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From the President



MG (Ret) Jerry A. White

The history of the National Infantry Association (NIA) is short yet most distinguished. When the decision was made in 1994 to reactivate the NIA after 40 years of dormancy, we knew the reasons why it would be important, but we did not have the foresight to realize the breadth and depth of its involvement over the following 14-year period.

At the beginning, the NIA was reborn to enhance camaraderie among Infantry

Soldiers. Different from other military branches, the Infantry has very diverse skill sets—from Airborne, Ranger and Light, to Mechanized. With these differences, cross-fertilization was at best difficult. The NIA, however, gave us a common thread and to some degree a central focus. The catalyst for all of this was the chapters that were formed across the Army and the membership derived from those chapters. Today, we might say that the strength of the Association lies with the Order of St. Maurice that is so proudly worn by thousands of well deserving Infantrymen and those who support our Soldiers. The icon of the Association is this magazine that has grown to be one of the very best military magazines in print.

When the NIA was first conceived, it was thought that one important way to help the branch and bring Infantrymen together was to sponsor a major renovation of the National Infantry Museum. Following an intense planning period in the mid '90s, we decided to build a facility that would truly honor our great Infantry Soldiers. The Association was encouraged to consider a project that would stand the test of time, not only as a monument but also as a world-class facility that would become a major source of national pride as an institution dedicated to the history and importance of our military.

To accomplish these lofty goals the National Infantry Foundation was born in 1998 with the sole mission of designing, funding and building this “dream house.” Today we find ourselves in the 11th hour and on the “Last One Hundred Yards” of accomplishing this impressive feat. Officially called the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park, this 200-acre, \$91 million tribute will be the pride of America, as well as the pride of allies with whom American Infantrymen have served. March 2009 is the target date for the grand opening, and I hope every member of the Association can pass through the doors and say proudly that it was built in their honor.

As with most other projects of this magnitude the long pole in the tent is funding. Although we have been successful, we rely on great Americans like you to not only contribute, but to recommend that others support the cause of honoring those who for 233 years have fought for and died to keep this great land free!!

Finally, all of us must be very proud of what the National Infantry Association and the National Infantry Foundation have accomplished for Soldiers.

HOOAH!

From the Executive Director



COL (Ret) Richard Nurnberg

In the last issue, I expressed the hope that our membership would reach the 5,000 level, and I'm happy to report that as this issue goes to press, it stands at 5,045. I would like to sincerely thank all of you who have helped us reach our current strength. Please keep up your outstanding efforts so that we will continue to grow.

Also, as I write this note, the 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division (our Sledgehammer Chapter, NIA) is returning to Fort

Benning from their 15-month deployment in Iraq—their third deployment in 7 years. We, of course, are very happy to see them come home, not discounting the loss of too many of their brethren. We also are aware that, as they return, another unit from the 1st Armored Division (our Old Ironsides Chapter) is taking over their responsibilities and the dangers they faced.

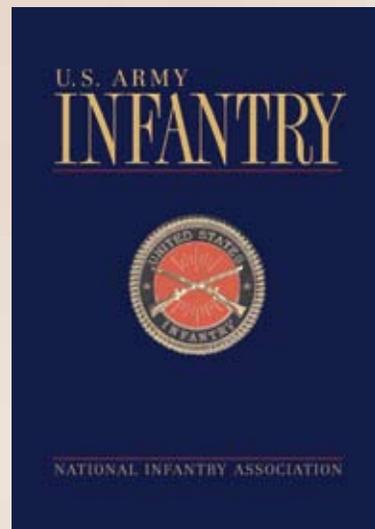
We chose to feature Sledgehammer in this issue because of two factors. We know them due to their proximity to our office, and they agreed to tell us their story. We would be very happy to feature other units/chapters in future issues, but in order for us to do so, we must have a point of contact and a willingness to contribute to the Bugler.

We are very proud of our association with all of our chapters, and we again ask that you send us newsworthy material for our publication.

We know very well, from the Order of St. Maurice Award recommendations that we receive, of the heroic and sometimes unbelievable achievements of our members. We frequently wonder how our country is fortunate enough to have such Infantrymen and other Soldiers, and reading about them gives us a sense of worth. Please help us share this worthwhile information. We will be glad to help finalize the articles.

Finally, a couple of reminders about the availability of our new coffee table book, “The United States Infantry,” through our web site (www.infantryassn.com). It can also be found in retail outlets and on their web sites, as well as in some post exchanges. While you're on the web site, you may see other NIA products that you would like to have or give to friends or family.

Once again, congratulations to you all for the excellent job you are doing in defending our nation, and thank you most heartily for your support of the NIA.



From the Chief of the Infantry



MG Walter Wojdakowski

Counterinsurgency Operations

We are an Army at war on the ever changing and complex battlefield of a counterinsurgency (COIN). Today's Infantrymen are the cutting edge of a lethal, offensive force, and hence must continually and rapidly execute across the full spectrum of operations and employ the latest

technology and tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) to win the global War on Terrorism. In this Commandant's Note, I want to discuss the future for our Infantrymen in counterinsurgency operations, the need for adaptive leaders and Soldiers, some new innovations and the application of the lessons we have learned thus far.

The crucible of combat has taught us many lessons. As the Army has examined past counterinsurgencies, including our own experience, a transformation has taken place in our fundamental approach to COIN. Short duration raids projecting combat power from large forward operating bases to kill insurgents will have an immediate effect. But in the long term, the absence of complementary goals only limits complete success. There is no lasting positive influence on the population, and insurgents continue their campaign of compelling support by terrorizing the population. Infantrymen are skilled at killing insurgents, but to truly defeat the insurgency we must separate the insurgents from the populace and deny them the support without which they cannot exist. We achieve this through a partnership between the population, coalition forces, and local and national security forces. Building the trust necessary to create an effective partnership involves daily interaction, mutual respect, security and a degree of economic progress, which allows the local population to see a future they can claim for their own. Infantrymen find themselves building that trust as they live among and interact with the local populace every day, integrating security forces into every action and working to address the concerns of local leaders.

Successful counterinsurgencies have ultimately always relied on capably led, aggressive and culturally aware small units. Today's operations are increasingly decentralized, and small unit leaders must act independently, demonstrate initiative and not lose sight of the commander's guidance and intent. Our Soldiers are constantly spanning the full spectrum of operations as they transition from raids and patrols that destroy the enemy, to leader engagements and stability operations that influence the population. At the early stages of the war, many of our Soldiers only worked with U.S. units. Today, nearly every small unit has interaction with joint, coalition and multinational teams, many conducting daily operations as part of a combined team at the platoon

level. This unified action has demonstrated unity of effort and helped to strengthen and legitimize local and national security forces.

Working with a mixed force has enhanced the need for professional conduct and cultural awareness down to the lowest level. We have realized the importance of building good working relationships with security forces and the population, and our Infantrymen are leveraging this as an important facet of information operations. As Soldiers operate longer in any given environment, they become more aware of changes and more sensitive to the needs of the area. Every Soldier truly becomes a sensor and his observations contribute to the collection of information. The Army is proactively countering the enemy's propaganda with the message of truth, influencing the population and undermining the efforts of the insurgent by clearly and quickly presenting the facts.

The enemy is constantly adapting to counter our efforts and present new, dangerous challenges to Infantrymen on the battlefield. We are equipping Soldiers with the tools they need to rapidly anticipate and defeat these asymmetric threats. This new equipment, applied with the new organizations and systems available, provides a combat multiplier that enables our forces to survive, outmaneuver and outthink our enemies. Our Infantrymen are creative and adaptive in developing new TTPs to employ these systems and share that knowledge across the force.

The U.S. Army Infantry School (USAIS) continues to man and equip our Army to win in a counterinsurgency. The Directorate of Combat Developments develops and fields the latest technologies available to support our Soldiers in the global War on Terrorism. They are the lead agent for testing and fielding of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) family of vehicles. The MRAP will increase the mobility and survivability of our Soldiers and Marines in the field. We continue to collect and integrate lessons learned from the force through the Center for Army Lessons Learned, from focused collection trips, by our information sharing with Combat Training Centers, and at conferences and seminars. This keeps our instructors current and our courses relevant. The USAIS cadre is populated with combat veterans who freely share their experiences. We incorporated this experience into our course programs of instruction to meet the needs of the current fight, while maintaining the enduring skills of the warfighter. Small group instruction facilitates sharing among peers, as does shared training conducted between the courses at the Infantry School and across the Army.

Our success in COIN is due to the steady endurance and resolute effort our leaders and Soldiers have committed to the fight. Through challenging, relevant and outcome-based training, the U.S. Army Infantry School will continue to support the force with Infantrymen able to adapt to the complexity of the counterinsurgency battlefield, and defeat the enemy wherever they find him.

Follow me!

Sledgehammer Chapter in Iraq—Well Done!

By MAJ Joe Sowers



PV2 Randy Maldonado leads a concerned Iraqi citizen on a patrol.

The 3d Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) originally started 2007 ready for training at the National Training Center (NTC) in Fort Irwin, Calif., to prepare the Sledgehammer Brigade Soldiers for a late-May, early-June deployment to Iraq. Shortly after President Bush announced “The Surge,” brigade leadership immediately began planning and moving toward an early March deployment date. With barely two months between the announcement and the new deployment date, brigade commanders held to their plan to conduct comprehensive training during the scheduled rotation at the NTC. The training rotation would capitalize on and refine training previously conducted at Fort Benning, Ga.

“Every company honed their combat skills during several training events on Fort Benning, and culminated with a rotation to the NTC,” said CSM Gregory Proft (2-69 AR) “We continued our traditional training on kinetic, lethal operations while incorporating training on non-lethal operations widely used during counter-insurgency operations.”

Following a successful rotation to the NTC, the brigade returned to Fort Benning to unpack, clean and repack all equipment. Simultaneously, leaders prepared Soldiers for the deployment to a dusty patch of ground east of Baghdad, which would soon be named Forward Operating Base (FOB) Hammer.

When Soldiers arrived at FOB Hammer in late-March, it was an FOB in name only. The 557th Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron and an advanced party from the brigade, led by Brigade CSM James M. Pearson, spearheaded the initial work to establish security, command, control and life support capabilities quickly at FOB Hammer. They accomplished the same goals at three combat outposts within the first few weeks of the deployment. While the brigade would establish its headquarters on FOB Hammer, all maneuver units would soon push off the FOB to establish outposts and patrol bases deep in the communities that the brigade was sent to protect.

“Prior to the deployment, we understood that as a surge brigade,

we would be working in an austere environment, more akin to OIF I (Operation Iraqi Freedom) than OIF V,” said LTC Jack Marr, Commander, 1-15 IN.

In the first 90 days of the deployment, the HBCT executed area reconnaissance missions to develop a clear picture of the operational environment, especially the human terrain of the Mada’in Qada, a portion of the Baghdad province that is home to almost 900,000 Iraqis. The Soldiers of the 1-15 began developing relationships with the local population by initiating their precise human terrain mapping while working out of Combat Outposts (COPs) Cashe, Cahill and Cleary in the southern portion of the brigade battle space. This effort to not only map the human terrain, but also develop relationships built on trust and respect with local residents, led to intelligence that necessitated quick-acting units.

To meet this initial need, the Soldiers of the 3-1 CAV established the Sledgehammer Brigade’s first Time-Sensitive Target Platoon. They also developed Team Enabler, comprising civil affairs, psychological operations (PSYOPS) and human intelligence collection team (HCT) personnel, to build trust and develop relationships with the people of the qada.

Throughout these opening months, the Soldiers of the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) worked tirelessly to upgrade force protection measures and improve the living conditions on the FOB and all COPs.

“Once the necessities were established, we continued to improve our position,” said LTC Kelly Lawler, Commander, 203rd BSB, “The entire time the build-up of [FOB] Hammer was going on, we continued to support the establishment and sustainment of the patrol bases and combat outposts.”

The leaders of the 3d Brigade Special Troops Battalion tackled the complex tasks of improving the economy and assisting local governmental leaders to enhance security and re-establish normalcy in the qada. While some brigades in Iraq were linked with Provincial Reconstruction Teams from the Department of State, the Sledgehammer Brigade had to dig into its own roster to find the Soldiers, non-commissioned officers and officers with the skills and aptitude to take on these unique tasks.

While four battalions of the Sledgehammer Brigade were getting after it in the Mada’in Qada, two battalions served under different commands. The Panther Soldiers of the 2-69 joined the 2d BDE, 2 ID, in eastern Baghdad and quickly established themselves as a “go to” unit that could be counted on to accomplish any task. Artillerymen from the 1-10 FA were tasked to conduct detainee operations at Camp Bucca in southern Iraq and impressed their

new command with their discipline and excellence at their new mission set.

“Soldiers in the Task Force on multiple occasions have been asked to operate outside of their MOS,” said LTC Mark Sullivan, Commander, 1-10 FA. “Throughout the deployment, they adapted very well to any task they were given.”

Once the Soldiers of the brigade established relationships and obtained a thorough understanding of their area of operations in late-May, the brigade was able to conduct aggressive, intelligence-driven offensive operations to kill or capture extremists as a part of Operation Marne Torch. Following the opening salvo of Marne



Soldiers (D Co, 1-15) and an Iraqi volunteer clear the main road into Tuwaiitha.

Torch, the brigade conducted operations in support of Marne Husky, Marne Avalanche and Marne Torch II. While all of these operations occurred in different areas, they predominantly focused on closing with the enemy to kill or capture him and improve the security situation for the people of the Mada’in Qada. By the end of the Marne Summer Offensive, Sledgehammer Soldiers had killed 113 enemy combatants, detained 364 suspected insurgents or criminals and seized 37 caches.

In September, the brigade was able to reattach the 1-10 FA and apply greater combat power to the area around Narwhan, the major population center in the brigade’s northern sector. During Operation Marne Anvil, brigade units conducted 10 named operations, conducted more than 200 combat patrols, detained four high-value individuals and established another combat outpost, COP Salie, in downtown Narwhan. The Rock Support battalion also conducted four medical assistance operations and started working on projects totaling more than \$1 million. By the end of Marne Anvil—only a 30-day operation—Narwhan was a peaceful community and would soon have a refurbished marketplace, a new clinic and a functional nahia council.



Soldiers from the 3-1 CAV search a suspected insurgent.

In February, the 13th Georgian Light Infantry Battalion, from the Republic of Georgia, joined the Sledgehammer team. This additional maneuver element allowed the brigade to shift greater combat power to the south and focus on stabilizing Salman Pak and its surrounding areas. At the outset of the deployment, Salman Pak was debilitated by extremist influence and was essentially cut off from the rest of the qada and Baghdad. Systematically moving from north of Salman Pak south into the “southern bowl” east of the Styie Peninsula, 1-15 Soldiers cleared extremists from the region. Operation Zelig Sunrise was one of the highlight missions that saw 13 enemy combatants killed and 14 improvised explosive devices seized.

As the 3d HBCT’s deployment continued, the Brigade worked to help establish Sons of Iraq groups throughout the qada to help further the security gains made in the area. The Sons of Iraq groups manned checkpoints and helped provide the 3d HBCT and Iraqi Security Force (ISF) important information on what was happening inside the groups’ neighborhoods.

Establishment of these native groups put more pressure on extremists operating in the area. The groups also provided men of the qada an alternative to emplacing IEDs (improvised explosive devices). It provided jobs. It gave the men of the area a better opportunity to be hired by the Iraqi National Police and the opportunity to help better the places in which they lived. As a result, local economies prospered.

Many of the gains achieved by the brigade remain intact. Leaders of the brigade attribute the sustainment of these gains to their Iraqi partners in the Iraqi Security Forces, Sons of Iraq and local governments.

“Although we recognized the complexity of the operating environment prior to the deployment, we were not ready for the overwhelming support that we received from the populace or their desire to take greater ownership over security in their local areas,” said LTC John Kolasheski, Commander, 3-1 CAV.

During the brigade’s time in the Mada’in Qada, attacks against Coalition Forces dropped from more than four attacks a day to less than one. This drop in violence opened a window of opportunity to make gains along economic and governmental lines of operations. Brigade Soldiers facilitated the revitalization of markets that all residents could see as improvements in Salman Pak, Jisr Diyala, Narhwan and in the “Four Corners” commercial area.

The brigade also attained successes that are not so easily identifiable, but may portend long-term, lasting normality to the region. More than 15,000 full-time jobs were restored to the qada. Local leaders saw to the reopening of the Rafidian Bank in Salman Pak, enabling the resumption of government pay for the first time in two years. Water distribution for irrigation improved by 540 percent, helping to restore agricultural-based business opportunities.

As a surge brigade, the 3d HBCT was put in the right place, at the right time. By



1SG Shannon O’Connor gets instructions for a night air assault mission.

establishing a presence in the major population centers, living with the people they came to protect, Sledgehammer Soldiers established valuable relationships with those same residents. By clearing violent actors from the qada and truly caring for the needs and desires of the people, the brigade created a window of opportunity to achieve gains along all lines of operations.

Editor’s note: As this issue of the Bugler was going to press, the Sledgehammer Brigade was preparing to come home to Fort Benning. They handed more than operations to the 2BDE/1AD on 15 May.



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NSA Offers Mission Specific Tactical Training

By Josh Becker

Urban warfare is not unique to our modern age. Conquering troops have wrecked and razed cities from Troy to Constantinople as war rolled down their streets. However, as the battlefield becomes more and more indistinguishable from the neighborhoods in which we live and work, the mentality and tactics necessary to maneuver successfully within it are unique to our day. Where once armies laid siege to a fortified town, blocked reinforcements and effectively used city walls as a vice grip set to surrender, modern urban warfare requires a fully revised approach to close quarter combat. The large-scale migration of people from rural to urban areas will result in nearly 75 percent of the world's population living in urban areas by the end of this decade. The necessity of engaging the enemy combatant in a measured and concerted effort with the least possible impact on civilians and civilian interests has become paramount.

National Security Associates (NSA) is in the forefront of this transformation within the security industry. Former police officer Tony L. Oxford founded NSA in 1996 to provide law enforcement and military personnel with technical and tactical equipment, ranging from body armor to night vision devices. NSA has since emerged as a highly touted full-service tactical training consultant firm. The company offers mission-specific rehearsal exercises executed in real-time, coupled with training sessions and after-action reviews conducted by specialists who cut their teeth in battles from nearly every theater of global conflict, from Vietnam to Iraq.

NSA operates a state-of-the-art training complex spanning 700 acres near Fort Benning, Ga. Specialists provide information-intensive and physically demanding courses on tactical operations, including HALO (High Altitude-Low Opening) jumps, beach landings, breaching techniques and convoy security. The NSA campus accommodates the largest live fire shoot house in the United States, with nine room configurations. The shoot house is equipped with a breaching obstacle and contains lighting and pneumatic targets that operate by remote control. The setup allows the trainer to adapt the facility for all types of mission environments. An overhead catwalk gives instructors and safety personnel unobstructed views of the entire facility, so that modification of target activity is instantaneous.

Because today's Soldier is called upon to be proficient in a wide variety of firing situations, the NSA complex offers four range facilities. These provide the flexibility trainees require to succeed under any circumstance. Soldiers experience countless realistic target objectives due to terrain changes and elevation variations within the firing ranges. The configuration provides the latest technology available for



NSA's breaching course replicates common Middle Eastern construction.

range training, including computer-controlled pop-up targets and a fully rail-mounted moving target system.

NSA has the unique capability to train for landing maneuvers using any means of transport—land, sea or air. From these input locations, Soldiers negotiate their way to a designated rally point to accomplish a defined objective. This allows Soldiers to train for any situation. A river landing might be the starting point for a mission involving the extraction of a hostage. Another scenario could require Soldiers to jump into an urban setting and cross a sniper lane or elude an ambush.

NSA's fully integrated Mobile MOUT (Military Operations on Urban Terrain) site is the most recent iteration and most technologically advanced version of MOUT available. The unit simulates realistic battle situations faced by soldiers in urban terrains and may be reconfigured to meet any mission parameters, from a single room to an office or apartment complex to an airport.

The 8-by-40-foot containers that make up the site are cloaked with a realistic façade and feature a breaching

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structure attachment and an adjacent climbing wall for fast rope training. Their interiors are outfitted with surveillance cameras and audio equipment used to record practice maneuvers for playback and subsequent critique and instruction. Also included are special effects to recreate the distractions of battle. These disruptions force the trainee to negotiate stairwells and dim rooms choked with smoke and the smell of corpses, echoing with the cries of civilians and the muffled commands of enemy combatants.

A typical rehearsal scenario utilized by a mobile MOUT is hostage extraction. A small unit security force breaches an apartment door and occupies the living room area, alert to enemy combatants that may pop up from a hidden location. After the room is secure and any enemies eliminated, the unit moves on through a kitchen area where something burning in the oven has filled the room with smoke, cutting visibility in half and making the detection of combatants a more difficult endeavor. As the unit moves further into the MOUT, they hear the screams of the hostage coming from somewhere upstairs and make their way carefully to the second floor, mindful to the possibility of explosive devices rigged to



NSA's 700-acre site adjacent to Fort Benning, Ga.

tripwires. Once the whereabouts of the hostage have been ascertained, the unit moves in quick and hard through the "fatal funnel" of the breached door, eliminates the live enemy and ensures the safety of the hostage. The unit is then scored on the time of the mission, the amount of ammunition used and the number of casualties.

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Army Offers Choices in Protective Gloves and Eyewear

By Debi Dawson

Authorized Product Lists Help Soldiers Make Wise Decisions

Soldiers in combat environments never know when they will come under fire or encounter an improvised explosive device (IED), so they must be protected against fragmentation and burns whenever they go outside the wire. They would not think about being without their body armor or helmets, and Army leaders want to make sure they are protecting their eyes and hands, as well.

Protective eyewear and flame-resistant gloves are provided to all deploying Soldiers through the Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI), but the Army has recognized that Soldiers are more apt to wear eye and hand protection if it looks and feels good. To increase acceptance of eyewear and gloves and ultimately decrease injuries, Program Executive Office (PEO) Soldier, the Army organization responsible for virtually everything a Soldier wears or carries, has increased the available options. Many of these options are provided through RFI at no cost to Soldiers. But some Soldiers still want to purchase their own eyewear and gloves, and PEO Soldier has established authorized product lists to help them make informed decisions.

“In the current combat environment, it is absolutely imperative that Soldiers protect their eyes and hands,” said SGM Thomas Coleman of PEO Soldier and Natick Soldier System Center, whose combat experience includes two tours in Iraq. “I have seen what happens when they don’t. It is a tragedy when a Soldier loses an eye or suffers severe burns on his or her hands because he or she wasn’t wearing the right protection. These injuries can be prevented.”

The Authorized Product Eyewear List (APEL) has been around for a few years, but the Authorized Product List (APL) for gloves is relatively new. The latter list was developed as part of PEO Soldier’s effort to provide head-to-toe burn protection for Soldiers.

“Devastating” Burns

LTC Evan Renz, a burn surgeon at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, said that some of the most common injuries he treats are to the hands. “You have to make something that people will wear,” he said. Renz and his team provided photos of hand burns for a poster highlighting the Flame Resistant (FR) Combat Gloves APL.

Renz said that burns to the hands are particularly painful and difficult to heal because of the sensitivity and thinness of the skin there. “A palm burn is devastating because you can’t graft it,” Renz



PEO Soldier increases options for hand and eye protection.

said, “and burns to the backs of the hands are equally bad because of the effect on the tendons. There is no fat on the back of the fingers—just skin—and it’s just devastating.”

Wearing authorized FR gloves can prevent those types of injuries. SPC Omar Avila knows that from personal experience. Avila (C/1-26 IN) suffered burns to his arms and legs in an IED blast in the spring of 2007. “The Nomex definitely saved my hands,” he said of his Army-issued Summer Flyer Gloves.

Product Manager Clothing and Individual Equipment (PM CIE), the PEO Soldier office responsible for gloves, is working closely with Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing and Sales Store (AAFES-MCSS) to keep the list of authorized gloves up to date. AAFES-MCSS knows what styles are popular with Soldiers, and makes recommendations to PM CIE, whose engineers then rigorously test the gloves to make sure they meet FR and durability standards.

Fiber gloves are required to contain Nomex or Kevlar. Leather is inherently flame-resistant, but currently only hair sheepskin and goat kidskin are approved for military use because of their proven durability. Because the supply of Nomex and Kevlar are strained, engineers are testing new synthetic fibers. Some FR materials did not exist when testing started, so PM-CIE is looking at new materials, such as Carbon X, PBI and Nomex/Rayon blends. The materials have been tested and approved for FR properties, but field testing still needs to be conducted to

determine durability. That testing is planned for September.

LTC John Lemondes, who oversees PM CIE, said, "We are continuously evaluating commercially available hand wear for suitability of use for Soldiers. With more choices available, Soldiers are more likely to find something that meets their needs for form, fit and function."

Lemondes' team is currently introducing a PEO Soldier certification seal that will help company commanders quickly determine that their troops are wearing authorized gloves. The seal will likely be incorporated into an external label or printed directly on the gloves and eventually will be used to brand other commercial off-the-shelf items that are approved for Soldier use.

Reducing Eye Injuries

The concept of the authorized product list began with eyewear several years ago because data showed that approximately 10 percent of Soldiers injured in the current conflicts had injuries to the eyes. Most of these injuries could be preventable with the proper eyewear. In conflicts involving IEDs, mortars, sand, wind and dust, protective eyewear is essential equipment.

Like gloves, eyewear is a matter of personal preference and PEO Soldier recognizes that Soldiers need more choices if they are going to accept the mandate to wear Army-approved ballistic eyewear. The APEL informs Soldiers of the choices that meet or exceed required protection levels. Standard-issue eye protection

includes Ballistic Laser Protection Spectacles (BLPS), Special Protective Eyewear Cylindrical System (SPECS), and Sun, Wind and Dust Goggles (SWDG). The APEL offers alternatives to these standards in a variety of modern styles and sizes. All authorized products have been evaluated and meet military standards for protection from ballistic fragmentation. The commercially

available alternatives on the APEL do not provide laser protection, so Soldiers must wear the BLPS, SPECS or SWDG if an operation or training mission requires laser eye protection.

PEO Soldier is continuing to work on developing better laser eye protection, as well as transition lenses that meet military requirements. Advanced laser eye protection should be integrated into at least one product on the APEL list within a year to 18 months, and an interim solution may come sooner.

Although protection from fragmentation is the main goal of providing ballistic eyewear, an additional benefit is the protection from burns. LTC Renz often sees patients with a "reverse raccoon pattern," where they may have burns to the face, but the area around their eyes was protected. Renz believes that PEO Soldier is on the right track in promoting choices in eyewear and gloves.

The APL for gloves is available online at www.peosoldier.army.mil/docs/FRCCombatGlove.pdf. The current APEL is available online at www.peosoldier.army.mil/pmseq/eyewearmessage.asp. AAFES and MCSS also provide the lists. For information on other PEO Soldier programs, visit the PEO Soldier home page at www.peosoldier.army.mil.



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Reunion Notice

11th Special Forces Group (ABN) Reunion will be held on Saturday, 9 August 2008, at Fort Meade, Md. Please contact CW4 (Ret) Pete McDermott at petermcd1@comcast.net for more information.

The Old Guard Association (3d Inf. Regt.) will hold its 11th Annual Reunion, 24 to 28 September 2008, at Fort Myer, Va. Please contact either CW4 (Ret) Pete McDermott at petermcd1@comcast.net or Don Cofsky at tog55@rochester.rr.com for more information.



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USMA Infantry Ball

By West Point Chapter NIA

The West Point Chapter of the NIA hosted its Annual Infantry Ball at Eisenhower Hall on 1 February 2008. The formal event brought Infantrymen and their family and friends together with cadets for the evening. Guests were treated to a full "Grog Bowl" ceremony, toasts and the Cadet Color Guard. The purpose of the ball was to provide an opportunity for shared camaraderie among Infantrymen at West Point and the surrounding area, as well as to welcome cadets who chose the Infantry as their branch of service. Approximately 300 cadets, staff, faculty and guests attended the event.

LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck opened the evening with words of encouragement and expectation to the new Infantrymen. MG Walter Wojdakowski, Chief of Infantry, delivered the State of the Infantry address and spoke to the new Infantrymen about leading platoons in the current War on Terrorism. He emphasized the importance of the Infantry, built around the Infantry Soldier as the primary weapon system.

The West Point Chapter of the NIA used this special occasion to induct eight distinguished Infantrymen into the Order of St. Maurice. COL (Ret) Greg Camp, representing the NIA and NIF, helped present the OSMS. The following Infantrymen were recognized for their highest standards of



MG Walter Wojdakowski and COL Greg Camp pin the Shield of Sparta on Lisa Massey.

integrity, professional competence and distinguished service to the Infantry: COL Pete Curry, LTC William Butler, MAJ David Hills, MAJ Ryan Morgan, MSG Reginald Butler, SSG Daniel Riley and SSG Dustin Williams. Mrs. Lisa Massey was also recognized with the Shield of Sparta for her 20 years of service and contribution to the Infantry.

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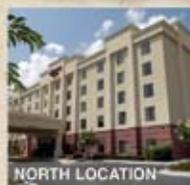
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On 4 April 2008, LTC Jack Marr, Cdr 1-15 IN, presented OSMs at FOB Hammer in Iraq. First row (L to R): LTC Marr; CPT Richard Thompson; SGM Cedric Burns; 1-15 CSM Mark Moore; 1SG Troy Moore; 1SG Arvento Collins; COL Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., Cdr, 3d Bde, 3d ID; CSM James Pearson, 3rd Bde, 3rd ID. Second row: 1SG Thomas Hitch, MAJ John Cushing, CPT William Clark, MSG Dewayne Keel, 1SG Demetrius Brown, SFC Jeremiah Gan, MSG Pete Black.



On 26 January 2008, Mrs. LeAlyce Garrett accepted the OSM in honor of her husband, the late LTC (Ret) Arthur W. Garrett. COL Philip J. DiSalvo (Deputy Director, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity) and Dr. Wm. Forrest Crain (Director) presented the award.



GEN Dan K. McNeill, Commander of NATO-ISAF forces in Afghanistan, presented the OSM to his Chief of Staff, MG Bruno Kasdorf, and CSM Bernhard Badstieber, both from the German Army, on 25 January 2008 in Kabul, Afghanistan.



GEN Dan K. McNeill presented the OSM to MG Giorgio Battisti, Italian Army, on 1 December 2007 at NATO-ISAF HQ in Kabul, Afghanistan.



OSM awards presented at the 278th Annual Cavalry Ball held on 8 December 2007 in Gatlinburg, Tenn. (L to R): LTC Jeffrey L. Gaylord (1-278th ACR SQDN CDR & Presenter), CPT Donny Hebel (A TRP CDR), MAJ Warner Ross III (SQDN S3), CPT Patrick Spence (B TRP CDR) and CPT T.J. Foley (HHT CDR).



GEN Dan K. McNeill presented the OSM to MG Gerry Robison, UK Royal Marines, at the NATO-ISAF HQ in Kabul, Afghanistan on 1 December 2007.



GEN Dan K. McNeill, Commander of NATO-ISAF forces in Afghanistan, presented the OSM to his Regional South Commander, MG Jacko Page, British Army, on 28 January 2008 in Kabul, Afghanistan.



MAJ Andrew Ajamian received the OSM from COL Tim Parks, DCO of US Army South (and also a recipient of the award) on 7 December 2007 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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Paul P. Baillargeon (L) is congratulated by COL (Ret) Christos J. Evangelos after receiving the OSM at a reunion of OCS Class #2, 1951, at Fort Meyers, Fla.



LTC Denton Knapp presented OSMs to CSM Tony McGee and his wife, Krystal, at McGee's retirement ceremony in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Also pictured are McGee's two sons.



CSM Noe Salinas (3d IBCT, 1ID) was awarded the OSM by Col. John Spiszer, Commander, during his promotion and PCS ceremony.



LTC Kurt A. Schlichter (Commander, 1-18 CAV) received the OSM on 26 April 2008 in Ontario, Calif. (L to R): MAJ William Mayhue, Pamula Baldwin, COL David S. Baldwin (Commander IBCT), Schlichter, MG John S. Harrell (Commander 40th ID) and BG Ronald B. Flynn (Honorary Regimental Commander, 1-18).



MG Stanhope S. Spears, Adjutant General of South Carolina, presented the OSM to COL (Ret) Edward M. Gripkey on 2 January 2008. Pictured (L to R): son, SSG Mark Gripkey, A Co 1st TNG BDE (A) USACAPOC, Fort Bragg, N.C.; COL Gripkey; wife, Sally; and MG Spears.



LTC Carl D. Atkins and LTC George R. Thompson, Jr. received the OSM on 13 February 2008 at the 75th Battle Command Training Division Headquarters in Houston, Texas. BG Jimmie Jaye Wells presented the awards.



1SG Chris Gunn (center) received the OSM from CPT Luster Hobbs (Company Commander) (left) and SFC David Betts (right) on 4 April 2008 at Fort Polk, La.



COL Philip J. DiSalvo (Deputy Director, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity) and Dr. Wm. Forrest Crain (Director) presented the OSM to MAJ (Ret) Arif R. Zaky on 7 December 2007. Zaky continues to serve as a military specialist, civilian employee, at AMSAA.



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