial vehicle and the Prophet, a signal intelligence vehicle.



6-9 CAV COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL GUNNERY

6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment was the first in the chute for Bradley and tank gunnery. The squadron successfully built combat power at Rodriguez Range to include maintenance, sustainment and command post operations. The wrapped their weeks of gunnery up with a combined mortar live-fire with their ROK Army counterparts.

PARTICIPATING IN EVENTS BUILDS RESILIENCY

Resiliency is an important aspect to maintaining our readiness. Our Soldiers have found a myriad of ways to main resilient and one such way is through physical fitness, including fun runs Such as 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment Soldiers who ran in the Camp Casey Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention run this month





401st Military Police Company provides support to Greywolf

By: Staff Sgt. Jacob Kohrs

The U.S. Army military police are known to take care of base security and internment operations. Yet, their job, when they are deployed, is a lot more intricate.

For the 401 st Military Police Co. that focus shifted to supporting security and mobility operations for the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division during its rotation in the Republic of Korea. In addition, the company still provides base security and standard patrolling for Camp Casey/Hovey in the Northern portion of the Republic of Korea.

“While we are at home station, most of our focus is on installation law enforcement,” said Capt. Nicholas Ravencraft, 401 st MP Co. commander. “When we get on the ground in support of BCTs, we train more on support to security and support to mobility operations and some detention operations.”

Units like the engineers and field artillery rely on the MPs to provide security while they are creating or repairing supply routes or engaging enemy targets. This also entails security for the supply routes and making sure that the traffic on those routes don’t bunch up and become artillery targets.

“Over here, another part of our job is dislocated civilian control,” said Ravencraft. “If anything ever happened, we expect hundreds of thousands of displaced civil-

ians would start heading south. Our job is to keep them off of the routes that we are using so that we can speed up the maneuver forces through the movement corridors.”

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Being attached to a BCT has some advantages when it comes to training.

“In the rear, we ave many competing requirements that plague a lot of units in garrison,” said 1st Sgt. Nicholas Barnum, 401 st MP Co. 1 st Sgt. “Here in Korea we can support the Brigade fully without any of the same distractions.”

This is allowing the battalions to learn and know the capabilities of the 401st , so that they can request the mission support that is needed to help enhance the training objectives.

“Besides this being a great experience, this needs to happen more,” said Barnum. “People don’t understand the capabilities of an MP company and with us working with them, they are learning more and more. Now they are knowing where and how to plug us in to support their mission.”

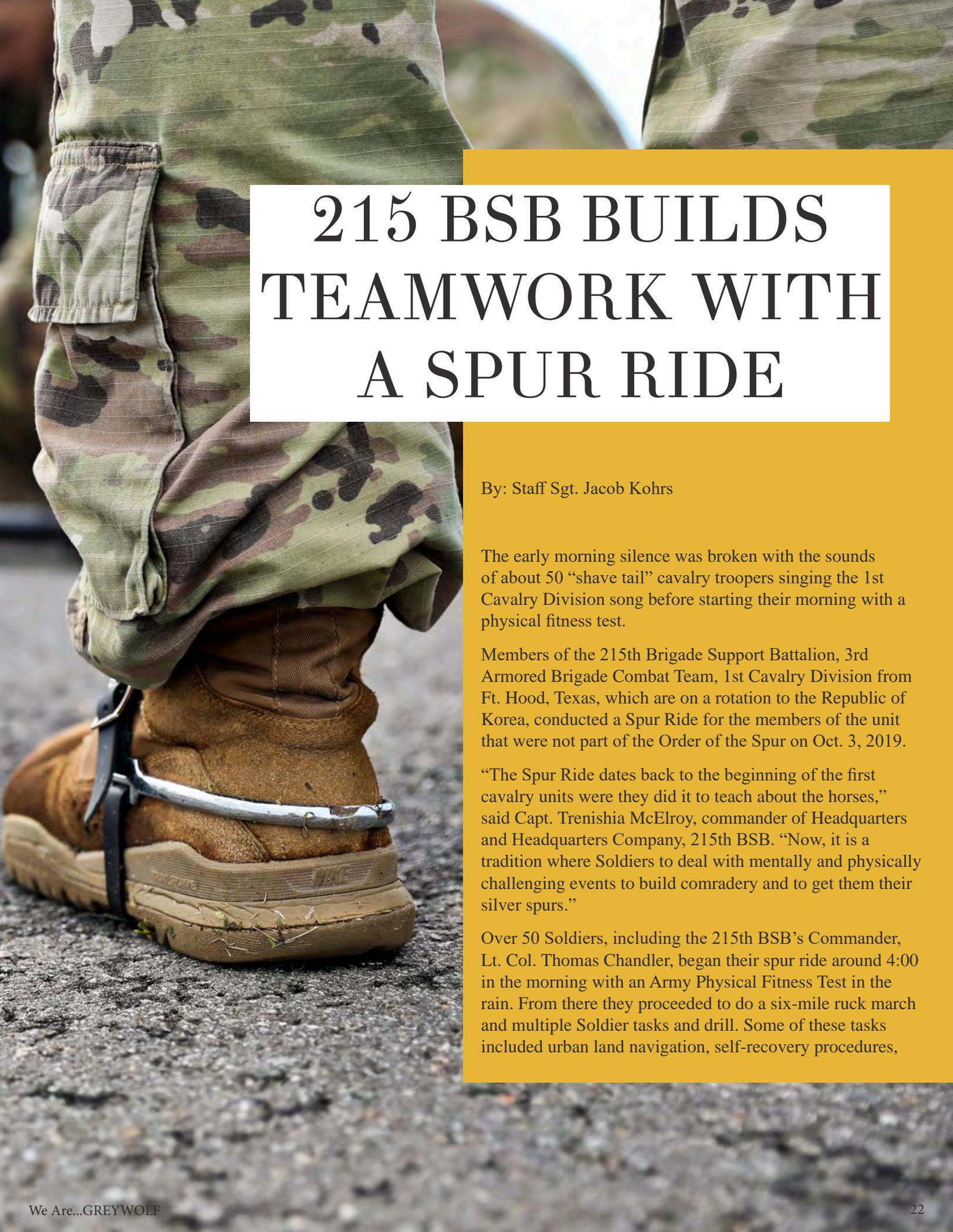


FROM THE HOME FRONT: GREYWOLF CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN WITH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT





It has been a busy 4 months for GREYWOLF and isn't slowing down any time soon as we began Tank and Bradley gunnery in October. The gunnery will go on through the new year.



215 BSB BUILDS TEAMWORK WITH A SPUR RIDE

By: Staff Sgt. Jacob Kohrs

The early morning silence was broken with the sounds of about 50 “shave tail” cavalry troopers singing the 1st Cavalry Division song before starting their morning with a physical fitness test.

Members of the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division from Ft. Hood, Texas, which are on a rotation to the Republic of Korea, conducted a Spur Ride for the members of the unit that were not part of the Order of the Spur on Oct. 3, 2019.

“The Spur Ride dates back to the beginning of the first cavalry units where they did it to teach about the horses,” said Capt. Trenishia McElroy, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 215th BSB. “Now, it is a tradition where Soldiers deal with mentally and physically challenging events to build comradery and to get them their silver spurs.”

Over 50 Soldiers, including the 215th BSB’s Commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Chandler, began their spur ride around 4:00 in the morning with an Army Physical Fitness Test in the rain. From there they proceeded to do a six-mile ruck march and multiple Soldier tasks and drill. Some of these tasks included urban land navigation, self-recovery procedures,



identifying faults, medical care under fire and a spur board where they were grilled on their knowledge by Spur Holders. All of this took place within a 24-hour time frame.

Outside of the tradition and the Esprit-De-Corps, there are personal reasons that Soldiers want to earn their spurs.

“As a leader in the cavalry, it is expected that I’m out here,” said Chandler. “How could I possibly ask these Soldiers to do this, if I’m not out here doing it too?”

Capt. Jennifer Veldhuyzen, a medical physician with the BSB, has a similar reason.

“I love helping the Soldiers in this unit, but as a physician my schedule and the Soldiers’ don’t always line up,” said Veldhuyzen. “I wanted to be out here with some of my medics and working through some of the things that they are working through so that I can be part of my Soldiers lives.”

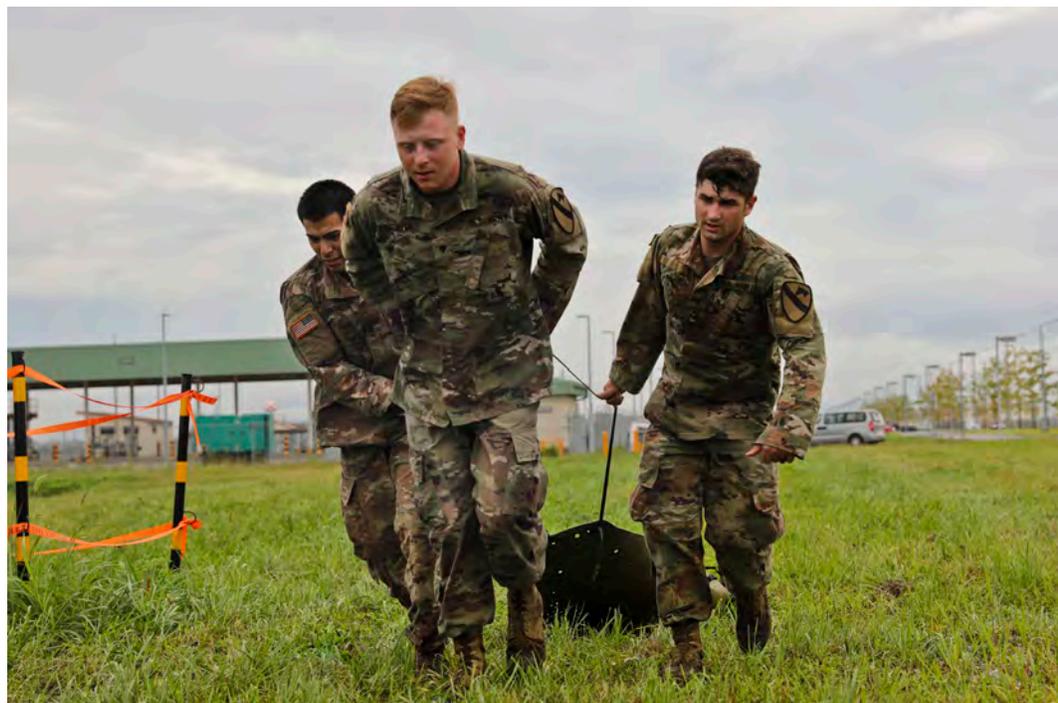
Others have more personal reasons.

“I’m doing this for my grandparents, who have both recently passed away,” Pfc. Joshua Corbin, an ammunition specialist with the BSB. “When I joined the Army, I told them that I would participate in high speed training like this, so I’m challenging and pushing myself and my team so

that we can get it done.”

So no matter the reasons, whether tradition, sense of duty or a promise there is one goal.

“It is team building and getting the silver spurs,” said McElroy.



WE ARE

WE ARE men and women of character
and consequence

WE ARE Soldiers and Families proud to
serve each other and our nation

WE ARE one impenetrable unit; seven
Battalions under one Shield

WE ARE the Sentinels; Guardians of our
nation and our allies

WE ARE the Legacy of the Proud Legions
of the 1st Cavalry Division

WE ARE Living the Legend; honoring
the reputation of the Cavalry
Troopers who came before us

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