

1/3 Infantry Battalion (The Old Guard)

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One Legion Battalion Command Team

Greetings One Legion Soldiers, Leaders, Family and Friends – to begin I must say that my first year as 1st Battalion's Commander has been the most professionally rewarding 365 days of my 17 years in the Army and one of the greatest honors I have experienced. Command Sergeant Major Wilder and I remain committed to the honorable and essential mission of this battalion and the Soldiers who work hard every day to make that mission a success. We are on the critical path and I fully expect that during my second year in command we will continue to grow and operate at this level of excellence thanks to each and every one of you on our team. Continue to give 100% every day and grow professionally and personally so that we may continue to develop as an organization that meets the highest standards.

We want to welcome our new Soldiers and families that have recently joined the 1st Battalion formation and wish those farewell that will be departing our ranks shortly. Much has happened over the last few months and our Soldiers continue to meet the highest standards of The Old Guard. Whether on the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, the many venues in the National Capital Region, or the training areas at Fort A.P. Hill, we continue to do our job well. As we begin the summer season, we have some key events that will serve as our operational focus over the course of the next few months. The highlights are many Special General Officer Retirements, monthly Department of the Army Retirement Ceremonies, The Old Guard Regimental Commander's Change of Command, and much more. The CSM and I are honored to serve with you and thankful for the families that support our Soldiers. Enjoy your profession – enjoy the time with your family and friends and have a great summer. Washington's Own – Strength and Honor!

BRANDON S. ROBBINS
Battalion Commander

WILLAM S. WILDER
Command Sergeant Major

Battlehard Company

Much has happened in Bravo Company since the Fall Newsletter as we have been busy both in our ceremonial and tactical duties. Over the past few months the company has conducted numerous ceremonial missions to include: Firing Party missions for funerals inside Arlington National Cemetery and several Department of the Army and General Officer Ceremonies to include the new Review Chief of Staff of the Army. In February, Bravo Company was selected to deploy to Kuwait in support of their 50/20 celebration. We have completed several tactical training events throughout the past few months to include marksmanship qualification, squad live fire and Expert Infantryman Badge testing at Fort A.P. Hill. We would like to congratulate our Soldiers who successfully passed all the requirements for the EIB. In the upcoming weeks, Battlehard Company will continue to conduct ceremonial missions in Arlington National Cemetery and also will be traveling to Fort A.P. Hill to conduct marksmanship and shoot house training. Battlehard!

PAT KELLY
Commander

CHARLES KINGSLAND III
First Sergeant



One Legion Leaders and Staff on 17 May 2011



Bravo Company in Kuwait for the 50/20 Celebration in February 2011

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Charlie Guard

The months of April and May went by in a flash. From chilly days to unexpectedly warm days, I think we are all ready to break out the shorts and have some fun in the sun. As the summer approaches, the Old Guard becomes busier with the increased requirements for ceremonies and funerals. The month of April consisted of Charlie Company controlling Arlington National Cemetery, while the rest of the Old Guard practiced and conducted the retirement ceremony of the Chief of Staff of the Army, General George Casey. 2nd Platoon became proficient in its task in preparation of Twilight Tattoo; Crew served weapons training was conducted; and we conducted the practice and execution of the former AFRICOM commander, General Ward's retirement ceremony, and a Department of the Army Retirement Ceremony.

For the month of May, the men of Charlie Guard spent their fair share in Arlington National Cemetery; conducting five Twilight Tattoos (Ft. McNair and West Point) and conducting a Team Leader Development at Fort A.P. Hill. I encourage all of you to come out and support our troops during our ceremonies. There are many more to come.



Charlie Company Firing Party in Arlington National Cemetery conducting the funeral of CPL Frank Buckles, the last American WWI veteran in March 2011

I would like to extend a special congratulation to several Charlie Company Soldiers, who stood tall and achieved major accomplishments during the month of May.

SFC Rhoten, placed 13th out of 50 competitors at the Best Ranger Competition in Fort Benning, GA

SGT Trombley on his promotion to Staff Sergeant

CPL Frennete, CPL Verves, SPC Castrillion and SPC Roberson on their promotions to Sergeant

SPC Delacerda, SPC Kemmere, SPC Taylor for being selected for promotion to Sergeant.

With summer quickly approaching, I hope you are all making summer plans to spend time with one another here in DC or abroad. Time with loved ones is precious, so take every moment to cherish it!

As always, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at future FRG meetings and company events to come. I would like to offer special thanks to our FRG leader Mrs. Laura Church for all that she has done for the company. FRG email: charlie1_3frg@yahoo.com

TERRY BROWN
Commander

MICHAEL PAUL
First Sergeant

Hard Rock Company

Hello Hard Rock families! My first month as a new commander has been eventful. This is generally a good thing, since it makes the days pass quicker. The boys have been performing incredibly well. H Co has conducted a week of what we call "Primary". This means we are conducting funerals in Arlington National Cemetery. We average about twenty funerals a day. Our week of primary included two full honor funerals for two General Officers. As you can imagine these are high profile events and the guys performed their duties exceptionally well. Following that, we conducted a week of Ceremonies and Special Events, which we dub "CSE".

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A Hotel Company Casket Team conducts funeral training in the company area

I am a new company commander, and hope our FRG can be welcoming and purposeful for all. So many times the FRG is looked on as simply a wives function. For myself, I understand whether a Soldier is married or single, someone loves him and cares for him. Whether this person is his wife, girlfriend, mother, or grandmother is irrelevant to me. I truly hope every Soldier has a family member on our Company Facebook page and the distribution list for the newsletter.

We will have our first FRG meeting in the near future if there is interest in having one. We are also planning company get-togethers, which will not impose on your weekends. I promise there will be no “mandatory fun”. If we do a picnic or BBQ it will be during work hours so we don’t take away from your precious (and all too short) dwell time. Please do not hesitate to call Carrie (the new FRG leader) with any questions or concerns.

DREW DAVIES
Commander

SCOTT THOMAS
First Sergeant

Since we are re in the Army, we have to make an acronym out of everything. The guys did an amazing job that week marching in General Ward’s retirement ceremony. They followed that high profile event with another outstanding performance in a Department of the Army Retirement Ceremony. This week the guys will be headed to the range where the machine gunners will zero and qualify with their weapons systems, and the rest of the guys will practice short range marksmanship with their M4 carbines. When they aren’t honing their combat skills, the guys will practice their Memorial Affairs (funeral) tasks.

Delta Company

Dawghouse Family and Friends,

Yet another quarter has come and gone. We’ve said goodbye to some great Soldiers and welcomed a few new faces; mine among them. MAJ Stultz and his family will be missed, but we wish them all the best as he assumes command of Echo Company. I also want to thank the Leaders, Soldiers, and Family Members of Delta Company for the warm welcome you have extended to my wife, Carla; children, Ava and Jonathan; and me. We look forward to working with and for all of you!

Over the last few months, the company has accomplished some amazing things. These achievements are often the result of outstanding individual effort, with the benefits received by the company. Whether running ranges, caring for Soldiers, conducting ceremonies or winning competitions, our Leaders and Soldiers continue to make Delta Company the best in the Regiment! You will see teamwork as a recurring theme as we move forward.



2011 by SGT Gordon Penn

Hotel Company conducts RPT on Summerall Field

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Teamwork resulted in nine Delta Company Soldiers receiving the Expert Infantryman Badge at the end of March. Our teamwork is evident in the immaculate performances that Delta Company has put in at the numerous high profile ceremonies over the last several months. It's also impressive to see the discipline and professionalism displayed whenever we get a chance to hone our Infantry skills at a range or training exercise.



Delta Company marches in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City on 17 March 2011



SSG McAlpine finishes the road march in first place at the Best Ranger Competition

Finally, and perhaps most impressively, SSG McAlpine put in an outstanding showing at the Army's Best Ranger Competition. The support you give to your Soldier and the company makes all these things possible. Thank you!

NATE PETERSON
Commander

SHELLY JENKINS
First Sergeant

Headquarters and Headquarters Company

Looking forward, the company will get the chance to build on our recent rifle and machine gun ranges by executing a team live fire exercise in June and a squad live fire exercise in August. We're also looking forward to a few much-needed long weekends throughout the course of the busy summer season. In August, our team leaders will get the chance to put into practice the training received over the last quarter with a week-long field training exercise. We look forward to reaping the benefits of a more experienced, confident crop of junior leaders.

We would also like to wish congratulations to SSG Blanton and his squad, who won the company's squad competition recently. SFC Beverage "breezed through" Ranger School and is now preparing to send half of 2nd Platoon to follow in his footsteps!

As **Hastati Company** begins what is referred to as the "Busy Season", we took time to remember our fallen for Memorial Day. And as we move forward into the summer season, we will continue to honor our nation's fallen with excellence and vigor. Caisson and the Salute Battery are supporting this year's Twilight Tattoo with our normal package, and have met great success; so a "Great Job" goes out to them. A few of our Soldiers and NCO's have also been busy hitting the books and have represented HHC well during the 3rd Quarter boards. SPC Stein (Presidential Salute Battery) won 1/3 Soldier of the Month while SGT Watson won NCO of the Month and will compete for this quarter's NCO of the Quarter. Caisson was also well represented at the boards, as SGT Mathena was named the Regimental NCO of the Quarter for 3rd Quarter and will compete for The Old Guard NCO of the Year!

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The Caisson Platoon just completed their Advanced Riding course, and have enabled their Soldiers to ride with confidence and tested proficiency. They also recently participated in the burial service for CPL Buckles, the last known surviving American WWI veteran (pictured below).



Caisson conducts the funeral for CPL Frank Buckles, the last American veteran of WWI

The Salute Battery has continued to perform their duties with honor, as they now practice weekly their crew drills inside of Arlington National Cemetery prior to opening to the public. They have recently received an influx of Soldiers from such units as the 173rd ABN, 1st Cavalry, and Ft. 1st Armored Division. Tactical mortar training is scheduled in the upcoming months and they are excited to enrich their knowledge of both their MOS and their jobs as Infantrymen. Most recently, the Salute Battery celebrated Memorial Day by firing a 21 gun salute for President Obama as he laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, as well as a 21 gun salute to our fallen comrades (pictured below).



The PSB renders a 21 gun salute for President Obama on Memorial Day 2011

DALE TERRILL
Commander

LEE THOMPSON
First Sergeant

MARK WORRELL
Battalion Chaplain



LTC Robbins marches with his departing staff members CPT Lincoln, MAJ Downing, and MAJ Farrell in the May DA Retirement Ceremony all of whom will be leaving 1st BN this month

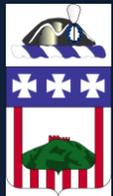
Chaplain

Loyalty: We see it almost every day as part of the Army Values, but what does it really mean as we put boots on the ground for our mission on a daily basis? In May 2008, SFC Leroy Arthur Petty demonstrated loyalty when he ran to a live grenade near his position and threw it in the enemy's direction, ensuring that the two Soldiers that were with him (SGT Higgins and PFC Lucas) were safe. For his valor, President Obama, will award him the Medal of Honor on 12 July because he took care of his Soldiers. "I think he lives by example and is very committed to his soldiers," said Janice Buckley, president of Washington-based Heartbeat-Serving Wounded Warriors. In doing so, he put his life on the line and lost his hand.

We are committed to "taking one for the team" in combat, but in The Old Guard, the picture is a little different. We should each ask the questions: How can I put others ahead of me? As a Senior Leader, what does it look like to be loyal to my Soldiers and take some of the work off their plate once in a while so they can go and spend time with family and friends. How do I do give them the responsibility of taking a little more on their plate? As a junior leader, how can I be a buffer to ensure my Soldiers are taken care of? As a Soldier, what does it look like to come alongside a Battle Buddy and watch out for him? Each of us has agreed to the Army Values—there is no one way to demonstrate any of them, but we can each exemplify them by serving others!

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PROMOTIONS

HHC

HHC	HENRY	JEREMY	SPC	1-May-11
HHC	EDGE	MICHAEL	PFC	1-May-11
HHC	BLUE	JOSHUA	SGT	1-May-11
HHC	HENRY	MATTHEW	SPC	1-May-11
HHC	WALLER	LEONARD	SGT	1-May-11
HHC	THOMPSON	LEE	MSG/1SG	1-Jun-11

B Co

BRAVO	GREEN	AARON	PFC	1-May-11
BRAVO	REED	JEREMY	PFC	1-May-11
BRAVO	JOHNSON	RANDALL	PFC	1-May-11
BRAVO	THORE	CHRISTOPHER	SPC	1-May-11
BRAVO	PIERCY	JACE	PFC	1-May-11
BRAVO	SPRAGUE	NATHANIEL	SSG	1-May-11
BRAVO	WOODRING	ROBERT	SFC	1-May-11
BRAVO	PIEPER	JAMES	PFC	1-May-11
BRAVO	ASHFORD	TYLER	SGT	1-May-11
BRAVO	RUIZ	CODY	PV2	17-May-11
BRAVO	BARONE	PHILIP	SPC	24-May-11
BRAVO	WEIMAR	MARCUS	SPC	1-Jun-11

C Co

CHARLIE	TROMBLEY	JOEL	SSG	1-May-11
CHARLIE	WILSON	KEVIN	PFC	1-May-11
CHARLIE	ULMER	STEVEN	PFC	1-May-11
CHARLIE	VERVERS	MICHAEL	SGT	1-May-11
CHARLIE	ROBERSON	JOHN	SGT	1-May-11
CHARLIE	WHITEHEAD	JAMES	PFC	1-May-11
CHARLIE	CAPPELLO	RYAN	PFC	1-May-11
CHARLIE	WALTER	BENJAMIN	PFC	1-May-11
CHARLIE	KARCH	ANDREW	PV2	1-May-11
CHARLIE	FRENETTE	FRANCIS	SGT	1-May-11
CHARLIE	WENSTROM	JORDAN	PFC	1-May-11
CHARLIE	LANGWORTHY	ZANE	PFC	1-May-11
CHARLIE	TRITT	EVAN	SPC	1-Jun-11
CHARLIE	BAKER	CODY	PFC	1-Jun-11

D Co

DELTA	WADDELL	JAMES	SSG	1-May-11
DELTA	MCALPINE	SEAN	SSG	1-May-11
DELTA	ATTWOOD	NATHAN	SGT	1-Jun-11
DELTA	FLIPPEN	CARY	SGT	1-Jun-11
DELTA	DEJESUS	MARCUS	SGT	1-Jun-11
DELTA	SNODGRASS	JONATHAN	SGT	1-Jun-11
DELTA	SCHLICHER	THOMAS	SPC	1-Jun-11
DELTA	BODELL	CHRISTOPHER	PFC	1-Jun-11
DELTA	GRIFFIN	RICHARD	PFC	1-Jun-11
DELTA	HESS	TRAVIS	PFC	1-Jun-11
DELTA	JOHNSON	AUSTIN	PFC	1-Jun-11
DELTA	MCFARLAND	RUSTIN	PFC	1-Jun-11
DELTA	PENDELTON	DANIEL	PFC	1-Jun-11
DELTA	WELCH	TREVOR	PFC	1-Jun-11
DELTA	WILLIAMS	JOSEPH	PFC	1-Jun-11

H Co

HOTEL	HINKLE	MATTHEW	SPC	1-May-11
HOTEL	GERHART	BROCK	SGT	1-May-11
HOTEL	MCNAMARA	EVIN	PFC	1-May-11
HOTEL	MACKEY	JOSEPH	PV2	24-May-11
HOTEL	PROPHET	STEVEN	PFC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	MCCANDLISS	TIMOTHY	SGT	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	ROLLINGER	CHRISTIAN	SPC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	EINARSEN	ZACHARI	SPC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	BUCKINGHAM	JOHN	PFC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	FRAME	FALYNNORIE	PFC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	LUNA	PETER	PFC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	PROCTOR	ZACHARY	PFC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	TRAN	TROUNG	PFC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	WANER	BRANDEN	PFC	1-Jun-11
HOTEL	WILLOW	WESLEY	PFC	1-Jun-11

NEW MEMBERS TO THE ONE LEGION FAMILY

HHC

- SPC PONCE, ALBERTO
- PFC RAWLINGS, JUSTIN
- PV2 HAMMOND, DARYL
- PV2 JAMES, TORAN

B Co

- SPC NELSON, JAKE
- PV2 HUMM, ANDREW
- PVT MOONEY, RANDALL
- PV2 GONZALEZ, VINCENT
- PVT KOMYATHY, MICHAEL
- PV2 COOPER, SHELDON
- SGT HAYES, CAMERON

C Co

- PV2 SWAN, BYRON
- PV2 CAPITOLO, ERNEST
- 1LT SOMERS, JOSEPH
- PV2 EVERETT, DANIEL

D Co

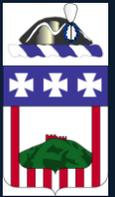
- PVT FORSYTHE, BENJAMIN
- PVT ELAM, KYLE
- SGT SAINTIL, YVENS
- SPC GREEN, CRAIG
- CPL MOORHEAD, BRIAN
- SGT WEGNER, JERMIE

H Co

- PV2 PHILLIPS, ANDREW
- PFC HELMS, JACOB
- SPC KIM, MOOGOONGHWA
- PV2 POWERS, BROCK
- PFC HAUGRUD, ALEXANDER
- PVT HARRISON, JUSTIN
- SSG GILLIAM, JAY
- PV2 CORDELL, BRUCE
- SGT VIHINEN, JOSHUA
- SGT GIRONDA, WILLIAM

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Tentative Battalion Key Events

June

10 Jun Hail and Farewell at the BC's house
16 Jun RCO Golf Tournament
17 Jun Curtailed Ops
20 Jun Curtailed Ops
23 Jun DA Retirement Ceremony
24 Jun GO Retirement Ceremony (MG Arnold)
30 Jun Secretary of Defense Farewell

July

01 Jul Curtailed Ops
04 Jul Curtailed Ops
06 Jul SGO Retirement Ceremony (GEN Durbin)
08 Jul RCO Change of Command
12 Jul BN Run and SOOLB
28 Jul DA Retirement Ceremony
29 Jul GO Retirement Ceremony (T)
19 Jul BN FRG Steering Committee meeting

August

05 Aug Curtailed Ops
08 Aug Curtailed Ops
30 Aug DA Retirement Ceremony
31 Aug GO Retirement Ceremony (T)

September

02 Sep Curtailed Ops
05 Sep Curtailed Ops
29 Sep TOGA Reunion
29 Sep DA Retirement Ceremony
30 Sep GO Retirement Ceremony (T)

October

09 Oct Army Ten Miler
27 Oct DA Retirement Ceremony
28 Oct GO Retirement Ceremony (T)
28 Oct Next FRG Newsletter 3rd Edition

November

11 Nov National Veterans Day Observance
17 Nov DA Retirement Ceremony
18 Nov GO Retirement Ceremony (T)
24 Nov Curtailed Ops
25 Nov Curtailed Ops



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