

# PEGASUS VECTORS

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## Pegasus Brigade embraces upcoming school year with enthusiasm

August marks the start of a new school year for many Pegasus families. Leaders across the brigade launched two major initiatives to create memorable experiences for this school year.

Earlier this month, MSG Brown, the Brigade SARC, organized a Brigade Back to School Supply Drive and Giveaway. After school supply donations were collected from all battalions, Pegasus Families received the supplies to make memorable First Day of School and fresh start.

On Aug. 25th, many students in surrounding counties began their school year. At Ferguson-Easley Elementary School, students received a warm welcome with school supplies from Soldiers and Airmen. ISG Mafurirano, CW2 Simmonds, and ISgt Horn organized this collaboration, ensuring the young students started their school year off right.



"Volunteering is the ultimate expressions of community spirit. It's how we all work together to make the world a better place."

—ISG Mafurirano,  
A/2-82 AHB First Sergeant



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MG Tegtmeier will assume command of the 82nd Airborne Division on Aug. 28th
- CSM William McCumbers will assume responsibility of 122nd ASB on Sep. 9th
- 82nd CAB Fall Festival is scheduled Oct. 17th
- 1-17th ACS & 1-82nd AB welcomed new senior enlisted advisors
- 1LT Constandse selected as a member of the All-Army Triathlon set to compete in Armed Forces 2025 Championship Sep. 13 in San Diego, CA
- SGT Schleger and SGT Sanford were selected to become Aviation Warrant Officers
- 1-17th ACS qualified 16x aircrews through Table VI.
- CPL Rodriguez recognizes as Basic Leader's Course (BLC) Honor Graduate
- 1LT Schaefer earns Distinguished Honor graduate at Joint Firepower Course (JFC)

## CORSAIR Prepares for JRTC

2-82 Assault Aviation Battalion (AHB), CORSAIR, diligently prepares to depart and execute Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) Rotation 25-11 throughout September and October. JRTC Rotations assess the unit's readiness to deploy and execute combat operations. The CORSAIR unit is trained and ready.

## Soldiers recognized for Devil Avalanche

On Aug. 20th, CORSAIR leadership recognized Soldiers' exceptional performance during the Devil Avalanche exercise.



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## NEW LEADERSHIP WELCOMED INTO ROLES

1-82 Attack Battalion (AB), WOLFPACK, Assumption of Responsibility ceremony was held Aug. 7th at the hangar in which CSM David Wilson assumed responsibility of the formation.

“ To Wolfpack, I am humbled to be back at the Army's premiere attack battalion...I have the utmost respect for all that you do on a daily basis to ensure we remain lethal... ”  
-CSM Wilson



CSM Castro relinquished responsibility of 1-17th ACS, SABER, Squadron to CSM Norman Robles on Aug. 1st at the 82nd Airborne Division Patio.

“ To the troopers of the unit: I see you, I respect you...Together we will build a formation that wins on principle, that fights with purpose and honors our legacy. ”  
-CSM Robles

## PARATROOPER HIGHLIGHT



### SGT Justen Miller

SGT Miller, crew chief assigned to 1-17th ACS, demonstrated strong leadership and maintenance expertise while the 1-17th ACS rapidly transferred two aircraft to Fort Rucker in accordance with HQDA guidance. His actions and work ethic directly support Army Aviation Enterprise initiatives and represent some of the best talent.



## Welcome to Pegasus Brigade

Each month, the Pegasus Brigade welcomes its Soldiers in two ways.

The first is a physical fitness session and welcome brief held on the third Thursday of the month, where leaders from across the brigade directly introduce themselves and interact with newcomers.

The second welcome is the beret donning ceremony every Wednesday at the 82nd Airborne Division Patio. Newcomers are fully introduced into the division and don their maroon berets.

- Next PT Session & Welcome Brief: Sept. 18th
- Next Beret Donning Ceremony: Every Wednesday @ 1615

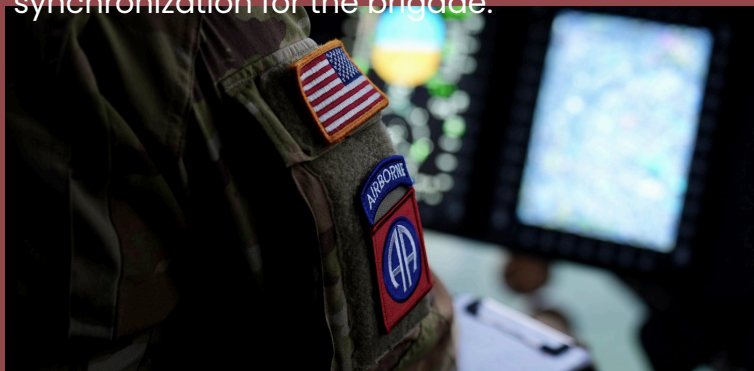


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## Fires Cell excells in Scarlett Dragon Exercise

Operation Scarlett Dragon is an annual training exercise involving the XVIII Airborne Corps that focuses on modernization, synchronization, and system assessment. During the most recent exercise, the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) Fires Cell and the 1-82 Attack Battalion (AB) excelled. The integration of fire support with aviation aircrafts and unmanned aerial systems (UAS) allowed for the transmission of real-time data along flight paths, enhancing information and decision-making. Their efforts improved the detection of enemy air defenses, airspace coordination, and the synchronization of war-fighting functions. CW2 Esposito, ADAM Cell Interface Control Officer, has led the Fires Cell through Operation Scarlett Dragon, continually working on airspace deconfliction and synchronization for the brigade.



## TALON DOMINATES NIGHTS DURING AERIAL GUNNERY

Throughout this month, 3-82 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), TALON, executed aerial gunnery range (AGR). Among their training objectives, TALON Conducted air weapon team and contingency drills, resulting in over 11x air crews qualified through Table XI. Air crews worked tirelessly both day and night to ensure mission success.



## ATLAS Battalion hosts Soldier of the Year (SOTY) Competition

From Aug. 11-14th, 122nd Aviation Support Battalion (ASB), ATLAS, participants took part over 15 events that tested their competencies. These events included chemical threat, combative bouts, obstacle course, 12-mile ruck march, and a physical fitness test. The following winners were recognized Aug. 25th:

Enlisted Soldier: SPC Daigneault  
Non-commissioned Officer: SGT Reese  
Commissioned Officer: 1LT Fernandez



## 1-17 ACS Gunnery Award Winners



SABER Squadron recognized CPT Curry and CW2 Good as the Top Gun recipients for their outstanding performance in the squadron's gunnery.

## 1000/500 Pound Club Invitational

More than 76 competitors participated in the ATLAS 1000/500 Pound Club Invitational. Soldiers from the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) and 192nd Ordnance Battalion lifted a total of over 38,000 pounds in deadlifts, bench presses, and squats.



The 1,000 Pound Club is more than a strength test—it's a milestone that represents discipline, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence, embodying the Army's Warrior Ethos both in and out of the gym.



—1LT Fernandez

Qualified contenders were added to the the club.



## Pegasus Pilots Host Local Civil Air Patrol Unit

The Pegasus Brigade hosted a local Civil Air Patrol unit based at Pope Army Airfield on Aug. 2nd. This event included hangar and aircraft tours, as well as discussions with pilots. This engagement bolstered connections between the brigade and local community, with hopes of inspiring and cultivating future aviators.



## HISTORICAL MOMENT: National Airborne Day

The first Airborne Jump occurred Aug. 16, 1940, validating the concept the U.S. military parachute jumps. National Airborne Day celebrates the legacy of airborne operations.

To commemorate this historic event, a UH-60 Blackhawk flight crew from Bravo Company, 2-82 AHB, which included CPT Cico, WO1 Zaborowsky, SFC Helmick, and SGT Lemoine, flew and staged their aircraft at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, N.C., on August 16th. The pilots engaged with local community members, sharing the history of the 82nd CAB, the aircraft capabilities and the unit's connections to airborne operations.



## Fall Festival

We are excited to invite everyone to our annual 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade Fall Festival on Oct. 17th. There will be plenty of activities for families, especially for the little ones. Expect fun, food, and, most importantly, the opportunity to spend quality time with friends. Join us to show your support and have a fantastic time with everyone!



## UPCOMING EVENTS SEPT. 2025

**1st** -Corps Training Holiday  
**Sep. 2nd - Oct. 4** -JRTC 25-11 Rotation  
**4th:** 122nd ASB Hail & Farewell  
**9th:** 122nd ASB Change of Responsibility Ceremony  
**8th-26th:** 1-82nd AB Aerial Gunnery Range (AGR)  
**9th:** Semi-Annual Training Brief (SATB)  
**18th:** Newcomers Welcome Brief  
**28th:** Command Post Exercise (CPX) Begins

## OCT. 2025

**9th:** Command Post Exercise (CPX) Ends  
**10th-13th:** Corps Training Holiday  
**16th:** Newcomers Welcome Brief  
**17th:** 82nd CAB Fall Festival  
**Oct. 27th-31st:** 3-82nd GSAB AGR  
**Oct. 20th-Nov.3rd:** Aviation Resource Management Survey (ARMS)

## ABOUT US

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