



# TASK FORCE PROVIDER NEWSLETTER



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*COL Jennifer McDonough*



*CSM Jeffrey Campbell*

## Task Force Provider Command

**Greetings, Families and Soldiers of Task Force Provider,**

**I am incredibly grateful and honored to serve with the Soldiers in this formation. The commitment and dedication to continued security and prosperity of our allies and partners is evident in all that we see each and every day. We are all safer and more secure because of the training and expertise shared between Provider Soldiers and our NATO partners and allies. We know that we are stronger together! Our incredibly diverse and dynamic Task Force competence and reach spans from Fort Stewart, Georgia, all over Eastern Europe, and in the Middle East.**

**It was wonderful to see so many of our families and friends on the recent Virtual Soldier Family Readiness Group Meeting last week. We will continue to host these once a month and encourage you to provide feedback so we can make this forum a place where you can get answers, resources, and information about your Soldiers. It's been said that "the Army recruits Soldiers, but it retains families," and we know that the lynchpin of our ongoing mission readiness is strong family support. Our priority is to keep you connected and informed and recommend resources to continue to deliver that high readiness to the American people.**

**We greatly appreciate spouses, children and other family members from across the brigade and Task Force Provider for their contributions and sacrifices as their Soldiers train and deploy in defense of our nation's best interests. Thank YOU ALL for everything you do. Your service also makes a difference.**

**Thank you again for all you do in support of our Army and our nation.**

## Where are we now?

The 3rd DSB, primarily stationed throughout Poland, now leads a multi-composition force of logisticians that includes Army Reserve and National Guard units. Known as Task Force Provider, the brigade and its subordinate task forces are responsible for completing sustainment missions across 13 countries and in support of multinational exercises with NATO allies and security partners to develop military interoperability and deter adversaries, bolstering Euro-Atlantic security.

Nearly 4,500 more 3rd Infantry Division Dogface Soldiers have also now deployed to Europe as part of a regular rotation of forces to support the U.S. commitment to NATO allies and partners. They have offi-

cially relieved the 4th Infantry Division, and now serve as our division headquarters here.

The division and 3rd DSB support V Corps, the U.S. forward deployed Corps headquarters stationed in Poznan, Poland, which synchronizes current contingency operations, supports the ongoing mission to reinforce NATO's eastern flank and coordinates multinational exercises across the continent.

The Corps and subordinate units support U.S. Army Europe and Africa Command, which manages a balanced mix of both permanent and rotational forces to provide ready, combat-credible land forces to deter, and, if necessary, defeat aggression from any potential adversary in Europe and Africa.



*U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, conduct the brigade transfer of authority ceremony on Powidz, Poland, Aug. 6, 2023. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Demetrysean Lewis)*



*U.S. Army Lt. Col. Darsharee Saik, the commander of 87th Division Sustainment Support Battalion, and the unit's senior noncommissioned officer, Command Sgt. Maj. Cory D. Wemhoff, uncase their unit colors during a transfer of authority ceremony in Zagan, Poland, Aug. 3, 2023. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Demetrysean Lewis)*



*LTC Darsharee Saik*



*CSM Cory Wemhoff*

## **Task Force Pyramid Command**

**Greetings, Pyramid Families,**

**Task Force Pyramid continues to provide logistics support throughout Area of Operations Victory, across Europe. Currently the TF has Soldiers positioned in four countries ranging from Lithuania to Romania in support of Operation European Assure, Deter, and Reinforce. Our Soldiers support elements from multiple divisions. A team of Soldiers traveled to Hohenfels, Germany last week to support the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade's Combat Training Center Rotation at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center.**

**The welfare of our Soldiers and their Families remains paramount in all we do. We continue to work with the USO and the Army's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Program in Karliki and Swietoszow, Poland, to improve our Soldiers quality of life. Improvements are ongoing with our team-**

mates in U.S. Army Garrison-Poland to improve all facilities, but specifically the gyms to provide healthy outlets for our Soldiers.

For our Families, Home Station Mission Command at Fort Stewart has hosted some SFRG events and have more planned that offer external resources as well as opportunities to meet other spouses and Families from across the Brigade. Base of the Pyramid!



## What is “Interoperability”?

NATO defines "interoperability" as the ability for Allies to act together coherently, effectively and efficiently to achieve tactical, operational and strategic objectives.

*U.S. Army Col. Jennifer McDonough and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Campbell, the command team of 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, meet with multinational counterparts at the National Movement Coordination Centre in Warsaw, Poland, Aug. 22,*



*LTC Eric Waage*



*CSM Troy Hershberger*

## Task Force Empire Command

Greetings, the Empire Team is the 436<sup>th</sup> Movement Control Battalion. Our mission is process diplomatic clearance requests, customs forms, movement requests to ship equipment, personnel and supplies throughout AO Victory. In addition, we provide command and control to over four down-trace movement control teams spread throughout Area of Operations Victory, whose mission is to receive and process movement requests from maneuver units throughout AO Victory. Also, we provide in-transit visibility of equipment and supplies being transported throughout the AO and support Reception, Staging, Onward Movement (RSOM) and unit movements done through sea, land and air.

My advice for family members of deployed servicemembers with the 436<sup>th</sup> MCB is to stay engaged with your family member while he or she is downrange. Daily engagement via phone, email, video chat and social media is vital.



*Lt. Col. Eric Waage, the commander of the 436th Movement Control Battalion, 77th Sustainment Brigade, 316th Sustainment Command and Command Sgt. Maj. Troy A. Hershberger, the senior enlisted advisor of the 436th MCB, uncase their unit colors during the transfer of authority ceremony on Powidz, Poland, Aug. 19, 2023. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Demetrysean Lewis)*



*Members of the Powidz Military Community observe the transfer of authority ceremony between the outgoing 68th Division Sustainment Support Battalion and the incoming 787th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion on Forward Operating Site Powidz, Poland, July 9, 2023. (courtesy photo by Sgt. 1st Class Leanton Hopewell)*



*LTC Jeffrey Hall*



*CSM Clint Halstead*

## **Task Force Grizzly Command**

**Greetings Task Force Grizzly Families,**

**Task Force Grizzly remains committed to providing essential logistics support to U.S. and coalition forces operating in Poland and throughout Central Europe in support of Operation European Assure, Deter, and Reinforce. Presently, TF Grizzly has troops deployed in three nations, stretching nearly 1,500 miles from north to south. As consummate professionals in sustainment, Task Force Grizzly Soldiers bring great energy and enthusiasm to the mission and we strive daily to optimize the intricate logistics network.**

**Our top priority is the well-being of our Soldiers and their families. We collaborate regularly with the United Services Organization (USO) and the Army's Moral, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) program to enhance the quality of life for our Soldiers. Many of our Soldiers actively volunteer at these organizations to support their fellow service members. In partnership with our colleagues in the U.S. Army Garrison-Poland, developments are underway to improve office, billeting, and recreation facilities, ensuring Soldiers are committed to healthy habits and engaged in constructive activities, whether they are at work, rest, or play.**

**For our Families, the Home Station Mission Command (HSMC) at Fort Stewart, Georgia and the Soldier and Family Readiness Group (SFRG) at Dothan, Alabama are sharing external resources**

and organizing opportunities for spouses to connect with others from across the Brigade. We strongly encourage families to follow the 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade's Facebook and Instagram accounts to learn more about what's happening with Soldiers at our Forward Operating Sites as well as what's happening close to home that benefits families.

Warm regards,

Lieutenant Colonel Jeoff Hall and Command Sergeant Major Clint Halstead

*Sustain the Fight!*

## What is a "Multi-Composition Force"?

The Army's Total Force Policy is an ongoing effort by the service to transition its reserve component forces, both the Army Reserve and the National Guard, into an operational force. The intent is to create a seamless and holistic "total force" governed by the same interchangeable policies and procedures.

The Total Force Policy is important to the Army for two reasons: better integration of the Army's active and reserve component forces and facilitates better and more efficient use of the reserve component forces.



*U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and the Army Reserve's 787th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion assemble a Combat Service Support Very Small Aperture Terminal, used for automated sustainment systems, on Powidz, Poland, Aug. 10, 2023. Training and working together deployed as part of Operation Assure, Deter and Reinforce supports the Army's Total Force Policy, an ongoing effort to integrate the Active Army, Reserve and National Guard components into a cohesive, operational force. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Elsi Delgado)*



LTC Melissa Hoaglin



CSM Malachi Thornton

## Home Station Mission Command

Greetings to all from your 3rd DSB Home Station Mission Command Team, back at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

We have had an eventful month ensuring all our teammates were ready to go! We spent a lot of time saying good-bye to over 175 Providers who either deployed forward to join Task Force Provider, or permanently changed station (PCS), had expiration of term of service (ETS) or retired. We also wel-

came over 45 new Dogface Soldiers and their Families to the organization. We have begun pushing out the rest of the division to Europe and ensured Soldiers and Families back here were supported during Hurricane Idalia. Whether it was manifesting personnel, tracking personnel and equipment, passing out prepared meals, fueling the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team during their recent training, conducting maintenance and emergent services on vehicles or weapon systems, the team back here continues to be the Heart of the Rock and ensure our units on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are sustained.

Our focus over the last month with the Soldiers has been getting back to the basics. We have spent a lot of time working with the team back here on basic accountability, counseling, holistic health and fitness, and spiritual wellness. We also conducted four weapons qualification ranges and are preparing for a crew-level convoy live fire gunnery and two-week field exercise for 274th Movement Control Team in mid-September. The 287th Field Feeding Company is preparing to host Fort Liberty Field Feeding Teams during a Field Cook-off later this quarter. The 135th Quartermaster Company are conducting sling load training in preparation for their upcoming deployment. B Company, 87th DSSB has been conducting Humvee Egress Assistance Training to increase the competency and training efficiency of their Soldiers and Leaders. All of this includes our headquarters companies that have ensured support coordination for our customers across the installation.

Our “Outstanding Hellraiser of the Month” is Pfc. Dante Anderson, assigned to the 274th Movement Control Team. Anderson recently helped support the deployment of mission essential equipment in under 12 hours' notice. After receiving a call from 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Anderson was able to locate, re-label and update shipping requirements for mission essential equipment being stored at the Container Handling Facility. This allowed for the successful movement of over four tons of equipment to EUCOM and ensured our division’s assets were supported across the globe. Anderson emulates what it is to be motivated and passionate about our craft, and sets the example for sustainers across the division.

October 2023	
05: Blessing of the Animals at Farmers Market	
06-07: Holbrook Trail of Terror	
06: Marne Foundational Day	
13-14: Holbrook Trail of Terror	
13: DIV Awards Ceremony	
14: 2nd Saturday Block Party- <u>Rockilicious</u>	
16: On Post College Fall 2 Registration	
Deadline	
19: PINK out the Market	
19: EFMP Trunk or Treat	
19-22: Fall Carnival	
21: Isle of Hope Music Festival	
24: Trunk or Treat HAAF	
25: 3DSB SFRG Steering Committee Mtg	
26: Retirement Ceremony	
26: Haunted Tunnel HAAF	
26: RSO Trunk or Treat	
27: All College Graduation Ceremony	
27: Scarecrow Rock & Stroll with Mason Jarr	
27: DIV Retirement Ceremony	
27-29: LSA Castle's Haunted Field Hospital	
28: Chamber's Fall Food Truck Festival	
31: Halloween	



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*Lt. Col. Melissa Hoaglin, commander of the Division Sustainment Troops Battalion, and her senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Malachi Thornton, bid farewell to Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division deploying to Europe from the Air Dominance Center in Savannah, Georgia, July 29, 2023.*





Chaplain Bart Eskind



## Chaplain's Corner

Maintaining healthy communication during a deployment is crucial for our Providers and their families. During these times apart, the need for emotional support, financial stability, and spiritual guidance becomes even more critical. As your Brigade Chaplain, I would like to provide a few tips.

Recently, I was able to help a couple with some financial stewardship goals using Dave Ramsey's 7 Baby Steps method. If you are unfamiliar with the Baby Steps, I encourage you to explore them as an example of things to focus on to establish a solid

financial foundation. Being on the same page financially provides peace of mind and ensures that both parties work towards shared financial goals.

Emotionally healthy relationships are another area of focus. It is hard to stress the importance of finding healthy emotional outlets via virtual messaging and video calls with our loved ones back home. Take time to actively listen to each other's concerns, constructively express emotions, and seek support from trusted friends or counselors when needed.

Lastly, maintaining spiritual well-being is an essential component during deployment separation. Our Task Force and Home Station Mission Command Chaplains can advise you on setting spiritual goals and engaging in activities such as prayer, meditation, or attending virtual religious services together. These practices can provide solace and strength during challenging times.

If you focus on these areas, our military families can foster healthy communication habits while setting financial, emotional, and spiritual goals during our time apart.

## How do I keep tabs on Task Force Provider?

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Task Force Provider, Task Force Grizzly and Task Force Empire enjoy a concert put on by the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation program with a performance by the group AJR in Powidz, Poland, Sept. 4, 2023. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Elsi Delgado)



Volunteer Traeger chefs cook barbecue for Powidz military community members during a Patriot Day event at the forward operating site in Poland, Sept. 8, 2023.



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