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Training Momentum Builds

The momentum is clearly building as members of Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix begin each day with Physical training, then push to accomplish as much as possible during a long day and finish off in the evening with briefings and leader meetings.

To meet pre-mobilization goals, emphasis has been placed on completing individual objectives ranging from briefings, warrior tasks and weapons qualifications. Another key objective was RFI – Rapid Fielding Initiative – issuing new required individual pieces of clothing and equipment to all in the task force.

Company-size formations have been cycling through the

NYARNG MATES – Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site. Logistics and supply staff from state headquarters ran turn-in operations for older equipment assigned to individuals through the state's Central Issue System. Upon arrival at MATES, troops were given lists of items assigned to them so that when command-specified items were turned in the individual records were updated.

At the other end of MATES, contractors working for the Army's Operation Soldier program ran an assembly-line of "rapid" issue of new equipment required for the mission. At the end of a 4-hour process, Soldiers returned back to their barracks with the newest "Molly" system and two full duffle bags of clothing and gear.

Briefings and More Briefings – Will they ever end?

A key objective in the training is to ensure maximum completion of essential briefings to meet Army requirements. While most have been presented during drill periods and AT last June, many Soldiers missed certain briefings due to schedule conflicts with other training requirements, among other reasons. As a result, HHC 27th BCT has been running and rerunning briefings in the evenings to help get the team caught up. And just in case anyone gets really bored – new subjects just seem to materialize in the nick of time.



Sergeant Travis Snyder seems to have impressed his guards during detainee security training by members of Company A, Logistics



SGT William Sharpels of SECFOR Alpha, 2-101st Cavalry tests members of his unit on performing a functions check on the M9 pistol.

Equal Opportunity / Prevention of Sexual Harassment / Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (EO/POSH/SAPR)

Your EO/POSH/SAPR office is here to assist. LTC Theresa VanCort and MSG Marc Misericordia can be found in Building 851 on the second floor.

In order to prevent incidents during this AT, all soldiers are reminded of General order #1: No Alcohol and no sexual activity. Adherence to these restrictions and good judgment by all soldiers will ensure an AT free of discrimination, verbal abuse, intimidation, derogatory comments, harassment or assault. It is every leader and Soldiers responsibility to ensure a unit climate free of potential problems.

It's Everyone's Responsibility

Key points to remember:

- Treat all Soldiers fairly and equitably
- Promote harmony, don't ignore disorder or disciplinary problems
- Sexual Harassment/Sexual Assault is punishable under UCMJ.

- Anybody can do it; anyone can be a victim
- It can happen anytime
- Accept "No" and move on
- Don't use obscene or dirty language, gestures, or cadence calls
- Treat people the way you want to be treated
- No pornographic materials

Lastly, if you think its wrong....it probably is

By order of the Brigade Commander, Organizational Climate Surveys are being conducted throughout the TF. Please take the time and honestly complete this survey. The results will assist Commanders at each level in identifying potential issues. Again, give it your best.

This Date in Orion History:

27th Assaults the Hindenburg Line September-October 1918

New York's 27th and North Carolina and Tennessee's 30th Divisions began the attack against the vaunted Hindenburg Line on September 27, 1918 near St. Quentin, France. Both divisions were assigned to the British Fourth Army. Three allied armies were involved.

At 0530, infantry of the 106th regiment attempted to gain more than 1000 yards of enemy held defenses just to bring the 27th in line with the starting position set for the other divisions. The 27th had relieved two British divisions on the line, and these units had not attacked the German defenses in their sector, as an Australian division had done for the 30th Division. The operational plan of corps commander British General Sir John Monash was predicated on a start line that in the sector assigned to the 27th was still occupied by the Germans.