

COMPANY D 1ST BATTALION 244th AVIATION BALAD, IRAQ



IRONMAN NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDERS CORNER



CPT JAMES D. WELLS

We are about to get into the busy season down here at the HAS. The number of Soldiers departing on R&R will be increasing due to the volume of Soldiers wanting to go home during the holiday months. So as the work load on the aircraft may stabilize, the number of Soldiers we will have to work on them will decrease. We will just have to ruck up and get business taken care of.

We also have a significant number of our unit members out on Emergency Leave. Let's keep them in our thoughts and wish them and their families the best and a safe return. Keep the communications open with family back home.

Keep up the good work your doing and we'll be going home before you know it.

And stay IRONMAN STRONG!



IRONMAN 6 OUT!

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FROM THE TOP



1SG MICHAEL SWANSON

I know that some are already tired of being here and ready to go. Some attitudes and tempers are starting to get a little short and not able to handle the stress as good as others. Please try to reframe from causing confrontations and understand that some may be stressed more than others. I feel we have the best group of guys and gals in the Battalion. We just need to try to keep our bickering in house. This brings me to another subject: RUMORS. I don't want to hear of issues in this platoon discussed with other outside this company and saying things and making accusations about people outside this unit. If you have a problem with someone in this company or the Battalion please bring it to my attention so I can look in to it.

APFT TEST

APFT test will be given every Saturday in the month of OCT at 0600. All who have not taken a PT test this month will take it this Saturday. The last Saturday will be for failures and makeups only

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations will be given on 17 Oct starting at 0800. All night shift personnel will go to get a shot after breakfast before going to bed. If you have

issues with getting the shot, talk to them when you get there.

POLICY LETTERS

All Policy letter acknowledgement forms have been turned in except for one's that are on leave. Help remind them when they come in to ensure they read and sign a form.

WEB SITES

If you have a web site that you are using here as a blog, it needs to be registered with BDE for OPSEC reasons. You need to watch out what pictures and information that is put out on websites. You will get into some serious trouble if you violate OPSEC.

WEAPONS CLEANING

Stay on top of keeping your individual weapons as clean as practical. Even though the dust and dirt never seem to let up, it shouldn't prevent you from giving you weapon a little TLC every week.

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S-1 / READINESS

SFC JOHN GROTHEER

R&R

There still seem to be a few Soldiers that just can't seem to grasp the concept of what needs to be done prior to going on leave. On the afternoon prior to your scheduled departure date:

1. Turn in your weapon to Sgt. Sellen
2. Turn in your Flight Line badge to S-2
3. Sign out in the S-1 and pick up your Leave form.

R&R briefings are conducted every Friday at 1500 hrs in the Bn S-1 Briefing Room. This briefing is mandatory to leave theater. It must be conducted within 30 days of your scheduled departure and at least 7 days out. Departure dates are posted at the end of each month around the 20th.

FAILURE TO ATTEND CAN RESULT IN YOUR LEAVE BEING CANCELED.

It is also your responsibility upon returning from R&R to make sure your DA Form 31 (Leave Slip) is

turned in to the Bn S-1, to pick up your Flight Line Badge from the S-2 and **to inform your Chain of Command know that you are back.**

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SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

CW5 JACK FORD

MAKE UP CLASSES

If you have missed any of the three Safety Classes we have held, you need to see SFC Grotheer and review the slides and sign off the class roster that are located in the Safety Binder in the office.

SAFETY

People usually approach their tasks "at hand" in one of two ways they either don't think of safety at all before they jump into the task or they think that they "won't or "can't "hurt themselves. Wrong. They will. If not today then most likely sooner than later. Do the smart thing: Before you begin a project, or take up a tool, or start a piece of equipment, think of the accident that CAN and WILL happen unless you make sure that it doesn't.

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LOGISTICS GOUGE

SUPPLY NCO – SGT SELLEN

Just a reminder that it is your responsibility to coordinate with me to turn in or pick up your weapon when coming and going on R&R. If this is not possible, your Platoon Sergeant should be doing this for you.

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LOST AND FOUND

A pair of Bi-focals has been turned in to the office. If you find yourself not being able to read the menu in the DFAC you may want to come in and see if they are yours.

FUTURE EVENTS

APFT every Saturday morning at 0600 beginning October 11th at HAS#6.

Holiday Shout Outs will be 25 Oct and Sport Shout Outs are 18 & 19 DFAC 4 and MWR West

Unit Safety Mtg - 10/15 WED @ 0730 (PC Briefing Room)

NCODP - 10/18 SAT @ 1600 (MWR West)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

SSG FRANCE (10/14) SPC HOLLOWAY (10/16)
SGT SELLEN (10/27) SPC BUILES (10/28)
SSG NOTTINGHAM (10/29) SGT DAVIS, T (10/30)

COMPANY SHIRTS

First order has been made and shirts are finished. We're just waiting for them to be shipped. Should see them arrive very soon.

To order your Delta Company T-Shirts, see SSG Mahnke in QC. They will come in Tan or Grey and will be approved for wear with both the Duty Uniform and PT's. Sizes range from Small to X Large (\$6.00) and XX Large to XXX Large (\$7.00)

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS / CONCERNS?

Contact/ email CPT Wells or SFC Grotheer at the following addresses:

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THE DUTY ROSTER

TOWER GUARD

*****BEGINNING OCT 15*****

DAY SHIFT - PRIMARY

PFC GRANDOLFO / SGT GUIDRY
DAY - ALTERNATES
SGT DAVIS, J / PFC VANDERWOOD
PFC SALTER / SPC PATRIARCA

NIGHT SHIFT - PRIMARY

SGT RANCATORE / SGT HOPE
NIGHT - ALTERNATES
SGT GAUBERT / SPC GILMORE

Q-POD

Q-pod is temporarily closed down until T-Wall are installed and system is reinstalled

OCT 13 – OCT 19

SGT GASPAR

OCT 20 – OCT 26

SGT MAYNARD

OCT 27 – NOV 02

SPC TURNER

NOV 03 – NOV 09

PFC LOMBARDO

NOV 10 – NOV 16

SPC MAY