

'Keeping Tabs'

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27th Brigade Combat Team --- Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VII

Forward Operating Base Patriot, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Third Week of Training at Fort Bragg Complete as Momentum Builds

Members of the 27th Brigade Combat Team conducting post mobilization training at Forward Operating Base Patriot at Fort Bragg, NC are hard at work during week four as the pace and momentum continue to build. Training highlights now include squad live fire lanes, reflexive fire, "shoot house," urban operations, Mounted Combat Patrol and more. Individual and crew served weapons training and qualification continue but new training challenges have been introduced to prepare the force for conditions in Afghanistan.

Mounting the M2

Members of SECFOR Bravo (Fighting 69th Soldiers assigned to the Lexington Avenue Armory in Manhattan) mount the M2 .50 caliber machine gun on their M1025 High Mobility Multi Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) in preparation for a day of Urban Operations training at Fort Bragg. From the left are PVT Arnoldo Madriz, SGT Mike Baronowski, and SGT Javad Valad.



Ground Guide

PVT Safraz Jailall leads the first vehicle in the march-order out from the assembly area on the way to the entry control point as SECFOR Bravo moves out for training from FOB Patriot. It rained over night and morning dew greeted the troops as they awoke to prepare for the day.



FOB Life

The daily routine is regimented often to the minute, but units are finding the time to cycle Soldiers into the Post Exchange so that they can get some personal items and get a short break. The trips don't last long but are a welcome respite.

In general, the weather has offered cold mornings giving way to warm and often breezy afternoons with lots of sunshine. Once the sun goes down, though, every one don's their new "green woolies" to go to meetings and check out the FOB internet café before cleaning up and bedding down for the night to get up the next morning and do it all over again.

Religious services are offered weekly for Protestant and Catholic faiths. A new Catholic was baptized during a mass just before the Super Bowl last week.

Repeat from last edition: Sending Mail to Your Soldier

Here is the correct address when shipping packages to your loved one assigned to the 27th BCT. Remember – the troops cannot receive packages marked "For Any Soldier." They should only receive packages from people they know. And packages should not be too large. There is a limited ability to carry packages from the post office on base out to the training area and Soldier have only so much space near their bunks in the tents.

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