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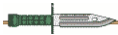
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THREAT LEVEL

The country remains at an elevated risk, **Code Yellow**, for terrorist attack



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BG Ronald G. Noland, Ed D.

Deputy Commander - Army

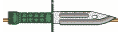
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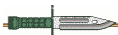
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304th Infantry Battalion Staff

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COL James Henderson

Executive Officer

MAJ Robert Marsh

Command Sergeant Major

CSM Jeffrey Olson

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Commander's Notes

New Companies

With activation of Alpha Company in Dothan and Charlie Company in Enterprise several individuals have been reassigned from the Battalion to the companies. With the activation of the two new companies, several slots have been opened up. We need to redouble our recruiting efforts.



STAFF CALL

Staff Call for March is scheduled for 0700, 05 May 07. It will be conducted in the Dale County EMA building. Commanders, 1SGs, Staff Officers, Staff NCO's, S-1 Admin Tech and NCO are requested to attend. Any questions, please contact me.



Next Unit Drill/Training

May Training Assembly

05 May 2007 at 0800 hrs

CLASS SCHEDULED

Hurricane Operations

COL Henderson

June Training Assembly

02 June at 0800 hrs

CLASS SCHEDULED

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Refresher

TBD



From the Desk
of the CSM



Busy Time

The month of April has been a busy time. On 7 April we conducted the first Initial Entry Training (IET) and Basic Orientation Training (BOC) using the ASDF Training Command Format. 28 members of the Battalion were trained, this included the initial classes and for the "Old" Hand's (experienced personnel) it was a good refresher. 14 April was a busy day for members of the battalion in Ozark, it started out as a severe weather warning and turned into a Tornado touchdown north of Ozark. 10 members of

the battalion were on hand to man the EOC and provide service and support to the community. One young man *“and I use the term in spirit”*, (Col. Henderson) was so mission oriented that through the torrential rain he ensured the safety of many young men and women at the civic center. In my opinion that is leadership, *“Leading by Example”* Hooah, Sir”. SGT Marsh was performing some Storm Watching tasks, and reported the beginnings of the funnel cloud to the EOC, and provided assistance in the initial phases of the disaster. The EOC team under the direction and leadership of Maj. Marsh performed in the outstanding manner that this battalion is known for. You are *“Above the Best, and Second to None”*. **21 April** was the **Commanders Call** at Ft. Taylor Hardin, in Montgomery, this was a memorable and beneficial time had by all. The *“SGT Dixie”* club installed the first recipients of the awards at a ceremony during the meeting. Two of our battalion members were recognized and received a SGT Dixie club award. WO1 Volkin and 1SG Dilge, Congratulations. Some of the notes from the Commanders Call deal with changes to the uniform, one major change is the rank insignia. Sew-On rank insignia is no longer authorized on the uniform or headgear, ***“Non-Subdued (Bright) Pin-On Rank”*** is the only authorized insignia for wear on the duty uniform (BDU’s). A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Tab is authorized for wear by members that have completed CERT training in its entirety. Clarification of the wear of the Alabama Flag, ASDF patch and numerous other uniform items were addressed. The briefings conducted by the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades were very

informative and gave us an insight of what is happening around the state, and gave us ideas on how to improve some of our areas. The NCO split facilitated by ASDF CSM(AL) Blackburn was informative and cleared up some gray areas in the Training Command and the leadership classes coming in the future. Changes to ASDF Handbook Reg. 672-5 and ASDF Reg. 670-1 are posted on the State Home page.

3rd Brigade and 304th Battalion Notes

Uniform Patches: Members of the ASDF are not to wear the uniform without the Red ASDF cloth attachment and the red/white, black state shield. Sew-on rank ***“IS NOT”*** authorized IAW ASDF Reg 670-1, dated 4 April 2007. This is a specific order from HQ, Alabama National Guard

Uniform Appearance: The ASDF is a uniformed service; therefore, a neat and well-groomed appearance is mandatory. It is your duty to take pride in your uniform and that of others under your supervision. ***All soldiers must be dressed in the proper uniform with authorized badges, insignia, and patches worn in the prescribed manner. Footwear should be polished, hair neatly trimmed. Beards, unless authorized for medical reasons, are not permitted.*** Members are reminded to wear the Red ASDF and the State Shield. The State of Alabama Flag is an added uniform patch.

Promotions: Time In Grade is ***NOT*** the only criteria for promotions. To be considered

for promotion, a member must have a minimum of unexcused absences (Number to be determined by the classification/promotion board) and participation in several of the units activities such as Armed Forces Day, Veterans Day, Sports, Exercises, Drills, etc.

EXPENSE FORM

Members were given a personal expense form at the monthly UTA. You are requested to maintain this form by listing every expense incurred by you for the CY 2007. When completed and turned in quarterly it will be used to complete the training and expense report for the Battalion. Every expense should be listed, but not limited to uniform purchase, cleaning, repair, sewing, insignia, meals while on duty, mileage, administrative expenses, long distance calls, stamps, food donations, computer expenses, lodging, etc. You are requested to maintain this form on a regular basis. If you did not get a form see WO1 Volkin, S-1 Officer, who is the POC for this project.

Additionally, maintain a copy for your records and it will be easier to produce the end of year expenses for the battalion.

July 7th Drill will be the next time the expense report will be gathered for processing.

Excused Absences: The battalion has implemented an excused absence policy. If you are ***NOT*** able to attend a UTA then call your Unit

Commander, First Sergeant or S-1 Rep. and request an excused absence.

A Company

CPT Heath: (334) 671-8584
E-Mail: nyghtknight@hotmail.com

1SG Dilge: (334) 793-5161
E-Mail: jhdilge@sw.rr.com

C Company

CPT McDaniel: (334) 347-8194
E-Mail: Cco_402@alsdfozkal.com

1SG Franco: (334) 393-9209
E-Mail: afranco2@csc.com

HHC & BN

WO1 Volkin: (334) 774-1158
E-Mail: WO1Volkin@alsdfozkal.com

CSM Olson: (334) 445-9536
E-Mail: CSM@alsdfozkal.com

Wear your stripes with pride and honor. You are—
“The Backbone of the Alabama State Defense Force (ALSDF)”

“NCO’s Lead the Way”
“Hooah”

CSM Olson



Memor Preteritus,
Syrma pro Posterus



The Chaplain's Corner

“Words of Wisdom”

1. People do not grow old. When they cease to grow, they become old.
2. You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.
3. A man is what he thinks about all day long.

4. No man ever prayed heartily, without learning something.
 5. Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.
 6. What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.
 7. He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.
- Matthew 16:26** “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

*God Bless
Chaplain Lewis*



200SDF **Get Your SDF Car Plate Now!**

Is it time to renew your car license plate for the year? Would you like to show pride in being a member of the State Defense Force! Then get a SDF tag for your car. The cost of the tag is just \$50.00 plus the cost of your standard plate. That’s just 14 cents a day to show your pride in the ALSDF.

The license plates require **ALSDF Form 7A (Certificate of Application for ALSDF License Plate)** to be completed and signed by the ASDF Commander, or designated Representative. WO1 Volkin has the forms available at the monthly drills. The license plates are on hand at the Dale County Court House for Dale County Only. All other counties still need the form, but the license plates will take 3 – 4 weeks to come into their respective counties.



The BN T-SHIRTS



The Black Bn T-Shirts are in and can be picked up at drill. The shirts are ordered in lots of 12. If you would like to order additional T-Shirts for yourself or someone else, see **CSM Olson**, Bn CSM at the next drill or e-mail him at csm@alsdfozkal.com and let him know the number and size of the shirts that you want.



Join the MEMS Academy



program and start earning your MEMS Badge Today. State Guard Association of the United States Military Emergency Management Specialist Academy Qualification Standards and Procedures have changed effective September 11th, 2006. The new qualifications are now in effect. Students who have already started a module under the old program may still complete under the old program as long as they become NIMS, NRP and ICS qualified. Please read the HB and become familiar with it.

Battalion Members Currently Working on the MEMS Program:

MEMS Flash:

Senior Badge:

1LT Gullede
CSM Olson

Basic Badge:

COL Henderson
MAJ Marsh, MAJ May
CPT McDaniel, CW5 Barker,
1SG Franco, SFC Flynn,
SSG Ash,

NEW PERSONNEL

CPT Williams
Family Asst. Officer

PFC Flynn (Reactivated)
A Co. Team Leader

PROMOTIONS

ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

1LT Amore
A Co. Executive Officer to HHC
Commander
SGT Marsh
S-3 Operations Specialist to S-2
Intel SGT

Awards

1LT Gullidge
Basic MEMS Badge
CSM Olson
Basic MEMS Badge
WO1 Volkin
Bronze Level SGT Dixie Club
1SG Dilge
Silver Level SGT Dixie Club

304th Battalion Birthdays

MAY
SSG Ash, V.

JUNE
1SG Franko, A.
SFC Thomas, W.
SSG Murison, L.



RIBBON / BADGE of the MONTH

This month we highlight the **ASDF Outstanding Unit Commendation Ribbon (ASDFOUCR)**



Awarded by the Commander or Brigade Commander of the unit meriting this award. Recommendations must be submitted to the Commander. The ASDFOUCR may be bestowed upon units which demonstrate exceptional meritorious performance of unusually difficult service. Their outstanding devotion and superior performance must be beyond what is normally expected, either in a sustained period or in a specific circumstance. Service may include functions as a unit, while on state and the unit itself. The ASDFOUCR will not be awarded for annual training excellence demonstrations, regardless of proficiency demonstrated.

- (1) All members serving with the unit during the time cited, are authorized to wear the ASDFOUCR ribbon and may continue to wear it if transferred to another unit. Those who later service with the unit, are not authorized to wear this award.
- (2) The ASDFOUCR will be worn over the right breast pocket of the Class A and B uniform, in proper order of precedence with other citations.
- (3) Additional awards will be denoted by the attachment of a bronze Star. A Silver Star will be worn in lieu of five Bronze Stars.
- (4) Presentation of this award will be made by the Commander ASDF if at all possible. Only Brigade Commander may present this award when the Commander ASDF is not available.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

During World War I, the 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment was redesignated to the U.S. _____ Infantry Regiment, _____ Division?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

When did the customary three volleys fired over a military funeral originate?

ANSWER:

This practice originated in the old custom of halting the fighting to remove the dead from the battlefield. Once each army had cleared its dead, it would fire three volleys to indicate that the dead had been cared for and that they were ready to go back to the fight. The fact that the firing party consists of seven riflemen, firing three volleys does not constitute a 21-gun salute.

How did you Do?

*In Honor of All Who
Have Made the
Ultimate Sacrifice*



*and To Those Who
Have Been Left To
Remember!*

We'll Never Forget!!!



Highway Emergencies Using Cellular Phones * HP (or *47)

***HP" (or *47)** is a cellular telephone network providing direct access to Alabama State Trooper posts.

By dialing **"*HP" (or *47)** for Highway Patrol,

motorists with cellular phones may contact Alabama state trooper posts to report traffic accidents, highway emergencies, stranded motorists, suspected drunken drivers or other major hazards. Alabama State Troopers are pleased to bring this valuable highway safety initiative to Alabama and appreciate the cooperation of cellular phone companies in making this public service program possible at no cost to the caller.

The **"*HP"** network provides a quick, easy method of reporting highway incidents. As a result, trooper response time is reduced and emergency personnel may render aid in a more timely manner.

The program is operational in most areas of the state, and other providers are expected to participate in the future.

If your cellular phone company is not a part of this valuable service, please ask the company to call (334) 242-4445, DPS Headquarters, Montgomery.



Facts You Could Live Without

If a statue in the park of a person on horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th -- John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards".

The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.

The term, "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye" is from Ancient Rome. The only rule during wrestling matches was, "No eye gouging". Everything else was allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke someone's eye out.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second. Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

ATLANTIC TROPICAL STORM AND HURRICANE NAMES FOR 2007

The 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially begins
June 1 and runs through November 30.

Alabama Hurricane WebSite

<http://hurricane.alabama.gov/>

These names are the same as the ones used in 2001, except for Andrea, Ingrid, and Mellissa; those replace Allison, Iris, and Michelle, which have been retired. And this same list, minus any retired names will be used again for the 2013 hurricane season.

Andrea		Lorenzo	
Barry		Melissa	
Chantal	(shan-TAHL)	Noel	
Dean		Olga	
Erin	(AIR-in)	Pablo	(PA-blow)
Felix	(FEEL-ix)	Rebekah	
Gabrielle	(ga-bree-EL)	Sebastien	(Say-BAS-tyan)
Humberto		Tanya	(TAHN-ya)
Ingrid		Van	
Jerry		Wendy	
Karen			

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NOAAA defines an average Atlantic Storm season as:

- 6 – 14 named storms
- 4 – 8 hurricanes
- and 1 – 3 major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher)

2005 was a record season, with 28 named storms, and 15 hurricanes. 4 of those hit the U.S. Coast (including Katrina and Rita). 2006 was a “*near-average*” season, with 10 named storms, 5 hurricanes. 2 of them were major but none hit the U.S. Coast. Last year, though, El Nino helped calm hurricanes with winds that pulled the storm systems apart.

This year, a weak El Nino effect has already dissipated making the formation of major storms more likely.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Hurricane Reconnaissance Organizations

[\(The Hurricane Hunters\)](#)

- [53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron](#)
<http://www.hurricanehunters.com/>
403rd Wing, Air Force Reserve Command
Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi
- [NOAA Aircraft Operations Center](#)
<http://www.aoc.noaa.gov/index.html>
- MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida



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BN S-1

WO1

Robert Volkin

**PAC Leads the
Way**

Remember

NCO's

*Sets the Example
for all to Follow!*

CSM Blackburn

Keeping our people safe at

Love, Honor and Country

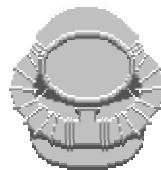
**Maj.
Ronald S. Volkin,
U.S. Army
On duty in the War Against
Terrorism,
Wiesbaden,
Germany**



God Bless America



Battalion S-3



MAJ Jeff May



