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FROM THE TC HATCH

The President's Corner
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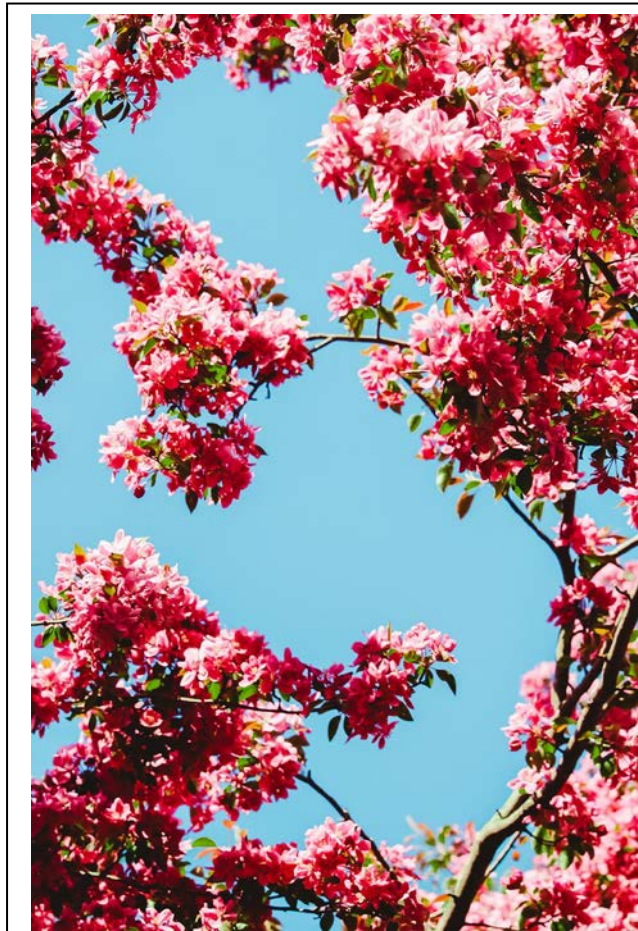
Hello Fellow Members:

It has already been a busy time this year at Ft. Moore for the 1/50th with a few graduations. Upcoming on March 29th at 0930 there will be a rededication of the Vietnam War Memorial at Ft. Moore. They are replacing the current temporary wall with a permanent granite wall. Anyone that would like to attend is invited to do so.

As we look forward to later in the year, on July 10th there will be a change of command ceremony for the Battalion Commander, Lt Col Julian Kemper who will be outgoing commander. We want to wish him well in his future assignments and endeavors.

It's time to be thinking forward to our next biannual reunion next year. We don't have any dates yet, but we encourage everyone to put that on your radar to make plans to join us next year. We'll be sending more information as time goes on.

Jimmy



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Philippians 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

EDITOR'S NOTE



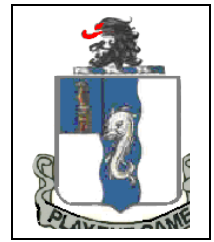
Greetings one and all:

As I sit at my desk this morning I look out and see the tree tops and a beautiful blue sky. Sometimes I think we forget to stop and be grateful for the many blessings we receive each day. With all the crazy things going on around us we need to stop and be grateful for what we have and pray God will manage the rest. Get out and vote, support your candidate.

I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful family. Each of us have our own lives and are so extremely busy that we forget to stop and take a breath and breathe in the many wonderful things around us. A child's smile a loved one's hug, watching the squirrels playing on the front lawn. Whatever it is that you like to enjoy, stop and take time to relax and enjoy the peace that comes with a prayer and a faith that helps us to deal with all of life's issues.

I am grateful for each of you and am happy to serve you all. Thank you for serving our country.

Blessings ,
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INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMANDER

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Brandon Bangsboll is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He is an Infantry officer, commissioned in 2006 from the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point.

LTC Bangsboll served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in 2-506, 101st (Air Assault); Mechanized Infantry Company Commander in 2-7 Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division; Company Commander in the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard); Staff Officer in Training and Doctrine Command HQ, G-3/5/7 Accessions Directorate; Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer in 1st BCT, 101st (Air Assault). He has been stationed to Fort Campbell, KY; Fort Hood, TX; Fort Myers, VA; Fort Eustis, VA and deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. He is a Major General James Wright (MGJW) MBA Fellow from the College of William & Mary.



LTC Bangsboll currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Military Science and Executive Officer for the Blue Jay Battalion at the University of Maryland Baltimore College (UMBC) and The Johns Hopkins University (JHU). He is a values driven leader and is passionate about the Army and service. He is joined by his wife, Erin, and daughters, Catherine, Annalee and Josephine.

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LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

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Note: Dave Parker served in Vietnam with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry from February to December 1970.

My first time in the field I was with Company B, First Platoon in SGT Ortega's Second Squad. I didn't know what to pack or what to expect, and I was a bundle of nerves. I packed my rucksack with plenty of ammo, water and food; maybe too much of everything if that was possible. My ruck was heavy - real heavy. I remember getting on the chopper and lifting off, it was a beautiful view but that didn't help my nerves any. My mind was going at a hundred miles per hour but nothing seems to be registering or make any sense. It was about a half hour or more before we started our descent and the faster we descended the faster my mind went. I could see and hear the other guys talking but it was like I was deaf and blind; nothing was registering at all.

Then it was time to dismount the chopper and because it wasn't landing, we had to jump, first one guy then the next and then my turn. I hadn't been paying any attention; all I knew is that it was a long ways down to the ground. Someone said, "Jump" so I did, straight out the door and flat on my back. I hit so hard that it knocked the wind right out of me.

So here I am laying In the middle of the landing zone and I couldn't breathe and couldn't move, all I could hear were the guys yelling "Get out of the LZ, get out of the LZ!" Yeah, right! I was like a statue. They had to come and drag me out!

I finally got my wind and my senses back and everyone had a good laugh at my stupidity and they even let me (the new guy) walk point. Gee, how nice of them. Anyway the lessons learned were "Pay attention" and "Don't jump with your rucksack on, throw it out first before you jump."

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PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas:

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete without Turnips:

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love. There Is Much Fruit IN Your Garden Because You Reap What You Sow. Pass It On!!!

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS WANTED

Please feel free to send in items for the newsletter. My home address and email address is located on the editors page.

I would love to hear from more of you and do appreciate the email I do receive.

This newsletter has been dedicated to new beginnings. Many of our lives have and are changing. May each of you find hope and begin to find many blessings in all the chaos of today's world.

Peace,
Lorene (Editor)



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