

# *The Orion Leader*

## 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team



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# Cranking out the Tasks

More than 1300 members of Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VII are on Post completing dozens of individual and warrior tasks in order to meet deployment objectives. Hundreds of troops are also enrolled in special training, including classroom instruction and exercises. Many tasks also feature training on electronic simulation systems.

The Call for Fire Trainer, GUARDFIST, the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT), the Electronic Skills Trainer 2000 and the Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer (VCCT) are being used to help teach Soldiers critical skills needed for the combat



PV2s Sherry Harrison (left) and Brittany Scott conduct a practical exercise inside a Humvee equipped with the Blue Force Tracker system.

theater. More than 150 training slots for the four-day Combat Life Saver Course and more than 300 Task Force personnel are undergoing 3 days of training in the Blue Force Tracker system. Units have been rotating out to the field to conduct day and night live fire for both the M4A1 Rifle and M9 Pistol. Members of the 101<sup>st</sup> Cavalry comprising the SECFOR and members of the 427<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion comprising the Logistical Task Force are engaged in convoy and movement training.

As the completed briefings rosters grow, there is more time for warrior tasks and sections are starting to engage in battle drills. Over the weekend, members of the 27<sup>th</sup> BCT headquarters overcame an obstacle course, performed a battle drill that involved training on specific warrior tasks and went to the range.

With the AT reaching the mid way point, new training, such as Leadership Development and Education for Sustained Peace for both senior and junior leaders has started at the Battle Command Simulator Center and Soldier Readiness Processing is taking place at the armory.



2LT Andrew Joyce assigned to the J-2 section of HQ CJTF VII crawls through a storm drain pipe while negotiating the obstacle course.

### **Risk Management for a Safe Force**

The most important part of our safety program is to insure accidents don't happen. To achieve that end, we must train and prepare ourselves to avoid accidents. That means completing specified safety training to help us. Before deployment, all deploying Soldiers are required to complete the Composite Risk Management Basic Course (CRM-B) and the Army Accident Avoidance Course (AAC). Additionally, personnel in leadership positions (Commanders, CSM, and 1SG's) must complete the Commanders Safety Course (CSC). Commanders appoint Additional Duty Safety Officers and NCOs to help them lead and manage their unit safety program. These Additional Duty Safety Soldiers are required to complete the Army Additional Duty Safety Officer Course (ADSO). These courses are all available on line at the Combat Readiness Center (CRC) Website (<https://crc.army.mil/home/>), or the direct link to the Combat Readiness University Website is <https://safetylms.army.mil/>

using your AKO username and password.

Risk Management is an everyday continuous process. These courses will teach you how to incorporate risk reduction into your daily planning and operations as an integral part of your mission execution.

Train Safe

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### **This Date in Orion History: 27<sup>th</sup> Assaults the Hindenburg Line September-October 1918 (Continued)**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Division's 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was aided in its attack on the Hindenburg Line on 29 September by British Mark V tanks crewed by Americans.

The 301<sup>st</sup> Independent Tank Battalion arrived at the battle with 34 of its 40 tanks and quickly lost 16 to mines that had been previously laid by the British. Fighting raged throughout the day around three enemy strong points dubbed the knoll and the Guillemont and Quennemont Farms. German counter attacks had driven surviving elements of the 106<sup>th</sup> back to its starting positions by the end of the day.

Meanwhile the 107<sup>th</sup> Regiment crashed the German defense and lost more than 1,000 troops during heavy fighting. It would be the highest single day's loss by an American regiment during the war. By October 6, NY's 27<sup>th</sup> and TN and NC's 30<sup>th</sup> Divisions had lost more than 13,000 troops between the two in roughly equal numbers. It was their last combat action of the war.