



# Med-Alert

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade (HS) Newsletter

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### THE COLONEL'S CORNER

## COMMAND INSPECTION PROGRAM

During the May drill the Brigade underwent a Command Inspection by the 95th Division. The results were very good and are a direct reflection of the hard work done by the Brigade Staff. Out of 15 areas inspected, only 1 was found to be in need of improvements.

Of particular importance to the Command was the sensing session conducted by the team chief with Junior- to Mid-level enlisted soldiers. The results are very good. It appears that most soldiers are happy with the unit and with their jobs. There is a perception that communication does not flow as easily as it should.

I challenge all leaders in our unit with insuring that all soldiers in our chain of command are kept informed on events and schedules. Share information with your subordinates and keep them informed of changes as they occur.

### FROM THE S-1

- If you do not have orders for Annual Training for FY 2001, please see your unit administration as soon as possible to identify the dates and to cut orders.
- This is the birth month for the following personnel:

SFC M. GARZA  
 CPT J. LEHMMAN  
 CSM HABELMAN  
 SPC MEDINA  
 PFC PALMA  
 SPC HERRERA

### HHD

There will a Newcomers briefing on Saturday morning at 10:00 for the following soldiers:

SGT Burns  
 SGT Sledge  
 SPC Rodriguez  
 SPC Medina

### TID BITS

From the Brigade Supervisory Staff Administrator (SSA), Mr. Carofilis:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

- ANNUAL TRAINING - The month of June will be the busiest month of the year for the 5th Brigade; all our subordinate units will be starting, conducting, or ending Annual Training. I'll refer you to the 90-day events calendar so you can see everything that is going on. So far the courses that have been conducted or that are in progress are going very well. The 3457th MTC received an outstanding accreditation review for their 76J course as well as the 10th Bn for their 91B30 Course, San Antonio site. All other courses will be reviewed by the accreditation team. I'll let you know the outcome in the next tidbits.
- NR EMT/B COURSE - On June 2, the first NR EMT/B course taught by the Brigade concluded. The course was a total success and this success was due primarily to the efforts of MSG Breshears, the Course Coordinator. As stated in previous Tidbits, this was a total Brigade effort as the 10th Bn and Bde HQ's performed the planning and logistical support while the 10th Bn also provided instructors. The 3457th MTC assisted by putting together a BLS course, which was a prerequisite for admission to the EMT program. The PND provided 4 instructors over the entire period. 18 students completed the training and took the National Registry exam. Once they receive a passing score and complete the additional transition





course they will be ready to become 91W. Thanks to all who contributed to this effort.



- **TRAINING SCHEDULES** - In order to improve the communications process, we are going to implement a change to the way the Training

Schedules for HHD are created. On Saturdays the Bde NCO's will conduct a Training Meeting to assess the needs and changes for our training schedules. Their focus will be attaining the following degree of accuracy for each month's training schedule: 90% accuracy for the next month training schedule, 80% accuracy for the 60 day training schedule and 70% accuracy for the 90 day training schedule. The Operations SGM will head the meeting and will interact with the Brigade S-3 on the results of the meeting. Any changes needed will be made by the HHD Training Section and a new training schedule will be ready for distribution by sign-out on Sunday.

- **SOLDIER MEDIC RUN** - An event that has become a tradition among the Army Medical Department is the Soldier Medic Run. This year the date is 28 July and the distance is 10K. Soldiers from all over the world come to Fort Sam to participate in this event. We would like to put together a 5th Bde (HS) team to run as a unit. We won't go after the speed record but we do want to finish together, if you are interested in participating send me your name so we can start forming our team.



### 3457TH CIP

The Bde staff, under the leadership of LTC Lee, will be conducting the Command Inspection Program (CIP) for the 3457th on 21 July 01.

### 90-DAY EVENT CALENDAR

1 June	91C SA Site AT
1 June	91E10 Course Starts
1 June	91D10 Course Starts
1 June	91J BNCOC Ph IV Starts
1 - 3 June	Combat Lifesaver course, Lafayette LA
7 June	91C Nebraska Site AT
8 - 10 June	CLC Grand Prairie, TX
8 - 10 June	CLC Oklahoma City
9 - 10 June	All Brigade Units Drill
13 June	Start PHTLS Course
16 June	Start 91K BNCOC Ph IV course
17 June	Start 91M BNCOC Ph IV course
4 July	Start 91B10 AT
19 July	Start 91 CMF BNCOC/ANCOG
21 - 22 July	Brigade HQs Drill
3 - 4 August	USARC Readiness Briefings
11 - 12 August	10th Bn CIP
11 - 12 August	3457th & 10th Bn Drill
12 - 21 August	Trauma Aims Crs by PND
18 - 19 August	PND & Bde Drill

### YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade (HS)

COL Angel Padilla                      CSM Alfred Habelman

#### 10<sup>th</sup> BN

MAJ James Hickey                      CSM Paul Castro

#### 3457th

LTC Floyd Priester                      CSM Vacant

#### PND

MAJ Mary Gomez                      CSM David Stading

#### HHD – 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade

CPT Mario Avila                      SFC Dan Carlin