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ACC NCO/Soldier of the Year SGT Nicole Jenkins, PFC Eric Bugarin



On the 22nd and 23rd of January 2010, the Army Corrections Command (ACC) conducted the annual Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) and Soldier of the Year Competition at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. The competition consisted of a warrior fitness test, a written exam, warrior task and drills, a mystery event, and a board appearance in front of the Army Corrections Command Command Sergeant Major and other Command Sergeants Major and Sergeants Major throughout the Army Corrections System (ACS).

Each ACS facility was represented by their top NCO and junior enlisted Soldier, making the competition fierce and difficult to judge. COL Miller (ACC Commander) and CSM Plemmons congratulated all competitors and announced the winners, in front of an audience of Army Corrections senior leaders attending the ACA Winter Conference in Tampa, FL.

The winners were SGT Nicole Jenkins, 9th MP Detachment, Germany, and PFC Eric Bugarin, 595th Military Police Company, Joint Base Lewis-McChord. They will compete at the Military District of Washington NCO and Soldier of the year board in Washington, D.C. in June. The Soldiers were presented with mounted replica Harper's Ferry pistols by COL Miller and CSM Plemmons. Congratulations to all the Soldiers that competed for a job well done and Good Luck to SGT Jenkins and PFC Bugarin. **VANGUARDS!**



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“Pump Me Up!”

SSG Turner

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Travis Anonson is a 19 year old private in the 256th MP Co “Gatekeepers All Secure”. PV2 Anonson came to the unit with wide eyes and aspirations of becoming a leader among Soldiers. In only a few months of being assigned, PV2 Anonson exhibited raw potential, enthusiasm, and initiative that set him apart from his peers.

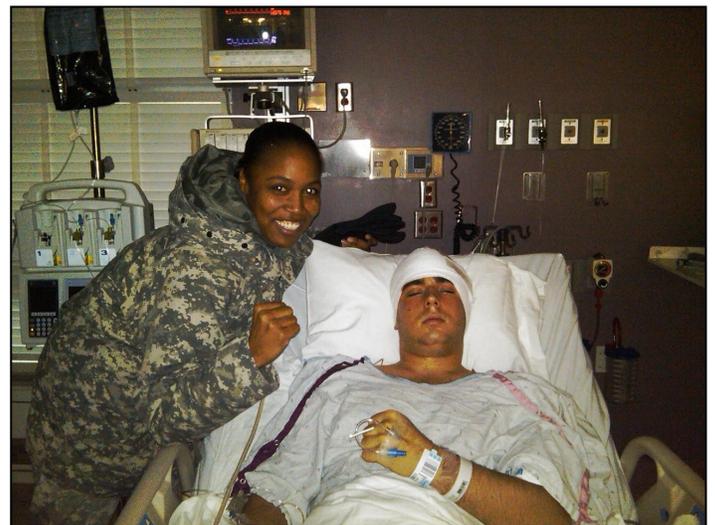
PV2 Anonson once told his Platoon Sergeant that he is surrounded by good leadership and wants to learn the Army so he can take on more responsibility. He knew that he would do great things in this unit and make his family proud. Since being in the unit, he volunteered for everything that he possibly could such as Company Soldier of the Month boards, German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge, the BOSS program, civilian education, and other activities to support the unit. PV2 Anonson scored a 279 on his APFT and vowed that he would score higher on his next record test as he set his eyes on attaining a 300.

Understanding that his team leader, CPL Murphy, was going to the Warrior Leader Course (WLC), PV2 Anonson asked his Squad Leader if he could take over the team leader spot to develop skills leading other Soldiers. A couple days later, before his request could be given serious thought, PV2 Anonson began to feel pain in his head that would sometimes affect his vision, his ability to comprehend everyday tasks, and from time to time use of limbs.

PV2 Anonson underwent a series of exams and evaluations and was diagnosed with an arachnoid cyst on his brain. Hearing the news, SSG Turner and CPL Murphy sprung into action taking the lead on helping PV2 Anonson’s everyday needs. His platoon and company leadership, worked diligently with the Casualty Assistance Office to get PV2 Anonson’s parents to Fort Leavenworth with the necessary accommodations. Several of those individuals went as far as calling his parents personally to assure them that their son was being taken care of prior to their arrival.

Before heading off to WLC, CPL Murphy left his POV with PV2 Anonson to ensure that he could make short trips when he was unable to be accompanied by his leadership. Although he didn’t have to do that, CPL Murphy stated, “I’m just making sure that my Soldier is taken care of while I’m gone”. SSG Turner stepped up and frequented PV2 Anonson’s barracks room and doctor’s appointments. She even went as far as having her own mother cook dinner for PV2 Anonson. When PV2 Anonson’s parents arrived, SSG Turner organized a squad dinner and invited PV2 Anonson’s parents to meet his comrades. Her genuine concern for her Soldier didn’t stop when his parents arrived. SSG Turner spent every moment she had available in the hospital with PV2 Anonson’s parents from the day he was admitted to the Research Medical Center in Kansas City, MO until well after he was released and his parents were escorted to the airport, all this during the biggest snow storm of the winter in Kansas. When asked about her dedication SSG Turner said, “I mean it’s no big deal. I’m just taking care of my Soldier and I feel like that is my job”.

PV2 Anonson was visited by his Platoon Sergeant, ISG, and Commander during his stay in the hospital. Sleeping for almost 18 hours after his surgery, PV2 Anonson awoke to the sound of the ISG and Commander’s voices, to which he replied in a lowly tone, “Pump me up, ISG”. A picture was taken of him and the ISG while he was in recovery at the hospital. PV2 Anonson is expected to make a full recovery and is currently at home in Phoenix, AZ on convalescent leave.



ISG Adams and PV2 Anonson after surgery still motivated with fist pumped and enough strength to say “Pump me up, ISG”embodies the “Warrior Ethos”



Behind the Walls

Peter J. Grande, CCE
MCC Chief of Staff

Sherman Heights, Fort Leavenworth

Sherman Heights is located a short walking distance northwest of the old United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) off of Sylvan Road and is home to the Trusty Unit (TU). The TU consists of four buildings; two housing units, one administrative building, and a dining facility (non operational). Currently, the USDB Supply Operation is located in one of the housing buildings. The TU has not been the only function to be located on Sherman Heights, there have been many different occupiers, perched high, overseeing the valley.

In the valley below Sherman Heights, an emergency airfield with a grass surface was established under the USDB jurisdiction in 1923. Three years later the airfield was transferred to the Command and General Staff School and in the same year Sylvan Trail was upgraded to a road. Sometime after 1926 and probably closer to 1932, barracks were established on Sherman Heights during the improvements to the airfield; including a hanger complex with two bays (both retain the brightly colored star within a circle logo of the U.S. Army Air Corps). Sherman Heights as well as Sherman Army Airfield were named after the Great Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman. With the establishment of the U.S. Air Force in 1947 it became Sherman Air Force Base and the barracks were occupied by Airmen assigned to the airfield.

On 15 December 1952, the Military Training Company (MTC) was moved out of the First Guard Company (building 429) and quartered in the wooden barracks on Sherman Heights. The MTC was constituted of prisoners approved by the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force for restoration to military service. This training company received prisoners from the USDB Branches throughout the United States and Federal institutions. The training consisted of eight weeks of Basic Training and upon graduation; the trainees were enlisted into the appropriate military service or restored to complete their former service commitment. The MTC was disbanded on 28 April 1954. An organization was later established at Fort Riley on 1 July 1968, called the U.S. Army Correctional Training Facility, more commonly known as the U.S. Army Retraining Brigade or the U.S. Army Correctional Brigade.

On 14 April 1954, the USDB activated the Local Parolee Company and 15 days later, it went into operation with Minimum "A" custody prisoners domiciled on Sherman Heights. The area was comprised of 19 buildings consisting of an orderly room, supply room, chapel, 11 barracks, and three latrines. Captain Farris D. Alexander, Infantry, was the Officer in Charge (OIC) under the Directorate, Supervisor of Prisoners and was responsible for the discipline, housing, messing, recreation program, and work assignments. Sometime in 1955, the Local Parolee Company was redesignated as the Local Parolee Unit (LPU).

On 5 April 1965, the construction of a new LPU was completed consisting of an orderly building, 144-man barracks, a dining facility and a recreation area for various types of athletics including a picnic area. A few months later a concrete hardstand for basketball and volleyball was added. In 1971, an additional 80-man barracks was added. One of the last LPU OICs was then Captain Dave Haasenritter. In 1993, the name was changed from LPU to TU. A second order effect of the decision to build the new USDB with only a 500-bed capacity, the TU was scheduled for closure. Then Commandant, Colonel Steve Andraschko, countermanded the decision to close the TU and directed it remain open because it was a viable transitional tool for long term prisoners adjusting for reentry into society. The LPU population in the 1980s was over 200 Trustees while the current Trusty count is 18.

As a result of the events of 11 September 2001, Fort Leavenworth increased its force protection measures and the TU barracks were occupied by an Army Reserve Military Police Company tasked with augmenting the installation's force protection. The TU was relocated to building 466 within the old USDB walls. In the fall of 2003, a private security firm replaced the Soldiers augmenting the installation's force protection and on 17 October 2003, the TU was relocated back to Sherman Heights. Additionally, the USDB Supply Operation was moved out of Pope Hall inside the old USDB to Sherman Heights.

The correct spelling and grammar is "Trusty" and "Trusties" and not "Trustee" and "Trustees."

The latter version deals with managing financial or property affairs versus a trusted prisoner.

ACC Command Team



COL Mark S. Inch

For this introductory Commander's column, let me draw primarily from my change of command speech, so you can read some of what I said to your leaders to set the near-term way ahead. But first, let me express my profound thanks to Colonel Kat Miller, for her remarkable selfless service and success in building such a solid foundation for the Army Corrections Command, as the Commander of ACC. This Command will always carry her fingerprint and be a legacy to her outstanding professionalism and dedication to duty.

The Army Corrections System is in a far different and much better place than the last time I served on the Army Staff as the Corrections and Internment branch chief in 2002. As a Field Operating Agency, the ACC is now empowered by what our civilian counterparts would call a Central Office, positioned well to standardize and support our facilities and link our efforts directly to the Army leadership and stated priorities. This was a long time coming, and has had the added benefit of improving our communication and synchronization with our Sister Services' corrections programs.

In that most of you know me, there will probably be no surprises on what I hold important...

First, it all still starts with our Army Values and Warrior Ethos...we have to be Soldiers and Civilians of character. Second, we have to stay focused on our mission. For ACC, that is protecting our communities, staff and inmates; providing our inmates opportunity for rehabilitation and treatment; and providing our Soldiers the opportunity to grow into detainee operations experts for our operational Army. A critical piece of evidence of us staying mission focused is maintaining our facilities accreditation with the American Correctional Association. It also means getting our headquarters accredited, and working with our partners at the Army Review Boards Agency and the US Army Military Police School to get the Clemency and Parole Board and training base accredited. And third, we each have to maintain our personal and organizational balance, investing in our physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual well-being; and cultivating relationships with our families and communities. As leaders, we have to provide the protected and predictable schedule for our Soldiers to do the same.

As we set our Command priorities with the Provost Marshal General, BG McGuire, honestly I am still processing and reconciling two significant periods of my professional career. The first was the last tour here at the Pentagon, and our collective struggle to not only maintain, but enhance the corrections capability of our Army, instead of out-sourcing the function and removing the corrections skill-set from the Force. The second was the last 18 months working with JTF-134 in Iraq, as I witnessed mostly positive, but also some concerning shortfalls of our 31E NCOs serving in an exceptionally difficult operational environment. Along with our stated Command priorities, I will work with CSM Plemmons and our senior NCOs to institutionalize how we use assignments, experiential learning, institutional training, and perhaps a more formal mentorship program to ensure every 31E NCO is prepared to support a detainee operations task force, corps/division headquarters, brigade combat team, or deployed MP formation. We must endorse and couple our professional reputation with every NCO we send down range, or continue to develop them in our facilities and in our I/R units until they are ready to perform independently as detainee operations experts.

As of this writing, I now have a full month of command under my belt. I am so pleased at the professionalism and performance I have observed here at the ACC headquarters. There is simply no comparison to what this group accomplishes daily in support to the field, with what our small HQDA Branch was able to accomplish back in 2002...it is a quantum leap ahead. I am equally pleased with the interaction with and reports across the entire Army Corrections System and Command...we are performing in a superb fashion, protecting the liability of the U.S. Government, taking care of our Soldiers and Civilians, and providing the experiential learning environment to grow detainee operations experts.

The Chief of Staff of the Army, GEN Casey, speaks often of how the last eight years of conflict have put the Army out of balance, but has also created a seasoned and resilient force...we are not broken, hollow, or unready. The Corrections field certainly reflects the Chief's assessment, as well. But as we progress with the BRAC relocation plans and complete our Grow the force initiatives, I see the balance returning and our opportunity to sustain Soldiers, Civilians, and family members improving as we continue to achieve our Commands priorities, and meet the operational needs of our Army. Personally, it is very satisfying to be part of this journey to rebalance our force with you, and to see the results of all our hard work and selfless service over the last eight years.

Army Corrections Command held it's NCO/Soldier of the Year Competition in Tampa, Florida, on 22 and 23 January 2010 in conjunction with the American Correctional Association's winter conference. I was extremely impressed and inspired by all the Soldiers that competed in this year's competition. They were challenged mentally and physically and proved they possessed the toughness to overcome any challenge. For those of you that don't know SGT Nichole Jenkins, 9th MP Det was selected as the NCO of the Year and PFC Eric Bugarin, 595th MP Company was selected as the Soldier of the Year. Both will represent ACC later this year in the Military District of Washington competition. I want to thank all the Soldiers that participated in this year's competition, I had a lot of fun spending time with you guys in Tampa and I am extremely proud to be one of your Sergeant's Major. I also want to thank SSG Alain Nadeau, he was the one man show responsible for making this year's competition such a success.

On 1 March 2010 ACC welcomed a new commander, COL Mark S. Inch. COL Inch's previous assignments include Commander, 705th MP BN, 48th Commandant of the USDB and CoS TF 134. I've known COL Inch for about 10 years and he has been a staunch supporter of corrections and the 95C/31E MOS his entire career. We are truly blessed to have him as our Commander and welcome him, his wife, Barbara, and their four children to our command.

Lastly, I want to solicit every noncommissioned officers support in making our Soldiers successful. It's our inherent responsibility to teach and mentor our subordinates to be all they can be. The best indication on how well you are doing as a leader is by measuring the performance of your Soldiers. You're on the right track if your Soldiers are physically fit, mentally tough, technically competent and proficient in their Warrior Tasks and Drills. Challenge your Soldiers everyday and insist they meet and maintain high standards. Above all, BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL, SET THE EXAMPLE and LEAD FROM THE FRONT!! The rate of the Pack is determined by the speed of the Leader.

Army Strong
Vanguard 7 out!



CSM Jeff Plemmons

Resource Management News

Melissa Dancico

NSPS — The Transition Out

The repeal of the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) was signed into law, in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2010; which requires that all civilian employees be converted back to the General Schedule (GS) System no later than January 2, 2012. In turn with this deadline, Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA) has released a transition plan with the first organization transitioning out May 9, 2010; ACC will transition out June 20, 2010, along with 75% of Army employees in NSPS by the end of FY 10.

In addition to the deadline to convert out, NDAA also requires that no employee will lose pay as a result of the conversion out, meaning that most NSPS employees will see a slight increase to their annual salary in order to place employees in the applicable GS Grade and Step. If you are currently receiving an annual salary that exceeds that of your equivalent GS Grade, you will not receive any pay increase, you will be placed in a pay retention status and have a Step of 00, on the date of conversion. Prior to conversion, you will be advised, either from your supervisory chain or local Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers (CPAC), of your GS grade and any special conditions that may apply, such as pay retention.

When you convert out, you will be placed under the Total Army Performance Evaluation System (TAPES) for performance management, the same performance management system which covers most of Army's Non-NSPS employees. While TAPES is not a new system, there are many civilian employees who have never participated in this performance management system or the GS system. Information pertaining to both can be found at the below link, (General Schedule (GS) – 101). All employees are encouraged to take the time to review this presentation as well as, the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS), to help answer any questions you may have during and after the transition of NSPS. Additionally, employees are encouraged to utilize their CPAC's for questions and participate in any local training opportunities, town hall or information briefs open to the public.

The Army Corrections Command, Headquarters will continue to forward information to the field as we receive it, to ensure smooth transition out of NSPS. ACC point of contact for NSPS conversion is Melissa Dancico at 703-428-7698 or melissa.dancico@us.army.mil.

<http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/GS101/index.html> - General Schedule (GS) – 101

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/docs/transitionfaqs021910final.pdf> - NSPS Transition FAQs

Not Alone

LTC Matthew Ponton, the Army Corrections Command's Manpower and Force Structure Officer, and his wife, Colleen, recently presented a framed print that beautifully illustrates the Angel of God's protection over our deployed Soldiers. The print is now hanging in the ACC Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., and LTC Ponton hopes the portrait will remind members of the command to "continually remember and pray for those who are deployed."

Mrs. Ponton added to the presentation by placing a silk yellow rose that was used in the couple's 2005 wedding at the base of the nicely framed picture to represent the support that all Soldiers and family members have within the command. "Our deployed Soldiers are always in our thoughts and prayers until they return safely. In the selection of the Yellow Rose for our wedding, we found that it signifies Friendship, Joy and Freedom and that makes it a perfect addition to the framed picture," Mrs. Ponton said.

The portrait, entitled "Not Alone," was painted by Florida artist Danny Hahlbohm and shows a Soldier kneeling down, with an image of an Angel of God looking down upon the Soldier, offering support. Mr. Hahlbohm, a former member of the U.S. Armed Forces, has been creating inspirational artwork for more than three decades. His artwork is full of iconic religious images and messages. Upon hearing of the presentation, he felt honored that his artwork was being displayed at the Army Corrections Command.





USACF-E



A Word from the USACF-E SGM

SGM Borlin

Another ACC NCO/Soldier of the Year Competition has come and gone. I congratulate all the participants in this year's event. The NCOs and Soldiers gave an impressive effort in all events, to include CSM Plemmons' "Mystery Event". I don't know why it is called a "Mystery Event"; there is no "Mystery" about it. All you need to know is that muscle and, cardio-respiratory failure are bound to happen, and you will sweat enough to fill a couple five gallon buckets. But all in all, the competitors did a great job. I would like to personally give my recognition to SGT Nichol Jenkins, 9th Military Police Detachment and PFC Eric A. Bugarin, 595th Military Police Company on their selection as the ACC NCO and Soldier of the Year. I wish them the best of luck in the upcoming NCO/ Soldier of the Year competition for the Military District of Washington.



Our facility conducted a planned EAP exercise on 13 January 2010. The scenario of the exercise was a mass evacuation of the facility due to a catastrophic fire within the facility. The objectives of the exercise were to demonstrate that the facility had the capability to create a temporary holding area for the prisoner population in the event the facility was no longer inhabitable. The EAP was broken down into three phases. Phase I was the planning. Phase II was the execution of the EAP from the moment the fire alarm was activated to the time the prisoners were transported to the temporary holding area. Phase III was executed from the time of arrival at the temporary holding area until ENDEX. This was a great exercise for all Soldiers assigned to the 9th MP Detachment. Many related that this was the first time they had experienced anything of this magnitude and it gave the Soldiers confidence that when asked, they can perform with high standards within the execution. AFN was there filming some the exercise and you can view the film with the below link. I would like to express my thanks for the great support from our Garrison Command Team, LTC Griffin and CSM Delgado. The Garrison provided the Coleman Gym as our temporary holding area. As well, the Coleman Gym employees were valuable assets as we surveyed and conducted walk through inspections of the gym for the planning. Additionally, the PMO was also brought into the planning phase to assist with the security needs around our facility as well as the gym. Finally, the 95th Military Police Battalion was exceptional in providing resources, especially 30 roll players.

<http://www.afneurope.net/Home/ArticleDisplayDD/tabid/649/Default.aspx?aid=11409>

BG(P) Brown COS, USAREUR, visited our facility. He was greeted by the MAJ Goyette and introduced to all primary staff personnel. He received an overview brief of the facility by MAJ Goyette and the way ahead with the new facility, TDA conversion and alignment under the ACC. BG(P) Brown received a tour of the facility and was impressed by the operations. During the tour, he awarded several coins of excellence for service to some of our Soldiers and Civilians for their outstanding contributions to the facility.

Recently, our Accounts Maintenance Clerk, Ms. Christel Eckert was recognized by USAREUR for 30 years of dedicated service to the US Army in Europe by BG(P) Brown. She has been, and still is, a wonderful asset to the USAREUR team and the mission here at the facility. I would like to personally thank Ms. Eckert for her dedicated service to our Army and look forward to her continued service.

The USACF-E recently welcomed MSG Hussung and SFC(P) Grays. MSG Hussung will be working as the interim Facility SGM in my absence until the incoming Sergeant Major arrives sometime late summer. SFC (P) Grays will be assuming the Chief of PSB as SFC Smith (Brian K.) transfers out to Cuba.

Coming up, we will also say farewell to SFC Randy (aka "Eye Candy") Sprecher as he and his family transition into retirement. He served as a Platoon Sergeant, Employment NCOIC and Chief CSB while assigned at the USACF-E. His efforts to our organization will be missed and we wish him and his family the best in their new travels.

It has finally come. The last word from the USACF-E SGM. I will PCS in May back to the great northwest and the home of the Seahawks. I would like to thank all the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Civilians of the United States Corrections Facility – Europe. It has been a great honor serving with the high caliber of "Correctional Warriors" within the organization.

"Thanks for all you do for our Nation and our Army... Army Strong" SMA Preston
"Justice with Integrity"



Left: Count Procedures during an EAP set up in Coleman Gym

Right: Group photo of all Soldiers that participated in the EAP...to include the Soldiers that played on the green to brown program





Joint Base Lewis-McChord



Prisoner Incentive Program

SSG Jeremy Romesburg

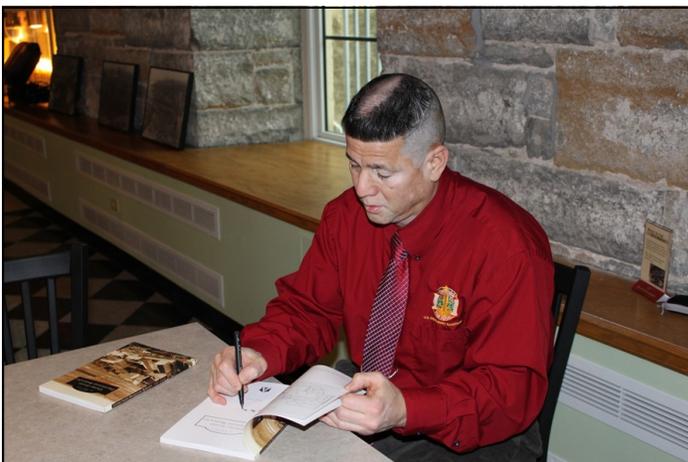
Throughout the years, Army Corrections has been accustomed to associating privileges with custody elevations. Only those who proved themselves and showed that they were “model” prisoners by following the rules and meeting certain criteria were granted custody elevations and with those elevations came additional “perks.” As part of consolidation with the Navy, both services’ policies and procedures have been adapted in some areas. A prime example of this collaboration is the development of the Incentives Program which associates privileges with behavior. Working closely with the Navy in order to develop a clear understanding of what the program consisted of was the difficult part. After several months of training and introduction of the program to staff and prisoners, the Northwestern Joint Regional Correctional Facility implemented the Prisoner Incentive Program on 16 January 2010. The program is a system of amenities that are designed to encourage and reward positive behavior. The incentives are recognized as both group and individual attainment. Awarding of incentives for Prisoners is accomplished on a stringent and selective basis. The ultimate goals of the program are to build self-discipline in the individual, reward positive behavior, and improve the functioning of the facility by providing an environment that is safe and secure which will undoubtedly help set the conditions for a successful return to duty or reintegration into society. The Grades Program is a component of the Incentive Program and is used to grade the prisoners in a fair and impartial process. Grading prisoners is designed not only to promote a positive program but also to assist prisoners in achieving higher incentive levels. Grading consists of 12 different categories of behavior, all of which are designed to convert negative behavior while simultaneously promoting growth and development in the prisoner. The Prisoner Incentive Program allows those who “do the right thing” and have shown that they are making a change for the better to move up and receive additional privileges. In essence, the Prisoner Incentive Program mirrors life beyond confinement as it challenges the prisoners to strive for standards of excellence.



Fort Leavenworth



Book Signing at 12th Brick Grill



Peter Grande, USDB Chief of Staff, signs copies of his book, United States Disciplinary Barracks, at the new 12th Brick Grill on Fort Leavenworth. He also donated a signed copy of the book to ACC Headquarters with the following inscription: "For the Army Corrections Command. Enjoy this book on the dedicated and professional Soldiers and Civilians who have made the USDB the 'Center of Correctional Excellence.' From an old 95C, Chief. P.J. Grande, MP, LTC-Retired."



Fort Leavenworth



BG Murray, Commander 46th MP CMD Michigan Army National Guard visited the USDB on 4 Feb 2010 . "Thank you for your hospitality. An exceptional tour and facility. Great Leadership is evident."



Officers of the Army Corrections Brigade conducted a walkthrough of the Military Corrections Complex construction as part of Officer Professional Development on 10 Mar 2010.



Members of Leavenworth High School's P.O.C.(People of Color) step team receive certificates for their performance at the Black History Month luncheon from COL Gray, Commandant USDB, and CSM Godwin, Army Corrections Brigade CSM, Feb 19 at the Heritage Center in Leavenworth which was sponsored by the United States Disciplinary Barracks.



On 6 February 2010, COL Randy Twitchell, Director of the Baghdad Police College, escorted MG Dr Jaim Hassan Attia, Chief of Training and Qualification Institute, Baghdad Police College; MG Ezat Nuail Aziz, Director General for Delegations Institute Baghdad Police College.; MG Riyadh Abdulbaqi Salman, Dean, Baghdad Police College; COL Sabah Hoshi Mohammed, Director, Police Qualifications Center Baghdad Police College; and Wafaa Hameed Abdulrazzaq - Language Assistant to the USDB for a command brief and tour.



Fort Leavenworth



2010 All Army Small Arms Championship

The six member team that represented the 40th MP BN at this year's All Army Championships held from 20-27 February at Fort Benning, GA had an amazing trip. This year's event was the largest in ten years and included 313 competitors representing units from around the country, representing Active, National Guard and Reserve components. The six firing members that represented the unit were SFC Charles Hodson, SFC Warren Reeves, ILT Anthony George, SGT Nickgene Rios, SPC Amos Boodram and SPC Alex Hunt.

All Army is hosted by the Army Marksmanship Unit and is a eight day training event. It is intended to teach advanced marksmanship skills using an M9 pistol, M16 rifle and the M24 sniper rifle. The competitors are given a 4 hour classroom block of instruction in each category/weapon system given by the best shooters in the country. The vehicle used for this training event is that it's built into a competition. We shot six pistol matches over two days, five rifle matches over two days, 800 yard and 900 yard matches on one day, and 3 stages of combined arms matches over three days. The intent is for skills to

be taught by the best but also to share knowledge with other shooters on your left and right and eventually take that knowledge back to your units. Rifle matches are all combat related running up to the firing line, getting down and under a time limit engaging your target at 100 to 500 yards with iron sights. Pistol matches are much the same, all from out of the holster, very limited time, having to reload, and engaging targets from 10-35 yards. The combined Arms portion is action style shooting done in three separate stages, one pistol only, one rifle only and one that combines pistol and rifle. On all stages the shooter cannot see the course that's built in a three burmed "bay", he or she is told the number of targets and how many rounds must be shot into each, once the horn sounds the shooter must enter the bay and engage all targets in the shortest amount of time possible. The Long Range matches are 15 shots for record with ample time (25 minutes) with the intent of precision accuracy at 800 and 900 yards, typically they fire 1,000 yards also but due to the number of competitors this year the match director had to cut short and not fire 1,000 yards.

Of note is that other than SFC Hodson none of the other five members have ever shot competitively before.

Pistol Phase - During the course of the pistol matches SFC Hodson won Match 2(target transitions). Of the two pistol TEAM matches we placed 24th and 18th out of 44 teams. In the individual aggregate (combining all pistol matches) SFC Hodson took 2nd place, ILT George placed 73rd, SFC Reeves placed 80th and that's out of 307 shooters during pistol. In the aggregate TEAM we placed 34th out of 47 teams but will say that's not bad at all considering the lack of train up and lack of experience.

Rifle Phase - ILT George placed 46th on the Audie Murphy match which consisted of a 2 mile run up to the firing line, and was out of 242 competitors. In the Overall rifle championship SFC Hodson placed 102nd and ILT George placed 105th out of 284. As a team we placed 35th out of 47 teams and again we were happy considering we showed up with un-zeroed rifles.

Long Range (800/900 yards) - During the long range matches SFC Hodson placed 4th on the 800 yard match and won the 900 yard match combining to win the overall long range champion. SFC Reeves placed 16th out of 122 competitors.

Combined Arms (action course transitioning between M9 and M16) - SFC Hodson took 4th and SPC Boodram took 31st and ILT George placed 34th. As a team we placed 22nd out of 47 teams.

Overall (aggregate of all matches from the week combined) - At the end of the week for match 60 (overall small arms champion) out of 313 competitors the outcome was; SFC Hodson-8th, ILT George-70th, SFC Reeves-116th, SPC Hunt-211th, SPC Boodram-217th, SGT Rios-235th- missed one complete match due to illness.

After a full week of shooting we left Fort Benning with more advanced marksmanship knowledge than can be described. Though the rankings might not appear so, the members of the team represented the 40th MP BN well and were at all times true professionals. I believe in future with a little more training and possibly Battalion try-outs we can bring home some team awards for the unit. I can't thank the command enough for supporting us and sending us to this outstanding training event, the first step to All Army is getting chain of commands to support it and the command provided us with all the tools and assets to succeed, we thank you very much! VANGUARDS!!





Fort Sill



Bomb Threat, Emergency Action Plan

Ms. Labrador

Recently the Fort Sill Regional Correctional Facility (RCF) executed a bomb threat emergency action plan (EAP). Keeping in mind the ACC Commander’s guidance to get the most out of every training event, MSG Stallings, the CSB, incorporated the Fort Sill Installation Operations Center (IOC), Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), Fort Sill K-9 unit and the 761st EOD into the exercise. When the exercise was initiated, facility personnel evacuated the building within the prescribed timelines. Appropriate security measures were in place to account for and maintain custody of the prisoner population. Notifications were made and the appropriate agencies responded ready for training. The training exercise called for a disgruntled family member leaving a package in the administrative area after confronting the command leadership about an issue with their confined spouse. An anonymous telephone call fifteen minutes later provided the catalyst to commence the exercise. Trained observer controllers were provided by the 40th Military Police Detachment to assess the actions of key leaders and the overall execution of the exercise. Aside from the Fort Sill RCF executing one of their EAPs, the Fort Sill K-9 team led by SSG Ogle was able to certify one of their dogs, Laika, in acquiring an explosive device. Additionally, the 761st EOD was able to acquire certification for CPT Clinton Shelby as a certified EOD Team Leader.

As the exercise developed the K-9 unit searched the facility and identified the suspect package. The EOD team then employed their remotely controlled TALON ROBOT system to observe and photograph the package. EOD then employed their portable-remote x-ray system to obtain a clear and concise picture of what they were dealing with. After several attempts to obtain a clear x-ray to understand what type of device they were dealing with, EOD then determined to remove the package utilizing their remote controlled TALON ROBOT system. The package was then safely retrieved and placed in a secure area in accordance with EOD practices. The overall exercise was a resounding success. Not only did the Fort Sill RCF get evaluated on our execution of an emergency action plan, the K-9 section and the 761st EOD acquired real world certification for their organizational assets. The Soldiers on duty really enjoyed the training they were doing. The Soldiers liked the fact that other agencies were involved and it gave them satisfaction knowing how well various agencies worked together towards a common goal.

January Ice Storm



Outstanding Soldiers / Employees



MAJ Turner and MSG Gagne pose for a picture with newly promoted Soldiers, SPC Ware and SPC Creech.



MAJ Turner promotes SPC Ortiz to the rank of Sergeant.



BG(P) Brown presents Ms. Eckert her 30 year service certificate and pin.



BG(P) Brown presents Mr. Born a coin of Excellence for his service to the USACF-E.



Mr. Green and Mr. Hilton, Coleman Gym, recognized by the USACF-E Cmd Team and the Mannheim Garrison Cmd Team for their contribution to the USACF-E Mass Evac EAP.



Congratulations to all NCOs and Soldiers who competed in the Army Corrections Command NCO / Soldier of the Year Competition.

The Vanguard

Army Corrections Command Lineage and Honors



Distinguished Unit Insignia

Description: A gold color metal and enamel device 1 5/32 inches (2.94 cm) in width overall consisting of a green disc charged with a gold hexagon bearing a black double-warded key, ward up, surmounted by a black scale of justice. Attached to the sides and above a black scroll inscribed “**VANGUARDS OF JUSTICE**” in gold.

Symbolism: The hexagon indicates the six correctional facilities ACC will control—Fort Leavenworth, Fort Lewis, Fort Sill, Fort Knox, Korea, and Germany. The double-warded key suggests the operational and administrative control over the six correctional facilities. The scale of justice represents the goal of the Command to enforce the law.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 28 September 2007.



Shoulder Sleeve Insignia

Description: On a green circular embroidered item, charged with a yellow hexagon bearing three horizontal bars throughout, surmounted by three vertical green demi-spears points down, charged in the middle with a five-pointed star; all within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) yellow border. Overall dimension is 3 inches (7.62 cm) in diameter.

Symbolism: The hexagon indicates the six Correctional Facilities ACC will control—Fort Leavenworth, Fort Lewis, Fort Sill, Fort Knox, Korea, and Germany. The bars allude to setting the bar of conscience against anger; the demi-spears denote readiness and alertness. The bars and demi-spears illustrate a portcullis, signifying protection. The star symbolizes Army Corrections Command’s authority and control to rehabilitate military offenders in support of the Army and other military departments.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved on 28 September 2007.