



# THE GAUNTLET GAZETTE

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## THE BATTALION COMMANDERS ADDRESS



"Soldiers and Families of the Gauntlet" - Happy New Year. As we look back through 2009 and all the many accomplishments and successes, it is with great excitement and sense of purpose that we move into 2010. I first want to reiterate to everyone what a privilege I feel to be part of this tremendous organization.

Both Carmen and I could not have been more blessed than to have the opportunity to work with and interact with such great Officers, Noncommissioned officers, Soldiers, and Families in this battalion. The professionalism, loyalty, mission accomplishment, and care for each other demonstrated by the Gauntlet Soldiers and Families is unparalleled and truly makes this battalion the best in the Army.

First and foremost, as we begin this new year, we must remember our brothers and sisters of the 410th Military Police Company currently deployed in Afghanistan. "Bravo Spirit" is performing exceptional while executing the police mentorship training mission.



To the Soldiers and Families of the Gauntlet battalion, Happy New Year! As we reflect back on the many accomplishments and countless accolades this organization received in 2009, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for what truly was a memorable year.

First, I think it is most appropriate and unquestionably deserving to thank the Family members who supported us each and every day. We must never forget or fail to recognize the significant role each of you has as members of our great team, and on behalf of every Soldier in the Gauntlet battalion, we thank you for your support.

To the Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, and Soldiers, it is an absolute privilege and an honor to serve side-by-side with each of you and to be called your Command Sergeant Major. To the Noncommissioned Officers, although the welcoming of a New Year brings official closure to the "Year of the Noncommissioned Officer", I challenge each of you that through our actions we can make every year, a year of the NCO!

The Families remain strong and are looking forward to the return of their loved ones in a few months.

Road to War training has begun for the Soldiers of the 64th and 401st Military Police Companies as they will be heading to Afghanistan later this spring. Leaders and Soldiers of these two units are training hard and preparing themselves to continue the mission of Afghan National Police training and the task of bringing freedom and security to the people of Afghanistan.

Supporting the garrison battlefield here at Fort Hood, the 411th Military Police Company continue to train and prepare for their Homeland Defense response force mission and has assumed the military law enforcement commitment. The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment remains focused on its primary mission of supporting the companies while increasing the unit's training frequency in preparation for the next mission requirement. Again a happy New Year to all Soldiers and Families. Soldiers of the Gauntlet!

As with each New Year, 2010 will undoubtedly bring with it new challenges to be overcome, new goals to be achieved, and new missions to be accomplished. We will be saying "see you soon" to both the 64th and 401st MP Companies as they prepare for and ultimately deploy to Afghanistan, and "welcome home" to the 410th MP Company as their tour of duty in Afghanistan comes to an end. We will look towards the 411th MP Company for L&O support and as they continue to train for their homeland defense mission, and supporting them all will be the Soldiers of HHD.

Another exciting year to look forward to. Mission first...Soldiers always. Soldiers of the Gauntlet!





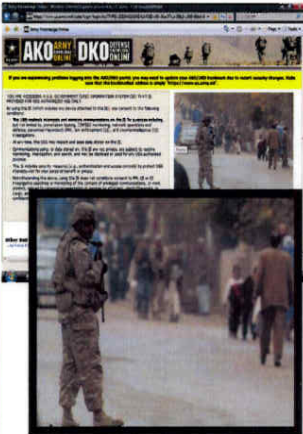
**Above:** 411th Soldiers prepare to enter the "gas chamber" as part of CBRNE training in preparation for the CCMRF exercise in Indiana.

## The 411th MP Company Deploys to Indiana?

In November the "Grizzlies" of the 411th Military Police Company once again found themselves deployed away from Fort Hood, Texas. This time, however, it was not to the sands of Iraq, or the mountains of Afghanistan, but to the forests of Indiana. The 411th deployed to Indiana in order to participate in a joint training event as part of their chemical crisis management response force (CCMRF) mission. As part of the CCMRF mission the unit underwent extensive training on chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear,

and high yield explosive (CBRNE) tasks in preparation for the exercise in Indiana. The unit even had to venture into a chamber filled with CS gas to test their individual protective masks. While in Indiana the unit established a base of operations at the Jennings County fairgrounds and as part of the exercise, conducted missions varying from convoy and VIP escorts to setting up traffic control points. The unit worked with several other specialized units from different branches of service, including a Marine Corps search and rescue

team and an Air Force radiological unit. The "Grizzlies" performed expertly and received laudatory comments, and some were presented coins from MG Long the joint task force commander. The 411th Military Police Company continues to stand by, ready to assist local and state law enforcement agencies in the event they are deployed for a "real world" CCMRF mission.



**Above:** The Photo of SGT Booker that was featured on AKO. Photo Courtesy of the US Army

## "News from the Front" With the 410th MP Company in Afghanistan

If you happened to log onto Army Knowledge online (AKO) on 16 November 2009 you may have noticed a familiar face. A photo of SGT Darrell Booker of 1st Platoon, 410th Military Police Company, providing security for a key leader engagement in Charikar, Parwan province, Afghanistan was featured on the AKO login page. SGT Booker is not doing it alone, though; all the "Bravo Spirit" Soldiers have been actively helping to

provide security to the people of Afghanistan. Currently the Soldiers are focused on providing training and equipment to the local Afghani Police, helping to ensure one day they will be able to provide security for their country. Interacting with the locals and ensuring their security is a large part of the unit's mission, and the lack of attacks during the elections is proof that the Soldiers of "Bravo Spirit" are having an impact in their

area of operation. Some of the Soldiers have even been invited to have tea with local elders. The Soldiers morale is high, and soon the unit will start preparations for redeployment to Fort Hood. The unit would like to thank everyone for their support and say hello to all their fellow brothers and sisters in the Gauntlet at Fort Hood.



**Above:** The President and First Lady at the Memorial Service for the Victims of the 5 November Shooting.

## The Gauntlet Responds to the Events of 5 November

During the tragic events at Fort Hood on November 5, 2009 the Soldiers of the Gauntlet once again stepped up when III Corps and Fort Hood called. Soldiers from the 64th and 401st who were working the road immediately responded and helped to secure the area. The Soldiers assigned to the ready platoon were called out and suited up, prepared to respond to any contingencies, and late into the night and the next few days Gauntlet Soldiers established traffic control points and helped to secure the vast crime scene and provide

security to key sites around Fort Hood. In all that the Soldiers of the Gauntlet did, one group stood behind them to support them while they were supporting Fort Hood; The unit FRG's stepped up and brought food for the Soldiers working long hours to ensure the security of the scene and other key installations around post. When the President came to Fort Hood, Gauntlet Soldiers once again played a key role. Soldiers of the 401st helped to secure many key sites, to include Gray Army Airfield and Airforce One, while 64th Soldiers

provided security to Darnell Army Medical Center while the President visited with those injured in the attack. Throughout, the Soldiers or the Gauntlet performed to the highest standards proving once again why we are the go to battalion when it comes to the difficult tasks.



## Motorcycle Mentorship Gauntlet Style

In September of 2008 LTG Lynch, in response to the overabundance of motorcycle fatalities across III Corps published Command Safety Policy Directive Two; upon assuming command of III Corps LTG Cone reaffirmed this policy. This policy set forth not only the requirements that Soldiers must meet to ride a motorcycle, but also established that units needed to establish a climate that fostered and promoted safe riding and motorcycle mentorship. In response to this the battalion motorcycle mentorship program was instituted. Led by the BN Commander and

BN CSM, both avid riders, the battalion motorcyclists have participated in several rides as a battalion and all three III Corps Phantom Thunder Rides. It is not only the battalion rides that make our program unique but the fact that the 720<sup>th</sup> has, thanks to the efforts of the Battalion Retention Program, its own custom motorcycle vests, complete with the battalion crest. The rides usually consist of everyone meeting up and conducting motorcycle inspections and then heading out for a ride on the back roads in nearby areas, and sometimes stopping for lunch. One

important key to the success of the program is the pairing of new riders with more experienced riders so they can learn and develop safe riding habits, as well as getting those who usually ride solo comfortable riding within a group. So far the program has been a great success, and sets the standard for motorcycle mentorship programs on Fort Hood.



**Top:** Motorcycle inspection sheets being completed prior to the start of a mentorship ride. **Bottom:** LTC Segalla addresses the riders prior to departing

## This Day in Gauntlet History

**20 January 1942-** The BN is activated at Fort George G. Meade in MD



**Above:** Member of B CO (now 410th) in New Guinea 1942.



**Above:** Unofficial patch worn by members of the BN during garrison duty in Japan 1946-1949

**2 January 1967-** The BN is assigned the mission of securing convoys from Tan Son Nhut Airbase to the base camp of the 25th ID. This became the longest daily convoy conduct by US troops during the entire war.



**Above:** Members of the BN in Tikrit Iraq 2003

**A special thanks to Mr. Tom Watson for providing the information for this section. To learn more about the History of the 720th MP BN from its formation in 1942 to its current activities please visit the 720th MP BN Reunion Association Home-page @ [www.720mpreunion.org](http://www.720mpreunion.org)**

**21 February 1955-** After 14 years of overseas duty spanning WWII and the occupation of Japan the is transferred to Fort Hood Texas.

**30 September-31 December 1962-** The BN is deployed to Oxford Mississippi to assist in the integration of Mississippi University



**Above:** BN VN100 in Vietnam 1969

**25 March 2003-** The BN deploys to Kuwait and is assigned to the 31D for the invasion of Iraq.



**Above:** The Gauntlet belt buckle awarded to Soldiers for reenlisting; coveted by all and a mark of a true member of the "Gauntlet Family". In the words of CSM Ladd "this is my belt buckle there are many like it but this one is mine."

## Reenlistments October-January

### October

SFC Donovan, Joe Jr., 401st MP CO  
 SPC Bale, Matthew, 401st MP CO  
 SPC Simmons, Edward III, 401st MP CO  
 SSG Moore, Krista, 411th MP CO  
 PFC Simmons, Briona, 411th MP CO  
 SSG Word, Robert, 411th MP CO  
 SPC Precht, Jacob, 410th MP CO  
 SPC Embrey, Lance, 410th MP CO  
 SPC Benson, Danielle, 411th MP CO  
 SPC Gonzalez, Kenneth, 411th MP CO  
 SPC Collins, Kenneth, 410th MP CO  
 CPL Bass, David, 401st MP CO  
 SGT Inman, Brian, 401st MP CO  
 SFC(P) Copeland, Jason, 401st MP CO  
 SPC, Johnson, Shannon, HHD, 720th

### November

SGT Nutter, Joshua, 401st MP CO  
 SPC King, Joshua, 411th MP CO  
 SSG Wineglass, Corey, 410th MP CO

### December

SPC Davis, Kevin, 410th MP CO  
 SGT Williams, Mark, 410th MP CO  
 CPL Osburn, Timothy, 410th MP CO  
 SPC Harlow, Brad, 410th MP CO  
 SSG Outlaw, Cody, 410th MP CO  
 SGT Cross, Darrin, 410th MP CO  
 SGT Hernandez, Thomas, 411th MP CO

### January

SGT Newcomb, John, 410th MP CO  
 SPC Nakia Dickens, HHD, 720th MP BN

## Promotions in the Gauntlet for Oct, Nov, Dec, and Jan



Congratulations to all the members of the Gauntlet who were promoted over the past few months.

### To SGT

Hector Orsinipagan, 401st MP CO, DOR 1 Oct 2009  
Joshua Cook, 410th MP CO, DOR 1 Oct 2009  
Isaac Trevino, 410th MP CO, DOR 1 Oct 2009  
Garrett Campbell, 411th MP CO, DOR 1 Oct 2009  
Jeffrey Desrosiers, 410th MP CO, DOR 1 Dec 2009  
James Curry, 411th MP CO DOR 1 Dec 2009  
Krista Tucker, 410th MP CO DOR 1 Jan 2010

### To SSG

Amanda Capalingo, 410th MP CO, DOR 1 Oct 2009  
Marc Medina, 410th MP CO, DOR 1 Oct 2009

### To SFC

Dale McKee, 401st MP CO, DOR 1 Oct 2009

### To ILT

Cesar Patinorobles, 411th MP CO DOR 17 Oct 2009  
Rachel Brune, 411th MP CO DOR 30 Oct 2009  
Kristoffer Rheingans, 401st MP CO DOR 31 Jan 2010



## Births October to January

### October

SGT Daniel Fennewald, 401st MP CO wife gave birth to a baby girl (Mariah) on 1 Oct

PFC Michael Geisler, HHD, 720th MP BN wife gave birth to a baby boy (Joseph) on 19 Oct

SPC Michael Stimpson, 411th MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy (Treyton) on 20 Oct

PFC Joel Stilianou, 401st MP CO wife gave birth to a baby girl (Sophie) on 29 Oct

CPL Amber Bess, 401st MP CO gave birth to a baby boy (Gavin) on 31 Oct

### November

SPC Tabatha Matthews, 64th MP CO gave birth to a baby boy (William) on 10 Nov

### December

SGT Jeremy Wallace, 411th MP CO had a baby boy (Tristan) on 4 Dec

PFC Dominic Poydras, HHD, 720th MP BN wife gave birth to a baby girl (Jade) on 7 Dec

SPC Corey Rundquist, 64th MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy (Gadge) on 9 Dec

SPC Aaron Castanes, 64th MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy (Zachery) on 10 Dec

SPC Marcus Garcia, 411th MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy (Elijah) on 14 Dec

SPC Bobby Milner, 401st MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy (Wyatt) on 17 Dec

SGT Jonathan Frazier, 410th MP CO wife gave birth to a baby girl (Kaetlyn) on 18 Dec

### December Cont

SPC Damian Sanders, 401st MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy on 19 Dec

SPC Joshua Nutter, 401st MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy (Ian) on 20 Dec

PFC Abran Enriquez, 64th MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy (Ryan) on 23 Dec

SGT Nicholas Miller, 401st MP CO had a baby boy (Makenzie) on 28 Dec

### January

PV2 Jesus Gaytan, 401st MP CO wife gave birth to a baby girl (Ellie) on 1 Jan

1LT Brian Gulden, 410th MP CO wife gave birth to a baby boy (Jackson) on 24 Jan

## Headlines from FRSA

Hello 720<sup>th</sup> Families, my name is Amber Stearns, and I am the Family Readiness Support Assistant for 720<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion. I am excited to be a part of your military Family. As a new member of the 720<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion I am learning more and more about how the Military Police work and play. I am here to assist with available resources and services as well as with items pertaining to Family Readiness Groups. I am always ready to assist anyone within the military Family to find the resources they need.

Fort Hood and the Army have so much to offer its Families and many of us are unaware of what is out there. From deployment readiness courses to job training and trips with MWR to gymnastics classes for your children, the Army has a wide variety of things to offer that are offered to the entire Family. If you would like to learn more or have any questions please feel free to contact me at 254-287-0273 or [amber.n.stearns@us.army.mil](mailto:amber.n.stearns@us.army.mil) Please see the below website for more information

about FRGs and take a moment to look up the 720<sup>th</sup> virtual FRG site. [www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org)



**Above:**  
Mrs. Amber Stearns  
720th MP BN FRSA



**Above:**  
720th MP BN Chaplain  
(CH) CPT Rian Adams  
254-287-1914.

## The Chaplain's Corner

Early in my career, while at my first parish in Florida, I received a piece of mail from Roger, a member of my church. I opened it, began reading and quickly discovered it was a typed manuscript of my Sunday sermon. At first I was flattered that someone took the time to meticulously capture every word I said. However, soon I discovered the pages were covered with ink. Roger red-penned each and every grammatical mistake, corrected every misspoken word, and also pointed out anything he believed to be a factual error. I was livid! I told my wife "Who does this idiot think he is, the grammar Nazi?" She helped me calm down and I didn't worry too much about it; until next week, when another letter was in the mail. What was in the letter? You guessed it, my sermon full of red-ink and sly com-

ments. Therefore, I knew it was time to meet Roger and try to get to the bottom of his issue. The following Sunday I walked up, stuck out my hand and said "Hi, I'm Rian Adams." He stared at me, said nothing and turned on his heel and walked away. I wanted to rip the guy's head off while screaming expletives at him (in a good Christian way that is). The following week I had lunch with a veteran pastor. I told him about Roger and the weekly "love letters" I received. He looked me in the eye and said, "Rian, hurting people hurt people; get to the bottom of his pain." Turns out Roger had once served on the church board and been mistreated by the pastor. From

that point his motto was "never trust a pastor." So I decided to work hard to win him over. My granddaddy always told me "It's hard to hate a man who will buy your lunch." After numerous tries Roger agreed to let me buy him lunch. It was there he opened up and talked about his mistrust of clergy. Afterward we became good friends, the "love letters" ceased and he had no problem shaking my hand. The moral of the story is simply this: are people problems, or do people have problems? How we answer will determine how much grace we are willing to give others.

## Save the Date for your next FRG Meeting!

COMPANY	EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
HHD, 720th	FRG Meeting	1st Wed of Every Month	BN Classroom BLDG 16017
410th MP CO	FRG Meeting	3rd Wed of Every Month	BN Classroom BLDG 16017
411th MP CO	FRG Meeting	10 February	TBD
64th MP CO	FRG Meeting	16 February	BN Classroom BLDG 16017
401st MP CO	FRG Meeting	9 February	BN Classroom BLDG 16017
411th MP CO	FRG Meeting	1 March	BN Classroom BLDG 16017
64th MP CO	FRG Meeting	9 March	BN Classroom BLDG 16017

**\*\*For more information on FRG events contact your unit FRG leader or Mrs. Amber Stearns the BN FRSA at [amber.n.stearns@us.army.mil](mailto:amber.n.stearns@us.army.mil) Office: (254)287-0273 (254)291-6743**



## Be On the Look Out for These Exciting Events

Looking for something to do on or around Fort Hood? There are many websites to assist with your search. Check out the local MWR activities by going to [www.hoodmwr.com/](http://www.hoodmwr.com/) and clicking on the Calendar. There you can find fitness classes to assist with that new year resolution, activities for the kids and fun stuff for the weekend! There is always something happening here at the great place. You can also check out the Fort Hood Family Home Page as well at [www.hood.army.mil/family.life.aspx](http://www.hood.army.mil/family.life.aspx). Here you can find a list of Fort Hood agencies to assist. Fort Hood agencies are a click or a call away.

### Comedian Ron White: Jan 28

Join Ron White of the "Blue Collar" Comedy Tour, as he brings his "Behavioral Problems Tour" to the Soldiers and Families of Fort Hood! Tickets for this event are free. Show starts at 7 pm, doors open at 6pm Abrams Physical Fitness Center 62nd Street & Support Avenue, Bldg 23001. Tickets will be distributed through units. Contact your unit for availability

### Austin Marathon Feb 14

At 7:00 AM on 14 Feb 10,00 plus runners will take to the streets of Austin for the annual Austin Marathon. The course runs through some of Austin's most scenic and historic areas, including Lady Bird Johnson Lake, the Allandale and Hyde Park neighborhoods, Congress Avenue, the University of Texas campus and the State Capitol complex. The event will include 40 Austin bands and Runners can either run the Full or Half marathon course or a 5K course for those wishing to participate but not up for the longer mileage. See the official race website to register and for more information.

<http://www.youraustinmarathon.com/home>

### Monster Truck Mud bog Feb 19-20

Monster Truck Winter Nationals - For big entertainment, come to the Bell County Expo Center for Monster Truck Winter Nationals and Bad Boys Arena Cross Races February 19-20. The doors open at 6 p.m. each day, with the pit open at 6:30 p.m. for autographs and events beginning at 7:30 p.m. General admission ticket prices vary. Military discounts are \$15 for each VIP ticket up to four tickets with a valid ID. All VIP ticket holders can meet the drivers, take photos with them and get their autographs in the pit. There will also be an opportunity to ride in a monster truck. This indoor motorsports event is loud and some exhaust fumes should be expected. Not recommended for children less than 2 years old. No video cameras, professional extended lens cameras, coolers or food are allowed. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit

[www.checkedflagproductions.com](http://www.checkedflagproductions.com).

### Wine Lovers Trail Feb 5-7 and 12-14

Travel to Fredericksburg Texas for a self-guided tour and tasting at 24 local vineyards and wineries, including tastings, live music and special events.

Ticket costs for the trail are \$35/person and \$60/couple. Individual tickets include 1 set of complimentary tastes at each winery and 1 box of chocolate. Couple tickets include 2 sets of complimentary tastes at each winery and 2 boxes of chocolate.

To purchase tickets and for more information visit the Texas Hill Country Wineries Website at Website: <http://www.texaswinetrail.com>





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## THE GAUNTLET IN ACTION



**Above left and Below right:** ASV Fielding in the motorpool.  
**Above right:** LTC Segalla kicks back prior to the start of Phantom Thunder II.  
**Below left:** Somewhere some one is about to commit an error of commission.



## THE GAUNTLET BATTALION BECOMES A PARENT

Like Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, the Gauntlet Battalion has decided to adopt. On 17 November LTC Segalla and Mr. Mark Kehoe, the principal of Lampassas High School, formalized the relationship between the battalion and Lampassas High School in a formal adoption ceremony as part of the Fort Hood Adopt-A-School program. The mission of the Adopt-A-School program is to nurture the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of children in the greater Fort Hood area, to increase public awareness of the Army's mission, and to foster good community relations. Like all other missions, the Soldiers of the Gauntlet Battalion have taken this one on with zeal and a can-do attitude.



**Above:** LTC Segalla presents the official adoption certificate to Mr. Mark Kehoe, Lampassas High School Principal.

As part of the battalion's efforts to be an effective adoptive parent, a math tutoring program has been instituted between the battalion's Soldiers and Lampassas High School students. This program sends Soldiers in the battalion to training to learn how to be tutors, and then pairs them with students at Lampassas High School in an effort to help raise their scores in math.

In addition to providing math tutors the battalion has also sponsored a clothing drive for needy children in Afghanistan. In the future the battalion plans on facilitating a visit for the schools forensic science classes to the Fort Hood CID section.



**Above:** LTC Segalla and Mr. Mark Kehoe, Lampassas High School Principal, unveil the sign proudly displaying that Lampassas High School has been adopted by the Gauntlet Battalion.