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1ST SQUADRON, 17TH REGIMENT INACTIVATES SQUADRON CASES COLORS AFTER 109-YEAR HISTORY

On Dec. 15, 2025, the 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment cased its colors during an inactivation ceremony held in its hangar, following orders issued earlier this year under the Army Transformation Initiative (ATI).

The ceremony welcomed distinguished guests, including MG Tegtmeier and former squadron commanders MG (RET) Quinlan, MG (RET) Colt, BG (RET) Flowers, along with senior enlisted advisor CSM (RET) Wyatt. The majority of the audience were past and present troopers, eager to share their stories of the remarkable squadron.

The 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment was originally established as Alpha Troop at Fort Bliss, Texas, on July 1, 1916. Throughout its 109-year history, the squadron has participated in nearly every major conflict and campaign, undergoing significant modernizations, evolving from horseback to helicopters and incorporating unmanned aerial systems (UAS). The most recent operation included Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) (Task Force Nighthawk, 2023).

"As we prepare to depart for new formations and challenges, take comfort in knowing that 1-17 will endure," stated LTC Verardo, 1-17 squadron commander. "It lives on in the memories you've made, the skills you've mastered...and the stories you will tell about this proud organization."

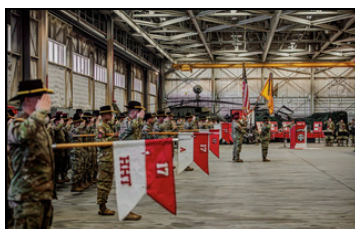
In the weeks leading up to the ceremony, the squadron commemorated its 109-year history. These events included the Wings of the Spur Physical Fitness series, which honored fallen troopers, and the Squadron Ball, which celebrated the squadron's culture and history. Additionally, the Spur Ride produced 65 new silver Spur Holders, furthering the squadron's legacy.

"As we case these colors today, understand that the mission simply moves, and the next challenge awaits," said COL Beale, "You are the inheritors of a lineage that refuses to fade—a unit that has proven, time and again, that it will be ready whenever the country calls."

Although the squadron's colors are now cased, the soldiers will continue to serve in the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade and other Army units, upholding the traditions and culture of the cavalry. Aircraft and other equipment were divested to support overall Army operational readiness. The squadron's history and colors will be preserved at the 82nd Airborne Division War Memorial Museum.

PEGASUS HIGHLIGHTS

- 82nd Airborne Division Change of Responsibility Ceremony will be Jan. 21, 2026.
- All-American DUSTOFF executed over eight critical care transfers and three 9-Line Medical Evacuation Missions.
- Army-Navy Game detail visited Secretary of the Army Dan Driscoll and Chief of Staff of the Army GEN Randy George before game and flyover.
- CW2 Winkle (2-82 AHB) achieved 1,000 accident-free flight hours.
- 82nd CAB Leads in Basic Leader's Course (BLC) Distinctions
 - SGT Lopez (3-82 GSAB): Distinguished Leadership Award.
 - CPL McClure (1-17 ACS): Top Three Graduate; 3.8 GPA.
 - SPC Brisee (1-17 ACS): Carried unit colors during the closing ceremony.
- CW2 Bell, CW2 Carrigan, CW2 Winkel and WO1 Cantine participated in the Beast of Ultra East Marathan.



“ This event is not an ending, but a pause—a moment to honor the historic journey embodied in this flag, to reflect upon the legacy of the Winged Spur, and to look 'FORWARD' toward the next chapter. ”

—COL Beale
82nd CAB Commander



ALL AMERICAN DUSTOFF RECEIVES SIKORSKY RESCUE AWARDS

On Dec. 16, 2025, soldiers from the All American DUSTOFF Company were honored with the Sikorsky Rescue Award. On Jan. 28, 2024, a small outpost at Tower 22 in Jordan, near the Syrian border, was attacked by drones while supporting Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR). In response, pilots, flight medics, air crew chiefs, and operation NCOs quickly sprang into action, providing life-saving support and medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) to critically wounded individuals. During the ceremony, remarks were made by COL Beale, MAJ Barragan, and Mike Mudd (Sikorsky representative).



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE PEGASUS COMMAND TEAM

COL ROBERT BEALE
BRIGADE COMMANDER



Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays from the Pegasus Brigade Command Team! We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season filled with joy. Take some time over the next two weeks to connect (or reconnect) with friends and family. Get some well-needed rest and relaxation as we prepare to enter a very busy period in the coming year.

For those who are traveling, please do so safely.

A reminder for our leaders to "Just Pick Up" IAW the SECARMY's guidance. The intent is to ensure our Soldiers are cared for and connected to our Army Family.

We look forward to seeing all of you safe and sound in 2026!

CW5 TIMOTHY SHREWBURY
COMMAND CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER



For many, we are entering a favorite time of year. Still, for that same many, no amount of holiday happiness can overcome a lingering sense of being alone. Even those overwhelmingly connected by a robust network of friends and family are not immune. Physical distance, interpersonal uncertainty, or the relative comparison of our happiness to the happiness of others can contribute to feelings of aloneness. At times, even sitting next to the person we know cares for us most fosters an unwanted feeling of detachment. This holiday season, stay connected. Consciously invest in your existing circle and seek any opportunity that allows the circle to grow. Start by going outside!

PEGASUS BRIGADE WELCOMES CSM JACKSON



CSM James Journigan relinquished responsibility of the 82nd CAB to CSM Brice Jackson Dec. 11 at the 82nd Airborne Division Patio.

During his tenure, Journigan supported the Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) and Hurricane Helene relief effort.

"The culture of this organization is excellence," said CSM Journigan. "This formation is filled with professionals at all levels. They are primed and ready for whatever mission."

After gifts were presented to both families and honors to the nation were rendered, CSM Jackson addressed the formation for the first time.

"To the paratroopers of the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, thank you for what you do. We ask much of you and we will continue to do so as we have a great obligation to this nation," said CSM Jackson. "I look forward to both learning from you and serving and mentoring you."



MEALS & BASKETS WARM HOLIDAY SEASON FOR SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES

Pegasus Brigade made heartfelt efforts to ensure Soldiers felt the warmth of the holiday season.

A special Thanksgiving meal served by Pegasus Leaders on Nov. 25 at the Sustainer Inn DFAC highlighted this spirit of gratitude and togetherness. Additionally, Unit Ministry Teams (UMTs) crafted and distributed meal baskets on Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, ensuring that Soldiers and their families could celebrate the holidays together. With generous support from donors such as the 82nd Airborne Division Association, these acts of kindness truly reflect the dedication and compassion towards Pegasus Soldiers and their families during this special time.



CORSAIR HONORED FOR EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

On Dec. 5, Delta Company (DOGPOUND) of the 2-82 Assault Helicopter Battalion (AHB) received Certificates of Appreciation from former Spring Lake Commissioner Marvin Lackman. Earlier this year, CPT Ryan Murphy expanded the project to include more DOGPOUND Soldiers. In three months, DOGPOUND Company recovered more than 100,000 pounds of trash in over 87 hours, addressing illegal dumping outside Manchester Gate and enhancing the local environment.

Former Spring Lake Commissioner Lackman stated, "This massive cleanup undertaking would not have been possible without the help of the Delta Company Soldiers...Delta Company came back out on a cold Saturday morning to continue making a positive impact in Spring Lake."

NEW LEADERS ASSUME ROLES THROUGHOUT PEGASUS BRIGADE



This holiday season, the Pegasus Brigade has undergone multiple leadership changeover ceremonies. Below are the most recent company commanders and first sergeants who assumed their roles:

- CPT Payne (A/3-82 GSAB)
- CPT Schromm (E/3-82 GSAB)
- CPT Cannon (A/122 ASB)
- 1SG Bryant (A/122 ASB)
- CPT Payne (B/2-82 AHB)
- 1SG Clevestine (C/2-82 AHB)



Change of Command (or Responsibility) Ceremonies are time-honored traditions that formally recognize the transfer of authority (or responsibility) of the unit. These ceremonies showcasing unit pride, heritage and demonstrate seamless leadership transitions.

F/1-82 AB Activation Ceremony



After the inactivation of 1-17 Air Cavalry Squadron (ACS), Fox Troop was reactivated under 1-82 Attack Battalion (AB), officially becoming Fox Company on Dec. 16, in the 1-82 AB Hangar. Fox Company, known as WEREWOLVES, is lead by CPT Mark McGinnis and 1SG Arturo Rodriguez.

SPUR RIDE

Before its inactivation, 1-17 ACS held its Spur Ride from Nov. 24 to 25. This 36-hour ordeal challenged the troopers' teamwork, grit, and knowledge of cavalry skills. Historically, Spur Rides were rites of passage, demonstrating a cavalryman's mastery of horse, saber, and skills.

Seven teams navigated various lanes, including patrol, call for fire, and medical evacuation, while carrying their equipment and building team cohesion. Upon completion of the Spur Ride, 65 "Shave Tails" became silver Spur Holders, continuing the legacy of the cavalry spirit.



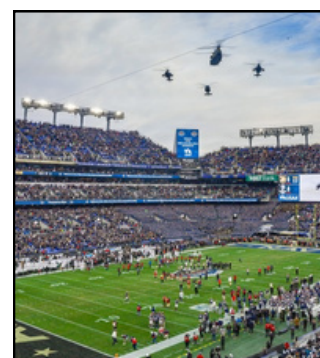
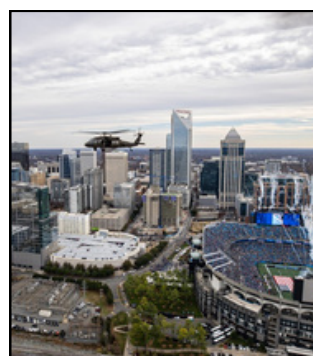
TRAINING AIRCREWS AND MAINTENANCE TEAMS FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS

The Pegasus Brigade completed blade-fold training at Simmons Army Airfield and conducted cold load training at Pope Army Airfield. Maintenance teams were prepared, ensuring that aircraft were Fully Mission Capable (FMC) aircraft at all times. During the cold load training, a HH-60M helicopter was successfully folded and loaded onto a C-17 Globemaster III.



WINGS OF THE AIRBORNE SOAR ABOVE CROWDS DURING GAME DAY FLYOVERS

Flight crews, maintainers, planners, and many others worked diligently to prepare and execute impressive flyovers for the Army-Navy Game (M&T Stadium, Baltimore, MD on Dec. 13) and the Carolina Panthers versus Tampa Bay Buccaneers game (Charlotte, NC on Dec. 21). Both flyovers made for memorable experiences and showcased Pegasus Pride.



WAR ON EXCESS: MAKING WAY FOR THE FUTURE

The War on Excess continues as the Pegasus Brigade clears motor pools, hangars, and unit areas. Significant efforts have been made to divest equipment, making way for modernization efforts. The War on Excess promotes accountability and enhances operational readiness.



SFRG SITE LAUNCHED TO INFORM SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES



To enhance readiness for Pegasus Brigade Soldiers and their families, an official SFRG website has been launched. It provides timely information, updates, upcoming events, resources and more.

The 82nd CAB SFRG Site can be accessed utilizing this [link](#).

As information becomes available and events near, SFRG Leaders will provide to established channels, including the SFRG Site.

UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY 2026

- 16TH-19TH** : Martin Luther King (MLK) DONSA
- 21ST** : 82nd Airborne Division Change of Responsibility Ceremony
- 20TH** : 2-82 AHB Aerial Gunnery Range (AGR) Begins
- 26TH-31ST** : Command Post Exercise (CPX) 4
- 26TH-30ST** : Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) Validation Exercise (VALEX)
- 30TH** : 2-82 AHB Aerial Gunnery Range (AGR) Ends

FEBRUARY 2026

- 3RD- 6TH** : Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP) Evaluation
- 13TH- 16TH** : President's Day DONSA
- 19TH** : Newcomers Welcome Brief
- 25TH** : Semi-annual Training Brief

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PEGASUS BRIGADE

FORMER MEMBERS

Reconnect with the Pegasus Brigade! If you're a former member of the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, sign up now for the latest news and upcoming events. Don't miss out—join Pegasus Alumni today!



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FORMER 1-17 ACS TROOPERS

We invite you to share your story and help keep the spirit of 1-17 ACS alive for future generations. Share your story, continue the legacy.



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