



CAVALIER NEWSLETTER



FIRST SERGEANT'S CORNER

Greetings Task Force Cavalier Families!

The month of September was packed full of hard work from our Soldiers. During the month of September, Soldiers took part in a battalion run at FOS Karliki in remembrance of the bravery of all those who lost their lives during the September 11th attacks. As we talked about the events of that day, it brought back memories of why so many of us joined or decided to stay in to continue serving our Nation. The dedication that lives in each of us is an unwavering commitment to sacrifice that is steadfast as we push forward through the inspiration of those who are gone but never forgotten.

We were fortunate to be able to respond to the needs of the local community on September 18th when we received a call asking for help to the Polish community fight raging waters. Over 30 Soldiers volunteered to help with filling sandbags in Zagan working side by side with the Polish Army. It was a great thing to see both the United States Army and Polish Army working hand and hand with the locals to help save homes and businesses from flood damage. The rainy season has brought days of heavy rain in some areas of Zagan. The heavy rain caused the Bobr River to rise causing a flood in the local community. Since getting to FOS Karliki, we have been participating in community events to help build a strong bond with the local community of Zagan.

Fellow Command Teams and I travelled to support the newest group of Soldiers to graduate BLC (Basic Leaders Course) from Grafenwoehr Germany as they graduated this course to begin their journey as leaders in the Army. This is the ground level Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) school that is designed to prepare them to become Sergeants and leaders. I am extremely proud of SGT Hamilton, SGT Desuze, SGT Duval, SPC Green and SPC Washington in completing the first step in the NCO professional military education.

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Honoring Patriot Day: Day of Remembrance

On September 11th, Soldiers from Task Force Cavalier came together to honor the memory of the lives lost during the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, as part of the nation's annual observance of Patriot Day. This solemn day serves as a time for reflection, unity, and remembrance, marking one of the darkest days in American history. The Soldiers, many of whom may not have even been alive on that fateful day, participated in activities that underscored the enduring significance of the event and the values of resilience, solidarity, and patriotism that emerged from it.

The formation of Task Force Cavalier on this day highlighted the importance of remembering the past while recognizing the progress and healing that has occurred over the years; for many who experienced the events, September 11th is permanently etched into their hearts and minds. For others, particularly the younger Soldiers who may not have been born or were too young to understand the gravity of the attacks, Patriot Day serves as an opportunity to learn about and reflect on the sacrifices and strength shown in the face of adversity.

September 11th, 2001, was a day of unimaginable terror as America was attacked on its soil, resulting in the loss of nearly 3,000 lives and shaking the country to its core. But amid the horror, it was also a day when Americans bonded like never before, showing their love and support for one another in the face of tragedy. Firefighters, police officers, paramedics, military personnel, and everyday citizens became heroes, risking their lives to save others and rebuild a profoundly wounded nation.

For Task Force Cavalier, this day serves not only as a memorial to those who lost their lives, but also as a reminder of the courage and unity that arose in the aftermath of the attacks. Throughout the activities, the Soldiers honored the spirit of togetherness that followed the tragic events, emphasizing that despite time, we will never forget the lessons learned and the resilience shown.

Some Soldiers in the formation were old enough to remember exactly where they were when the attacks unfolded. Others only knew about it through history books, documentaries, or stories from family members and mentors. Despite these differences in experience, there was a collective sense of purpose: to ensure that the memories of the lives lost, the first responders, and the countless others who stood tall in the wake of the devastation are never forgotten.

The passage of time has healed many wounds, but the impact of September 11th remains. Patriot Day is not only about remembrance but also about showing continued strength and unity as a nation. Task Force Cavalier's involvement in the activities demonstrated this shared commitment, with each Soldier playing a role in ensuring the legacy of that day lives on in the hearts and minds of future generations.

As we observe Patriot Day each year, we hold constant reminders of the importance of standing together in times of hardship and showing unwavering love for one another. The memory of those we lost will never fade, and the legacy of bravery, sacrifice, and resilience will continue to inspire for years to come. Task Force Cavalier, through its participation, pays tribute to this legacy, ensuring that, while time may heal wounds, the lessons of September 11th will forever be monumentally never forgotten by the world.

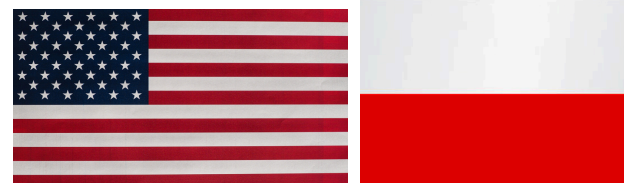


FOS Karliki Lends A Helping Hand in Zagan

Thirty National Guard, Reserves, and Active-Duty Unit Soldiers recently teamed up with the Polish Army and local emergency medical services (EMS) in Zagan, Poland, to combat rising floodwaters threatening the region. Heavy rainfall in the area caused river levels to surge, endangering homes, infrastructure, and local communities. In a show of solidarity and cooperation, these Soldiers worked with Polish military personnel and emergency responders, filling hundreds of sandbags to create barriers against the advancing floodwaters.

The U.S. military presence in Poland, part of ongoing joint operations and training with NATO allies, highlights the deepening relationship between the two nations. This flood response effort demonstrated military readiness and a shared commitment to protecting civilian populations. Soldiers on the ground expressed pride in assisting their Polish counterparts, and the collaboration was a testament to the strong ties between the U.S. and Poland, both on the battlefield and in disaster response situations.

For the community of Zagan, the joint effort brought hope and tangible results. Residents have long relied on their military and emergency services in times of crisis, and this partnership with U.S. forces bolstered their confidence. As the floodwaters continued to rise, the swift and effective action of these teams proved essential in minimizing damage and protecting lives. The sandbagging efforts were just one part of a broader coordinated response aimed at preserving the safety and well-being of the region.



September Birthdays

Destiny Kello
 Raddell Coleman
 Treshaun Randolph
 Apollonia Desuze
 Adrienne Darby
 Hanna Castro
 Devin Barbour
 Shylo McEachron
 Josef Lee



Important Dates

Labor Day
 Patriot Day
 Hispanic Heritage Month



Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is more than a celebration—it's a reflection and an opportunity to honor the contributions of American Soldiers with heritage from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

From September 15th to October 15th we honor their achievements, it is also an opportunity to address the challenges they continue to face, such as immigration reform, economic inequality, and underrepresentation in many fields. It is through their journey that we find strength in their fight for recognition, equality, and the ability to share their rich cultures with the broader U.S. population.

Hispanic Heritage Month serves as a time to celebrate diversity, recognize the shared values of family, community, and come together in appreciation of the Hispanic and Latino Americans that continue to shape the American story.



Newest Graduates of Basic Leader's Course

Twenty-seven Soldiers from Task Force Cavalier have recently enrolled in the Basic Leaders Course (BLC) at Camp Normandy in Grafenwoehr, Germany. BLC is a critical training program designed to equip Soldiers with foundational leadership skills, regardless of their military occupational specialty (MOS). The four-week course focuses on developing the knowledge and experience required to lead team-level units effectively. BLC is a branch-immateral course that prepares Soldiers from all branches for leadership roles. The Soldiers at Camp Normandy are immersed in this essential training to become more capable and confident leaders in the Army.





Saber Junction Exercise

During the Saber Junction Exercise, Staff Sergeant Jason Dotterweich had the privilege of serving as the Shift NCOIC (Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge) for the OPFOR (Opposing Force) Intelligence section. In this role, he oversaw critical intelligence operations and ensured coordination within our team. Staff Sergeant (SSG) Dotterweich states “A key part of my duties involved managing the UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) collection. This technology enabled us to gather real-time intelligence on enemy movements and activities, providing a tactical advantage.” He was extremely proud of his ability to help assist during this exercise.

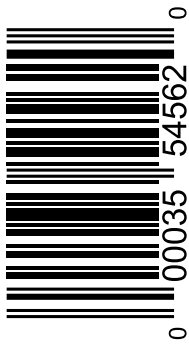
The responsibility for creating detailed intelligence assessments was crucial in shaping OPFOR's strategy and decision-making. Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Joshua Lothspeich and Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Dan Huff awarded two Noncommissioned Officers from Task Force Cavalier Staff Sergeant Wyatt Bockler and Sergeant First Class (SFC) Shane O'Farrell from the 356th Transportation Company with the Army Achievement Medal during the Saber Junction Exercise. This experience sharpened their leadership skills and deepened their understanding of battlefield intelligence operations, especially in a dynamic, joint-multinational training environment like Saber Junction. The combination of fast-paced decision-making and teamwork during this exercise made it a valuable and transformative experience.



Avenger Triad Exercise

Task Force Cavalier was honored to participate in the Avenger Triad exercise, a large-scale, realistic simulation conducted under the V Corps Division. This operation allowed for service members to work closely with our NATO allies, testing our ability to execute complex missions in a joint environment. A key component to the exercise was the Protection Cell, a critical component in coordinating efforts with the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade (ICDSB) and the 317th Military Police Battalion, based in Poznan. Additional support within the cell came from 2LT Joseph Littel of the 541st Transportation Company and 1LT George Solorzano from the 356th Transportation Company, whose contributions were invaluable to the mission.

This exercise emphasized the importance of effective collaboration and decision-making at the highest levels of leadership during large-scale operations. Working under senior commanders' guidance, service members conducted rapid battlefield analysis and implemented swift adjustments to unit protection strategies. The Avenger Triad exercise highlighted the challenges of modern warfare and reinforced the necessity of adaptability and coordination across multinational forces to achieve mission success.



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