



THE Marauder

5TH RANGER TRAINING BATTALION NEWSLETTER

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The dog days of summer heat are finally starting to break as children return to school and we all look forward to the colorful changes of fall. Thanks to the support of the battalion our Summer's End Marriage Retreat hosted the largest number of couples to attend a marriage conference in 5th RTB history. Couples enjoyed sessions from Mark Gungor's *Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*, as well as fine dining, lodging, and relaxation by the lake, provided by Legacy Lodge of Lake Lanier Island. The couple's event gave a great boost to our marriages, allowed for some nice time off, and let the children have one more dip in the lake before school. If you missed out this year, we're already looking into the prospect of returning to Lake Lanier Island in 2011, so be ready!

It's really hard to beat living in Dahlongega during the season of fall. We hope that you can enjoy some of the community events and festivals that highlight this season. For more information on community events go to: www.innorthgeorgia.com/events.htm We also hope that you look forward to some upcoming camp sponsored events, like the Porter Village Movie Night, the Porter Village Yard Sale, and the Halloween Party. Please take the opportunity to scan our Calendar Highlights page, or www.benning.army.mil/5thrtbn/index.asp Then bring the whole family out and share in some great events and beautiful scenery this Fall.



5th RTB Couples and Families at the Summer's End Marriage Retreat...



Calendar Highlights

10 September: Hail and Farewell

13 September: FRG Steering Committee Meeting

17 September: Stringer Airborne Operation

17 September: FRG Training

25 September: Porter Village Yard Sale

2-3 October: Indian Summer Festival, Suches

15-17 October: Gold Rush Festival, Dahlonega

23-26 October: Training Holiday

28 October: Halloween Party

29 October: Hail & Farewell

8 November: Achasta Veterans Golf

11 November: Achasta Veterans Lunch

22 November: FRG Steering committee Meeting

12 December-02 January: Block Leave

LEADING THE WAY



Congratulations to SPC Horton for earning the Soldier of the Quarter, August 2010.



Congratulations to SSG Decola for earning the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter, August 2010.



Congratulations to SFC Lasich and SFC Hairgrove on completing their Army service; best wishes on their retirement.



Special thanks to all Camp Frank D. Merrill personnel who participated in the Blood Drive on behalf of Dee Rawlston.

Family and friends of HHC, thank you once again for your untiring support for your Soldiers! Your husbands and sons do all the “dirty work” required to keep Camp Merrill functioning and Ranger School running smoothly. I appreciate your continued support for your Soldiers.



Hails

SSG Jason Rubio

School Graduations

SFC Matthew Pulley (Airborne)
 SGT Bryan Wilson (ALC)
 SGT Jarrod Baker (ALC)
 SPC Richard Shirley (Airborne)
 SGT Aaron Carmean (Airborne)



Farewells

SFC Matthew Pulley
 SGT Matthew Russell
 SPC Gordon McDanel
 SPC Brett Feller
 MAJ Brian Beckno
 CPT Aaron Chonko

Births

Reuben W. Roy Jr. 19 July 10
 (6 LB, 14 OZ, 19 IN.)



Promotions

SGT Frank Citizen

On September 20th I'll be Changing Command with CPT Ryan Slocum, who will be moving up from his current job as the Ranger Support Element Platoon Leader to take command of HHC. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as the HHC Commander and consider it a privilege to have had this opportunity. I won't be going far though; I'll be taking over from MAJ Brian Beckno as the new Battalion XO and look forward to being able to continue serving beside your husbands and sons each day. Remember to enjoy the rest of the beautiful summer weather and be safe!

CPT David Nelson and

1SG David Banks

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Hello friends and family of Alpha Company. Well it's back to training Ranger students after a well deserved break during block leave. We look forward to a couple of back to back classes and the cooler weather.



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School Graduations
SSG William Harner IAL

Farewells
SFC Michael Watson SFC Eric Lasich

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Hails
SFC Brandon Cross SFC Jeffery Wood

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SSG Weiers instructs a young student from Operation Purple on Mountaineering...

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As always, we thank you for the support of our families in accomplishing our mission.
CPT John Thomason and ISG Lance Kirkham

B

HOLISTIC GROWTH throughout the company is how I would sum up this quarter. This has spanned from RI certifications, RI's going to schools, and ensuring that our new RI's are taken into the fold with and quickly brought up to speed with operations.



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School Graduations

SFC Ronald Shipp (Pathfinder & Jumpmaster)

Promotions

SFC Ronald Shipp
SFC Donald Scott

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Hails

CPT Jason Bradley
SSG Yuma Barnett
SSG Barry Whitehead

Farewells

CPT Chris Drennen

V



Natalie and Richard Hancock share a laugh during a couples exercise, during the Marriage Retreat...

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As the summer PCS cycle has been in full swing, I would like to bid CPT Drennen a farewell as he goes to 10th Mountain Division to take command. I would also like to welcome the new RI's that we have into the family and wish them and their families the very best.

CPT Daubert & ISG Weisensel

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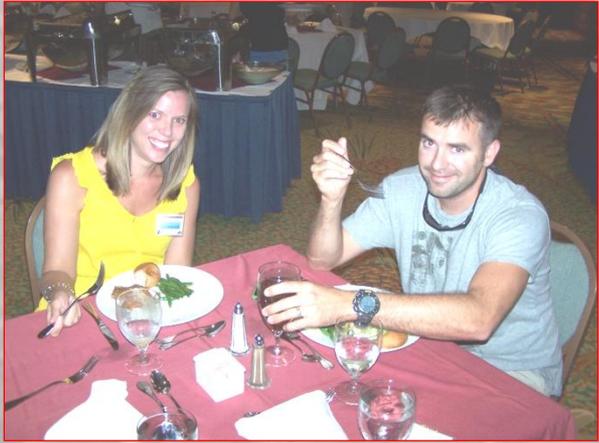
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Charlie Company Friends and family, it has been another busy quarter following block leave and I appreciate everyone's hard work. We welcome seven new Ranger Instructors who will help provide relief after two busy cycles.



Hails
SSG Brandon Justice
SFC Herb Smith
SFC Michael Barrera
SSG Robert Kussart
SFC Benjamin Weber
SFC Roger Winchester
CPT Joseph Ryan

School Graduations
SFC Jeffery Valentine (ABIC)
SFC Joshua Staugler (MSLC & Pathfinder)
SFC Roger Winchester (MSLC)
SSG Donald Campbell (ALC)
SFC Christopher Wessling (ACC)
SSG James Young (ACC)
SFC Nicholas Howard (ACC)



Tara & Jeremy Smith enjoy Marriage Retreat diner...

I would like to pay a special thanks to the families of C CO who put up with our long hours but yet still find the time to take care of our families. Your service and dedication does not go un-noticed.

MAJ Kehoe & ISG Loveall

24 / 7 Workout



Chaplain Honbarger

As the summer comes to an end, some may say farewell to physical goals previously set throughout the season of wearing shorts and bikinis. Not that all physical workouts stop completely, but as the air starts to cool so may the drive for excellence shift as one prefers to maintaining the body, until the sun shines bright and warm again. I recommend, however, a total body and soul workout that one may use daily in all seasons. This workout has been around for a quite a long time and although it does not have a catchy title, it does come from the most trusted sources that I know. In the Biblical book of Proverbs we receive this admonition:

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Proverbs 3: 7-8 (NIV)

Who doesn't want a healthy body and nourishment to your bones? It may sound odd at first to have nourishment to your bones, but this stands in my mind as the opposite of "old bones" or feeling "bone tired." The wisdom that we may glean from this passage of scripture states it's not only about how we treat our bodies but how we live in relation to our maker. By living in humble submission to the Lord we learn to live in His will and forsake destructive acts of evil that only diminish our conscious, our health and ultimately our lives. As your workout routine changes with the upcoming season of fall, I encourage you to engage in a spiritual workout as well, one that transcends all seasons and eternity.

Arts & Crafts

Smiling Faces

5th RTB Playgroup

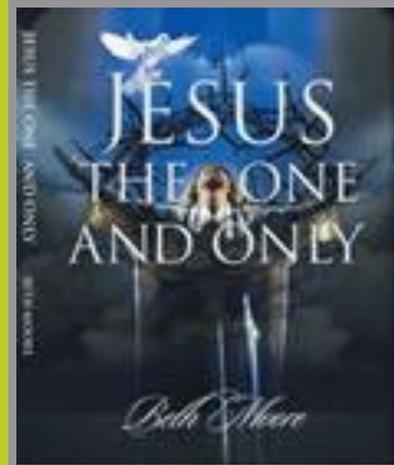
Snacks

Play Time

We are looking for more volunteers to host a playgroup event at their home.
For more information on playgroup or to volunteer to help contact Erin Pare at
706-867-7205 or erin.pare@us.army.mil



Weekly Women's Bible Study



Come along with **Beth Moore** on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior.

For more information contact
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Childcare Subsidy Available!

Good news for parents seeking childcare. Dahlonga Country Day is accepted by NACCRRA, which offers reduced rates for Active Duty Military at satellite installations like Camp Merrill. Simply follow this link: www.naccrra.org Scan across the top on the page- click the link Child Care for Military Families. Click the Branch of Service circle, and then look on right side of the page about half way down and click on Military Subsidy Application. Once a parent applies online they will get an email back with some specific requested information to fax in. Melissa of Dahlonga Country Day has offered her services in helping any Soldier and their Families apply online at her office, where they are welcome to use her fax to send in the requested information.