



84th Railsplitters Bugler

Newsletter of the 84th Railsplitters Association

April 2016



Upcoming Special Events

- 14 May 2016 Dining Out (Saturday)
- 16 Jun 2016 Annual Meeting (Thursday)
- Jul 2016 WAREX Fort McCoy
- 09 Sep 2016 RAD-Fort McCoy (Friday)
- 17 Sep 2016 Steak Fry Cookout (Saturday)
- 11 Nov 2016 Veterans Day (Friday)



Association Valentine Dinner

On February 12, 2016, the Association held its now annual Valentine Dinner at the Western Racquet Club in Elm Grove, WI. Red was the uniform of the day. The buffet was delicious as usual, and Mike's Music again entertained the attendees.

New 84th Railsplitter Members

It's great to see our membership continues to grow. Please welcome our new member. Membership currently spans 17 states.

SSG Mark Woerishofer WI

www.84thdivalumni.com

The 84th Railsplitters Association is pleased to provide its members a place to go for information about the Rail Splitters. If you have an idea for something you want to see on the website, please contact me at:

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Peter (Skip) Pochowski

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84th Railsplitters Association Sunshine Club

Mary Orley is our volunteer who graciously continues to maintain this supportive function, by sending out sympathy and get well cards. Please forward any information or correspondence for Get Well, Encouragement, Sympathy, etc. to Mary Orley either at her home phone number: 414-425-0256 or to her email address: maryo_44@yahoo.com.

Let's keep a good tradition going.

4 / Sympathy Cards were sent out in 2015.

9 / Get Well Cards were sent out in 2015.

With great sorrow and sadness, we report the following passing:

Lee D. Randall, SGM (USA Retired) July, 2015.

Members we are wishing a quick recovery while they are recuperating Pat Bartelt (wife of Chaplain Stephen Bartelt), and Jack Woller

Arlington National Cemetery grapples with capacity limits and changing nature of memorialization

The inevitable faces Arlington National Cemetery: it is nearing capacity for "below-ground" interments (commonly called "burials"). There is plenty of room for the enshrinement of cremated remains, called "inurnment."

During fiscal year 2015, Arlington, which is under the jurisdiction of the Army, saw 6,828 interments and "inurnments" (cremations), up from 5,813 in FY 2013, but down a bit from FY2014. Under the 27-acre "Millennium Project" expansion underway, room is expected to run out in 2035. A second, "Southern" expansion of 40 acres on the grounds extends that fateful day to the 2050s.

While service members killed in action are quickly scheduled by Arlington for interment, scheduling for other remains reflects a cemetery team under great pressure: the wait for scheduling a funeral range from 12 weeks for USMC remains to 22 for Navy remains, with the Army and Air Force being about 14 weeks.

roa.org



From the President's Desk

Greetings Fellow Railsplitters

I don't know about you, but I for one am ready for Spring / Summer to arrive in mass. Although this was not an extremely "harsh" winter, I guess since spending more time in Florida, I am now a mid-western "woose". Come on Summer.

2016 started out on a positive note for the organization with a nice Valentine's Dinner which was held on Friday, February 12th, 2016, at the Western Racquet Club. Food was great and Mike's Music added a nice tone for the evening. As always, the Western Racquet Club did their outstanding traditional job. Please consider attending this function next year as it is always a nice evening and a way to celebrate with your special valentine.

Our next major event will be the Dining Out, which will be held at the Western Racquet Club on Saturday, May 14th, 2016. Please mark your calendar to attend this function. Again, music will be provided by Mike's Music and the food is always a hit with everyone. The invitation to the event is included in this mailing of the Bugler.

Then get ready for our Annual meeting and Army Birthday celebration which will be held Thursday, June 16th, 2016 at 6:30 PM (1830). Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided. This meeting will be co-hosted with the AUSA Association and held at the Stenz-Griesell-Smith Legion Post #419. Keep in mind we will also be conducting board elections that evening, so if any member is interested in serving on the Board, that is your night to make your wishes known.

Our annual Steak Fry / Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th, 2016, at the Stenz-Griesell-Smith Legion Post #419. Keep in mind this is also our annual fund raising event for the association / organization. Please mark your calendar to attend and be generous as you have been in the past. This is always a good time.

In addition to these activities, the Board is always open to any suggestion our members may have for other events. Some suggestions that have come up in the past are: a golf outing, a Brewers game, a day trip to the Dells, etc. We are open for suggestions. Let us hear from you.

"I couldn't go to college, so I went to the library three days a week for 10 years." Ray Bradbury

From The Trenches

84th Training Command CSM Tom Jennings

The 84th Training Command is recognized as the premier executive agent for collective training across the U.S. Army Reserve. With this in mind, I want all of our noncommissioned officers (NCOs) to understand the importance of readiness. Our training is directly related to a unit's ability to go to war. That being said, Soldiers across this Command must set the example in their own individual readiness. Our duty as soldiers is to be a deployable asset in the defense of our great nation. To maintain our force within the NCO Corps, I want to discuss my top three priorities: maximize individual and unit readiness, operationalize Army Total Force Policy (ATFP), and master the fundamentals.

So how do we maximize individual and unit readiness? By closing the loop. We provide Soldiers with the necessary information to maintain their deployability and we use metrics as a tool. It is important that leaders follow up with their Soldiers and ensure that appointments are being made and being kept. This is everyone's shared responsibility. It is equally important for Soldiers to self-check readiness requirements, such as the Army Physical Fitness Test, weapons qualification, MEDPROs and Professional Military Education.

My second priority is to strengthen the collective training environment by continuing to build our relationships with the Active Army, National Guard and Allied partners to reinforce the positive outcomes of the ATFP. We must continue to improve our training environment and it is imperative that our NCOs provide their expertise during the design, construction and implementation of our WAREXs and CSTXs. As the ATFP progresses, the example we set in our own training environment will influence the successful integration of the Active Army, Reserve and National Guard formations.

Finally, our mastery of fundamentals is directly tied to individual and collective training. I expect each of you to give 100 percent in everything you do. As NCOs, I expect you to lead from the front.

"To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour." Winston Churchill

Organizational Transition and the 84th Training Command

excerpted from newsletter and former CG Puster
...The 84th has a great history and traces its lineage back to the Illinois Militia company where Captain Abraham Lincoln served during the Black Hawk War of 1832. It was first activated in 1917 during World War I and deployed overseas as a training organization in France, but did not see action.

It was later activated as an Infantry Division in 1942 during World War II and participated in three campaigns: Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe. After World War II, it became formally part of the Army Reserve as the only Army Reserve Airborne Division. In the 1950s it resorted to a training formation with three training regiments.

The Division developed skills in offensive and defensive tactics until 1959 when it was organized into a training division. The Division was then composed of 4 Brigades and a Training Group with over 3000 men and women throughout Wisconsin, with the Division headquarters in Milwaukee. Three of the brigades, the 1st Brigade, 3rd Brigade, and 4th Brigade, as well as the Training Group and Logistics Group were also stationed in Milwaukee. The 2nd Brigade had its headquarters in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. The 5091st Reception Station, although not active to the Division, were assigned Battalions. Additionally, subordinate units of the Division were located in nine other Wisconsin cities.

The 84th became an Institutional Training Division in 1991 with operations in Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa. Later in 1995, it added schools from Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, and Ohio. In

recent times, the unit changed its mission and structure to "leader readiness" and moved to Fort McCoy, WI, from Milwaukee, WI. In 2009, it divested the Army Reserve Readiness Training Command structure and picked up the two operational commands, 78th Training Division at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. and the 86th Training Division at Fort McCoy. The 91st Division, located at Fort Hunter Liggett, CA, is organized and staffed to plan, conduct and evaluate training exercises.

Finally, as we further define our current mission, we will pick up structure from 1st Army as they downsize and divest many of their Army Reserve Soldiers from the 85th and 87th Divisions. We will add a Brigade to each of our Divisions to bring our numbers up to an appropriate level. The new structure along with progress from our Campaign Plan will make our exercises better and more robust...

Subordinate Commands of the 84th Training Command



86th Division



78th Division



91st Division

Carter Still Pressing for Eric Fanning as Army Secretary

President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Ashton Carter were still committed to the nomination of Eric Fanning as Army Secretary despite the long-running dispute with one senator blocking a confirmation vote over the separate issue of Guantanamo, Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook said Monday.

Fanning, who would become the first openly gay civilian head of a service branch, was the president's nominee for that position and we certainly look to continue to work with Congress to try and expedite his nomination, Cook said at a Pentagon news conference. "We think he has the background and qualities that would make him an excellent fit in that job." *Military.com*

ARMY TACKLES SHORTFALLS IN TRAINING TO SHOOT-BRINGING BACK MARKSMANSHIP

The Army is launching a new training course to fix a deficit in one of the most basic, fundamental skills of soldiering.

The Marksmanship Master Trainer Course was first stood up by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, the service's elite competitive shooters. This spring, it will launch Army-wide and fall under the 316th Cavalry Brigade. The course is already available on the Army Training Requirements and Resources System, or ATRRS.

Soldiers must be well versed in the basics of soldiering, said Maj. Gen. Scott Miller, commanding general of the Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning, Georgia. "If you don't have the foundational skills, you don't get better when we put more stress on you," he said.

Military.com

Fort McCoy MWR

Weekday All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Entree

Ft. McCoy Primo's Express Restaurant

Mud Run

Date: Jun. 4, 2016

Fort McCoy Outdoor Recreation - Off Hwy 21, Bldg. 8053

Plan to get muddy in this fun but challenging 3 mile run!

Children's Race at 9 am; Adult heats every 15 minutes

beginning at 10 am., with approximately 25-30 obstacles!

Open to the public. After the race, join us for an afternoon

filled with music, games, food, drinks & raffle drawings!

Cost: \$30 in advance; \$35 day of, \$10 for kids

Registration Info Contact: Commercial: (608)388-3517

Fort Knox MWR

11th Annual Run for the Red

Date: May 14, 2016, 7:30 a.m.

Post Exchange - 127 Gold Vault Rd

Registration: 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

5k/10k Run/Walk: 8:30 a.m.

Health and Fitness Fair: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Post

Exchange Mall, Over 30 health and fitness business

and agency booths available for the event

Food tastings and a case lot sale at the Commissary

Giveaways at the Exchange. All Giveaways are final

Family and MWR will showcase their fitness classes,

provide raffle prizes and giveaways

Cost Pre-Registration Adult 5/10k: \$20

Adult 5/10k Groups of 10 or more: \$13

Groups must register at the Fort Knox Main office to

receive discount. Day of Race Registration: 5/10k: \$25

You may register at the Red Cross Office or online or

at www.active.com.

Contact Commercial: (502) 624-2163

Free Wisconsin Conceal Carry Classes

Wisconsin Carry, Inc.

While we continue to advocate for voluntary training and "Constitutional Carry" in the Wisconsin

Legislature, we offer free concealed carry classes to mitigate the suppressive effect of Wisconsin's

government training mandate. These free classes are open to the public. When you leave the class you will

be issued a "proof of training" certificate that you need to apply for your concealed carry license from the

State of Wisconsin.

<http://www.wisconsincarry.org/classes>

(Register online for the four hour classes, which are usually held on Saturdays and Sundays and only in a classroom setting)

**As of this date, over 300,000 Conceal Carry Permits have been issued in the state of Wisconsin.*

"The Constitution preserves the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation where the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms." James Madison

ADVENTURES IN TRAVEL

In late March, our two-person amateur travel agency made a road trip down to Fort Walton Beach and Pensacola,

Florida, staying at the Hurlburt AFB beach side hotel. The

Soundside lodging is across the highway from the main

base. Hurlburt AFB is the home of the Air Force Special Operations Command.



Eglin AFB Bayview Club



View of Sound from Soundside Club

The *Soundside*, and the Eglin AFB *Bayside Club*, both offer a Sunday brunch, with beautiful views of the water. We

attended the Easter Sunday brunch at the *Bayview Club*, and of course it rained that day. The *Soundside's* Hooch bar and grill is open for week day lunches and after work meals.

The *Beachside Recreation Center* is just down the beach from the lodging. You can rent boats and equipment by the hour, ½ day, or full day. During the winter months (Oct 1-Mar 31), the deck boat, power boats, and pontoon boats can be rented for ½ price.



Hurlburt AFB Dive Shop and Marina



View of Hurlburt Marina

Monday, was sunny, so we rented a 20ft pontoon boat for four hours and went back and forth on the sound, a 15mile boat trip. While I skippered the boat, my wife, her brother and his wife enjoyed the sun, sights, diving birds, and dolphins. During the excursion, we briefly stopped at the Navarre Beach Campground, west of the marina, where my in-laws typically spend Easter week.



Hurlburt AFB Family Camp



Eglin AFB Family Camp

Hurlburt AFB, and Eglin AFB, both have camping sites that can be rented by the day, week, or month. Both bases also have camping trailers for rent. If you are really in the mood for adventure, you can horseback ride, or rent dive equipment at Eglin. There are many covered areas, where sightseers can relax and bring a picnic lunch or dinner.



Wave Runner, Kayaks, Paddle Board Tuesday saw us going to Pensacola, FL. Pensacola Naval Air Station is the home of the Blue Angels. They practice during the winter, and put shows for audiences as they practice.

On the trip home, we made a brief after hours stop at the Rocket and Space Center. Even though it was evening, some of the views were impressive.

The Space and Rocket Center is located in northern Alabama, east of I-65. It was the early home of the Army's

rocket research under Dr. Wernher von Braun and his scientists. NASA also has a presence on the site.



Space Shuttle with Booster Rockets



SR-71 Blackbird Airplane

U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville AL

Home to Space Camp®, Aviation Challenge® Camp, and Robotics Camp the U.S. Space & Rocket Center (USSRC) is the largest spaceflight museum in the world.

Experience the physics of astronaut training like never before in simulators like Space Shot™ and G-Force. The Spacedome IMAX® Theater and National Geographic Theater transports you to different worlds with amazing documentary films like Hubble, and live demonstrations in the Discovery Theater will have you seeing space science in a whole new light.

Notable Artifacts:

National Historic Landmark Saturn V Moon Rocket
Pathfinder –full-stack space shuttle display

Apollo 16 Command Module

Skylab Orbital Workshop

Apollo 12 Moon Rock

Open 7 days a week, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

<http://rocketcenter.com/>

Free Online Boating Courses

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is an innovative leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. The Foundation provides educational outreach directly to boaters and supports partner organizations nationwide. www.boatus.org/

For example, the Florida online class has six lessons with a 10 question quiz after each lesson, and an end of the course 75 question test. You receive an electronic certificate which you may print out, and later they will mail you a Florida Boater's ID card.

The BoatUS Foundation's Online Course is the only free Online Boating Safety Course approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

www.boatus.org/florida/

Happy Traveling!

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