



# "Eagles"



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## EAGLE 6 CORNER

Time is surely going by fast. It does not seem that long ago when I first joined this organization, almost two years ago and as summer approaches it is time for me to say farewell. This is my last BN Newsletter and I personally want to thank all of you for your wonderful support and hard work over the past two years. LTC Mike Naifeh and his family will be officially on board and will take command of the battalion on 17 June 2011. I ask that you give them your wholehearted support as you have given me.

This period of transition

and changeover will allow you to show how dedicated and top notch you really are as a battalion. I thank each and every one of you for the outstanding support day in and day out that you provide to our new Warriors, their families, the training units and the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence. Continue to work together as a team to make the 43d AG BN the best Reception BN in our Army. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve as your Battalion Commander for the last two years. I have learned so much from each of you and I thank you. All leaders,

Soldiers and civilians past and present will hold a special place in my heart. I wish you all the best in success.

Soldiers for Freedom!

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## EAGLE 7 CORNER

Greetings Team 43d,

Can you believe it's almost May already? Where has the time gone? As I looked back at last quarter's events in preparation for this newsletter, I truly realize just how fast time goes by from day to day. Last quarter we had an excellent Single Soldiers Retreat at Tan-Tar-A resort sponsored by the ministry team of Chaplain Searl and SPC Mabrey. It was a resounding success. Thanks team! We have many Warriors to recognize starting with SPC Owensspicer, HHC MSCoE, who won the Battalion and the Brigade Soldier of the Quarter boards, the MSCoE Soldier of the Quarter board and the

Joint Service Enlisted Member of the Month Board. Outstanding job by this young Soldier! Congratulations to SSG McCroy, FTU (formerly B Co) for winning the Battalion/Brigade NCO of the Quarter board and for representing the battalion very well at the Installation board. The winner of the Drill Sergeant of the Quarter board was DS Wright (HHC 43d). I encourage all of you to challenge yourselves by appearing before these boards. These are all great opportunities for professional development and career enhancement.

As you walk around the battalion, you will see lots

of new faces. We have had an influx of excellent drill sergeants to the battalion. Please take the time to introduce yourselves and welcome them to the team. I want to also thank those that have departed or will depart the battalion in the new future. We appreciate all that you've done for the battalion during your tenure.

Soon we will be saying goodbye to our commander and welcoming a new commander. Always remember that people come and people go, but standards remain and the mission continues!

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**HHC HELLCATS**



## HELLCAT CORNER

First off, 1SG Ducksworth and I would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the Hellcat family. We are proud to be working with such a wonderful team.

Unfortunately, we must say goodbye to some great team members of HHC. SSG McAlexander departed us for Fort Richardson, AK, SSG Davis departed us for Fort Hood, TX, SSG Leon departed us for Fort Riley, KS, SSG Armstrong will depart us for Germany, and I will be leaving for Fort Jackson, SC to attend the Captain Career Course. We will miss those great Hellcat team members and I will miss you all as well.

In this last quarter, the HHC family has grown quite a bit. I would like to say “welcome” to our newest HHC team members. DS Ferrer arrived to us from B, 31<sup>st</sup> EN BN, DS Sotogonzalez arrived to us from A 3/10 IN BN, with the realignment of the MEB Platoon from the Fitness Training Unit (FTU) to HHC we will also gain DS Cunningham and SSG Daggs from B Co, 43d AG BN and CPT Charles, the new incoming commander will be arriving to us from Fort Bragg, NC. Last but not least, DS Wright’s wife Rachel gave birth to a beautiful baby boy (Branson) on 12 February. We are excited to welcome them all to our family.

Congratulations to SFC Askew, SSG Britton, SSG Wang on their recent promotions. Additionally congratulations to DS Wright for being Drill Sergeant of the Quarter. SFC Glover graduated from the Senior Leader Course at Fort Lee, VA. Congratulations to these outstanding members of the Hellcat Team!

HHC recently established a Company Family Readiness Group (FRG). Mrs. Esmeralda Sotogonzalez is the Company FRG Leader and Mrs. Jennifer Ferrer is the Company FRG Treasurer. We thank them for volunteering in establishing the FRG and we encourage more family members to participate as we work to build a closer Hellcat Family.

The Hellcats have been working extremely hard these last few months as we continue to discharge Soldiers and inprocess Prior Service Soldiers. On 01 April, HHC will pick up an additional mission from FTU of processing IET Soldiers for Medical Evaluations Board (MEB). Additionally, SSG Scott was handpicked to work in St. Louis as the Liaison at the USO, ensuring the Army’s newest recruits make it to the 43d AG BN. It’s the hard work of the Cadre and Civilians that make our company so successful. Thank you all so much and it truly has been such a pleasure working with you all.

Lastly as spring arrives, remember to always think safety first! Each team member whether military or civilian are invaluable to the Hellcat family! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the unit’s mission!

Hellcat 6

**ALPHA GATORS**



## GATOR CORNER

As spring arrives, the Gators welcome a few new faces, the warmer weather, and some good news stories I’d like to share. The Gator family welcomes DS Mario Brown from C/1-48 and DS David Gerlott from E/795.

DS Garcia facilitated a Master Resiliency Training Event for the battalion and certified 16 cadre from the battalion as Resiliency Training Assistants. The Master Resiliency Training is being implemented to prepare incoming Soldiers for Initial Entry Training by teaching them coping skills and enhancing their mental agility to overcome obstacles both in training and in life.

The Gators were able to reenlist two excellent NCO’s. DS Swickard and DS Kerney were indefinitely reenlisted. DS Swickard received a special visit and was reenlisted by Major General Quantock.

Looking forward we have a few exciting things planned. A Change of Command is planned for 26 April 2011 to exchange command with CPT Brandon Boatwright. A paintball team building exercise is planned for 04 May 2011.

I’d like to thank the cadre for their hard work and dedication to mission success and the families of our service members that support them. Thank you and job well done.

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## BULLDOG CORNER

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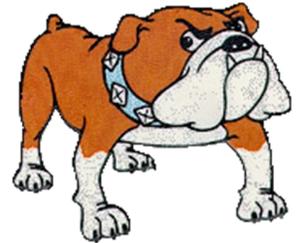
The Bulldogs are proud to announce a multitude of accomplishments made by the cadre of our company. SSG McCroy graduated the Senior Leader Course and was selected for promotion. Additionally, DS Renteria selected to re-enlist to indefinite status, and DS Knight was promoted to Sergeant First Class. DS Chapman was recognized and awarded Army Achievement Medal for his outstanding accomplishments in the Command Inspection Program.

The company experienced a few changes due to realignment of duty positions, and the Bulldogs said farewell to a few of our members: SSG Daggs, SSG McCroy and SSG Rivers all relocated to other units within the battalion and will make lasting contributions.

We are very excited to welcome a few new Bulldogs: DS Dwyer, DS Truax, and DS Delay also arrived to us from other units on Fort Leonard Wood, we are excited to welcome them and their Families to the unit and confident they are going to make an indelible mark on our unit.

~Bulldog 6

# BRAVO BULLDOGS



## PHOENIX CORNER

. FTU started this quarter by celebrating DS Sinitiere's re-enlistment into the Army. This was not only an exciting day for FTU and the 43d AG BN, it was exciting for the Army to have another great NCO re-enlist. He will be headed to Fort Drum, New York to work with the 543<sup>rd</sup> MP BN. FTU would like to welcome our newest members to the team. DS Kenneth Vanalphen is originally from Hudson, New York but comes to us from Echo 1-48 IN BN and will be working with APFT-C. DS Henderson is originally from Theodore, Alabama but come to FTU from Delta 2-10 IN BN and will be working in PTRP. SSG McCroy had a short walk over from Bravo Company and will be working in our Operations. He recently made the promotion list for SFC. DS Bevan comes to us from Delta 1-48 IN BN and will be working in APFT-C. FTU is looking forward to working with all of them and know they will be a great addition to our team. DS Adams recently finished Tech Escort School and was announced the Distinguished Honor Graduate for his class. He also made the list for promotion to SFC.

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# FTU PHOENIXES



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## HHC MSCoE BLACK KNIGHTS



## BLACK KNIGHT CORNER

### Greetings Black Knight Warrior Team!

Winter is nearly gone and spring is around the corner; these mark the conclusion of the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2011. For many, the months may have seemed to fly by with several holidays and long weekends, but for others the cold and gray seemed to be never-ending. Either way, it has been an eventful quarter and I'd like to take some time to share with you some of the significant events from the past months and a few of my thoughts.

Again, I must commend everyone on their commitment to safety. Just today, I received a message from the Commander of the Safety Center congratulating the entire Army for achieving significantly lower numbers of non-combat fatalities as compared to the first half of FY10. HHC MSCoE represents only a small percentage of the overall whole, but remember that it is the face-to-face, one-to-few leadership that has the greatest impact – first at the lower levels then building to higher echelons. Keep this in mind as we look forward to the warmer weather and its related activities.

Please congratulate SPC Owenspicer from the Garrison Chaplain's Team on winning the 43rd, Garrison, Installation, and Joints Services Soldier of the Quarter last month. Both he and SGT Yost will be going to Fort Bragg to compete in the IMCOM NE/SE Region Soldier of the year. If they win that board they will go to the IMCOM board at the end of May; if they win that board they will compete in the Army Soldier of the year board - no small accomplishment thus far and well on their way to continue victory. Good Luck Gentlemen! We wish you the best!

Also, please congratulate MAJ Michael Moran on his recently receiving the Bronze Order of the De Fleury Medal from the Engineer Regiment. The De Fleury Medal is presented to an individual who has rendered significant service or support to an element of the Engineer Regiment.

The past quarter saw the continued expansion of the Black Knight family with several births across the organization. MSG Brown, SSG Lee, SSG Test, SSG Calhoun, and PFC Updike, all delivered healthy babies and are to be congratulated on their exciting news!

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter also saw quite a few promotions. Please congratulate the following on their advancement: COL Soebbing, LTC Heidorn, LTC Eddings, LTC Cosgrove, MAJ English, SFC Garza and SGT Maestas. Also, SFC Chebahtah made the MSG list and SSGs Krause, Bishop and Martinezgonzalez made the list for SFC.

In the final days of the Quarter, we activated the company's Facebook page. It is now fully operational and growing with a primary mission to ensure the flow of information to our families, but, it is also designed so that families can reach the Company's leadership and each other. Please encourage your families to contribute their ideas and feedback so that we can serve them better! Again, the URL is: <http://www.facebook.com/hhcmscoeblackknights1995>.

I look forward to hearing all your outstanding news throughout upcoming months. From myself, 1SG Clayton, and the HQ Staff – thanks for your support and all that you do! Keep up the good work and have a safe and productive 3rd Quarter!

Black Knight 6

## CTC WARRIORS



## WARRIOR CORNER

Summer is quickly approaching and with that comes a lot of preparation to ensure that all of CTC's ranges and training areas are ready for the heat, grass, and Soldiers that will soon occupy. In November we finally received all of our new lawn equipment, but unfortunately it was a little too late and cold to be used, so our equipment is itching to be utilized. The new LOMAH Range is expected to be completed this summer which will replace the existing LOMAH Range on Range 16 which is outdated. This Range is much needed to ensure Soldiers are able to verify their zero before moving onto qualification.

CTC has several company events planned for this summer to increase camaraderie and morale among Soldiers and family members. Several fundraisers are scheduled up in St. Louis at Busch Stadium again this summer to raise money for our company functions.

In the last few months, CTC has said farewell to many outstanding NCO's and Soldiers who have moved on to other positions in the Army. We wish the best of luck to all of them. CTC would also like to welcome our new Soldiers and their families to the Combat Training Company.

CTC is proud to announce a new addition to our CTC family. SSG Howard 's wife Susie gave birth to a baby boy, Alejandro Sebastian Javier Howard, on 3 April 2011. Mom and baby are doing great, and we couldn't be more happy for the Howard family.

## 399th CORNER

The 399<sup>th</sup> Army Band has gotten the New Year off to a very successful start. After over a year without a promotion, we have had the privilege of promoting five of our Soldiers. On 1 February, SSG Wilson was promoted to SFC. On 10 February, I was promoted to CW2. And on 1 March, we saw SPCs Hall and Purnell promoted to SGT. Also on 1 March, we had the honor of welcoming our new first sergeant, 1SG Kevin Miley, and his wife Tamera, to the 399<sup>th</sup> family. 1 April brought one more promotion, with SPC Lamecker being promoted to SGT.

Last quarter we also had six of our Soldiers complete NCOES, earning many honors and representing well the 399<sup>th</sup> Army Band and the 43<sup>rd</sup> AG Battalion. In January, SPC Gonzales, SPC Coltart and SGT Applegate graduated from WLC, with SPC Gonzales and SPC Coltart earning places on the Commandant's List. February brought WLC graduations for SPC Lamecker and SPC Permenter, with SPC Lamecker earning the Audie Murphy Leadership Award and a spot on the Commandant's List. SFC Delacruz also represented the 399<sup>th</sup> at SLC at the Army School of Music at Little Creek NAB, VA, graduating in March.

Musically, the unit spent the quarter gearing up for the upcoming Change of Command season and for spring and summer concerts. On 29 March, the band joined with the bands of the Waynesville School District for the annual Pageant of the Bands, showcasing the progression of music education from the very beginning to professional musicianship. This is not our first visit to Waynesville schools this year. The jazz combo spent a day at Waynesville Middle School working with aspiring jazz musicians, and returned a week later to perform alongside them in a jazz concert. The brass quintet also paid a visit to Waynesville East Elementary to perform for the music classes. The unit is also looking ahead to a concert in Eminence, Missouri in May, featuring all of our Music Performance Teams, as well as an on-post celebration for the Army Birthday in June.

As always, you can follow all of the band's happenings on Facebook, complete with photos, performance reminders and more. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/399th-Army-Band/195609547122287>

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## RAZORBACK CORNER

Hello to the rest of the 43d AG Battalion from all of us here at TF IRR. I would like to take this time and mention that SFC Nelson was promoted on 8 April 11 with an effective date of 1 Apr 11. SFC Rivera and I are very proud of SFC Nelson and hope nothing but the best for him and his family.

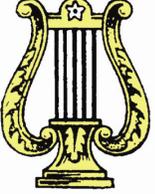
We continue to hard charge our mission here at TF IRR and are rapidly processing Mobilization, Demobilization and IRR soldiers. Additionally we will be receiving a mission of logistically supporting the 200<sup>th</sup> MRBC consisting of 185 personnel in June 2011 as they mobilize for deployment.

Other than that, things are going well here at TF IRR and we hope everyone has a great second quarter.

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# 399TH ARMY BAND

The   
399<sup>th</sup>  
Army Band

# TF IRR RAZORBACKS



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# EAGLE 10 CIVILIANS



## EAGLE 10 (CIVILIAN) CORNER

Happy Spring! Winter has finally exited and it's time to celebrate warmer weather. It's time to start gearing up again for the busy months ahead.

April has already brought the departure of two valued members of our PAB team—Hope Wilcox and Tosha Floyd. They will be missed! Congratulations to Yvonne Regan who was promoted to a Lead Clerk position in PAB! Joining the 43d family in April is Stephanie Knaebel, also in PAB. Welcome Stephanie!

Congratulations to both SPB and PAB on receiving AOE Awards! They have all worked hard and deserve the recognition.

Congratulations to both Liz Machuca on the arrival of her son, Avi, and Erica Adams on the birth of her daughter Shannon!

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SPB RECEIVES AOE AWARD



CONGRATULATIONS TO CW2 DELANEY!!!



ANOTHER FINE PERFORMANCE BY THE 399TH ARMY BAND



SERVING GOD—WHOLEHEARTEDLY!

Joshua, the son of Nun, was Moses' Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Israelites for 40 years, from the time Moses led them out of Egypt, through desert wanderings, until the death of Moses on Mount Pisgah in what is now the Kingdom of Jordan. Then Joshua succeeded Moses as Commander, and he led the people of Israel into the Promised Land. Shortly before his death, Joshua said these words to the Israelites: "Choose this day whom you will serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."(Joshua 24:15). This became a special Bible verse for me and for my wife Erica. We sensed that God was leading us to serve Him in the Army, but we were not exactly sure of the details. At the time we were married, I had no idea that God would lead me to go to seminary, and then become an Army Chaplain! All we knew was that God wanted us to serve him wholeheartedly.

That means God wants us to focus our attention completely on serving Him, and not ourselves or our self-appointed idols or gods. We must remember that this verse was not written only for the sake of the Israelites, or only for those who sense God's leading to become pastors, missionaries, or chaplains. God meant these words for EVERYONE. In fact, God doesn't need a large number of pastors and other "full-time workers." God only needs a few of those, but he needs people who serve God as soldiers, mechanics, food-service workers, administrative clerks, sergeants, and officers. Ruth Graham, the wife of Billy Graham, had this sign above her kitchen sink: DIVINE SERVICES HELD HERE THREE TIMES DAILY.

Perhaps we all need to take such an attitude toward what we do: the grass we are cutting, the engine we are repairing, the food we are cooking, the children we are raising, are all holy and divine services. Do we have the attitude and actions that we are God's servants going about divine ministry? Let us look upon ourselves and our work with new eyes, so that whatever we do, we do for the Glory of God. May these words encourage you, which come from 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

CH (MAJ) Chuck Searl  
43d AG BN

## 3rd Quarter Upcoming Key Events

Every Tuesday—Spiritual Fitness Luncheon, 1130-1300

12 Apr—HHC Change of Command, 0900, Freedom Field

26 Apr—Co A Change of Command, 0900, Freedom Field

27 Apr—MSCoE Change of Responsibility, 0900, Gerlach Field

6 May—CG 's Civilian Fun Run, 0730-0830

18 May—BN Newcomer 's Brief, 1130-1300, Grant Hall Conference Room

26 May—BN Organizational Day

30 May—Federal Holiday, Memorial Day

17 Jun—43d AG BN Change of Command, 0900, MSCoE Plaza