

PEGASUS VECTORS

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82nd CAB Leadership

COL ROBERT BEALE BRIGADE
COMMANDER



Team Pegasus, Thank you all for the warm welcome as I join the Pegasus Brigade. It has truly been a pleasure to start getting to know each of you, and I am excited about the journey ahead. As we navigate a busy summer—preparing for JRTC rotations, DES/ARMS inspections, and the Army Aviation Transformation—I am continually impressed by the professionalism, dedication, and hard work of our Paratroopers, especially in supporting Devil Avalanche and the Airborne FARP. I hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of our Brigade Newsletter, Pegasus Vectors, and find it informative and inspiring. Wings of the Airborne!

CW5 TIMOTHY SHREWSBURY

COMMAND CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER



After 34 years of active service, General Stanley McCrystal retired in 2010. Thirteen years prior, Colonel McCrystal was my Brigade level commander. Since leaving the Army, he has authored several books. Last week, the Brigade Command Team met with Company Command Teams and I shared I was reading his most recent; "On Character; Choices That Define A Life." Neither encouraging, nor discouraging anyone to purchase, or even read this book, I do ask you might contemplate the title. Consider replacing "A" with "My" and begin an honest inventory of your life.

CSM JAMES JOURNIGAN

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR



"Over my 26 years of service, I have never been more impressed with an organization. This Brigade operates at the highest level and always delivers what the ground force commander and the Army require. I am proud to be a part of the team and reminded daily of how each Paratrooper is critical to what we do. HAVE FUN, recharge your batteries at every opportunity, and be safe. Know that no matter the situation, you are not alone; we are the Pegasus Family."

The 82nd CAB
Change of
Command
Ceremony was
held July 17, 2025
at Pike Field, Fort
Bragg, North
Carolina. This
ceremony
symbolizes the
transference of
authority and
responsibility of
the unit from the
outgoing
commander to
the incoming
commander.



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1-17 Air Cavalry Squadron (ACS) Welcomes New Commander

On July 19th, 1-17 ACS bid farewell to LTC Christopher Wardlaw and his family. LTC Elizabeth Verardo and her family were widely welcomed. The time-honored AH-64 Apache flyover soared above spectators at Pike Field, Fort Bragg. The passing of the colors among the outgoing and incoming commanders symbolizes the transference of authority and responsibility. Following the 82nd Airborne Division Song, Paratroopers were welcome to a reception.



I'm so proud to be your commander. I look forward to working, leading and serving alongside you.



LTC Verardo

PARATROOPER HIGHLIGHT



PFC Jakob Hart

PFC Hart serves as an Aviation Operations Specialist with the 1-17 ACS. His initiative in the absence of specific orders, along with his ability to resolve complex issues and his technical expertise, sets him apart from his peers. PFC Hart has a promising future ahead, and leaders are eager to witness the positive impact he will make.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Command Sgt. Maj. Randolph Delapena and Maj. Gen. Pat Work, the command team of the 82nd Airborne Division, honored Natalia Minnick along with several other volunteers during the Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony on July 21st. Her exceptional and selfless contributions have had a significant positive impact on the military community.

SOLDIER FAMILY READINESS GROUP (SFRG)

The Pegasus SFRG stands ready with its Soldiers and Families in the following ways:

- o Inform of upcoming events & resources
- o Cultivate supportive bonds and community
- o Enhance communication
- o Facilitate support
- o Increase readiness



TASK FORCE (TF) CORSAIR EXECUTES DEVIL AVALANCHE

Headquartered by the 2-82 Attack Helicopter Battalion (AHB), Task Force Corsair executed the training exercise known as Devil Avalanche. The battalion's air assault successfully delivered over 463 paratroopers and seven pieces of equipment in support of the 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, and the 82nd Division Artillery (DIVARTY). The missions included air assaults, medical evacuations, and resupply operations. This required intricate coordination involving Pope Airfield, Simmons, and Fort Bragg Range Operations. The combat training focused on Out of Conduct Attack, which included numerous iterations of rotary wing resupply.



MEDICAL TRAINING PREPARES FOR FUTURE WARFIGHTING

On July 16th, the 3-82 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB) conducted casualty evacuation (CASEVAC) training at Simmons Army Airfield and Fort Bragg. Medics were evaluated on their Role 1 treatment skills and their ability to transition patients to higher care levels using CH-47 Chinook and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. This training prepared the brigade for combat, the Devil Avalanche training exercise, and the upcoming Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) Rotation 25-11.



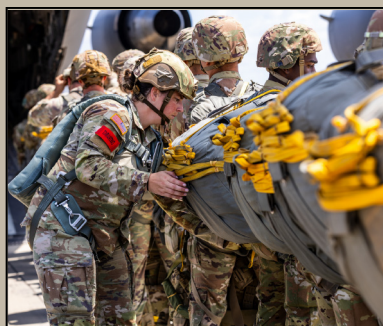
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FINAL FARP OPERATION FOR THE 82nd CAB

Paratroopers from the 122nd Aviation Support Battalion and the 189th Division Sustainment Support Battalion conducted the final Forward Arming and Refueling Point operation at Salerno Drop Zone. During this operation, heavy equipment was unloaded first, followed by the paratroopers on a subsequent pass. This demonstrates the capability of paratroopers to deploy effectively, engage in combat, and maintain logistical support.



BRIEF UNIT HISTORY

The 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade was established on Sep. 1, 1957, as the 82nd Aviation Company within the 82nd Airborne Division. On Jul. 1, 1960, it was reorganized into the 82nd Aviation Battalion (Provisional) and became the first aviation battalion assigned to a division-sized unit in the U.S. Army.

In Feb, 2022, the 82nd CAB deployed to Poland in support of NATO operations. In Oct. 2023, the brigade deployed to support Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), operating in Kuwait, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt.



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AVIATORS ASSUMIE LEADERSHIP ROLES

The 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade will assume primary leadership roles in the Iron Mike Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) this August. Based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the Iron Mike Chapter includes aviators from the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command (USASOAC).



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2025

1st -17th ACS Change of Responsibility

2nd-12th- 1-17 ACS Gunnery

21st - Pegasus Welcome Brief

28th - 82nd Airborne Division Change of Command Ceremony

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sep. 2-Oct. 04 JRTC 25-11 **10th** - 122

ASB Change of Responsibility Ceremony

ABOUT US

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