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FROM THE TOP



Lt. Col. Johnny Brown
*Site Commander
155th ABCT*

I'm Lt. Col. Johnny Brown, and I currently serve as a Site Commander for one of the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team's (ABCT) numerous missions. I've held the positions of Brigade Fire Support Officer and Field Artillery Battalion Executive Officer, all within the 155 ABCT. I'm acting as a Division Fire Support Coordination subject matter expert in my current mission set. For Fire Support, we are able to focus and help to develop capability in three primary areas: Fire Support Planning and Coordination, Targeting, and Counterfire operations.

We advise our partner and its subordinate units on Fire Support planning. We do this by helping to ensure fire support coordination is integrated and synchronized with their maneuver counterparts,

and actively involved in the Military Decision Making Process (MDMP).

Another area that we focus on is Targeting at the Division Level. We advise our partners on the utilization and implementation of a deliberate Targeting Cycle using the Decide, Detect, Deliver, and Assess (D3A) methodology. The vehicle which is used to execute this vital function is a daily Targeting Working Group (TWG). The Working Group identifies nominated critical targets based on commander's guidance and desired effects.

Lastly, we are heavily involved in helping our partners develop their Counterfire capability. Counterfire helps to gain freedom of maneuver by neutralizing the enemy's indirect fire capabilities. Key areas of effort regarding Counterfire have been the decentralization of radar acquisitions, allowing firing units to be immediately notified of the identification of indirect fire points of origin, thus allowing for much more rapid and responsive fires. We have a strong group of Soldiers working toward mission success and I'm proud to be a part of it.



CURRENT NEWS

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Edmund Senteno, an infantry squad leader, assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Spartan, discusses squad movement tactics with Jordanian soldiers during small arms training, near Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 15, 2018. Senteno is in Egypt as part of Exercise Bright Star 2018, a reoccurring multilateral U.S. Central Command training exercise, held with the Arab Republic of Egypt since 1980. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. James Lefty Larimer)

FRONTLINE FRAMES



Egyptian and Jordanian soldiers assault through an objective as part of a combined force situational training lane. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Whitney Hughes)



Spc. Zachary Johnson, an infantryman assigned to A/1-155 IN, provides cover for Soldiers dismounting from their Bradley Fighting Vehicles during the Situational Training Exercise (Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Keeler)



Sgt. Markyvius McSwain, 1-155 IN, fires at a target during small arms training at Exercise Bright Star 2018 in Egypt. (Photo by Sgt. James Lefty Larimer)



Soldiers with 1-155 IN conduct a combined arms live fire exercise as part of Exercise Bright Star 2018 in Egypt. (Photo by Spc. Jovi Prevot)

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REDUCE THE COMMON CAUSES OF ELECTRICAL FIRES

- ENSURE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL ARE USED TO WORK ON ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
- DON'T USE ELECTRICAL CORDS THAT ARE DAMAGED AND DO NOT DAISY CHAIN CORDS
- DON'T OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

CHAPPY'S CHAT



Sgt. Heidelberg and CH Winford
106 SPT, UMT

diers and Soldiers to God.”

The first member of the team is the Chaplain. She or he acts as the lead or Senior Pastor over their battalion or brigade flock. This flock can be as large as 6000 Soldiers or as small as 250. It is the Chaplain's job to do sermon preparation, visit Soldiers at their different duty locations, counsel, boost morale, and be the religious expert for their battalion or brigade

In the military, as in life, no person can have any type of success without help. This is truly the case for the Unit Ministry Team. Some sections of the military can have up to 10 Soldiers. The UMT is only authorized two. These two Soldiers lean and depend on one another to complete the mission of “bringing God to Sol-

commander.

The second member of the team is the Religious Affairs Specialist/NCO. He or she acts as the Deacon. The RAS does all the heavy lifting, administrative work, and is proficient in their warrior tasks and drills which enables them to protect the Chaplain from all threats. It has been said that the Chaplain Assistant (RAS) does not work. On the contrary, the RAS is the one that ensures that all the work is done. They are the ones who set the Chaplain's counseling schedule. And they are the ones who ensure that the Chaplain has one mission-focus. To be the best leader she or he can be for the advancement of the team, the Soldiers, and the military.

The Unit Ministry Team is needed in the military. The Chaplain nor the Religious affairs Specialist cannot and should not do it all alone. However, when they work together and truly become a team as described in Ecclesiastes 4, they can work more effectively and if one of them falls down, the other can help them up because it takes a team effort.

Exercise Bright Star 2018 Senior Leader Seminar

Story by Sgt. Fatimeh Konte



Partner Nations attend Seminar

today, is to promote and enhance regional security and cooperation with the Egyptian armed forces.

The seminar began with opening remarks from U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Jon Mott, U.S. Central Command Director of Exercises and Training and Egyptian Army Major General Khalid Khairy, Egyptian Training Authority Deputy, and co-director of Exercise Bright Star 18.

“We are grateful and excited for this opportunity to

MOHAMED NAGUIB MILITARY BASE, Egypt – The Egyptian Training Authority, with U.S. military support, invited over 36 nation's militaries to the Exercise Bright Star 18 Senior Leader Seminar, Sept. 17, 2018. The seminar provides the attending nations the opportunity to focus on best practices for counterinsurgency, border control, terrorism and other irregular warfare challenges.

The first Bright Star Exercise took place in 1980 and its purpose, which has not changed

come together to focus not only on our common interests of regional security and defeating extremist organizations,” Maj. Gen. Mott said. “But also reaffirming our mutual respect and collective friendship.”

Presentations were given by the Egyptian, United States, Jordanian, Greek, and United Kingdom armed forces. Topics included counter-terrorism, illegal immigration, and inter-agency operations such as the United States Agency for International Development.

The seminar was used as a platform to reinforce interoperability with partner nations in the surrounding regions and strengthen existing multilateral relationships.



MG Jon Mott addresses partner nations at the seminar.

Meet Your Team



1st Battalion,
155th Infantry Regiment

1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment (Mississippi Rifles) is headquartered in McComb, Mississippi and commanded by Lt. Col. Paul Boler. Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Griffith serves as the senior noncommissioned officer for the Battalion.

The 1-155th is Mississippi's oldest National Guard unit. The Mississippi Rifles are believed to be the sixth-oldest active infantry regiment in the U.S. Army, dating back to the first militia muster on June 1, 1798 in the Mississippi Territory un-

der Territorial Governor Winthrop Sargent.

The Unit's motto "STAND FAST, MISSISSIPPIANS", was earned during the Mexican War when Col. Jefferson F. Davis rallied the regiment at Buena Vista

The 1-155th has served with distinction in the Indian Wars, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the War on Terrorism, NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and countless state emergencies.

The 1-155th has been awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

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PARTING SHOT



Company A, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard, conducts a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise during Exercise Bright Star 2018 at Mohamed Naguib Military Base, Egypt, Sept. 11, 2018. (Photo by Spc. Jovi Prevot)

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