



# The Arrowhead Point

- Arrowhead, Strike! -

## Battalion Command Team

### Battalion Commander



Greetings Arrowheads! As I reflect on everything that has occurred across the organization since I assumed Command on March 20<sup>th</sup>, I clearly see that it has been an incredible journey over the last 6 months, as the Special Troops Battalion has actively supported over 141,000 Soldiers in Training over the last 2 quarters, conducted over 300 musical support missions, and we have seen countless Soldiers recognized for their superior levels of excellence and professionalism.

The Battalion continues to conduct leader transitions throughout the first quarter of FY16, changing commanders and/or 1SGs within four of our Companies, as we continue conducting the crucial training support missions, as well as conducting support to the 2016 Victory Block Leave (VBL) departure mission. Our continued success and professional reputation is surely a result of your hard work, and I give utmost thanks for all that you do, and keep up the great work!

### Battalion Command Sergeant Major



Arrowhead Family, I would like to take a moment to thank both the Leadership and the Families of the Arrowhead Battalion for their unwavering support of this unique organization and for providing us with the awesome Soldiers that make up the Fort Jackson Special Troops Battalion. Since the official start of the battalion in January 2015, we have had nothing but outstanding performances from each and every one of our Arrowheads.

In the continued support of Fort Jackson and our Partners in Excellence I ask that we maintain our **Standards** and discipline, **Tenacity**, **Readiness**, **Initiative**, **Keep** our commitment to Soldiers and Families, and provide **Excellence** in all that we do!

**STRIKE!!**

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*"GATORS!"*

## Headquarters and Alpha Company

Headquarters and Alpha Company continues to train and support training on our ranges. HQ & A Co welcomes our new Cadre from both EST Light and EST Heavy and we look forward to the training that is available for their instruction. The Soldiers and Family members of HQ & A Co participated in Triggertyme Paintball on Two Notch Road on 30 October. SSG Peter Bassman, from our Medical Platoon was took his Oath of Reenlistment first thing that morning. Congratulations! On 8 December 2015,

We will farewell 1SG Dexter C. Drayton and welcome MSG Anthony Forker and his family into the Gator Family. Additionally, Headquarters and Alpha Company will be having a Holiday Ball at the NCO Club on 11 December 2015. Please get with your Soldier for ticket information. This is a Family friendly event that is open ages 12 and up. The attire for the event is the Army Service Uniform and Ball gowns/Suits for spouses or significant others. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



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*"IT TAKES THE BEST TO TRAIN  
THE REST!"*

## Bravo Company

Bravo Company continues to train and support training on our ranges. In addition to accomplishing our daily mission, the members of Bravo Company will execute rifle marksmanship training given by our recent graduates of the Master Marksmanship Training Course followed by weapons qualification. Bravo Company hosted and supported the Army Marksmanship Unit during the Master Marksmanship Training Course; 33 NCOs from Fort Jackson conducted the training with our direct support.

We are currently planning a training event for 13 November which will consist of intense physical exercise leading into a qualification Stress Shoot on one of our Rifle Marksmanship Ranges. Bravo Company cadre are a competitive group who thrive on the opportunity to display their physical fitness and MOS proficiency. Bravo Company cadre at the Remagen Hand Grenade Range supported a team from the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command in conducting a Blast Overpressure Exposure Study. The purpose of the study was

to measure and evaluate the explosive overpressure exposure to Bravo Company cadre when conducting training with grenades. The results of the study will contribute important data to the effects of blasts on the body and brain as well as Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) research. The focus for the rest of the year will be towards planning and executing both Victory Block Leave and range repair and improvement projects.



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*"TOO TOUGH!"*

## 17<sup>th</sup> Military Police Detachment

17th Military Police Detachment recently hosted Trunk or Treat on Friday, 23 October. It was a joint venture with the other Companies to provide a location for Families to come and get candy, eat some food, share laughs and maybe walk through our haunted house.

We are currently in the midst of Law Enforcement Certification. Law Enforcement Certification is a seven day mandatory event where Soldiers freshen up on their law enforcement acumen to ensure they effectively secure our installation. This training includes Local Law, Taser, Oleoresin Capsicum Application, Traffic, Military

Police Investigations, Family Advocacy and other responder based courses.

The last focus the 17th MP has this quarter is the 17th Military Police Detachment Change of Command on 4 December. We are excited to welcome the incoming Commander, CPT Todd Jones and his wife Fawn to our family.

On a festive note, plans have already begun for a joint 17th Military Police Detachment and Directorate of Emergency Services Holiday party on 11 December 2015. This will serve in place of our normal Thanksgiving Luncheon. We look forward to enjoying the event with our Police and Fire counterparts.



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*"PROVIDING ELITE LEADERS WITH  
 ELITE CUSTOMER SERVICE!"*

## United States Army Student Detachment

The United States Army Student Detachment (USASD) is currently conducting our annual Personnel Asset Inventory (PAI) and Army Physical Fitness Test for over 2,088 Soldiers/Students assigned to USASD World Wide. The PAI is an annual requirement that requires our students to verify the accuracy of their military pay and personnel records, validate personnel accountability, and ensure overall readiness of our students and permanent party cadre assigned/attached to USASD.

Our annual Halloween Costume Contest

was held on 30 October 2015 in the USASD HQs, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Strom Thurmond Building. This event provided our cadre and their Families an opportunity to mingle and socialize with each other, eat some great food, and show off their Halloween costumes.

Our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be combined with our Hail & Farewell, as we welcome SPC Shakira Llewellyn to our USASD Family and say goodbye to our Company Commander, CPT Christopher Green as he prepares to attend the Army Acquisition and Contracting Course in Huntsville, AL.

We are equally excited to welcome the incoming Commander, CPT Edla Nieto and her Family. USASD chain of command is scheduled for 8 December 2015. We look forward to enjoying our upcoming events with our Families and friends.



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*"SOUNDS OF VICTORY!"*



### HHC 171ST

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*"WAR CHIEF PRIDE!"*



Commander: CPT Lepolia Wiggins  
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*"VICTORY STARTS HERE!"*

## 282D Army Band

This season brings lots of opportunities for Families to gather together with friends and celebrate, and our Band Family will also take advantage of these opportunities too. Luckily, this year, the Band is not scheduled to support any missions over Thanksgiving weekend; so, embrace the Army message and bring holiday cheer at an unprecedented level. They will be very busy, but we will afford them time

with you at every opportunity. The Band and FRG are also planning a couple more events prior to our Block Leave period (19 December - 03 January). Vicki Jackson will be hosting a Spouses Social brunch in November (date and time TBD) and the Band and FRG will host our Holiday Party one evening around 15-17 December, depending on the availability of venues in which to host the party.

We appreciate your support and understanding during our busy season and look forward to seeing you at our concerts and events!

## 171<sup>st</sup> Headquarters and Headquarters Company

HHC, 171st recently welcomed a new 1SG (First Sergeant) to the War Chief family. 1SG William Nater came to us from the STB BN S3. We are excited to have him on board. His guidance and leadership will be crucial throughout the deactivation of the Brigade Headquarters. 23 October, we are Teaming up with the

17th MP Detachment and HQ & A Co STB to conduct a Trunk or Treat. This will be a great Family event and we hope to see everyone there. HHC, 171st hosted the War Chief Fall Festival at Clinton Sease Farms. Kids (and adults) enjoyed navigating the 8 acre corn maze, hay rides and purchasing pumpkins in the pumpkin patch.

The War Chiefs are in the planning stages for our War Chief Holiday Social Event in December. This will be a great event to bring families together.

## ATC Headquarters and Headquarters Company

HHC, ATC is very excited to get its FRG program off the ground! As family members continue to show interest in the company and the FRG, we will incorporate more events into our schedule. As the holidays are approaching, we will put our efforts into ensuring that our Families and friends in the Fort Jackson and Columbia area are taken care of with a food drive and holiday party.

Our goal is to ensure that all of our Soldiers and their Families will be able to enjoy themselves during this time despite the tragedy that has come to the Midlands. Mission goals for the company will be our push to support vacation block leave (VBL) and the moves of some of the basic combat training (BCT) units as well as ensuring all of our Soldiers are trained in their MOSs and have a good understanding of

Their duties so that they will not fall behind their peers. The next few months will be very exciting as the company changes and grows with new personnel, and a better outlook on the future.

## Reenlistments



SPC Daniel Junk, 17<sup>th</sup> MP Detachment, reenlisted for Germany on 13 October at Hilton Field. SPC Junk was excited to share the opportunity with his Parents, sister and two nieces. SPC Junk's potential is appreciated in the Traffic Section as we continue to groom him for Sergeant. His greatest strength is his attitude. He has been a team player in all three of the sections he has participated in the last 18 months. Best of Luck!

CPT Jeremy Hunt, 17<sup>th</sup> MP Detachment Commander, administers the Oath of Reenlistment to SPC Junk.

## Special Interest Topic: Trunk or Treat!



CPT and Mrs. Collins, HHC 171<sup>st</sup>, had a great trunk that included temporary tattoos. CPT "Hick" Collins was runner up in the adult costume competition.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, multiple companies, Alpha Company, the 17<sup>th</sup> Military Police Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 171<sup>st</sup>, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company ATC, from the Special Troops Battalion came together for a Halloween event that featured a Trunk or Treat, a pizza dinner and a Haunted House. The night opened with the Trunk or Treat, where Soldiers and their cleverly decorated trunks were given the opportunity to compete with one another for "The Best Trunk Award". The best trunk award went to SGT and Mrs. Riggs for their trunk "Caution, Medical Students in Training". Along with the "trunk or treating" festivities was a haunted house put together by 1SG (SFC) Endres and SGT Allen from the 17<sup>th</sup> MP Detachment, inside the old Detachment Headquarters building. The house had multiple haunted characters, scare rooms, a chainsaw wielded by SSG Martin Hunt, strobe lights, eerie music and smoke machines. The haunted house was scary, fun and arguably the best part about the event.

Towards the end of the night, prizes were given out for best elementary costume, best intermediate costume, and best adult costume. There was also two Halloween gift bags for raffle donated CPT Cody and CPT Ann Chellman. A big thanks to all who participated!



"Caution Medical Students in Training" was the fan favorite during the Trunk portion of the event.



The adorable little winners of the "Best Elementary Costume" award, the Berta Twins!

## Chaplain's Corner

*"For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all of your ways."  
Psalm 91:11  
(The Soldier's Psalm)*

The STB Unit Ministry Team conducted a Prayer Luncheon Friday, 23 October at the NCO Club for 80 Soldiers and DA Civilians. The keynote speaker was CH (COL) Mark Penfold, Garrison Chaplain. The event was a great opportunity to promote spiritual resilience and fellowship for the battalion.

STB Soldiers have also been participating in the Chaplain's Half Marathon Program, consisting of five, 13.1 mile races, beginning in May and ending in November. Soldiers have already participated in the Run for the Warriors half marathon, Xterra half marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon at Camp Lejuene, and most recently, the Myrtle Beach Half Marathon. Soldiers have one more race, the Mayberry half marathon, on 14NOV15. Wish them luck!



Above: CH (COL) Penfold stands with the STB Chaplain, CH (CPT) Irwin, and the STB Command Team, LTC Lane and CSM Seals  
Below: COL Kirk, 171<sup>st</sup> Brigade Commander, stands alongside STB Soldiers at the completion of the Myrtle Beach Half Marathon.

## Dates to Remember

### STB Calendar Events

19 NOV - Arrowhead Induction Ceremony  
 19 NOV - STB Hail and Farewell  
 25 NOV – Battalion Newcomer’s Brief (BN Conference Room)  
 04 DEC – 17 MP Det Change of Command (Post Theater)  
 08 DEC – HQ/A Change of Responsibility (Coleman Gym)  
 08 DEC – USASD Change of Command (TBA)  
 11 DEC – HQ/A Holiday Ball (FJ NCO Club)  
 20DEC-03JAN – Victory Block Leave  
 24-27DEC – 4 Day Holiday Weekend  
 31DEC- 03JAN – 4 Day Holiday Weekend

### Fort Jackson Events

06 NOV – Post Newcomer Orientation  
 10 NOV – FJ Wreath Laying Ceremony  
 10 NOV – Training Holiday (Marine Corps B-Day)  
 11 NOV – Veteran’s Day / City of Columbia Veteran’s Day Parade  
 12 NOV – CIE with FRSC Mtg  
 20 NOV – Native American Heritage Lunch  
 21 NOV – Turkey Trot 5K Run / Walk  
 21 NOV – Annual USC Salute to the Military Football Game (USC vs. The Citadel)  
 26 NOV – Thanksgiving Day Holiday  
 27 NOV – Training Holiday  
 03 DEC – Post Newcomer’s Brief (FJ NCO Club)  
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