

4/399th supports challenge

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Fort Knox, KY – On Oct. 25, Brig. Gen. Gregory Hunt was on hand to meet with and observe members of the 4/399th Battalion, 8th Brigade, as they provided support for the 7th ROTC Brigade’s annual Ranger Challenge competition.

Lt. Col. Dwayne Edwards, commander 4-399th Battalion, said, “We are continuing to strengthen our partnership with ROTC through events like Ranger Challenge. It’s mutually beneficial for us and ROTC”.

Twenty-seven teams from 18 universities participated in the event that kicked off on Oct. 24 with 4-399th Battalion providing more than 80 soldiers who constructed training sites, evaluated and supported the competition.

Events that 4/399th Battalion supported included the APFT, orienteering, rifle marksmanship, one rope bridge, weapons assembly and disassembly, patrolling, and hand grenade assault course.

The battalion began the weekend with its own internal APFT and then executed a full day of ROTC preparation and training.

The Cadets arrived at the APFT event at 5 a.m. to find 100th Division soldiers bright-eyed and ready to go. Following the APFT, the 270 Cadets rotated through the remaining seven-events of the competition.

Col. Wayne Garcia, commander



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BG Hunt (center) visits with members of the 4-399th Ranger Challenge '03.

7th Brigade ROTC told Hunt that 100th Division soldiers were a valuable asset to the ROTC program and that events such as Ranger Challenge were successful because of the participation of 100th Division and the

soldiers of 4-399th”.

The general observed and spoke to battalion soldiers at each event to get their input on the job they were doing and to thank them for their time and dedication to the mission.



Sgt. 1st Class Phillip Bowling, right, grades a cadet during the hand grenade assault course event.