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FROM THE TOP



Lt. Col. Glen Adams
*1st Squadron, 98th Cav. Regt.
Commander*

Hello from the Cav! My name is Glen Adams, commander of 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment, headquartered in Amory, Mississippi. On behalf of Command Sergeant Major Dwight Brown and myself, we want to extend a hearty welcome and tell

you about our formation, mission and why we do what we do. We are stationed in Northeast Mississippi, covering Amory (Henchmen Troop), Pontotoc (Arrow Troop), Booneville (Blackjack Troop), Fulton (Comanche Troop), Iuka (planned) (Dakota Troop), and Corinth (Dominator Company). We are fortunate to have an incredible group of leaders in our Squadron that live the Army ethos each and every day. To be a cavalryman in today's Army takes skill, ability to adapt in an ever changing environment, and a calm demeanor to describe what the enemy looks like as you are forward in a hostile territory.

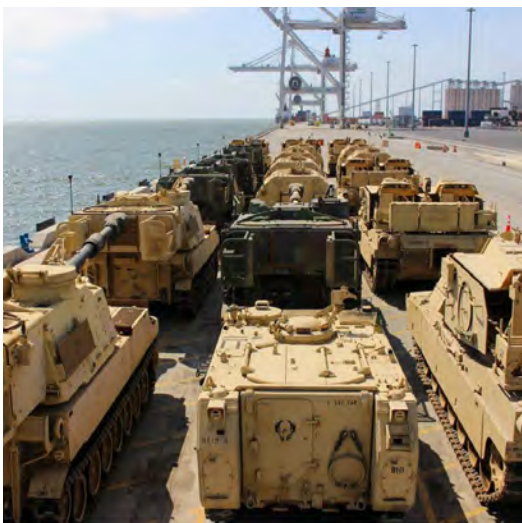
Our formation has the most combat platforms in the 155 ABCT. 1-98 CAV is the eyes and ears of the brigade with the mission to conduct recon-

naissance and security missions forward of the main footprint. Our job is to find, fix and either destroy or conduct handover to our brethren in 2-198 AR, 2-137 AR, 1-155 IN, or 2-114 FA in order for them to destroy the enemy. The reconnaissance mission we can provide include: area, zone, route and our favorite recon in force with security missions that include screen, cover and guard.

Our Troopers have been training in the desert of New Mexico non-stop since March 24th conducting maneuver and gunnery to sharpen our war-fighting skills. This has been a very demanding training schedule to say the least but the Soldiers of the 155th ABCT continue to answer the challenge each and every day. It has been very humbling to witness the selfless sacrifice of our Troopers and Soldiers. It is an extreme honor for my command team to lead such a dedicated team. The training we are conducting here at Ft. Bliss will pay huge dividends once we deploy overseas and will showcase the desire and strength of the MS National Guard. In closing, we all want to thank our families and friends at home for your continued support because you are the reason we strap on our boots each and every day!

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CURRENT NEWS

The 155th ABCT is the first Army unit to ship equipment overseas by using the Port of Gulfport since it became a Strategic Seaport designation. The 155th used the port to send their equipment to the Middle East in preparation of their upcoming deployment. (U.S. National Guard photo by Sgt. Brittany Johnson)

FRONTLINE FRAMES



Sgt. Chad Willcutt, assigned to 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment conducts a fuel transfer. (Photo by Sgt. Brittany Johnson)



Staff Sgt. Edward Love, a truck driver with Company A, 106th Support Battalion, reassembles an AK-47 rifle during security force advisor training. (Photo by Sgt. Brittany Johnson)



Chap. (Lt. Col.) Terry Partin, 184th Sustainment Command and Chap. (Lt. Col.) Craig Puckett, 66th Troop Command visit 155th ABCT chaplains and their religious affairs specialists at Camp McGregor, N.M. (Photo by Sgt. Brittany Johnson)



A medic assigned to 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment treats a simulated injury during a Mass Casualty training exercise. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. Brent Anders)

S A F E T Y

WORK/REST AND WATER CONSUMPTION

Applies to average sized, heat-acclimated Soldier wearing OCP, hot weather

- ENFORCE WATER INTAKE AND WORK/REST CYCLES
- ESTABLISH A GOOD WORK/ REST CYCLE; MUST BE TAILORED TO FIT CLIMATE, PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PERSONNEL
- DRINK ENOUGH TO STAY HYDRATED
- EAT 3 SQUARE MEALS A DAY; NO SUPPLEMENTS

| Heat Category | WBGT Index, F° | Work/Rest | Water | Work/Rest | Water | Work/Rest | Water |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | 78° - 81.9° | NL | 1/2 | 30/10 min | 1/2 | 30/10 min | 1 |
| 2 (GREEN) | 82° - 84.9° | NL | 1/2 | 50/10 min | 1/2 | 30/30 min | 1 |
| 3 (YELLOW) | 85° - 87.9° | NL | 1/2 | 40/20 min | 1/2 | 30/30 min | 1 |
| 4 (RED) | 88° - 89.9° | NL | 1/2 | 30/10 min | 1/2 | 30/30 min | 1 |

• Walking Hard Surface at 3.5 mph, < 40 lb Load
 • Walking Loose Sand at 2.5 mph with Load
 • Individual Movement Techniques: Low/Slow/High Crawl
 • CAUTION: Hourly fluid intake should not exceed 1 1/2 qts.

CHAPPY'S CHAT



1st Lt. Altrich Harvey
Chaplain, 150th BEB

For many years the military has been an organization which brings together individuals of different cultures, nationalities, ethnicities, and religious beliefs. These individuals come together as Soldiers to effectively and efficiently accomplish missions set before them.

As a chaplain, part of my responsibilities is to serve the commander and Soldiers of the unit by giving them spiritual

guidance and words of encouragement. I also serve by ensuring that I'm available to Soldiers of any faith when they may face trials and tribulations in their lives. I take the responsibility placed upon me as a chaplain very se-

riously and graciously serve alongside my fellow soldiers with humility.

The chaplain's motto translates to "For God and Country" and I answered the call to serve both God and Country with fierceness and dedication. In the King James Version of Luke 10:2 it reads "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into this harvest." I look upon each one of the men and women of the United States Army as the harvest, and I will diligently serve both God and Country to tend the harvest. I am challenged each and every day to find a way to connect with everyone I come in contact with, to either share the ministry of the gospel or to support their religious beliefs or needs.

CH Altrich Harvey

BROTHERS IN ARMS



Every Soldier has a battle buddy. Someone they can lean on, trust and always has their back on the home front or the battlefield.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Hough and Staff Sgt. Jacob Hough, cannon crewmembers assigned to Battery B,

2d Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, became permanent battle buddies the day they were born.

The twins were practically inseparable growing up, said Jake. From playing the same sports, to hanging out with the same friends. They even bought their first truck together.

"We started driving and we'd take turns," said Jake "I'd drive to school, and he'd drive back."

Their brotherly bond didn't stop there though. At the age of 17 the Hough brothers made the decision to join the Mississippi Army National Guard.

"We wanted to do something with the Armed Forces," said Jake, "and we thought about the Marines. Then the Army National Guard came knocking at the door, and we said this is something we can do together."

After enlisting, the brothers left for basic training only this time they weren't going to be near each other the entire time.

"I seen him the first week I was there, but it wasn't very long," said Jake. "It was pretty tough, because I hadn't been without my brother my whole life."

"We would meet up at church on Sundays," said Joshua, "and hang out for a couple hours then go back to our respective batteries."

Upon graduating basic training, the brothers were united once again for their advanced individual training and afterwards as they were handed off to Battery A in Ackerman, Miss.

"Our first unit was right near our home town in Ackerman," said Joshua. "We wanted to be close to home and that's where we got to be."

When they arrived at their first National Guard unit, they had the advantage of knowing at least one familiar face, because they had their battle buddy.

"We went into the battery knowing at least each other," said Joshua. "So that made it easier."

Once they were settled in they couldn't help but to take advantage of the situation.

"Once we got to know everybody we started messing with them," said Jake. "One time we were standing in the front of the formation, and the smoke (platoon leader) was talking to us. He turned around, and we switched spots. He didn't see it, but everyone else just started laughing."

Throughout the course of their military career the brothers have managed to be assigned to the same battery and advance in rank together which made everything a rivalry between them.

"It definitely made me progress a lot faster..., because it's a competition," said Joshua.

Being promoted at the same time came to a halt when it was time to pin on staff sergeant. They took their E-6 slot at the same time, but Joshua was pinned first.

"Some how we've just ranked up at the same time, but I got pinned before him," said Joshua. "I hold that over his head a lot."

Now the brothers are both section chiefs and are preparing for their first deployment together with the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team.

They will be in separate platoons throughout the deployment, but they will still be in the same battery, said Joshua.

"It's always good to have someone from home right there with you, so you don't miss home as much," said Joshua.

Everything they have accomplished in life together and in the military, they have had each other for support and encouragement. It's like the battle buddy program, said Joshua.

"You have your best friend next to you the entire way," said Joshua. "Someone to lean on if you need to get stronger. He's always there for me, and I'm always there for him."

A battle buddy isn't just someone who is there. They are someone you can count on, trust, and confide in. It's not always easy to find that person who always has your back, but for Jacob and Joshua Hough they always know where to turn for that support.

FRONTLINE FRAMES



An ammo handler assigned to 106th Support Battalion inspects 7.62mm rounds before issuing them out to Service members on a range near Camp McGregor, N.M. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Williams)



An M109 Paladin from Charlie Battery, 2d Battalion, 114th FA shoots to certify during Table 18 section certification. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Williams)

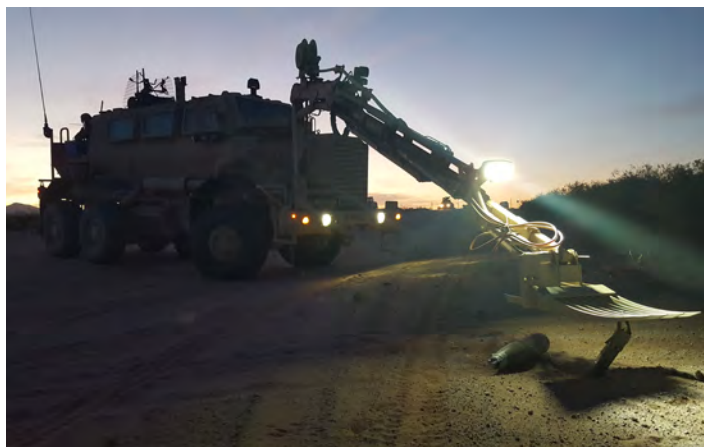
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PARTING SHOT



Soldiers of the 150th Support Battalion use a Buffalo (Mine protected clearance vehicle) while conducting route training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. (Courtesy photo)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Military One Source - [1-800-342-9647](tel:1-800-342-9647)
155th FRG Hotline - [1-601-313-0155](tel:1-601-313-0155)
(Available 24/7)

COMMO CHECK!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

MAIL CALL!

Any mail sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas after May 31, 2018, will be returned to sender. Starting July 1, 2018, this new address can be used for Kuwait:
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