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1ST INFANTRY DIVISION



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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Dear Big Red One Soldiers, Families, and Friends,

This month, we observed Memorial Day, a time to honor the men and women who died while serving our country throughout our nation's history. The purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice.

First observed after the Civil War, Memorial Day was initially called "Decoration Day", because families gathered to remember their loved ones by decorating gravesites with flowers or flags. It is a tradition that we continue at Fort Riley, Kansas.

This Memorial Day, we remembered the common bond we have with the Soldiers who have gone before us, who selflessly served our country and paid the ultimate price.

Memorial Day is a time to honor our commitment to never forget those who served and sacrificed for America. By recognizing these men and women, we are all participating in a meaningful act of remembrance that ensures these Soldiers and their selfless service will continue to resonate with Americans for years to come.

Also, in May we joined the nation in observing and reflecting on the tremen-

dous impact Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have had on our country and our history.

"Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity" was the theme for the 2023 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This theme provides an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the nation, to recognize and honor their service, and to foster inclusive environments where people of all backgrounds can reach their full potential and be all they can be.

Today, Asian American and Pacific Islanders encompass more than 50 ethnic groups, with more than 24,360 Soldiers identifying as Asian American and more than 5,630 identifying as Pacific Islander; 6.5% of the active Army is Asian American or Pacific Islander. The Department of the Army Civilian workforce is comprised of approximately 4% Asians, and 1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

Army diversity is knowing who people are, recognizing the value they bring and optimizing those skills to build high performing and cohesive teams.

As always, thank you for what you do and continue to do for the Big Red One!

FOREWORD

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was entirely composed of second generation Japanese Americans during World War II. The unit fought in the European Theater of operations and during their time overseas. The unit was activated on 1 February 1943 with many of its initial 4000 Soldiers coming from Japanese internment camps in the United States. While serving in Europe, the unit earned seven Presidential Unit Citations, more than 4000 Purple Hearts, 4000 Bronze Stars, and 21 of its Soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor. The Unit was initially sent to Italy where it entered into combat on 26 June 1944 in Suveto, Tuscany. Later, in the Fall of 1944, the 442nd was transferred to the South of France campaigning there through 1944, and ending the war in Germany in 1945.



Today's Army stands on the tradition of sacrifice of Asian American & Pacific Islander Soldiers, including: the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015 in recognition of the outstanding wartime achievements and honorable contributions to the United States. Since 1911, the Medal of Honor has been awarded to 33 Asian American Pacific Islander Soldiers.



11D UNIT MINISTRY TEAMS TAKE TO CHICAGO

APRIL 25TH

Wheaton, Illinois

Unit Ministry Teams (UMTs) from across the division visited the First Division Museum at Cantigny on April 25 and 26, 2023.

1st Infantry Division unit ministry teams visited the museum to develop a stronger understanding and appreciation for 1st Infantry Division's history. They also held leadership development training with religious support Soldiers to discuss religious support and advisement in current and future conflict continuum.

On the first day of the trip, U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey G. Jackson, the former Command Sgt. Maj. of 1st

Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, spoke about how the Army is training Soldiers to be prepared for long sustain combat operations in a multi-domain operation (LSCO/MDO).

"What I'm asking you to do is hard. Nothing we are doing is easy, however if we are going to do it we got to be really good at it," said Jackson.

The 1st Infantry Division Chaplain, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Richard West echoed Jackson's sentiment and expressed his admiration for the NCO's thoughts after the speech.

"What impressed me the most about

CSM Jackson's training was his emphasis on Character," said West. "Character is the lynch pin and it's the foundation from which trust is built, and trust is the foundation of leadership. Without character, your competency and commitment will become undone."

The group finished off the first day of the visit with a guided tour of the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park. During the tour, Soldiers learned about the role that the 1st Inf. Div. played in specific battles throughout the unit's history. They sat inside tank simulators that depicted the Battle of Norfolk. They also walked through exhibits depicting scenes from the Normandy Invasion,

U.S. Army Chaplain Col. Timothy S. Mallard, an assistant professor and the director of ethical development at the United States Army War College, prays with unit ministry teams from the 1st Infantry Division.

the Battle of the Bulge, the liberation of concentration camps in Europe and the museum's historical archives, where uniforms and weaponry used by Soldiers who once served in the 1st Inf. Div. were maintained.

"I learned that the Big Red One was involved in pivotal battles such as D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge," said U.S.

U.S. Army Capt. Min Kim, a chaplain assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, tours the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park.

Army Capt. Min Kim, a chaplain assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Following the tour, Kim reminisced on a previous trip when he visited the site where Operation Norfolk took place and the sense of pride he had to be serving in the same battalion as the Soldiers who served so bravely during the operation.

The second and final day of the visit began with a lecture about providing religious support during LSCO/MDO, particularly remedying moral injuries, which was led by U.S. Army Chaplain (Col.) Timothy S. Mallard, assistant professor and director of ethical development at the United State Army War College.

To give an example of moral injury Mallard read a passage from "A Machine Gunner's

War" written by Ernest Albert "Andy" Andrews Jr. who described the kinetic trials of combat towards the end of the Second World War in which he came upon three German children manning a machine gun nest.

"Outfitted in military type uniforms with the Hitler insignia they were tugging up and down on a rope that was rigged to the machine gun through a pulley system," said Mallard quoting Andrews. "As they yanked on the rope the now empty gun repeatedly swiveled left to right. Shuttering with horror, I realized that only the timely exhaustion of the weapons ammo had prevented me from killing these children with my grenade. When the boys noticed me gazing down at them, a look of sheer terror came over their faces. Overwhelmed with compassion, I knew I had to get the kids to safety. Jumping into the hole I tried to calm them and win their trust."

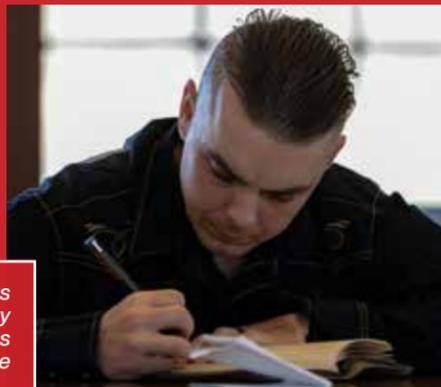
Another common theme throughout Mallard's speech was the prioritization of holistic health amongst the five domains of physical fitness, sleep, nutrition, mental [more on PG 8]

FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM CANTIGNEY PARK

Story and photos by
Spc. Steven Johnson



U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey G. Jackson, the former Command Sgt. Maj. of 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, speaks at a conference. The conference was held to discuss how leaders in the Army are preparing Soldiers for large scale combat operations.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Phillip Sharp, a religious affairs specialist assigned to 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, takes notes during a conference



■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ [continued from PG 7] readiness, and spiritual readiness. Building trust and cohesion is essential in increasing resiliency amongst teams.

“Units should focus on promoting a positive command climate that encourages soldiers to take care of themselves in these domains to increase their resilience in any circumstance.” said Kim.

“As a group, building a cohesive and trustworthy team is essential by regulating the Army’s seven values within the unit.”

Mallard also spoke about chaplains’ role in helping Soldiers recover from moral injuries. The Chaplain Corps has the inherent duty to aid wounded Soldiers in attaining a measure of healing. According to Mallard, the Corps has the unique ability to show value in the Soldiers as

a person who has both body and soul.

“One of the things you are looking for when treating someone with a moral injury is; have they become morally numb?” asked Mallard. “In my own words, moral injury occurs when a person either in their belief system or in their soul, a core value or prin-

cipal has been crossed to the point that they have to act in response.”

Support groups can help Soldiers who have experienced moral injury to find relief from their trauma, acknowledged Kim.

“Basics are the most important things,” said Kim. “Which is why the Army is continually working to ensure soldier readiness, not just knowledge.”

Ultimately, the trip was defined by an adherence to the essential values of the Chaplain Corps. Treating moral injury requires continuous education and discussions to help identify and support individuals experiencing moral injury.

“My biggest take away is prevention training to mitigate moral Injury and PTSD effects,” said West “The highest group of PTSD sufferers were mortuary affairs Soldiers who rarely, if ever, saw direct combat in Iraq or Afghanistan. However, their exposure to Soldier’s remains was traumatic. ‘Preparing Soldiers spiritually, and emotionally for that level of trauma is the key.’”



[Far Left] U.S. Army Chaplain Col. Timothy S. Mallard receives a gift.

U.S. Army Chaplain Lt. Col. Emmitt Furner, the executive officer in the Chaplain Corps Transformation Office, gives a speech about moral injury and how to help Soldiers recover from moral injuries.

U.S. Army Chaplain Col. Timothy S. Mallard, an assistant professor and the director of ethical development at the United States Army War College, recites a passage from ‘A Machine Gunner’s War,’ by Earnest Albert “Andy” Andrews Jr., during a conference.

“The color guard is used to represent the unit and the nation while the National Anthem plays,”

VanNostern says. “It’s also a sign of respect to all of those who serve in the armed forces.”

As cavalry scouts in the 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt, members of this color guard perform threat and terrain based reconnaissance as part of their daily duties. For them, the color guard represents an opportunity to go beyond their typical duties.

“We are the eyes and ears of the battlefield to shape the battle space for follow on forces,” VanNostern said.

“Being a part of the color guard represents a lot more to me than just being in the spot light,” VanNostern said. “It’s having pride in your job and the organization.”

According to VanNostern, Soldiers of the 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt. felt honored to be chosen to present the colors for an event in remembrance of one of our former presidents, and the continuous support of Ft. Riley’s surrounding communities only adds to that feeling and they are greatly appreciated.

Soldiers from the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, present the colors at the Eisenhower Marathon to show support for the community.



EISENHOWER MARATHON

(Two from the left) Major General John V. Meyer III, Commanding General of the First Infantry Division and Ft. Riley, and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher L. Mullinax, The Command Sgt. Maj. of 1st Infantry Division and Ft. Riley participated in the Eisenhower Marathon. The Marathon follows the same trail cowboys followed when bringing their cattle to Abilene in the 1800’s.

U.S. Army Cpl. Bailey Bohling, a cavalry scout from the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, presents the colors to showcase the Army’s connection to the community and to make a positive presence.

Soldiers from the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, present the colors. The marathon course was 13.1 miles long and started and ended at the Eisenhower Center after being ran twice for a total of 26.2 miles.



11D PLACES 9TH IN GAINNEY CUP

MAY 3RD



U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division Soldiers secure an antenna to a AN/PRC-117F Falcon II MBMMR Harris radio during a communications testing lane as part of the Gainey Cup. The Gainey Cup Competition showcased the competence, physical and mental stamina, and competitive spirit of Cavalry Scout Troopers serving in formations that perform Reconnaissance and Security.



FORT BENNING, Georgia

A six-man cavalry scout team assigned to the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division represented the Big Red One at The Gainey Cup, hosted by The Fort Benning Maneuver Center of Excellence.

The Gainey Cup competition recognizes the “Best Scout Squad” by running teams through a gauntlet of rigorous

cause it proves that heavy scouts can compete with the light scouts,” said Spc. Patricio Alduvin, a cavalry scout serving with 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Reg., 1ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

The 1st Inf. Div. team spent six months training for this competition, mastering call for fire procedures, physical training, tactical combat casualty care, weapons proficiency and communications systems.

William J. Gainey.

This strong showing from 1ABCT reflects 1ID’s focus on readiness and modernization in developing the Army’s premiere fighting force.

“No matter where the team placed,

“[Soldiers] were eager and ready to compete every day,”

it didn’t matter the standing or placement,” said 1st Sgt. Michael Dennis, a team coach and first sergeant of 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Reg., 1ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

Big Red One’s participation in competitions like this further supports the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley as a top-choice for motivated Soldiers and leaders who want to lead from the front and advance their careers in a challenging and rewarding environment.

reconnaissance and security events. These events challenge the scouts’ physical and mental ability to conduct reconnaissance and security operations in a multitude of scenarios.

The team placed 9th out of more than 20 teams in the competition, including international teams and the Soldiers felt a sense of pride in representing the division.

“The competition is important to me be-

“The reason this competition is so important, is that it teaches us to work with our doctrine,”

said former Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Story and photos by
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U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division Soldiers secure an antenna to a AN/PRC-117F Falcon II MBMMR Harris radio during a communications testing lane as part of the Gainey Cup, Fort Benning, Georgia, May 3, 2023.



U.S. Army Spc. Patricio Alduvin performs a communications check utilizing the AN/PRC-117F Falcon II MBMMR Harris radio.



U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division Soldiers perform a communications check while being graded on accuracy and proficiency by graders from the Maneuver Center of Excellence during the Gainey Cup.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Levi Cowart performs a functions check on a M240B machine gun during a weapons testing lane.



U.S. Army Pfc. Aidan Harris performs a weapons function check.

GAINEY CUP

GR23 1ST CAB DART MISSION

MAY 4TH

B-CO 2-1 General Support Aviation Battalion alongside of A-CO 3-1 Assault Helicopter Battalion facilitated a Downed Aircraft Recovery Team mission during Guardian Response 2023, May 4, 2023.



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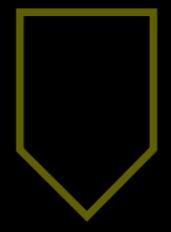


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DART MISSION



This training prepares the team to successfully extract an aircraft from a downed location to a safe location, using aerial recovery kits, a trained recovery team, and a recovery aircraft.

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Dean Thompson, the commanding general of 353rd Civil Affairs Command (left), Staff Sgt. Adam Waddell, an M1 Armor Crewman assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (center), and Command Sgt. Maj. Clifford K. Lo, the command sergeant major of 353rd Civ. Aff. Cmd., gather for a photo at Kansas Speedway. Thompson and Lo held a reenlistment ceremony prior to the start of the AdventHealth 400 NASCAR race, where Soldiers from 1st Inf. Div. reenlisted in the middle of the speedway.



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Dean Thompson, the commanding general of 353rd Civil Affairs Command (left), Sgt. Donovan Evans, a culinary specialist assigned to 511th Quartermaster Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. (center), and Command Sgt. Maj. Clifford K. Lo, the command sergeant major of 353rd Civ. Aff. Cmd., gather for a photo at Kansas Speedway.



REENLISTED



80 YEARS LATER BIG RED ONE RE- TURNS TO TUNISIA

MAY 9TH

TUNIS, Tunisia

United States Army noncommissioned officers of the 1st Infantry Division traveled to Tunis, Tunisia, to participate in the 80th Commemoration of the Second World War's Tunisia Campaign during the week of May 9, 2023.

In an acutely academic environment, Soldiers listened as professionals in military history discussed the campaign from multiple levels and how tactics used by Allied forces laid the groundwork for future multinational operations.

Selected for their professionalism in their respective fields, these noncommissioned officers attended the commemoration event to learn about the culture, heritage and common legacy that every Soldier shares.

"Understanding how past events shaped current events is one of the benefits of studying history," said U.S. Army Sgt. Tokin Shrestha, a helicop-

ter maintenance squad leader in B Co., 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade 1st Inf. Div. "Learning from the past helps us understand who we are and how we got here, how to prevent mistakes in the future and steer societies or nations in a good direction."

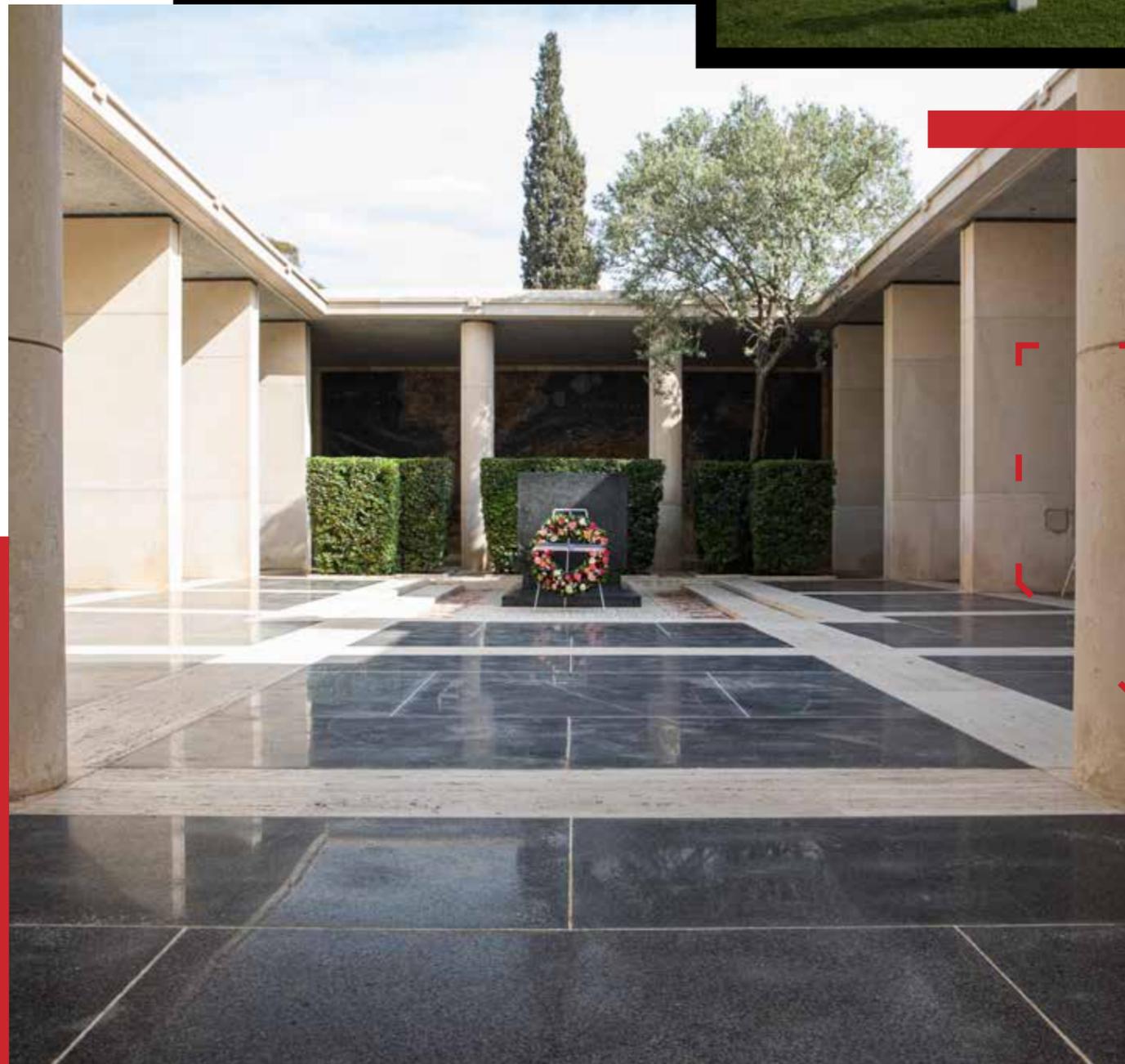
During lunch, 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers enjoyed Tunisian pastries, lamb, braized chicken, couscous and chakchouka, a North African sauce made from tomatoes, onions, peppers and spices. As they sat amongst a group of multinational service members, military historians and foreign dignitaries, Soldiers learned about the importance of Operation Torch and the critical role Tunisia played in preparing Allied forces for the invasion of Sicily and Normandy which eventually led to their victory in Europe.

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A wreath, laid down by noncommissioned officers of the 1st Infantry Division, rests at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the North Africa American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia, May 12, 2023. NCOs of the 1st Inf. Div. took part in an international symposium commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Tunisian Campaign of WWII as part of an ongoing leadership professional development opportunity that allowed them to see firsthand the significance Operation Torch had on the outcome of the Second World War.

Graves of U.S. service members rest at the North Africa American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia, May 12, 2023. The burial site was dedicated in 1960 and is maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission; it contains over 2,800 American Soldiers killed in action in North Africa during the Second World War.



Photos and Story by Spc. Charles Leitner

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According to Tunisian Senior Col. Bac-
couche Tarek, the director of heritage,
culture and communication in Tunisia,

“The strategic importance of Tunisia during the Second World War has made it an important subject of study.”

Held at the ruins of Uthina, an ancient
Roman-Tamazight city outside of Tu-
nis, the symposium was filled with dis-
cussions about the military conflict that
occurred in Tunisia during Operation
Torch and the diverse cultural exchange
that has occurred throughout the coun-
try's long history.

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*U.S. Army Soldiers stand
alongside allies and partners
during a ceremony.*



*A field of grain waves
between Chouigui and Te-
bourba where Allied forces
engaged with Axis powers
during the Run for Tunis as
part of the Tunisia Campaign
of the Second World War.*



*U.S. Army 1st Lt. Rebecca S.
Womack, an infantry officer assigned
to Headquarters and Headquar-
ters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division,
stands at a point overlooking Hill 609,
a key point of contention during Op-
eration Torch and the Second World
War, where Allied Forces, many of
whom were assigned to the 1st Inf.
Div., assaulted heavily fortified Ger-
man defense, as it sits today in Djebel
Tahent, in Northwestern Tunisia,
May 12, 2023.*

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“These historical sites are impor-
tant testimonies which represent the
richness of the common legacy of the
countries that took part in that war,” said
Imed Memmich, the Tunisian Minister of
Defense.

In addition to professors of military sci-
ence, attending the event were mem-
bers of Canada, France, Germany, Great
Britain, Italy and the United States mil-
itaries, highlighting the importance of
educated discussion and how a stron-
ger coalition force developed.

“I am honored to be participating in this
event with fellow United States Army
Officers and Soldiers from the 1st Inf.

Div., 3rd Infantry Division and the U.S.
Army National Guard representing the
34th Infantry,” said former 1st Inf. Div.
helicopter pilot Charles Bowery, the ex-
ecutive director at the U.S. Army Center
of Military History. “In my role as the U.S.
Army’s senior historian, I have the honor
and responsibility of supporting military
commemorations like this one. These
events are always more meaningful
when the current Army invests in the
development of its people by sending
current Soldiers to honor their ances-
tors.”

Additionally, Soldiers of the 1st Inf. Div.
visited multiple locations across the
northern region of Tunisia to understand

the important role the country played in
the Second World War and the lessons
learned in large-scale combined forc-
es conflicts, the first of which occurred
during this campaign.

“Touring the battlefields and having
historians present was amazing,” said
Shrestha. “Seeing the battlefields and
learning how soldiers maneuvered
those terrains and fought;

“it was a surreal experience.”

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 From Djedeida to Medjez el Bab and Hill 609 to Long Stop Hill, 1st Inf. Div. Soldiers visited sites alongside military counterparts from various nations as Bowery facilitated discussions amongst the group that allowed for debates about various combat situations that occurred at several locations significant to the North African Campaign, the remainder of the Second World War and beyond.

“Commanders of different military cultures would have to learn to work with one another on the fly in the harshest conditions possible,” said Bowery. The final leg of their trip brought them to the North Africa American Cemetery, a memorial and burial ground for U.S. service members killed during the campaign in Tunisia. To honor the fallen, noncommissioned officers of the 1st Inf. Div. laid a wreath at the site’s tomb of the unknown soldier.

Clouds hang above the amphitheater located at the Uthina Archaeological Site near Tunis, Tunisia.



“These are timeless lessons for any Soldier and bare thinking about today.”

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 The 1st Inf. Div. will send another group of noncommissioned officers to Normandy, France, to take part in the 79th Anniversary of Operation Overlord and the D-Day landings, continuing its yearlong campaign to highlight the NCO Corps. Leadership professional development opportunities like these allow the 1st Inf. Div. to continue developing, honoring and telling the story of the NCO corps.



Tunisian Senior Col. Baccouche Tarek, the director of heritage, culture and communication in Tunisia, holds a World War One era helmet emblazoned with the 1st Infantry Division patch during a ceremony



Charles Bowery, the executive director at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, discusses battlefield tactics used in the Second World War during Operation Torch at a location near Tunis, Tunisia. Bowery, a former helicopter pilot once assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, discussed the strategic importance of Tunisia, Operation Torch and how it played a significant role in leading to an Allied victory in Europe.

WWII - TUNISIA CAMPAIGN COMMEMORATION

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Samuelson, a helicopter maintenance noncommissioned officer assigned to the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, speaks with Lt. Col. Dr. Peter Leib, a military historian, author and officer in the Bundeswehr, during a symposium commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Second World War's Tunisian Campaign.



U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division stand with international service members and historians at the Uthina Archaeological Site near Tunis, Tunisia.

Members of the 4th Battalion, Mercian Regiment Band play during a ceremony



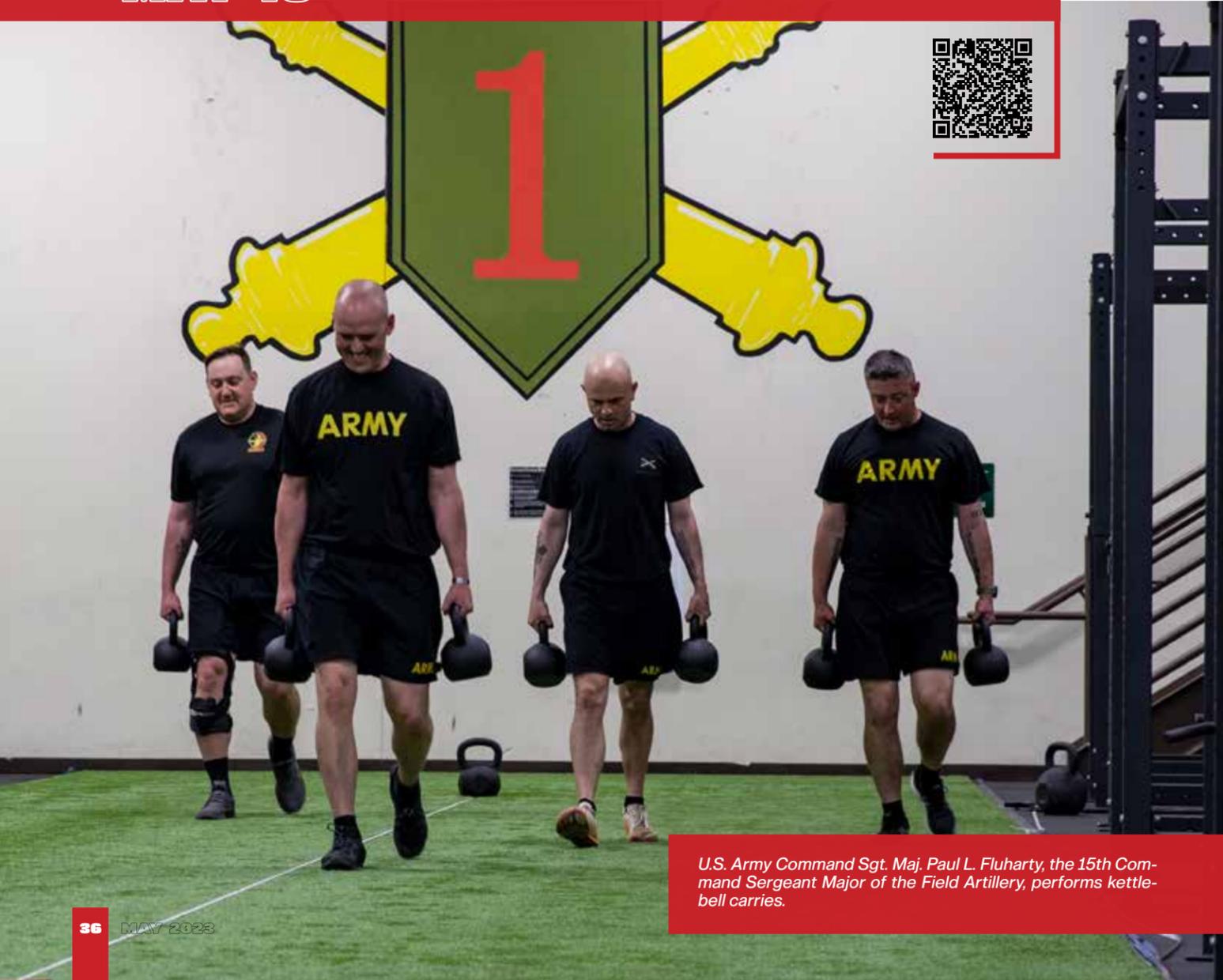
Tunisian Soldiers of the Honor Regiment of the National Army stand at the entrance of the Uthina Archaeological Site where U.S. Army Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division attended an international symposium commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Tunisian Campaign of WWII near Tunis, Tunisia, May 9, 2023. The Régiment d'honneur de l'armée nationale, Honor Regiment of the National Army, is a special unit of the Tunisian National Army responsible for rendering military honors at official ceremonies.



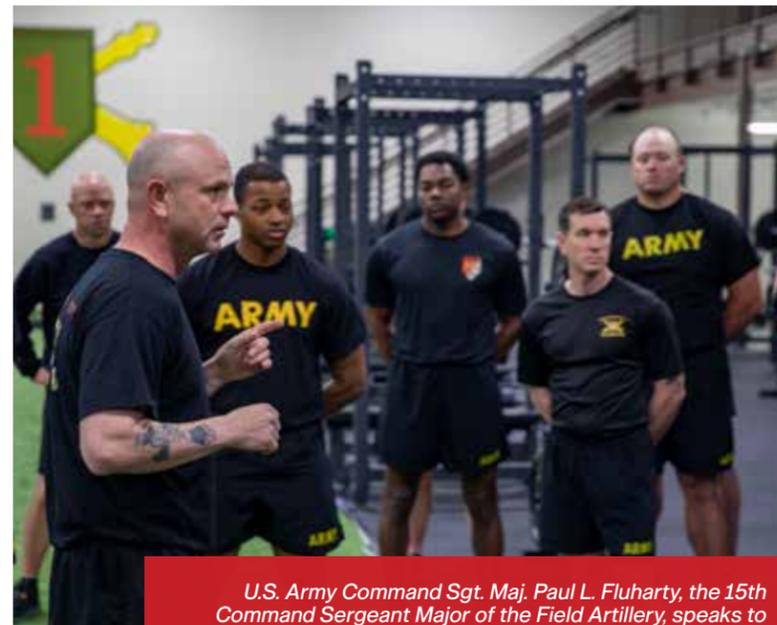
“KING OF BATTLE!”

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. FLUHARTY VISITS 1ID

MAY 10TH



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Paul L. Fluharty, the 15th Command Sergeant Major of the Field Artillery, performs kettlebell carries.



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Paul L. Fluharty, the 15th Command Sergeant Major of the Field Artillery, speaks to 1st Infantry Division Soldiers before physical training at the 1st Infantry Division Artillery company operations facility.

U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Paul L. Fluharty, the 15th Command Sergeant Major of the Field Artillery, speaks to 1st Infantry Division Soldiers before physical training at the 1st Infantry Division Artillery company operations facility viewing their daily life and speaking with them individually.



FORT RILEY, Kansas

U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Paul L. Fluharty, the 15th Command Sergeant Major of the Field Artillery, visited the 1st Infantry Division on May 10, 2023.

Fluharty joined the 1st Inf. Div. Artillery to conduct physical training and visited the field artillery units throughout Fort Riley to assess their status and readiness. Fluharty also provided an update on the state of the field artillery branch during a panel discussion at Barlow Theater.

The panel had a part where the noncommissioned officers provided their thoughts, ideas, and perspectives to Fluharty to bring back to Fort Sill.

“Today really provided insight,” Fluharty said. “I am able to take a lot of valuable points with me, which will help drive change within the branch.”

Fluharty received a certificate of appreciation from Command Sgt. Maj.

Michael McLaughlin, the 1st Inf. Div. Artillery command sergeant major.

“We are grateful that Command Sgt. Maj. Fluharty could come out here,” McLaughlin said. “It means a lot that our noncommissioned officers and Soldiers were able to learn from him.”

Fluharty left Fort Riley Soldiers and non-commissioned officers with a closing speech about how to be a good leader that gets the best out of their subordinates.

“Leaving today, I get to adopt what Command Sgt. Maj. Fluharty spoke about into my leadership,” Graytok said. “I will take his advice on being an engaged leader and noncommissioned officer as well as the discussed traits of leadership, such as caring about a Soldier’s personal life and their goals.”

“The panel discussion was very informative. We discussed manning, weapon systems, promotion evaluation, and responsibilities,”

said Staff Sgt. Kevin Graytok, a fire control specialist assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Inf. Div.

Story and photos by Spc. Joshua Holladay

Story and photos by
Pfc. Daniela Lechuga

JUDGE ADVOCATE OF THE ARMY

VISITS FORT RILEY

MAY 15TH



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Stuart W. Risch, the 41st Judge Advocate General for the U.S. Army, poses with Fort Riley's military justice administration at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate building on Fort Riley.

FORT RILEY, Ks

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Stuart W. Risch, the 41st Judge Advocate General, visited the 1st Infantry Division to conduct an Article Six inspection on Fort Riley, Kansas, May 15 - 17, 2023.

According to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article Six states that the Judge Advocate General (JAG) or senior members of his staff shall make frequent inspections in the field in supervision of the administration of military justice.

The Staff Judge Advocate assists commanders in maintaining combat ready forces by providing timely, accurate and principled legal advice from highly trained legal professionals.

"The overall visit is called an 'Article Six Visit,' where the Judge Advocate General inspects the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at various major installations," said Cpt. Jesse Burbank, a JAG attorney, assigned to the 1st Inf. Div. "The walk-through of the office was to get a sense

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U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Stuart W. Risch (right), the 41st Judge Advocate General for the U.S. Army, speaks to Col. Toby Curto, the staff judge advocate of Fort Riley, at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate building.

'THUNDER-BOLTS' ROLL OUT THE THUNDER AT ANAKONDA 23

MAY 23RD



U.S. Soldiers assigned to Brutal Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division supporting the 4th Infantry Division, fire an M1A2 Abrams tank during a live fire exercise at Nowa Deba Training Area, Poland, May 15, 2023.



Story and photos by
Pfc. Jason Klaer

NOWA DEBA TRAINING AREA, Poland

U.S. Soldiers assigned to the “Thunderbolts” – 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division – supporting the 4th Infantry Division, participated in a live fire exercise during Anakonda 23 at Nowa Deba Training Area, Poland, May 6, 2023.

Anakonda 23 is Poland’s premier national exercise that strives to train, integrate and maintain tactical readiness and increase interoperability in a joint multinational environment, complimenting the 4th Infantry Division’s mission in Europe, which is to participate in multinational training and exercises across the continent while collaborating with NATO Allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America’s Forward deployed corps in Europe.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael B. Kim, commander of 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment says Anakonda 23 represents unity.

“It’s our ability to test interoperability as we are training with Romania, Poland and Slovenia,” said Kim. “It was an honor to serve with our NATO allies and this is why we do these kinds of exercises, to stand united with our partners.”

“After two weeks of training shoulder to shoulder with our allies, we can say together we are stronger,”

said Romanian Lt. Col. Marius Butila, commander of the 151st Multinational [more on PG 44]



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YEAR OF THE NCO BOARD QUESTIONS

1. How many categories do Military Symbols fall into and what are they?
2. What subject does ADP 2-0 cover?
3. What does PMESII-PT stand for?
4. How many Logic Map fundamentals are there and what are they?
5. Define Tactics.
6. What does TTP stand for?
7. What is RSOI?
8. True or False – Proficiency in the art that branches from years of schooling, self-development, and operational and training experiences.
9. What is the offensive task designed to develop the situation and establish or regain contact?
10. What are the five types of Commands in a Drill?
11. What is a rank?
12. How is a marching step measured?
13. What AR covers the Army Substance Abuse Program?
14. What does RRP stand for?
15. Who can assist UPLs in conducting urinalysis?

1. Two – Framed and Unframed
2. Intelligence
3. Political, Military, Economic, Social, Information, Infrastructure, Physical Environment, and Time
4. Three – Core Competencies, Intelligence Process and Intelligence Capabilities
5. The employment and ordered arrangement of forces in relation to each other.
6. Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures
7. Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Intelligence (RSOI)
8. True
9. Movement to contact
10. Two-part, Combined, Supplementary, Directive and Mass
11. A line that is only one element in depth.
12. Heel to heel.
13. AR 600-85
14. Risk Reduction Program
15. SGT or above and same sex as Soldiers being tested.

THE NCO CREED



No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a non-commissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as “The Backbone of the Army”. I am proud of the Corps of noncommissioned officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind—accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

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