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Commanders Corner

On February 24th, 2011 I was extremely honored to take command of the 84th Explosive Ordnance Battalion. I remember when I came in the service as a PV1 many years ago, I never imagined I would be at this level and I would like to thank the countless NCOs who shaped me and helped me get here. I also am pretty appreciative of the Army for having a Senior Citizen program and a sense of humor. J

Vince Lombardi once said that “the quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence regardless of one’s chosen field of endeavor.” It is

apparent that LTC Weber believed this as well because he PCS’d from an organization that is trained, well led and focused on mission and people. The Battalion’s lineage and history is one to be very proud of especially as the challenges remain continual and ongoing with multiple operational requirements, both CONUS and OCONUS. I am extremely impressed at the level of expertise and professionalism that resides in the unit.

I take this position very seriously and fully understand the ramifications and concerns we face in the future, both for our Soldiers and their families. Our Soldiers will continue to deploy into hostile environments and respond to Homeland Defense missions on short notice and it is a testament to their character and loyalty that they always succeed, sometimes at a cost that is difficult to bear. As such, our families often face the more difficult challenge as they hold down the home-front and have to become Mother, Father, friend, and confidant; they are **ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL** to the success of our mission and more importantly to the welfare of our nation.

On January 24, 2011, President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and Dr. Jill Biden put forward nearly 50 commitments by Federal agencies responding to the President’s directive to establish a coordinated and comprehensive Federal approach to supporting military families.





Commanders Corner cont...

"Strengthening Our Military Families: Meeting America's Commitment" is the result of an effort led by the National Security Staff and Domestic Policy Council responding to the Presidential Study Directive-9 calling on all Cabinet Secretaries and other agency heads to find better ways to provide our military families with the support they deserve. Key tenets of the Directive call for the United States to have a unified approach to help ensure the following:

- The U.S. military recruits and retains America's best, allowing it to maintain the high standards which have become a hallmark of our armed forces.
- Service members can maintain both strong families and a high state of readiness;
- family members can live fulfilling lives while supporting their service member (s); and the American people better understand and appreciate the experience, strength, and commitment of those who serve and sacrifice on their behalf.

From my time as an NCO to where I serve today as the Commander, I know that families are crucial to any unit's overarching success. As the Battalion HHD begins the initial Road to War build-up and several of the companies continue theirs, rest assured that I will do my utmost to ensure that our Soldier's families are as prepared and trained as possible so their Soldier can focus on the mission and not be concerned about the home-front—they deserve no less. America should be both proud and honored to have such warriors and their families in their midst.

William Jennings Bryan famously said that "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be hoped for, it is a thing to be achieved." Angi and I look forward to serving with and beside each of the Crimson Talon family over the next two years and to continue shaping the 84th's destiny; may the Lord ride with each of us on our journey.

Respectfully//

Talon 6

LTC Clyde "Mike" Buckley



741st OD CO (EOD)



Discussion of robot operations with the Chief of Ordnance.



Commander enlists Soldier into the New York ARNG during his hail and farewell.



741st OD CO (EOD) cont..



PV2 Elrod is promoted to PFC



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SPC Smith (attachee) represents the 741st EOD during the Bataan Death March by displaying an EOD flag, that he made, on his bag pipes. SPC Smith completed the entire 26.2 mile march while playing the bag pipes.



774th OD CO (EOD)

The company continues to do an excellent job with our numerous missions including: EOD response for the Cavalry Brigade in the largest Area of Operations in Iraq, support to the Combined Explosives Exploitation Cell for both North and Main, EOD Partnership with the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police EOD Units, and disposal of UXO and Code H ammunition for our Area of Operation. We would like to recognize our recent promotions: SGT Lebaron, SSG Lewis, and SFC Boling.

Very Respectfully,

CPT Brian Kibitlewski

Commander, 774 EOD Company



HQs, TM 1-3 and TM 2-3 get in some volleyball before our weekly sandstorm.



774th OD CO (EOD)cont..



SSG Teel, 1/774, reads CPT Jason McMahon's bio during the USD-S EOD Memorial Ceremony. CPT McMahon was a previous member of the 774 family.



2/774 EOD conducts a Joint Demolition Operation with their Iraqi Army Counterparts in order to ensure the UXO is safely disposed of by detonation.

Soldier of the Quarter



Good Job PFC Mattes!!!



Happy Birthday

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

SGT APPLEBY

SGT JAVAHERIAN

SSG RUSH

SSG SIMON

SSG CABRAL

MSG FLOWERS

SSG POITRA

SPC TATUM

SSG GARTON

CPT HURLEY

SPC GRAY

SGT IDE

SPC LEE

1SG OWENS

Upcoming FRG Meetings

- ◆ 19 MAY: HHD FRG Meeting
- ◆ 26 MAY : 774TH FRG Meeting
- ◆ 26 MAY : 763rd FRG Meeting
- ◆ 16 JUNE : HHD FRG Meeting
- ◆ 24 JUNE : 763RD FRG Meeting
- ◆ 30 JUNE : 774TH FRG Meeting
- ◆ 8 JULY : 763RD FRG Meeting
- ◆ 28 JULY : 774TH FRG Meeting