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A 42d Combat Aviation Brigade Quarterly Newsletter

Message from the Commander



A lot has changed since our last newsletter. We seemed to have turned the corner on COVID finally. The Adjutant General has relaxed the masking and social distancing restrictions for those Soldiers that have received that vaccine. If you have not received the vaccine I encourage you to do some research so you can make an informed decision either way. The vaccine is still voluntary and no one in the chain of command is going to pressure you receive it.

We have had a busy summer up to now. So far 642d has completed their annual training with a successful field exercise at Fort Drum. B/3-126 GSAB supported a very successful MARSOC event in May. The Soldiers of HHC 42d CAB started training on their Army Battle Command systems in preparation for Warfighter 22-5. Still to come is 3-142d rotation to the National Training center. As we enter the busy summer season, remember to take some down time and enjoy the nice weather. Make sure you are safe during whatever activity you do, as you are an important member of your unit and the brigade.

Farewell to LTC Hatch as he wraps up Command of 642d ASB and PCS' to the War College. Welcome to MAJ(P) Chandler as he returns to take command of the 642d. Congratulations to LTC Greene upon his successful graduation from the US Naval War College. Finally, we have had a significant amount of new babies her in headquarters. Congratulations to 1LT Hart, 1LT Warner, SGT Harper who all delivered healthy babies and to WOC Hayes whose wife delivered.

I want to close by thanking all of you for your hard work and commitment to your units, state, and nation. The comments from the recent command climate survey were mostly positive so I thank you and your commanders for making the working conditions of our unit's one that fosters camaraderie.

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Message from the CCWO



42nd CAB Soldiers and families:

The summer is upon us now, this season is typically one spent with some time outdoors with family and friends. I hope that each of you have many opportunities to enjoy the warm, but also keep in mind that it's the season when we generally have the most safety issues. Please remember that each of you are responsible to one another for practicing safety. If you're a motorcycle rider take a Basic or Advanced Rider's Course; the New York Army Safety Office can assist you and in finding and paying for one of these courses.

Take time to teach your children to swim or take lessons yourself if you never were able to learn previously. Where the proper protective gear for your activities, even if that's only applying sunscreen when outside.

Summer is also the time that most National Guard Soldiers complete Annual Training (AT). Many soldiers may not do AT with the whole unit due the previous COVID mission requirements or other military obligations (such as schools).

You may find yourself doing a home station AT or you may be across the country in a desert. Regardless, remember that the past year and a half have also affected our collective training time and quality. Therefore, ensure that you are applying Composite Risk Management from the beginning of each mission through its After Action Review! Now is not a time to allow complacency or overconfidence to creep into your military mission or home life!

I expect that this will be the last newsletter that I pen as the 42nd CAB Command Chief Warrant Officer. I'm not planning to leave the CAB or the National Guard for several years, but I am expecting a shift in duties within the next few months. It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity since the summer of 2015, but I look forward to a change in duties. Regardless, I am here to serve all the Soldiers of the CAB whether as the CCWO or not; please don't hesitate to reach out to me with your questions or concerns!

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CW5 Mark E. Shumway, 42nd CAB CCWO

Message from the CSM



Every year, on June 14th, we celebrate the Army's Birthday. This year, we celebrated 246 years of tradition and pride of the world's greatest Army. A lot has changed throughout those years. Our fighting tactics morphed to the changing environments and so did our adversaries. For me, the Army was 208 years old when I raised my right hand...and to admit that was somewhat painful. A lot has changed in every aspect. We must never forget that we are an organization of standards and discipline. We were taught early in our career the importance of customs and courtesies and the importance of maintaining military bearing. The reason I bring this topic up, is to remind us that WE are the sole bearers to continue these traditions.

During the last Senior Enlisted Conference, it was noted that extending "Customs and courtesies" was a hot topic and getting lax. The CAB is not free of guilt, as with many formations throughout the NYARNG.

I can cite some examples, but I'm sure we've all witnessed some for ourselves within our own units and we've "let it go." On the spot corrections is a technique and should still continue to be encouraged in the Army, just as I encourage someone to square me away if I'm displaying some type of deficiency. I always see that as an opportunity to set someone up for success. I need to solicit, not only the leaders to continue with the tradition, but all the Soldiers within the formation that proudly wear this uniform.

We can start off by utilizing Situational Awareness by ungluing our eyes off the cellphones, especially during a detail, squaring each other away, greetings of the day, standing up a when addressing or being addressed by a superior, sounding off with "Attention" or "At Ease" when appropriate, and a simple salute goes a long way. These are just some examples. And for the newer Soldiers coming in, it's important to show them what "right" looks like. Let's make an effort to tighten our shot group to normalize military customs and courtesies once again within our (NYARNG) formations. Perception is almost everything and sometimes you don't get a second chance. The 42nd CAB has some of the best and brightest Soldiers the Army has to offer, and our first impressions should say just that. The Army is an organization of standards and discipline. It's up to us to keep that tradition alive.

As always, I'm always open for discussion. Continue to utilize my Open-Door Policy for any issues or concerns that need to be brought to my attention. The command group is always here for you and your family. Have a Happy Independence Day and enjoy the summer days ahead. Keep SAFETY in mind ALWAYS. I'm proud of the 42nd CAB, and proud to represent and lead you as we continue to complete every task and mission head on. Thank you for all you do as you continue to serve and wear the uniform proudly!

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Another successful quarter for 3-142 AHB Flight companies. During the Battalion FTX in June, A CO 3-142 AHB supported the CW5 Skoda Funeral Flyover.

The unit coordinated to have a funeral ground team work with the Honor Guard for flyover timing and successfully completed the mission. B CO 3-142 AHB supported A CO 1-69IN with an Air Movement of 101 passengers to include cold load training at Fort Dix, NJ during this same period.

A CO and B CO 3-142 AHB are scheduled to continue their support of B CO 1-69IN and C CO 1-69IN during the Fourth Quarter with additional Air Movements.



642d ASB had 70 personnel on orders for COVID. The BN began transition to in person drills while adhering to COVID restrictions.

April- Medical Readiness Weekend of drill to position BN to be medically ready to Deploy. Readiness NCOs and Staff sections worked CUSR and TY22 plans and validated them at the G3 conference in Latham. All units scheduled Extremism Stand-down and conducted this Threat Awareness Reporting Program through the months of April-May. A/642 exercised their HRF Decon CTE having 60 Soldiers trained and examined.



May- ACFT diagnostic training took place throughout the BN with mostly positive feedback on the event. Most of the BN prepped for Annual Training readiness, vehicle run ups / driver's training and equipment staging. Continuation of Extremism Stand-down. Det. 1 Co. B 3-126 GSAB Conducted Annual Training IVO Berry Field, Nashville, TN. This mission supported unit and Joint Force validation requirements training 27 3-126th GSAB personnel in their MDMP and METL operations. The Annual Training event also supported 1 company of approximately 120 personnel and their staff HQ for operations overseas.

June- 642d ASB BN Quarterly Safety Council conducted. BN TY21 Annual Training event took place at Home stations and at Fort Drum NY where companies set up TOCs and practiced their field craft. The Annual Training event also consisted of BN Change of Command. 238 total personnel present for AT. Weapons Qualification consisting of M9-9, M4-96, M2-7, M249-1, MK-19-10, Aerial Gunnery-7 NRCM, 3 PC's on M240H. Diagnostic ACFTs given during Annual Training- 162. HT/WT's given during Annual Training- 137. Doctrinal Training Team MDMP Staff exercise



Congratulations to these Soldiers and their new family members:

1LT Warner - Reese Kelly Lucas - May 27th, 2021.

2LT Hart - Kilian Legend Lattimore - February 26th, 2021.

WOC Hayes - Weston Reed Hayes - June 10th, 2021.

SGT Harper - Amelio Eliano Stewart - May 29th, 2021.

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