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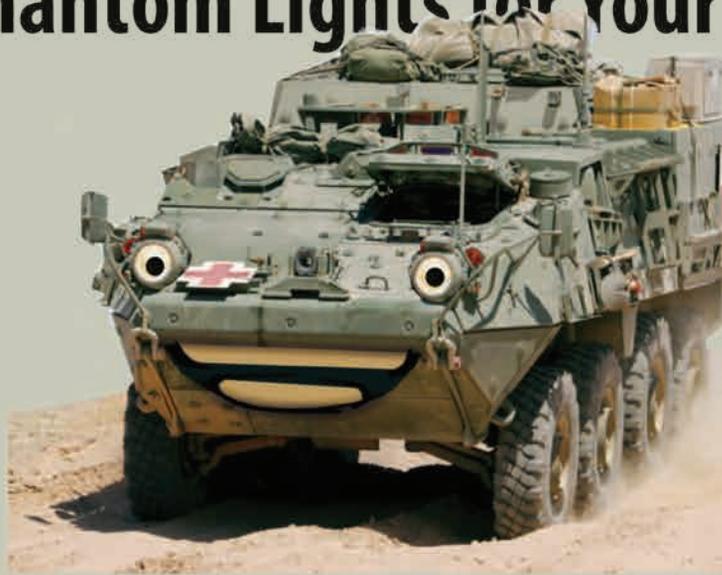
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## From the Chairman



LTG (Ret) Thomas F. Metz

SAVE THE DATE, SAVE THE DATE, save September, 11 2021, because National Infantry Association Members, their families and friends are invited to the Global War on Terror Memorial Rededication at the National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning/Columbus, Georgia! I'm devoting this column to the most meaningful and inspiring event I know of in a time when Americans seem to be questioning so very much. Since I can recall similar times from my days in the '60s as a teenager, Army Private and

USMA Cadet, I'm confident the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and plane crash near Shanksville, Pennsylvania will be robust across America. I'm also confident that the Rededication of the National Infantry Museum's Global War on Terror (GWOT) Memorial will be an event you will not soon forget.

During a visit to the National Infantry Museum (NIM) in 2012, former CENTCOM Commander General John Abizaid asked about plans for a GWOT Memorial. Although the NIM received a steel beam from the ruins of the World Trade Center, plans for a memorial were not underway. General Abizaid pledged to lead the effort if the National Infantry Museum Foundation (NIMF) wanted to create a GWOT Memorial. In early 2015, a GWOT Memorial became one of seven projects for the NIM. The NIM Foundation Chairman at that time, LTG Carmen Cavezza, accepted General Abizaid's offer to lead the GWOT Memorial effort. Shortly thereafter, General Abizaid enlisted the help of Mr. Vinnie Viola and Generals Stan McChrystal, George Casey Jr. and Chuck Jacoby to help secure funding for the Memorial. Hundreds of interpretive design work hours were invested before the final design was completed and approved by General Abizaid in the summer of 2016. The goal was set; dedicate the GWOT Memorial on September 11, 2017! (This date was changed to October 17, 2017 which turned out to be providential as a major hurricane passed through Columbus on the original date.)

As you enter the GWOT Memorial, you'll see panels that portray the precursor events that culminated in the attacks of 9/11. On the reverse side are maps of Afghanistan and Iraq which help Veterans articulate where they served during the GWOT. The steel beam from the World Trade Center tells its own story, and if you are old enough, remind you of that day, "9/11," and where you were when the terrorists attacked. The bronze statues of Infantrymen in a squad formation led by Metal of Honor recipient Specialist Ross McGinnis also speak for themselves, brave and determined Soldiers ready to close with and destroy the enemy. GWOT has been and will continue to be a "Joint" war. Therefore, you'll see all four Service Flags side by side, flying together as we fight the GWOT together. Beneath the flags of the Services are pictures etched in the panels that reflect the men and women from that service in action. Most importantly, the names of those killed in action are etched on granite panels in chronological order; 7,032 as of 2020's Rededication. NIM staff uses the Defense Casualty Analysis System to ensure the best standard is followed to add names to these panels. An automated system is available to find a name quickly and guide you to where it is etched in the granite panel. Volunteers are close by to help those who want to copy the name by making an etching with lead pencil and paper.

If you are interested but can't make it this year, the GWOT Memorial Rededication takes place annually on the first Saturday after Labor Day. It happens that this year, the first Saturday after Labor Day is "9/11" and the 20th Anniversary of the day America was attacked by terrorists. If you can make it this year, GREAT! We can't wait to see you!

Lastly, I'd ask you to consider supporting our GWOT Memorial Rededication. First and foremost, if you know Gold Star Family Members, please get them in contact with Rachel Goodman at email address: rgoodman@nationalinfantryfoundation.org. Also, let them know about our Gold Star Family Dinner Friday evening, 10 September. If you would like to financially support this dinner or the Memorial, please contact Jane Bayer at email address: jbayer@nationalinfantryfoundation.org

As the Chairman of the National Infantry Association and of the National Infantry Museum Foundation, I look forward to seeing you at the 2021 GWOT Rededication on Saturday, "9/11," this year! We'll be adhering to Georgia's COVID-19 restrictions and guidance; nevertheless, having received the vaccine, I look forward to a fist or elbow bump! SAVE THE DATE: "9/11" and join us to honor those who have been killed in action in the Global War on Terror.

## From the President



COL (Ret) Robert E. Choppa

As we enter the summer, it will be time for the Army to move many of our officers, non-commissioned officers and Soldiers. It is part of Infantry life. We want to wish MG Dave Hodne, our Chief of Infantry for the last couple of years, well wishes as he goes to Command the 4th Infantry Division (Steadfast and Loyal) in Fort Carson. We will truly miss GEN Hodne for his unquestionable love of the Infantry. He has provided timely decisions when needed. He has fulfilled his many requirements as Chief of Infantry, Commandant of the Infantry School and Director of the Soldier Lethality Cross Functional Team. I was fortunate enough to serve with Dave or beside him in multiple assignments. I am in awe of his hard work, his dedication, his development, his maturation and his presence. He has inspired Soldiers with their First 100 Yards. He paved the way for our two Infantry Training Brigades, the 197th Infantry Brigade and the 198th Infantry Brigade to embrace the 22-week OSUT and increase the production of better-trained, more physically fit Infantrymen. He has empowered change in the Airborne Ranger Training Brigade, setting in motion improvements to our best Leadership School. Recently, COL Ralph Puckett told me he is so proud of all that Ranger Hodne has accomplished. Dave has also identified challenges that need work, and has set the conditions for success for those who follow him. Most importantly Dave is a husband, a father, his son's golf coach, his daughter's supportive equestrian Dad, a great brother, a perfect son, a seasoned mentor and an awesome friend. Someday, he will be one of the great Cowboys from Montana! Thank you for your partnership, leadership and efforts. We wish you all the best in Colorado. You and your family will be missed.

We want to welcome our new Infantry Command Sergeant Major, Chris Gunn. His experience includes almost all of our types of Infantry—Stryker, Light, Long Range Surveillance, Air Assault, Airborne, Mechanized and Security Forces Assistance units. He has served as the Joint Modernization CSM, 1st SFAB CSM, 3rd Armored Brigade CSM, 1st Squadron 3rd Cav CSM, 3rd Battalion 69th Armored Regiment CSM. We are thrilled to have Chris leading the Infantry Team. Also, the National Infantry Association welcomes some great non-commissioned officers to our team. Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Judson Gee and Command Sergeant Major Martin "Freddie" Celestine are our newest members of our NIA Board of Directors.

We are looking forward to getting past the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that all of

our members and families get vaccinated. We hope you all have safe summers and flawless permanent changes of station. The Infantry celebrated the Best Sniper Competition and the Best Ranger Competition during Infantry week. We wish all of you a Happy Birthday for the Infantry on 15 June. We hope you all have a wonderful Independence Day Celebration. In September, we are planning the Doughboy Awards Dinner as part of the Maneuver Week. We look forward to working with our tremendous sponsors and donors to have a wonderful event. Our Premier Sponsor is Ms. Victoria McDowell of Phantom Lights and Products. They graciously have supported the NIA for over 20 years. We also want to thank our other sponsors and donors, AMTE Corporation, Bell Helicopters, Boeing, BOSE Inc., Columbus in the Valley Magazine, Columbus Water Works, First Command, Georgia Power, General Dynamics, Leonardo DRS, Lockheed-Martin, National Defense Corporation, Northrup-Grumman, and TSYS.

We are thrilled to work daily with the National Infantry Museum Foundation, led by BG Pete Jones (U.S. Army Retired) and COL Andrew Redmond (USAF Retired) and are

excited about the prospect of the Museum's reopening in the near future. We celebrate our partnership with the Army Museum led by Mr. Scott Daubert, director of the National Infantry Museum. I always welcome the opportunity to laud our NIA Team, CPT (Ret) Lauren Byrd, Ms. Chelsea Gradzik, Mr. Brian Nelson and Ms. Jill Tigner for their magnificent work and phenomenal support.

We are so proud of COL Ralph Puckett, another director on our board. Ralph will receive the Medal of Honor after 70+ years. When we discuss the Battle of Hill 205, Ralph boasts of his remarkable and fearless Rangers. He speaks of their bravery and valor; he loves all of them. He has prayed for them and their families. We salute SGT Merle Simpson, a survivor of the fighting on Hill 205 and hope he is able to join Ralph at the MOH Presentation. We are excited to see Ralph receive this award.

Finally, we hope all of you members of the NIA will recruit a new Infantryman to our team. Have an awesome summer! Follow Me!

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## Recognizing Excellence



MG David M. Hodne

Last month, the Infantry School hosted both the Best Ranger and Best Sniper Competitions. Referred to as "Infantry Week," this year's scaled down version hosted two of the four competitions normally conducted for Infantry Week. The Airborne Ranger Training Brigade and the 199th Infantry Brigade expertly and safely resumed these annual events. Last year, the COVID-19 pandemic joined Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom in necessitating what would be only the third

cancellation of the Best Ranger Competition in almost three decades. I look forward to resuming the Best Mortar and Combatives Competitions next year. In 2022, we will also return to the "International Sniper Competition" as this is always a popular event among our allies and partners.

These competitions are very important. They allow our Infantry Branch, and our Army, the opportunity to recognize excellence, foster esprit de corps, and showcase the exceptional talent resident in our formations. Each competition tests participants both physically and mentally from start to finish. The Sniper and Mortar competitions, in particular, also allow for units to share best practices, tactics, techniques, and procedures that improve Army readiness. Lastly, these competitions allow the Infantry School to showcase our skilled instructors. While much occurs behind the scenes to ensure success, the discipline, teamwork, and skills of our instructors are readily apparent throughout the execution of the events.

"Infantry Week," the week dedicated to hosting these events, also serves to rally people from across the Nation and provides them an opportunity to connect with today's Army. Recognizing excellence, however, happens more often than once a year during Infantry Week at Fort Benning. Each and every week in the Infantry School and the Maneuver Center of Excellence, we see excellence manifested across our programs of instruction. I consider myself very fortunate serving here in the U.S. Army Infantry School for the last three years, routinely witnessing our great Soldiers earning respected credentials benefiting from the skills and expertise of capable instructors. I've previously written of how the pandemic hasn't slowed our training pace, but it certainly limited sharing profound milestones only

through virtual means. In the absence of friends and family, I and other leaders here have had the honor of fulfilling requests of parents and loved ones to actively participate in graduations and pin wings and tabs on their behalf. This month, we will incrementally resume public attendance at our graduation ceremonies. The opportunity to share in these experiences and recognize excellence publicly with our families and people closest to us is always a cause for celebration.

In what will likely be my final column in the *Infantry Bugler*, I am honored to further recognize excellence and pay tribute to Colonel Ralph Puckett. I've had the pleasure of Ralph's mentorship and wisdom for twenty years now and join generations of Rangers, citizens of Columbus, friends of Fort Benning, and proud Americans in congratulating him on the announcement of his award of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Colonel Puckett's distinguished record of military service is simply without limit. He is also the example of modesty, humility, and selflessness. He simply inspires all of us to be better. His words of encouragement to the Best Ranger competitors inspired all in attendance and attested to the manner in which Colonel Puckett embodies and personifies the Ranger Creed. While serving as the Honorary Colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment, Ralph's simple but profound counsel, "be proud but not satisfied," served as watchwords against complacency. Similarly, his guidance to leaders on the importance of "just being there" in the company of Soldiers speaks to the importance of personal connection and presence. Of course, the story of his leadership and experiences in the Eighth Ranger Company in Korea is simply remarkable. Words will never adequately convey the depth of my respect for this legendary Ranger leader. I'm honored to have had the opportunity to continue to seek Colonel Puckett's advice while serving as the Chief of Infantry and Commandant of the U.S. Army Infantry School.

Again, I am proud to serve alongside the dedicated professionals here in the U.S. Army Infantry School. In recognizing excellence, I must acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the instructors, staff and leaders who invest daily in the foundation and future of our Army. Those who inspire are never taken for granted. Those who inspire set conditions for victory.

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# Screaming Eagles: On a Countdown to Combat



MG Joseph P. (JP) McGee

This year will mark the 79th anniversary of the activation of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Shortly after that activation, the first Division Commander, MG William C. Lee, remarked that the 101st “has no history, but it has a rendezvous with destiny.” Since the Division’s inception in 1942, Screaming Eagle Soldiers have forged a legacy of continuous excellence and a commitment to winning and mission accomplishment. From the battlefields of World War II, Vietnam and the Gulf War to 19 years of counterinsurgency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Division has always remained ready to answer the Nation’s call. Today’s Screaming Eagles continue to answer that call as they deploy worldwide or across the country to support partners, allies and fellow citizens. While we continue to provide critical capabilities to ongoing operations across the globe, we are focused on building trained, disciplined, fit and cohesive units ready to deploy and fight tonight and win in any location. We are achieving this by training effectively, modernizing, innovating and putting our people first.

As we prepare for future large scale combat operations, the 101st has remained engaged in current operations worldwide. In the last year, Screaming Eagles have deployed to Europe, Korea, Africa and the southwest border of the United States. The 101st Division Sustainment Brigade is currently deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. To support our Nation’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Fort Campbell Soldiers deployed to establish medical treatment centers, and the 101st led the way for the Army in providing Vaccine Support Teams to assist COVID-19 vaccination efforts across the country. We currently have teams deployed to Chicago, Cleveland and Orlando, and to date, our Soldiers have administered over 696,000 vaccines to our fellow citizens. Throughout these diverse missions, our Soldiers have reinforced partners and allies, deterred adversaries, supported combatant commander priorities and selflessly assisted their fellow Americans. Whenever and wherever they were called upon, Screaming Eagle Soldiers distinguished themselves. They always accomplish the mission, and then immediately prepare for the next fight.

Foundational to our readiness for the future fight is our focus on quality training. Our units train to successfully execute collective tasks at night, on unfamiliar terrain, and against an adaptive enemy, and in so doing we produce lethal squads and platoons who will dominate at the point of contact. Simultaneously, we focus on high standards of maintenance and constantly improve our deployment readiness systems and processes. We maximize the use of our training resources at Fort Campbell and continue to enhance our home station training capabilities including investments in Subterranean training environments that will enhance the tactical skills of our Infantry-centric formations. As a result, our units have routinely excelled during crucible training events at the Army’s combat training centers.

To maintain our unique Air Assault capability and remain the world’s premier helicopter-based Joint Forcible Entry (JFE) Division, we are focusing on modernizing the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB). This year we are growing a CH-47 company within the CAB for enhanced Air Assault capacity and will continue building capability and capacity in our aviation brigade as it becomes the Army’s first JFE CAB. Concurrently, we are developing plans to modernize our facilities and infrastructure

to support this important initiative. The 101st is informing the future of Army Aviation with our Soldiers supporting Army Futures Command’s Future Vertical Lift (FVL) Cross-Functional Team. As an example, the Division recently hosted senior leaders from across XVIII Airborne Corps and the aviation industry at Fort Campbell to share information and insights on FVL. We are also leveraging our Total Army partnerships to integrate Army Reserve and National Guard aviation units into our training, further enhancing the Division’s and the Army’s Air Assault proficiency.

Most importantly as we prepare for the future fight, we are putting our people first. Our Army Senior Leaders have rightly articulated the importance of prioritizing people, and we are putting that guidance into action. In addition to our commitment to taking care of our Soldiers and their families, we are also putting people first in innovation and solving problems. We instituted the EagleWerx innovation program at Fort Campbell, which focuses on Soldier-led innovation initiatives. This program provides design training and connects empowered Soldiers and their ideas with the resources needed to generate solutions for our Division. Additionally, we are conducting a Division-wide survey using an innovative mobile application that enables leaders at echelon to hear directly from every Screaming Eagle Soldier. We are collecting valuable insight on training, readiness and command climate to determine where we can improve and where we can reinforce success. Creating mechanisms like this for collaboration and communication up and down the chain of command will better enable our leaders to create cohesive environments where all team members have the opportunity to excel, are treated with dignity and respect, and protect each other.

The leaders and Soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) today stand ready to deploy, fight and win on any battlefield, just as our predecessors did in 1942. Every day our Soldiers and leaders strive to be trained, disciplined, fit and cohesive. This focus enables the 101st to continue building lethal squads and platoons that can win at the point of contact and ensures that we will remain ready for our next “Rendezvous with Destiny.” ★



# Transformation through Tactical Innovation

## *Soldier-Inspired Solutions to Win the Future Fight*

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) has a rich history of pioneering the development of Air Assault tactics, techniques and procedures. To this day, the 101st is the premier helicopter-based Division and continues to push the envelope to be ready for tomorrow's conflict.

The 101st is transforming its approach to build readiness for future warfare by leveraging bottom-up innovation. This transformational change is focused on reimagining the unit's role in the future of Air Assault and Large-Scale Combat Operations (LSCO).

### **Empowering Soldiers to Innovate**

The 101st recognized the need for transformation to meet future tactical challenges when they created the division innovation program, EagleWerx, in November 2020. Today, the Division empowers Soldiers to innovate by providing the framework to connect people, ideas and resources. In partnership with academia and the Army Research Lab, the 101st leads innovative, Soldier-focused initiatives that inform research and development. Since its conception, EagleWerx has launched a website and collaborative ideation platform, supported 11 Soldier-led innovation initiatives, and trained eight Innovation Officers in human-centered design methodologies. From tools, to software, to policy, Soldiers advance creative solutions that improve our unit. Initiative topics include Air Assault planning, sponsorship policy, subterranean breach training, subterranean sensing, range planning application, in/out-processing application, night vision goggle (NVG) holster, multifunctional hammer and more. The majority of these initiatives include collaboration with partners in academia. For

example, the Military Intelligence Company (MICO) of 2nd Brigade Combat Team "Strike", 101st partners with Middle Tennessee State University to design and explore internally developed unmanned aerial platforms for sensing subterranean environments. This partnership enables Soldiers to experiment, learn and foment relationships with academia.

### **Fostering a Culture of Experimentation**

Limiting risk during periods of change requires a paradigm shift in the way tactical units and Soldiers think and see themselves. Soldier experimentation is critical for informing future requirements and mitigating risk at the lowest level. Soldiers and units inherit the risks of the equipment they receive. Rarely do Soldiers have the opportunity to shape the research and design of equipment they require to perform their warfighting functions. Given the resources to experiment, Soldiers can learn and inform requirements before equipment is fielded rather than solely trying to mitigate risk after sub-optimal solutions are fielded. The 101st leads a deliberate effort to foster a culture of experimentation to learn and grow. The 101st partnership with Vanderbilt University enables Soldiers to regularly engage and learn with academia. Soldier-inspired innovation initiatives with Vanderbilt include the development and testing of an exo-suit to reduce physical burden for lifting heavy loads while maintaining mobility. Soldiers and Vanderbilt University students and professors have experimented together to design a multifunctional hammer and a Preventative Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS) digital twin-enabled application.

To further support warfighter experimentation with academia,



# Brilliance in the Basics Sets a Strong Foundation

Following an 11-month deployment to Southwest Texas in support of Operation Southern Guardian, 3-187 IN (Iron Rakkasans), 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) faced the challenging task of rebuilding readiness almost from scratch. While the deployment to Southwest Texas (DEC19 – OCT20) in support of the U.S. Border Patrol provided excellent team building and physical readiness training, the battalion's core warfighting skills atrophied over the extended period of time along the border. During the final months of the deployment, the battalion set out on a steady, deliberate path to rebuild our core warfighting skills as a light Infantry Air Assault Battalion in preparation for a Joint Readiness Training Center Rotation 21-10 in September 2021.

The battalion's return to readiness is built on the principle of focusing on brilliance in the basics; a steady approach

focused on quality sets and repetitions at the team and squad level before layering in leader training as we progress to higher level collective training. There were four critical steps to the battalion's readiness rebuild: 1) Two (2) marksmanship densities to re-establish our baseline as Infantrymen, 2) multiple repetitions of team and squad live fire exercises, 3) Leader training for platoon level leaders, and 4) Platoon live fires to bring everything together.

**Step 1:** Get back behind our weapons (NOV & DEC20). During our 11 months in South Texas, we were unable to conduct any form of marksmanship training. This led to significant atrophy in our marksmanship skills and the battalion needed two full marksmanship densities to regain a baseline of proficiency with all of our weapons systems.

**Step 2:** Quality sets and repetitions of team and squad live fires (DEC20 – MAR21). The battalion conducted two team and squad live fires, each on different terrain, to help regain our ability to shoot, move and communicate at the team and squad level. While our first iterations of team and squad live fires were choppy and filled with minor mistakes, they were essential in starting to chip away at the surface rust that had built up on our warfighting skills. By the time we conducted our second squad live fire exercise, the battalion started to see some "warfighting shine" underneath 11 months of surface rust. Squads were moving more fluidly, our Delta Company (mounted, heavy weapons company) moved beyond crew gunnery to section live fires and overall lethality began to improve.

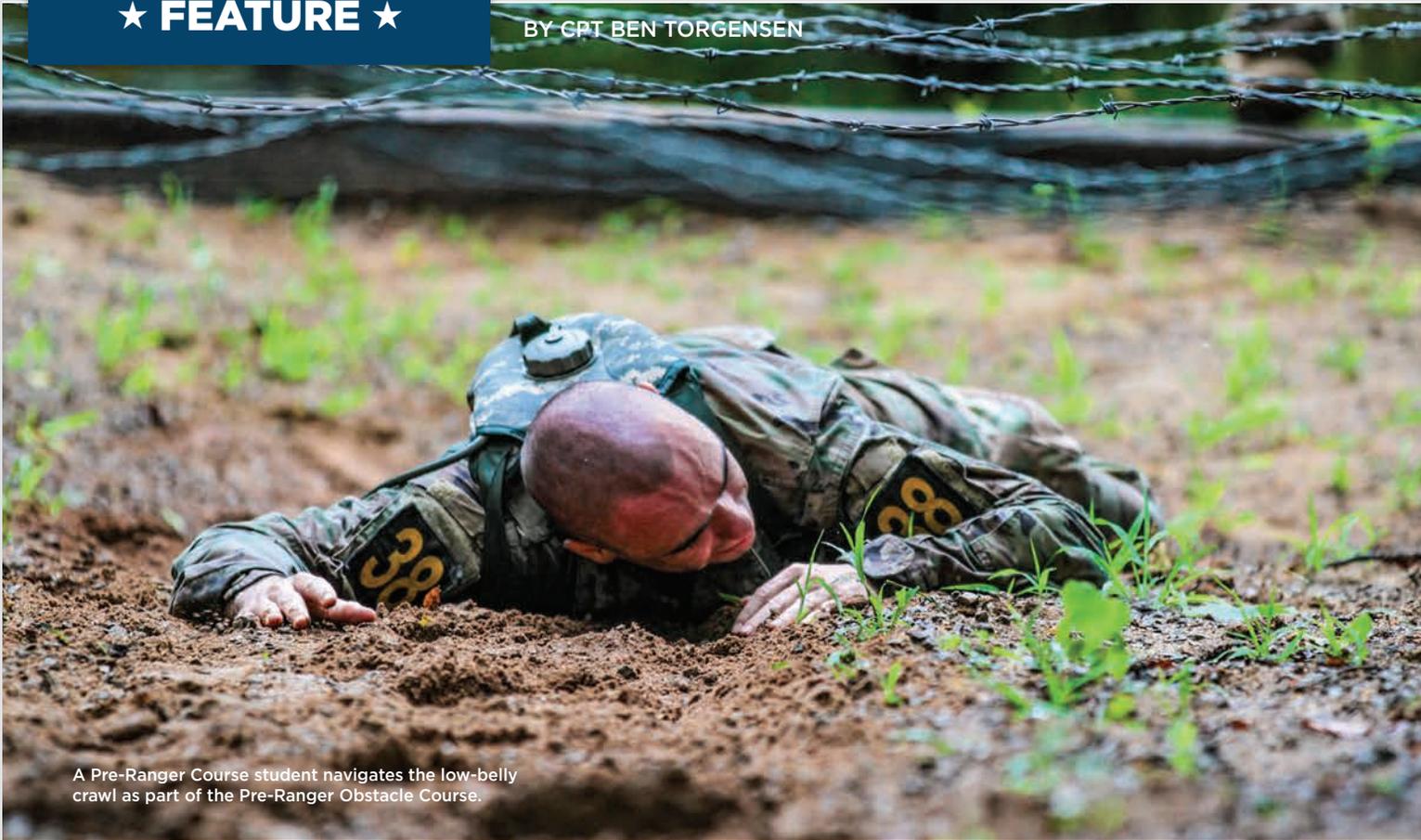
**Step 3:** Leader training to set conditions ahead of platoon collective training (MAR – APR21). We conducted three leader training events that helped to prepare our platoon-level leaders for live fires and situational training exercises (STX) in April 2021. Our first leader training event was a Graphics Leader Professional Development (LPD) for all of the platoon leaders expertly taught by our Battalion S3, MAJ Dan Plumb. The LPD focused on the difference between a concept sketch and operational graphics, and the importance of detailed platoon-level graphics to create shared understanding for the mission at hand.

The second leader training event we conducted was our Machine Gun (MG) Leader course; designed by CSM Kyle Sickles and Operations SGM Brian Michaud and then skillfully executed by company first sergeants and several platoon sergeants, this three-day course dramatically increased the lethality of our machine gun teams. The course taught machine



Prior to day/night qualification, machine gun teams from 3-187 IN conduct gun drills as part of the Battalion's machine gun leader course





A Pre-Ranger Course student navigates the low-belly crawl as part of the Pre-Ranger Obstacle Course.

# The Sabalauski Air Assault School

The Sabalauski Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, provides world-class military training to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Soldiers and warfighters across the U.S. and foreign militaries. Named in honor of CSM Walter J. Sabalauski, the 81-Soldier company began training Soldiers in 1974. Known on Fort Campbell by its acronym, TSAAS, the school currently offers five accredited programs of instruction (POI): Air Assault School, Pathfinder School, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Pre-Ranger Course, Rappel Master School and Fast Rope Insertion/Extraction System and Special Patrol Insertion/Extraction System (FRIES/SPIES) Master School.

Air assault school serves two purposes for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Most critically, approximately 5,000 Soldiers in the division per year receive training on basic air assault skills such as sling load rigging and inspecting, aircraft capabilities and rappelling. This common skillset across Screaming Eagle Soldiers uniquely positions the 101st Airborne

Division (Air Assault) to expertly conduct large-scale air assault operations in combat. Second, Air Assault School serves as “the gateway to the 101st.” It is often the first stop for Soldiers and leaders assigned to the division. Throughout the 10½ day course, Soldiers of all ranks and military occupation specialties train side-by-side under the watchful eye of some of the best, hand-selected NCOs in the division. An Air Assault School graduate is technically proficient in basic air assault operations and knows the high standards expected from those who serve in the 101st.

After graduating from Air Assault School, Soldiers can attend the four other courses offered at TSAAS. NCOs and officers seeking advanced knowledge of air assault operations take advantage of TSAAS’s Pathfinder School, currently the only resident Pathfinder course in the Army. The 15-day academically rigorous POI is divided into three phases: 1) sling load rigging and inspection, 2) helicopter landing zone (HLZ) operations, and 3) drop zone operations. The culminating event is a field training exercise where students put their skills into action in



# Screaming Eagles Aid Fight Against COVID-19



On 14 December 2020, the first COVID-19 vaccines began arriving at states and localities across the country. The light at the end of the tunnel was visible; however, the Nation still had work to do in building the infrastructure to get vaccines in the arms of hundreds of millions of Americans. This daunting task required a whole-of-government approach, one in which the Department of Defense works alongside other federal agencies to accomplish a complex and significant mission. Each service, including the U.S. Army, stepped in to meet the challenge by assembling Vaccination Support Teams (VST)—unit task forces comprised of medics, providers and a Soldier workforce designed to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) requirement. The VSTs quickly deployed on short notice across the nation to establish and operate vaccination sites partnered with local, state and federal entities.

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, was one of the first units tasked to deploy VSTs across the Eastern portion of the United States. Although the Screaming Eagles were not called upon to fight and destroy the enemy in combat, they were nevertheless required to bring the unique and powerful capabilities of the Army’s only air assault division to the country in a time of need. In particular, the division’s robust medical capabilities, designed to treat wounded soldiers in combat, can rapidly deploy and provide substantial medical assistance to U.S. civilians far quicker than other agencies. The three Infantry Brigade Combat Teams (BCT) that make up the bulk of the division

swiftly assembled several hundred medics, providers and general purpose troops to meet FEMA requirements. Once assembled and trained, the VSTs began deploying at the end of February 2021 to three major metropolitan areas: Orlando, Chicago and Cleveland, Ohio. The Task Force members rapidly deployed with no set end date in mind, quickly training up on required medical training prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) before arriving at their assigned locations.

With the prioritization of vaccination efforts across Fort Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division early in the New Year, medics and soldiers assigned to the VSTs retained current resident knowledge and experience on the establishment and operation of vaccine sites. The training proved highly beneficial as each of the three deployed VSTs arrived to help establish and operate multiple vaccine sites in major population hubs, like the United Center in Chicago. Over 50 days, the 101st Airborne Division’s VSTs were directly involved in administering over 696,000 doses of vaccines to the American people.

With 101st Airborne leading the vaccine effort, the Army gathered valuable lessons in rapidly deploying VSTs across our nation and streamlining the processes, packages and capabilities necessary to deploy in support of FEMA and the CDC in the fight against COVID-19. The Division G33 (Current Operations Cell) managed the pre-deployment to deployment activities of each VST, supporting the deploying BCT’s Task Force with members of the division staff to include the division surgeon, division transportation officer, division finance officer, the public affairs officer, and several other key representatives which allowed for a streamlined deployment.



# Training for a Subterranean Environment



Soldiers at Camp Stanley, Republic of Korea, prepare to send a robot into the breach as a forward sensor. Photo courtesy of 2ID PAO.

Given historical Western superiority in the air and space domains, our adversaries are operationalizing the subterranean (SubT) environment as a way to mitigate the disadvantages presented to them. While not new to warfare, the subterranean environment provides a broad spectrum of complexities and challenges for operating therein. Problematically, there is a general lack of deeper understanding of the subterranean environment. The idea of going underground operationally is daunting. Psychologically, our Soldiers are not accustomed to operating in such different conditions. Organizationally, many advantages the Army enjoys are muted, such as modern communications, ability to shape maneuver with fires and ability to develop the enemy situation via intelligence collection.

This article will not answer questions about the detailed considerations for each warfighting function or specific tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) for company and subordinate echelons; rather, it seeks to frame how an Infantry brigade combat team (IBCT) and Infantry battalion could understand and train to operate and fight in a subterranean environment. Once units understand the environment, their own capabilities and equipment and the relevant doctrine, they can creatively develop training for this problem set. With a greater understanding of the problem set, commanders, staffs, leaders and Soldiers can operate with more confidence should the nation call upon them to go underground.

## A Deeper Understanding of the Environment

There are multiple facets of the SubT environment. Army Techniques Publication 3-21.51, *Subterranean Operations*, classifies three main stratifications of SubT categories: 1) Tunnels, Caves

and Natural Cavities; focused on the tactical problems at lower echelon; 2) Urban Subsurface Systems, akin to a dense urban environment subterranean infrastructure, like a subway or sewer works; and 3) Underground Facilities (UGFs), state-sponsored and for military [or governmental] purpose.

The U.S. Army has already encountered the tunnel threat in conflicts since Vietnam and other armies have experienced it as well in recent decades. Some basic experience may exist within formations. From the Afghan Karaz tunnel systems to the cave networks in the mountains of Central and Northern Iraq, some Army units are not unfamiliar with this environment, at least at the tactical level. Those servicemembers who have served in the Republic of Korea have devoted thought to this problem set as well. Underground facilities (UGF) are the most complex and complicated of the threats the United States military will face.

At the tactical level, the subterranean environment is analogous in many ways to urban environments, from a maneuver perspective. The mechanics of prosecuting a target in a UGF may look similar to entering and clearing a building, but there are other nuanced considerations for operating in a subterranean environment. For example, air quality becomes problematic if in contact with the enemy, during thermal or explosive breaching, or if engines are used for vehicular movement or power generation. When the presence of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) material or threats exist in the environment, complexity increases greatly and adds to the psychological stress placed on the Soldier, and stress to support systems. Figure 2 depicts an overlapping of unique problem sets combined with SubT.

Subterranean environmental categories

| CATEGORIES  | CATEGORY 1<br>Tunnels, Caves and Natural Cavities  |                          | CATEGORY 2<br>Urban Subsurface Systems |   | CATEGORY 3<br>Underground Facilities (Military Purposed) |   |                       |
|---|--|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|-----------------------|
|   | Subcategories  | Rudimentary              | Sophisticated                          | Substructures   | Civil works  | Shallow                                   | Deep                  |
| Description   | Lack of shoring  | Shoring: basic amenities |  | Basements, parking garages  | Subways, sewers, aqueducts                               | Silos, bunkers (<20m)                     | Military bases (>20m) |
| Functions   | Civil: commercial operations, transportation, and storage enemy: C2, operations, storage, production, protection |                          |  |   | C2, operations, storage, production, protection          |   |                       |
| Supporting amenities/ infrastructure                | Power cords, small generators, lights, ventilation shafts, small pumps   |                          |  | Electrical power, transportation corridors, life support systems, environmental controls, communications lines<br><i>*Internal redundancies may exist allowing the facility to operate for extended periods independent from external support</i> |  |   |                       |
| Common threats                                      | Personnel, improvised explosive devices, traps, direct fire methods  |                          |  |   |  | Military offensive and defensive measures |                       |
| Common hazards                                      | Environmental (poor air quality, dangerous gases, wildlife), material (munitions, fuels), structural integrity   |                          |  |   |  |   |                       |
| <b>Legend: C2 - command and control, m - meters</b> |  |                          |  |   |  |   |                       |



# A Global Presence



National Infantry Museum Foundation President BG (Ret) Pete Jones and GEN George Casey, former Chief of Staff of the Army, take a walk down an Iraqi streetscape in the new gallery.

As the nation's longest war dribbles to an end, its story has been summed up in an evocative new gallery at the National Infantry Museum. When the museum was designed in 2007, no one could have predicted the Global War on Terrorism would carry on so long. The gallery telling the story of Infantry actions since the end of the Cold War was reflective of the time, but quickly became dated.

With the help of a grant by the State of Georgia, that gallery has now been overhauled, and tells the *complete* story of American involvement from 1989 to the present.

Visitors begin their tour with a look at actions in Bosnia, Kosovo and the Persian Gulf. Rounding a corner, the world has changed with the bombing of the World Trade Centers. An Iraqi streetscape unfolds before them, warning of a rooftop sniper and hidden IEDs. And as the journey moves into Afghanistan, they discover a rocky and mountainous terrain as dangerous as any enemy.

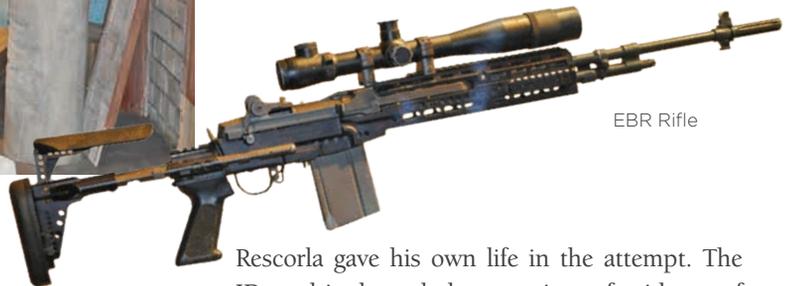
All along the way are the smaller stories that help put a face on what this period in American military history means to us. As we recall the horrors of 9/11,



Rescorla's ID card

we focus on small, apparently ordinary, items that have a single thing in common: they were all witnesses to the attack on the Pentagon. There's a shattered wristwatch, a challenge coin issued by former Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley and a scarred CD case. Each of these personal items remained unclaimed years after the attacks.

Another display case holds the military retirement identification badge of a now-familiar face, COL (Ret) Rick Rescorla. Rescorla, a Vietnam War veteran working as the security chief for Morgan Stanley, was heralded for calmly evacuating thousands of employees from the burning and collapsing South Tower on 9/11.



EBR Rifle

Rescorla gave his own life in the attempt. The ID card is the only known piece of evidence of Rescorla's presence that day.

In November 2004, Infantrymen engaged in a level of urban combat not seen since Vietnam. The second battle of Falujah, fought rooftop to rooftop, would come to be the bloodiest battle of the entire Iraq War for American troops. One of those Soldiers was SSG David Bellavia, who remains the only living recipient of the Medal of Honor from Iraqi Freedom. His bloody boots stand as testament to the terrible losses suffered there.

The Korengal Valley in eastern Afghanistan was known as "the valley of death." In 2007, in an ambush on a patrol of Infantrymen, insurgents killed one American and wounded two others before making off with sensitive equipment, including an MK 14 EBR (Enhanced Battle Rifle). The Americans tried to retrieve the weapons but were unsuccessful. But nearly a year later, in an ambush by the Americans this time, the Taliban dropped an EBR. Its serial number revealed it to be the weapon stolen in the initial attack. That very rifle is on display in the museum's new gallery.

The new gallery, called *A Global Presence*, will be open for visitors during regular museum hours: 9am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday and 11am-5pm Sunday. Visit [www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org) for updated information on possible closures in response to the pandemic. ★



On 7 May 2021 at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, MAJ Sam Butler was awarded the Order of St. Maurice. On hand for the presentation were his wife, Rachel, and children Catherine, James, Henry and Caleb.



On 15 April 2021, SFC Roberto Carrero, SSG Joshua Robles and SFC Daniel Reyes, all members of Military Advisor Team 1111, A Co, 1st Battalion, 1st Security Forces Assistance Brigade received the Order of St. Maurice during an awards ceremony at Fort Benning, Georgia.



At the SFA Chapter 78 LM 3906 Christmas party, the following OSM awards were presented by Chapter President Bruce D Long SGM, SF (Ret) : (left to right) Tom Turney SSG, Don Gonneville LTC (Ret), Howard Miller SGT, Dennis Derosia SFC, Hammond Salley MAJ (Ret) and Gary Macnamara LTC (Ret).



On 4 March 2021, MSG Shane Z. Garrison (second from left) and SGM (ROKA) Young Jin Kim (third from left) received the Order of St. Maurice from CSM Walter E. Kirk Jr. (left) and ISG Henry T. Uribe (right). The presentations were made at 8th Army NCO Academy Camp Humphreys, Korea.



On 21 April 2021, CPT Christopher Lapinsky, Commander, A CO, 1-29 IN receives the Order of St. Maurice at his Change of Command ceremony while Heather Lapinsky receives the Shield of Sparta.



Col. James A. Moyes' presentation of the Order of St. Maurice to Sgt. 1st Class Anthony W. McCutcheon April 1, 2021, in Fort Bliss, Texas. McCutcheon is assigned to 5th Armored Brigade as a land NCOIC, Gunfighter scheduler and TSC Miles NCOIC.



On 18 March 2021, SGM William J. Gallant was presented the Order of St. Maurice by LTC Jason R. Lojka at 1-8 IN BN HQ.



On 4 March 2021, SFC (Ret) Robert Wilson the ISG for the Junior Leadership Corps at East Columbus Magnet Academy in Columbus, Georgia was presented the Order of St. Maurice by CSM (Ret) Judson A. Gee Jr., Command Sergeant Major of the Army JROTC programs in the Columbus area. They are both employees of the Muscogee County School District.



SFC (Ret) Juan Santiago presented the OSM to the following NCOs at the US Army Recruiting Command display at 2021 SUN 'n FUN Air Show in Lakeland, FL. (L to R) Santiago, SSG Crespo, SSG Laher, SSG McDonald, SSG Triana, SSG Williams.



SSG Roman Marfil (right) was presented the Order of St Maurice by SFC Juan Santiago (Ret.) at the US Army Recruiting Station at Rockledge, Florida on 10 May 2021.



In May 2021, ISG Guy-Michael Wycoff (right) presented the Order of St. Maurice to SSG Zackerey H. Gwin at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.



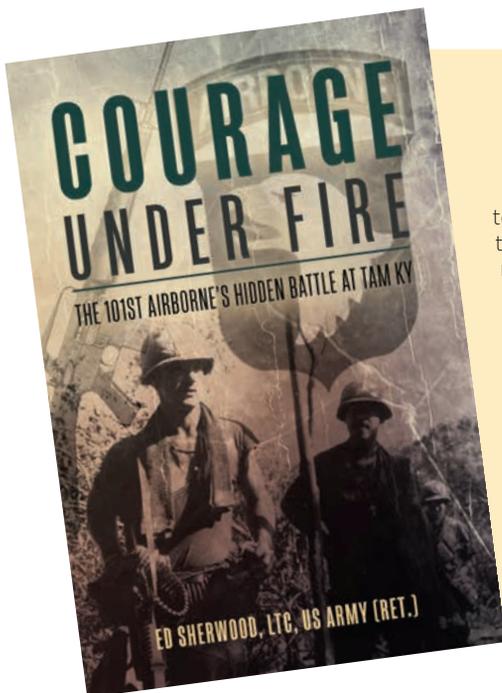
COL (Ret) Arthur W. "Bill" Pulket (second from left) and his cousin CPT (Ret) John "Happy Jack" Smith (second from right) were recently awarded the Order of St. Maurice. They joined family members who were already OSM recipients (left to right) LTC (Ret) Gene L. Pulket, BG (Ret) Arthur W. Pulket and LTC (Ret) Dennis V. Pulket. These proud family members have all had the honor of serving in the 175th Infantry Regiment (5th MD) and are also Distinguished Members of the Regiment.



Former CPT Jonathan Theye received the OSM, Legionnaire award at a ceremony on 2 April 2021, in Los Alamos, NM.



On 2 April 2021, COL Steven D. Gutierrez presented LTC Paul B. Lemieux the Order of St. Maurice, Legionnaire, at George Washington's Mount Vernon.



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