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## Gaining Momentum by LTC Dave Voorhies



Friends and Family of 1-12 Infantry and Fellow Red Warriors, this is my first letter to you since taking command two months ago. In that time, I have come to know, understand, and respect the great Soldiers, leaders, and family members that make up the best battalion on Fort Carson! I am humbled and thankful for the wonderful reception you have given me, Jesseca, and the Voorhies family as we have settled-in with 1-12 Infantry.

We are currently completing the arduous and often frustrating time known as RESET: the first phase of the Army Force Generation process that everyone goes through after deployment. All equipment has been accounted for and fixed. Home station operations have been re-established, and the training path that will take us through the rest of this year and into our next deployment is now being cemented.

Recently competing in the Expert Infantryman Badge Competition, our Soldiers earned the most in the brigade with 35 troopers earning their badge – HOOAH! This accomplishment is a testimony to leader emphasis and our Soldier's commitment to excellence. The Red Warriors will then have a three week Red Cycle Tasking period to support 4th Infantry Division requirements, and then

we launch ourselves into the TRAIN/READY Phase with Team and Squad live fires throughout May and June.

While welcoming new faces, we are also bidding farewell to the veteran leaders, Soldiers, and families that forged the last chapter of this unit's storied history. Commanders such as Captains Erik Norman, Adam Marsh, and Dennis Hall will be moving on to follow-on assignments. They and their spouses Amanda, Mikki, and Lindy have done more for families and Soldiers in this battalion than I can articulate here.

New and eager commanders led by Captains Erik Anderson, Gabe Manis, and Ben Hooker will soon take over Alpha, Delta, and HHC companies, respectively. First Sergeants Johnson, Davila, and Noell have also changed out responsibility and have been replaced with First Sergeants Alicea, Edling,

and Miller. Great leaders replaced by great leaders!

Remaining mission oriented on wartime readiness, the Red Warriors will be focused on four priorities in the coming months: 1-Soldier & Family Readiness, 2-Unit Level Sustainment, 3-Individual and Collective Training, and 4-Personnel Management. These priorities will guide our calendar, inform our actions, and continue to build a battalion of winners that is highly trained, cares for each other, and is ready to deploy, fight, and win.

I am truly honored to be your commander. As we continue to build momentum as a unit, I am excited to come into work every day as I get to work alongside the best America has to offer. Thank you for your continued support, service and friendship. Led by Love of Country....

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ON THE FRONT AND BACK COVERS: SPC Windell Anuntak, B Co, shows off his movement techniques at EIB.

## Expert Infantryman Badge by PFC Juliann Reed

The high standards created for the Expert Infantry Badge in 1944 remain today.



PFC Jeff Ashworth, C Co, conducts training on the M2 machine gun.

The winter season has finally come to an end and spring has finally appeared in Fort Carson. 267 soldiers of 1-12 Infantry participated in five days of grueling challenges that tested them physically and mentally all with hopes that they would earn the much sought after Expert Infantryman Badge.

The Expert Infantryman Badge is a traditional symbol for infantry Soldiers who are essential in the defense of our nation's past, present, and future. The badge consists of an Infantry musket on a light blue bar with a silver border. The light blue color represents the Infantry Branch, while the musket represents the first official U.S. military rifle, a 1795 Springfield arsenal musket, which has been used as the official insignia for the Infantry since 1924.

The Expert Infantryman Badge was approved by the Secretary of War on 7 October 1943, and established in October 1944 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, after 100 NCOs completed three days of rigorous testing on various infantry tasks. After completing the test, only ten NCOs remained; they were then interviewed to determine the first Expert Infantrymen. On 29 March 1944, Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, Commander of Army Ground Forces, presented the first Expert Infantryman Badge to Technical Sergeant Walter Bull.

The high standards created for the Expert Infantry Badge in 1944 remain today. The badge is given only to the few Soldiers who show they have mastered the required infantry skills. To earn the badge, the Soldier

needs to qualify by being proficient in physical fitness, weapons marksmanship, and land navigation before moving on to the actual Expert Infantryman Badge evaluation.

The Mountain Warrior testing site was comprised of the following events: the Army Physical Fitness Test, daytime land navigation, nighttime land navigation, a patrol lane, an urban lane, a Traffic Control Point (TCP) lane, and a twelve mile foot march.

For the first day of EIB, evaluation the Red Warriors began by participating in the Army Physical Fitness Test. Candidates had to score seventy points or higher in the pushups, sit-ups, and two mile run events. The Red Warrior candidates then moved on to the land navigation events during the day and at night. Land navigation is a critical skill for all Infantrymen and it tested the candidates' abilities to read maps, use terrain identification, and other skills necessary for moving to mission objectives.

For the second and third day, the Red Warriors conducted the patrol lane and urban lanes, respectively. These tested the competency of the candidates in many ways, to include: land navigation, first aid, weapon proficiency, grenade proficiency, calling for fire, and detainee operations. These skills directly translate in the candidates' ability to perform the tasks in a deployed environment.

After three days of rigorous testing, the Red Warriors then conducted the Traffic Control Point (TCP) lane. Again the Red Warriors were tested on an array of infantry skills, such as weapon proficiency with the MK19 automatic grenade

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## Expert Infantry Badge (continued)

Candidates were required to complete the [12 mile foot march] with seventy pounds of equipment...in less than three hours.



SPC Andrew Shores, B Co, conducts first aid training for the EIB.



SPC Johnathan Fontaine, A Co, demonstrates his proficiency on the M240B machine gun.

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launcher and M2 machine gun, proficiency with communications equipment, first aid, and conducting personnel searches. All of these skills are integral to an Infantrymen's ability to complete real world missions and enhance the probability of success.

Finally, the Red Warriors had to answer the physical demands of completing a twelve mile foot march. Candidates were required to complete the trek with seventy pounds of equipment, including their assigned weapons, in less than three hours. The mountainous terrain on Fort Carson added an extra challenge for the Red Warriors as they continued their journey to earn the EIB. The foot march tested the candidates' mental and physical fortitude as they pushed themselves through the final steps to earning the coveted EIB.

At the conclusion of the EIB testing 35 Red Warriors stood ready to accept the Expert Infantryman Badge, a mark of excellence they had earned through steadfast study and loyal application of the field craft and skill of the American Infantryman. One Red Warrior, SGT Rios, won Top Candidate, a distinction that also earned him his very own donated musket.

For more information about the EIB, consult the following resources on the world wide web:  
[www.tioh.hqda.pentagon.mil](http://www.tioh.hqda.pentagon.mil)  
[www.expertinfantry.com](http://www.expertinfantry.com)  
[www.benning.army.mil](http://www.benning.army.mil)  
[www.drum.army.mil](http://www.drum.army.mil)  
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According to USAIS PAM 350-6, Soldiers testing to qualify for EIB must:

- Be an active member of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Army Reserve, or the Army National Guard.
- Have a primary MOS in CMF 11 or CMF 18 (excluding 18D) if enlisted soldier.
- Be identified as a 180A if a warrant officer, or be branched Infantry or Special Operations if a commissioned officer.
- Be a volunteer.
- Be recommended by his unit commander.
- Qualify as expert with his assigned rifle in accordance with FM 23-9.

## Family Readiness Liaison (FRL) Corner

by SGT Marcy Glad

On...29 June,  
beginning at 18:00  
1-12 IN FRG will  
host an Outdoor  
Pool Party/Potluck  
at the Outdoor  
Aquatic Center.

### *4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Brigade* FRG Leader/FRL, Treasurer, and Key Caller Training Bundle

**What:** FRG/FRL Leader Training,  
Treasurer and Key Caller Education  
**When:** May 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>th</sup>, 2013,  
Wednesday-Friday, 09:00-16:00  
**Where:** Aspen Room, ACS BLDG 1526



#### To Attend or for questions:

Please RSVP

Leah Fuller at [leah.b.fuller.civ@mail.mil](mailto:leah.b.fuller.civ@mail.mil)

NLT than May 22nd, 2013.

*Sorry, no childcare arrangements available this session*

Most of us have heard the classic definition that the Family Readiness Group (FRG) is a command-sponsored organization of Family members, volunteers, Soldiers, and civilian employees organized by the unit level and upward. Yet, did you also know that the focus of the FRG is to provide activities and structures to increase the flow of legitimate military-centered information, build on the resiliency of both Soldiers and their Families, provide tools for adjusting to deployments and separations, and strengthen community and pride?

Another point that deserves more consideration: FRGs are not just for local spouses of active duty members! Rather, they are designed for the Soldier and anyone a married or single soldier calls Family; spouses of geographic bachelors, parents, grandparents, life-long friends, and brothers and sisters just to mention some.

Military life can be immensely fulfilling and is undoubtedly worthwhile, but it can

also be fast-paced, intense, demanding, and at times, particularly when required to be far from family, lonely. The FRG is committed to making Soldiers and their Families even stronger by being there for one another, distributing approved information from command, receiving information from Families, and providing educational opportunities for increasing life resiliency and preparation, particularly prior to deployments. While pursuing all those goals, we plan on having some fun too!

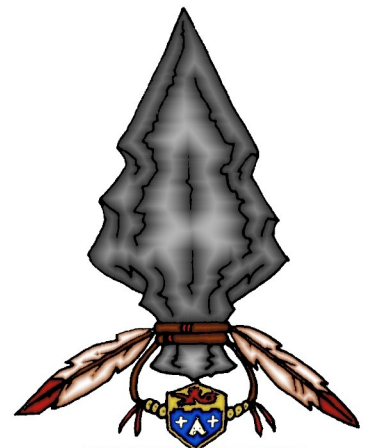
Family Readiness Groups should uphold a cross-section of all Soldiers' military support and information needs. So, if there are activities you would like to see the FRG involved in, please suggest it, or even better, volunteer and work toward achieving it! Everyone's involvement is always appreciated, particularly those volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure it all gets done.

A reminder that on Saturday, 29 June, beginning at 18:00 1-12 IN FRG will host an Out-

door Pool Party/Potluck at the Outdoor Aquatic Center.

As always, please feel free to contact your unit FRG team or Battalion Family Readiness Liaison (FRL) for any FRG related information. Continue to check your 1-12 IN Facebook page at:  
[www.facebook.com/one.twelve.infantry](http://www.facebook.com/one.twelve.infantry)

...and keep in contact with your FRG leader to learn even more.



**1-12 IN FRG**



# RESOURCES

<b>Army Community Services</b>	(719) 526-4590
<b>Victim Advocacy Emergency Hotline (Domestic Abuse) (24/7)</b>	(719) 243-7907
<b>Child Youth Services</b>	(719) 526-1101
<b>Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) (Families of fallen soldiers) SOS Coordinator</b>	(719) 526-0905
<b>Military Family Life Consultant (4th BCT embed)</b>	(719) 244-5831
<b>Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC) (General familial counseling, employment, etc.) Program Manager:</b>	(719)526-0300 1481 Titus Blvd. BLDG7492
<b>American Red Cross (24 hours Toll Free Number)</b>	(877) 272-7337
<b>Central Appointments Tri-Care (Evans Hospital)</b>	(719) 524-2273
<b>EFMP Exceptional Family Member Program Manger: (Special Needs)</b>	(719) 526-4590
<b>ER Front Desk (Evans Hospital)</b>	(719) 526-7111
<b>Relocation Readiness (Also sponsors some English As Second Language classes)</b>	(866) 804-8763
<b>TRICARE Service Center, Evans Hospital</b>	1-888-874-9378
<b>Family Connection Building 1354 (Loan Closet, Immigration)</b>	(719) 526-1070
<b>Military Police (Emergency Only)</b>	(719) 526-2333
<b>Financial Readiness Center (Emergency, Individual Consults, Group Lectures)</b>	(719) 526-4590
<b>Military Police (Non Emergency)</b>	(719) 526-6199
<b>Education Center (Focuses on adult mil and civ, post secondary ed and pre-reqs)</b>	(719) 526-2124
<b>On-Call Chaplain</b>	(719) 526-3400
<b>Weather (Check The Weather)</b>	(719) 526-0096
<b>Military One Source</b>	(800) 342-9647 <a href="http://www.armyonesource.com">www.armyonesource.com</a>
<b>VMIS (Volunteer Management Info System)</b>	<a href="http://www.myarmyonesource.com">www.myarmyonesource.com</a>
<b>Fort Carson Website</b>	<a href="http://www.carson.army.mil">www.carson.army.mil</a>



## Arrowhead Company: April in Review by CPT Erik S. Norman

One of the large tasks assigned to Arrowhead Company is Red Cycle.



LTC Voorhies pins a well earned Expert Infantryman Badge on SSG Thao.

April was a very busy and exciting month for Arrowhead Company as we tackled a slew of new tasks and events while still finding the time to build soldier and family relationships. The major events for the Company have been Red Cycle Taskings and Expert Infantryman's Badge Training.

As well, we had an FRG BBQ that allowed families and their Soldiers to play wiffle ball, bean-bag toss, and other games while enjoying good food and building camaraderie. The FRG event was also an opportunity to welcome new Soldiers and their families to the Company.

Arrowhead Company would like to extend a warm welcome to SPC (Doc) Richard Sanchez and his wife Benita. Furthermore, we would like to welcome PFC Kristopher Bramlett and his new wife Melissa who were married on April 20, 2013.

One of the large tasks assigned to Arrowhead Company is Red Cycle. Red Cycle is a span of approximately three weeks where soldiers perform duties not only on a company level, but also at a brigade and division level. These events provide Soldiers the opportunity to interact with a wide range of senior lead-

ers while providing support to those events.

Red Cycle also allows our Soldiers to work in civilian areas such as the Olympic Training Center, where our soldiers demonstrate the high level of discipline and commitment to the Army Values by providing trans-

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During Expert infantryman Badge Train-up, PFC Jonathan Fontaine (left) helps SPC Richard Dumoulin (right) with assembly and disassembly of M240B Machine Gun.

## Arrowhead Company (continued)

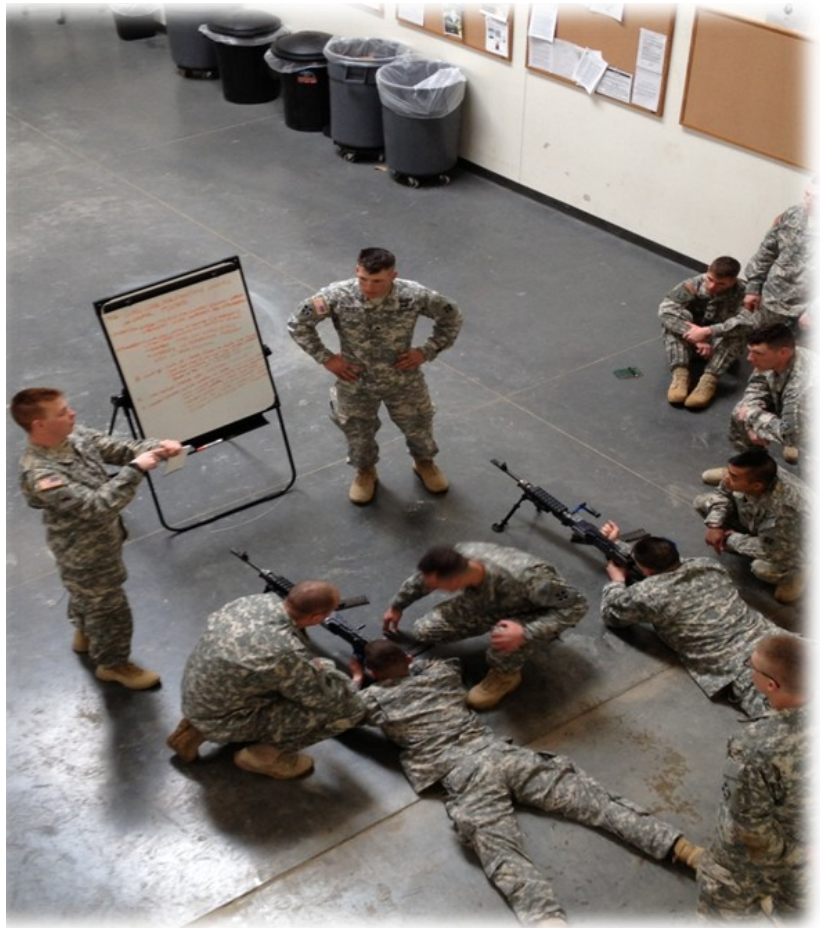
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portation and liaison support to the OTC.

The Soldiers of Arrowhead Company demonstrated their continued commitment to excellence by starting the month of April with an Army Physical Fitness Test. The results of the APFT showed an overall improvement for the entire company in all three events: the pushup event, sit-up event, and two-mile run. The April APFT was also the final opportunity Soldiers received to physically qualify for the Expert Infantryman Badge test beginning April 15th.

Beginning back in March, the Soldiers of Arrowhead Company worked diligently to learn all the tasks and skills necessary for the EIB test in April. The test itself was a five day event, beginning April 15th and ending April 19th, that proved both physically and psychologically demanding.



**SGT Barfield (left) instructs candidates on the Expert Infantryman Badge qualification task "Load, Fire, and Clear and M240B."**

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**Arrowhead Company's Funeral Detail led by 1LT Cline (Far Left).**



## Arrowhead Company (continued)

**Days two through four covered three individual lanes: Patrol Lane, Urban Lane, and TCP Lane.**

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The weather conditions during the test further taxed the Soldiers with sub-zero temperatures, icy winds, and blowing snow. The EIB Test began with an APFT. The APFT quickly whittled down the field of participants.

After a quick hygiene routine and breakfast, Soldiers tack-

led Land Navigation, where the course tested their abilities at navigating during the day and during the night. The day test consisted of finding a minimum of 4 out of 5 points, whereas the night test required soldiers to find 3 out of 4 points.

Days two through four covered three individual lanes: Patrol Lane, Urban Lane, and Traffic Control Point (TCP)

Lane. During those three days Soldiers were tested on their knowledge and expertise of Infantry Warrior Tasks and Skills. Those skills included: How to check and clear a plethora of weapons ranging from an M-4 to a .50 Caliber Machine Gun, call up a 9-Line MEDEVAC (medical evacuation mission), engage an enemy inside a building with a hand grenade, handle a detainee and give commands in the appropriate foreign language.

The final event was a 12-mile ruck/foot march that tested the stamina and determination of Arrowhead Company's Soldiers. The following six Soldiers from Arrowhead Company completed every task to standard: SSG Thao, SGT Sykes, CPL Temple, CPL Zimmerman, PFC Bramlett, PFC Ferrer. Earning the EIB represents the continuing devotion to duty, honor, and country, as well as a commitment to excellence.

I am sad to say that this month I will be changing command with CPT Erik Anderson. I have had a wonderful time with Alpha Company, but my time is up.

CPT Anderson is a proven leader that has been with the battalion for a year and half and will surely take the company to new levels of excellence. It has been an honor serving in this great organization. I am taking away many great memories and lessons learned. I wish everyone the best of luck and hope that we meet again in the future.

**(top) SGT Rance gives a class on moving under direct fire, while SPC Clemente demonstrates.**

**(left) SGT Sykes instructs Arrowhead Company Soldiers on proper Range Card procedures for the M240B Machine Gun.**



## Blackfoot Company: Fresh Start and Looking Forward by CPT Patrick H. Yun

I would like to first highlight our “baby Blackfoots” that has joined our ranks since our last newsletter...

Hello Blackfoot Families and Friends. It’s been about 6 months since my last correspondence with you all from COP Monti, Asmar District, Afghanistan.

First and foremost, I’d like to thank everyone for their continuing support while the company was redeploying and whilst in transition. Since my last correspondence we had a lot of changes, additions, and farewells to our ranks.

I would like to first highlight our “baby Blackfoots” that has joined our ranks since our last newsletter: SPC Seiple and Mrs. Lila Seiple had their baby girl, Rainah Lilybelle Seiple, on 01 November 2012, at their home in Wisconsin.

PFC Barnes and Mrs. Gina Barnes had their baby boy, Evan Noel Barnes, on 13 December 2012, at Fort Carson, CO.

SPC Bandu and Ms. Elizabeth Ruybalid had their baby girl, Eliana Rae Bandu, on 01

December 2012, at Fort Carson, CO.

Just recently, our new Soldier SPC Johnson and Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson had their baby girl, Athena Emilia Johnson, on 01 May 2013, at Fort Carson, CO.

On behalf of the command team, the Soldiers of Blackfoot Company, and the Company FRG we like to extend our congratulations to these new parents.

Long nights and great memories await them all. I’d like to farewell CPT Peter Antioho, 1LT Wallace, CPL Brahm, SGT Shattuck, SPC Forsyth, SPC Bradshaw, CPL Gradeless, SGT Gundlach, SGT Dimas, SPC Lowe, SGT Cowan, SSG Arthur, SPC Pardick, SPC Spaeth, SPC Hanson, SPC Vallanadu, SPC Milord, and SSG Perez for their hard work and dedication. They were all essential to the success of this Company and I am forever grateful for their

contribution and service to this nation.

If you haven’t already noticed, we have changed our Company Moniker to Blackfoot Company. This change occurred so that we are better aligned and nested with our Battalion Moniker which is the Red Warrior Battalion.

Blackfoot Company was derived to represent the great Blackfoot Native Americans whose values revolve around humility, strength, courage, and honor. I believe that this company represents and live those values daily and we hope to live up to the Blackfoot name.

Changing topics to training, we are continuing to push through the Army’s RESET timeline all while the Company changes out personnel, equipment, and weapon systems. We recently culminated our individual training period by participating in the Brigade’s Expert In-

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To earn the Expert Infantryman Badge, Soldiers must prove their proficiency with crew served weapons, even in extremely cold weather conditions.



## Blackfoot Company (continued)

While the training pace may be picking up again, there is a light at the end of the tunnel which is Summer Block Leave.



After all the hard work, 4th Brigade Soldiers stand by in formation to receive their well earned Expert Infantryman Badges.

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Infantrymen's Badge competition. Out of 55 possible candidates within the Company, only 6 Soldiers (SPC Gray, SGT Daffan, SGT Mosley, SPC Case, SSG Fletcher, and PFC Hennings) were awarded the coveted Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB for short).

The EIB is one of the highest marks of distinction in the United States Army Infantry, which was established in 1943 to recognize Soldiers who display mastery in Infantry skills. In order to earn their badges, our infantrymen had to first qualify by proving themselves to be proficient in physical fitness, be expert marksmen, and finally be an expert land navigator.

The actual testing consisted of three lanes (urban, patrol, and traffic control point) with each lane consisting of 10-12 specific infantrymen tasks that every candidate had to show proficiency in. Their ability to weather through all the prerequisites and deftly pass all tasks

brings great credit upon themselves and the Blackfoot Company.

With the conclusion of individual training, we will be slowly moving forward to collective training, which will include our live fire densities. The month of May and half of June will be consumed with a lot of field time due to these collective training periods. Rest assured though, our Soldiers will be back during the weekends in order to recover and spend time with family and friends.

While the training pace may be picking up again, there is a light at the end of the tunnel which is Summer Block Leave. As of now, the summer block leave period will be from 03 July to 21 July 2013. I encourage all family members and their Soldiers to take the full block leave period, if able, and enjoy the great summer outdoors of Colorado if you are staying local.

The dates may shift left or right but rest assured all changes will be disseminated through multiple venues (Facebook,

FRG meetings, vFRG, and Soldiers).

As the Company shakes out our old cobwebs and begin this training cycle with a fresh start, we also look forward to getting ready for the upcoming deployment. As Soldiers of Blackfoot Company prepare ourselves for this deployment, I also encourage and challenge you to participate in our Company and Battalion FRG events and meetings in order to begin building our team back here at home.

Sarah and I are always looking for interested FRG volunteers to strengthen our Blackfoot FRG and we look forward to meeting new family members at every event.

If you have any questions, comments, and/or recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Patrick.yun@us.army.mil](mailto:Patrick.yun@us.army.mil) or the FRG Leader (Sarah Yun) at [bravo112frg@yahoo.com](mailto:bravo112frg@yahoo.com). Until next time, stay safe and take care.

## Charlie Company

**“It feels great to have earned my EIB,” said 1LT Jon Connell. “It’s extremely rewarding...”**

Charlie Company Soldiers have been training hard in recent weeks in preparation for EIB testing. Of the fifty-eight Comanche soldiers who competed, eight overcame the cold and adversity to earn their Expert Infantryman Badge. 1LT Richard Tallman, 1LT Daniel Yu, 1LT Jon Connell, 1LT Matthew Risenmay, SSG John Pearson, SSG Douglas Shoup, SGT Anthony Nemecek and SGT Daniel Emerson were awarded the badge on the morning of April 19th after completing a 12-mile road march, which was their final test.

Having their badges pinned on marked the culmination of five days of rigorous testing, often in below-freezing temperatures.

“It feels great to have earned my EIB,” said 1LT Jon Connell. “It’s extremely rewarding to have been successful after so much training and focus on this,” he continued, “I’m proud to be among the few who earned the badge but I’m also proud of my whole platoon for all the hard work they’ve put into this.”

Charlie Company’s newest expert Infantrymen began the week by scoring at least a 70% in each event on an Army Physical Fitness Test and finding at least three out of four assigned points on both day and night land navigation tests.

Their core infantry skills, mental toughness and leadership abilities were then tested over days of tactical scenarios including patrolling, urban operations and management of a traffic control point. Each of these events had their own unique challenges and requirements, but these Soldiers overcame them through their training and their grit.



**Like every good Ranger, 1LT Yu earns his EIB in less than optimal weather.**

Despite the aches and pains that the trials of the week had inflicted on them, every Comanche soldier who stepped out on the road march the following day with their 35-pound rucksack made the 12-mile distance in under the three hour time limit and represented Charlie

Company in the awards ceremony.

There won't be much of a break for Charlie Company as preparations are already underway for the execution of team, squad and platoon live fire exercises, which will be meaningful

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## Charlie Company (continued)

Later this summer and fall the company is looking forward to the Mountain Strike Field Training Exercise...

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and valuable training experiences that increase combat readiness and solidify our Soldiers' confidence in themselves and their peers.

Later this summer and fall the company is looking forward to the Mountain Strike Field Training Exercise and a deploy-



CSM Marble, SGT Emerson (foreground), and CPT Hall brave the icy conditions during EIB.



Its not too cold for 1LT Tallman to flash a quick smile during EIB qualification.

ment to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, LA in preparation for another deployment to Afghanistan in early 2014.



COMANCHE COMPANY



## Dog Company News

### BY 1LT Stockard

The winter in Afghanistan is almost upon us... the days are still warm, the nights and mornings are... quite cool in Asmar.

Since Dog Company has returned from block leave in late January, we have had our hands full with several tasks. Our first priority was to gain accountability and reset our equipment used while in Afghanistan. This process took several weeks and was a tedious task. Our Platoon leadership did an outstanding job ensuring equipment was properly marked and accounted for prior to re-deploying; this made the reset process manageable.

On 1 February, 2013 we had our Military Ball at the Crown Plaza. This was an especially memorable night as the fallen from 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade were honored. Dog Company held a change of responsibility ceremony for 1SG Davila on 12 March 2013. We regret losing

him as he was instrumental in the success of the Company over the last year.

We did however receive SFC Edling as our 1SG. He has taken the reins and has led the Company with ease during a difficult and demanding time.

Another important event that Dog Company participated in was the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Bataan Memorial Death March. The Company sent three teams to compete in the marathon. This 26.2 mile race is in commemoration of the 80 mile march that American prisoners of war were forced to march in on Bataan Peninsula during WWII.

Another big priority was preparation for and execution of the Expert Infantryman Badge

(EIB). Our first step in doing so was ensuring each Soldier qualified "Expert" with their M4 Carbine. Scoring expert requires shooting 36 of 40 targets on the qualification range. This was a difficult task but Dog Company had 67 Soldiers score expert, more than any other Company in the Battalion.

Our next step in preparation for EIB was to conduct land navigation training and an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). EIB Candidates were required to score at least 75 percent in each event for the PT test. The task of earning the badge has proven to be a difficult one as only two Lieutenants earned their badge from the

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Company picnic and Bataan Death March send off



## A New Season (continued)

**[Afghans] have only known fear and hopelessness. We are changing that.**

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Company. 2LT Pool, our Current Operations Officer and 1LT Shontz, our Company Executive Officer.

In conjunction with EIB, planning for team and squad live

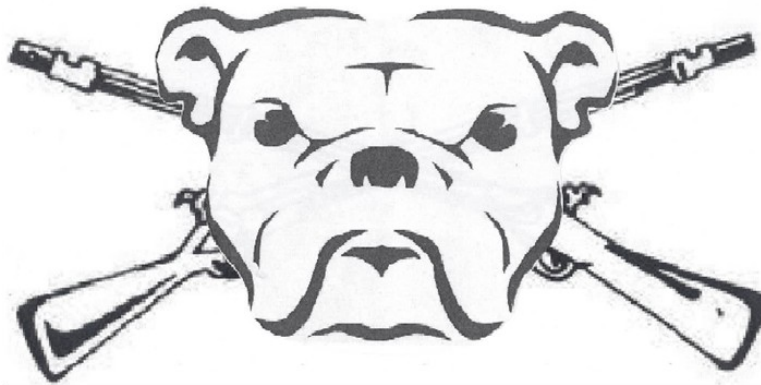
fire exercises has become a major focus. The Company will be transitioning from reset operations to beginning our new life cycle.

This includes firing ranges, field training exercises (FTX) and maneuver training. All of these are in preparation for our

rotation to the National Training Center (NTC) that we will be attending in October as we prepare to deploy in the early part of next year.

Finally, Dog Company will be preparing to bid farewell to our current Commander, CPT Adam Marsh. He has been with us since June of 2011 and led the Company while in theatre. CPT Marsh commanded Dog Company while the Company itself was spread across two Provinces and three Forward Operating Bases. This was certainly a difficult challenge but was given to a Commander that was up for the task.

The Company will regret losing CPT Marsh but is grateful for the outstanding leadership that he displayed. CPT Marsh will take a position at Human Resources Command (HRC) at FT. Knox. The Company change of command ceremony will be on 09 MAY 2013. We encourage all family and friends to attend.



**Change of responsibility between 1SG Davila and 1SG Edling.**



**Dog Company formation for 1SG change of responsibility.**

# Eagle Company—Back in the U-S-of-A (you know, like the song...?!?) by CPT Alex Bonilla

**From our Mechanics to our Fuelers, our Ammo handlers to the Supply folks, we here at Eagle Company are working hard...**

The Eagles of Eagle Company sure have been busy! We've certainly been enjoying the niceties of being home... family, friends, great 'Merican food, and more! But we've also been facing the realities of a very busy schedule. Busy is good, as it has made the days FLY by - it is hard to believe we've already been back at work for almost 3 full months now!

We are in the training period known as reset. A time when units are given the opportunity to clean-up and troubleshoot their equipment, inventory their property, and train their personnel.

We have accounted for all of our property, cleaned the Afghan-dust off of most of it,

and sent the Soldiers to classes upon classes upon classes; all GREAT things that set us up for success as we begin to the training cycle that will start mid-May.

We have had a few promotions since we've returned to work. We would like to extend our congratulations and pride to: SPC Driz, SPC King, SPC Cue, SGT Success, SGT Bogert, SGT Slaughter and SGT Adams. Each of these Soldiers and Leaders are true assets to Eagle Company and we are lucky to have them!

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## NO MISSION TOO TOUGH!

## RED WARRIORS!



(left) Pay Day Activities – SGT(P)Depner, SPC Martinez, SPC Midyette.

(right) Promotion Ceremony for (from L to R) SGT Bauer, SGT Slaughter and SGT Success.

(below) Maintenance PLT is hella' cool! (From L to R) SPC Cline, SGT Slaughter, SGT Bogert, SPC Womeldorf, SSG Bayless and SPC Mauser





# 1-12 Infantry on facebook

by SGT Marcy Glad



Did you know that Facebook can be used for more than just reconnecting with your middle school crush or following the soap-operaesque newsfeed updates of an acquaintance you don't remember meeting?

Well, it can be.

One-Twelve Infantry regularly uses Facebook as a place to come together as a community in spite of the long hours and busy lives. Too busy to attend the FRG meeting? Wish you could ask that question that's been on your mind for weeks but you weren't sure who to ask? Or, do you simply want to get to know other Soldiers, spouses, family members, or friends connected with 1-12 Infantry? 1-12 Infantry's Facebook page can meet all those needs and more.

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/one.twelve.infantry/>

Real-time updates to scheduled events can be found on the page. Pictures of loved ones on the job, in action are also only a mouse click away. The Facebook page also has great and useful links to agencies dedicated to helping Soldiers and their families.

That being said, Facebook is a great place to voice concerns and questions in a rather informal setting. Our Facebook page is our primary daily means to communicate with Families and friends of the battalion. We only ask that you be respectful and discerning with your comments. 1-12 IN leaders and FRG members want nothing more strongly



Missing or than to support and assist you in any way they can.

Also, keep in mind that, given the nature of a government organization, there is some information better discussed in private—whether it be personal in nature or an issue that could affect someone's security or safety.

Avoid mentioning specific training and/or deployment dates and locations or private contact information. Please

use discretion and common sense. The 1-12 Infantry Facebook page is registered with the U.S. Army and is the only Facebook page that officially represents the command.

In the end, no matter what you decide to use it for, 1-12 Infantry's Facebook page is a great way to stay connected to a unit with exceptional Soldiers, caring and concerned leaders, and a rich history serving the United States of America.





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## THE BACK PAGE



(top) A springtime view of Pike's Peak (photo by Melissa Porter)

(bottom) LTC (P) Scott Green, former commander of Task Force 1-12, was the guest speaker at a remembrance meeting hosted by LTC Voorhies and 1-12 IN on 28 March for the family of MAJ Thomas Bostick, Jr. The Red Warriors presented the Bosticks with a memorial plaque and American flag honoring MAJ Bostick and Forward Operating Base (FOB) Bostick which carried his name until Task Force 1-12 transferred the FOB to the Afghan National Army in November 2012.