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121 Family Times

121 Signal Battalion Task Force Lightning

...Letter From the Editor...

"Children find everything in nothing; men find nothing in everything."

----Giacomo Leopardi

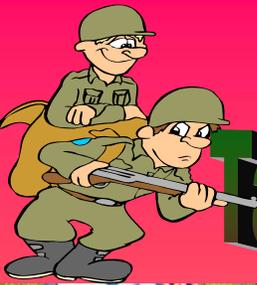
Task Force Lightning Mini-boot Camp

Tomorrow's fighting force?



(Note: These weapons only appear to be real)





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...and we thought the kids would be traumatized... JUN 25 2004



Ah...the art of camouflage...



"Where's my driver?"



I feel sorry for whomever encounters these girls...



A future Signal Soldier?



"I can't find the keys..."



Do these push-ups count? JUN 25 2004



"Can we start PT already?"



"Why can't we take it for a drive?"



**Walk to Iraq
(and Back)
Standings**

1. A Co.: 1473.4
2. C Co.: 1240.4
3. HHC: 692.92
4. B Co.: 413

Welcome the newest members of the 121 family....

SPC Christina & Joshua Crump
a baby girl, Neveah Marie
on 1 July 2004






• A special thanks to Bruce Withers & the VFW (pictured above with SFC Young & 1LT Cushing) for their support of the mini-boot camp.
 • Another thank-you goes out to Beverly Hobbs of First Command for her generosity.



The mini-boot camp was a success because of assistance from soldiers from the MP Company, 4/3 ADA, and the 17th SIG BN. Thank-you for your support.

Community Corner

August Events

- 2-6: Newcomer's Orientation from 0830-1430 (contact ACS)
- 5: "Teen Stress-buster Breakout" from 1000-1500 at the Cantigny Club
- 5: Nurnburg Zoo Trip (contact Outdoor Rec at 09321-305-8629 for reservations)
- 6: Instructor training for Healthy Pregnancy/Healthy Baby Program (contact the Red Cross)
- 6: Kitzingen & Wurzburg Townhall Meetings at 1800
- 7: Czech Shopping Trip (contact Outdoor Rec)
- 9: USAREUR Training Holiday
- 9-20: College Term I Registration (contact local Ed Center)
- 11: Larson Library Grand Opening at the End Zone at 1100
- 13: Leighton DFAC closes for renovations
- 18: Pottenstein Day Trip (contact Outdoor Rec)
- 18: Stress Management Class at the hospital from 1200-1300 (contact Anna Courie at 0931-804-2202)
- 21: Community Showcase at the Leighton Helipad from 1000-1600
- 23: College Term I begins
- 24-26: FRG Leader Training at Leighton ACS from 0900-1600 (contact Leighton ACS)
- 24: Sommerfest Potluck sponsored by the German Women's Club (contact Windey McKelvie at 09334-970-771)

Battalion Corner

The 1/2 Way Bash

Friday, 6 August 04
 1130-1500

- The deployment update portion will begin at 1200 at the Larson DFAC. If you are planning to eat, please be there at 1130 and the cost for lunch is \$3.30 per person.
- Immediately following the update will be an organizational day at the Battalion area (to include a dunking booth, summa wrestler suits as well as other games).
- Bring a twin sized bed sheet to decorate for the Welcome Home Celebration. Paint in basic colors will be provided by the Battalion (if you want other decorations, please bring them).
- If you have any questions, contact Michele Carter.

Alpha Company

It is hard to believe we are almost to the midpoint of this deployment. It seems like just days ago the deployment had just started and everyone was getting used to the idea that his or her soldier was deployed. Everyone has now found a routine that works for them and getting through these difficult times one day at a time. I am sure that just like I have, you all have developed new skills that you didn't think you would ever have to do. Whether it is something with the car, the stereo, television or a kid's toy, we have all been there in the past six months. Give yourself a big pat on the back for all that you have accomplished.

Alpha Co. family members have been very busy in the past 6 months. We have just completed our second care package for our soldiers; the first package went to the single soldiers and it was greatly appreciated. There have been eight babies born since the deployment began; congratulations to all of the new parents. Our family members have walked over 1473.4 miles for the Walk to Iraq (and back) Program. Great job, keep up the good work. We have even upgraded the decorations on our fence; check it out if you haven't done so already.

Alpha Co. is putting together a Battalion Cookbook and we need your help. We need to get at least 301 recipes, and sell 200 cookbooks so that they will sell for \$8 each. Please submit your favorite recipe(s) and the number of cookbooks you would like to purchase to aco121frg@yahoo.com. All of the money is going to the battalion fund for the *Welcome Home Celebration*. I would like to thank Khristina Setters for all of her efforts in getting the cookbook off the ground. I would also like to thank all of the family members for your support. All of the efforts you have put into the company have made it a better organization.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Battalion Staff for the recent *Task Force Lightning Mini-Boot Camp*. It was an outstanding event. All of the efforts the soldiers and staff put into this made it a first class event. My son didn't stop talking about it for days. The whole experience really helped him relate to what his dad does on a day to day basis. The static display of equipment used by the Iraqi's and insurgents was outstanding. I cannot say enough about how great Mini-Boot Camp was. Keep up the good work, and thank you for all you continue to do for the family members.

-----Mindy Long

