



THE Marauder

5TH RANGER TRAINING BATTALION NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the BC

Mountain Ranger Families- Thank you for all of your volunteer support during the last quarter. We were able to pay \$11,000 of the ball cost with funds raised through the Overhang Club. Volunteers also made the Halloween party, Bible Study, playgroups, Facebook communications and other activities a success. Thanks especially to Summer Chancellor, Allison Moore, Magi Carbone and Kristin Snowden. I've selected these ladies as Battalion Volunteers of the Year.

Please contact 5thrtbfrg@gmail.com to volunteer to help our team achieve the things for which you've asked our help. We can help get assets but volunteers are what make our family efforts a success.

Have a wonderful leave and enjoy your holidays.

-LTC O'Brien

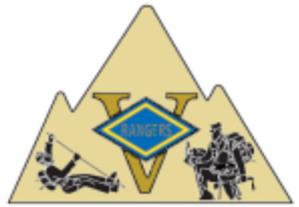
A Message from the CSM

I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and looking forward to a wonderful Christmas. I wish that you and your families have a safe and happy holiday season. As I have said before, I appreciate what your husband's do here each and every day for this great Battalion.

- CSM James



LTC O'Brien and CSM James



Calendar Highlights Thru March 2012

5th RTB and Community Events

- 10 DEC: BN Ball
- 14 DEC-04 JAN: 5th RTB holiday leave
- 26-27 JAN: Health Seminar and CPR Classes for Spouses
- 18 JAN: FRG Steering Committee and BN FRG Meetings (optional attendance for FRG Meeting)
- 14 MAR: FRG Steering Committee Meeting (mandatory attendance by either Ranger or Spouse – topics will focus on Battalion Open House)

Stringer UH-60 Jump Dates

- 27 JAN
- 24 FEB
- 23 MAR

Stiletto Jump Dates

- 11 FEB
- 10 MAR

* *Jump dates are tentative and based off aircraft availability and weather*

5th RTB Ranger School Schedule

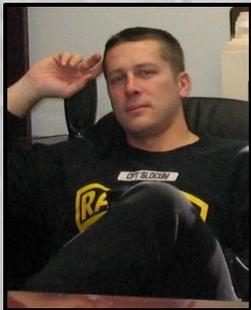
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| RC 03-12 | 21 JAN – 11 FEB |
| RC 04-12 | 18 FEB – 10 MAR |
| RC 05-12 | 17 MAR – 07 APR |

Cycle Break Training Holidays

- 14 DEC 2011-04 JAN 2012 (Block Leave)
- 13-16 JAN (MLK Holiday)
- 11-14 FEB
- 10 -13 MAR



This quarter has been an exciting and extremely busy period for the men and families of HHC. We executed a Gold Rush Booth, the Porter Village Yard Sale, two 1SG Changes of Responsibility and the BN Halloween Party to a standard never before seen here at 5th RTB . Recently, combatives certification, climbing on Mt Yonah, and Advanced Medical Trauma Simulation training has occupied the majority of our time. Throughout the train-up, execution, and recovery of those training events, HHC continued to do a great job supporting Ranger Training, so thanks for the hard work!



CPT Slocum



1SG Bullock



RSE and Medics doing MACP Level II Kumatai



SGT Covarrubias moving into the new HHC building



CPT Maddox



Hails
CPT Maddox
CPT Lewis
MSG Powers
SFC Carbone
SSG Holland
SGT Ma
SGT Cooper
SPC Sims
SPC Swint
SPC Cerrillos
SPC Wilson
SPC Poston

Farewells
CPT Slocum
SSG Tolson
SGT States
SPC Graves
SPC Mott
PFC Armstrong

Board Winners
<u>BN Soldier of the Quarter</u>
<u>(1st QRTR - FY 12)</u>
SPC Beam
<u>BDE Soldier of the Year</u>
<u>(FY11)</u>
SGT Carrick

Additional Accomplishments
<u>Expert Field Medical Badge</u>
SSG Dizon
SPC Nenneman
<u>US ARMY Best Medic Competition</u>
SFC Vangilder
SSG Dizon

Promotions

From SPC to SGT

SGT Carrick
SGT Braddock

From SGT to SSG

SSG Baker
SSG Dizon
SSG Knoernschild

From SSG to SFC

SFC Callahan
SFC Dearden

Births

Dalton Alexander
Morton- 14 Nov

Cassdiy Louise
Orren-2 Nov

Marriages

-CPT Joseph and
Staci Ryan,
married on 12
November

-SPC Antonio and
Brittany Garrison
married on 29
October

School Graduations

Warrior Leader Course

SGT Thornton

Sapper

SSG Garcia

Airborne

SGT Thornton

SPC Comer

Pathfinder

CPT Kruck

Combatives Level II

SFC Vangilder

SSG Dizon

SGT Bello

SPC Gaouette

Air Assault Course

MAJ Daubert

SERE

SFC Carbone

SGT Lai

SGT Welsh

SPC Brandstetter

SPC Shirley

SPC Sims

SGT Citizen



BN Halloween Party



HHC on Mt Yonah



SFC Callahan and SFC Dearden's promotion

To finish the first quarter we will have the Change of Command from CPT Ryan Slocum to CPT Chad Maddox. It is important that we take the time to thank CPT Slocum and his wife Dani for their service over the last few years and welcome CPT Maddox and his wife Tiffany. We look forward to seeing you at the Ranger Ball and wish everyone Happy Holidays!

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School Graduations
<u>Jumpmaster</u> SSG Salo

Hails
SFC Erik Padilla SSG Luke Bradshaw CPT Rella



CPT Vangjel



SFC Martell

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Births
Ryan Salo, Nov 3 rd 2011

Farewells
1SG Shane Stockard SSG Derek Ertmer



A CO Conducts Marksmanship Training in November

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*"I never saw a wild thing sorry for itself. A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough without ever having felt sorry for itself."
 -D.H. Lawrence*

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A Co is looking forward to the Ranger Winter Ball at Unicoi Lodge and is proud to announce the arrival of CPT Rella as the new Mountaineering Platoon Tactical Trainer and two new Ranger Instructors, SFC Bradshaw and SFC Padilla. We are sad to announce the departure of 1SG Stockard to Italy, but SFC Martell 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!

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Bravo Friends and Family, I hope you have enjoyed the fall because winter is definitely here and we are fortunate enough to be on Trail Cycle during the recent extreme weather change. However Bravo Company has just completed training Students in RC 11-11 and RC 1-12 . We are fortunate to have 1SG Speichert leading by example and winning the Maneuver Center Of Excellence Instructor Of The Year for FY 2011. We wish him the best in the competition for the TRADOC Instructor of the year on 8DEC11. We look forward to seeing you all at the 2011 Ranger ball at Unicoi State Park. We look forward to our upcoming block leave and wish you all a Merry Christmas.
CPT McDonald & 1SG Speichert



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School Graduations

EMT

Ssg Elmore
Ssg Couillou

SLC

Ssg Tomlinson

JUMP MASTER

Ssg Pearson

AIRBORNE

SFC CRUSE

Hails

SFC Roger "Rusty"
Winchester

Farewells

SFC Ronald Shipp
SSG Matthew Collins
SFC Mark Zimmerman
SFC Yuma Barnett
SFC Christopher Carbone
SSG Jeffrey Williams

Promotions

SFC David Cheney

Births

Jaxson Couillou; 7lbs, 4oz, baby boy
Deaglan Elmore; 5lbs, 13oz, baby boy
Tony Tomlinson; 7lbs, 9oz, baby boy
Gavin Peddycord; 7lbs , 7oz, baby boy



SSG Dodge teaching MG Theory to RC 1-12

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To all the Rangers and family of Charlie Company, the last several weeks have been busy. Thank you all for the continued hard work and support, especially to those hard at work during Veterans Day and the Thanksgiving holidays. Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed.

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Farewells
SFC Hawkins SFC Winchester

Births
Elora Leigh Velazquez Jacob Scott Vetten Tensley Alexis Williams

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Hails
SSG Penkala SSG Calise SSG Chapman CPT Rogers SSG Williams

Fort Benning Instructor of the Year
SSG Zeitlin

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School Graduations
<u>Airborne</u> SSG Quintanilla
<u>Jump Master</u> SSG Carbone SSG Campbell SFC Molina SFC Kitchen

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CPT Snowden



1SG Loveall



We are approaching the finish line for the year. Our last walk for the year will be on the 8th of December. On the 10th of December, the Battalion will gather for the annual Holiday Ball in order to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. The year will come to a close with a block leave period starting on the 14th of December until the 4th of January.

Dear Ranger Family and Friends,

Hope—a term Soldiers and their families can relate to, especially now, as we are anticipating block leave. Many of us have spent numerous holidays, birthdays and anniversaries separated. Under such circumstances Christmas was a time in which many—just wanted to get past. Keeping a grip on hope in such times is more difficult. As we spend this season with our family and remember the hard times we've endured, I urge us to look deeper—into hope.

The Advent Season begins with HOPE. Advent literally means “*to come.*” For 4,000 years the children of God waited the coming of the Messiah. His coming was repeatedly prophesied by the prophet Isaiah who lived 600 years before the Messiah's birth (Isaiah 7:14). At the time the people of Israel were living under captivity in Babylon, present day Iraq. With longing and expectation, the Jews waited for their “Deliverer-Messiah,” which is why the 12th century Christmas hymn we still sing today says:

“O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!”

On the fourth Sunday before Christmas we light the Candle of Hope symbolizing the blessed hope we have in Christ our Lord and Savior. If you can recall the anticipation of returning home after so long a separation, may it be a reminder of how long the children of Israel waited. *Oh how they waited!* Their hope was not in vain. Carry this truth throughout the Advent Season.

Peace,
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5th RTB Families,

Over the past six months 5th RTB FRG has come a long way in developing a strong FRG. We are still working on new and better ways to improve the FRG in the next year. Look for things such as a new volunteer system, improved communications, welcome packets, and much more. If you would to help make the FRG stronger by making a meal, welcoming new families, help planning our socials, please email me at 5thrtbfrg@gmail.com. Volunteers are what make a battalion fun, informative and supportive.

Michele O'Brien

Volunteer Recognition

Bob and I know without the help of all our volunteers we would not be able to accomplish our goal to make this a better place for 5th RTB families. We would like to thank all the volunteers who have taken the time to make this a strong FRG. There are a few volunteers that we would like to specially recognize who have gone above and beyond as our volunteers of the quarter.

- ❖ **HHC: Summer Chancellor**
- ❖ **A Co: Allison Moore**
- ❖ **B Co: Magi Carbone**
- ❖ **C Co: Kristin Snowden**

Thank you again for everything you do!!

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

FRG Leadership

BN Advisor: Michele O'Brien

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B Co FRG Leader: Melissa McDonald

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C Co FRG Leader: Kristin Snowden

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Here is the Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/5th-Ranger-Training-Battalion/204165222966461>