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MP Battalion Completes its Mission



"We're proud of the fact that we were called upon in November to support this mission. The world was looking at us ..."

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Before There's a Warfighter, There's a Trainer



By Maj. Gen. Douglas O. Dollar

After visiting with many of you this summer, I am reminded of the many contributions the soldiers of the 80th Division make to the U.S. Army and our nation during annual training.

Soldiers of our division train other soldiers new skills. Our students include other reservists, National Guardsmen, and active component soldiers, reinforcing the concept of an "Army of One." We also train service members from other branches of the armed forces, narrowing the gap between them. Training ranges from initial-entry training (IET) to advanced officer training such as Command and General Staff College (CGSC).

The 80th Division band supports Fort Jackson during its annual training with a band displacement mission. The band performed at many functions this summer, but whether the audiences were military, civilian, or a mixture, they all appreciated the soldiers' fine performances.

First and second brigades spent their annual training performing an echo company mission at Fort Jackson. They were responsible for the difficult task of transforming young civilian men and women to become combat-ready soldiers ready to attend their MOS training, or in the case of split-option soldiers, to return to their reserve or National Guard units until they attend Advanced Individualized Training (AIT) next summer.

Personnel from third brigade had varied missions. The 1/80th instructed engineering students at Kingwood and Camp Dawson, West Virginia. The 2/80th military police (MP) had planned to teach its normal MP mission, but instead set up at Fort Dix to instruct soldiers reclassifying to the 95B MOS soldiers in a series of special "2x2" classes over a six-month period. Its students included soldiers from all Army components as well as the Marines. The 3/80th trained students in signal corps specialties in four different states. Students received training in chemical skills from the 4/80th.

Fourth brigade members likewise taught a wide

variety of skills. 5/80th provided ordnance training at Aberdeen Proving Ground and two locations in Pennsylvania. Personnel from 6/80th taught personnel services students at Fort Indiantown Gap, Fort Lee, and Fort A.P. Hill. Students instructed by 7/80th gained transportation knowledge at Forts Eustis and A.P. Hill. Virginia and West Virginia provided the locations for quartermaster and petroleum specialist courses taught by 8/80th.

Most students of fifth brigade learned skills related to the new 91W MOS at locations from Virginia to New Jersey, but some studied 91B and 91C at the University of Delaware.

Sixth brigade's mission was much different from most of the others, but no less important. 10/80th and 11/80th taught CGSC and CAS3, respectively, to advance the education and capabilities of officers. The drill sergeant school molded NCOs into new drill sergeants, the lifeblood of the Army. The brigade's NCOES instructors supported various NCO academies.

Soldiers from seventh brigade also had varied missions. Three increments from the 1/319th Reception Battalion took civilians straight off the bus from the military entrance processing station. In just three to four days their charges made the transformation from civilian to soldier, ready for basic training. 2/319th Training Support Battalion taught basic rifle marksmanship to Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at Fort Lewis, Washington. Both elements of the 3/319th provided support to other units within the Division for their annual training mission.

Finally, soldiers from Division Headquarters and the headquarters of each brigade supported all of these missions, either by filling in vacant slots in individual units, providing support on the ground, or providing support from the rear.

Time does not permit me to visit all units during AT each year, but I am visiting as many units as possible. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know many 80th Division soldiers, and look forward to speaking with many others in the future.



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Cover photo: A military police student climbs to the second story of a building during the urban assault training course at Fort Dix.

Lead the Way

Taking Care of Our Own



By Command Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Phoenix

If the Army wanted you to have a family, it would have issued you one.

That old saying is as out of date as “Smoke ’em if you got ’em,” for just as the Army now encourages soldiers to stay smoke-free, it recognizes Army families as part of the soldier.

As NCOs, we should encourage family support, particularly for our younger soldiers. New military spouses are often frustrated and confused about the military, and may not know the support and benefits available to military family members.

With so many reservists being mobilized, family members need to know what is available to help them.

Knowledge will be a family’s greatest strength during a mobilization: knowledge of the family finances, knowledge about Army benefits, knowledge that a strong family support group is available.

We’ve all heard the story about the wife of a deployed reservist who came down to the Reserve Center to pay her husband’s “club dues.”

Because her husband enjoyed being part of the “club” so much, she did not want him to lose his membership while he was deployed.

That story usually brings a chuckle, but it is really very sad and frightening.

Please, don’t keep your family in the dark about the Army. Your spouse needs to know what you do when you go to drill.

He or she needs to know which

bank you have your pay sent to, and needs to have access to that account if you are mobilized.

We have all heard of families in which one spouse was mobilized, and the spouse back at home could not access the money because it was not a joint account.

Make sure your family is enrolled in DEERS and that each member has a dependent ID card.

Have a family support plan in place, and get with JAG to draw up a power of attorney and a will for you. Don’t wait until you get to the mobilization station to do these things.

Encourage your spouse to get involved with your unit’s family support group.

Family support is much more than coffee and bagels for sale during drill weekends.

Make your spouse a partner in your military career.

Finally, as NCOs, make sure that your junior enlisted soldiers do all of these things. They may not realize how important being ready can be.

If your unit does not set aside time to work on family readiness, use sergeant’s time to go over the packets.

The role of the Army family has changed greatly in the last few years.

Help your soldiers help their families so getting involved with family readiness.

Quartermaster Goes to Work

Instructors train soldiers for new job specialties



Above: Sgt. William Love helps his petroleum laboratory students find contaminants in the fuel.



Above: A unit supply specialist instructor helps a student disassemble his machine gun according to the manual.

Story and photos by 2nd Lt. Jessica C. Harris

FORT LEE, VA -- A little sweat...and a lot of hard work is what it took for 8/80th to train soldiers this summer.

The 8/80th quartermaster battalion trained National Guardsmen and Army Reservists throughout the summer at Forts Pickett and Lee in several specialties.

The instructors taught soldiers in two-week increments to become fabric repairers, petroleum lab specialists, unit supply specialists, shower and laundry specialists, and petroleum supply specialists, among others.

For Sgt. 1st Class Tina Brown, unit supply specialist assistant instructor, this summer's annual training was a learning experience.

"I personally think that my drill sergeant training has helped me convey confidence to my students. I'm basically, because it's my first instructing period, an assistant instructor in the classroom. I've learned a lot from other instructors, including professionalism, the standards of the classroom, procedures for test control, how to conduct the class, and how to instill values and discipline in the soldiers," she said.

"This job gives me the opportunity to interact with both lower-enlisted and NCOs. I



At left: Sgt. Thomas Murt learns how to operate the laundry trailer independently.

think I can be helpful to them. Before when I was working with privates (as a drill sergeant), I was always 'over' them, but now, they can have opinions and it's more interactive," Brown said.

Instructors also taught fabric repair. Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly

Wintersteen shared her 7 years of fabric repair experience with her 5 students.

She showed them shortcuts and ways to make their sewing look more professional.

Students learned to sew just about every type of army fabric on three different sewing machines.

While some students learned fabric repair, others learned how to launder the fabric.

Sgt. Thomas Murt of the 656th Area Support Group in Willow Grove, Penn., was impressed with his training. He was adding the shower and laundry specialty for promotion.

"The instruction here was outstanding. We were definitely treated as professionals. It's not hard to be motivated with such outstanding instructors," Murt said.

One such instructor believed in the importance of the MOS he was teaching. Sgt. William Love, petroleum laboratory specialist instructor, taught students to check fuel for contaminants.

"These students will end up working in a mobile lab on the back of a tractor trailer, working closely with rest of field, checking products into storage, checking products as they leave storage, and working closely with aviation units. We check the fuel before it gets used," Love said.

"People don't see it, but even gas stations and big oil stations have people doing the same things we do. Without this MOS, you'll have engines stop running because of bad fuel," Love said.

While petroleum laboratory specialists test fuel for the Army, petroleum supply specialists help the fuel get



Above: Pfc. McQueen practices stitching on squares of desert battle dress uniform material as part of the fabric repair course.



At left: Fabric repairers concentrate on attention to detail to get the correct stitching.



Petroleum students get a taste of putting out flames, always a danger in their specialty.

where it needs to go. A lot of their training focused on safety when working with petroleum. The students also practiced hand and arm signals and hooking up loads of fuel with a Chinook helicopter as part of their training.

Their hard work paid off with a ride in the helicopter when their training was done.

*Instructor Spotlight:
Staff Sgt. Angelita Fanas*

At far right: Staff Sgt. Angelita Fanas, a wheeled vehicle mechanic instructor, is adjusting to the reserve after more than 6 years of active duty.

At right: Fanas has creative ways to motivate students who disregard the “no sleeping” sign.



Up and At ‘Em

Story and photos by 2nd Lt. Jessica C. Harris

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD -- The sign posted in class read, “No sleeping.”

But who could take a catnap when a resounding, building-shaking artillery “boom” could be heard several times a day?

One 5/80th instructor did her best to keep her soldiers awake with lessons during annual training at the home of ordnance, Aberdeen Proving Ground, in July.

Staff Sgt. Angelita Fanas, assistant instructor for the wheeled vehicle course, found a clever way to keep her students motivated during her classes. “I don’t let them fall asleep. One student was falling asleep and I had him come to the podium and give a class on how to PMCS his eyelids. He basically explained how to close his eyes, how to make sure they’re closed correctly, and how to make sure you don’t do it in class at all,” Fanas said.

Fanas, who is 26, said she tries to make sure her students feel at ease enough to ask her questions if they don’t understand the material, but she also makes sure they have a high level of discipline during class. “If I’m talking, they’d better not be talking about last weekend on the side,” she said.

This was Fanas’ first annual training with the Army Reserve. She spent more than six years on active duty and is still feeling the transition into the reserve, she said.

She is also seeing a difference in the type of student she sees in class. When reservists come to annual training, they are easier to teach because many are mechanics in their civilian careers, according to Fanas. Many are getting their second MOS having to do with

mechanics, so instructors don’t have to spend as much time on the basics, she said.

Her students will be able to go to a unit and “fix anything in the vehicle – as long as it has wheels, we can fix it, whether it’s electrical, mechanical, or the hydraulics.”

Fanas has grown accustomed to being the only female in a group of people, since she is a vehicle mechanic. “Ever since I joined the military, I’ve been the only female in my shop. I’m used to it, and I don’t really mind,” she said.

“But I look so young, and I’m a female, and I’ve been in the Army for only seven years now, so I have to prove myself,” she added.

“When I was teaching my students this summer, I gave them a particular exercise and only gave them thirty seconds to finish it. They challenged me and said I couldn’t even do it myself. They thought I was telling them to do something that I couldn’t do myself. But I did it for them. And then they owed me some pushups,” she said.

“Instructing is so exciting because you meet different people, and it’s always a challenge dealing with students,” Fanas said. “The lightbulb might have been lit when the students came, but it’s much brighter when they leave.”

Fanas, whose family includes a “huge, fluffy” Chow named Bebe, enjoys painting landscapes and portraits. Her civilian job is repairing copy machines, and she has plans to go to school in January for computer networking.



Fanas gives help to students working on a final assignment.



Above: Fanas (on right), gets festive with her sister and her decked-out dog.

At left: Fanas and her dog Bebe smile for the camera.

Instructor Spotlight: Sgt. 1st Class Duane Shorter



Maj. Gen. Douglas O. Dollar presents Shorter with a new division coin for his excellence and dedication to his work.

Lesson plans, discipline, and skill help predict who might or might not be a good teacher. But, after hours of planning, meetings, coordinating, and studying, one instructor feels that teaching soldiers boils down to ...

Just Caring

Story and photos by 2nd Lt. Jessica C.Harris

His eyes grew wider, and a grin appeared as he looked at the ground. Then, a flash of soldierly bearing came over him as he stood beside the commanding general.

Sgt. 1st Class Duane Shorter just realized that he was being coined by Maj. Gen. Douglas O. Dollar for his teaching excellence.

Shorter, a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic instructor with the 5th Ordnance Bn., was surprised with the coin during his annual training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in July. “The actual recognition was an honor. It does feel good to be recognized for the things you do,” Shorter said.

Just a few minutes later, his students were back under the vehicles, and he was back to helping them complete an exercise.

Shorter, who has been with the 80th for four years, explained that he hopes his ability to care about his soldiers makes him stand out as an instructor.

“For me, teaching is not hard,” Shorter said. “I enjoy it. It just requires a bit of patience and understanding ... just



Two students in Shorter's light-wheeled vehicle mechanic course apply their skills in repairing a humvee.

caring and going that extra mile. The most important thing is being able to say the same thing five different ways,” he said.

“I usually have to think to myself, ‘okay, how do I explain this to someone who doesn’t work with or know this kind of stuff,’” he said.

This year, he spent hours before annual training planning, sitting in meetings, coordinating space and equipment, and studying material to prepare. Shorter said he understands the importance of what his students will be doing when they return to their units. “We are the first people to go to when there are problems (with vehicles). Keeping them rolling – that’s our job.”

His students will be able to do preventative maintenance, minor repairs, and troubleshooting on vehicles less than five tons.

They learned the material in two phases: the individual duty training phase and the annual training phase.

Shorter said that students learned the basics of mechanics and a lot of the “book” learning during the drill weekend phase. When they came to annual training, they were ready to get their hands dirty.

While his students were getting their hands dirty, his family was missing him back home. He has a 16 year-old son and a 10 year-old daughter. It’s the

daughter who called him all of the time while he was on annual training, he said.

Balancing family with two careers can bring challenges, and he is no stranger to change.

Shorter, who is 44 years old, explained that he has spent time in the Army on active duty, in the National Guard, and in the reserve. He said that the change has been beneficial for him.

“I’ve gone out on a limb and moved away from my comfort zone, but it’s paid off for me. I really surprised myself and was shocked. But it’s been good,” he said. Some of his assignments have included travel to Germany, Italy, and Panama.

Though Shorter has made his way through the three components of the Army and has made change for himself, he has the advantage of being a mechanic for both his military and civilian careers. That has provided him the opportunity to become expert at what he does.

Although he may know his job very well, he is ready for new adventures on the civilian side, too. “I’ve been a mechanic for 20 years, and I’m taking classes to go into something else. I’m thinking about going into adult education,” he said.

Well, after his many years as an instructor in the Army, adult education may just be something he knows a little about.

Good Ideas Bring Big Money

By 2nd Lt. Jessica C. Harris

We’ve all had times in the Army when we’ve thought, “Who thought of this bright idea?” And, we usually spend a little bit of time griping and whining about how things should be changed. Be part of the solution!

The Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP) is an incentive program that encourages soldiers to submit ideas that, if adopted, will increase Army efficiency and reduce costs.

Cash awards for money-saving ideas can reach as high as \$25,000.

Sgt. 1st Class Vince Marroquin, an Ordnance branch force integrator at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, was presented with a \$5,000 check signed by Uncle Sam in July.

He designed software that merges Army requirements with assignment preferences of soldiers.

Soldiers can submit big or small ideas using DA

form 1045.

Participants receive differing amounts of money based on several factors including: whether the benefit to the government is tangible or intangible, the value of the benefit, and how far-reaching the idea is (applicable to the unit, several units, the region, or the Army).

One physician’s assistant suggested that a disposable container be added to the aidbag for needles and syringes. The person was awarded \$1800.

An optical instrument repairer suggested that inoperable switches be replaced on his machine rather than the entire assembly. The first-year benefits to the government were \$5.3 million. The suggestor won \$10,000.

A conventional ammunition specialist won \$9,749 for suggesting an improved training aid for hazardous unexploded ordnance.

For more information on AIEP, visit: <http://www.hqda.army.mil/leadingchange/AIEP/AIEP.htm>. (some information by Army News Service)

MP Battalion Deploys

Instructors Help Train New Military Police

Story and photos by
Maj. Patricia C. Anderson

FORT DIX, NJ — The 2/80th was deployed to Fort Dix, N.J., to train new military police (MP) soldiers in January 2002.

All of their students had prior military service and were taking the course for military occupational specialty (MOS) reclassification.

One student this spring was Spc. Inge C. Lindholm, 178th MP Co., of the Georgia National Guard.

“This is a lot of fun,” she said during training on the urban terrain course. After serving two years as a finance specialist, she decided she was ready for a change, and she knew she wanted to become an MP.

“This is the closest MOS to infantry that a female can have,” Lindholm explained. “The tactics we learn here are amazing.”

Her company back home in Georgia was deployed to Fort Benning with orders to go to Guantanamo Bay June 13. But Lindholm was not worried.

“I feel very confident going to Guantanamo Bay even as a young soldier, knowing how well I’ve been trained here. I think the course is great. We have great training NCOs.”

Students included Army Reservists, National Guardsmen, Marines, and active duty soldiers;



One MP student climbs the rope to the second story of a building during the urban assault training course.

soldiers of all ranks; males and females. They were all treated equally, and all trained to the same tough standard.

Maj. Sylvester Colvin, executive officer for 2/80th, explained that his unit had been mobilized to Fort Dix for this mission since January 4.

As a result of the tragedy of September 11, the Army has a greater need for military police, and last fall his battalion was tapped to produce some of those new MPs.

The MOS reclassification course is normally taught over the course of seven months of drill and one two-week annual training period.

At Fort Dix, the training was condensed into two phases of two weeks each, hence the term “two-by-two mission.”

In the first phase, students learned basic MP skills. They moved into tactical operations in phase two, always emphasizing the military police team. Graduates earned the 95B MOS.

Each class could train up to 50 soldiers. When one class finished, the next one started right behind it, although the cadre tried to squeeze a few days in between classes whenever possible.

The 2/80th, part of third brigade, normally drills in Owings Mills, Md.

“We’re proud of the fact that we were called upon in November to support this mission,” Colvin said. “The world was looking at us. It was the first time the Army Reserve had taught the new points of instruction. Now, the move is for other units to do a similar train-up and

then the two-by-two mission. The MP school is very satisfied.”

“The course is outstanding,” raved Master Sgt. David L. Maffett of the 367th MP Group in Ashley, Penn.

He needed to become an MP because his unit changed missions, and his slot required an MP-qualified soldier. “The instructors are very knowledgeable, cooperative, and they keep us motivated.”

One of those instructors was Sgt. 1st Class Rachelle L. Sweet, who joined the unit after leaving active duty four years ago. “The instructor group has a lot of camaraderie,” he said. “If one goes down, another one will jump in. We have a lot of different skill levels and experience, so we complement each other.”

“Since September 11, a lot of these soldiers have a real-world mission. We are confident that when students

leave here, they can help out, and their units can build on the base we provide,” Sweet said.

“I think the instructors here really know what they’re doing. They really care about us and want to see us graduate,” said Cpl. Leslie Puckett Applegate of the 400th MP Bn. at Fort Meade, Md. She was a cook until she decided to become an MP because “it looked cool.”

“The whole thing is the mission,” declared Sgt. 1st Class Richard S. Hall Jr., another instructor. “This instructor group is family.”

He would know; Hall has been with the 2/80th since its formation back in 1992.

As the instructors worked with students on the urban terrain course, Colvin summed it up when he explained, “The soldiers that are here now want to be here.”

[Editor’s Note: The 2/80th redeployed to Owings Mills in mid-June after successful completion of its mission.]



Cpl. Leslie Puckett gets a boost from her team members as they work their way through an obstacle course.

Army Pays for Spouse’s College Education

By Tanya S. Biank

Military spouses can now register for free college courses through an online university scholarship program.

The American Military University’s Spouse Schoolmates Scholarship Program is providing 2,500 scholarships worth \$3.7 million to military spouses for undergraduate education in 2002.

“We hope it will be popular,” said Del Bender, an Army retiree and the AMU field representative at Fort Bragg. “It’s a one-of-a-kind program. It is the only program we know of in the nation that is specifically geared for military spouses.”

The scholarship program allows spouses of service members who are taking AMU courses to enroll for free.

“They don’t even have to pay for books,” said

Terry Grant, the program’s director. “And that’s unheard of.”

The spouse can register for the same number of courses as the service member and can take any course offered by AMU, Grant said.

Spouses of active-duty, Reserve and National Guard service members are eligible. The scholarship covers \$750 per course. Students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

Students will need computers. Students attend an “electronic” classroom and can e-mail their instructors, chat online with other students, and download research materials and assignments.

For information or to register for the Spouse Schoolmates Scholarship, call (877) 468-6268 or log on to <http://www.apus.edu/apus/Spouses/>

Family Readiness: Bridging the Gap Between Units and Families

By Donna Mattson

Twenty-nine soldiers and family members spent the weekend together at the Fundamental Course at the Family Training Academy in Virginia Beach Aug. 9-11.

The two-day event was a rewarding experience in which family readiness ideas were exchanged and friends were made.

Maj. Gen. Douglas O. Dollar and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Phoenix visited the event. Mrs. Helmely, wife of Lt. Gen. Helmely, Chief, Army Reserve, and Mrs. Lackey, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Lackey, Command Sergeant Major, Army Reserve, also attended.

The 80th Division Family Readiness Program is off to a new start with a full-time coordinator, Donna Mattson, who came on board in May.

The focus of the program is to develop self-reliant soldiers and families in the event of mobilization. The goal is to have an organized Family Readiness Group in each unit.

Top priorities of each unit include: completed and approved family care plans and updated identification cards and DEERS enrollment.

The time to take care of these essential items is now, while we have time at home station. Once alerted, the soldier moves within a few days to a mobilization station, and important family tasks may be overlooked. This leaves the family in turmoil.

If the family is upset, then the soldier cannot focus on his mission.

The family readiness group at the unit level coordinates between families and the unit.

Family day is a wonderful time to get to know one another and to show family members, especially children, what the parent does at drill.

Ideas for activities are limitless. Have the fire and police departments come to do child safety activities.

Does your unit have trucks, humvees, or tanks? Give rides to the kids, they'll love it!

Face painting, balloon animals, parachute games, and inter-platoon competitions are always popular.

Coordinate early in the year for a holiday crafts bazaar. A dunking booth is always a highlight, especially when the commander is sitting in the bullseye!

Include a mobilization briefing from the commander. Where is the unit mobilization station? What is the unit mission in a time of war?



Photo by Maj. Patricia C. Anderson

Cpt. Lionel Walton sings and plays tambourine while Col. Thomas Current backs him up on the guitar at Hq. Co.'s Family Day in September.

Coordinate a portable identification card unit. Provide information for families to discuss location of important documents like account numbers to credit cards and bank accounts. Try to coordinate for the JAG representative to come speak about wills.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, get with your unit or give the family readiness coordinator a call. Get involved with your unit.

Set up a phone tree, work on the newsletter, or organize a bake sale.

Want to do more? Try the New Instructors Course (for those interested in teaching at family training academies) in Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 15-17; or the Master Trainer Course (for those with previous teaching experience) in Savannah, Ga., Nov. 20-21.

The Senior Spouse Leadership Course for spouses of master sergeants and sergeants major will be held at Fort Bliss, Texas, Nov. 20-21.

The lieutenant colonel and colonel Senior Spouse Leadership Course will be held March 4-6 in Carlisle, Penn.

There will also be a combined Fundamental and Developmental Family Training Academy, a complete how-to for family readiness, in June.

Family Readiness' next big project is to organize a Division executive council for the Family Program Advisory Council, which is currently held by the 99th Regional Support Command.

Get involved with your unit. You might have fun!

To contact the Family Readiness Program Coordinator, e-mail: Donna.mattson@usarc-emh2.army.mil.

80th Infantry Division Veterans Celebrate 83rd Reunion

Dollar Appoints Honorary Colonels

Story and photo by Maj. Grant Porter

The 80th Division turned 83 years old in 2002, and men of the 80th celebrated with each other to commemorate their wartime experiences.

Soldiers have annually come together since the 80th's inception in 1917.

This year, Commanding General Maj. Gen. Douglas O. Dollar, Maj. Grant Porter, Cpt. Melissa Tune, and Color Guard members of the 1-319th Regt. joined the WWII veterans in Melbourne, Florida for their 83rd Annual Convention and Reunion.

Porter and Tune prepared and presented a video history of the 80th, which was highly praised by the combat veterans. Dollar and Porter were elected as "Honorary Members" of the association, the first ever to be allowed into the organization.

Likewise, Dollar appointed several individuals as honorary colonels of the 80th.

As honorary colonels, these men may appear as guest speakers at future 80th events. Mr. Eric Reilinger, the national commander for the 80th Infantry Division, was the guest speaker at the New Leaders Orientation Course Aug. 7.

The Honorary Colonel Program began in January 2002 when Dollar appointed the 80th Division's only surviving Medal of Honor winner, Master Sgt. Paul J. Wiedorfer of Baltimore, Md., with the first such commission.



Dollar listens to 80th veterans share wartime experiences.

Honorary Colonels of the 80th:

Clarence H. Brockman, 317th Regt.
Gerald V. Myers, 317th Regt.
Eric Reilinger, 317th Regt. Angelo Barone, 317th Regt.
Henry (Hank) C. Einolf, 319th Regt.
Robert Smith, 317th Regt.
Bob Burrows, 317th Regt.
Caleb Hurst, 80th Quartermaster Co.
Robert Wilkinson, 318th Regt.
George West, 318th Regt.
Robert McDonald, 319th Regt.
Albert Cresson, 315th Field Artillery Bn.
Russell Sick, 305th Engineer Bn.
Walton W. Spangler, 319th Regt.



Photo by Lt. Col. James Higginbotham

Drill Sergeants Represent 80th in 9/11 Services



Photo by Lt. Col. James Higginbotham

By Cpt. Steven E. Wasko

Members of the 2/317th participated in several activities in Lynchburg, Va., to honor the memory of those lost during the events of September 11, 2001.

The drill sergeant unit is headquartered in Lynchburg.

The unit participated in a memorial service held at Sam's Club in Lynchburg. Delegates Preston Bryant and Kathy Byron were the keynote speakers.

They recognized local civic leaders, law enforcement and fire personnel.

The following soldiers provided the color guard for the ceremony: 1st Sgt. Naman Bradley, Sgt. 1st Class William Wells, Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Hudson, Sgt. 1st Class Darryl Foreman and Sgt. Rodney Obaigbena.

Unit members also represented the Army in the "Celebrate America" memorial service at the Merritt Hutchinson Stadium in Lynchburg.

Bradley, Hudson, Foreman, Obaigbena, 1st Sgt. Milton Hagans, Sgt. 1st Class Denise Alexander, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Kelso, Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Faulkner, Staff Sgt. Melissa Smith, and Sgt. Henry Howard rendered a twenty-one gun salute as a solemn farewell to

those lost in the attacks.

Bradley laid a wreath honoring the military before a crowd of eight thousand five hundred people.

The crowd sang patriotic songs, and the Declaration of Independence was read.

Guest speaker was The Honorable Jerry Kilgore, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Virginia State Senator Steve Newman also attended.

County and city officials from Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, Bedford, Lynchburg, Appomattox and Altavista, Va. also attended.

Hudson, Wells, Obaigbena, and Sgt. Jason Spoon also drove to Raleigh Court Elementary School in Roanoke, Va., to represent 2nd Bde. in a presentation of the colors for their September 11th ceremony.

The Lynchburg Battalion needs young soldiers that want to wear the "brown hat" as an Army drill sergeant.

The unit also needs drills sergeants in the Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Roanoke areas. Interested soldiers should contact Londeree at 434-239-4859 or 800-209-5395.

New Leaders Orientation Course Kicks Off

By Maj. Grant Porter

80th Division Hq. Co. initiated a new program Sept. 6-8 known as the New Leaders Orientation Course (NLOC).

The course, taught at Fort Lee, was designed to provide new leaders with the information they would need to successfully lead or command their units.

Course curriculum focused on Readiness, Leadership, Retention and Family Readiness during Day One. Day Two instruction was divided into Initial Entry Training and Total Army School System classes.

Instruction was led by unit instructors focusing on drill sergeant and instructor readiness systems.

Attendees included brigade and battalion commanders, command sergeants major, senior staff and unit administrators.

This pilot course is expected to evolve to better suit the needs of the program and is intended to be offered

following command selection boards.

The Division was honored to have one of the Division's war heroes and recently appointed Honorary Colonel, Mr. Eric Reilinger, as its guest speaker.

Reilinger served with the 317th Regt. during WWII and delivered a fascinating story about the Division's liberation of the town of Argentan, France from the Germans in 1945.

He also spoke of his experience of single-handedly negotiating the surrender of a German Stalag, while a prisoner of war in Strasbourg, France.

Today, Reilinger is the National Commander of the 80th Infantry Division Veterans Association.

Former 80th Division Commander, retired Maj. Gen. James G. Browder was also a featured speaker at the dinner. As president of the new 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association, Browder spoke to provide details of the new association and their groundbreaking first reunion and convention.

Sergeant Major of the Army hosts Retirement Ceremony

By Richard P. Williams

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley hosted a Retirement Ceremony for Sergeant Major Lionel H. Parker.

Parker is a former 4th Bde. command sergeant major and Drill Sergeant School Commandant for the 80th Division.

Parker's last assignment was Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director of Training at the Pentagon. Prior to this active duty tour, Parker served a joint assignment in the Special Operations Command Central (SOCCEN) at MacDill Air Force Base, FL.

Parker received the Legion of Merit and the Joint Service Achievement medals during his retirement ceremony.

Parker was sitting at his desk in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. It is a day he says he will never forget.

"The Army trained me to act quickly and move smartly. With 30 years of experience as a soldier, focusing on my job was not a problem for me on that day. I have always been aware of my surroundings, but



Tilley congratulates Parker on his retirement after a successful career.

the events of 9/11 have made me even more cautious," he said.

"Family and friends have become more important. I try to spend more time with them. It has been extremely difficult for me to move away from the sights and sounds of that morning," he continued.

"Throughout the Pentagon there are pictures and biographies of the people who died on September 11. All of us will never forget that something very serious happened to the Pentagon and to America," he said.

Parker emphasized, "It is so important that we get back to doing what we were called to do, it sends the world a signal that this country is still strong."

Need to Know, Nice to Know

Profiles

Civilian physicians do not have the authority to issue military profiles. For profiles, soldiers should schedule an appointment with the nearest active duty medical treatment facility using the Federal Strategic Health Alliance.

Servicemembers need to supply the profiling officer with all medical documentation from their civilian physicians stating problems, medical limitations (what the soldier can and cannot do), treatment required, and estimated length of treatment. The profiling officer can contact the civilian physician to clarify any issues or findings.

Soldiers with debilitating medical conditions will be referred for a physical examination to determine fitness for duty/retention.

Army Computer Game

From home or elsewhere, the average American can now defend the Alaskan Pipeline, experience basic training and be a part of the 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade — with the help of the Army's new computer game, "America's Army."

"America's Army" actually includes two separate games: "Soldiers," a role-playing character-builder based on the Army's values, and "Operations," a first-person shooter game that takes the player on missions to attack enemies.

The students and faculty of the Modeling, Virtual Environment and Simulation Institute in Monterey, Calif., developed the game and worked with leading computer game firms to make the game detailed and realistic.

Lt. Col. Casey Wardynski, director of the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis, proposed the idea for an Army computer game in 1999 with hopes of using it as a education-packed way to reach America's youth, Chambers said.

The idea is to give young men and women a taste of battlefield tactics and soldier professionalism, Chambers said. The game is online, so players can log onto the www.americasarmy.com and use team strategies to achieve their objectives.

"This is very cost-effective in comparison to television, and it is also a more detailed means of showing the American people what we do," Chambers said.

"The 80th Division Marching Song"

It's nice to know some of our military traditions. The marching song was written during World War II.

The Blue Ridge is marching again
On the road to victory;
With the same fighting spirit that it had in '17.
We're the toughest bunch of soldier men
The world has ever seen.
Though the road is hard and long,
We'll always move forward and we're fifteen thousand
strong.
We're the Blue Ridge Division
On the roaring road to victory.

The Blue Ridge is marching again,
Shouting, "Hey, we're on our way!"
They will hear our rolling thunder
'Cross the channel to Calais;
Or they'll feel our steel in Burma,
On the road to Mandalay.
Though the foe is hard and tough,
We'll keep moving forward
Till we make him yell, "Enough."
We're the Blue Ridge 80th Division,
And we're shouting, "Hey, we're on our way!"

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Education

The HIV education package has been updated and reflects the minimum standards of HIV education to be used within the Command. It includes a fact sheet from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The packaged material may be supplemented by other information from community outreach services or health departments. The program should be tailored to best serve individual commands.

Outdated videotapes like "AIDS: A Soldier's Story," "HIV Awareness," or "The Surgeon General Speaks about AIDS," are no longer recommended. For more information, visit: www.apgea.army.mil or CDC's website at <http://www2.cdc.gov>.