



TF WAR NEWSLETTER

February 2020

TF WAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

Task Force War is now over two months into the Arizona Border Mission. The days are often long but the weeks are slipping by quickly as our busy schedule keeps us focused on the mission. By all accounts, Task Force War is doing an outstanding job. I am incredibly proud of the professionalism and selfless service displayed on a daily basis.

Our troops are making a real impact on the border, regularly completing 8 and 12 hour shifts, 4-6 days per week, allowing Customs and Border Protection officers to focus their attention and resources on priority areas. Our troops are all living out of hotels, but with the lack of available hotels near the border, the average drive-time to reach their assigned post is 90 minutes each way. War Soldiers have logged 10s of thousands of miles and countless hours on the road as they travel to and from work each day. We place a big focus on driving safety, conduct regular driver's training, and have specific policies in place to safeguard against accidents. When you add the drive time to their shift on duty, work days commonly extend over a 16hr period. Our safety record and continued mission focus is a true testament to the dedication of our troops and our leaders.

The duration of our mission calls for both endurance and focus to maintain effectiveness through the completion of our mission. We make it a deliberate process to balance the "work / training / rest" cycle of each deployed Soldier. Leaders at the Platoon and Troop level provide opportunities for Soldiers to explore the local area and experience some of the unique attractions that Arizona has to offer. Hiking is the most common activity, followed closely by exploring small towns such Tombstone and Bisbee, Arizona as well as getting into Tucson on occasion. On 15 March the annual Bataan Memorial Death March will be held at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. We will have 25 Soldiers and leaders entering the event which consists of a 26-mile course across the high desert and sand; some will be ruck-marching with over 35lbs of gear and others are planning to run the course. The memorial march is conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health, and in many cases, their very lives. This is an exceptional opportunity to test our stamina and resiliency as we pay respect to those that served before us.

We greatly appreciate the efforts and support of everyone back at Fort Campbell to keep Soldier morale high and to maintain the readiness of the equipment we left behind. Our success is truly a testament to the strong War Rakan Family that includes every Soldier and family member.



TF WAR Hike at Mt. Lemmon

- **LTC James A. Horn**
TF WAR Commander

WAR 7 Signing On

The Task Force has now settled down into its battle rhythm as we enter February. Our mission here is important and complex, yet our Troopers seem undaunted by the challenges and are able to adapt quickly and continue to assist our border patrol partners in their continued efforts to increase security along our border.

As I travel around to see all of the Troops, it amazes me at how professional they are and how they represent our Squadron, Brigade, and 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division. They interact with several different agencies on a daily basis whether it is training, competing, or sharing new ideas and lessons learned, and that provides that added dimension to an experience that they will never forget for the rest of their lives.

The SCO and I are extremely proud of everything that our Task Force has been able to accomplish within relatively short period of time. Last month we executed promotion board. Four Soldiers were selected for promotion to Sergeant. Task Force War executed soldier of the month and NCO of the month competition on 30th January 2020. SGT Simpson, A TRP and SPC Pfander, A/1-187 IN, won the competition.

- **CSM Adin Salkanovic**
TF WAR Command Sergeant Major



Group Hike at Mount Lemmon... Yes there is snow in Arizona.



NCO of the Month: SGT Simpson (Left) ,
Soldier of the Month: SPC Pfander (Right)

WAR RAKKASANS



CSM Adin Salkanovic
TF WAR and 1-33 CAV Squadron
Command Sergeant Major

HHT, 1-33 CAV

Hammer Families,

Greetings from the beautiful Southwest! Your loved ones have accomplished much in the last two months. On the border, your Soldiers have drastically improved operations of the brigade and have set the standard among all the sister battalions down here on the same mission.

In Tucson, your loved ones have established an incredible operations center from nearly nothing. They've increased capability, established products, and most importantly, led in facilitating the entire task force's operations. Lastly, the Soldiers assigned to the Sierra Vista area have been a powerhouse: setting up standards for training, resources, and supplies through the entire area.

Your soldiers have been incredibly helpful to the mission down here. Not only have they been able to conduct training, they have led the brigade, division, and Army in implementing new qualification standards. They've built barriers, created new capabilities, and enabled the training of over 307 Soldiers in January.

- **CPT Christopher Jarrett**
HHT, 1-33 CAV Commander



SGT Brindle qualifies with new standards over watched by SSG Head



Night Training at Fort Huachuca



HHT and SHADOW Troop Soldiers after a great hike in Arizona

Apache Troop, 1-33 CAV

Greetings from the Apache Troop chain of command. As we enter our third month on mission, we continue to provide the best possible support to Customs and Border Protection. Your Soldiers continue to impress myself and 1SG Eggeman, and the praise they receive from Agents and Leaders in the Border Patrol is a testament to that. You may have noticed your Soldiers spending a few extra days on mission each month. This is due to evolving efforts by Border Patrol in our area to maximize our effectiveness. We have additional lodging arrangements to help prevent longer drives, and while the cell phone coverage is not great, it ensures your Soldiers receive proper rest between shifts.

In addition to our ongoing mission, your Soldiers are receiving mentally and physically challenging training from our Platoon Leaders and Senior NCOs. We've been working with National Guard and Army Reserve units in our area to identify unique and quality opportunities to train.

We'd once again like to congratulate SGT(P) Morris and SGT Simpson. SGT(P) Morris recently passed the Staff Sergeant Board and earned his promotable status. SGT Simpson won the Squadron's NCO of the Month Board, proving himself the most physically, mentally, and professionally fit NCO in the Squadron.

SPC Shaffer is our Soldier of the Week. He demonstrated a mastery of our Border Patrol equipment and showed potential above his rank by planning, preparing, and leading a challenging Platoon PT event, Congratulations!

- **CPT Andrew Gassman**
Apache Troop, 1-33 CAV Commander



NCO of the Month: SGT Simpson (Left)

Beast Troop, 1-33 CAV

We are now two months into our deployment and the newness has begun to wear off. Your Soldiers are executing their tasks and conducting our mission down here at the Southwest Border with great success and praise from our CBP partners. As we have received the majority of our late deployer's it has eased the workload and allowed Soldiers to have more time off from the mission. This has enabled Beast Soldiers the opportunity to explore all that Sierra Vista and the surrounding area has to offer. Soldiers have spent time exploring the old Queen Copper Mine in Bisbee, AZ, taking in a Cowboy gun-fight and learning about the Old Wild West in Tombstone, AZ, and exploring all that the City of Tucson, AZ has to offer. A large priority has been placed on ensuring Soldiers have time away from the mission every few days so that they can focus on themselves and their goals such as college, physical fitness, learning a new language, and more.

BEAST TROOP

While Soldiers have been enjoying their down time in Sierra Vista and the surrounding area, it hasn't been all fun and games down here. Weekly the Soldiers have been focusing on training in their individual skills ensuring that they stay combat focused and ready. Training so far has focused on the fundamentals of reconnaissance, individual movement techniques, and medical training. As with any training event, Beast Troop Soldiers have performed well above the standard and have prepared themselves to move on to some of the more complex training we have planned throughout the mission.

Your Soldiers hard work and dedication to the mission has provided Beast Troop with the opportunity to promote six Soldiers within our ranks this month. Sergeant Dillon, Sergeant Dragan, and Sergeant Smith were all promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Private First Class Casas and Private First Class Jones were promoted to the rank of Specialist, and Private Martinez was promoted to the rank of Private First Class. All of these promotions are earned and well deserved. None of these Soldiers could have made it as far as they have without a strong support system at home. We thank you for your continuous support to your Solider and Beast Troop and look forward to seeing you in September.

BEAST RECON!

- CPT Shaun D. O'Connor
Beast Troop Commander



Shadow Troop, 1-33 CAV

Team Shadow had a very busy and productive January. We conducted M4 Qualification on Fort Huachuca over the course of three weeks; Soldiers completed Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction, Engagement Skills Trainer, and multiple live fire tables in order to qualify. Additionally, TM Shadow Snipers participated in weapons and technique familiarization training. Soldiers increased their lethality not only with weapons qualifications, but the physical training that we conduct on a daily basis. Soldiers have been doing trail runs, mountain hikes, weight room training and other exercise events to stay fit to fight.

Team Shadow proudly promoted two very exceptional Soldiers to the rank of Specialist: Bryant Sparks and Gracie Paden. Also being acknowledged for excellent work, SPC David Holdridge was given special recognition for proficiency on the radio and accuracy of reporting by the Patrol Agent in Charge of Tucson. This act had not been done to previous units executing this mission, and is a testament to the professionalism and discipline that our Soldiers exhibit on a daily basis.

In an effort to keep a balance between all of the training and mission requirements, Soldiers have had outings to conduct fun events such as Dave & Busters and TopGolf. Future events currently being planned include a Grand Canyon Hike and the Bataan Death March. February will be another busy month for the team here. We will be conducting M4 Qualification retraining, M249 Qualification and M320 Qualification. As the Team here balances the mission as well as physical and weapons training, we appreciate the support from families and friends back at Fort Campbell, KY.

- **CPT Evan Walsh**
C TRP, 1-33 CAV Commander



1-33 CAV Rear Detachment

As always, it is “one team; one fight” for the War Rakkasans. That team includes both the Task Force War Soldiers deployed to Arizona and the Squadron Soldiers supporting them from Fort Campbell. Moreover, it extends to all 1-33 CAV family members and veterans. The strength of the Squadron is its Soldiers, and the strength of our Soldiers are their families.

You can tell a lot about a unit by how it receives and farewells Soldiers. The War Rakkasans did both the right way over the last month. In conjunction with the change of responsibility from CSM Bradley Bricker to CSM Adin Salkanovic at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, on January 15, 2020, the Squadron said goodbye to one of its staunchest supporters – Mrs. Deborah Bricker. For two years, she selflessly helped lead the FRG and build the extended Squadron team. With every end, there is a new beginning. On January 28, 2020, the FRG came together for a luncheon to welcome Mrs. Justine Salkanovic to the unit.

Over the last month, the team at Fort Campbell prepared 42 more Soldiers to deploy in support of the Squadron’s main effort – US Customs and Border Protection assistance. In spite of the losses, Task Force War (Rear) remains postured to attack its three standing priorities – maintenance, physical training, and warrior skills training.

Led by Hound Forward Support Company, the rear team broke from these efforts for a well-attended organizational day at Hooper Bowling Alley on January 24, 2020. Between tough training events and FRG activities like Super Bowl watch parties and the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, the Squadron will continue to build esprit de corps on and off duty. After all, its teamwork and unit pride that make being a Man of War and a Rakkasan extra special.

- MAJ Bryan Jones
Squadron XO, 1-33 CAV



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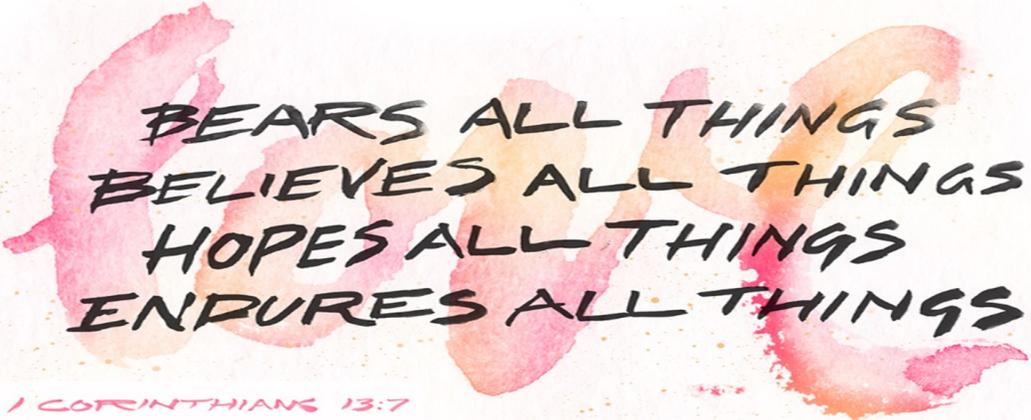
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Chaplain's Corner



BEARS ALL THINGS
BELIEVES ALL THINGS
HOPES ALL THINGS
ENDURES ALL THINGS

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

Love is in the air during the month of February. Candy hearts have been on Walmart shelves since the day after Christmas and Facebook advertisements are trying to sell you 6 foot stuffed animals to send to your significant other. Our consumer culture sends us the message that if we really love each other we will spend lots of money showing it.

Love is deeper than gifts given on a day in February. The popular book "The 5 Love Languages," by Gary Chapman teaches that people receive love differently. For example, some feel loved by receiving a thoughtful gift from a loved one where others may appreciate intentional time spent together more than receiving things. The point Gary is making is that love is communicated well when each person demonstrates interest in and caring for the other person in a way they value most.

Actively caring for one another is echoed in the Paul's words from the New Testament, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." This love he describes is consistent through the good times and the bad. Authentic love is as much a decision as a feeling.

As deployment days come and go, I challenge you to come up with creative ways to show love for your significant other. How does he or she know that you care? Decide today to care for each other and strive to cultivate a love together that endures until you are together again.

- **CPT Christopher Anest**
1-33 CAV Chaplain

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