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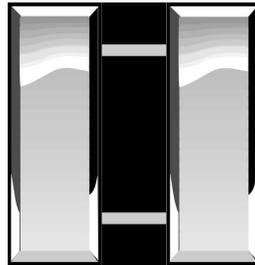
Side-Bar Speak:

- ◆ Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the Galaxy Theater on 11 October 2012. Come out to enjoy some good food, some cultural entertainment, and a message on the tremendous contributions from the Hispanic community in making America the best nation on earth!



Commander's Corner

Dragons! Thank you for all your hard work over the past month. We have a lot of changes up and coming, and I admire the dedication and determination from all to seek and face challenges head-on. I would like take a moment to remind all that there are those who believe violence is the best way to achieve their goals. It is very important while living here in Germany that Soldiers and their family members maintain a low profile and be vigilant at all times. Think about your dress and the way you conduct yourself. Think about the way others see you and the variety of possible threats an adversary could be planning. Remember the buddy system as it is best to travel in small groups, blend in, and not attract attention to yourself or your group. Avoid crowds and demonstrations; even peaceful demonstrations can turn violent quickly and can also mask a planned terrorist activity. Have a plan, know that the unexpected can occur at any place and any time, even at a local pizza shop. Be alert of your surroundings at all times. If planning a trip outside of the area, ensure you obtain the proper briefings from the S2, discuss with your first-line supervisor your plan, and maintain important phone numbers on you at all times. Everyone is important, and I want all of you to have fun and return safely.



Detachment Sergeants Corner

The days are getting shorter which means that before we know it, winter will be upon us yet again. While it seems far away from now, it's never too early to start preparing for the cold weather. If you're new to Germany, that sometime means buying a "REAL" winter coat. Now is also the time to scope out new sets of tires for the winter. German law requires that all motor vehicle have clearly marked winter or all-season tires, the snowflakes or M+S marking for the icy, snowy, slushy road conditions that occur between fall and spring. Outdoor recreation offers a lot of winter activities, just be mindful of the risk associated with these activities and ensure you know how to use associated equipment properly. It's OK to start at the beginner slope when skiing or snowboarding. There is no time to let our guard down when it comes to safety. Careful attention must be paid to prevent cold weather injuries. Caring for Soldiers and avoiding cold weather problems are both an individual and leader responsibility. Leaders must train Soldiers to the standard in Prevention, Recognition and First Aid for cold weather injuries and enforce those standards. Engage those you work with through counseling to identify behavior and activity risks. Be Safe ---BUYAAAAA



Prayer Breakfast

On 24 August 2012, at 0730 Soldiers and family members of D/106th FMSD gathered at the Clock Tower Café in Kleber Kaserne for the detachment prayer breakfast. The guest speaker was Chaplain (LTC) Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski, the Deputy Commanding Chaplain, 21st TSC. The chaplain was introduced to the Soldiers by CPT Garvin during his opening remarks. The prayer breakfast opened with the Soldiers singing a song of praise titled “All Creatures of Our God and King.” After singing the song of praise, SGT Scott McKay read a sermon from the book of Roman 7:15-25.

The chaplain opened his message with an inspirational narration of his biography. He then delivered his key note remarks that were based on “integrity.”

The prayer breakfast concluded with a song of praise and a benediction by the chaplain.



The Chaplain delivers his key note message to Soldiers of D/106th FMSD



Soldiers of D/106th FMSD seated at the Clock Tower Café during the prayer breakfast



Soldiers of D/106th FMSD and family members at the Clock Tower Café during the prayer breakfast.



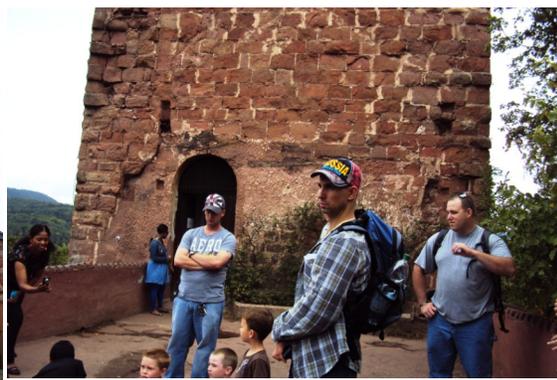
SGT Scott McKay reads the sermon as the Soldiers of D/106th FMSD listen during the prayer breakfast

Detachment Team Building Trip - Berg Berwastein Castle

On 24 August 2012, Soldiers of D/106th FMSD went to Berg Bewastein Castle on a detachment team building trip. The trip was organized, planned, and coordinated by SPC Sheena Marie Lang. This castle is located in Wasgau, the southern part of the Palatinate Forest in the state Rhineland-Palatinate in southwestern Germany. The Soldiers arrived at the castle around 1400. Before starting the tour, the Soldiers decided to have lunch at the restaurant located in the castle. The restaurant had outdoor seating's and indoor seating's, though the Soldiers decided to sit outside since it was a nice hot day. They offered fast and friendly service with delicious food to cap it all. The tour of the castle started after the Soldiers had their lunch. The tour guide spoke very good English and captured the history of the castle as the tour progressed. The best part of the castle tour was going into the underground tunnel. This was a perfect place to go into because it started raining on the Soldiers outside. The tunnel was long and dark and it lead to the secret entrance to the castle. The entrance to the castle was only a hole in the ceiling that they would climb through with either a regular rope or a rope ladder. Also during our tour we found out that there are people who still live in the castle. Tourists are the ones that keep the castle from being destroyed. With the money that the castle makes from tourism, they are able to keep the castle looking in pristine shape. After the wonderful tour, the Soldiers hit the souvenir shop that was located right at the front of the castle. Finally the Soldiers headed to the bus for the short bus ride to their home of Kaiserslautern.



LEFT: Soldiers and family members of D/106th FMSD by the outer wall of the Castle near the entrance CENTER: A pictorial of Berg Berwastein Castle RIGHT: Soldiers and family members of D/106th FMSD by the entrance to the castle.



LEFT: SPC Lang and her family outside the castle CENTER: Soldiers and family members of D/106th at the castle RIGHT: Soldiers and family members of D/106th FMSD at the underground tunnel of the castle

Warrior Leader Course - Class 11-12

On 7 August to 24 August 2012, SPC Nathan Duran attended and graduated from the 7th Army NCO Academy at Grafenwoehr Training Area (GTA) for the WLC Class 11-12.

WLC is the first course of study in the US Army Non-Commissioned Officer Education System (NCOES). It is a 17 Day course that trains Specialists, Corporals, and Sergeants in the fundamentals of leadership. The course curriculum includes instruction in Leadership Skills, Training Skills and Warfighting Skills. During the first week of the course, the Soldiers were introduced to the “iron warrior challenge”, where they had to the PRT pushups, the rower, pull up, and the 2 mile run. During this week, the Soldiers were also evaluated on the proper conduct of the PRT and drill and ceremony. The second week consisted of a written exam on army leadership and training management. The Soldiers were also evaluated on their oral presentation skills where they gave a presentation that had to be between 5-12 minutes long. During the third and final week of the course, the Soldiers took a written exam on the warfighting skills where they had to answer combat tactical situational questions. They also attended the leader confidence course where they were tested on accomplishing various obstacles while working as a team. As a capstone, the Soldiers participated in a situational training exercise in squad sized elements where they were tested on their tactical leadership skills.



SPC Nathan Duran and his squad members from A/Co maneuver through an obstacle on the Leader Confidence Course

Hail and Farewell

On 31 August 2012, Soldiers of D/106th FMSD gathered at Rooney's Sports Club in the KMCC at 1800 hours to bid farewell to SSG Crocker, SPC White, and SPC Nardia Tucker. SSG Crocker received his PCS Plaque for recognition of his outstanding service to the detachment as a squad leader, certifier, disbursing agent, and most recently Detachment Sergeant. We give gratitude to his wife Cristy for her service and support. The Crocker's will be moving on to Fort Riley, Kansas. SPC White received her plaque for outstanding service to the detachment as a customer service clerk, disbursing clerk and most notably Cashier. SPC White won't be moving far, she will be across the street at the Warrior Transition Unit on Kleber Kaserne. SPC Tucker received her ETS plaque for her outstanding service as a customer service clerk, cashier and most notably S-1 clerk. SPC Tucker was an integral part in the planning, preparation, and execution of unit events. SPC Tucker is transitioning from the active component of the military to the reserves. She also plans on attending college to pursue a Bachelors Degree.

The Soldiers that were hailed were SFC Michael Mott, SPC Joshua Rawlins and SPC Chinita Brazil. SFC Mott is coming from Fort Jackson, SC with his wife SFC Tolanda Mott and their two children. SPC Rawlins is coming to us from Fort Campbell, Kentucky with his wife Teri Rawlins and their two children. SPC Brazil is coming to us from Camp Casey, South Korea.



L-R: SFC Mott, SPC Rawlins, SGT Killen enjoying their meal during the Hail and Farewell Dinner



SPC Zwiebach and SPC Brazil who is one of the Soldier that was being hailed into D/106th FMSD.



SSG Crocker and his family during their Farewell Dinner



SPC White gets her PCS plaques from SFC Victa during her farewell



SPC Nardia Tucker receives her ETS plaque from the Command Team

DSP/ ISA Operations

Since July 9th 2012, 16th STB was tasked with taking over the Deployment Support Personnel (DSP) mission from the 66th Trans who are scheduled to deploy. The 16th STB (DSP) main mission is to conduct equipment inspections and documentation reviews during ISA operations. This in essence makes the DSP team the ultimate approving authority of unit cargo during ISA operations. The 16th STB (DSP) is tasked with supporting the following USAG's: Kaiserslautern, Miesau, Baumholder, Wiesbaden, Mannheim, Heidelberg, and Stuttgart. 1LT Mararo from D/106th FMSD and SSG Serna from the 504th BDE Sig Co were appointed the OIC and The NCOIC of the 16th STB (DSP) team. The team consists of 15 Soldiers with 5 Soldiers coming from D/106th FMCO and 15 Soldiers spread among various units within the 16th STB in Bamberg. The Soldiers from D/106th FMSD are 1LT Mararo, SPC Perez, SPC Zwiebach, SPC Rano, and PFC Boudreaux-Cash. Since its inception, the 16th STB (DSP) team has conducted ISA operations for 66th Transportation from Kleber Kaserne, 160th Forward Surgical Team (FST) from Miesau, and 5-7 ADA BN from Rhine Ordnance Barracks (ROB) who are deploying in support of AC 12 and P2P. Due to the heavy work load of AC 12 and P2P, the 16th STB (DSP) has been augmented by the 391st CSSB (DSP) from Bamberg and the 18th CSSB (DSP) from Grafenwoehr. For AC 12, the DSP teams have processed 131 prime movers, 57 trailers, and 122 containers. For P2P, the DSP team has processed 35 prime movers, 20 trailers, and 24 containers.



LEFT: A Soldier from the DSP team inspects a HUMVEE during ISA Operation at ROB for AC 12 CENTER: Soldiers from the DSP team perform ISA Operations on containers at ROB RIGHT: Soldiers from the DSP team perform ISA Operations on containers at the ROB

M16/M9 Weapons Qualifications

On 13 Sept 2012, Soldiers from D/106th FMSD conducted Army Warrior Task 1— Maintain, Employ, Engage with Assigned Weapon System at the Breitenwald Range at Landstuhl. The range was conducted and executed by D/106th FMSD with 1LT Mararo and SFC Victa being the Range OIC and RSO respectively. The Detachment was able to qualify Expert 7 out of 11 Soldiers on the M16A2 and 5 Expert out of 9 on the M9. This in essence ensured that the Detachment exceeded the BDE Commanders goal of 50% on assigned weapons. The Detachment had the honor of being visited by MAJ Luher and 1SG Fowler, the 106th FMCO Commander and 1SG respectively. The commander command team also qualified on the M9 weapons system.



D/106th FMSD Soldiers qualify with the M16A2 at the Breitenwald Range



D/106th FMSD Soldiers qualify with the M9 at the Breitenwald Range



MAJ Luher and 1SG Fowler qualify with the M9 at the Breitenwald Range



SPC Rawlins instructs SPC Duran on the fundamentals of marksmanship during the PMI at the Breitenwald Range

September Birthdays

Birthdays:

Parris Garvin	25 Sept
Daniel Cardona	25 Sept



Detachment Training Highlights

13 Sept: M16/M9 qualification at Breitenwald Range

10 Sept—14 Sept: 6 Soldiers from D/106th FMSSD attended the 21st TSC Drivers Training at Daener Kaserne

10 Sept—28 Sept: SPC Zwiebach attends WLC at Grafenwoehr

18 Sept : M203 Range at Grafenwoehr; SPC Zayas and PFC Harris

20 Sept: Suicide Prevention stand down day

21—26 Sept: 16th STB BN FTX at GTA