

266TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION



The Provider Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM PROVIDER 6 LTC Schulz



Hello Provider Family, almost through this quarter and it has been a whirlwind. There has been a ton of transition and more to come. I myself have passed the halfway mark for my time in command. I have reflected a lot on what we have overcome and am ready for what we have yet to tackle. I know we have the right team and the right drive which leads me into our topic (my third priority) this quarter...do we have the right supplies? We have been knocking it out of the park despite personnel shortfalls but what about what we need in order to execute our mission?

I was taught very early in my career that a leader owes their team: vision, time, and resources. We know our mission is to train the future force. We can agree our vision is that our team is composed of leaders of character, commitment, and competence; trained and ready to safely execute any mission. We have been making mission and using the time and personnel we have to get things done but what about our resources? What is your role in ensuring our team has the right supplies at the right place at the right time?

I challenge everyone to take a look around. Don't settle for status quo. Are we resourced appropriately? If not what have you done about it? Everyone in

> "You don't have to own it to influence it" 19th Army Materiel Commander

this formation has a duty to make this mission a successful one, the future of our force depends on it. It can be complex when it comes to timelines and funding associated with resourcing. There are planning horizons that must be considered but your efforts now will positively impact those that follow. Do you want better for those that come after you? I do.

You may not directly influence every part of the

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process and that is okay. You may not see the fruits of your labor and that is okay. Let's see our resourcing shortfalls anyway. We won't know unless you formalize the request. Your relentless pursuit to better your fighting position ensures everyone wins.

Have you asked for resourcing? Was the answer acceptable? If not then let's talk. I want to know more. From a leaky faucet to innovative solutions to complex problems, send up the demand. I want our team in a safe and secure environment. I want our team thinking beyond tomorrow.

Take pride in your work space, your living space on installation, (and off), in your equipment and hold yourself and this organization accountable. We are all in this together, we are stronger together. Train to Support!

PROVIDER 6

A MESSAGE FROM PROVIDER 7 CSM Ricketts



Provider Family – with some of the pandemic restrictions being lifted across the country and the Army I want to encourage every Soldier, Family member, and Civilian to focus on safety during the summer months. As the installation starts to return-back to normal, I encourage everyone, who can, to get the COVID-19 vaccine and follow the CDC guidance. I solicit all of your support to promote safety around

Fort Lee and the local community.
As the temperatures start to rise I know many of our Soldiers, Family members, and Civilians will take time to enjoy recreational activities, vacations, or just a road trip. Please do your risk assessment and implement safety measures to minimize accidents and injuries.

Leaders please be familiar with the principles of risk management so that you can properly identify and mitigate operational hazards, including environmental conditions. Ensure that you and your junior leaders know the methods for preventing heat illness, use the risk management process to mitigate hazards associated with working and training in the heat, and have a detailed plan to respond to individuals suffering from heat illness.

Evaluate environmental factors including temperature, wind, and the number of days with high heat and humidity and evaluate each task for required intensity level and exertion, load to be carried, and total days of repeated strenuous activity. Most of all, you must know your Soldiers especially those with previous heat illness.

A quick reminder, never forget accountability. Leaders, ensure that your Soldiers are in tolerance with AR 350-1 training, MEDPROS, and HR Metrix. Also, team, plan accordingly to use your leave days so that no one loses their leave days. Thanks for your support and hard work!

-PROVIDER 7

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

A MESSAGE FROM PROVIDER 5 MAJ Eric Taylor

Provider Team and Family- I would like to introduce myself, I am MAJ Eric Taylor and your new Battalion Executive Officer. I hail from Dallas, Texas and joined the Army in 1998 as 92Y Unit Supply Specialist. In 2009, I graduated from the Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Quartermaster Officer. My assignments have placed me in positions from the tactical level

up to the strategic level. In my last position I served as the Chief of Operations for the Sustainment Capabilities, Development and Integration Directorate for Army Futures Command.

There are no words that can express how excited I am to be part of the Provider Team and Family. Over next few weeks I will make my way around to the different departments and

sections to introduce myself in person. If you see me out and about please feel free to come up and say hi. As your new XO, I hope to keep you connected and up to date with the operational force, because we are all headed back there at some point.

So I want to leave you with one of my many sayings – There is no job more important to your career than the one you are doing at this very moment, so treat it that way.

-PROVIDER 5

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Chaplain Barthelemy

Greetings Provider Family,

I hope the last Quarter went well for everyone. The good news is that we are finally enjoying some sun and heat. As we approach the summer. This is good opportunity to spend more time with our loved ones and self-care. Many of you been working very hard, deserve time off, time away from work, a vacation or something. I pray that each of you regardless of your faith tradition will enjoy a blessed summer as you make your own sacrifice to serve our nation.

I would like to express my gratitude to all who have invested the time and hard work supporting the Unit Ministry Team (UMT). As I leave you I would like you to reflecting on this passage.

King David found refuge in God. He poured out his heart to God and knew that his rest and

peace would only be found in Him. Here, he is crying out in a cave to the only one who redeemed him. With God's strength, he persevered. In his diligent work, he worked faithfully. He worked to please

God, and yet, due to his success, King Saul sinned in being jealous and angry.

I believe we were made for this, brave as a lion, our profession requires that we advance when others retreat, remain when others flee, and hope when all seems lost.

¹I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.

²I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.

Psalms

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY "NIGHTHAWK" CPT Sargent and 1SG Purter





Ms. Lewis, SFC Walters, and CPT Sargent provided 5 **SHARP** training sessions for HHC's military and Civilians. HHC conducted training in-person and on MS Teams. COL Affolder pictured attended training and **SHARP** stressed that the program may be the Commander's Program it is everyone's responsibility to prevent Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault.



SFC Lamer, 92L Training Developer, shared with SSG Byrd (92G), 1SG Purter (92Y),

and CPT Sargent what 92L, Petroleum Lab Specialists are learning during MOS training and what they do for the force after AIT.



The command team conducted 12 in-person and MS Teams Stand Up to Extremism sessions during Army Profession Week. As a culminating event,

HHC was able to conduct one additional unique Profession Week Training by conducting briefs on Suicide Prevention, SHARP, and extremism at Tree Time Adventures. HHC used the opportunity to build trust and cohesive teams within the unit.



Provider 7 presented a Provider Coin of Excellence to SSG Byrd. SSG Byrd's work ethic and professionalism is what every NCO should emulate. He goes above and beyond his responsibilities of an Operations NCO.



SGT Darbouze, was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant during a ceremony held at the Women's Museum on 30 APR 21. SSG Darbouze was promoted by DS Bowman in a small ceremony supported by Headquarters section.



CPT Ellerbe was the oath administering officer for SGT Randolph's reenlistment ceremony.



HHC, 23D QM BDE continued their reception mission by receiving and in-processing over 2,000 Soldiers this quarter thus start their journey to join the Quartermaster Corps.

BRAVO COMPANY "FORGED IN FIRE" CPT Okangba and 1SG Lugo



On 25MAR21, as part of community engagement efforts, Bravo Company Soldiers learned history of the American Civil War



while donating their time and energy to assist Petersburg National Park personnel in cleanup. The Soldiers collected enough trash to fill seven 33-gallon trash bags!

Thanks to their hard work, the waterways and land of Petersburg National Battlefield are less polluted, and our ecosystems are much healthier. Bravo Company also supported the 17APR21 annual American Battlefield Trust's Park Day by volunteering multiple hours of hands on preservation of the Petersburg National Battlefield.





Bravo Company also kicked off a shoe drive in support of Soles4Souls, a non-profit organization that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. The donations started 1MAR21 and over 100 pairs of shoes were donated by our Soldiers and Families.

Additionally, on 19MAY21, Bravo Company hosted the annual Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Observance to recognize the contributions made by people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States Army.



The Joint Culinary Training
Center (JTC) provided maximum
support to all elements of the
Armed Forces in executing training
when it comes to large scale field
feeding operations. SGT Johnson is
assigned to Bravo Company with
JCTC Field Operations Training

Branch as a Direct Support to the Training Environment (DSTE) NCO. He has provided the department with his daily non-stop hard work and dedication in support of training. SGT Johnson is always committed to assist platform instructors in training field feeding operations by using his past experience and knowledge to help conduct all training to include providing instructional briefs in a field operations environment.



Bravo Company executed command and control of the QMFTX for 21-18 (12APR21-14APR21) and made a few additions to the FTX to increase rigor and reinforce Troop Leading Procedures (TLPs). The addition of convoy operations provided Soldiers with a realistic experience on how to conduct resupply missions, the importance of establishing aid and liter, enemy prisoner war teams, and understanding command and control of the element. Soldiers were assessed on their movement to contact, tactical combat casualty care (TC3), and Warrior Task and battle Drills (WTBDs). At

the conclusion of the exercise, each platoon nominated a soldier to compete for the QMFTX Hero.

Each contender was tested on their Warrior Task and Battle Drill knowledge, weapons assembly/disassembly, and army leadership.



Finally, it was a bittersweet experience this quarter to see a phenomenal Drill Sergeant dehat. Senior Drill Sergeant Benjamin Dejesus' unmatched work ethic and selfless leadership was pivotal in the development of his peers and the success of Bravo Company. Drill Sergeant Dejesus successfully completed a grueling 36 months on the Drill Sergeant trail and he will be a vital asset to any organization he is assigned to!



MIKE COMPANY "NO ROOM FOR THE WEAK" CPT James and 1SG Blanchard



Mike Company and the Joint Mortuary Affairs Center (JMAC) department have had an extensive quarter of highlights and personnel transition. M CO and JMAC bid farewell to three superior leaders from each organization. While some depart, we are excited to welcome two new Drill Sergeants (SFC Hernandez & SSG Min), our new Supply Specialist (SPC Giles) and their Families to the Spartan team. While new to Mike Company, but coming from 262 QM BN, we welcome our Senior Drill Sergeant and acting First Sergeant; SFC Martinez (SDS) to the Spartan Family.

A few highlights include our unit executing the first in-person community engagement event since the pandemic. Our Soldiers and cadre selflessly volunteered their time to assist the Dinwiddie



Food Bank in feeding over 1,000 people in the local area.

As the smallest unit in the Brigade, Mike Company proudly placed 2nd during BDE Soldier Stakes. Our team developed a new and sustainable Holdover Rehabilitative Training Program which promotes the future success of our Soldiers transitioning back to Civilian life.



I would like to also thank and highlight our JMAC department leaders. These QM professionals work tirelessly to ensure our 92M AIT Soldiers are properly trained in their MOS Specialty and provide the subject matter expert knowledge and skill that is required to ensure the future success of these Soldiers.

Lastly, thank you to our Families and loved ones. Our Spartan and JMAC leaders would not be able to perform at this level without your support!

TANGO COMPANY STANDARDS AND DISCIPLINE START HERE" CPT Aguilar and 1SG Helmick

This last quarter Tango successfully completed two Brigade Level QMFTX rotations where Soldiers were trained on different weapon systems, ASIP Radios, and CBRNE pro mask. Collectively between both rotations Tango Company trained and developed 620 AIT students as well and 49 NCO's for Army Logistic University (ALU). Soldiers and NCO's were





challenged while conducting reconnaissance, Class I resupply, and Key Leader Engagement missions. NCO's were evaluated on their troop leading procedures providing a realistic experience for Soldiers to execute and become proficient in their Warrior task and Battle Drills (WTBD).

Tango recently said farewell to two fellow Tigers. CPT Cierra Goodman the Company's Executive officer is headed to the Captains Career Course after recently being promoted and SGT Quinn Brathwaite the Company's Operations Clerk is in route to Hawaii with his Family. Both individuals have made an instrumental impact during their time in Tango Company and will truly be missed. As the Army goes rolling along we know they will continue to great things in their future assignments. Tango Company wished them the best of luck in all future endeavors.



The Advanced Culinary Skills
Training Division continues to set
standard as they train service
members from across all forces

in Specialized Culinary Training providing a foundation of combined skills and knowledge for service members interested in entering the Enlisted Aid Field and service members seeking enhanced culinary talents. This quarter the Instructors from the Advance Culinary Skills team had the opportunity to show off their skills after a week of Jacquy Pfeiffer pastry training. The Instructors facilitated an amazing display of excellence while providing a delicious buffet demonstrating their advance techniques acquired during the six week course.



Tango Company eagerly
awaits normalcy as they
continues to build relationships
and engage the community.
Over the last Quarter the Soldiers

have contributed to the Colonial Heights Food Bank, as well volunteering at Virginia State University's Food Distribution Center. Recently a new relationship was initiated with the Rock Church of Petersburg and the Kappa Lambda Chi; Military Fraternity. Recently Tango Company brought home the trophy in the flag football tournament hosted by the church. We're looking forward to continuing to build old relationship as new ones grow. Recently Tango Company participated in the churches flag football tournament Tango Company will be collecting back packs and school supplies to contribute to the church's back to school supply drive taking place over the summer.



266th 3rd QUARTER HONOR COMPANY COMPETITION

The battalion conducted its 3rd Quarter Honor Company Competition, with each company being evaluated on four different categories. They were inspected on their TMP logbook, the cleanliness of their barracks and office areas, one Physical Fitness session with Battalion Top 3, and a 14 question quiz on the Command Supply Discipline Program and Safety. All four companies competed extremely hard but in the end HHC came away with the honor of having the Battalion Honor Company sign posted out in front of their company for the next quarter. So congratulations to the Nighthawks!



BN EO & BOSS REPRESENTATIVES



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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BOSS REPRESENTIVE

SGT MOE

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BOSS REPRESENTIVE

PFC COLLINS

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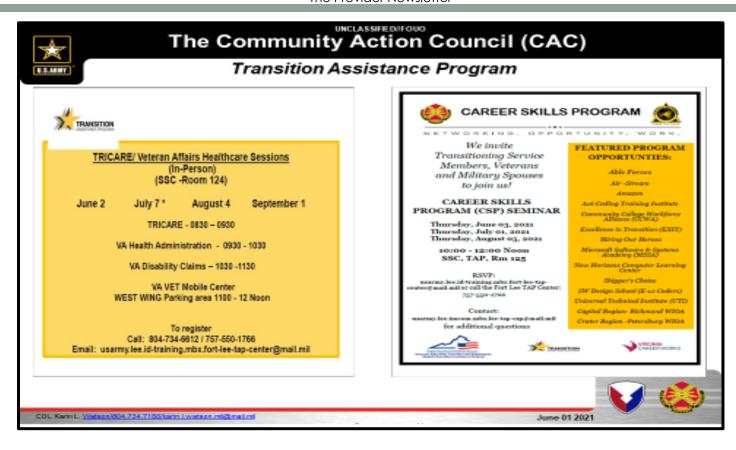
BN SHARP & MFLC REPRESENTATIVES

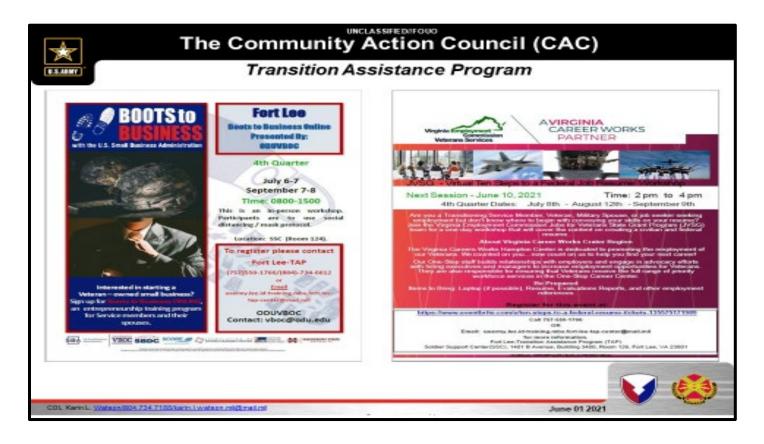


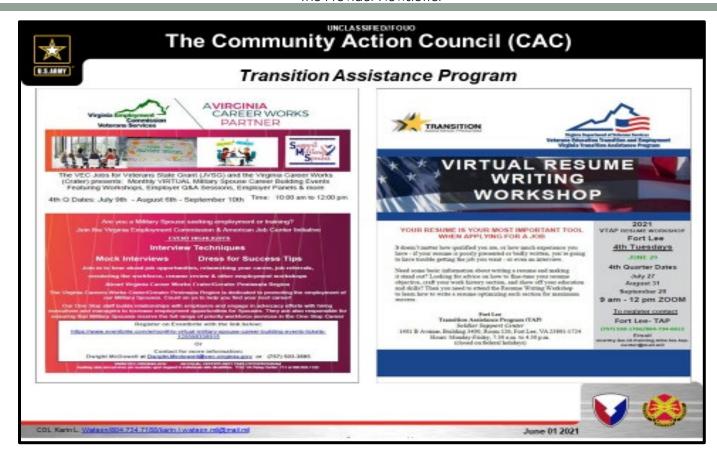














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The Community Action Council (CAC) FORT LEE AREA SPOUSES' CLUB (FLASO

Upcoming FLASC Events

Friday, June 4 at 10:00 am - Brewer's Delight DJs Java Joint, 309 N. Sycamore St., Petersburg

Thursday, June 17 at 9:00 am - Outdoor Adventures at Petersburg National Battlefield

Monday, June 21 at 6:30 pm - Book Club - All We Ever Wanted by Emily Griffin

Tuesday, June 22 at 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch at Richland's Dairy and Creamery, 460 Cox Rd., Blackstone, VA

Thursday, July 1 - Outdoor Adventures Red, White & Blue Walk. Meet at Williams Stadium at 8:30 am

Wednesday, July 21 at 11:30 am - Lunch Bunch At Jimmy's Grill & Pizzeria, 5380 Oakland Blvd, Prince George

Can't wait to see you!

Register to take advantage of our events by texting or calling Jen Majewski 804.721.4335

✓ All Fort Lee Covid-19 and State of Virginia Guidelines will be followed



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