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From the Commander's Desk

Unit Pride and Cohesion

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Commanding

I am proud to be a member, of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade. My Company contains over 100 competent, capable and professional Soldiers and civilians who support INSCOM's Contingency Brigade on a daily basis. My Company contains the senior NCOs and Officers in the Brigade; whose combined experience and knowledge is absolutely staggering. My Company has 19 personnel deployed in support of the global war on terrorism, with more deployments on the horizon. My Company has an Army Physical Fitness test average of over 254 points. My Company conducts bi-weekly road marches, performs tough, realistic Sergeant's Time training and PT and challenges me on a daily basis to improve myself.

I am proud to be a member of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, and so should you.

To showcase our unit pride and to foster unit cohesion, the Company will soon have a unit t-shirt for sale. This t-shirt will be for wear during Company and Brigade runs, Company and Brigade Organization Days, or anywhere you want to showcase your unit pride.

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Outstanding Performers

Be sure to congratulate the following soldiers for their outstanding work when you see them:

- PFC Matthew Shipley for being promoted to the rank of Specialist.
- SGT Gabriel Voigt, SGT Phillip Alexander and SSG Zubiadah Ray for completing the Army's Master Driver Course.
- All of the soldiers and NCOs in the Company who worked long hours and put forth extra effort to get the Company in shape for its Initial Command Inspection.

Unit Support Group Notes

For those of you who do not know, Unit Support Groups and Army Family Team Building (AFTB) go hand in hand. What is AFTB do you ask? AFTB is a program designed by Army family members for Army family members. It provides basic training for military families, and assists families in becoming more self sufficient and independent. AFTB is not meant to replace Unit Support Groups. On the contrary, AFTB is meant to provide the skills and information necessary for families and Unit Support Groups to succeed.

If you are interested in learning more about AFTB, or even receiving official AFTB training, you can visit their web site at: <http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org>

- **Family PT Day** (7 May 04) - Bring your family members to unit PT from 0630-0730.
- **Unit Bake Sale** - (21 May 04) - Held at the PX. Baked good donations needed before 0930 on 21 May.
- **Family Safety Day** (27 May 04) - Safety day, unit BBQ, and a 'pie-in-the-face' auction event from 0730-1400.
- **Unit Yard Sale** - (5 June) - Donate your excess items and volunteer to help sell them at the unit yard sale designed to raise money for the USG.
- **Unit Car Wash** - 26 June 04. Car wash at Tony Romas. Let's hope it doesn't rain!

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The t-shirt will be available for purchase and wear by all Soldiers, civilians and family members associated with the Company. In fact, all personnel who are proud to be associated with the unit are encouraged to purchase a t-shirt and showcase their unit pride and support.

The t-shirt will be black with short sleeves. The Company crest will be located over the wearer's heart. Underneath the crest will appear the Company motto, "Bring it on!" Centered on the back of the shirt will be the emblem chosen by the Company (a large shield, knight's helmet and banner containing the phrase 'Vigilant Knights' written in Old English script).

The shirts will be sold at a slight mark up over cost in order to raise funds for the Unit Support Group. Ordering information will be out in the next 1-2 weeks.

I look forward to wearing my t-shirt with pride. I hope you do, as well. *See page 3 for example*

Bring it on!

Marriage & Birth Announcements

Expecting Parents:

- CPL Kimberly Watson
- SPC and Mrs. Howley
- CPT and Mrs. Swain

Calendar of Events

Event: Family PT (Military Spouse Appreciation Day)

Date: 7 May 04

Time: 0630-0730

Location: Co PT Field

Synopsis: Bring your spouse, children or pets for a family PT session with the unit.

Event: NBC Week

Date: 10-14 May

Time: 0630 - 0730

Synopsis: Soldiers will spend the week conducting NBC related training in creative fashion.

Event: Bake Sale

Date: 21 May 04

Time: 1030-1400

Location: PX

Synopsis: Bake sale to raise funds for the USG. Volunteers and donations are needed.

Event: Family Safety Day

Date: 27 May

Time: 0730-until finished

Location: Co PT Field and Brown Hall

Synopsis: Families attend safety day and then participate in a unit BBQ and pie-in-the-face auction.

Hails & Farewells

Hails

- SFC Clint Williams
- Mr. Fred Seard

Farewells

- MAJ Donald Houston
- MAJ William Nase
- CW3 John Daines
- CW3 Bryant Mack
- CW3 Donald McCoy
- MSG Danny Harley
- SFC Sophia Harley
- SSG Demetria Hawkins
- SGT Shelley Glass (formerly SGT Carter)

This Month's Birthdays

Be sure to wish the following Vigilant Knights a 'Happy Birthday' when you see them

- Mr. Forest Haynes – 1 May
- SFC Keith Hardin – 3 May
- SFC David Greeley - 5 May
- SFC Michael Moss – 11 May
- SPC Jacob Hernandez – 13 May
- SGT Steven D'Angelo – 17 May
- SPC Debra Bird – 18 May
- CPT Julia Lee – 23 May
- SPC Jonathan Howley – 28 May
- PFC Matthew Shipley – 29 May

Deployment News

The unit has a number of personnel deployed in support of America's on-going war on terrorism. These military and civilian professionals and their families deserve our recognition and thanks.

- MAJ Ross Snow
- MAJ Kira Terhune
- SFC Sophia Harley
- SSG Justin MacEwan
- SSG Kent Christiansen
- SGT Brendan Dohaney
- SGT Tony Weatherly
- SGT Steven D'Angelo
- SGT Daniel Ramos
- SPC Jonathan Howley
- SPC Robin Taylor
- SPC Raymond Gonzalez
- SPC Billy Bauer
- PFC Mathew Shipley
- Mr. Timothy Crawford
- Mr. Michael Small
- Mr. Cecil Jones
- Mr. Stu Smith
- Mr. Greg Carter



April in Review

The month of April began with Night Vision Goggle (NVG) Training conducted by SFC Williams, of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) shop. SFC Williams conducted hands-on instruction of how to employ the Company's Night Vision Goggles. Everyone in attendance had an opportunity to mount the goggles and put them into operation. SFC Williams also covered such important information as how to properly service and maintain the NVGs so as to ensure the equipment works when it is needed.

The Company also conducted some high-speed Nuclear Biological and Chemical (NBC) training lead by SFC Lowe. The day began with the Company conducting a 2.5 mile ruck march to the training site. After arriving on site, the soldiers had a hearty breakfast of MREs and began receiving training from SFC Lowe. The training included an overview of the unit's various NBC detection devices, lessons on how to employ the devices, and instructions on how to properly mark NBC contaminated areas. The training concluded with a hands-on evaluation session. After SFC Lowe's instruction, soldiers ruck marched back to the Company area where they enjoyed a lunch of Anthony's pizza and soda.

Several soldiers within the unit received some additional training this month when they attended the Army's Master Driver Course. SGT Phillip Alexander, SGT Gabriel Voigt, and SSG Zubiadah Ray attended the week long class and received their Master Driver certifications. These fine, young NCOs are now authorized to train and license the soldiers in the unit, a skill that greatly increased the readiness within the Company.

The unit also conducted mounted land navigation training in April. SSG Maggard organized and led the training which occurred on 29 April. Soldiers were divided into teams of 4-5 personnel, provided a map of Fort Gordon and a number of point to locate. Personnel then spent the next 3 hours driving to the far reaches of Fort Gordon as they navigated from point to point. As a result of the training, personnel not only honed their mounted land navigation skills, but also got to see parts of Fort Gordon not ordinarily visited by most.

April held more than just training for the Company. From 10-23 April, HHC came under scrutiny during its week-long Initial Command Inspections. The Initial Command Inspections are designed to give new Commanders an idea of what areas are deficient and sufficient within their new units. In the end, the Company identified a number of areas

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that are performing admirably; such as the unit arms room, supply room and administrative office. In addition to our outstanding areas, we did find a handful of areas that require some improvement. Of course, we will spend the next few months addressing these minor deficiencies in order to ensure the unit is prepared to accept and excel at any mission that comes its way.

Of special mention this month are the efforts of SGT Amybelle Sparks and her trusty supply room personnel. Throughout the month, SGT Sparks, along with SPC Christopher Huber and SPC Rocky Natividad spearheaded the turn in of outdated, broken or unnecessary equipment in the company. As a direct result of their long hours and meticulous efforts, the unit's supply accountability has increased substantially.

Finally, the Company wrapped up April with a Command Information Briefing where CPT Boyd, the Brigade's Military Lawyer, presented an hour long overview of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). The briefing covered some basic tenets of the UCMJ and allowed Soldiers to pose questions to a lawyer. Everyone in attendance gained from the experience.



BRING IT ON!

Front
(over left pocket area)

Rough rendering of the design that will be on the unit t-shirt.

