

LETHAL WARRIORS

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Members of Task Force Training conducting Basic Rifle Marksmanship Certifications prior to the arrival of cadets.

(Photo by Dustin Massengill, USACC PAO Intern)

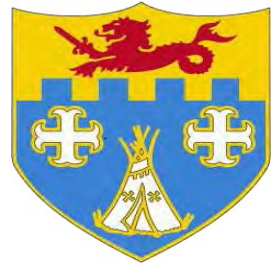


Two Task Force Lethal Soldiers conducting Weapons Qualifications prior to the arrival of cadets.

(Photo by Jodi Moffet, USACC PAO Intern)



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Lethal Family,

Welcome to the second issue of the Cadet Summer Training Newsletter! The newsletter will be published on a biweekly schedule and will feature the impacts your soldiers are making on the future generation of Army Officers.

Over the past five weeks, the 2nd Battalion 12th Infantry Regiment, has successfully deployed over 900 soldiers to Fort Knox, Kentucky. Our soldiers have been busy supporting the training as cadets arrive from all over the United States. From transportation operations, to marksmanship and land navigation support, Warhorse soldiers have displayed the highest of standard for America's future leaders. We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication our soldiers have displayed. We miss you all and are forever grateful of the support we receive!

Cadet Summer Training Committee Task Forces

Task Force Training: CPT Hal Rivard, Apache Company, 2-12 IN.

Task Force Personnel: CPT Dave Buchan, Spartan Company, 2-12 IN.

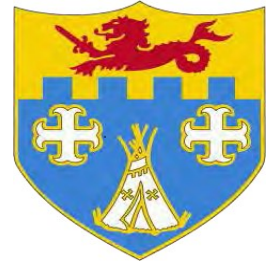
Task Force Warrior/Leader: CPT Jeramiah Solven, Chosen Company, 2-12 IN.

Task Force Sustainment: CPT Andrew Epps, Hazard Company, 2-12 IN.

Task Force Transportation: CPT Pete Smith, Alpha Company, 704th Brigade Support Battalion



TF Training



TF Training over the past two weeks have set the conditions and are prepared to begin training the next generation of officers. Over the course of the summer the 238 Soldiers from TF Training will train over 12,000 cadets. Apache 2-12 IN Soldiers have completed training with Army's Advance Marksmanship Unit. Destroyer Soldiers from 3-61 CAV have certified their land navigation course. Steel Soldiers from 2-77 FA prepared teach cadets the basics of Calling For Fire. Additionally, members task force took the time to honor our fallen by completing the iconic "Murph" challenge.



Members of Task Force Training during Weapons Qualifications and Basic Rifle Marksmanship. These individuals will be teaching the cadets the fundamentals of marksmanship throughout Cadet Summer Training.



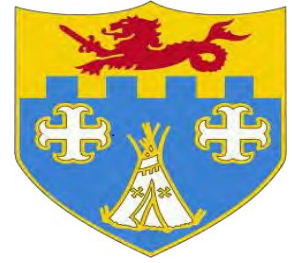
Members of TF Training completed the workout "Murph" in honor of LT Michael Murphy on Memorial Day at Crossfit Hard Knox.



(Photos taken by members of TF Training, Bottom Left Taken by Jordyn McCulley, USACC PAO Intern)



TF Transportation



Task Force Transportation focused on configuring equipment and trucks to support future Cadet troop movements. Soldiers aligned to the Non-Tactical Vehicles (buses and box trucks) assisted with transporting food to Louisville Airport for Cadets when they arrive. On 23 May 2019, bus and box truck drivers supported the arrival of over 600 Cadets in 1st Regiment. 2nd Regiment arrived on 28 May with another 600 Cadets supported. Our “Ammo Dogs” supported daily ranges, enabling Soldiers and Cadre to certify on their training. The Tactical Trans platoon began supporting the placement of water buffalos and Environmental Control Units (A/C) at different locations, both of which will be crucial in the Kentucky summer heat.



TF Trans Soldiers download meals that Cadets will receive at the Louisville Airport.



Tactical Trans drivers place a water buffalo in the shade at a range to provide additional hydration capabilities.

(Photos Taken by Members of TF Transportation)



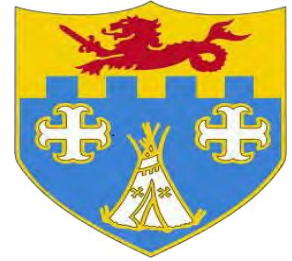
Box trucks under Non-Tactical Trans move Cadet baggage from Louisville Airport for 1st Regiment.



Soldiers move pallets of food and drinks prior to the arrival of Cadets.



TF Leader/ Warrior



TF Leader/Warrior received and inventoried 34 FMTVs and 30 Water Buffalos, conducted drivers certification on FKKY routes, and driving hazards throughout the training area.

1st Regiment support team (RST1) conducted COF and Barracks Set-up and received their cadets on 23 MAY. 1st Regiment cadets conduct Land Navigation Training, Call for Fire, and Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction/ Weapons Qualification this week.

RST2 recently finished COF and Barracks Set-up, and RST3 started the set-up of their COF. 2nd Regiment cadets just started their in processing 3rd regiment arrives on June 2, 2019.

RSTs 4 and 5 drew, transported, sorted and assembled 3,200 IOTVs for all the cadets coming to Fort Knox. Their cadets arrive in Mid- June.



Below: TF Leader/ Warrior soldiers conducting PT with the newly arriving soldiers on their first full day.

(Photo Taken by 1LT Alexandra Elzinga)

Above: Task Force Leader Soldiers assisting in Land Navigation. Soldiers helped cadets register their GPS Systems and grade their accuracy when they completed the course.

(Photo taken by Jordyn McCulley, USACC PAO Intern)





TF Personnel



Last week marked the arrival of the first Advanced Camp Regiment and the ramp up of training support.

Over the coming weeks we will see the arrival of three additional regiments of cadets. As the training on the ground increases, so will TF PAX's cadet support. Overall, TF PAX is supporting in-processing and out-processing, the reception of cadets at the Louisville Airport, the setup of network accounts, drug testing, the escort of distinguished visitors, the management of training support areas, postal services, and the overall headquarters for all FORSCOM Soldiers.

To no surprise, TF PAX is leading the way for the rest of the Lethal Task Force and setting an amazing standard for all Cadets to follow. The success of the Task Force is a by-product and reflection of the support of the families at home. I am grateful for your continued dedication to the mission.



Task Force Soldiers assist veterans bring in new equipment for the Louisville Airport USO



TF PAX Soldiers assisting with repelling operations.

Left: TF PAX set up training areas for Cadet Operations lasting throughout the summer.

(Photos Taken by Members of TF PAX)



TF Medical



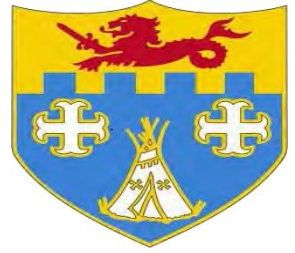
2-12IN Medics are attached to TF Medical (MED) and bringing their medical expertise to cadets this summer at CST. Our Medics are responsible for providing medical coverage at the Land Navigation Course, Confidence Course (an advanced obstacle course), and Advance Camp Tactics. Additionally, Warhorse Medics are teaching First Aid to cadets. Our medics are always ready to act and have aided not only cadets but also other TF Lethal soldiers while at Fort Knox.



Lethal Medics conducting Wet Bulb Analysis and Cooling Operations during 1st Regiment's Land Navigation Training. The Wet Bulb is a device that allows soldiers to analyze the heat and humidity of the range to determine what modifications need to be made to reduce the risk of heat injuries. The Ice Buckets allow for cadets and Soldiers to cool themselves rapidly after they complete their course. This reduces the risk of heat injuries and allows the cadets to perform at their full capability. (Photos taken by 2LT Claire Schmelzenbach)



TF Sustainment



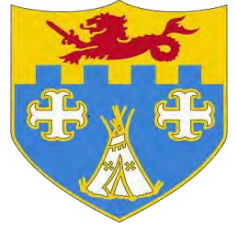
Task Force Sustainment Soldiers continue to be enablers of the CST mission. Over the course of the last week, Soldiers have been vital in setting up training areas in preparation for the arrival of cadets this past Thursday. TF Sustainment is responsible for the fueling, distribution, and maintenance of over 450 pieces of equipment at CST. The fuel team has conducted two trips to Fort Campbell to certify fuelers and have pushed over 1,500 gallons of fuel. The distribution team has been on more than 25 missions moving water and A/C assets across Fort Knox. The maintenance team has troubleshot and repaired five vehicles while conducting readiness assessments on the equipment of all other task forces. We are excited to continue operations as the cadet's training increases in rigor and pace.



Soldier Spotlight: PV2 Blanshine received a coin from LTC Vasquez, Battalion Commander of 2-12 IN, for his hard work on the maintenance team.
(Photos taken by members of TF Sustainment)



CST Soldier Recognitions



Rank, Last Name, First Name: PFC Blanshine, Garrett

Organic Unit: B Co, 704th BSB

CST TF: TF Sustainment

Sub Section: Maintenance

Reason for Recognition: PFC Blanshine has been a major maintenance mission asset since he has joined the TF Lethal and TF Sustainment team. Since he has arrived he has been the first one to volunteer for any mission/task regardless of what it is. He has faced every challenge and obstacle with a positive attitude that fully emulates the Warrior Ethos. He was directly responsible for the successful troubleshooting of two of the four LMTVs that were Non-Mission Capable, leading to being able to get parts on order to correct the dead-lining fault. He has truly been a force multiplier in generating and regenerating combat power while supporting the Cadet Summer Training '19 exercise.

Rank, Last Name, First Name: SPC Houston, Jake

Organic Unit: E/52D BEB

CST TF: TF Leader

Sub Section: RST 5

Reason for Recognition: Streamlined the sorting and assembly of 2800 IOTVs.

Rank, Last Name, First Name: SPC Hoeh, Theodore

Organic Unit: 2-12IN

CST TF: Training

Sub Section: PMI

Reason for Recognition: He took it upon himself to conduct teach-back training with his AMU class mates (superiors, peers, and subordinates) in the barracks IOT better teach cadets. He demonstrated maturity and leadership above his rank and position

Rank, Last Name, First Name: PV2 Evans, Christian

Organic Unit: HHC, 2-12 IN

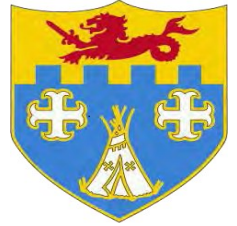
CST TF: TF PAX

Sub Section (HG/Tactical Trans/Postal, etc.): S1

Reason for Recognition: PV2 Evans took lead for the BN when it came to in processing over a thousand FORSCOM Soldiers supporting Cadet Summer training. His proactive dedication to the mission enabled the S1 section to develop an in processing SOP that streamlined Soldier in processing. In addition, he took it on the responsibility of Postal Operations for the Lethal Battalion, the processing of leave forms, and actions personnel for forward and rear Lethal Warriors..



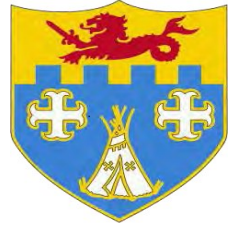
TF Lethal Soldier Recognitions Coin Ceremony



LTC Jose Vasquez and SGM Willie Woods present coins to soldiers at the CST Soldier Recognition Ceremony.



Commandant Soldier Recognitions Coin Ceremony



The Commandant of CST, BG Antonio Munera, Deputy Commander of US Army Cadet Command, gave out coins to SSG Dylan Wise, SGT Isaiah Johnson, SGT Dmitriy McClintok, SPC Keegan Schlup, and SPC Nicholas Vibar for their role in Area Support Operations during the Battle Update Brief on May 30, 2019. These soldiers were all in Task Force Personnel. These soldiers exemplified the influence that TF Lethal has on the training and the impact they will have on the cadets during training this summer.

