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18th Eng. Bde. conducts Army Warrior Task Training

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – Battling the cold, wet and foggy weather, Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Engineer Brigade conducted Army Warrior Task Training from Nov. 2-7 at the Grafenwoehr Training Area here.

Soldiers from the company and the staff focused on tasks such as weapon familiarization, land navigation skills, squad movement techniques, radio communications, first aid, and nuclear, biological, and chemical decontamination.

“This training reinforced the Soldier tasks that we were all taught at the earlier part of our careers,” said Maj. Charles Hall, 18th Eng. Bde. adjutant and a native of Wake Forest, N.C. “It gave us, as leaders, the opportunity to work with Soldiers outside our normal staff sections, assess their skills, knowledge and abilities, and execute the task to standard.”

On the final day of training, Soldiers were tested on their ability to move through certification lanes as a squad. They had to react to contact, transmit reports over the radio and evacuate casualties, all while trying to occupy their objective.

“I think it was important for team building,” said Capt. Ingrid Bruning, a battle captain for 18th Eng. Bde. and a native of Waterport, N.Y. “Everyone’s experience level is different, and it was good that we could all add something and apply our knowledge to a real-world scenario.”

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Felix SanMiguel, a prime power technician for 18th Eng. Bde. and a native of Guam, said the certification was a great opportunity to learn as a leader, and it emphasized the importance of planning and preparation when conducting a mission.

Multiple ranges were coordinated so that Soldiers could qualify not only on their assigned weapons, but also on the M-240B machine gun, MK19 automatic grenade launcher, M2 .50-caliber machine gun and M249 squad automatic weapon.

Following the range density week, the 18th Eng. Bde. Soldiers will conduct a command post exercise here Nov. 8-12 to validate their Army Battle Command Systems and prepare the staff for their upcoming validation exercise.



Pfc. Andrew Lincoln, a combat security team Soldier with the 18th Engineer Brigade and a native of South Windsor, Conn., fires the M-240B machine gun as Sgt. Rennato Lopez, a maintenance noncommissioned officer and a native of Houston, Texas, serves as a range safety and Pfc. Robert Cruz, a combat engineer from Port Charlotte, Fla., acts as a forward observer Nov. 4 at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. Soldiers from the 18th Eng. Bde. qualified on crew-served weapons as well as their assigned weapons and were certified on the Army Warrior Tasks during the week-long event. (Photo by Spc. Aislinn Amig, 18th Eng. Bde. Public Affairs)



Capt. Kathryn Werback, public affairs officer for 18th Engineer Brigade and a native of San Jose, Calif., directs Staff Sgt. Edson Rodriguez, an intelligence analyst and a native of Miami, Fla., during Army Warrior Task certification for leaders Nov. 5 at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. During the week-long event, Soldiers qualified on their assigned weapons, crew-served weapons, and were certified on their annual Army Warrior Tasks. (Photo by Spc. Aislinn Amig, 18th Eng. Bde. Public Affairs)



Master Sgt. Kevin Bardy, senior construction inspector for 18th Engineer Brigade and a native of La Grange, Ill., evaluates a simulated casualty while Sgt. Andrew Voll, a geospatial engineer and a native of Louisville, Ky., applies a tourniquet to the casualty. The 18th Eng. Bde. conducted Army Warrior Task training and certification Nov. 2-5 at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. (Photo by Spc. Aislinn Amig, 18th Eng. Bde. Public Affairs)



Sgt. Andrew Voll, a geospatial engineer and a native of Louisville, Ky., provides suppressive fire as Lt. Col. Allan Fehr, chief of design and construction and a native of Fairfax, Va., bounds forward to provide security with his M249 squad automatic weapon during an Army Warrior Task certification lane Nov. 6 at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. Soldiers from the unit qualified on their assigned weapons during the week-long event and were certified on annual Army Warrior Tasks. (Photo by Spc. Aislinn Amig, 18th Eng. Bde. Public Affairs)



Pfc. Joseph Rogers, a supply specialist for the 18th Engineer Brigade and a native of Riverside, Calif., takes cover during the unit's Army Warrior Task certification lanes Nov. 5 at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. Soldiers from the unit qualified on their assigned weapons during the week-long event and were certified on annual Army Warrior Tasks. (Photo by Pfc. David Huddleston, 18th Eng. Bde. Public Affairs)



Capt. David Jennings, a training officer for 18th Engineer Brigade and a native of Raleigh, N.C., qualifies with the 9mm pistol while Staff Sgt. Christopher Lee, an intelligence analyst and a native of Seattle, Wash., serves as a range safety Nov. 7 at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. The Soldiers from the 18th Eng. Bde. qualified on their assigned weapons, crew-served weapons and were certified on the annual Army Warrior Tasks during the week-long training event. (Photo by Capt. Kathryn Werback, 18th Eng. Bde. Public Affairs)