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RUCK MARCH HELD IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

Miles Marched, Sacrifices Remembered

Nearly 24 years after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, this day is remembered as one of the most significant in U.S. history. Known as Patriots Day, it honors heroes, including first responders, and commemorates victims of the 2001 attacks. Delta Company "Gray Eagle" of 1-82 Attack Battalion (AB), WOLFPACK, hosted a remembrance ruck and marched alongside several Fort Bragg firefighters.

"It's a remembrance. It's taking the time out of your schedule to remember the brave people who put their lives on the line on September 11th," said CPT Alexa Fetterly, company commander.

The 9.11 mile ruck march was further marked by events that unfolded that day. A moment of silence was rendered at 7: 58 A.M. before stepping off at 7: 59 A.M. symbolizing the hijacking of American Airline Flight 11.

"I want today to be remembered for the 2, 976 people that were killed," SSG Horn, platoon sergeant, "We will never forget them or that day."

Christopher Rasor, a Fort Bragg Firefighter, stated, "Anyone who contributes and chooses to give back to their country, whether it be the Army Forces, EMS... we all have a common mission: to support each other."

Over 45 Soldiers rucked 9.11 miles to commemorate the events of the fatal day, nearly 24 years earlier.



Opening remarks before ruck march begins.



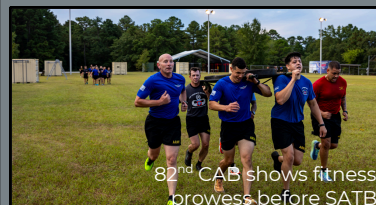
SSG Horn discusses importance of Sept. 11th.



Fort Bragg firefighters join Gray Eagle for ruck march.

82ND CAB HOSTS SEMI-ANNUAL TRAINING BRIEF

Earlier this month, the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade hosted its Semi-Annual Training Brief (SATB) with MG Tegtmeier, Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, and CSM Delapena, Senior Enlisted Advisor of the 82nd Airborne Division. Hosted twice a year, this critical event offers an in-depth discussion provides an opportunity to synchronize the leaders at various echelons while conveying necessary training plans, resources, and coordination. Prior to this session, leaders participated in a motivational physical training (PT) session.



82ND CAB shows fitness prowess before SATB.



MG Tegtmeier holds open discussion.



CSM Delapena imparts wisdom onto leaders.

PEGASUS HIGHLIGHTS

- 82nd CAB Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct. 17th.
- Iron Mike AAAA Chapter will host Golf Scramble on Oct. 24th.
- Nearly 370x renlistments during FY25 and growing.
- 22x Stetson Bearers welcomed into SABER Family.
- All American DUSTOFF Company conducted 7x Critical Care Transfers.
- Bronze Order of Mercury awarded to CPT Charpentier and SFC Dela Rosa.
- SFC Harrison, Brigade Standardization Instructor, took his final flight
- Mrs. Rosalie Rodriguez, wife of ISG Jace Lopez, receives Purple Star Award for her commitment to military child education and support to families.

NEW LEADERSHIP WELCOMED INTO ROLES



CSM Journigan congratulates CSM McCumbers at ceremony.

122 Aviation Support Battalion (ASB), ATLAS, Assumption of Responsibility ceremony was held Sept. 9th at the 82nd Airborne Division Patio in which CSM McCumbers assumed responsibility of the formation.

“To the officers, NCOs and Soldiers of 122, you are the heartbeat of this battalion. My promise to you is simple: I will give you my best everyday and I will fight to ensure you have the resources and opportunities needed to succeed.” -CSM McCumbers



CPT Thomas receives company guidon.

Headquarters Support Company (HSC) of 122 ASB held its Change of Command Ceremony on Sept. 12th. During which, CPT Thomas formally assumed command and addressed the formation.

“To all of the paratroopers, thank you for welcoming me to the Spartan Family. You are the backbone of this organization and I couldn't ask for a better team.” -CPT Thomas

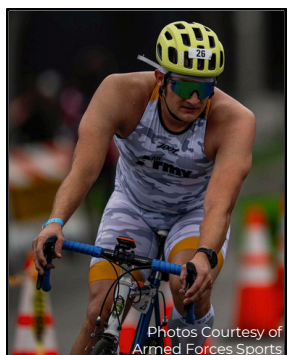
SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT



PFC Bush

PFC Bush is an Aviation Operations Specialist in 3-82 GSAB, recognized for his professionalism during exercises such as JRTC 25-07, Devil's Avalanche and aerial gunnery. He has earned recognition from outside the organization such as the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB). PFC Bush is committed to improving his skills and growing as a future Army leader.

COMPANY EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPETES AMONG TOP UNIFORMED SERVICE TRIATHELETES



Photos Courtesy of Armed Forces Sports



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ILT Constandse, a company executive officer within 3-82 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), TALON, competed in this year's Armed Forces Triathlon Championship in San Diego, CA on Sept. 13. He earned a spot on the All-Army sports team, standing out among over 50 other applicants, and faced elite athletes from various branches of the armed services. The competition featured an Olympic-style race that included a 1.5 km swim, a 40 km bike ride, and a 10 km run. Relatively new to the sport, ILT Constandse seized the opportunity to compete following a 2023 deployment. He credits his success to the support of his family, leadership, and community in achieving his goals.

“Anyone who wants to apply should try...You know that you can do it. It's a matter of overcoming what your mind is telling you. Your body can handle it.”

-ILT Constandse



Mr. Zykla enters aircraft for the first time since serving in Vietnam War.



Mr. Zykla shares fond memories.

VIETNAM WAR PILOT INDUCTED AS HONORARY MEMBER OF SABER SQUADRON

1-17 Aviation Cavalry Squadron (ACS), SABER, hosted John Frank Zykla, retired Vietnam War Bell UH-1 Huey pilot assigned to the 335th Assault Helicopter Company (AHC). During the Simmons Army Airfield (SAAF) tour with his family, Mr. Zykla shared his journey starting as an Army cook and later becoming a decorated helicopter pilot, retiring as a Captain.

“You learn each time you went out there,” says Mr. Zykla, “You learn something new, you do something new.”

Mr. Zykla earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and Air Medal for his heroic actions in aerial combat. UH-1 Huey helicopter pilots led the critical transformation of airmobility through rapid troop and supply transport in the Vietnam War, clocking over 7.5 million flight hours.

As parting advice for today's pilots, he says, “Go for it!”

Mr. Zykla was inducted as an Honorary Member of the SABER Squadron.



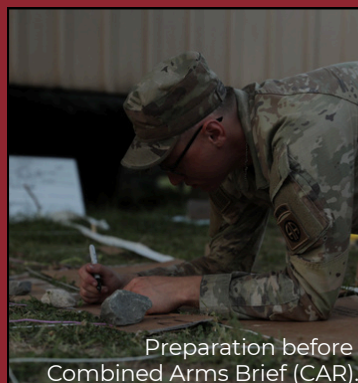
Pilots listen to Mr. Zykla as he shares insights and wisdom.



LTC Verardo inducts Mr. Zykla as an Honorary Member of 1-17th ACS.

TASK FORCE CORSAIR DOMINATES JRTC 25-11

After successfully completing the Devil's Avalanche exercise earlier this year, Task Force Corsair has shifted its focus to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) Rotation 25-11. Their combined training has effectively developed the necessary skills for downed aircraft recovery, aerial resupply, troop transportation, and air assault missions. Task Force Corsair is expected to return by mid-October.



Preparation before Combined Arms Brief (CAR).



Aircraft stage before mission.



Soldiers conduct sling load training ahead of operation.



Maintenance team inspects UAS
Photo Courtesy of SGT Hart.

AIR CREWS QUALIFY ON CRITICAL AVIATION SKILLS

The 1-82 Attack Battalion, WOLFPACK, took to the skies during the Aerial Gunnery Range (AGR) exercise. This event involved everyone, from pilots and crew chiefs to maintainers, planners, and leaders—working together to execute flawlessly. Their success in maintaining qualification expertise with their weapon systems showcased their aviation skills and craftsmanship, while also increasing combat readiness.



Apache helicopter under moonlight.
Photo Courtesy of 2LT Resto.



Pilot gives thumbs up before flight.
Photo Courtesy of 2LT Resto.



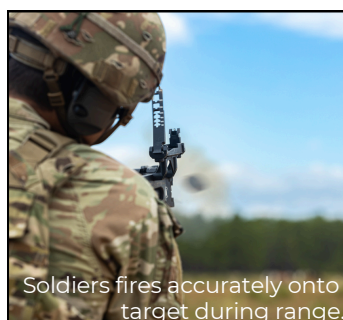
Aircraft receives fuel before flight.
Photo Courtesy of 2LT Resto.



Apache helicopter engages AGR targets.
Photo Courtesy of 2LT Resto.

M320 PROCIENCY INCREASE ACROSS THE BRIGADE

Soldiers from the Pegasus Brigade have successfully qualified on the M320 Grenade Launcher Module. The M320 Grenade Launcher replaces the older M203 launcher and is currently used by both regular and special operations forces in the U.S. Army. This module allows for accurate targeting of up to 400 meters in both day and night conditions using 40mm grenades. Compared to its predecessors, the M320 offers improved accuracy, reliability, compatibility with various add-ons and effective radius of 5 meters.



Soldiers fires accurately onto target during range.



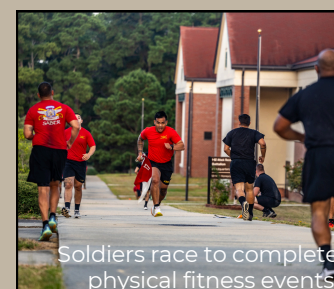
Soldier fires M320 in prone position.

PHYSICAL FITNESS: REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Physical fitness is a cornerstone of the Pegasus Brigade. Engaging in physical fitness fosters strong bonds among units and leaders at all levels. It not only unites the current members but also honors fallen comrades of the past. Additionally, participating in physical fitness ensures that Pegasus Brigade Soldiers are both mentally and physically prepared for combat operations.



SABER hosts remembrance physical fitness event.



Soldiers race to complete physical fitness events.

FALL FESTIVAL

OCT. 17TH



Join us Friday, Oct. 17th at 3-82 GSAB Hangar for a spooky night filled with fun, food and games at the 82nd CAB's Fall Festival.

Events:

- Costume Contest
- Chili Contest
- Food Vendors
- Trunk or Treat
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Haunted House
- Simulator Flights
- Pumpkin Painting
- Car Show
- AND MORE!

Every Wednesday leading up to the event, we will publish updates on Facebook and Instagram.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2025

- 9th: Command Post Exercise (CPX) Ends
- 10th-13th: Corps Training Holiday
- 16th: Newcomer's Welcome Brief
- 17th: 82nd CAB Fall Festival
- 27th-31st: 3-82 GSAB Aerial Gunnery Range
- 20th: Aviation Management Survey (ARMS) Inspection Begins

NOVEMBER 2025

- 3rd: Aviation Management Survey (ARMS) Inspection Ends
- 08th-10th Corps Training Holiday
- 11th: Veteran's Day (Observance)
- 12th-26th: Physical Security Inspection
- 17th-21st: Aviation branch Vicit
- 21st -Newcomer's Welcome Brief
- 12th-23rd: 2-82 AHB Gunnery
- 17th-21st: CPX 3
- 24th-Iron Mike AAAA Golf Scramble
- 27th-Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28th-30st -Corps Training Holiday

HURRICAN HELENE

On September 24, 2024, Hurricane Helene made a severe impact on western North Carolina. In response, the 82nd CAB, among other units across the 82nd Airborne Division and the North Carolina National Guard, sprang into action. The 82nd CAB delivered over 800,000 pounds of supplies, including water, food, and essential items. As part of our homeland defense mission, the Department of Defense, through U.S. Northern Command and in support of provides critical assistance to civilian authorities following natural disasters, as directed and approved by the Secretary of Defense. The Department of Defense's collaborative response efforts, involving various government agencies, showcase our national capabilities and resilience. Those who are devastated by the aftermath continue to be remembered.



Aircrews ready supplies before flight.



Aircraft and supplies being readied before flight.

ABOUT US

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