



# PROVIDERS QUARTERLY

Summer 2011

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

LTC Eric J. Sloughfy



I want to take this opportunity to thank all the cadre for their outstanding service to our U.S. Army and thank the family members for supporting the long hours. It is an honor to be part of a "High Performance Team" and I assure you the Soldiers we are training are relevant and value added to their first unit of assignment.

Over the past year, we have trained 2,673 MOS 92Y and 2,684 MOS 92G Soldiers as well as over 6,700 AIT Soldiers, Advanced Leadership Course NCOs, and Basic Officer Leaders Course Lieutenants during the multi-echelon, scenario-driven Sustainment Warrior Field Training Exercises (SWFTX). What does all that mean to the families? As stated above – your loved ones are working very hard to accomplish the mission and produce Logistics Warriors that are getting to the operational Army ready to contribute immediately. It is amazing what our cadre do every day.

I appreciated all the families that participated in our 8 June 2011 FRG meeting. Since we now have money in our budget based on your tremendous efforts during the 5 March 2011 Ft Lee Commissary bagging groceries event, we provided pizza, snacks, drinks, and children's activities for the meeting. Thanks to the approximately 40 personnel that participated in the meeting, we really appreciated your honest feedback and comments for the way ahead with the FRG program. We will continue to provide the food in order to entice more participation – please come with an appetite and some ideas to make the FRG a better and more active program.

We had some families attend the Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball game on 26 June 2011. Just a reminder – children can sign up for free membership in the "Squirrels Tails Kids Club" and get into the baseball game on Sundays for free as well as have the opportunity to run the bases after the game. It was a great event and a lot of fun for the children that participated.

Finally, I want to thank each cadre member and their families for your dedicated service. I look forward to more fun FRG events in the near future.

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**Provide It All**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JULY

4 July: Independence Day

14 July: BN CDR lunch with PSGs and SQD LDRs

15 July: Leader Professional Development (LPD)

16 July: Richmond Kicker Soccer Game

18-22 July: SWFTX 11-29

20 July: BDE Change of Command Rehearsal

21 July: BDE Change of Command

27 July: BN CDR lunch with CO CDRs and 1SGs

28 July: LPD/OPD Ordnance MOS

29 July: BN CDR lunch with BN Staff

## AUGUST

6 Aug: FRG fund-raiser Commissary Grocery bagging

12 Aug: QMS Organization Day

15-19 Aug: AGU SWFTX 11-32

24 Aug: BN Prayer Breakfast 0600-0900 DFAC 3500

25 Aug: LPD/OPD Quartermaster MOS

## SEP

2-5 Sept: Training Holiday Weekend Labor Day

5 Sept: Labor Day Holiday

6 Sept: First Day of School Virginia

9 Sept: BN Run

12-16 Sept: SWFTX 11-35

20 Sept: BN CDR lunch with PSGs and SQD LDRs

21 Sept: BN CDR lunch with CO CDRs and 1SGs

23 Sept: BN CDR lunch with BN Staff

29 Sept: LPD/OPD Battlefield Crater Walk from 1300 UTC

## CSM'S HOT TOPIC

**CSM Ernest R. Lee**



Providers!

I would like to piggy back on the BN CDR's comments by thanking each and every one of the cadre Soldiers and the civilians that are doing an outstanding job by serving all the men and women in uniform. I am very confident that the Soldiers we are sending to their first duty assignments are well trained and are combat ready for any mission that lies ahead of them.

The FRG meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> was a great success that will make sure families are included in the decision making process and execution phase. This will ensure all of our FRG events are "Fun and Exciting" for everyone that participates. The BN CDR and I are always open to new ideas that can make this Battalion one of the best on FT Lee for the families of the 266 QM BN. I know that the next meeting will be even better.

As the summer approaches, we know the season brings rotation of Soldiers and their families. We are accustomed to adjusting to changes with new personnel and leadership roles. We also need to look ahead to the major events that will be occurring. The Brigade Change of Command, Leadership Professional Development, the Battalion Hail and Farewell, QMS Organization Day, SWFTX rotations, Battalion Prayer Breakfast and Labor Day .

Finally I want to say to all the cadre, family members, and civilians that it is an honor and a pleasure to be part of a great and caring Battalion and to serve with each and everyone of you. It is because of you that it makes it worthwhile coming to work, and again I say thank you for your support .

Have a great and wonderful Provider Day. Provide it all, Army Strong!!!!

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# HHC UPDATE

One of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 23<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Brigade mission is the reception and in-processing of all 92 series and 88N MOS's into Line Companies within the brigade. HHC has three and half days to in-process over 250 Soldiers every weekend. The majority of the Soldiers arrive on the Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings from all the BCTs across the country.

During this quarter we had two of our platoon sergeants go to the Senior Leadership Course (SLC). SLC is the course all Staff Sergeants must attend to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant First Class. SSG Weems made the Distinguished Graduate and SSG James made the Honor Graduate list. We are so proud of our NCOs for doing such a terrific job in SLC.

The Nighthawk family has had some key changes within the unit this year. They have welcomed a new Company Commander, CPT Lavone J. Bell and a new Executive Officer, 1LT Jonathan Martinez. CPT Bell took command on 29 March 2011. She is an exciting addition to the Nighthawk family. 1LT Martinez comes to us from the BDE S-3 shop and is very eager to start his new job as the Company XO.

Thanks to all the spouses and family members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company cadre and staff for your support.

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# PIRATES UPDATE

## Papa Company's Family Readiness Group

As the Captain of the Pirate Ship, I want to take the time to thank all the crew members and their families. Without all hands on decks the Pirate Ship would not stay afloat. I want to especially thank the spouses and Family Members of the Pirate crew, because without them taking care of home port the Cadre could not do what they do on a daily basis. THANK YOU!!!

As we focus on families, Papa Company is going to launch its own Company Level FRG. The Pirates are getting their Company level FRG off the ground with the motivation and support of not only Mrs. Fidler (our FRG Leader), but ALL the Pirate Spouses.

The family, friends, civilians, cadre, and supporters of Papa Company are welcoming Papa Company's FRG Leader Mrs. Kira Fidler aboard the Ship from Fort Riley. Mrs. Fidler is the wife of PSG SSG Jerry Fidler who joined the Pirate crew in April 2011. Their family consist of two children; daughter Ella, 5 and son Xylen, 6 months. They bring with them the motivation and dedication to the Papa Company mission and the Papa Company Family!

Finally, I want to thank each cadre member and their families for your dedicated service and dedication to our new FRG. I look forward to fun FRG events in the near future, and having the Pirate Spouses aboard the Ship more often.

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**-Pirate 6 AAAARrrrgh!**

**- PROUD PAPA PIRATES!**



# TIGERS UPDATE

## Tango Company Celebrates Memorial Day



This past quarter has been particularly noteworthy for the Tango Tigers. Among the accomplishments we are most proud of include our Memorial Day Barbeque and Sports Tournament. This was an outstanding event where all Cadre and Soldiers got to participate in a great camaraderie building event while truly respecting the importance of those who served before us.

A special mention of appreciation is in order for all of the Tango Tiger Cadre. Your influence of our young 92Gs (food service specialists) provide a foundation for the rest of their lives. No matter if you go through Tango Company as a Jaguar, Wild Cat, Big Cat, Mad Cat, Thunder Cat, Panther, Cougar, or even spending time as a Stray Cat, rest assure that your platoon's training will be "Tango Tiger Terrific."

Currently, the moral of the Tango Tigers is extremely high! The dedication and commitment of our Cadre in training, coaching, teaching, and mentoring our young AIT Warriors is unsurpassed. Dining with the Tigers - Hooah!



A special Congratulations to Mr. Donald Boozer for being honored as 23<sup>rd</sup> QM BDE, 266<sup>th</sup> QM BN Civilian Employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter!



**"IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A TIGER!"**

# TANGO

# WARRIORS UPDATE

## We Lead The Way



It has been a busy past few months in Warrior Land. First, I would like to thank the Cadre for putting in countless hours to ensure the Warrior Soldiers successful completion of the 92G course.

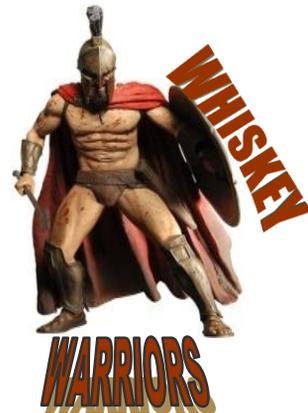
We also extend a warm thank you to the spouses who are the driving force to their Soldiers success. The job we do is sometimes challenging and stressful. We have to pull together and keep our Soldiers encouraged even in tough times.

The Warriors just appointed 1LT Terrance King as the Family Readiness Group (FRG) key caller. He just completed the training taught by the Mobilization & Deployment Program Manager Army Community Service (ACS). It is very important to include spouses into our program and have them participate in different activities. 1LT King's role will be to contact family members on a monthly basis to keep them updated on unit events and send a personal invite to FRG meetings and other functions.

The Warrior family bids a hearty farewell to SFC Slouffman and his family. They will be PCS'ing to Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. They will be missed!!!

Again, thanks to all the spouses and family members of Whiskey Company cadre for your support .

**Warrior 6 out.**  
- "Deeds, not words!"



# **BULLDOGS UPDATE**

## ***Bravo Company Letter from the XO***

Dear family, friends, civilians, and supporters of the 266<sup>th</sup> QM BN,

I am 2LT Maurice Williams. I am joining the Bravo Company family as the Executive Officer. I look forward to working with the outstanding Cadre and their families. I appreciate all families of the military for their unconditional support and I understand that we need to work to keep family morale high. I invite open lines of communication with family members.



I hail from Chicago, IL. My most recent duty station was Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where I served as a Military Police Officer. I currently have six years time in service as a Transportation NCO and a Commissioned Officer. I hold a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice from Columbus State University. My commissioning source is Officer Candidate School. I have a wife and two sons, Javontae, age 5, and Deontae, age 4.

I am especially proud to be given the opportunity to be a part of the transition process in which we develop Soldiers. I like the idea of being a part of a high performance team and I will strive to professionally develop others as well as myself. BULLDOG 5, Motivated and Present for Duty.

BULLDOGS!!  
-B5



**BULLDOG PRIDE!**



## **A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN** **Good Communication**

Dear Provider Family,

I went into a store the other day for a quick in-out trip...or so I thought. After all, it was 1700-time for rush hour and everybody else trying to make quick trip at the same time.

Luckily, I saw that they had two lines open. So, when I went to check out, one line was getting longer and the other, for some reason, was not. "I'm closed." The girl at the counter said, almost without looking up.

It struck me as fairly odd. Yes, I know that people have to start and end shifts---but here I was, a customer, wanting to give my money. I would also think that the store would want to help their customers get through the lines faster.

They decided to close one of two lanes during rush hour. As leaders, we may experience a rush hour and all we want to do is to look at our Soldiers and say "I'm closed" and go home.

I have been reading Guy Kawasaki's book, "Enchantment: The Art of Changing Hearts, Minds, and Actions". In the book, the author encourages that we default to "yes." "A yes buys time, enables you to see more options, and builds rapport", says Mr. Kawasaki.

In the same way, the Bible teaches us "...if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles". (Mt 5:41, ESV). We should always be ready to give just a little bit extra to help those around us.

Think through those opportunities that you have had with your Soldiers, with your kids, or with your spouse that you've wanted to close your door. Maybe the better answer would be to pause and say; "Come on in, I'm open".

Sincerely,  
CH (CPT) Keith J. Andrews

# S4 SHOP

The S4 section would like to thank everyone for their support, understanding, and confidence in the Battalion S-4 section. The S-4 section is the "Life Line" of the battalion and is always here to provide and assist with any mission within and outside the Battalions boundary.

Congratulations to SSG(P) Williams for being selected for promotion to SFC.

## "SOLDIER ALL DAY"

SSG (P) Williams  
S-4 NCOIC

# Operations

The S-2/S-3 Section continues to move forward with the Battalion mission. As we move into the summer months leaders need to pay special attention to the various heat indexes/categories. Continue to monitor proper hydration and food intake.

We bid farewell to the following Soldiers and families: CPT Miller is the Bravo Bulldogs Company Commander. SFC(P) Reeves departed to Fort Wainwright, AK, SSG(P) Fowler to Fort Lewis, WA, and SSG Soto to Fort Myers, VA. Thank you for all your coaching, teaching, mentorship and sacrifices that you have made over the past years and good luck in your future endeavors, may God continue to bless you and your families. You will be truly be missed.

I like to welcome the following personnel that will make an immediate impact to the section and continue raising the standards for all to follow; CPT Wilson, the OIC, is coming from Whiskey Company. MSG Griffin, the NCOIC, is coming from Afghanistan. SSG Jones is coming from Whiskey Company and SGT Haywood is coming from Kuwait.

The S-3 shop is enthusiastic about participating in all upcoming events. Events are fast approaching and we will keep knocking down targets.

# S1 SHOP

The S1 shop would like to welcome our new OIC, 2LT Jonathan Langford. He is coming from Transportation Corp Basic Officer Leadership Course (TCBOLC). He's married with two kids. 2LT Langford replaced CPT Madison who is deploying to Afghanistan. CPT Madison will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Loretta Austin our civilian worker leaves the S1 section going to Fort Bragg, NC with her spouse, she too will be greatly missed.

The rest of the shop continues to provide excellent service to the Soldiers of the 266<sup>TH</sup> QM BN, ensuring that all Soldier actions are processed in a timely matter.

The upcoming months will be challenging as we have a large incoming student population, but we will rally together and continue to lead the way to Provide It All!

# FRG

266 QM BN FRG family welcomes Milota Miller and Sherie Langford.

Your 266<sup>th</sup> QM BN FRG Leader is Tiffany Gallucci and FRG Treasurer is Milota Miller.

Your 266<sup>th</sup> QM BN FRG Liaison 2LT Jonathan Langford.

LTC Sloughfy and CSM Lee presented plaques to all the on-post agencies that participated in the Battalions Trunk or Treat event last November.



## PROMOTIONS

CPT Nottingham B Co  
CPT Williams P Co  
CPT Wilson 266 BN  
SSG Soto 266 BN

## RE-ENLISTMENTS

No Re-enlistments for the previous Quarter