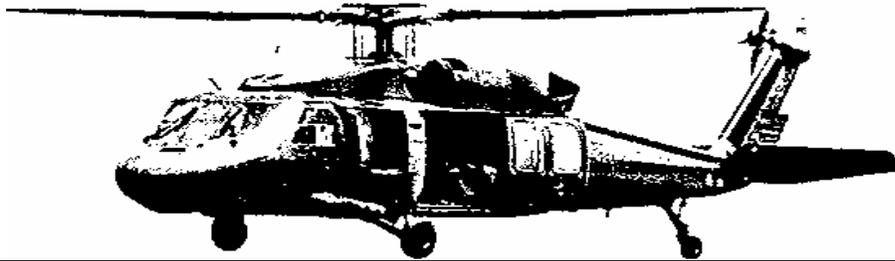




1109th AVCRAD Newsletter



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1. Current Drill, 5 – 6 January 2002

Saturday, 5 Jan: Annual showdown inspections, MOS training, Aviation Safety Day (flight crew personnel)

- a. Pre-Drill Meeting: 0700, classroom (Key leaders)
- b. First Formation: 0745, All flight crew personnel will report to the AASF classroom, Windsor Locks, CT. Uniform is ABDU or BDU.
- c. First Formation: 0745, north ramp (BDU's w/sleeves down, beret, field jacket, gloves and security badge)

Sunday, 6 Jan: Weapons & MOS training

- a. NCODP: 0730, classroom (E-7 and above)
- b. First Formation: 0830, North Ramp (BDU's w/sleeves down, beret, field jacket, security badge)
- c. Engagement Skills Trainer (EST): 0800, selected personnel will report direct to Building 806, Camp Rowland.

2. Future Drills

- 2 – 3 Feb 02 (Engagement Skills Trainer)
- 9 – 10 Mar 02 (Engagement Skills Trainer)
- 6 – 7 Apr 02 (Make-Up APFT, Semi Annual Weigh-in, engagement skills trainer)
- 4 – 5, 27 May 02 (Engagement Skills Trainer, Memorial Day parades)

1109TH AVCRAD TY - 02 ANNUAL TRAINING

16 – 30 Mar 02 Maintenance Contact Team; CCAD, TX;
Raleigh, NC

- 8 – 29 Jun 02 Illesheim, GE
- 15 – 29 Jun 02 CCAD, TX; Maintenance Contact Team; Home Station; Tobyhanna AD, PA
- 10 – 24 Aug 02 Home Station; CCAD, TX; Maintenance Contact Team

3. Administrative Notes (CW3 Walker)

- a. Welcome to the following soldiers.
SPC Juan Lozada-Arenas, to Cargo - 67U
SPC Gerardo Pacheco to Elec/Arm - 68J
PVT Lisa Caparelli to Flt Ops - 77F
PVT Michael Dawkins to ATE - 68N
- b. PROMOTIONS: Congratulations to the following soldiers on their recent advancement:
PFC GRAVEL to Specialist
PFC PRATT to Specialist
- c. NCO Promotion Boards are coming up: SSG 4100's must be submitted to higher HQs no later that 15 Jan 02. If you have not reviewed your 4100, make sure you see SFC Ives or SSG Major this weekend. SGT4100's are in and due on 15 Feb 02.
- d. SGT NCOER DRAFTS ARE DUE IN THIS WEEKEND. Return draft NCOERs to SFC Ives or SSG Major in Admin.
- e. If you have not received pay within two weeks of any duty you performed and you have received no explanation as to the nature of the delay, contact SSG Mecomber at 441-2960.
- f. THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN enrollment for this period, ends for traditional National Guard on 31 Jan 02. See SFC Ives.

4. Training Notes (MAJ Panagrosso)

- a. If you are planning foreign travel, contact the Training Division prior to departure for your foreign travel brief.

b. On 23 Feb 02, **all Sergeants and promotable SPC's** will attend First Line Leader Training at the State Police Academy in Meriden, CT. The training is designed to give First Line Leaders training in team building skills; improve attrition management and retention skills by providing leaders with people-dealing skills necessary to build effective teams.

5. Holiday Message (Gen Shinsecki)

At year's end, we traditionally remember the sacrifices of Soldiers serving on point for the Nation around the globe, Soldiers who daily demonstrate our commitment to the noble ideals of peace, freedom, and good will among all peoples. The right of each individual to self-determination and the right of our citizens to live without fear, without hunger, and without oppression—these are the gifts the Soldier defends for the American people and for freedom-loving people everywhere who would choose the costly struggle for these rights. This holiday season, The Army honors its Soldiers, Civilians, family members, and colleagues who sacrificed their lives in service to the Nation. We remember September 11, and we seek atonement for the losses suffered at the hands of our adversary. And we will not forget the men and women who serve to safeguard our Nation and our way of life against the forces of fear, hatred, and oppression.

Over 226 years ago, Americans shed their blood to rid themselves of tyranny in order to guarantee the ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Since the signing of our Declaration of Independence, we have fought to preserve these ideals and live up to them. From Valley Forge's brutal winter to Christmas at the crossroads in Bastogne, from the mountains of Korea to the rice paddies of Vietnam, and from the sands of Southwest Asia to the highlands of Afghanistan, Soldiers have fought and died in defense of liberty. Soldiers today draw strength from their predecessors, who willingly sacrificed their own welfare and safety to guard the Nation.

American Soldiers have proudly protected the innocent and brought comfort to the suffering. They do so voluntarily, foregoing personal comfort, safety, and time with loved ones, to help others achieve peace and freedom. Soldiers sacrifice to help other nations gain some measure of the freedoms we enjoy. The Army selflessly serves to preserve the dignity of human life around the world.

We are truly grateful for your service. The Nation is proud of all you have done to guarantee our safety and security in the Homeland. As you celebrate this holiday season, especially those who are deployed, the Nation thanks you. May you find strength and fulfillment in knowing that you bring the message of hope and peace.

We wish you and your families a joyous and safe holiday season, and a Happy New Year.

6. Family Notes

Training for new volunteers in our family program is available for free. On 5 Jan 02, the state family program is offering training in Waterbury from 0830 to 1530. Day care can be provided if needed. Once you complete this "basic training", you can be reimbursed for mileage when you help in our family program activities. Contact SFC Micklich for details.

7. Security Notes

Please remember to have your AVCRAD badge available to show the gate guard. New security badges will continue to be issued. in the Training Division Sunday at 1400.

8. Recruiter Notes

Welcome to SSG Heather Lussier, our new full time recruiter. SSG Lussier was a traditional National Guard soldier at the AVCRAD prior to taking this position. If you have any questions regarding recruiting or retention matters, call her at 441-2901.

9. Full Time Contact Roster

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING DIVISION

2LT Chicoski 441-2956
SFC Micklich 441-2957

ADMIN SERVICES DIVISION

CW3 Walker 441-2953
SFC Ives 441-2962

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

MAJ Panagrosso 441-2911
CW4 Delea 441-2931

QC DIVISION

MAJ Allen 441-2925
MSG Slater 441-2968

PROD CONTROL DIV

MAJ Burnside 441-2910
1SG Donnee 441-2924

MATERIAL MGT DIVISION

CW2 Walters 441-2940
SFC Moore 441-2992

FLIGHT OPS DIVISION

CW4 Odell 441-2918
CW3 Teague
SSG Pons 441-2920

Det 2, Co I, 185th Avn

CW5 Zoller 441-2913
CW4 Muthig 441-2922