

THE Marauder

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A Message from the BC

Mountain Ranger Families- Thank you for welcoming our family into the battalion. Michele and I look forward to serving you and addressing your concerns to make Dahlongega a better place for all of us. We've received many requests/concerns about typical services over the last few months but to meet these we will need to pull together and volunteer to make things better. Our reality is that if we don't work to make things better for ourselves, others are less likely to assist. One such effort will arise in mid-October when Dahlongega hosts the Gold Rush Days when we intend of raise funds to offset the cost of our holiday ball. Please contact 5thrtbfrq@gmail.com to volunteer to help our team achieve the things for which you've asked for our help.

-LTC O'Brien



LTC O'Brien and CSM James

A Message from the CSM

Hello, I am the new Command Sergeant Major here at 5th Ranger Training Battalion. I have been on the ground at Camp Merrill since 12 August and it is great to be here. I have observed two Ranger classes since my arrival and I must say Ranger School is alive and well. There are a lot of similarities with my Ranger School class of 1994 and the Ranger students of today. The Ranger instructors are teaching the leaders of tomorrow the basic necessities of leadership to take with them along their career path in the Army. As you know these are trying times for our Nation and I'm positive we are teaching key skills that will enable leaders to make crucial decisions on the battlefield against a determined enemy. I appreciate what the Ranger Instructors (your husband's) do here each and every day.

- CSM James



LEADING THE WAY

Calendar Highlights

- 15 OCT: Porter Village Yard Sale
- 15-16 OCT: Gold Rush
- 23-25 OCT: Battalion Training Holiday
- 28 OCT: Halloween Party and BN Hail & Farewell
- 10 DEC: BN Ball
- 14 DEC – 04 JAN: Block Leave



Following summer block leave, it has been a very busy couple of months for HHC. The Ranger Support Element did a phenomenal job down at Ft. Benning executing two maneuver live fire training events, and the Medical platoon did an outstanding job during their Advanced Trauma Simulation training. Throughout the train-up, execution, and recovery of those training events, HHC continued to flawlessly support Ranger Training. Thanks for the hard work!



CPT Slocum



1SG Kirkham



RSE at Ft. Benning during live-fire range



Medics practice setting up a DRASH tent during BN cold weather training.



Hails

LTC O'BRIEN	SGT VENDITTI
CSM JAMES	SPC BURMAN
CPT LIPPMANN	SPC CERRILLOS
CPT ESTANOL	SPC EMMONS
SFC FULLER	SPC GAOUCETTE
SFC KOEGLER	SPC HERNANDEZ
SFC THEPCHANTEE	SPC LUTTRELL
SSG FABIAN	SPC MURRAY
SSG KAIO	SPC SNYDER
SGT BELLO	SPC WALDRIP
SGT HALL	SPC WELSH
SGT STEINER	SPC YOUNG

Farewells

1SG KIRKHAM	SGT SCHUMACHER
SFC GILBERT	SGT STATES
SSG KELLER	SGT WILLIAMS
SSG O'LEARY	SPC BONO
SSG TOLSON	SPC CIRANNI
SGT CARMEAN	SPC EDWARDS
SGT CITIZEN	SPC MARTIN
SGT HEWITT	SPC MOTT
SGT MICHELS	SPC OMAR
	SPC WINN



Births

Hunter James Gay- 7lbs, 6oz

Dylan Edward O'Rock- 9lbs, 1oz

Karley Ray Mott- 7lbs, 10oz

Jackson Allen Kelley- 6lbs, 12oz

Farrah Ann Pester- 7lbs, 3 oz

Tyler Addison Phillips- 8lbs

Matthew Robert Marsden- 7lbs, 4oz.

Gianna Marie Bello-6lbs, 11 oz.

Bryce Vincent-Lee Chancellor-7lbs, 3 oz.

Elisha Nahum Estanol-7lbs, 5 oz.

Daniel Mack Maultsby- 6lbs, 10 oz.

Gunner Cole Baker- 8lbs, 6 oz.

Jozie Beth Beam- 4lbs, 14 oz.

School Graduations

Warrior Leader Course

SGT Sean States

SGT Alejandro Rubio

SPC Shane Martin

SGT Greg Sheridan

Advanced Leader Course

SGT Aaron Carmean (Honor Graduate)

SGT Rene Dizon

Senior Leader Course

SSG Charles Keller

SSG Roy Orren (Distinguished Leadership Award)

Jumpmaster

SGT Andy Lai

SGT Brian Philips

Air Assault Course

SPC Jeffery Winn

Promotions

SGT Andrew Welsh

MSG Anthony Gilbert

In the next couple of months, we will have a significant turnover in the Company, and it is important that we take the time to thank our Soldiers for their service over the last few years. In order to welcome new Soldiers, we are planning multiple Company training events in October and November that should be fun, challenging, and improve Company cohesion with our new members. We hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather, and we look forward to seeing you at the Halloween Party! Thanks for your support!

CPT Ryan Slocum and 1SG Lance Kirkham

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School Graduations

SLC
SFC Begaye
Assault Climber
SFC Wagenknecht
SFC Hendrix
SFC Danek
EMT
SSG Garrett

Hails

SFC Erik Palinna
SSG Luke Bradshaw
SFC John Wagenknecht
SFC David Buitendorp



CPT Thomason



1SG Stockard

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Births

Sadie Josephine Garret 7lbs, 9oz
Jan Thomas Danek 6lbs, 11oz
Drew Margaret Gibson 7lbs, 10oz
Cameron Kelly Bradshaw 4lbs, 11oz
Kolson David Yost 7lbs, 5oz
Kyler Andrew Yost 5lbs, 13oz

Farewells

CPT JD Thomason
1SG Shane Stockard
SSG Derek Ertmer



A CO Conducts Mountaineering training in August

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A Co is looking forward to the Halloween festivities in Porter village and is proud to announce the arrival of the new Company Commander CPT Pete Vangjel. We are sad to announce the departure of 1SG Stockard to Italy, but MSG Bullock will do a fine job as the new 1SG. A company is full strength and continues to do what we do best, train Rangers to be the future leaders of the Army!

CPT John Thomason and 1SG Shane Stockard

Bravo Friend and Family we have had a long and hot summer with Ranger Class 8-11, 9-11, but we are finally on Trail Cycle again during Ranger Class 10-11. We are glad to see fall here and enjoying time with our families and doing some company internal training. Melissa and I have enjoyed getting to know each of you, especially during the B Co family day at Amicalola State Park. We hate to see the Adams and Knoepke family leave and the Weisensel family transferring to HHC, but we are welcoming six new families including 1SG Speichert and his fiancée Crystal. We will back in the saddle training students during Ranger Class 11-11 and 01-12. Trail cycle will pick up again with Ranger Class 02-12 and then onto Christmas Block Leave.



Above: 1SG Speichert (left) and CPT McDonald

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School Graduations

RSLC

SSG Matthew Collins

PATHFINDER

CPT Jason Bradley

AIR ASSAULT

SSG Matthew Collins

SSG Gibson Mongkeya

ASSAULT CLIMBER

SFC Jeffery Nail

SFC Christopher Donaldson

Hails

CPT Jonathan Batt

SFC Andrew

Peddycord

1SG Timothy

Speichert

SSG Josh Wieringa

SSG James Ball

SSG James Newgent

SFC George Cruse

Farewells

SFC Adam Knoepke

SFC Fred Adams

1SG Joshua Weisensel

Promotions

SFC Andrew Peddycord

1SG Timothy Speichert

SFC Yuma Barnett

Births

Fallon Barnett; 5 lbs. 10oz., baby girl

Kyle Blow; 8lbs. 9 oz., baby boy



SFC Scptt and SFC Cruse Load ranger Students during RC 08-11

Bravo Company has lost a lot of key personalities but we have gained many new RIs that will uphold the same high standards.

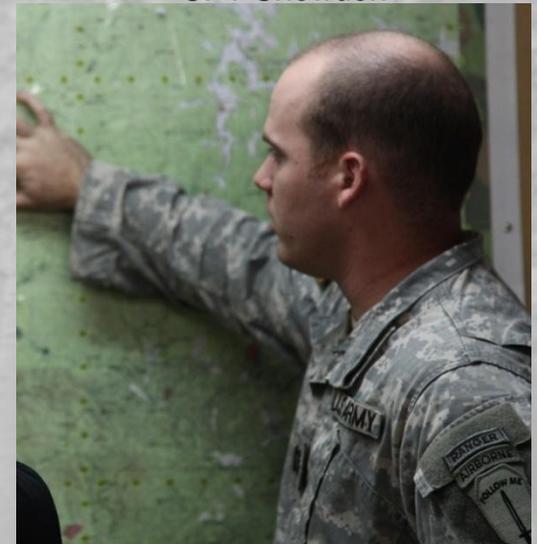
CPT McDonald & 1SG Speichert

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Friends and Family of Charlie Company, I am very happy to be writing my first update as the Commander. I am excited to get to know you and work with everyone. We have many exciting events and activities happening over the next few months for everyone to get involved.

Farewells	Births
SFC Christopher Wessling CPT Phillip Works	Emma Grace Nix
Hails	Marriages
SFC Loucks SFC Greene SFC Glander SSG Quintinilla	SSG Floerchinger SFC Velasquez SFC Kitchen
School Graduations	
<u>MSLC</u> SFC Velasquez <u>ASSAULT CLIMBER</u> SSG Carbone SSG Campbell SFC Zeitlin	

CPT Snowden



1SG Loveall



We will be on Trail Cycle from 1 OCT through 22 OCT, which will hopefully afford available weekends for family travels! On 28 OCT, the Halloween Party will offer a chance for families and friends to gather and enjoy the holiday in a safe and fun environment. The year will come to a close with a block leave period starting on 14 DEC.

CPT Snowden & 1SG Loveall

Dear Ranger Families and Friends,

“I turned my head and saw yet another wisp of smoke on its way to nothingness: a solitary person, completely alone—no children, no family, no friends—yet working obsessively late into the night, compulsively greedy for more and more, never bothering to ask, “Why am I working like a dog, never having any fun? And who cares?” More smoke. A bad business.” (The Message : Ecclesiastes 4:7-8)

This is a slow suicide—a condition none of us hope to become, but we all run the risk—especially in our demanding work environment. Where do we draw the line between the demands of work and the sacrifices our families bear? It is a tension many grapple with. I am not minimizing the significance and potential impact our work can have on a daily basis. Our work at certain times can mean the difference of life or death. I am not speaking in regard to those “certain” times. I am referring to the “day to day”. How do I find and keep balance? How do I avoid burnout and, rather, become a well adjusted worker/spouse and father or mother who will go the distance?

Don’t take yourself too seriously: We are all totally expendable—especially in our work environments. On a grander scale, God doesn’t need us either. It is a huge fallacy to think that God needs any of us. Is God so small that He worries or frets over our success or failure? Are we so important that we need to have our hand in every pot? Do a few more hours of work tip the scales of success or failure? If I miss the next event, who will care, and if they do care, does it matter? Where is my chief presence really going to matter in the long run—at work or at home? Where would God have me? *“...against all illusion and fantasy and empty talk, There’s always this rock foundation: Fear God!” (The Message : Ecc.5)*

Learn to say “No”: This is a skill within the reach of us all; do not lose the opportunity of gaining the credit and benefit it brings. There will always be the “good idea fairies” who would love nothing more than to make you part of their act. Their good intentions may benefit some but be a *curse* to you. We must learn to tactfully say, “No”. The apostle James warns; *“But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.”* Too often we say what we regret and then our language is used against us. (*New American Standard Bible : James 5:12*)

Take time off: Have meals with your spouse, putting everything out of your mind that has to do with work and engage her. Talk about what she wants to talk about. Take genuine interest in what is going on within her. Take time with your children. Take your vacations seriously. Understand that if you’ve got a young family with a 3 year-old, a 4 year-old, and /or a 7 year-old, and you don’t take your vacation, you’ll never take it with the *same* people again. Take advantage of those times and learn to enjoy a meal with the people you love. *“Yes, we should make the most of what God gives, both the bounty and the capacity to enjoy it... God deals out joy in the present, and now.” (The Message : Ecc.5)*

Peace,
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Volunteers Wanted!!!!

We are always looking for new volunteers to support 5th RTB families. Currently we are looking for volunteers to support our upcoming events this Fall and Winter.

Fundraisers:

In order to offset the cost of the Winter Ball we are going to do some fundraisers 15–16 October:

- 15 Oct Fundraiser at Porter Village. We will be selling breakfast food during the yard sale.
- 15-16 Oct Fundraiser at Gold Rush. We will be selling Ranger gear, walking sticks, etc*

Social Activities:

- 28 Oct Halloween Party. We will need help setting up decorations, crafts for kids, breakdown activities.
- 10 December 5th RTB Winter Ball : Volunteers needed for set up & help with design
- Winter Holiday Party (TBD) We will need volunteers for set up, cooking, & baking.

Other Ways to Get involved:

- Make a meal for a family
- Fundraising Committee
- Social Committee
- Welcoming Committee

If you are interested please email 5thrtbfrg@gmail.com.

5th RTB Weekly Events

Playgroup:

Tuesdays at 10:30 am
POC Allison Moore: (719)-659-0268

Ladies Bible Study:

Thursdays at 9:30 am
POCS:
Summer Chancellor: (706)-864-6732
Or Shelley Loveall: (706)-867-5841

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