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A 42d Combat Aviation Brigade Quarterly Newsletter

Message from the Commander



Welcome to the inaugural edition of the 42d Combat Aviation Brigade Newsletter.

I want to start by wishing you and your families well during the holiday season. Enjoy the down time and make sure to relax. As the holidays approach remember that the holidays are a struggle for some of us. Please remember to check in on your fellow Soldiers that may be having a tough go of it during the holidays. Don't be afraid to reach out to a friend or the chain of command if you or someone in our ranks needs some help.

So, why a newsletter? Things are much more challenging as we enter our second go around with COVID-19 and the impact it has on our training. Communication and information sharing is important and we are using as many platforms as possible to make sure you hear what is going on around the Brigade. Whether it is Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and now our newsletter, we will try to keep the information flowing.

By now you are aware that we have been directed to conduct virtual or hybrid drills except for key readiness events. Things like MRWs, ranges, CPX events will still be in person. Training that can be done virtually will be done so. This will make things a bit more challenging as we have a busy year in front of us with the majority of our aircrews transitioning into the new UH-60M airframe, 3-142 AHB attending a CTC rotation, and 642 supporting MARSOC.

Please do what you can to mitigate your exposure to COVID (masks, distancing, handwashing, vaccine). The NYNG is going to be one of the first organizations to have access to the new vaccine that was recently approved. By the time this newsletter is published your chain of command will have sent you the specifics on the vaccine and how it will be administered.

There is some misinformation on the COVID-19 vaccination. It has already tested and approved for use. It is not being tested on our Soldiers. The military is conducting a "proof of concept" on the logistics of storing, delivering, and administering the vaccine on a large scale. I encourage all our Soldiers to educate themselves on the vaccine. I am planning on taking it at the first opportunity.

As always, I appreciate the sacrifice you and your families make to be part of the National Guard. Your hard work and dedication are what makes our units successful. Have a great holiday season and we will see you at January's drill.
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Message from the CCWO



Soldiers and Families of the 42nd Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), Greetings and warm wishes for this Holiday season!

As it's been awhile since we shared a Newsletter, I'd like to reintroduce myself. I'm Chief Warrant Officer Five Mark Shumway and I serve as the CAB's Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO). In that role, I'm here to advise the Command Team on all Warrant Officer issues and to function as an advisor/mentor to the Warrant Officers within the Brigade.

The obvious is that 2020 has not been the typical year for the Army, the New York Army National Guard, the 42d CAB, and for each of you and your families. As we continue to Soldier on in unfamiliar territory please look after the other members in your unit and after your own unique situation. Additionally, I want to make myself available to you to answer questions or concerns!

Still, exciting things have happened in 2020 for the Brigade; most notable to me has been the acceptance of the first UH-60M models for 3-142 Assault Helicopter Battalion. The 3-142d will continue to field more of these brand new aircraft until eventually they replace all of the Legacy UH-60As and Ls. Many of you have now trained in, maintained and flown the "Mike" and many more should get this opportunity over the next year.

Professional Military Education (PME) has been interrupted during the COVID-19 era, but it has not ceased. I've gotten mostly positive feedback from Warrant Officers who have completed their PME over the last year. Almost all of this has been done virtually (online), so the service members were able to remain home and complete the PME without TDY travel. The following applies to Warrant Officer PMR. Your Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) will be programmed in for you in order to achieve MOS-qualification. You will need to submit through your unit for Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) and this is still branch specific. You also need to submit through your unit for Warrant Office Intermediate Level Education (WOILE) which is not branch specific. Please do not delay in seeking out WOAC or WOILE nobody is going to do it for you, submit for it early. The Warrant Officer Senior Staff Education (WOSSE) has limited enrollment and is coordinated by the NY state CCWO, so don't submit without higher level coordination. Many changes are expected in WO PME in the next few years; course locations, split branch specific/common core portions, and longer course lengths are expected.

If you're a Warrant Officer and have not identified a more senior Warrant as a career mentor, please choose one and seek their counsel. If you're having difficulty finding a mentor please contact me!

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Wishing all of you a great 2021!

Respectfully,
Mark E. Shumway, CW5, NYARNG, 42nd CAB CCWO

Message from the CSM



Greetings 42nd CAB family. This has been a unique year for the NYARNG due to the recent pandemic. I came into the 42nd CAB as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major in February of 2020, and shortly after, found myself activated as part of the Dual Status Command Team, to help combat COVID-19 in NYC and other areas throughout the state. As most of you know, because of this pandemic, we had to put a temporary hold on actual training and resorted to virtual drills or staggered times to ensure the safety of our Soldiers, their families, and the community at large. For some, we were fortunate enough to conduct a safe Annual Training in the COVID environment.

As the virus appears to take another foothold with a second wave, and becoming increasingly alarming throughout the nation, we need to continue to practice and take the same precautions that held it at bay. It's imperative to adhere to social distancing and take continuous precautions. It is paramount that our military forces need to stay healthy and be able to stay in the fight and sustain itself with current or future missions. We've witnessed first hand what this virus can do and the wake it has left in its path. We cannot afford to get complacent.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully we can soon return to the same normalcy we once knew. I am eager to see our Brigade train as they have in the past. I can say that I've had the opportunity see several units train in unfamiliar territory and proud to them succeed.

With that said, we need to "get up to speed" and train to fight and win in the next war. In order to do this, the Army has postured and transitioned from the COIN (Counter Insurgency) concept to fighting "near peer" adversaries, like China or Russia. We have to change with the times and do what the Army does well, adapt to the changes. Our training will reflect that in the coming months and years to follow. I am confident that this Brigade will make that transition and embrace the challenges ahead.

There are many of you that don't know me. I'm not here to preach my command philosophy in this forum, but I want you to know, besides the priorities set from higher, emphasizing the importance of retention and training, my own personal priority is taking care of Soldiers (and their families). If the Soldiers are taken care of, the rest will fall into place. If you feel there is a need, any issues, or anything that can benefit our Brigade, I'm always open to suggestions. Before you decide I'm not approachable, I have an "Open Door Policy." I invite you can contact me through my email, cellphone or the old fashion face to face interaction.

As I close my remarks, From your Brigade Command Team and my family, I want to wish you and yours, a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year!!!

"Phoenix 7"

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3-142 has focused on readiness, while combatting Covid. SPC Jean-Jacques, the BN Full-Time Medical Readiness NCO and 68W, shepherded 182 Soldiers through MRW in December in record time. His collaborative efforts overseeing the process reduced the time to conduct MRW from 6+ hours to 4.5 hours. CPT Fernandez conducted SHARP training by leading Soldiers through discussions on preventing sexual harassment. Fifty nine Soldiers have passed the ACFT this FY, with MAJ Squires and SPC Ng scoring the highest in LEGEND. Kudos to them for their physical fitness prowess.

The BN adroitly adapted to the Covid surge in New York by conducting virtual and hybrid drills. Units conducted a myriad of trainings and administrative requirements from Cold Weather refresher to GAT surveys to updating SGLV and DD93s. The flight companies received 4 state-of-the-art UH-60M models. This aircraft fielding will ensure aircrews are prepared for any possible deployments during their Ready Year in 2022.

Delta Company conducted VCOTT training for 24 Soldiers at CSTS. This valuable training prepared Soldiers, Convoy Commanders, and key leaders to successfully conduct NTC next summer. Delta also performed PMI on MK19, M4, and M2 weapons systems and range classes in preparation for upcoming range qualifications. Echo Company installed ring mounts and continues to conduct vehicle maintenance ensuring vehicles are prepared for success when they encounter the harsh conditions and climate at NTC.

Under SSG Lanham's tireless efforts LEGEND remains among the best in the state at 116% strength and reenlisting 17 personnel. LEGEND continues to be a unit Soldiers want to serve and morale remains high.



RONKONKOMA, N.Y. – New York Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 142nd Assault Helicopter Regiment welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony October 17, 2020 at the Army Aviation Support Facility at Islip MacArthur International Airport.

Lt. Col. Matthias Greene, a veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, assumed command of the battalion from Lt. Col. Jason Lefton.

Greene commented on the unit morale and cohesion as his first impression of the aviation battalion.

“I quickly observed the camaraderie and affection the troops in this battalion have for one another during my first drill with this unit,” Greene said. “Diversity is valued, and caring for each other and the local community is a top priority. These are all great things that I want to keep, going forward,” he added.

“These things no doubt contribute to this battalion having the highest retention rate in the New York National Guard,” Greene said.

Greene previously served at the National Guard Bureau headquarters and is currently attending the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Greene led an air cavalry platoon during the invasion of Iraq in 2003 as a member of the 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment. He served with that unit in Iraq for a second deployment in 2006-2007.

In 2009 he deployed to Afghanistan as commander of a Wyoming Army National Guard Medical Evacuation Company.

His awards include the Air Medal, the Bronze Star, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the NATO Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Master Army Aviator Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

Read the full story by Sgt. Matthew Gunther here: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/381209/ny-national-guard-aviation-battalion-welcomes-new-leadership>



642d ASB focused combating a spike in COVID cases, while maintain the ability to support the community and readiness. 642d ASB currently has 29 Soldiers on orders for NYS COVID response forces under the CARES ACT. The Organizational Inspection Program has been performed on HSC and virtually on Alpha Company with great results so far. Following the monthly training meeting we conducted our Quarterly Safety Meeting with our new BN Safety Officer CW5 Haack. Most of the BN reduced their personnel in close contact by canceling or holding a virtual/hybrid December IDT, however, there was multiple events in which our Soldiers participated.



Alpha, and Bravo companies received vaccinations for their mission sets including the annual influenza.

HSC IDT was cancelled, but assisted the Governor's Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Handout. Soldiers assisted the Governor and staff in Rochester by controlling traffic and distributing 100 turkeys to families during a drive.

Alpha company performed Homeland Response Force preparedness training setting up multiple lanes including ambulatory, non-ambulatory and technician (Fire/EMS/Military responders) casualty evacuation and decontamination training. Classes were conducted on donning and doffing decontamination protective equipment, as well as operating AN/PDR 77 monitors.

Bravo Company- Weapons PMI, Safety stand down classes, and Vaccinations.

Charlie Company – IDT Cancelled for the month of December.

Charlie Company 1-171st – Virtual training to include Aircrew Member Academics and safety stand down classes.

Det 1 Bravo Company 3-126th – Finished reassembly of a CH47F to be sent to Ft Campbell for reset. Assisted in the pickup and movement of a transmission for C/1-171st. Held a promotion ceremony with reduced personnel for CW2 Wilcox.



Soldier Spotlights



On November 7th, joined by his wife and daughter, SSG Warshauer was promoted to SFC. SFC Warshauer has served 16 years in the NYARNG (15 in 3-142d) and deployed with the unit as a 15P back in 2008. Since he has gone on to become a 42A and is part of our fulltime S1 Staff.



On November 25th, WO1 Wilcox was promoted to CW2. Mr. Wilcox is assigned to Det. 1 Co. B 3-126.

Quarterly promotions:

PFC Landivar, Kenny, HHC 42d CAB
SPC Marquez, Deborah, HHC 42d CAB
SPC Parlapano, Tyler, HHC 42d CAB
SGT Jimenez, Rafael, 3-142d AHB
SFC Warshauer, Jonathan, 3-142 AHB
CW2 Wilcox, Adam 642d ASB
1LT Hart, Kyla, HHC 42d CAB

Retirements:

MAJ Keller, Brian, HHC 42d CAB



Quarterly reenlistments:

SPC Bonadonna, Arcangelo, 3-142d AHB
SPC Bryan, Donald, 3-142d AHB
SPC Cooper, Joshua, 3-142d AHB
SPC Cronin, Dylan, 3-142d AHB
SPC Delatour, Stephan, 642d ASB
SPC Harrian Zachary, 642d ASB
SPC Ingoldsby, Donald, 3-142d AHB
SPC JeanJacques, Jau Love 3-142d AHB
SPC Joseph, Hanna, 3-142d AHB
SPC Kaldeen Tenzin, 642d ASB
SPC Lawrence, Darlene, 642d ASB
SPC Lenhart Matthew, 642d ASB
SPC Marcus, Teon, 3-142d AHB
SPC Morgan, Victoria, 3-142d AHB
SPC Salasogilvie, Luis, 3-142d AHB
SPC Tharpa, Dil, 3-142d AHB
SPC Varghese, Michael, 3-142d AHB
SGT Addleman Christopher, 642d ASB
SGT Caban, Kirk, 3-142d AHB
SGT Fung Robin, 642d ASB
SGT Kencsan, Spencer, 3-142d AHB
SGT Lawton, Peter, 3-142d AHB
SGT Nesterov, Dennis, 3-142d AHB
SGT Williamson Damien, 642d ASB
SSG Downs, Michael, 3-142d AHB
SSG Duquette, Russell, 642d ASB
SSG Ralph Bradley, 642d ASB

Do you know a Soldier or unit that you would like to nominate for the next issue's Soldier Spotlight or Unit Spotlight? If so, please email:

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Thank you!

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