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Grafenwohr

41st BRIGADE RAILGUNNERS CHAPTER

41st Field Artillery Brigade

1st BN, 6th FA

1st BN, 77th FA

SKY SOLIDERS CHAPTER

4th BN, 319th FA

Ramstein Air Base

19th BCD

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FA Squadron, 2nd CR

Hohenfels Training Area

OBERPFALZ CHAPTER

Joint Multinational Readiness Center

KOREA

Camp Casey

INDIANHEAD CHAPTER

210th Field Artillery Brigade

1st BN, 38th FA

1st BN, 37th FA

Osan Air Base

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3rd BCD

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ALASKA

Fort Richardson

SPARTAN STEEL CHAPTER
2nd BN, 377th FA

Fort Wainright

NORTHERNMOST CHAPTER
2nd BN, 8th FA

WASHINGTON

Joint Base Lewis-McChord

WARRIOR STRIKE CHAPTER

2nd Infantry DIVARTY

2nd BN, 17th FA

1st BN, 37th FA

THUNDERBOLT CHAPTER

17th FA Brigade

5th BN, 3rd FA

1st BN, 94th FA

4th BN, 5th SFAB

3rd BN, 358th FA (1st Army)

WA National Guard

2nd BN, 146th FA

OREGON

OR National Guard

PORTLAND LIGHT ARTILLERY
CHAPTER

2nd BN, 218th FA

CALIFORNIA

Fort Irwin

HIGH DESERT CHAPTER

National Training Center

CA National Guard

SUNBURST CHAPTER

1st BN, 144th FA

1st BN, 143rd FA

251st BCD

HAWAII

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

5th BCD

Schofield Barracks

TROPIC THUNDER CHAPTER

25th Infantry DIVARTY

2nd BN, 11th FA

3rd BN, 7th FA

HI National Guard

1st BN, 487th FA

IDAHO

ID National Guard

1st BN, 148th FA

WYOMING

WY National Guard

WYOMING COWBOY CANNONEERS
CHAPTER

115th FA Brigade

2nd BN, 300th FA

UTAH

UT National Guard

65th FIRES BDE CHAPTER

65th FA Brigade

1st BN, 145th FA

2nd BN, 222nd FA

COLORADO

Fort Carson

MOUNTAIN POST CHAPTER

4th Infantry DIVARTY

3rd BN, 29th FA

2nd BN, 12th FA

2nd BN, 77th FA

4th BN, 4th SFAB

CO National Guard

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REDLEGS
CHAPTER

169th FA BDE

3rd BN, 157th FA

SOUTH DAKOTA

SD National Guard

DAKOTA STEEL RAIN CHAPTER
1st BN, 147th FA

MINNESOTA

MN National Guard

GOPHER GUNNERS CHAPTER
1st BN, 125th FA
1st BN, 151st FA

IOWA

IA National Guard

RED BULL CHAPTER
1st BN, 194th FA

KANSAS

Fort Leavenworth

HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER
Combined Arms Center

Fort Riley

FORT RILEY DRUMFIRE CHAPTER
1st Infantry DIVARTY
1st BN, 5th FA
1st BN, 7th FA

KS National Guard

KANSAS REDLEGS CHAPTER
130th FA BDE
1st BN, 161st FA
2nd BN, 130th FA

MISSOURI

MO National Guard

TRUMAN CHAPTER
1st BN, 129th FA

OKLAHOMA

Fort Sill

DIAMOND BRIGADE CHAPTER
75th Fires BDE
1st BN, 14th FA
2nd BN, 4th FA
2nd BN, 18th FA
2nd BN, 20th FA
3rd BN, 13th FA
THIS WE'LL DEFEND CHAPTER
434th FA BDE
1st BN, 19th FA
1st BN, 31st FA
1st BN, 40th FA
1st BN, 79th FA
CORNERSTONE CHAPTER
428th FA BDE
2nd BN, 2nd FA
1st BN, 30th FA
1st BN, 78th FA
BACKBONE CHAPTER
NCO Academy

OK National Guard

THUNDERBIRD CHAPTER
45th FA BDE

OK National Guard

1st BN, 160th FA
THE FIGHTING 158 CHAPTER
1st BN, 158th FA

WISCONSIN

WI National Guard

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
1st BN, 120th FA
1st BN, 121st FA

MICHIGAN

MI National Guard

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
1st BN, 119th FA
1st BN, 182nd FA

ILLINOIS

IL National Guard

COL ROBERT R. MCCORMICK
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IL ARNG CHAPTER
2nd BN, 122nd FA
2nd BN, 123rd FA

INDIANA

Camp Atterbury

2nd BN, 307th FA (1st Army)
2nd BN, 289th FA (1st Army)

IN National Guard

HOOSIER REDLEGS CHAPTER
2nd BN, 150th FA
1st BN, 163rd FA

ARKANSAS

AR National Guard

RAZORBACK CHAPTER
142nd FA BDE
1st BN, 206th FA
1st BN, 142nd FA

TEXAS

Fort Bliss

GUNS OF THE RIO GRANDE
CHAPTER
1st Armored DIVARTY
2nd BN, 3rd FA
4th BN, 27th FA
4th BN, 1st FA
2nd BN, 362nd FA (1st Army)

Fort Hood

RED TEAM CHAPTER
1st Cavalry DIVARTY
1st BN, 82nd FA
2nd BN, 82nd FA
3rd BN, 82nd FA
BRAVE RIFLES CHAPTER
FA Squadron, 3rd CR
4th BN, 3rd SFAB

TX National Guard

BALLS OF FIRE CHAPTER
1st BN, 133rd FA
3rd BN, 133rd FA
4th BN, 133rd FA

OHIO

OH National Guard

BUCKEYE REDLEGS CHAPTER
1st BN, 134th FA

KENTUCKY

Fort Campbell

GUNS OF GLORY CHAPTER
101st Air Assault DIVARTY
2nd BN, 32th FA
1st BN, 320th FA
3rd BN, 320th FA

KY National Guard

BLUEGRASS CHAPTER
138th FA BDE
1st BN, 623rd FA
2nd BN, 138th FA

TENNESSEE

TN National Guard

OLD HICKORY CHAPTER
1st BN, 181st FA
FA Squadron, 278th ACR

ALABAMA

AL National Guard

117th FA REGIMENT CHAPTER
1st BN, 117th FA

Redstone Arsenal

N. ALABAMA/REDSTONE CHAPTER

MISSISSIPPI

Camp Shelby

2nd BN, 362nd FA (1st Army)

MS National Guard

MISSISSIPPI REDLEG CHAPTER
2nd BN, 114th FA

LOUISIANA

Fort Polk

WARRIOR CHAPTER
Joint Readiness Training Center
5th BN, 25th FA

LA National Guard

LOUISIANA TIGER CHAPTER
1st BN, 141st FA

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US ARMY AND
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MID-WESTERN CONUS**

ACTIVE DUTY US ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD UNITS EASTERN CONUS

NEW YORK

Fort Drum

MOUNTAIN THUNDER CHAPTER
10th Mountain DIVARTY
3rd BN, 6th FA
2nd BN, 15th FA
5th BN, 25th FA

U.S. Military Academy

WEST POINT CHAPTER

NY National Guard

9th NY FA REGIMENT CHAPTER
1st BN, 258th FA

PENNSYLVANIA

PA National Guard

KEYSTONE CHAPTER
1st BN, 107th FA
1st BN, 108th FA
1st BN, 109th FA

WASHINGTON D.C.

CAPITOL CANNONEERS CHAPTER

WEST VIRGINIA

WV National Guard

1st BN, 201st FA

GEORGIA

Fort Stewart

MARNE THUNDER CHAPTER
3rd Infantry DIVARTY
1st BN, 9th FA
1st BN, 41st FA

Fort Benning

4th BN, 1st SFAB
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GA National Guard

1st BN, 118th FA
1st BN, 214th FA
560th BCD

SOUTH CAROLINA

Shaw Air Force Base

4th BCD

SC National Guard

PATTON'S OWN/PALMETTO STATE CHAPTER
1st BN, 178th FA

FLORIDA

FL National Guard

GATOR REDLEGS CHAPTER
2nd BN, 116th FA
3rd BN, 116th FA
1st BN, 211th RTI

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NY National Guard

GRANITE THUNDER CHAPTER
197th FA BDE
3rd BN, 197th FA

MASSACHUSETTS

MA National Guard

YANKEE REDLEGS CHAPTER
1st BN, 101st FA

RHODE ISLAND

RI National Guard

RHODY REDLEGS CHAPTER
1st BN, 103rd FA

NEW JERSEY

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

1st BN, 314th FA (1st Army)
3rd BN, 314th FA (1st Army)

Picatinny Arsenal

CANNON GATES CHAPTER

NJ National Guard

PATRIOT THUNDER CHAPTER
112th FA REGIMENT CHAPTER
3rd BN, 112th FA

MARYLAND

Aberdeen Proving Ground

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND CHAPTER

VIRGINIA

VA National Guard

1st BN, 111st FA

NORTH CAROLINA

Fort Bragg

FORT BRAGG REDLEGS CHAPTER
18th FA BDE
3rd BN, 27th FA
3rd BN, 321st FA
319th FA REGIMENT CHAPTER
82nd Infantry DIVARTY
1st BN, 319th FA
2nd BN, 319th FA
3rd BN, 319th FA
4th BN, 2nd SFAB

NC National Guard

113th FA REGIMENT CHAPTER
1st BN, 113th FA
5th BN, 113th FA

29 September-1 October 2020

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Fires: Achieving Overmatch in Large Scale Ground Combat

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ACTIVE DUTY US ARMY UNITS



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The Soldiers of 1st Cavalry Division Artillery, Red Team, continued to build on its excellence in training the joint fires enterprise at Fort Hood while cementing itself as a critical enabler to synchronize and employ fires for the Division as part of LSGCO.

The Red Team ensured all Fires formations across Fort Hood were capable of dominating with fires. The introduction of improved certification events during 1-82FA and 3FAS AT XIV through AT XVIII demonstrated the impact of the Red Team's innovative training strategies across our formations. Adjustments to our fire support training, to include fire support focused lanes and consolidated training focused on company and BN level fires, drastically increased our fire support capabilities and resulted in greater lethality across the Division for Fires. The Red Team increased joint operations at Fort Hood integrating Marine HIMARS and Soldiers from 2-14FA into multiple training events, not only for certification purposes but as OC/Ts for our Hood based units.

The train-up for Warfighter 20-04, which included multiple CPXs and internal TARGEXs, allowed the Red Team to operationalize PED enabled targeting, drastically changing how we fight in this Division, allowing us to regain the advantage in the fires fight during LSGCO while influencing future capabilities and force design for the DIVARTY. With WFX 20-04 being held in Europe, the Red Team conducted expeditionary deployment operations to Germany demonstrating our ability to rapidly deploy and establish operations. The Red Team also took the lead in numerous areas tied to COVID-19, conducting effects based working groups and boards to develop the Division's response to COVID allowing for continued training to maintain readiness while mitigating risk and protecting the force.

The Red Team changed the training dynamic at Fort Hood leading to increased lethality across the Division and Fort Hood. The Red Team's ability to shape and influence the Fires enterprise over the last year demonstrates that the Red Team is ready and capable of deploying and dominating with Joint Fires for the 1st Cavalry Division. RED TEAM!

1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, Dragons

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1-82 Field Artillery Regiment, "DRAGONS," continue to mass accurate, timely and lethal fires for IRONHORSE through Artillery and Maneuver training progression. In the last 12 months the Battalion has shot over 1400 rounds in support of maneuver operations at Fort Hood, TX and the Joint Readiness Training Center.

Over the course of two training cycles, DRAGON has executed Fire Support, Paladin and Fire Direction Universities along with Leader's Certification, ASPT and Artillery Table VI. Following this, firing platoons completed a 96 hour AT XI/XII field problem, executing a schedule of fires with multiple shell / fuze combinations to include High Explosive, Smoke and Illumination.

In the fall, DRAGON supported platoon live fires and company CALFEX placing smoke rounds within 700 meter of troops during in-stride breaches. Additionally, each firing battery completed an intense, multi-day Artillery Table XV, meeting in place ready to fire times and setting the pace in terms of accuracy and timeliness. During Pegasus Forge V, the entire IRONHORSE Fires Enterprise was tested on coordinating and executing devastating lethal and non-lethal engagements culminating in AT XVIII with more than 900 rounds being placed downrange. Now positioned to deploy when called upon, DRAGON has developed High Frequency Digital capability from sensor to shooter, proven over 36 hours of live fire and several lethality validations with all command nodes. CAN AND WILL!

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Facebook 3-16 Field Artillery Regiment

The "Rolling Thunder" Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion,



C Battery, 1-82 FA fires in support of 1-7 CAV's screen during CALFEX at Fort Hood, TX, August 2019.

ified through Artillery Tables XV, maintaining training proficiency in their field artillery collective tasks. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, 3-16 FAR Soldiers safely continued training and redeployment operations. 3-16 FAR transitioned back to Fort Hood, TX in July 2020 after the successful rotation to EUCOM and is prepared to execute follow-on operations.

2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, Steel Dragons

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In June 2019, the Steel Dragon battalion deployed with the GREYWOLF brigade to the Republic of Korea, with TOA in July. The battalion settled in at Camp Hovey in Area One and quickly adapted to the 2nd Infantry Division's "fight tonight" mission, assuming a dual role of executing part of the OPLAN mission and providing fires in support of the brigade. From August through December 2019, batteries executed modified artillery tables through table VI, XII, and XIV, firing nearly 1,100 rounds. The radar platoon observed over 3,000 mortar and artillery rounds in support of numerous live fires and MORTEPS, and provided valuable support in augmenting 210 Fires Brigade's counterfire task force. In the maneuver battalions, FISTs expertly supported their elements with accurate fires and excelled at Bradley gunnery progressions. Throughout the deployment, the BN built relationships with our ROK Army counterparts, exemplifying the teamwork mantra of "Katchi Kapshida" (We Go Together). Korea also allowed the battalion

16th Field Artillery Regiment deployed to Europe and conducted operations and exercises across seven countries in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. The "Rolling Thunder" Battalion successfully delivered timely, lethal, and accurate fires, increased interoperability, and further developed partner capacity between allies and partners.

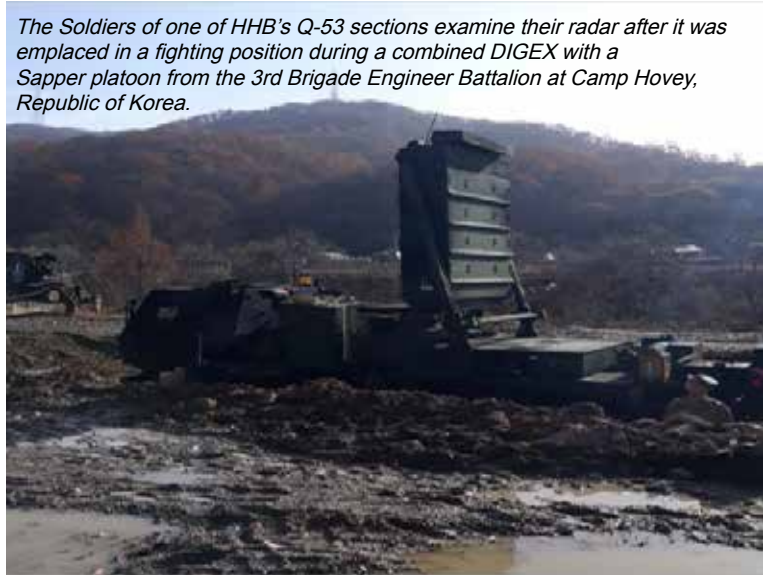
Over the course of the rotation, the Rolling Thunder Fires Enterprise moved across international boundaries and operated in austere training conditions alongside U.S. and allied forces, planning, coordinating, and executing calls for fires in support of troop-level Combined Arms Live Fire Exercises (CALFEX), Combined Resolve XIII, and an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise. At CbR XIII, the battalion demonstrated their lethality by participating in the Combined Resolve XIII force-on-force and Joint LFX with Italian forces. The battalion further distinguished its prowess by setting the theater through the coordination, synchronization, and execution of a Battery EDRE that validated inter-modal transportation and sustainment operations in support of EUCOMs lines of operation.

The Battalion's ability to provide timely and accurate fires in support of maneuver units enabled BLACK JACK Brigade and multinational allies and partners to execute unified land operations. In addition, each Battery qual-

Bravo Battery Troopers "Bulldogs" reading the rounds for Table XII in Poland (2020)



to trace its legacy to the proud legions of the 1st CAV Division that served in the Korean War conflict through LPDs and visits to museums, battlefields, and the DMZ. The BN deployed back to Fort Hood, TX in February 2020 and quickly built combat power and readiness, to include the reintegration of FIST personnel and equipment back to the HHB. In June 2020, the BN began modernization efforts through FMNET and OPNET fielding of the new M109A7 and M992A3. The Steel Dragon battalion is lethal, ready, and resilient and stands ready to support the GREYWOLF brigade. CAN AND WILL!



The Soldiers of one of HHB's Q-53 sections examine their radar after it was emplaced in a fighting position during a combined DIGEX with a Sapper platoon from the 3rd Brigade Engineer Battalion at Camp Hovey, Republic of Korea.

Individual Skill to Crew Proficiency setting a strong foundation as teams moved towards collective training and support to Maneuver Squadrons. Through 3rd and 4th Quarters, the Squadron integrated fires to support maneuver proficiency executing Artillery Tables XII through XVIII qualifying the Squadron, Firing Batteries, and Fire Supporters prior to CTC deployment. At rounds complete, the Squadron immediately loaded trains to NTC 20-02. STEEL delivered critical indirect and joint fires against the Blackhorse Regiment in the Fort Irwin Desert, shaping the deep fight in favor of the Brave Rifles Team, and enabling a decisive WIN for the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.

Upon CTC redeployment, the Squadron refocused efforts on maintaining artillery proficiencies in preparation for follow-on worldwide deployment operations. Our adaptive leaders quickly transitioned to protecting the force during COVID-19 restrictions while maintaining individual and team proficiencies. The Squadron is postured to execute a deliberate training progression through Artillery Table XVIII to again support the 3d Cavalry Regiment during NTC 21-03. The STEEL Team is prepared to support worldwide contingency operations in support of the 3d Cavalry Regiment and IIIrd Armored Corps, while taking care of our Troopers and their Families. Brave Rifles and Delivering STEEL!



Figure 1 - STEEL Troopers "Delivering Steel" in support of 3d Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas - 2019



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The Troopers of STEEL Squadron continue to provide lethal fire support to the 3d Cavalry Regiment and IIIrd Armored Corps. Upon successful redeployment from Operation Inherent Resolve, STEEL immediately shifted focus to building artillery proficiency in preparation for NTC Rotation 20-02.

In a condensed training progression, the professional, agile, and ready STEEL Redlegs advanced through



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Iron Steel**

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The 1st Armored Division Artillery (1AD DIVARTY) provides direct support, precision strike, and Joint Fires capability to the 1st Armored Division. 1AD DIVARTY also supports and assists the Brigade Combat Team Commanders in qualifying their Field Artillery Battalions.

During the second half of 2019, 1AD DIVARTY supported the Division's Field Artillery Battalions during training exercises (Iron Focus) in preparation for deployments to EUCOM and CENTCOM. In January 2020 and with 4-1 FA's assistance, 1AD DIVARTY supported the Army Applications Laboratory during their visit to Fort Bliss which focused on analyzing "ground level" field artillery operations to identify possible opportunities for automation for the Future of the Field Artillery.

In the fall of 2019, a small DIVARTY/HHBN team assumed the US Forces - Afghanistan, "Over the Horizon" (OTH) Mission in Kuwait. The team established a footprint capable of supporting two Battalions, and facilitated movement for over 12,000 personnel in and out of Afghanistan, which ensured their safe redeployment through the COVID pandemic. The DIVARTY's Sentinel and Radar teams also supported the 82nd Airborne and 10th Mountain Divisions with two Q-50 Radars, serving as counter-fire and base defense for multiple Forward-Operating Bases throughout CENTCOM.

In March 2020, the 1AD DIVARTY assumed control of the COVID-19 Task Force (TF) for Fort Bliss. The COVID TF focused on the safe quarantining of redeploying and potentially exposed Soldiers across the installation and worked in close coordination with the city of El Paso.

In June 2020, 1AD DIVARTY returned to support and supervise Fire Artillery Battalions in the Division during their Table XV through XVIII certifications and qualifications. 1AD DIVARTY used these and other exercises to nest training for DIVARTY Staff in order to prepare for the upcoming Warfighter 21-04 to enhance our proficiency. 1AD DIVARTY will always stand ready.

IRON STEEL!

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During 2020, the Iron Thunder Soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment supported the Strike Soldiers of the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team through a full training cycle, deployment to EUCOM, redeployment, and subsequent deployment to CENTCOM.

The year began with the Thunder Battalion participating in the National Training Center (NTC) 20-01 rotation where they notably achieved a full battalion calibration in the fastest time in the last five years. Upon return from NTC, the Battalion conducted pre-deployment operations from November 2019 until February 2020 in preparation for the EUCOM multinational exercise, Defender 2020.

The unit's deployment was cut short in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Battalion redeployed in April 2020. The team quickly received a change of mission and began preparing a task force to support Operation Spartan Shield (OSS). The Battalion successfully conducted RSOI and loadout of all equipment again in June 2020. With limited assets, the Iron Thunder team planned and executed live-fires in July 2020 in preparation for OSS and successfully qualified two Firing Batteries, the FA Radar Platoon, the Brigade Fire Support Element, and all Brigade Mortar Teams. In August, the Battalion Task force deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

The Iron Thunder Battalion remains postured to provide lethal, joint fires in support of the Strike Brigade under any conditions across the globe.

IRON THUNDER STRIKES FEAR!

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The Gunner Battalion spent the last year converting from a Striker Brigade Combat Team equipped with M777A2s to an Armored Brigade Combat Team fielding the brand new M109A7 self-propelled howitzers. In August 2019, over the course of a few months, the M777A2s were restored to 10/20 standard and divested to units across multiple CONUS and OCONUS locations, with only a few legacy vehicles remaining in their motorpools by October.

The next step was fielding the new M109A7 fleet which began in November 2019. By the holiday block leave, the Gunners had completed multiple iterations of Field-level Maintenance New Equipment Training

(FMNET), and had finished their first iteration of Operator New Equipment Training (OPNET). More iterations of OPNET came soon after, along with the first iteration for the Gunners of Artillery Tables VI on the new M109A7s in January 2020.

By the end of March 2020, COVID-19 had started to become a serious concern on Fort Bliss. Over the next few months the Gunners were called upon to assist the local community by providing a courtesy patrol at the local Commissary, and then by running quarantine operations.

After being relieved of their community relief operations in early July, the Gunners are now focused on fielding the new Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV) and training for their next iterations of AT VI in July 2020 and AT XII in September 2020.

Speed and Accuracy!

4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, Regiment Defenders

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After redeployment from the Korean Rotational Force in INDOPACOM, the Soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment quickly mobilized to support NTC 20-01.

Determined to gain and maintain interoperability between our joint partners, the battalion spent November integrating with the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter culminating with a week of live-fire exercises testing the interoperability between the firing battery and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Maintaining the pace, the Battalion deployed a battery to support JRTC 20-02 and augmented 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, with a Company Fire Support Team to support 4th Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment, at JRTC 20-03. The Battalion executed Artillery Tables VI and XII in preparation for Bulldog Focus and Iron Focus, the Brigade and Division's combined arms maneuver live-fire exercises.

The year will culminate with Artillery Tables XV-XVIII and Brigade fire coordination exercise in preparation for NTC 21-02. The Defender Battalion remains poised to deliver timely and accurate fires to enable the Bulldog Brigade to dominate the battlefield.

First or not at all!



1st ID receiving the prestigious Knox Award



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The First Infantry Division Artillery took full advantage of every training opportunity in fiscal year 2020 and executed its missions with distinction with the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery being awarded the Field Artillery Association's Knox Award. The training for National Training Center Rotation (NTC) 20-10 and for Multi-National Warfighter Exercise (WFX) 21-03 was the priority effort for the year. Our Headquarters enabled 1-5FA and 1-7FA to successfully conduct tables XV-XVIII. Drumfire also continued to support Operation Atlantic Resolve through the 1ID Forward Headquarters in Europe aiding in the planning and subsequent execution of Defender 2020.

In preparation for NTC20-10, Drumfire has executed Danger Gauntlets I, II, and III at Fort Riley, KS validating the Re-enforced Cavalry Squadron concept as a sensor to aid deep, shaping fires. The revolutionary rotation will see DIVARTY and the Division Main Command Post deploy to Fort Irwin, CA as part of the primary training audience to focus efforts toward large scale combat operations. NTC 20-10 will set conditions for the remainder of fiscal year 21 enabling the execution of Danger Gauntlet IV, WFX 21-03, and subsequent deployment to the European Theatre.

support the 1ID FWD HQ in EUCOM focused on building joint and combined interoperability through the execution of multi-national exercises and regional aggression contingency planning. Drumfire aided in planning and execution as well as provided elements of the higher command nodes for Defender 2020, Dragoon Ready, Saber Junction, and Combined Resolve XIV. The dedicated efforts have created lasting interoperability and have aided the planning efforts for regional contingencies.

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The Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment executed their mission with distinction while forward deployed throughout the European theater. Hamilton's Own participated in a successful Combat Training Center (CTC) rotation at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC). The Battalion executed Artillery Gunnery Tables and a complete training progression from individual Soldier tasks through battalion and brigade level certification exercises. The 1-5 FA team displayed mastery of fundamentals and organizational reach. They epitomized resilience and dedication to duty while supporting Operation Atlantic Resolve.

The Battalion's planning and preparation efforts were essential during the initial phases of the Europe rotation. The deliberate and expeditious download of equipment set the stage for the world-class training that followed. Throughout the rotation, 1-5 FA Soldiers were charged with deterring external aggression while partnering with Polish allies. The Battalion successfully accomplished their mission, forming lasting relationships that strengthened ties with partnered forces and greatly furthered strategic objectives in the region.

1-5 FA focused on the development of leaders and Soldiers through participation in cultural immersion programs and team building events. This training greatly influenced partnered operations, enabling the battalion to rapidly achieve interoperability.

The rotation culminated with the Brigade's force on force exercise, Operation Combined Resolve 19-12. Hamilton's Own served as the driving force for the Devil Brigade through providing timely, precise and massed effects. In total, the Battalion fired over 5,000 rounds in support of the Brigade, multinational partners and NATO allies.

Duty First... America's First... Hamilton's Own!



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Never Broken! The 1-7 Field Artillery Regiment, First Lightning leadership teams ceaselessly continue their efforts of planning, preparing, executing, and assessing training operations and exercises so that they can ensure their Soldiers remain ready to "Fight Tonight".

First Lightning successfully completed National Training Center (NTC) rotation 19-05 where the battalion expertly displayed the unit's strengths and improved weaknesses. The information gathered from the rotation helped the battalion refine training and better prepare for the rotation to the Republic of Korea.

From April to August, First Lightning focused the efforts of the battalion on fielding the M109A7 (PIM) and M992A3; the second unit in the Army to receive the new Paladin. Over two months the battalion conducted Operational New Equipment Training, Field Maintenance New Equipment Training, and Artillery Table VI. After which, the battalion quickly capitalized on the lethality the new platforms provided and successfully executed Artillery Tables XII-XVIII with vengeance. First Lightning culminated the training during a contested and complex Artillery Table XVIII, testing the unit's ability to mass fires under stress conditions at the conclusion of training the battalion successfully and safely fired more than 2,000 rounds during live fire while expertly maneuvering across the breadth of the Fort Riley, Kansas training area.



1-7 FA First Lightning Leadership during a tactical rehearsal at NTC.

From September to January, the 1-7 Field Artillery's main focus was completing Table XVIII, a Brigade level collective training exercise, railhead operations, and spearheading the brigade's port operations for deployment to INDOPACOM. This was completed thanks to the Soldiers and their families for pushing through this busy window of training and deployment preparation. Thankfully, the Battalion was able to complete training and successfully roll all vehicles onto the vessel under their own power.

From February to July, 1-7 Field Artillery took preventative health measures to #KillTheVirus and battle COVID-19 while maintaining our ability to "Fight Tonight". During the Korea rotation, 1-7 Field Artillery successfully completed Table VI and is preparing for Table XII before posturing to return home.

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The 2nd Infantry Division Artillery, WARRIOR STRIKE, supported three major lines of effort throughout 2019. DIVARTY serves as the 2ID FFA HQ and US Directorate of Fires (USDF) for operational and contingency requirements in the Republic of Korea (ROK). Soldiers participated in the 2ID Fires Counter Fire Task Force exercise, Dong Maeng 19.1, Combined Command Post Training (CCPT) 19.2, and Warpath 19, culminating in the capstone event, Warfighter 20-2. STRIKE Soldiers mastered movement from JBLM to Australia, then directly to the ROK in support of CCPT 19.2.

Concurrently, DIVARTY served as the headquarters for the Multi-Domain Task Force (MDTF) to inform HQDA on structure and mission execution, and maintained administrative oversight of the Intelligence, Information, Cyber, Electronic Warfare, and Space (I2CEWS) BN. MDTF headquarters responsibility was transferred to 2ID DIVARTY during Joint Warfighter Assessment 19, the Army Force 2025 Maneuvers Capstone event. 2ID DIVARTY served as the MDTF headquarters for exercises Pacific Sentry 19.3 and 20.2 and Talisman Sabre (TS) 19, executed in coordination with Australian Defense Force showcasing theater security cooperation.

Lastly, DIVARTY maintains Training and Readiness Authority for five cannon battalions: 7ID cannon battalions, U.S. Army Alaska, and the Washington Army National Guard. DIVARTY Soldiers facilitated sixteen Table XVs and XVIIIs conducted at Yakima Training Center, Washington, Donnelly Training Area, Alaska, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and JBLM enabling two NTC rotations and multiple training glide paths.

2ID DIVARTY remained focused on our core competencies and Strike Soldiers stand ready to Fight Tonight!

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The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment mission set has been dynamic and diverse over the past year. The Steel Battalion prepared for the brigade's August 2019 National Training Center (NTC) rotation through Bayonet Focus at Yakima Training Center (YTC), a brigade validation exercise. For three weeks, the battalion executed platoon, battery, and battalion level training and live fire exercises. This operation culminated in the successful AT XVIII qualification of the Steel Battalion.

The battalion applied the lessons learned from Bayonet Focus at NTC by delivering accurate and timely fires in support of 2-2 SBCT. As a result, the battalion validated

its grasp of core competencies from the individual to collective level through rigorous and high tempo training. Steel quickly recovered from NTC and transitioned to Expert Soldier Badge (ESB) training the following month.

With 2-2 SBCT as the first brigade in the Army to execute ESB, Steel set a high standard qualifying 24x Soldiers across the formation.

Steel executed a Fire Support Coordination Exercise for the brigade in preparation for company CALFEXs. Bravo Battery deployed back to NTC in March to serve as the OPFOR for 1-2 SBCT's NTC rotation, and the balance of the formation executed Operation Steel Stryke II in frigid YTC conditions qualifying platoons across the battalion. 2-17 FA protected the force in preparation for our diverse mission set: deployments to Thailand and the Philippines in support of Pacific Pathways; wildland fire fighting duties; and artillery training progression.

Steel stands ready for any mission – Steel Strykes First!



2-17th FA



1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, Red Lions

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Upon redeploying to Joint Base Lewis-McChord from Operation Faithful Patriot along the Southwest border last June, the Red Lion battalion began a robust training program to retrain soldiers and recertify sections in fire support and cannon tasks. During a month-long exercise at Yakima Training Center, 2nd DIVARTY certified the batteries and battalion in Tables XV and XVIII, respectively, and the battalion provided direct support to the Ghost Brigade during Bayet Focus.

Returning after New Year's, the battalion supported the Stryker companies in their CALFEX lanes and con-

ducted railhead operations before heading to the National Training Center. During the decisive-action rotation, the battalion earned the distinction of keeping all guns firing until the end of the live-fire exercise, shooting the first steel-on-steel Excalibur impact on NTC record, and the best brigade-sized smoke screen in recent memory. Although COVID-19 safety guidelines have slowed the tempo of training this summer, the battalion looks forward to helping to train the 5th SFAB during its validation exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center this November.

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2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery deployed to Iraq, Syria, and Kuwait as part of 1 SBCT, 25 ID in support of OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR). The Automatic Battalion deployed at all camps and forward operating bases (FOB) alongside the Arctic Wolves Brigade to provide lethal cannon fires and fire support. The Battalion headquarters deployed to FOB Qayyarah Airfield West (Q West) and was responsible for running the base of over 1000 personnel from multiple units and Joint services. As part of the largest mission realignment in the OIR campaign, the Automatic BN took the lead in transferring the base to the Iraqi Security Forces including the

appropriate disposes of millions of dollars of equipment.

The guns of the Automatic BN provided lethal cannon fires to support Task Force Iraq and the BCT as well as Special Operations Joint Task Force (SOJTF) OIR. The guns participated in a massive, joint fire strike against a known ISIS haven in the first weeks of the BN's deployment, coupling their fire with a considerable air attack. Automatic's guns roared back in the first counter-fire mission fired in years against rogue militia groups firing improvised, but lethal, multiple rocket launchers. The guns of the Automatic battalion responded through rapid air assault to strengthen Coalition Force positions across Eastern Syria to deter further aggression from state and non-state actors. Beginning in May of 2020, the Automatic battalion began redeployment, reintegration and preparation to resume its role defending America's Arctic Frontier and preparing for future operations.

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The Paratroopers of 2d Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment supported the Spartans of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), through an intense training cycle that culminated with a Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotation. Upon completion of planning, the battalion conducted a sea emergency deployment readiness exercise deploying all its equipment from JBER, Alaska to Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

In September, the battalion participated in a BCT command post exercise, and then deployed to Camp Shelby where it executed a brigade culminating training exercise that included two simultaneous airfield seizures, Artillery Tables XV and XVIII, and supported company combined arms live fire exercises incorporating companies from the 3rd Royal Canadian Army. The battalion then moved all equipment to Fort Polk, Louisiana where it was staged in preparation for JRTC rotation 20-03.

During JRTC rotation 20-03, the battalion executed a BCT joint forcible entry operation incorporating an Airborne Assault with emergency mission from Avelino DZ, the first attempt in recent history, to seize initial objectives followed by Air Lands and Ground Assault Convoy operations. Throughout the rotation the brigade fires enterprise synchronized efforts with Air Force JTACs, Marine ANGLICO teams, a battalion from 3rd RCR, and a company from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force resulting in the massing of effects at the BCT Com-

mander's time and place of choice.

The Kings of Sparta remain disciplined, deadly, and never in reserve providing timely, accurate, and lethal joint fire support to the Spartan Brigade anywhere, anytime, Airborne.



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3rd DIVARTY has accomplished much in the way of artillery over the past year. In support of the 3ID, DIVARTY has planned, resourced, and executed multiple table progressions for 1ST BN 41st FAR, 1st BN 9th FAR, and Echo Battery, TF 1-28. The DIVARTY supported two Division simulated operations to certify 1ABCT to go to NTC, and 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade to Deploy on their Regionally Aligned Forces mission to EUCOM. Additionally, the 3rd DIVARTY Red Book has been updated in order to meet new TC 3-09.8 requirements and home station training strategy. To finish the Year, 3rd DIVARTY began its training progression leading up to the Division's Warfighter, WFX 21-3.

The Field Artillery Master Gunner has successfully standardized the FA Howitzer certification among all three firing elements, ultimately enforcing standard-



ization among the Division and increasing unit readiness. In addition the DIVARTY MGs planned, resourced, and executed the annual 3rd DIVARTY Best by test. This event brought the top FA sections from the Division and tested their Soldier skills, FA gunnery and tactical expertise. TF1-28 Echo battery won Best Fist, Best FDC, and Best howitzer section while 1st BN 41st FAR won top radar.

DIVARTY rapidly deployed the Division's Sentinel Teams in support of combat operations in the CENTCOM AO. After a 9 month rotation they are expected to return in 4th quarter FY20.



31 DIVARTY Soldiers training radar emplacement and security operations.

1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, Glory's Guns

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Soldiers of the Glory's Guns Battalion spent the past year training and supporting the Raider Brigade for its upcoming RAF mission. From July–October 2019 the Battalion conducted Artillery Tables I–XVIII to meet the requisite qualification standards for an upcoming NTC Rotation and the Battalion provided indirect fire support to 1st Armored Brigade's Combined Arms Live Fire Exercises (CALFEXs) in October to synchronize fires with maneuver. In November, 1–41 FA executed a Coordinated Attack / Fires Coordination Exercise (FCX) with AH–64 Apaches from the 101st CAB during "Marne Focus" – 3rd Infantry Division's 10-day exercise to certify the Brigade prior to NTC.

After completing Marne Focus, the Battalion conducted rail operations to ship its fleet of Paladins and Bradley Fire Support vehicles (BFISTs) from coastal Georgia

to the desert of Fort Irwin, CA. In February, Glory's Guns and the Raider Brigade conducted NTC 20–04, where the Battalion distinguished itself as the first unit in recent years to hit "steel-on-steel" with the M982 Excalibur round. Upon redeploying to Fort Stewart in March, 1–41 FA supported the Raider Brigade in its role as 3ID's principal force to facilitate a COVID–19 screening site providing support to Soldiers, families and retirees at Hunter Army Airfield.

In May, the Battalion returned to the field, conducting Radar, Fire Support, and Artillery Table certifications and qualifications up to the section level. 1–41 FA also qualified the Forward Support Company's Distro Platoon in a Convoy Live Fire Exercise. Glory's Guns conducted a series of Command Post Exercises (CPXs) and MDMP in June to prepare for a Wet Gap Crossing exercise in July for the XVIII Airborne Corps LPD program. At this time, the Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers of 1–41 FA are prepared to provide timely and accurate fires in support of the Raider Brigade anywhere around the world, living up to its motto of "Mission Accomplished."

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Over the past 12 months, the Battlekings of the 1st Battalion 9th Field Artillery Regiment conducted a series of combat operation focused training events in order to support DEFENDER 2020 (EUCOM) and assume a follow on Regionally Aligned Forces (RAF) mission. As part of the training preparation leading up to DEFENDER 2020, Battleking Soldiers executed multiple Artillery Gunnery Table XIIs between Ft. Stewart, GA and Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area (DPTA) in Poland, providing 18 fully qualified sections and 6 fully qualified platoons capable of providing lethal and responsive fires for the Spartan Brigade.

In the second quarter of 2020, the Battlekings deployed over 400 personnel and 200 vehicles via land, sea, and air culminating with a 400km convoy across Germany



1-41st FA BN

and Poland validating their ability to execute an expeditious deployment of the brigade. Exhibiting hard work and resiliency, the Battlekings worked alongside the Polish 12th Mechanized Field Artillery providing responsive fire support to maneuver forces. The Battlekings completed the first contested Wet Gap Crossing in 25 years and enabled the Spartan Brigade to seize far side objectives.

Following the completion of the DEFENDER 2020 exercise, the Battlekings deployed all batteries to a subsequent Forward Operating Site (FOS) in Poland. During their short stay at this location, they again jumped into action and conducted battery led AT XII and XV ahead of a Combined Resolve XIV rotation at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany in the third quarter. Combined Resolve XIV will enable the Battleking to continue to exercise interoperability and partnership with our European allies. At the conclusion of the year, the Battlekings are fully engaged in support of Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE and remain in position and ready to fire in deterrence of any threat of eastern aggression.

KEEP THE FIRE!



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The Artillerymen of 10th Mountain DIVARTY, 3-6 FA, 2-15 FA, and 5-25 FAR had an incredible year training and supporting the Division. DIVARTY participated in the first Division Live Fire Exercise, Warfighter 19-05, and multiple Artillery tables. DIVARTY demonstrated excellence as the Division's FFA headquarters, and in supporting the training and certification of the FA Battalions.

3-6 FA conducted two direct action JRTC rotations prior to deploying for Operation Freedom Sentinel (OFS). 3-6 FA conducted multiple table XIIIs, XVIs, and a table XVIII. 3-6 FA, cross trained multiple batteries, and building extra FDCs to support the diverse geographic mission set of their deployed mission set.

2-15 FA supported the Division live fire, returned from OFS, executed table XV in the fall, and executed their brigade training exercise in February 2020. This exercise was the culmination of a rapid train up to build the 2-15 FA team ahead of assuming the Contingency Response Force. 2-15 FA continues to execute excellent training with the integration of new FSE tables, as well as tables I-XV prior to a second brigade level training exercise ahead of deployment to support OFS.

5-25 FAR began the year deployed in support of civilian authorities on the southwest border. Upon the full return of the Battalion, 5-25 FAR have begun their full reset and initiation of their training progressions. 5-25 FAR is set to continue their FAT progressions with FIST certifications, and FA XII occurring in the 4th quarter, followed by their brigade training exercise in the fall.



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The 17th Field Artillery Brigade continued its mission supporting America's I Corps as the Force Field Artillery Headquarters and the U.S. Army's Multi-Domain Task Force Pilot Program (MDTF-PP). Thunderbolt Brigade Soldiers executed several successful training objectives—including combined joint training exercises across the INDOPACOM area of operations this past year.

The Thunderbolt Brigade participated in the Joint Warfighter Assessment (JWA) as the MDTF Headquarters last April. This exercise tested the capabilities of the MDTF-PP with U.S. Army Futures Command, and integrated HIMARS assets into planning efforts toward further developing multi-domain concepts.

The Brigade hosted Battalion External Evaluations. During the EXEVALs, subordinate battalions were evaluated by the 75th Field Artillery Brigade on logistics, maintenance, communication and overall firing processes, to ensure their certification of deployment readiness when called to support contingency operations.

17th FA Brigade sent an Expeditionary Strike Package (ESP), to participate in Talisman Sabre 19. The first joint and combined HIMARS live fire with the Australian Army and III Marine Expeditionary Force was executed.

In September, 17th FA Brigade worked alongside US Army Japan, and the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) Western Army during bilateral exercise Orient Shield. The Brigade conducted multinational fire missions and further developed bilateral multi-domain and cross-domain concepts and practices. Orient Shield fortified a high level of interoperability by enhancing military-to-military relations.

Simultaneously, the Brigade deployed an ESP to the Philippines in support of exercise Thor's Hammer. This mission emphasized the brigade's ability to rapidly deploy its subordinate units to the INDOPACOM area of operations.

In December, a small contingent of Thunderbolt Soldiers and leaders deployed to Japan in support of Yama Sakura 77, to train with the JGSDF and support I Corps as the FFA HQ. The Thunderbolt Brigade was responsible for directing fire support and shaping efforts for I Corps.

The Thunderbolt Brigade conducted its validation at Warfighter Exercise 20-03. WFX 20-03 was hosted at the Mission Command Training Complex at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. The Brigade met all training objectives, validating its ability to serve as the FFA HQ for I Corps.

17th FA Brigade continues to maintain readiness despite the COVID-19 pandemic and is prepared to support missions across the INDOPACOM area of operations.

Thunderbolt!

**1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery,
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18th FA BDE plans, synchronizes, and employs Joint and Combined Fires in support of Corps Large Scale Combat Operations (LSCO) within a multi-domain environment; on order, we integrate attached ground and air maneuver forces to conduct Joint Forcible Entry Operations.

18th FA BDE provides strategic capabilities to Special Operations Forces, Combatant Commanders, and the National Command Authority. As America's contingency field artillery brigade, we are in constant demand to support Joint, Interagency, International, Multinational (JIIM) missions. This produces a unique set of opportunities for inspired leaders to seize in support of our national security. Our leaders work within unique communities and locations that which routinely expose our leaders to strategic level planning and operations.

We are America's Contingency Field Artillery Brigade and we are "Tough, Proud, and Disciplined".

XVIII Airborne Corps is the higher headquarters to the 18th Field Artillery Brigade. The XVIII Airborne Corps is a corps of the United States Army that has been in existence since 1942 and saw extensive service during World War II. The corps is designed for rapid deployment anywhere in the world and is referred to as "America's Contingency Corps". Its headquarters is at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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The 25th DIVARTY's mission command focus in 2019 was to prepare for 25th Infantry Division's culminating bilateral exercise in December 2019, Yama Sakura 77. 3-7 FAR, Never Broken, prepared for 3BCT's culminating exercise in September 2019, JRTC Rotation 19-10. 2-11 FAR, On Time, focused on providing world class training support to their sister battalion and executing their deployment throughout the Pacific AOR during Pacific Pathways 2019.

At the start of the year the DIVARTY executed best by test competitions, FiST Certifications, and the M119A3 retrofit and M777 software upgrade to extend the lethal capabilities of our fire systems. 3-7 FAR conducted Tables I through XII into a level 2 Deployment Readiness Exercise (DRE). Their high state of readiness allowed a smooth transition into a battalion size best FIST competition, all of which set the stage for their high success role during CPX 1 Key Resolve in March 19. The "On Time" battalion was fielded new Q-53 radars and then incorporating them into their tables V and VI in March 19. 2-11 FA's preparedness allowed them to provide the supervisory and mentorship support role as Observers, Coaches, and Trainers (OC/Ts) to 3-7 FA

during the DIVARTY's next major exercise, Tables XV and XVIII, Lightning Strike, and facilitating 3-7 FA in their support to 3BCT's "Bronco Strike" FCX at PTA in April 2019.

DIVARTY continued to forge ahead with various training events: section and platoon-level qualifications (Tables V, VI, and XII), small arms marksmanship, sustainment operations, and another FIST Cert in July 19. In July-August 25th DIVARTY supported 3BCT's Lightning Forge, the BDE's Culminating Training Event (CTE). 2-11 supported all this training while simultaneously supporting our Theater Security Cooperation Partnership missions during Pacific Pathway 19-01 in Australia for Talisman Sabre and Indonesia for Garuda Shield.

3-7 FA redeployed successfully and supported 3BCT CALFEXs while conducting recovery and preparation for deployment to JRTC in September-October. 2-11 FA provided OC/T coverage, TAFF support, and OPFOR to 3-7 FA and 3 IBCT. OC/Ts provided feedback on MDMP, TOC operations, fire support planning, and sustainment support to 3-7 FA.

In the final months the DIVARTY completed executed Operation Lightning Whatirii, a combined partnership training exercise with the New Zealand Defense Force. 25th DIVARTY concluded the calendar year with the week-long bilateral exercise, Yama Sakura in December 2019. Soldiers from 25th DIVARTY supported the training exercise through mission command operations conducted at the Mission Training Complex on Schofield Barracks. Yama Sakura is a bi-lateral exercise with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force (JGDF), I Corps, and 25ID.

**3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery,
Never Broken**

**2nd Battalion, 111th Field Artillery,
On Time**



41st Field Artillery Brigade, Rail Gunners

41st Field Artillery Brigade

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Another busy year for the 41st Field Artillery Brigade Rail Gunners as they activated 1st Battalion, 6th Field

Artillery Regiment, their first MLRS BN. The brigade has doubled in size from June 2019 to June 2020. The first activity for 1-6 FA was to draw the battalions entire equipment set from Army Pre-positioned Stocks (APS) in September. The 41st FAB begun putting steel on target in January of 2020 when Alpha Battery, 1-6 FA conducted the first Artillery Table VI live fire certification event since the Brigade's activation in November of 2018. Bravo Battery completed Table VI soon after, and then each unit conducted Table XII certifications, demonstrating their long-range, precision fires capability at the battery level. The 589th Brigade Support Battalion conducted multiple Deployment Readiness Exercises throughout the year in addition to supporting 1-6 FA and the Brigade. The 232nd Signal Company deployed Soldiers to across Europe to Georgia in support of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade. The Brigade now stands capable of deploying its personnel and equipment in support of its allies and partners across the European Theater.

In the spring on 2020, personnel and leadership for the second MLRS battalion, 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment began arriving and setting conditions to activate in August 2020. Many of these tasks, while difficult in their own right, became more complex by the advent of the European COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. The Brigade led the creation of Task Force Tower Barracks, charged with protecting over 10,000 Soldiers, DA Civilians and family members from the new global threat. The team did this, while simultaneously developing effective protection practices to continue training safely at Grafenwoehr Training Area.

While the growth and training over the last year led to success for the organization, the 41st FA Brigade strengthened ties between joint forces, allies, and partners here in Europe, as well as built connections across the fires community. The International Fires Warfighting Forum brought artillery personnel from across the continent together to discuss fires challenges and opportunities associated with interoperability during large-scale combat operations in the European Theater. This integration and discussion with partners strengthened relationships with our cross-service peer along with our allies and partners. The US Army Europe Sensor-to-Shooter campaign of learning validated the ability for external assets to pass targeting data to the Brigade's launchers, improving the delivery of long-range fires. Engagements with the 8th LAROM BDE (Romania), 101st Royal Artillery Regiment (UK) and the 1st Royal Artillery Regiment (France) establish ties between allied MLRS units, with hopes to build partnerships with the 1-6th FA BN and 1-77th FA BN.

The Rail Gunner team has spent the year building the organization from the ground-up to bring US long range fires back to Europe. The Rail Gunners look forward to the activation of 1-77 FA and have their sights focused on exercising our hard built capabilities and formations in upcoming events and exercises in Fiscal Year 2021.

1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery
1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery
4th Battalion, 319th Field Artillery

SKY SOLIDERS CHAPTER



Field Artillery Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Artillery Hell

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Artillery Hell, the Field Artillery Squadron of the 2d Cavalry Regiment, focused the entire Fire Support Enterprise on training and overall readiness to fight in a contested and dynamic battlefield. Artillery Hell executed its first major training event in February 2019 with a combined 23 nation collective warfighting exercise, Dynamic Front 19, Europe's largest Artillery exercise. Following a successful Artillery Table XVIII in March, Archer Battery deployed to Hungary in support of the US-AEUR led Saber Guardian 19 and exercise Breakthrough 19. After completing a 1000 km road march, Archer Battery provided accurate and responsive fires in conjunction with Hungarian Allies during a squadron live fire, demonstrating interoperability and deterrence. Less than a month later, Bulldog Battery deployed to the Republic of Georgia in support of Agile Spirit 19 where an entire Squadron's worth of equipment traveled 3000km by land and sea, culminating with a squadron combined arms live fire.

Artillery Hell Squadron concluded 2019 with an immersive Artillery Table XVIII and a CTC Rotation to JMRC (Joint Multinational Readiness Center). Starting in the Grafenwoehr Training Area with an Artillery Table XVIII, the Squadron deployed straight into the box, executing a

Regimental Fire Support Enterprise.

In January 2020, Cobra Battery deployed to Poland to resume the Regiment's support to NATO's enhanced Forward Presence mission. In February, Archer and Bulldog Battery participated in the USAREUR led Sensor to Shooter Exercise firing 133 PGK fuzed rounds, incorporating strategic to tactical level assets.

Artillery Hell! Always Ready!



75th Field Artillery Brigade, Tough as Diamonds

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The United States Army's largest and most lethal field artillery formation continued to project power and deliver fires globally while simultaneously executing rigorous training progressions at home station to maintain readiness to fight and win during large scale combat operations.

First quarter saw the Diamond Brigade execute a brigade-wide, multi-echelon CPX/FTX, leveraging live, virtual, and constructed training environments. Operation Diamond Freeze qualified 2-4 FAR "Deep Attack" through AT XVIII in preparation for their deployment to the Republic of Korea and allowed 100th BSB "Century" to build proficiency in the execution of sustainment operations at echelon.

The Diamond Brigade Headquarters deployed to CENTCOM in May to serve as the Force Field Artillery Headquarters for Operations SPARTAN SHIELD and INHERENT RESOLVE, executing distributed mission command while providing regional deterrence and long-range precision fires in support of CENTCOM. Additionally, 1-14 FAR "Steel Warriors" executed Operation SPARTAN SHIELD, a HIMARS air/land raid to Fort Polk, LA to validate their ability to execute short-notice deployment to execute precision strike fires prior to their CENTCOM deployment. The Diamond Brigade continued to provide trained and ready MLRS battalions to Eighth US Army. In April, 2-18 FAR "Mission Ready" transferred authority to 2-4 FAR at Camp Casey. Simultaneously at FSOK, 3-13 FAR "Red Dragons" and 2-20 FAR "Deep Strike" continued to conduct LSCO-focused training progressions as 2-20 FA prepared to deploy ISO EUSA and 3-13 deployed to NTC Rotation 20-10 to support 1st Infantry

Division.

The Diamond Brigade stands ready to counter any adversary, anytime, anywhere.

Tough as Diamonds!

**2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery,
Mission Ready**

**3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery,
Red Dragons**

**2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery,
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**2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery,
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The 82nd Airborne Division Artillery (DivArty) worked tirelessly as they supported the 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment (AFAR) throughout the year in preparation for Immediate Response Force deployments, a Joint Readiness Training Center rotation, and 3BCTs redeployment from Kuwait. Maintaining the standards of a strategically mobile division, the 82nd DivArty conducted airborne operations with drop zone live fire missions, executed numerous live fire operations, and conducted external evaluations of Artillery Tables XV and XVIII for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd battalions of the 319th AFAR.

A/1-319 AFAR providing M119A3 and M777A2 fires supporting 3/82 ABN joint forcible entry exercise



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From January to December of 2019, Loyalty Paratroopers of 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment prepared for and deployed in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel (OFS) in Afghanistan. From January to April, the Battalion executed an intensive training cycle to prepare Paratroopers for the rigors of combat. Central to this training was dual-certifying ten howitzer sections on the M119A3 and M777A2 howitzers and eight AN/TPQ-50 radar crews. In April, the training cycle culminated in a Brigade sized Joint Forcible Entry (JFE) with the Battalion live firing off a Drop Zone in support of maneuver units.

In May, Loyalty began rapidly preparing for outload and deployment to Afghanistan. As the United States Forces-Afghanistan Force Field Artillery Headquarters (USFOR-A FFAHQ), the Battalion's mission was to provide surface-to-surface fires and counter-fire radar coverage from ten firing points throughout Afghanistan. The Battalion deployed in June, swiftly establishing firing and radar capabilities throughout Afghanistan to support coalition forces and Afghan partners. Throughout the nine-month deployment, Loyalty Paratroopers fired over 8,300 artillery rounds in support of U.S. forces, coalition forces, and Afghan partner forces.

The Battalion redeployed in March 2020 and has begun preparations for 3/82 BCT's assumption of the Immediate Response Force (IRF). As part of the IRF, the Loyalty Battalion will remain postured to rapidly alert, marshal, and deploy in support of no notice strategic contingencies.

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2nd BN, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment Paratroopers diligently worked to achieve a high level of expertise through tough, realistic training focusing on section, platoon, and battery level proficiency. Throughout the year, Black Falcons have conducted certifications and qualifications through Artillery Gunnery Table XVIII. This is in conjunction with maintaining Airborne and Jumpmaster Proficiency within the Brigade Combat Team; prepared to respond to global contingencies.

The Paratroopers of the 2nd Battalion, 319th AFAR supported the Falcons of 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division with great professionalism maintaining a razor's edge readiness during assumption of the Immediate Response Force ready to respond to contingencies across the globe at the turn of the year FY 20. These Paratroopers assumed this mission in short order and worked around the clock, while simultaneously preparing for deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

These Paratroopers continued to show their flexibility and readiness by rapidly shifting focus from the Immediate Response Force to deploying within 3 months' time across multiple locations in support of Operation Inherent Resolve providing responsive and accurate fires for units within the theatre. Black Falcons maintain positioned to respond with rapidly massed, lethal joint fires in support of Falcon Brigade across the Globe.

Black Falcons!



AN/TPQ-50 air assault during 3/82 ABN BDE FTX.

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The Gun Devil Paratroopers of the 3rd Battalion, 319 Field Artillery Regiment jumped into 2019 executing a rigorous airborne training cycle leading up to JRTC 19-08.5. During this rotation, the Battalion focused on expedited counter-fire mission processing times and their mobile TAC operations. Following JRTC, the Gun Devils assumed responsibility as part of the 82nd Airborne Division's Immediate Response Force (IRF). In September, the Battalion executed a Joint Forcible Entry DRE into Yakima, WA with two M119A3 heavy drop platforms. On New Year's Eve, an attack on the US Embassy in Baghdad triggered activation of the IRF and the Gun Devils participated in the rapid deployment to deter Iranian aggression in the CENTCOM AOR. Portions of the battalion immediately deployed to Iraq to support Operation Inherent Resolve, while the remainder of the Gun Devils staged in Kuwait. The Battalion took advantage of our time in Kuwait by executing Artillery Tables V-XII for all FDC, Radar, and Howitzer sections. We executed three live fire Air Assault Raids and participated in Operation Dasman Shield, a combined live fire exercise Kuwaiti Land Forces Artillery Regiment and the Operation Spartan Shield US Artillery forces. Upon returning to Fort Bragg, the Gun Devils again answered the Nation's call when the IRF was activated to secure critical infrastructure and protect individual rights to demonstrate peacefully in the Nation's Capital.

Gun Devils! Strike Hold! Mass the Fire!



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The 101 DIVARTY executed Warfighter Exercise (WFX) 20-01, deploying to the Fort Campbell training area, validating expeditionary capabilities during Large Scale Combat Operations (LSCO).

Following WFX 20-01, DIVARTY supported 1-320 FAR Artillery Table XV collective training. DIVARTY enabled Battery Commander's to develop their organizations during a rigorous training event in preparation for the upcoming JRTC Rotation. Integral to this operation was the Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise (EDRE), evaluating the preparedness to deploy at a moment's notice. Upon completion of Table XV, 101 DIVARTY facilitated 1-320 FA BN's Table XVIII collective training. During this time frame, DIVARTY supported the deployment of 3-320 FA Battalion to the Southwest Border in support of the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Patrol mission on the border of Mexico.

In late 2nd Quarter, DIVARTY supported the Division's response to COVID-19 by establishing the Quarantine and Isolation Cell. 101 DIVARTY continues this effort as the number 1 priority while maximizing training opportunities to prepare for WFX 21-01.

This summer, DIVARTY supported the Division staff in Operation Bastogne Phoenix, a brigade collective training event for 1BCT, while evaluating 2-32 FA Battalion's Table XVIII collective training in preparation for JRTC.



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From Camp Casey, Republic of Korea, the Thunder Brigade is “Ready to Fight Tonight” in support of the 2nd Infantry Division ROK – US Combined Division. As a U.S. and ROK staffed combined force, the 210th Field Artillery Brigade executed a training glide path consistent with the OPLAN, which operationalizes the Counterfire Imperatives while supporting the ROK/U.S. alliance. Readiness, Sustaining the Force, Care of Self and Others, Maintaining the Alliance, and Interoperability are the foundational lines of effort of Thunder Brigade. Beginning in 2019, 210 FA BDE executed a Combined Command Post Training Exercise in August, the 2nd Infantry Division Command Post Exercise “Warpath” in October, and culminating in a Division Warfighter Exercise in November. After the holiday break, Thunder executed a Ground Operations Command Combined Counterfire Exercise, an interoperability exercise with our ROK counterparts. In late February, USFK responded rapidly to COVID-19 in the Republic of Korea and Thunder began a mission set in order to “Kill the Virus.” Overall while maintaining our ability to Fight Tonight, we are continuously thankful for the dedication and commitment across the formation from 6-37 FA, 1-38 FA, 2-18 FA, 2-4 FA, 70th BSB, and HHB 210 FA BDE.



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On the Minute**
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War Eagle**
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Proud Americans/ Always First**
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The Destroyer Soldiers, NCOs, Drill Sergeants, Officers, DA Civilians, and Contractors of the 434th Field Artillery Brigade successfully executed its mission of conducting reception operations and Basic Combat Training (BCT) by integrating and transforming civilian volunteers into Soldiers who are prepared to complete Initial Military Training and contribute to their first unit of assignment. The brigade achieved this through rigorous, combat-focused training, treating all with dignity and respect, communicating effectively, aggressively managing risk, and serving as essential members of the Lawton-Fort Sill Community.

During Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19), the "Destroyer" Brigade executed 74 BCT classes, that created 12,383 new Soldiers that entered into the U.S. Army (88% graduation rate). Thus far, in FY20, the 434th FA BDE executed 31 BCT classes, that created a total of 5,524 new Soldiers (93% graduation rate).

Key events over the last year included the execution of the BCT "Summer Surge," with critical support of our U.S. Army Reserve Drill Sergeants; training, certifying, and executing the Army Combat Fitness Test during BCT; executing challenging, realistic, and relevant combat-focused training (and sharing lessons learned across the enterprise); focusing on our community partnerships and outreach that included local area schools and recruiting efforts with our local U.S. Army recruiting stations; and integrating programs that improved the overall health, resiliency, and readiness of our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families.

The year culminated with the execution of Holiday Block Leave where the brigade safely and efficiently deployed and re-deployed 3,000 Trainees for the 14-day holiday exodus.

Seek, Strike, Destroy! #DestroyerPRIDE



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Redlegs of the Wolf Team at the NTC remained steadfast in providing superior observing, coaching/training, and spearheading multiple outreach initiatives. The team produced a series of professional papers, podcasts, and VTCs providing key lessons learned to the force for defensive, offensive, maintenance, and large scale combat operations which was consolidated into Fighting with Fires Volume V.

Five active-duty FA battalions, one National Guard FA battalion, and associated brigade fire support elements (FSEs) were able to exercise the fundamentals of top down fires planning as they integrated joint and organic fires in support of multiple brigade offensive and defensive operations. All six units executed a sensor to shooter dry and live smoke teach which reduced fire mission processing times and ensured effective adjustment of quick smoke fire missions during force on force under live fire conditions. Three units successfully executed a digital sensor to shooter Excalibur fire mission which greatly contributed to the brigade's lethality.

Decisive action training at the NTC afforded rotational brigade FSEs and the FA battalions the opportunity to exercise their mission essential tasks against a near-peer threat in challenging and realistic scenarios. Rotational units employed and synchronized their organic weapon systems which included the M109A6 and M777A2, as well as the integration of a M270 General Support Reinforcing unit and joint fires platforms resulting in the expenditure of 6,380 rounds and the employment of 24 joint fires munitions over six brigade live-fire events. The observations and lessons learned will greatly contribute to the Army's lethality and successful integration into the joint force.



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The Observer Coach Trainers (OCTs) of Task Force Fire Support, “Fox Team”, Operations Group, JRTC continued to support the field artillery community over the course of 11 JRTC rotations. Our OCTs integrated and helped hone the proficiency of Field Artillery Battalions supporting light, airborne and air assault BCTs in the Decisive Action Training Environment crucible of JRTC. Supporting the Army’s focus on Large Scale Combat Operations, the Fox Team provided fire supporters with observational feedback to achieve timely and accurate fires. The Fox Team also worked diligently to help two SFAB FA Battalions validate their advisor skills and build their internal teams while integrating their assigned security forces. As the force adapted to collective training constraints during the COVID 19 pandemic, Task Force Fire Support hosted virtual training sessions with leaders from five different DIVARTYs to continue the professional discourse for a myriad of fire support topics. Task Force Fire Support continues to forge the warrior spirit by building artillery professionals through objective feedback, best practices, and lessons learned.



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The Vampire Team mission: “The Vampire Team strengthens Fire Support for U.S., Allied, and Partner Nations in order to build and maintain readiness, deter adversaries, and WIN in a complex operating environment.”

The JMRC Fire Support Training Team (Vampires) was busy during the summer/autumn of 2019 executing the Combined Resolve XII (1/1ID), Saber Junction 19 (173rd ABN), and Dragoon Ready 20 (2CR) exercises. The Vampires continue to provide quality doctrinal-based feedback and TTPs from personal and professional experience increasing the overall readiness of each training unit as well as informing their future training cycles and progression.

The Vampires finished the year by celebrating our patron saint during the JMRC and Vampire Team St. Barbara’s Day Ball with COL Phil Brooks (1ID DCG-M & MCE Commander) as the events honored guest and event speaker. Additionally, the team conducted a planning conference at a local “gasthaus” or Inn. This event facilitated professional dialogue and informed the team’s lines of effort in the 2020 campaign plan.

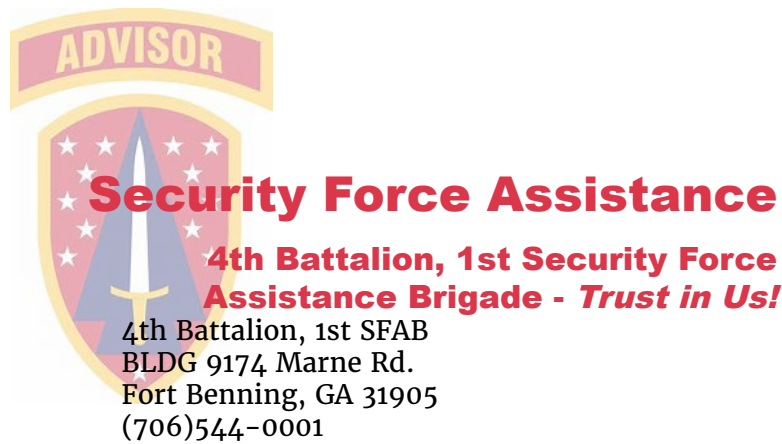
The team started 2020 executing Combined Resolve XIII (2/1CD) in January and followed with key leaders presenting at the International Fires Warfighter Forum at Ramstein AB, Germany and the CTC Senior Fires OC/T Conference at Fort Sill, OK. Team leaders also traveled to JRTC and NTC to review trends and share TTPs/best practices. Additionally, Vampires represented the 7th Army Training Command at the annual ASCA (Artillery Systems Cooperation Activities) conference in Larkhill, England. During this time the team bid farewell to CSM Roderick Marshall and welcomed CSM Bamba to the team as the Senior FA Enlisted Trainer.



Task Force Fire Support Operations Group

The Vampires rapidly adopted the new set of constraints due to COVID-19 via distributed methods (GVS, MS Teams, etc). The Vampires refocused on several LPD topics, the team's writing and outreach programs, and developed a new rubric for assessing critical tasks in addition to the MET informed T&EOs. The team recently returned from Defender Europe 2020 (2/3ID) in Poland focused on strengthening the Alliance. Additionally, the team has been focused on building and implementing an improved rotational construct that will be validated during Saber Junction 20 (173) and with a focus on refined metrics and evaluation criteria that is nested with T&EOs and informed by FM 3-09. The JMRC Vampires continue to remain poised to continue strengthening fire support for U.S., Allied, and Partner Nations.

Train to Win!



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The Lycans have a unique mission to Advise, Assist, Support, and Liaise foreign military partners on improving their capabilities. Focus areas aren't limited to just the Field Artillery realm, but also include staff operations and processes, planning, logistics, medical, and communications. The wide range of specialties require the Lycans to wear multiple hats and share additional responsibilities across six Field Artillery Advisor Teams and one Battalion Advisor Team. The teams are independently managed due to the staggered three deployment Force Package system that support continuous presence in country. This means that the Lycans had to also offset training and integrate with other Maneuver Advisor Teams due to geographical separation and also mission requirements. Over the past year, the Lycans have been preparing to support SFAB missions in Africa by constantly collaborating with USARAF and specific US Embassy teams in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, and Tunisia and setting the conditions for future employment. The training required includes the Combat Advisor Training Course, Mission Readiness Exercises, Close Quarters Marksmanship, Engagement Simulators, Team Readiness Assessment Programs, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, Non-Tactical Vehicle Drivers Training, and lan-

guage classes in Swahili and French while maintaining MOS proficiency. This combination of training events have had profound impacts in the unit's readiness and the ability to deliver results.

"Trust in Us!"

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The Strength and Honor Advisors of the 4th Battalion, 3rd SFAB officially activated on July 17th, 2019 and set out to become the world's premier Field Artillery

Advisor Battalion. The Advisors aggressively trained to become agile and lethal experts in their Artillery craft, conducting home-station training at Fort Hood, TX. The training encompassed Advanced Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship, crew served weapons, Joint Fires Observer certifications, six Close Air Support training exercises, Close Quarter Battle training, Advisor Team and Mounted LFXs, and 122mm D30 Howitzer certifications. Additionally, the battalion executed Advisor-enabled training exercises hosting a Manual Gunnery Fire Direction Academy for members of 1-82 FA BN, 1st CAV DIV and supporting 3rd Cavalry Regiment Field Artillery Squadron's Artillery Table XII training progression. In August-September 2019, the battalion dominated JRTC rotation 19-09, out-pacing the training scenario. The battalion successfully demonstrated the ability to advise a partnered force in the development of artillery training and doctrine, the integration of organic assets into combat operations, and conducted the first air assault of a D30 Howitzer in JRTC history.

In October 2019, 4th BN, 3rd SFAB simultaneously deployed Advisor teams to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Resolute Support respectively. In Iraq, Bravo Battery Advisors partnered with the 14th and 15th Iraqi Army Divisions and helped to organize the first Peshmerga Field Artillery Battalion consisting of M119A2 howitzers and M120 mortars. In Afghanistan, Advisors partnered with the Afghan National Defense Security Forces (ANDSF) at echelon, advising six Afghan National Army Corps (201st, 203rd, 205th, 207th, 209th, and 217th), the Combined Situational Awareness Room, three Regional Military Training Centers, and three Regional Targeting Teams. The efforts of the Advisors increased the institutionally viability of the ANDSF organizations and contributed, in a small part, to the US-Taliban peace agreement. The Strength and Honor Advisors stand ready to answer our nation's call.

We strive for Excellence!



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The Viking Soldiers of the 4th Battalion supported the 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade over the past fiscal year through force generation and achieving all mission readiness goals culminating at Joint Readiness Training Center Rotation 20-08. Over the course of FY20, the Battalion integrated some of the most talented professionals within the Field Artillery Branch who rapidly fielded all new organizational equipment while concurrently accomplishing some of the Army's most demanding military schools including the Combat Advisor Training Course, SERE-C, and Pathfinder. The Viking Battalion successfully built cohesive teams at every level who are ready to support Geographic Combatant Commanders' Competition and Conflict requirements. 4th BN, 4th SFAB took advantage of every opportunity both on and off Fort Carson to hone the requirements required of Advisors to integrate with other units. Some of the training highlights include Advanced Rifle Marksmanship with 10th Special Forces Group and the tactical employment of mortars with 1-8 Infantry. The Battalion also created the foundation for establishing a certified Army JTAC program. Prior to the JRTC Rotation, the Viking Battalion successfully advised the newly created 4th BN, 5th SFAB on fire direction and fire delivery procedures for the D-30 Howitzer as this organization stood up at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

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The Wolfpack Soldiers of 4th BCD have the enduring mission to ensure the exchange of information and to advocate for the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Land Component Commanders as their liaison to the other service components. In the past year, more than 50 Wolfpack members deployed to the CENTCOM AOR in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The majority of the members deployed in support of the 609th Combined Air and Space Operations Center (CAOC) located in Al Udeid, Qatar and processed several hundred Joint Support Air Requests in support of the United States Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A), Combined Joint Task Force Operations Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR), and the Combined Defense of the Arabian Peninsula (CDAP) missions.

The Wolfpack deployed several Ground Liaison Detachment Teams (GLD) supporting multiple USAF squadrons flying F-35, F-15E, F-16 and A-10 aircraft deployed to bases in Qatar, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Afghanistan. Several GLD teams supported operations on US Navy aircraft carriers including the USS Lincoln, Eisenhower, Truman and the French aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle as they supported operations throughout the CENTCOM AOR and conducted deterrence operations against Iran.

Collectively 4th BCD supported several planning exercises including the CDAP, which replaced the previous Combined Defense of the Arabian Gulf (CDAG) plan. As the 609th Air Support Squadron conducted contingency planning in response to increased tensions with Iran, they identified a requirement to conduct command and control in places other than the CAOC. As such, the 4th BCD established the ability to provide direct support for real-world combat operations within the CENTCOM area of responsibility from Shaw Air Force Base, and transferred several critical functions permanently from Al Udeid to Shaw.

Additionally, the Wolfpack Team deployed to Al Udeid oversees all aspects of the U.S. Army's C-UAS program of record at the CAOC. They work in concert with several

organizations across service components, combat support agencies, and the broader Intelligence Community (IC). Wolfpack subject matter experts are responsible for briefing the C-UAS system's capabilities to senior Air Force leaders at the CAOC including General and Flag Officers (GOFOs). BCD planners prepare and execute exercises across the Joint Task Force Headquarters (CJTF-OIR and USFOR-A) to defend against potential UAS threats in the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility.

The 4th BCD remains the only BCD continuously deployed to support combat operations. The Wolfpack will continue to spearhead the efforts to integrate fires throughout the combined and joint community as the premier Battlefield Coordination Detachment in the Army.



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The Victory Soldiers of 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment supported multiple contingency operations and exercises across the INDOPACOM AOR. Exercises started in June with Pacific Sentry 19-3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Augmentees from the California and Georgia Army National Guard supported the 5th BCD, working with the 613th Air Operations Center (AOC), during this evaluation for USARPAC. This exercise was essential in assessing the BCD's ability to coordinate and synchronize joint fires between USARPAC and PACAF.

In July, a small team of Soldiers traveled to Australia to support Talisman Saber. The team worked in the Joint Operations Center to assist and train the 16th Air Land Regiment (ALR), the Australian equivalent to our BCD. This partnership is essential to joint operations throughout the Pacific region. The next major exercise was conducted in Japan. Yama Sakura 77 enabled 5th BCD to train alongside the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) Battlefield Coordination Element (BCE), strengthening the partnership between the US Army and the JGSDF.

The 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment continues to work closely with Air Force partners across the Pacific region. Ground Liaison Detachments (GLD) and Reconnaissance Liaison Detachments (RLDs) stationed throughout the region have deployed 3 times over the last year to the CENTCOM AOR as liaisons to supported wings' deployments. They continue to coordinate training between USARPAC units and PACAF wings in order to build a stronger, more lethal team that is United in Victory.



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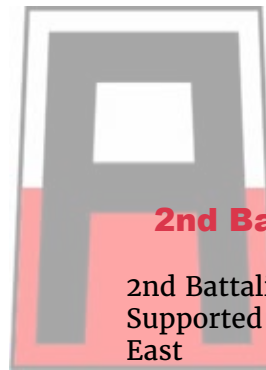
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The 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment (BCD) facilitates the integration of joint land, air and space operations across all warfighting functions between U.S. Army Europe (or the designated Land Component Commander) and U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Force Africa from within the 603rd Air Operations Center. When called upon, the 19th BCD is ready to support multi-component NATO operations.

During 2019, Team 19 supported exercises SPRING CHALLENGE 19, AUSTERE CHALLENGE 19, AFRICAN LION 19, and multiple Division and Corps Warfighter Exercises. The 19th BCD further supported NATO and its Allied partners by participating in TRIDENT JUPITER 19-1, as part of a blended Allied Ground Liaison Element, and continued to look for solutions to the challenge of airspace management in the European theater.

In 2020, the BCD co-hosted, with the 41st Fires Brigade, the International Fires Warfighters Forum, which brought members of the international fires community to Ramstein AFB to discuss European Integrated Fires. The BCD participated in SPRING CHALLENGE 20, and will participate in AUSTERE CHALLENGE 21, as well as multiple other Division and Corps Warfighter Exercises to retain its razor sharp edge into the future.



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The 2nd Battalion (Fires), 305th Regiment "Red Team" maintained its core missions of providing Observer-Coach/Trainer (O-C/T) support to Army National Guard units across eight states while also preparing for Mobilization Force Generation Installation (MFGI) operations at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, as required. The battalion contributed to its partners' deployment readiness during two Exportable Combat Training Capability (xCTC) exercises, two Warfighter Exercises (WFXs), countless Inactive Duty Training (IDT) weekends and five unit mobilizations.

2-305 FA began its summer lending its expertise to 2-116 FA, 53rd IBCT (FLARNG) during xCTC 19-05 at Camp Shelby. During that exceptionally rigorous training event, the battalion assisted its partner in qualifying three firing batteries through Artillery Table XV and also helped refine their processes during the culminating force-on-force exercise. Upon conclusion, the battalion received an Active Duty unit – 2-377 PFA, 4/25 IN (ABN) – during their FORSCOM-directed Emergency Readiness Deployment Exercise (EDRE). Red Team Soldiers stood shoulder-to-shoulder with their partners and 2ID DIVARTY leadership throughout the training, helping guide them through a successful Artillery Table XVIII.

Red Team remains poised for future missions, first helping 2-114 FA and 155 ABCT (MSARNG) meet all commander's training objectives (CTOs) during xCTC 20-03, before supporting the 1st Infantry Division during NTC rotation 20-10. Post-NTC, the battalion will train another partner for an upcoming deployment, ensuring the unit is ready to fight and win. Without exception, the Red Team looks forward to continued success and fully embraces their role in building partner readiness in support of the Army's Total Force Policy.

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The Long Range Precision Fires Cross Functional Team (LRPF CFT) is a part of Army Futures Command at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with a mission to lead the development of select artillery modernization programs.

In 2023 we will deliver the first battalion set of the Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA) system to the operational force for a one-year assessment. The ERCA system will provide increased range, lethality and improved rate of fire to the division commander and enable deep fires to shape the battlefield and set conditions for the BCT close fight. The ERCA system consists of an upgraded .58 caliber gun tube with a sliding block breech, improved ammunition propellant and course-correcting fuse to deliver accurate effects at 70km. Other initiatives include autonomous resupply and an autoloader to improve the rate of fire.

The Precision Strike Missile (PrSM) is the replacement for the ageing Army Tactical Missile System (ATacMS)

delivering increased range beyond 500km and enhanced lethality with two missiles per launch pod container. With three successful flight tests under our belt, we are well on our way to delivering the first missiles in 2023 through an urgent materiel release. Research and development with a multi-mode seeker is also on track for integration into the base missile for delivery in 2025. The seeker will provide a cross-domain capability against emitting land and maritime targets.

The Army is introducing the strategic field artillery system for the first time since the Pershing missile in the 1980s. The Long Range Hypersonic Weapon, devel-

oped by the Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies of-fice, and the Strategic Long Range Cannon replacement – two efforts to penetrate and disintegrate adversary A2/AD networks at strategic ranges to create windows of opportunity for the Joint Force. Prototype development is on pace for initial combat capabilities for Long Range Hypersonic Weapon in 2023.

The Long Range Precision Fires CFT will continue to work across the Army modernization enterprise to deliver overmatch at echelon. Forge the Future – Winning Matters.

Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA) tests at Yuma Proving Grounds



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Throughout this Training Year (TY) Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery Regiment have exhibited resiliency as they trained for the culminating event, the Combat Training Capability Exercise (XCTC) in conjunction with the 39th IBCT to take place in July of 2020. Leadership at all levels were presented unique challenges due to conducting virtual training assemblies throughout the third quarter, but took it as an opportunity to enable unit leadership development and decision making. Mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 and practicing appropriate social distancing procedures were given the utmost attention at all levels and proved challenging, however, our Soldiers were up for the task. Upon escalating circumstances and risk associated with COVID-19 pandemic, State and Brigade leadership made a decisive call to protect our Soldiers by cancelling the collective training event, focusing on setting conditions for the highest effective readiness within the organization going into TY21.

The Aleutian team was called upon to assist the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) in connection with potential civil disturbance missions highlighting the tensions felt across the nation in the aftermath of George Floyd's passing. 104 Soldiers were mobilized, equipped, and deployed within a 48 hour no-

tice. The Soldiers in support of Task Force Gunslinger executed four operations in relation to the mission at times being the only line of defense between protesters and the state capital. Our Soldiers continuously gave it their all regardless of the task or mission assigned and lived out the Aleutian motto:

“Never Give Up”!



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The 251st Battlefield Coordination Detachment, California Army National Guard (CANG), facilitated and coordinated integration of Soldiers and Airmen in support of State and National response missions and training exercises during 2019-20. For over 4 months the 251st BCD has been deployed on Active Duty Orders as the CANG's Joint Liaison element to the California State Office of Emergency Services. The 251st BCD's principle responsibility has been to coordinate operations between the National Guard, Title 10, and local, state and federal agencies in response to the COVID-19 Outbreak as well as Civil Unrest in which over 8,000 California Guard Soldiers and Airmen were deployed to CA Cities. During 2019, the 251st BCD participated in multiple Redflag exercises at Nellis AFB, representing the ARFOR Commander's Staff in overseeing hundreds of air support, electronic warfare, and joint integrated prioritized target list requests, as well as serving as the principle responsibility has been to coordinate operations between

the National Guard, Title 10, and local, state and federal agencies in response to the COVID-19 Outbreak as well as Civil Unrest in which over 8,000 California Guard Soldiers and Airmen were deployed to CA Cities. During 2019, the 251st BCD participated in multiple Redflag exercises at Nellis AFB, representing the ARFOR Commander's Staff in overseeing hundreds of air support, electronic warfare, and joint integrated prioritized target list requests, as well as serving as the principle ground advisor to the air combat command. Additionally, the 251st has been coordinating for participation in Northern Strike 20 with 217th Air Operations Group, Michigan Air National Guard. This exercise in July of 2020 will be the first opportunity for both units to operate in a National Guard led exercise integrating air power with surface fires by representing the ground commander's priorities and requirements to ensure timely and accurate Fires during combined air and ground operations. The 251st BCD is also developing strong relationships and training alignments with SOUTHCOM and ARSOUTH by partnering with the 612th AOC at Davis Monthan AFB, for exercise support and future real world missions across the SOUTHCOM AOR. These missions and exercises demonstrates the 251st Battlefield Coordination Detachment's steady commitment to our nation and state as Citizen Soldiers, and highlights the efforts to integrate both locally and globally.

We Aim to Hit!



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The Mountain Strong Soldiers of the 169th Field Artillery Brigade have executed a rigorous training year in preparation for executing WFX 21-2 in support of the 28th Infantry Division. The COVID-19 environment presented many challenges to the Brigade's training plan and resulted in the loss of multiple collective training periods. Despite those challenges, the Brigade has continued to increase staff proficiency while developing innovative solutions to increase the mobility and survivability of the Brigade TOC, significantly reducing emplacement and displacement times. 3-157th FA has remained focused on their road to DEFENDER '21, executing a HIMARS Fire Control Panel update and conducting a hot panel exercise supporting the 29th Weapons Squadron Theater Airlift Phase training in 2019.

Additionally, 3-157th provided Soldiers in support of COVID-19 operations across the Front Range, exemplifying their "Eager for Duty" mentality to the people of Colorado. The 147th BSB has continued to lead the charge for training readiness conducting 1 x JRTC rotation, 2 x FTX's, and 3 x CERF-P FTX's in the last year. This demanding training schedule highlights the unit's unique versatility in being able to support the 169th while also providing world class support to Domestic Operations.

Additionally, the 147th's CERF-P was a decisive component of Colorado's COVID-19 response, training facilities across Colorado on the proper procedures for testing their own workers and residents.

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1-118 FAR, (GAARNG) deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan from January 2019 as TF Hickory. The Task force was comprised of elements from 3 firing units, the battalion staff, and Company F, 148th BSB. In February 2019, TF Hickory assumed responsibility of the United States Forces Afghanistan, Force Field Artillery Headquarters (FFAHQ). USFOR-A FFAHQ employed TF Hickory's organic equipment of 12x M777A2s, 6x M119A3s, and 4x Q-50 LCMRs. Elements were located at 13x established sites and maneuvered to multiple expeditionary positions supporting Advisor and Counterinsurgency Operations throughout Afghanistan. TF Hickory executed over 600 fire missions delivering 4,000 rounds of 155MM and 105MM munitions supporting base defense, Expeditionary Advisor (EAP) operations and Artillery Raids. TF Hickory redeployed in the summer of 2019.

During 2020, the 1-118 FAR was focused primarily on COVID-19 Response. The BN PA and Medics were among the first to assist hard hit hospitals throughout Georgia. Mobile Testing Teams (MTT) and Infection Control Teams (ICT) were organized, trained, and deployed re-



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sulting in the battalion administering over 4,300 COVID tests, disinfecting 378 long-term health care, assisted living, and government facilities. Assistance was provided at local food banks, conducting 12 food drives, serving 11,750 families and over 3.7 million pounds of food, as well as packaging and distributing over 176,000 Grab & Go Meals for kids within the Coastal and Southeast regions of Georgia. The battalion also conducted civil disturbance in support of civilian authorities for protest and marches throughout the state.

For the remainder of the year, the 1-118 FAR is preparing to send a maintenance support team to the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) from July through August, and a M777 Battery to support the Noble Partner 2020 Exercise in the country of Georgia in September. The remaining elements will conduct their Major Collective Training Event (MCTE) at Ft Stewart, GA. A primary concern for the battalion during hurricane season is being located on the coast, and is also conducting preparation for personnel evacuation and disaster response.



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The Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery Regiment (Hiki No!) were busy in 2019, deploying to Afghanistan as the first Field Artillery battalion to conduct the Counter-Rocket Artillery Mortar (C-RAM) mission.

C-RAM is typically an Air Defense Artillery capability. Pre-mobilization training started in January of 2019 with the battalion mobilizing at the end of March. After a 90-day post-mobilization training, Mission Rehearsal Exercise and C-RAM validation at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the battalion deployed to Afghanistan at the end of June 2019.

The battalion assumed the mission in early July 2019 with the unit operating at seven separate mission-sites throughout Afghanistan with the battalion headquarters at Bagram Airfield. The tour of duty in Afghanistan was very tumultuous as one of the most violent years in nearly a decade. Enemy rocket attacks were nearly constant during the summer "fighting season". Over 200 enemy indirect-fire (IDF) attacks occurred at unit locations, consisting mostly of 107mm rockets. Manning Land-based Phalanx Weapon Systems (LPWS), Hiki No Soldiers successfully engaged enemy rockets to protect the lives of thousands of U.S. and NATO Coalition personnel and defend critical assets and infrastructure worth billions of dollars. No U.S. or Coalition personnel were killed in action due to IDF during the unit's deployment.

For its outstanding performance in the combat theater, the battalion was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation and over 100 Soldiers received the Combat Action Badge. The battalion redeployed in late March and returned home to Hawaii in mid-April 2020.



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The men and women of the 1st Battalion, 148th Field Artillery Regiment, provided accurate and responsive Fires to the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team during National Training Center Rotation 19-08 in the summer of 2019. During the rotation the Battalion successfully integrated and synchronized Fires as well as excelled during emplacement/displacement operations compared

to historical averages and TC 3-09.8 standards. The Battalion greatly contributed to the BDEs ability to provide Fire Support to four maneuver battalions and the BDE headquarters with Counter Fire, Fires Support Elements, FIST Teams, RADAR and dismounted Forward Observers attached throughout the entire BDE during the high tempo/austere environment of NTC. The 1-148th was selected along with the 116th CBCT to participate in Exercise Defender 20 in Germany Spring of 2020. However, due to COVID-19 the exercise was canceled just prior to execution. Undeterred, the battalion responded to its local communities during the COVID-19 pandemic providing personnel and logistical support to local area food banks. The unit also mobilized and deployed over one hundred Soldiers within a 24hr notification window, in support of the Washington D.C. National Guard during the civil unrest period of June 2020. Overall the 1-148th FAR maintained its lethality and demonstrated its readiness to serve its local communities, the state of Idaho and the Nation when in need.

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Over the past year, 2-122 FA Soldiers culminated their 2019 training year by participating in Northern Strike at Camp Grayling, MI having an excellent opportunity to test out the new Hawkeye 105mm Mobile Howitzer Weapon System. In November, the battalion had a change of command ceremony as LTC Justin Kramer assumed command from LTC Eric Davis. Throughout the year, our forward observers have deployed intermittently in support of our brigade's maneuver battalions deploying overseas. COVID-19 has altered many of our plans this training year and added many unexpected training opportunities. The pandemic caused our participation in sending a battery of OPFOR to support a JRTC rotation to be cancelled which had been planned for June 2020. Roughly 20% of our Battalion has been activated at one point or another in support of State Active Duty to help efforts to fight the virus. Activated Soldiers have mostly been in support of county coroners and state run COVID-19 testing sites. Select Soldiers in the battalion are currently planning to join HHC/33rd IBCT in support of a deployment to Ukraine this summer. Finally, we will cap our training year at annual training by achieving Table VI and by doing a fielding of Precision Guided Munitions.

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The Soldiers of the 1-194 Field Artillery Battalion conducted an eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) rotation at Camp Ripley, Minnesota from the 14th of July

to the 2nd of August 2020, in preparation for an upcoming deployment. The battalion focused on platoon level proficiency, conducting rigorous day and night lane training that resulted in Table XII qualification. Charlie battery also fielded the precision guided kit, enhancing their lethality on the battle field. The brigade fires cell synchronized mortar and field artillery fires, allowing the brigade to certify all fires assets while planning the brigade FTX. Fire support Soldiers planned and executed fires for the brigade maneuver battalions.

With help from CH-47s from the Wisconsin National Guard, each battery honed their air assault skills by conducting a live fire platoon field artillery raid. XCTC culminated with the battalion supporting the 2/34 IBCT FTX, where the battalion conducted multiple live fire SEAD missions in support of the brigade operation.

Following XCTC the battalion received a notification for sourcing in support of a CENTCOM mission. In October 2020, the battalion transitioned and began focusing on individual level training and preparing Soldiers for mobilization. The battalion is excited for the upcoming mobilization, eager to answer the nations call.

One More Round...Make it Count!



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The brigade successfully executed a major training event providing mission command of its 4 Aligned For Training (AFT) battalions; 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery, 2nd Battalion, 130th Field Artillery, 1st Battalion, 129th Field Artillery (MOARNG), 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery (GAARNG) and its logistical supporting element the 997th Brigade Support Battalion. It controlled artillery fires during this highly successful multi-state annual training live fire exercise safely firing 1,901 155mm High Explosive rounds and 60 Reduced Range Rockets.

The brigade continued its total Army partnership with Fort Riley's 1st Infantry Division Artillery with reciprocal support of Warfighter exercises, collective training events, and leader development programs. Soldiers of the brigade augmented the 1st Infantry Division's staff in support of a EUCOM's Sabre Junction Exercise in Hohenfels, Germany.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Brigade supported the Governor's call to action in March 2020. At the height of the Brigade's response, HHB and the Brigade's subordinate Battalions ordered 175 Soldiers to State Active Duty. Elements of the Brigade supported both state and national COVID-19 crisis missions which included: food warehousing missions, non-congregate sheltering CQ missions, community based testing sites, helped to establish the Joint Task Force Guardian with legal operations as well as administration operations, PPE delivery, food delivery, test kit couriers, assisting with the Lansing Correctional Facility's dining facility, and overall general transportation and logistics. In an ongoing effort, the 130th Field Artillery Brigade continues to meet the needs of the state, while simultaneously preparing for deployment scheduled for early FY-2021.

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Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery (FA), 130th Field Artillery Brigade (FAB) focused on individual readiness, unit readiness and section level training for 2020. The training was Mission Essential Task List-focused on section level certification and qualification training in order to build the foundation for platoon and battery level firing operations.

With the outbreak of COVID-19, the 1-161 FA found its focus shifted to support six COVID-19 missions across the state of Kansas with Soldiers from the entire battalion. As a result, annual training was split between Fort Riley, KS (FRK) and the Kansas Training Center in Salina, KS (KSTC).

The M109A6 Paladin, howitzer crew members of Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Batteries supported by the Battalion Fire Direction Center (FDC) of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) completed Artillery Table VI at Fort Riley. The firing batteries fully certified and qualified eight crews during Annual Training and the FDC of HHB safely controlled the firing of 276 artillery rounds during the certification process while maintaining command and control of three firing battery FDCs.

Charlie Battery earned the Alexander Hamilton Award for Fiscal Year 2019. FY19 was an outstanding success that began while they were deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Spartan Shield and later Operation Inherent Resolve. The battery deployed at full strength in support of 2-114 Field Artillery and the 155 Armored Brigade Combat Team and returned in March 2019.

Finally, the Battalion said farewell to their Commander, LTC Michael McCoy and welcomed the incoming Commander, LTC Daniel Ball.

“To Do Without Saying”



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Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion 130th Field Artillery Regiment focused on rebuilding proficiencies and reestablishing baseline tactical skillsets after completion of two deployments in 2018. During the last 12 months, the battalion conducted annual training in late June 2019 at Fort Riley, Kansas. Twelve M142 HIMARS sections successfully completed section and platoon validation and fired 66 M28 Rockets.

After annual training, 2-130th FA focused on other tactical tasks and conducted strategic strength building operations. During December and January, the battalion participated in several civil support missions during winter weather operations, which included recovery of stranded motorists and community support operations.

In February, the battalion conducted a change of command between outgoing Commander, LTC Adam Krein and incoming Commander, LTC Shawn Plankinton.

Soldiers conducted field artillery safety tests, communications exercise, and artillery skills proficiency tests. From late March through June 2020, the battalion supported COVID-19 operations, literally spanning the entire state of Kansas. Annual training in TY20 takes place at Fort Riley late July in preparation for a XCTC-FAB rotation scheduled for June 2021 at Camp Guernsey, Wyoming.



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138th Field Artillery Brigade has continued to maintain a very high OPTEMPO in the past year while focusing on improving the digital link to subordinate Battalions while adapting to become lighter, analog capable and more mobile to prepare for a near peer threat.

The year started with a ramp up for Warfighter Exercise (WFX) 19-05 at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA in support of 36th Infantry Division. The WFX involved an external evaluation of the staff that provided valuable input toward focusing future training objectives in order to be ready to control FA units in a live environment. Following WFX 19-05 the Brigade rolled right into a response cell for WFX 20-01 where the Brigade played the role of Force Field Artillery Headquarters for the Corps.

As soon as WFX 19-05 concluded the Brigade staff shifted focus to planning for Western Strike 20 that was to be held in Camp Guernsey, WY. Western Strike was going to be the first time Brigade brought all organic Battalion's together for a Live Fire Exercise in at least 15 years. During planning we were able to find support from medical, aviation, engineer, air traffic control, shower laundry units and infantry that grew the footprint of the exercise to a projected strength of 3200 Soldiers. Unfortunately COVID-19 caused us to cancel the exercise and we missed a window of opportunity in the SRM cycle that would have provided our Soldiers a premier training experience.

We can all agree that 2020 has been one surprise after another. Brigade Soldiers have supported a myriad of missions as a result of the pandemic and civil unrest in our state. Soldiers have worked at Drive Through Testing Sites (DTTS), Non-Congregate Shelters, National Guard Reaction Force, as well as support of primary voting.

This year the Brigade has certainly lived up to the Guard mantra of Always There, Always Ready.

Kentucky Thunder!

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1st Battalion, 623d Field Artillery (HIMARS) spent the past year focusing on honing the Field Artillery core competencies in order to enhance our ability to provide accurate, timely, and decisive rocket and missile fires in support of unified land operations.

The year started on a high note with Annual Training 2019 consisting of field training focusing on communications utilizing the PRC-150 HARRIS for extended ranges, RETRANS sites, and Joint Capabilities Release (JCR) to improve operational communication. A Jump Tactical Operation Center (TOC) was also successfully conducted with a total of 18 missions fired while moving, increasing the BN tactical operational readiness. Select Soldiers participated Warfighter Exercises (WFX) 19-05 and 20-01 in preparation for the BN participating in the Brigade level exercise Western Strike. The BN also utilized MDMP training for staff in preparation for the External Evaluation that would be conducted at Western Strike. Due to COVID-19 restrictions Western Strike 2020 was cancelled. BN staff adapted to the ever-changing environment, and implemented an adjusted training plan.

In addition to focusing on Field Artillery Operations the BN was a crucial component of State Active Duty Missions including COVID response. 45 Soldiers were activated for COVID response, and were placed at Non-Congregate shelter sites and Drive Through Testing Sites (DTTS). Those Soldiers worked directly with Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) to ensure safety and security at the sites. Morgan's Men accomplished all goals for TY20 and is positioned for continued success as it moves into Training Year 2021.

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Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, Longrifles, has completed rigorous training and numerous state active duty missions over the past year. The focus has been MET training in preparation for an XCTC event, Western Strike 2020. The BN revised and published an updated TACSOP, developed a new TOC configuration, and executed a new Training SOP, emphasizing leader initiative at the BTRY level.

The culminating event for 2019 was Annual Training at Fort Knox, KY. The BN conducted a LFX, completing FA Table XV to include the employment of PGK and Rocket Assisted Projectiles (RAP). The 2138th FSC completed sustainment gunnery tables at Camp Atterbury, IN in addition to performing their METs supporting the BN at



KY ARNG Re-enlistment ceremony- LTC Steve Mattingly, 1-623d BN Cmdr, conducts a re-enlistment of SGT Hunter Honeycutt during Annual Training LFX

Ft. Knox. The BN conducted a scenario-based exercise, simulating the operational environment, to train and evaluate BN/BTRY/CO METs. Key to this success was the partnership that had been developed with the 101st ABN DIVARTY which provided 2 FISTs and an LCMR section to observe fires. 1st Army performed an EXEVAL, providing valuable feedback for Western Strike 20. Due to COVID-19 restrictions Western Strike 20 was cancelled, therefore requiring the BN staff to adapt to the ever-changing environment and implemented an adjusted training plan.

During 2020, the BN has supported state law enforcement agencies, conducting multiple state active duty missions. The BN conducted site security at 12 hospitals across the state as part of the COVID-19 Response. Additionally, the entire BN was activated to support law enforcement for a civil disturbance response mission in Louisville, KY. The BN conducted site security, crowd control, and check point operations over an 8-day period to ensure the safety of citizens and property. In addition to supporting the state, the BN qualified 12 howitzer section crews on FA Table VI in preparation for an EXEVAL during AT 2020.



2-138th FA



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The Washington Artillery of New Orleans proudly resides at its state of the art Readiness Center at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans Louisiana. The unit was organized on September 7, 1838 and it is the oldest and most decorated unit in the Louisiana National Guard. The "Old Command" celebrated its 181st year of long and glorious history as well as loyal and dedicated service to state and nation in 2019.

The 181st anniversary of the Battalion's annual Pass-In-Review and wreath laying ceremony was held on the

weekend of 7–8 December 2019. The Pass-In-Review was held at Jackson Barracks and the wreath laying ceremony took place at the Washington Artillery Memorial Cenotaph in the Metairie Cemetery. The 1-141st Field Artillery Battalion is unique to the state of Louisiana because of its enduring legacy in the city of New Orleans. This year, included in our annual Pass-In-Review, the Battalion held a Change of Command (CoC), in which MAJ Christopher McElrath became the 58th Battalion Commander.

The 1-141st FA BN continued its state mission of supporting the residents of Louisiana during multiple emergency events over FY 20 where the Washington Artillery assisted local government agencies in providing high water vehicle support, staging for potential search and rescue missions, and high priority location observations across the city.

The Soldiers of Washington Artillery Battalion supported the State of Louisiana in the COVID-19 response. Approximately 84 Soldiers stood up the Nation's first drive through testing sites in New Orleans and supported many other activities including food distribution.

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For the past year, the 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery Regiment, as part of Massachusetts' State Partnership Program, sent teams of highly skilled 13, 25, & 68 series professionals to Kenya. Teams assisted the Kenyan Defense Forces in fielding the M119A2 howitzer, and trained them in core Artillery skills and competencies. The training culminated with a highly successful live fire, and a lasting, meaningful relationship between countries.

In September of 2019 the Regiment underwent a Change of Command that saw now COL Peter Fiorentino relinquish command to LTC Mark Glenn, a career Field Artillery Officer with a passion for hard work, excellence, and success.

April 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic rocked the Nation. The 101FA answered the call with approximately 130 Soldiers conducting over 250 missions, and administering nearly 10,000 COVID tests. The Regiment continues to support the State with teams that remain on mission today.

In June, the 1-101FA was once again called to action during a period of civil unrest. 232 Soldiers answered the call to support local and federal authorities during both peaceful and violent demonstrations.

The Regiment rounded out the year by supporting numerous Annual Training events. Forward Observers were scattered across the country in support of the 86th IBCT's maneuver Battalions. Similarly, Soldiers participated as Guest OCT's for Operation Northern Strike, one of the U.S. Department of Defense's largest reserve component exercises combining CAS, artillery live fire, combat search and rescue, and more.

1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery Regiment
(MTN), First by Far! King of Battle!



Master Gunner SFC Brad Correa gathers members of the Kenyan Defense Force around a table to demonstrate chart and manual gunnery procedures prior to live fire at Archers Post, Kenya.



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Members of the 1-101st Field Artillery Regiment and the Kenyan Defense Forces pose for a picture in Kenya, Africa after a long day of preparation for the upcoming artillery live fire exercise on the newly fielded M119A2 howitzer.



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The 1st Battalion 182d Field Artillery Regiment, “Sudden Death” Battalion, trended upward on many lines of effort during the 2019/2020 training year. The organization maintained a high OPTEMPO, high retention rates, low attrition loss rates and increased lethality across the board despite challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Battalion started the year at Operation Northern Strike, providing live and constructive long range precision fires in support of the scenario. During the exercise, the 1-182d accomplished two major training milestones by completing Artillery Table XV qualifications and HIRAIN missions.

Lofty expectations to build on TY19 success were only slightly hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic. The battalion staffed multiple COAs to accomplish training objectives while simultaneously supporting the State of Michigan on multiple fronts. Sudden Death Soldiers quickly mobilized to provide support for establishment of Alternate Care Facilities, logistical operations for COVID-related equipment, support operations for the Michigan Department of Corrections, evacuation and support activities for a mid-Michigan flood that displaced more than 10,000 citizens, and civil unrest when peaceful protests around the state turned violent. Despite all this, Sudden Death executed AT20 at CGMTC as the first BN-sized element in the state to resume training in the COVID-contested environment. All objectives were safely met and training culminated with a night live fire exercise. Maximum lethality was maintained while paving the way for the rest of the state to resume safe collective training. This success solidifies the foundation the Sudden Death Battalion has built leading into an ARF rotation beginning TY21.



1-182nd FA

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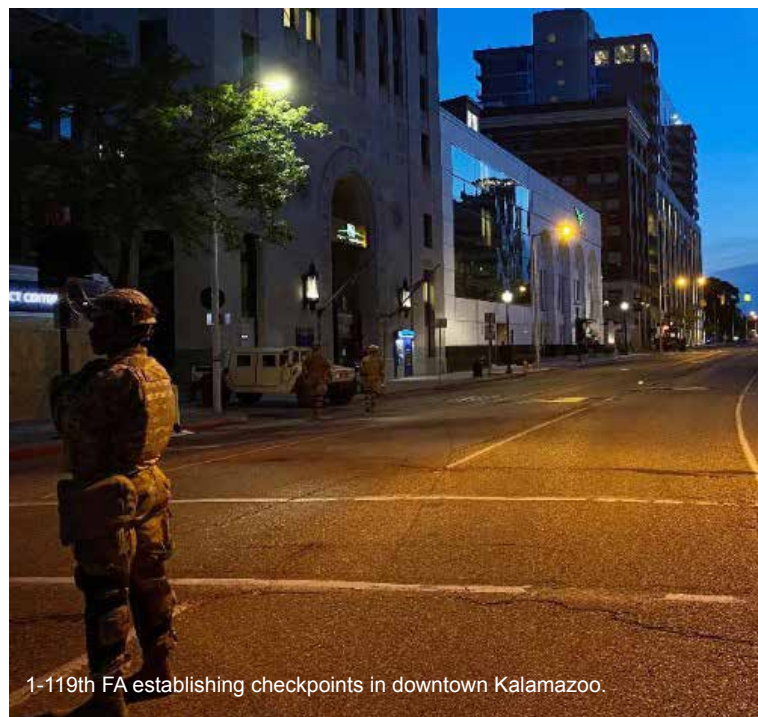
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The 1-119 Field Artillery Regiment (FAR) "Red Lions" entered this training year seeking to build on the momentum of 2019 in which the battalion made a deliberate effort to get back to the basics. The battalion training objectives focused on developing the individual artilleryman. Field craft, survivability, ASPT's, and professional military education were the focus of the 1-119 FAR. The 1-119 FAR was also assigned to fulfill the Ready Reaction Force (RRF) for the State of Michigan. This Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) RRF mission set demonstrated the flexibility of all of the Soldiers of the 1-119 FAR.

25% of the Battalion was activated to support the COVID-19 response and provide DSCA support to the Michigan agencies.

In May, 2020, the 1-119 FAR, responded to the failure of the Edenville Dam. The 1-119 FAR was essential to supporting rescue operations, damage assessments, and preserving historical artifacts and essential properties.

Within days of responding to the floods in Michigan, the 1-119 FAR would once more be called upon. The Soldiers of the 1-119 FAR supported police agencies in Kalamazoo Michigan when the civil unrest was beginning to grow. The 1-119 FAR provided inner cordon and manned checkpoints encircling the downtown Kalamazoo business and civic district.



1-119th FA establishing checkpoints in downtown Kalamazoo.



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Training Year 2019 (TY19) brought one of the organization's busiest years for 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery Regiment (1-125 FAR). With Prepare Year 2 requirement to conduct Brigade Warfighter Exercise (BWFx) in support of 1st Brigade, 34th Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) at Camp Ripley, MN and Exportable Combat Training Center (xCTC) at Fort Hood, TX.

The training cycle began with Field Artillery, Fire Support and Radar Tables through Table VI prior to conduct of BWFx in May 2019. Along with our 1st Army Training Partner (2-307th FA) the battalion conducted its most comprehensive tables as the Field Artillery adapted its certification standards to the requirements in the new TC 3-09.8.

In May 2019, the Brigade/Battalion Fire Support and Headquarters Staff conducted BWFx 19-05 at Camp Ripley, MN which validated the Fires elements ability to conduct Fire Support and Fire Control planning across the ABCT. 1-125 FAR performed commendably in the exercise receiving accolades for the organization's processes and unified execution at the Brigade and Battalion level.

Post-BWFx, the organization was tasked with coordinating the conduct of Battery, Fire Support, and Radar Tables as a part of xCTC 19-06. The exercise stressed the organization with conduct 23 days in the field with the following requirements: FA BTRY Table XII (5 of 6 platoons), FS Table VI Lanes (8 of 10 M7 Teams), and

Radar Table VI (5 of 6 Sections). The battalion shot 1712 rounds on 237 missions in preparation for the conduct of National Training Center in July 2020.



1-125th FA during BWFX

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Over the last year, the 1-129th Field Artillery Regiment "Truman's Own", completed a STAFFEX supported by the Mission Command Training Support Program (MCTSP) out of Ft. Leavenworth. The scenario based exercise provided staff training to identify gaps and improve proficiency within the battalion's Military Decision Making Process (MDMP). Most recently, the 1-129th FA abruptly revised its operating posture from 13-series safety testing and Artillery Skills Proficiency Testing (ASPT) in preparation for the battalion's culminating annual training event, to focus efforts in response to COVID-19 and Civil Protection emergencies. Over 250 Soldiers from across the battalion activated to support a multitude of mission sets across Missouri. Missions included: Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) during civil disturbance missions in major metropolitan areas in the state; respiratory mask decontamination for hospitals and prisons; and COVID-19 community-based testing teams operating in several communities throughout the state. Additionally, several Thunder Battalion key leaders have manned and operated the Missouri Joint Operations Center 24/7 working closely with federal and state emergency management teams, state police forces, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials. Overall, the battalion collected and prepared hundreds of masks for decontamination, tested over 7,000 citizens for COVID-19, and successfully deterred potential violence associated with civil unrest. Despite the shift in training, the battalion executed a multitude of missions with efficiency to

support the Citizens of Missouri with the motto, SEND YOUR MISSION!

LTC Shannon Holaday, Commander, 1-129th FA Battalion passes on the colors of Btry A, 1-129th to Missouri and the battalion's first female firing battery commander, CPT Emily McCampbell. CPT McCampbell assumed command of Battery A in October 2019. Her appointment paves the way for many aspiring female leaders to follow.



tegration.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) 197th FAB proved itself as the leading fires system integration test bed, refining digital infrastructure on critical systems and representing the Joint Staff J-2, determining current JADOCs integration and requirements for the Joint Force. The 197th led the way when it participated in Dynamic Front-19 in Grafenwoehr, Germany as the Theater Surface Fires Command (TSFC) for 27 NATO and multinational fires units. The 197th was the first National Guard element to execute this role and validate the TSFC/FFA HQ SOP. The 197th FAB successfully completed the mission, resulting in a demonstrated proof of concept, establishment of TTPs required to execute fires in the EUCOM Theater, and shared understanding of FA capabilities and limitations with partner nations.

In response to the global pandemic, the 197th FAB was tasked to establish a Joint Task Force (JTF) HQ's in order to provide mission command of forces and provide logistics support for the citizens of the State of New Hampshire (NH). JTF-197 provided support which included, distribution of over 100,000 meals, establishing 14 alternative care sites for local hospitals, unemployment call center support, receiving and distribution of over 2,000 pallets of personal protective equipment, and establishing 11 test sites that conducted over 27,000 COVID-19 tests for NH citizens. With focus shifting back to brigade fires, 197th FAB remains ready for the next mission.



CW3 Villalon of the 197th Field Artillery Brigade, center, guides a counter fire scenario during Dynamic Front-19 at U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria, Camp Algiers, Germany on March 1.



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3-197th FA

3-197 Field Artillery Regiment (FAR) has led the way as a premier FA Battalion by participating in Saber Guardian 2019 (SG19), exercising deployment/redeployment activities and sustaining MET proficiency. SG19 was a three-week exercise conducted in Varpalota, Hungary culminating in a combined host nation led live fire supporting EUCOM's Exercise Break-Through. In addition to MET proficiency, 3-197 FA has supported its state mission by conducting Domestic Operations to support the state COVID19 response.

Participation in SG19 called for countless hours of coordination with US Army Europe, external units, and host nation to develop a movement and sustainment plan from scratch. 3-197 FAR planned and prepared all equipment, to include 150 pieces of rolling stock, to be transported from New Hampshire to Slovenia. Once arrived in Slovenia, 3-197 FAR conducted a three-day convoy covering 300 miles to reach Varpalota, Hungary the training area for this exercise. Firing Batteries focused on sustaining MET proficiency leading up the live fire event. With the assistance of B/147th (SD) MLRS, 3-197 FAR was able to successfully execute Artillery Table XVIII and train on Forward Passage of Lines (FPOL) on a planned Raid.

Following SG19, 3-197 FAR provided over 100 Soldiers to partner with State and Local Leaders to support New Hampshire's COVID response. Soldiers partnering with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) planned for and implemented the creation of 10 Alternate Care Sites, 10 COVID testing sites, and a robust PPE Distribution infrastructure. Soldiers of the 3-197 Field Artillery Regiment stand ready to support both our Federal and State missions.

Granite Steel!



Sgt. Nadthapong Wutisen, Cpl. Andre Mailhot and Spc. Jacob Ledoux, fire support specialists with the 197th Field Artillery Brigade, NHARNG, sharpen their call-for-fire skills Feb. 25 during Dynamic Front



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Many 3-112th FAR Soldiers have returned from deployments to the CENTCOM and AFRICOM Areas of Responsibility. Many Forward Observers were attached to the 1-102d Cavalry in Jordan, teaching Fire Support to the Jordanian Army through the Jordan Operational Engagement Program (JOEP).

Numerous 13 series Soldiers spent time in the Horn of Africa ("HOA") in support of Special Operations throughout Somalia. Fire Supporters were responsible for planning and observing defensive fires in support of Baledogle Military Airfield in the Wanlaweyn district in the Lower Shabelle region of Somalia. FOs manned 24-hour posts in the Base Defense Operations Center, controlled surveillance assets, maintained radio communications, and integrated early warning systems into the fires plan. Our 13 series Radar Operators were employed in two other classified contingency locations in Somalia manning and maintaining radar systems as early warning for incoming indirect fires. Several FOs and radar operators were in direct contact with the enemy and earned their Combat Action Badges while in the HOA.

Finally, two Fire Support Officers assigned to HHC/2-113 IN in Djibouti served as high level contingency plan-

ners, interfacing heavily with Department of State security personnel at various US Embassies across the continent of Africa, and higher joint headquarters Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA). They were also tasked with planning monthly emergency deployment readiness exercises for the East African Response Force (EARF), an active duty company from the 101st Airborne DIV attached to 2-113 IN.

To the Utmost!



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The 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery Regiment, "Washington Greys", entered FY20 with a rigorous training plan designed to prepare the Battalion to participate in an eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) rotation scheduled for July 2020.

Q1 and Q2 training set the foundations to achieve both individual and section-level proficiencies. The Battalion was postured to conduct Table V (section certification) during Q3, but due to COVID-19 it had to shift its focus towards Civil Support Operations. Upwards of 150 Soldiers were activated under T32 orders ISO a Joint Task Force of Soldiers and Airmen in the NYC region. Our Soldiers conducted food distribution, drive through testing site support, and call center support. At the time of this entry on 30 June 2020, our Soldiers have distributed a total of 14,102,344 meals and assisted in the administration of 49,754 COVID-19 test samples. They continue to work each day supporting the residents and providing unyielding support to the NYC region.

Although XCTC was cancelled due to COVID-19, the Battalion will resume its training focus on achieving section-level proficiency with the intent of completing Table VI (section qualification) during Q1 of FY21. Following section qualification, the Battalion will again shift its focus from delivery training to equipment maintenance as the unit prepares for its Pacific Defender rotation during Q4 of FY21.



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The Axehandle Battalion executed a National Training Center rotation 19-09 conducting large scale combat operations in support of the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) in July 2019 and immediately deployed to Fort Bliss, Texas for post-mobilization training. During post mobilization training, the battalion executed the Precision Guidance Kit (PGK) fielding before executing a full MTOE deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield (OSS). The battalion entered theater in the early fall and immediately deployed units across six countries, occupying 15 different locations, conducting targeting/fire support and radar operations throughout the CENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR). The battalion successfully maintained combat readiness and executed numerous live fire exercises while deployed.

The battalion successfully executed artillery tables and direct fire competitions while improving on sensor-to-shooter processes and Brigade Fires Cell procedures and planning. The battalion planned and executed a joint live fire exercise, Operation Dasman Shield, participating with 82nd Airborne Division, 115th Fires Brigade, and Kuwaiti Land Forces Artillery firing all weapons systems at the Udairi Range Complex.

The year is culminating with redeployment operations back to North Carolina and preparation to be the first National Guard unit to field the M109A7s and M992A3s in 2021.

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The 1-160th rolled out of a June Warfighter exercise at Fort Riley, KS and into a July Annual Training at Fort Sill, OK. The focus for the 160th at Fort Sill included our core METL, IWQ and CBRN training. The Firing Batteries continued their proficiency training in Tables I-VI all the while improving our digital communications sensor to shooter between the Brigade FSO, Radar and Battalion/Battery Fire Direction Control. F Co 700 Support (FSC) conducted Refuel Operations, field maintenance, distro and started laying the ground work for their Sustainment Gunnery Tables. The 160th conducted both Crew Serve Weapons and 100% Individual Weapon Qualification on multiple ranges while training in beautiful Southwest Oklahoma. The Battalion finished the quarter completing Table VI to begin working toward Table XII

The 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2020 all units focused on Soldiers Readiness, Medical Readiness, Mandatory



Training, ACFT, Warrior task and the gas chamber at night. Confidence in our CBRN equipment increased morale while in the gas chamber as the Battalion Staff and Commander were in the first iteration to lead by example. The BN Staff began the MDMP process to produce an OPORD in support of the upcoming XCTC. Our 1st Army partners paired up with us in January, February and March observing our direct fire operations and Battalion TOC Operations. During this period HHB 1-160th won the Best Army Unit in the Oklahoma National Guard. COVID-19 didn't stop the 160th's training, allowing us to perform virtual drills focusing on AR 350-1 requirements. The COVID-19 allowed the 160th to exercise our dual role of supporting our State with medics and leadership to help battle the national pandemic. The 160th will complete XCTC in July 2020 in preparation for NTC in 2021.

ALWAYS FORWARD!



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The Soldiers of the 2-218 Field Artillery spent the last year focused on preparing for and deploying to Qatar in support of OPERATION SPARTAN SHIELD. We started our pre-mobilization training in September at Camp Roberts, California and completed individual theater training requirements, weapons qualifications and squad lanes. Post mobilization training was conducted



at Ft. Bliss, TX, where we completed platoon level and battalion staff training as our culminating training event.

In Qatar, TF Arrow provided security for critical infrastructure, assets and personnel at Camp As Saliyah (CAS), CAS-South, and an Ammunition Supply Point within Qatar. The Task Force brought two M119A3 howitzers and other artillery equipment to conduct MOS sustainment training. Expanding outside the mission, the Soldiers volunteered over 4100 hours for community organizations like Second Chance Animal Rescue, The American School of Doha, and local Cub Scout packs. The Task Force also conducted several military and sporting events with our partnered Qatari military forces.

The 2-218 FA's Rear Detachment responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, standing up a County Assistance Team (CAT) and conducting 129 distribution missions to five counties in northwestern Oregon. In addition, they provided volunteers to a FEMA Distribution Warehouse in Wilsonville, OR and the CAT Team in Medford, OR.

Handing over the reins to 1-133 IN from Iowa and returning home, the Battalion stands poised to enter Prepare Year One of our next readiness cycle.



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The Soldiers of the Wyoming Valley's 1st Battalion, 109th Field Artillery Regiment executed a two-day road march totaling over 700 miles one way to Camp Grayling, Michigan for AT. The BN executed PGK fielding and qualified through Artillery Gunnery Table VI in preparation for Northern Strike, a Joint Collective Training Event. The attachment of the 169th FAB Radar and FIST sections were critical in observing and tracking rounds during all types of weather conditions which allowed for completion of modified platoon tables.

CBRN Assistance Support Element (CASE) participated in the Standardization Evaluation and Assistance Team (SEAT) inspection. CASE was evaluated in the functional areas of individual training and medical readiness. This inspection validated that the CASE was ready for EX-EVAL. The EXEVAL exercise validates that the Region III Homeland Response Force is fully operationally, capable and prepared to conduct CBRN response operations. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, REGION III EXEVAL is postponed until TY21.

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic the 1-109th FA became a Task Force under the OPCON of PA TF North (55 MEB). TF-FA, officials from Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency ran a community based testing site in Luzerne County, PA. Over the span of 37 days, 2356 people were tested for COVID-19. The BN mobilized to Philadelphia to support civil authorities in response to the riots and looting that occurred following the death of George Floyd. The Wyoming Valley's FA BN has, and always will be ready to respond to any threat foreign or domestic.

En Avant!



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Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery Regiment executed a year of high OPTEMPO, including participation in a multi-national live fire Exercise, Maroon Raider, in Gagetown, Canada. To participate in the Exercise, the battalion safely executed over 1,000 miles of convoy operations, including cross border movement between the US and Canada. The exercise culminated with the battalion providing timely and accurate fires in support of the Canadian 4th Artillery Regiment, emphasizing the US military's ability to work with allies to mass fires and increase combat power. The battalion also executed an array of fire missions while in Gagetown, including day/night direct fire, out of traverse, HE-RAP, and the battalion's first ever hip shoot, all while utilizing unboxed safety procedures.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, from March through May of 2020, the battalion was activated to support the state of RI. During the course of the domestic operations, Soldiers were assigned to testing sites, providing critical testing to stop the spread of the virus. Additionally, the battalion staffed mayor cells at three Alternate Hospital Sites and operated as liaisons and C2 for each site, working in close cooperation with civilian entities.

The year culminated with the battalion responding to civil unrest in the city of Providence in support of local and state authorities. With less than 24 hours' notice, the unit activated, equipped, armed and provided security in and around the Providence Alternate Hospital Site to preserve life and property and help ensure peaceful protests.

Play the Game!



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As Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, SD Army National Guard gets back to "training as usual", like other National Guard Units across the Nation it has been somewhat slow going. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Bravo Battery has had to "adjust fire" and employ unique training scenarios for its Soldiers. This has been in the form of on-line training done from Soldiers' homes, as well as implementing stringent screening processes for drill held at home station. While the changes brought on by the pandemic have been challenging and shifted some focus away from its normal operations as a Multiple Launch Rocket System Unit (MLRS), Bravo Soldiers have the pride and fond memories of its recent deployment to Eastern Europe.

Bravo Battery, along with half of the Forward Support Company (FSC) and elements of Headquarters/Headquarters Battery (HHB) of the 1-147th FA SDARNG,

started its deployment on December 17, 2018 as it arrived at Ft Bliss, TX. Along with completing pre-deployment operations, Bravo Battery customized its training to increase proficiency in its Mission Essential Task List (METL) which would prove its worth later during field exercises in Europe. This training culminated in a successful Field Training Exercise (FTX) at the Ore Grande Training Grounds where 28 M28A1 practice rockets were fired.

In January of 2019, Bravo Battery arrived in Grafenwohr, Germany, and set up operations at Camp Algiers. Soldiers immediately began to inventory equipment and prepare vehicles for field operations in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Due to soldiers not operating their vehicles since Annual Training 2018 in Grayling, MI, special attention to detail was employed to ensure the vehicles could endure the rugged terrain and operations tempo of the Grafenwohr Training Area.

Bravo Battery completed its first field exercise and live fire exercise February 12, 2019. Soldiers spent four days occupying various operation areas and honing MLRS skills. Despite some delays and unfavorable weather, Bravo launchers sent 24 M28A1 practice rounds down range. The exercise also provided an opportunity for the battery to streamline operations for future exercises.

Less than a month later, Bravo Battery participated in Operation Dynamic Front 19, a large scale exercise involving over 3200 service members from 27 different nations. The operation's main goal was to establish interoperability amongst NATO allies, with Bravo Battery's role to act as a deep fire support asset. This was the second field exercise Bravo Battery participated in, which featured two live fire days with Bravo launchers firing 24 M28A1 practice rockets.

Bravo Battery completed its third and final field exercise in Germany by participating in Operation Spring Challenge. Operation Spring Challenge was a multi echelon training exercise testing the unit's ability to coordinate with other units to complete fire missions. During the exercise, Bravo Battery worked with the 41st Fires Brigade and Charlie Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Field Artillery. At the conclusion of the exercise, Bravo Battery successfully fired 24 rockets.

During its time in Germany, Bravo Battery received several prestigious and high ranking visitors who observed operations, asked questions about the different battery assets and visited with soldiers about concerns. Among these visitors were: Dr Marie Sandrock, Deputy Director of the Defense Department's Strategic Capabilities Office; Lt Gen Christopher Cavoli, Commander of

U.S. Army Europe; Colonel Seth Knazovich, 41st Fires Brigade Commander; and Command Sergeant Major John Sampa, the Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard.

In April of 2019, Bravo Battery relocated to the Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area (DPTA) in northwest Poland. During the time in Poland, the unit participated in platoon sized field exercises to allow concentration on platoon driven tasks. Platoon Leaders and Sergeants developed and implemented their own training to increase proficiency in platoon level tasks.

In June of 2019, Bravo Battery traveled to the Varpalota Training Area near the town of Veszprem, Hungary. At Varpalota, the unit participated in Operation Breakthrough a lengthy field training exercise in coordination with other field artillery units. For Bravo Battery, this included conducting live fire Suppression of Enemy Air Defense (SEAD) and Raid Missions utilizing a hybrid communications network combining long range radio communications with SINCGARS radio communications. This was a milestone achievement for Bravo Battery as it was the first time the unit had ever used the network in a live fire exercise.

After Hungary, Bravo Battery returned to Poland where it continued with platoon training exercises. This included basic Soldier skills training and allowing junior enlisted Soldiers to lead the training to develop and increase their leadership skills. The unit also prepared and inventoried vehicles and equipment for return to Germany to meet with Alpha Battery, 1-147th FA and more Soldiers from the FSC for transition operations.

During the deployment, Soldiers had the opportunity to travel and experience European culture. Popular travel destinations in Germany included Berlin, Nuremberg and Munich. In Poland, Soldiers traveled to Warsaw, Szczecin and the Auschwitz Concentration Camp near Oswiecim. Bravo Battery Soldiers were also able to take in a day trip to Budapest, Hungary.

After nearly ten months of deployment, Soldiers from Bravo Battery, HHB and FSC arrived at Fort Bliss, TX to complete de-mobilization operations. On October 26 2019, Soldiers arrived back in South Dakota to a long awaited reunion with family and friends.

The deployment proved to be the ultimate test for Bravo Battery. Instead of only training during one field exercise in a two week time frame once a year, Soldiers became more proficient than ever by participating in several exercises over the course of 10 months. It also enabled Bravo Battery to work side by side with units from across the nation, and the world, and bring MLRS back to Europe.



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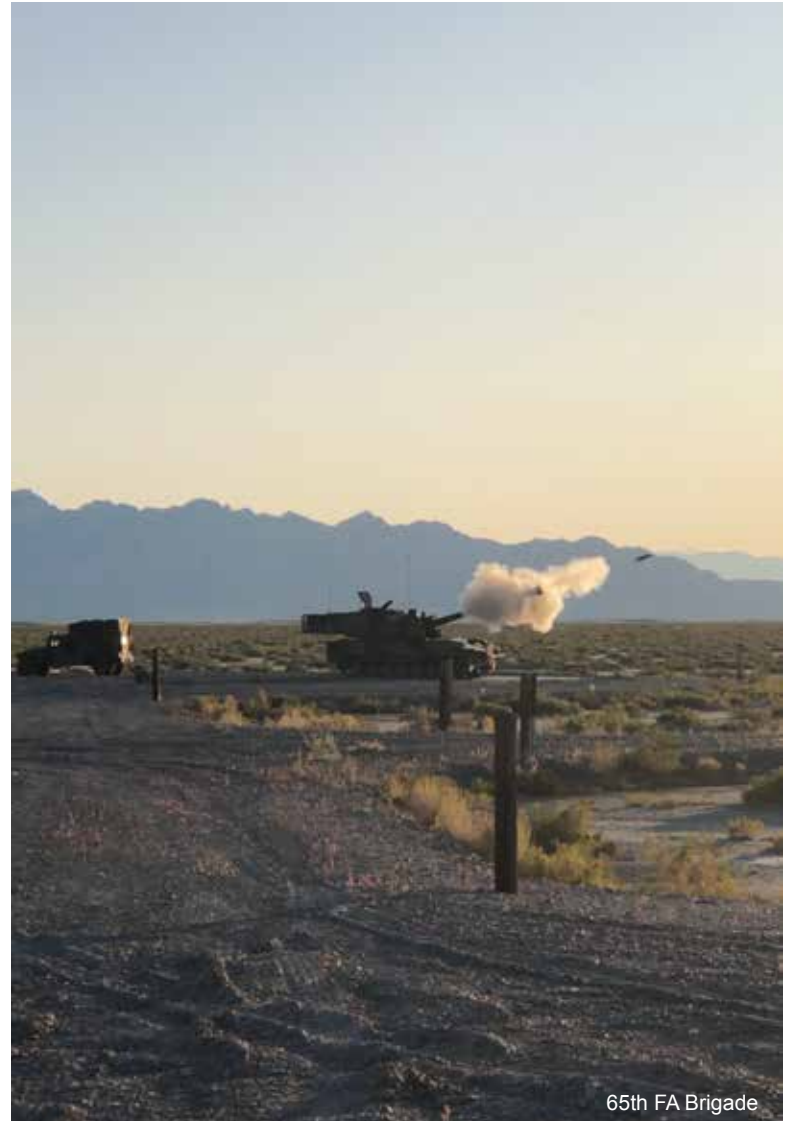
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The 65th FAB welcomed a new brigade command team in August as COL Adam Robinson relinquished command to COL Steven Fairbourn and CSM Ryan Josie relinquished responsibility to CSM Spencer Nielsen.

The 65th FAB participated in WFX 20-5 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in February. The brigade operated as a response cell, fulfilling the requirement for I CORPS as the Force Field Artillery Headquarters to the 40th ID. This was the first scenario-driven collective training event post 2018 mobilization and proved to be a great collective training exercise for the new staff and command team.

29 Soldiers from the brigade were called to State Active Duty in support of COVID-19. The Soldiers will continue to support through August 2020 in several roles in support of the Utah Department of Health. Several Soldiers were called to State Active Duty by the Governor in response to civil unrest in May, providing riot control and show of force support to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in protecting citizens and property from criminal activity.

The 65th FAB was creative and flexible with maintaining Soldier and unit readiness during the COVID-19 pandemic through virtual IDT weekends and reducing collective events to less than 50 Soldiers. The Brigade has started planning for a busy 2021 training year that will culminate with participation in WFX 21-5 as a training audience in support of the 35 ID.

America's Thunder stands relevant and ready to control precision fires in support of strategic, global operations.

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The 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery began the year under the command of LTC Erick Wiedmeier with preparations to support two exercises. The Battalion participated in Operation Violent Storm, a joint exercise with the Air Force focused on sensor to shooter digital communications between F-35 pilots, forward observers, and cannons using AFATDS and Blue-Force Tracker, in September 2019. The Battalion continued their focus on section certifications and trained on a non-standard weapons platform as part of its projected Field Artillery mission in support of the Royal Moroccan Army during exercise African Lion 2020. The COVID-19 Pandemic curtailed the exercise days before departure and the Battalion redirected its efforts to prepare for a renewed emphasis on Battery and Battalion Certifications. The

staff exercised the rapid decision making process and enabled the Battalion to quickly plan training and adapt to the changing operational environment.

MAJ(P) Brett Anderson took command in May 2020, leading the Battalion in support of the State of Utah with over 250 Soldiers mobilized in response to Operation Preserve Peace; providing support to state and local law enforcement in response to protests in Salt Lake City. 29 additional Soldiers were mobilized under State Active Duty status to assist state health officials in response to the COVID pandemic.

The 145th FA is excited about moving forward with its basic Field Artillery proficiencies after multiple non-standard deployments and domestic operations. The Battalion is postured to become a more proficient, skilled, and lethal Field Artillery Battalion.

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2nd Battalion 222nd Field Artillery continued to prepare for future Federal and State operations. Under the direction of LTC Cody D. Workman, the Battalion started working an aggressive plan to perform an out of state Annual training at Fort Carson, Colorado. This Annual training was planned to have involvement with multiple units from both the National Guard and Active Duty. Unfortunately, due to the stop movement mandates, the battalion shifted focus and will execute their annual training in Dugway Proving Grounds in September.

In January, the battalion turned a new chapter in its legacy. A Change of Command was conducted where LTC Cody D. Workman relinquished command to LTC Clayton F. Anderson. LTC Workman left a great impression on the battalion. He continually pushed the unit to excel and provided numerous training opportunities. LTC Anderson is extremely excited to get back to the guns and to his roots. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the battalion.

The battalion had several Soldiers that volunteered for State Active Duty in support of COVID-19 task force support. Their duty included warehouse help, COVID-19 testing support, and trace-back testing support.

Although there have been a number of challenges and setbacks to training opportunities, the battalion has been creative and adaptive to the operating environment to maintain Soldier and unit readiness. The "Triple Deuce" stands ready to support our federal and state mission.

"Triple Deuce"



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The Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 111th FAR conducted extensive training and preparations for an FY20 JRTC rotation, but were unable to execute due to COVID-19 restrictions. A portion of the Battalion was called to active duty for Defense Support to Civil Authorities missions during the spring and early summer. There were two missions assigned: 1) Providing Mission Command for COVID response within the central third of Virginia as Strike Team - Central, and 2) Sending over 150 Soldiers on State Active Duty to support the Virginia State Police in response to the civil unrest that broke out during earlier this summer. During COVID response operations, over 120,000 pounds of food and household goods were distributed throughout the Central Virginia Region by supporting Regional Food Bank warehouse operations and setting up local points of distribution. The team also provided support to numerous COVID test sites and executed PPE and test kit distribution missions.

The remainder of the Battalion has focused on personnel and equipment/weapon systems readiness resulting in increases to retention and operational readiness rates. As COVID restrictions are lifted, the Battalion will shift focus and return to executing an aggressive training plan for FY21, to include a possible Northern Strike rotation and/or deployment.

To the Guns!



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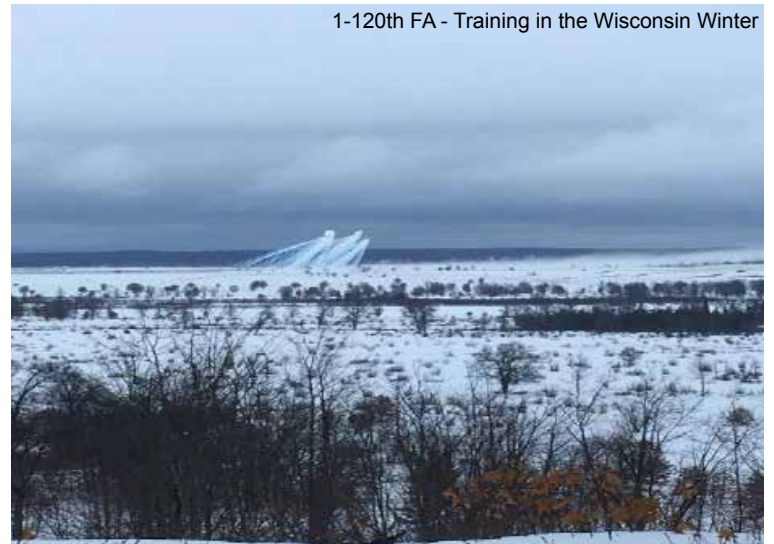


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The Wisconsin soldiers of the 1-120th FA Battalion were eager to assist in TY20 by supporting the 32nd IBCT through another training cycle, along with domestic operations. Training as they fight, the battalion developed qualified and lethal redlegs that are ready to accomplish any federal or state mission. The 1-120th FA kicked off the year transitioning to SRM prepare year 4 and conducting a live fire exercise for section level MOS certification. Sustaining proficiency gained through the end of TY19, the 1-120th FA Battalion conducted battalion fire missions, fire support planning, and executed new officer orientation training to maximize collective focus in advance of January fire support exercises. Determined to develop arctic warfare proficiency at the platoon level, the battalion supported Operation Winter Strike at Camp Grayling, MI in January. Training in a below freezing environment, the 1-120th FA Battalion supported Special Forces elements by utilizing their own joint fires observers to coordinate both surface to surface, and air to surface fires. The Red Fox soldiers displayed toughness and resilience through the exercise and improved the battalion's operational capabilities upon completion. The battalion showed extreme adaptability in April, successfully transitioning into a virtual training environment to safeguard readiness against the COVID-19 pandemic. The 1-120th FA ended the year with a continued abnormal training environment. Answering the Governor's call, Red Fox soldiers showed their will to serve the great state of Wisconsin by operating COVID-19 testing sites, election polling sites, and assisting local authorities in protecting our citizens while exercising their constitutional rights. Always ready, the redlegs of the Red Fox Battalion remain ready to provide lethal fires in support of their adjacent units and the needs of Wisconsin.

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The 115th Field Artillery Brigade supported Task Force Spartan by deploying approximately 120 soldiers of its headquarters and headquarters battery in September 2019. The brigade served as the U.S. Army Central Force Field Artillery Headquarters in order to execute fires, provide training readiness oversight and increase fire support capabilities with partner nations throughout the U.S. ARCENT area of responsibility. The 115th FAB executed 32 senior leader engagements, 22 subject matter expert exchanges, five bi-lateral training exercises and 14 exercise planning events, consistently achieving higher levels of interoperability and readiness. In the last year the 2-300th FA deployed 150 Soldiers on two separate missions in the Middle East. In September of 2019, A/2-300 deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel where they provided precision rocket fires throughout theater. Alpha battery served 300 consecutive days of combat operations where they employed GMLRs on multiple targets resulting in devastating effects on the enemy. The Soldiers of C/2-300 deployed in support of Operations Spartan Shield and Inherent Resolve, to provide theater security through enemy deterrence by precision missile fires. C/2-300 Soldiers served 240 consecutive days in combat operations, maintaining 24 hour fires capabilities for US and coalition elements. C/2-300 also participated heavily in multiple response scenarios resulting from increased tensions in the Arabian Gulf region with Iran during their deployment. Soldiers across the 115th FAB reacted swiftly, professionally and skillfully, ensuring security and increased stability in the region for years to come.

Cowboy Thunder!

