



THE HUNTER



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1BCT Afghans are still Available!

If you or anyone you know is interested in purchasing a 1st Brigade "Operation Red Dawn" Afghan please contact Tommie Polizzotti so she can record your order. We can continue to accept orders until the end of September. Remember, profits generated from the sale of these Afghans will come back to the Battalion FRG and benefit the families of the Iron Knights!

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HATCH

CPT David M. Polizzotti, Jr.

Welcome to another edition of the "Hunter" Let me start by saying thank you for the warm welcome and large turnout at the last FRG meeting. It was great to see everyone. The month of August has been a busy one for the Hunters. In the middle of the month we began gunnery support for the battalion. In addition to our 2 tank crews we have firing, we also have most of the Medical Platoon and staff platoon out on the range supporting the line companies, not to mention the firefighting detail we are supporting the battalion with. After several visits to the range I am pleased to tell you that as always our soldiers con-

tinue to do a truly outstanding job no matter what mission they are tasked with. In the coming months we look forward to the training opportunities that await us as we continue to get ourselves prepared for the next time our nation calls.

The Way Ahead

With this newsletter you will be receiving a form that we are asking you to fill out and return to us. You can do this either by email or bringing it to the next meeting. We will also have hard copies at the September meeting for you to fill out. This will help us greatly as we begin to pull critical information together so that we can build a better FRG. Soon you will all be receiving a FRG handbook that is tailored to



HHC. This book will provide you with a basic once over of the FRG. I have also started working to get an official FRG website up and running for the families of Hunter Company. A one stop area where you will be able to find up to date calendars and other information pertaining to the FRG and activities of HHC.

As always, I am humbled by the opportunity to lead this great company and its families. See you on the high ground. HUNTERS!

-CPT Polizzotti

From the FRG Leader

Tommie Polizzotti

Each month I try to send as much useful information to you as I can in between editions of this newsletter. As we all go about our daily lives we sometimes find interesting things that we like to share with our friends and family back

home, etc. If you choose to forward any of these emails through FRG channels, please take the extra time to cut out the body of the email and paste it into a new document before sending off ,or send the message blind copy (bcc). Taking

the little extra time protects the privacy and security of others by not sharing their email addresses. Thank you so much.!

MWR Events for September 2004 **Fun for both the Family and Single Soldiers!**

GOLF at the Courses of Clear Creek!

During the months of August and September you can golf 18 holes for \$18 at The Courses of Clear Creek. Golfers can enjoy 18 holes for \$18 starting at noon. This special price is offered Monday through Friday excluding holidays and training holidays. Call for tee times at 287-4130.

Family Nights at Phantom Warrior Lanes

Every Monday night is Family Night at Phantom Warrior Lanes. You and your family can bowl for just \$10 per lane per hour. This includes free shoe rental and a regular sized soft drink for each bowler. Limit 5 bowlers per lane. For more information, call 287-3424.

Army Black Knights vs. University of Houston

Watch the Army Black Knights take on the University of Houston on September 18 in Houston. ITR has tickets for only \$10 per person. Visit the ITR office in building 136, next to military clothing sales, or call 287-7310 for more information. Go Army!

Fall Skating Hours

Open skating is held at the following times:

Fridays: 7 -11 PM

Saturdays: 2-5:30 PM. & 6-10 PM

Sundays: 2-6 PM

Skate rentals are available or bring your own roller or inline skates.

Family Fun Skate is the first and third Sunday of each month. Skate from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for only \$1 per

person, skate rental included. The Skating Center is located in building 324 on 37th Street, next to the shoppette. For more information call 287-5623.

US Watercraft Racing Association Nationals at BLORA

On September 11-12 witness the excitement of endurance jet-ski racing at its finest. BLORA will be hosting the national competition will be held right here at Fort Hood, so come and watch or try your luck and race in the novice division. Over one hundred top racers are expected to compete in this event, and each day will include three separate races. For more information about this competition, call 287-2523 or visit www.teamsportracing.com

Team Hunter Online Store Is Up and Running

If you haven't already checked it out, take a look! The Hunter Company FRG Store is now online and waiting for you! We have added additional items since last month. Now available are new T-shirts, baby outfits, calendars, and a book with pictures from Operation Iraqi Freedom! Items here make great gifts for family members during the holidays or for any occasion! Visit the online store at http://www.cafepress.com/team_hunter today!



Team Hunter Apparel available only at the company online store!

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6th Annual Star Fest

Harker Heights local government is conducting the 6th ANNUAL STAR FEST. If you have an idea the FRG could use to set up a booth for fundraisers contact us and if there is enough interest we will sponsor a booth!

Star Fest 2004 is sponsored by the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce and the Parks & Recreation

Department. This years festivities will be held Saturday, September 25th at the Carl Levin Park. There will be arts & crafts and commercial vendors, music, athletic competition for the entire family, food, games, chili cook-off, and much more.

Whether you want to help sponsor a company booth or promote your own business / craft, it promises to

be an outstanding and fun day for all involved.

Company Training Calendar

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Living On A Plan

Brought to you by ACS online at www.armycommunityservice.org

Soldiers don't need to be crawling out from under a heap of bills to have a reason to start budgeting their money. While sticking to a modest spending plan can seem constricting, it helps soldiers ensure that money is always available to meet their needs. It can even give soldiers a sense of empowerment, as it helps them keep their eyes on the goal of being financially secure rather than reminding them of what they can't spend today.

Monthly budgets should rely on several factors: how much money is earned, how much is needed to pay bills and satisfy needs, and how much should be saved. To create a budget that complements income, lifestyle and future goals, soldiers should gather copies of bills and pay statements. Write down the amount of monthly take-home pay at the top of a blank page and make separate columns for fixed monthly expenses, periodic fixed expenses and

variable living expenses.

Fixed expenses account for such non-negotiable payments as rent or mortgage, car payments and loans.

This category might also include child support, education and childcare. No matter how much one can afford to set aside, saving should be a priority like regular fixed expenses.

Periodic fixed expenses are necessary payments that typically occur every three or six months. They might include car, life and homeowners' insurance.

Variable monthly living expenses are also important but often leave room for adjustments. They include groceries, utility fees, dining out, clothing, gas, transportation fares, parking fees, recreation and personal care.

Unexpected expenses include medical care, veterinary care, car maintenance, home repair, holidays and gifts. Both periodic and unexpected expenses can get messy if consumers don't prepare early by reserving a certain amount of money each month to cover them as they arise. Money should also be stashed away for emergencies.

To finish planning a budget, soldiers should add their monthly expenses to a monthly share of all the other categories. This shows how much money is needed to meet monthly expenses. If the amount is higher than monthly take-home pay, soldiers will need to adjust expenses, which is usually easiest to do in the living-expense column. For example, be thrifty by cooking meals at home or packing a lunch instead of eating in restaurants. Costs also can be cut by spending less money on habits and recreation, by using coupons and by comparison-shopping.

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You can run, but you'll only die tired!

TIPS TO SAVE ON FUEL THIS MONTH!

With gas prices so high, we are all looking for ways to save. Here are a few that have been suggested to us.

1. Keep the tires inflated properly. Under inflated tires waste fuel and wear out the tire tread. Also, check tires regularly for alignment and balance.
2. Don't top off the gas tank. Too much gas will just slosh or seep out. Why waste those extra pennies?
3. Drive intelligently; don't make fast starts or sudden stops. You're just overexerting your engine and burning extra fuel. Engine-revving wastes fuel, too.
4. Lighten up on the accelerator. The faster you drive, the more gas you use. For example, driving at 55 mph rather than 65 mph can improve your fuel economy by two miles per gallon.
5. Do not rest your left foot on the brake. The slightest pressure could cause a drag that will demand additional gas use -- and wear out the brakes sooner.

**HHC KODAK MOMENT OF
THE MONTH**

**SPC ROCKY BALLIN RE-
ENLISTS FOR 4 YEARS
W/STABILIZATION**



HUNTER SOLDIERS RE- ENLIST AND STAY ARMY!

Congratulations to the following soldiers on their re-enlistment!

SPC Rocky Ballin (S3)- 4 years, present duty assignment!

SPC Zedrick Glipser (Medical PLT)- 2 years, school Option!

PFC Hubble- 4 years, Airborne Schoos & 82nd Airborne Division

SGT James Williams (Commo PLT)- 4 Years, for FT Huachua, AZ

SGT Edwin Samuels (S1)- 4 years

SSG John Myers- 4 years

HAILS!

We welcome into the ranks of the Hunters the following families:

SGT & Mrs. Amy Melendez (Scout PLT) coming from 3rd ID and Fort Stewart, GA.

PV2 Gregory Rice (Medical PLT) from basic training and AIT. PV2 Rice hails from Omer, MI.

PV2 Derrick Queen (Medical PLT) from basic training and AIT. PV2 Rice hails from Spokane, WA

FAREWELLS!

With a heavy heart we wish the following families farewell as they move on from HHC/1-66 AR.

1. SFC & Silvia Green-FT Hood Garrison
2. SSG John Myers-PCS, 13th COSCOM
3. SGT & Audrey Greene, 101st AA
4. SSG & Kim Parthemore, USAREC
5. SGT James Greene-PCS, South Korea
6. SGT & Amy Brenham -PCS
7. SSG Weaver-PCS, FT Benning, GA
8. 1LT Fiocca-ETS
9. SGT Gordon-ETS
10. SPC Rodriguez-ETS
11. SGT Benton-ETS