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1.SCHEDULED DRILLS:

3-4 Nov 01 Regular Drill/Home Station/Annual Showdown Inspections

1 Dec 01 Regular Drill/Annual Showdown Inspections

2 Dec 01 Class A Inspection Holiday Party

UNIFORM:

SATURDAY: Class C, BDUs, sleeves rolled **DOWN**, **BERET** with shined boots and regulation haircut. (Security Badge and Hearing Protection) Field Jacket and gloves, TBD

SUNDAY: *Army Physical Fitness Uniform* for all soldiers on Enhanced PT. See attached roster. All others, Class C, BDUs.

FORMATIONS

SATURDAY: 0700 Pre-Drill MTG-Classroom, E-7 above / Div Chiefs

0745 First Formation, North Ramp

SUNDAY: 0700 Enhanced PT, Hangar Floor

0730, NCO DP/ E-7above, Classroom

0800, Pre Drill MTG /E-7 above

0800, SDP – UTES parking lot, SRMR

0830, First Formation, North Ramp

0845, NCO DP – Mess Hall

ODP – Staff Ride: Lexington & Concord, Boston, MA

DUTY ROSTER

CASHIERS:

Sat: SGT Miller

Sun SGT Milton

KP's

Sat: SPC Landry, SPC Law

Sun: SPC Marone, SPC Marshall

2.DRILL HIGHLITES:

Annual Showdown Inspections will be conducted Saturday and Sunday for M-Day Soldiers, E-7 and below by Unit Supply. All inspections will take place in the male and or female locker room. See Annex E for the schedule. Everything that you have signed for will be inventoried and checked for servicability. Your gear is required to be stored in your wall locker. Bring a lock to secure it.

Selected soldiers drill in North Carolina to support the 1-130th ATCK HEL BN (see Annex B). They will depart the AVCRAD Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon.

New ID badges will be issued to all soldiers. Please see Annex D for

instructions. Full time soldiers will receive their badges during the week.

SDP: Selected personnel (See Annex C) will participate in a land navigation exercise on Sunday, 4 Nov. Those personnel will report to the UTES parking lot at 0800. Further guidance will be provided at drill (POC is SGM Messina).

NCODP: SFC's and above will report for NCODP on Sunday in the classroom at 0730.

ODP: All officers will participate in the staff ride scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Departure time is 0700 Saturday from the AVCRAD. Uniform is BDU's. Plan for an overnight stay.

3. XO COMMENTS:

1. APFT. We had great weather for the APFT last month. Let me congratulate SSG Cloutier, APFT NCOIC, for doing an outstanding job in running the APFT. The test was run very professionally and was a successful event. The attendance at the drill was great and gave us the opportunity to get this accomplished early in the training year. In TY-01, we tested 91% of the unit and of those soldiers tested 90% passed. Over all a success and let's strive to improve on this in TY-02.

2. Annual Training. ATs for TY-02 have commenced. Our first rotation from Operation BRIGHT STAR has returned. The second rotation is currently in country and a third is getting ready to leave. We have also sent the first of three AT rotations to the Army Aviation Support Facility in Marana, AZ supporting the Western ARNG Aviation Training Site (WAATS). AT missions and training will continue throughout the training year.

3. Media Rules of Engagement. The terrorist attacks on September 11,

2001 have drawn a great deal of media attention. Since then, a lot media focus has been on the military as a whole to include alerts, mobilizations & airport security. In accordance with the law and Constitution, media personnel are free to conduct their business more or less, as they seem necessary and appropriate. As a member of the 1109th AVCRAD and the CTARNG, you are susceptible to being questions by the media. This is especially true if you were mobilized for Operation DESERT STROM. Soldiers should adhere to the following rules when dealing with news media:

a. If you are approached by a member of the media, inform your chain of command. This has already happened a number of times at the front gate of the 1109th AVCRAD and has been handled professionally by our soldiers.

b. Chain of command - inform senior person present at the AVCRAD (i.e. LTC Shea, MAJ Allen, etc...)

c. Senior person present will contact MAJ Whitford, PAO. MAJ Whitford will give advice and guidance regarding the situation. Most will be handled at his level. He may ask that we answer the questions of the reporter, depending on the situation. Most likely, we will be asked to refer the reporter to him. If unable to reach MAJ Whitford or SFC Newton (Public Affairs NCO) then give the reporter MAJ Whitford/SFC Newton's phone number (860-524-4857).

d. Photographing the AVCRAD. Reporters can photograph the AVCRAD and its premises. They cannot enter the property without permission. Guards do not have the authority to let a reporter into the facility without prior authorization & coordination. They can take photos from outside the gate, as long as it does not interfere with our operations. If a reporter's activity is

starting to disrupt our operations, then ask him "kindly" to move. If he does not respond, then contact the OIC/NCOIC of the Guard detail or the chin of command. If at any time you observe an unusual car or vehicle observing and/or photographing the AVCRAD, then refer the issue to the OIC/NCOIC of the Guard Detail. He or she will deal with the situation as necessary. Keep in mind that a number of people do stop by and photograph the UH-1H that we have on the stick out front...so don't over react when someone stops to photograph it.

e. Keep in mind that you are not the spokesman for the CTARNG. Any questions, please contact MAJ Panagrosso.

4. 1SG COMMENTS:

Congratulations to all those soldiers enrolled in ANCOC/BNCOC. Last year I was able to get the majority of graduates into Phase during the same TY. That is important for promotional reasons, since you will not receive the additional 25 points for whatever level of NCOES you are at until you finish all phases. Give it some thought and start bugging me in the spring.

It's tough for this country to think as a nation. We are an individualistic society. We've spent the last few decades building private paradises for ourselves. Renovate the kitchen, refurbish our home entertainment systems and build our backyard pool and grill area. We withdrew from public life, often not bothering to vote. Ours is a decentered nation in which people think they can look out for themselves. And it certainly goes against the American grain to defer to government. The key I think though, is that although we appear sometimes to be a society corrupted

by affluence, in fact we are not. We have always risen to every challenge, and I think September 11th will get people interested in politics and public life. Let us all hope so.

By the time you read this, the Yankees should all but have another World Series wrapped up thanks to their baseball acumen. Once in the late sixties I begged out of an AT day early and traveled at warp speed to Yankee Stadium to witness one of my favorite players hit four home runs in four successive times at bat during a double header. If you can identify him call me on October 31st between 0700 and 10000 and I'll get you a day off. You must be an E-6 or below.

First Sergeant Thomas M. Donnee

5.ADMIN/SERVICES:

It's Tuition Waiver

time again. This is the last drill to submit your tuition waiver request for the Spring 2001 semester. This benefit is very valuable and should not be taken for granted. Remember that any absence code, will suspend your privilege to receive the tuition waiver.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

Beginning on 9 October 2001, members of the uniformed services will be able to enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) during a special 60-day enrollment period. Soldiers can get additional information by visiting the following website;

<http://www.tsp.gov/uniserv/index.html>

This drill, there will also be an informational briefing on this subject and on the new SGLI for Family Members Program.

SGLI FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

program. This is a new program starting this month. It is similar to the life insurance coverage on you as a soldier but it is for coverage on your family members. IT IS AN AUTOMATIC PROGRAM. If you do not wish to have this life insurance on your family members and do not stop it, your family members will be covered automatically and the premiums will be deducted from your drill check. This program along with the Thrift Saving Program will be briefed by 1SG Donnee and SFC Ives this weekend.

MILITARY ID CARDS

Soldiers that still have the old red Military ID cards need to get the new green card, especially if you are travelling OCONUS. See ADMIN for scheduled times.

UPCOMING BOARD DATES:

NCOPS Board to:

MSG/SGM	15-17 Jan 02
SFC	19-21 Feb 02
SSG	19-21 Mar 02
SGT	16-18 Apr 02

QRB: 13-15 Mar 02

NEW SOLDIERS!

Welcome to the following soldiers:

- SGT Pontes to Mat Mgmt - 92A
- SGT Runge to Utility Br - 67T
- PVT Zak to Obsv Br - 68N

NCOER's:

FYI. Annual ending dates for NCOER's for non-AGR soldiers will be the last day of the month listed below for each rank:

- E8's: August
- E7's: September

- E6's: October
- E5's: November

AGR soldiers or off-cycle M-Day end dates for NCOES are posted on the Admin Bulletin Board. NCOER's must be completed (typed, signed & ready to forward to Hartford) no later than 60 days after the cut off dates.

Remember, all non-AGR soldiers require at least 2 written counseling sessions annually. AGR soldiers require 4 sessions. Record these performance counseling sessions on DA Form 2166-7-1. These dates are VERY IMPORTANT and are required entries on the NCOER's by the rater.

The Master NCOER Rating Scheme is posted on the Admin Bulletin Board. Make sure you know who YOU rate and who rates you.

Any questions on NCOER's, see SFC Ives or CW3 Walker.

6. TRAINING:

The TY-02 IDT and AT dates are enclosed in Annex F. Mark your calender.

If you are interested in attending any Army School you must fill out AVCRAD Form 717 with your Section Sergeant. Please do not come directly to Training.

Attention!

Foreign travel. Reminder, as DOD employees (full or part-time) you are required to receive a briefing **prior** to any overseas travel. This is not optional – it is mandatory. You should contact the Operations & Training Division at a minimum of two weeks prior to traveling and identify the country or countries that you are traveling to. They will then make arrangements for a briefing. Depending on where you are traveling to, the briefing can be

either via telephone, web page or in some instances, you will be required to come to the AVCRAD or the Hartford Armory for a detailed briefing. Points of contact for foreign travel are MAJ Panagrosso at x-2956 or CW3 Judd at x-2913 (scott.panagrosso@ct.ngb.army.mil)

MAJ Scott A. Panagrosso

7. SAFETY:

Army Intelligence????

Female soldier killed by helicopter blade:

A woman serving with the Army in Bosnia died after walking into the rotating rear rotor blades of a Lynx helicopter, an inquest has heard. Lance Corporal Katy Tranter was en route to England for a five-week course when the accident happened in Split, Croatia.

The Army clerk with the Adjutant General's Corps suffered massive head injuries and died three days after the accident.

Oxford Coroner's Court heard evidence from Gary Williams of the Army Air Corps, who witnessed the accident shortly after the helicopter had touched down.

He said: "She came out of the port side door and went directly towards the tail rotor. I almost immediately recognized this as a danger.

"From the distance away from the aircraft and with the engines going, she would not have heard me. It appeared that she wanted to duck to get under the fin of the helicopter itself." Lance Corporal Tranter, 19, of Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham, died in John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford three days after the accident on February 24 last year. Dale Parish, of 655 Squadron, told the inquest that, shortly before the accident, he had indicated for the

lance corporal to stay in her seat and that she had nodded in agreement. He said he had intended to escort her off the aircraft once he'd finished placing chocks under the wheels of the helicopter. Coroner Nicholas Gardiner, recording a verdict of accidental death, said: "Whether she was endeavouring to duck under the fuselage or rotors itself we will never know. The outcome was perhaps inevitable."

Story filed: 14:26 Thursday 20th September 2001

Submitted on 10/06/01

Submitted by: [DavePrime](#)

Reference: annanova- 9-20-01

While we have all been briefed on safety precautions while working around aircraft, this story raises another very good point. We have a responsibility to safeguard personnel who are with us either as a new member of the unit, or someone you are escorting around who may not be familiar with the facility. Giving someone new a safety briefing is often not enough, we need to vigilantly watch these people to ensure their safety. A while back we allowed a contractor who had operated on the facility before to work unescorted. This contractor had received a briefing about where he was allowed to go and where he could not go. The contractor was then allowed to go off on his own to do the job. In the course of doing what he was here to do, he decided that one of the pieces of equipment he was using would be better placed on the other side of one of the runways and he proceeded to walk across an active runway when a CH-47 was on approach. The control tower had to break the CH-47 off on short final and bring them around again. The airport police arrived ready to arrest the person and only our intervention prevented him from going to jail. We know our jobs well and the inherent risks associated with our jobs. New personnel don't have that knowledge and it is up to us to be our brother's keeper.

If anyone has heard some good safety related stories or video clips, you can send them to me at willaim.odell@ct.ngb.army.mil or wodell@snet.net - Thanks

CW4 William Odell, AVCRAD Safety Officer

8. FAMILY CARE PROGRAM:

There will be a family support program meeting Sunday, 3 Nov, in the conference room at 1230 hours.

Anheuser-Busch Amusement Parks are offering all military personnel **FREE** admission to their theme parks (Sea World in San Antonio, San Diego & Orlando; Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay or Williamsburg; Sesame Place in Philadelphia) now through 31 December 2001. Family members are also **FREE** their first visit and discounted 25% off the regular price for each additional visit.

AVCRAD FULL TIME PHONE LIST

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SFC Micklich 441-2957

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MAJ Allen 441-2911
CW4 Delea 441-2931

QC DIVISION

CW3 Teague 441-2925
MSG Slater 441-2968

PROD CONTROL DIV

MAJ Burnside 441-2910
1SG Donnee 441-2924

ADMIN SERVICES DIVISION

CW3 Walker 441-2953
SFC Ives 441-2962

SSG Major 441-2959
SSG Mecomber 441-2960

MATERIAL MGT DIVISION

CW2 Walters 441-2940
MSG Augustinsky 441-2972
SFC Moore 441-2992

FLIGHT OPS DIVISION

CW4 Odell 441-2918
SSG Pons 441-2920

C-23 FLIGHT DIVISION

CW5 Zoller 441-2913
MSG Levanti 441-4233
SGT Dumas 441-2913

Annex A

Enhanced PT Roster

Will be published at drill Saturday.

Annex B

**Soldiers supporting the
1-130th ATCK HEL BN**

SFC Kelly	SSG Gorenki
SSG Olsen	SSG Littlehale
SSG Wilson	SPC Preciado
SSG Padfield	SGT Williams
SGT Monks	PVT Morris
PVT Pratt	

Annex C

**SDP Roster / Land
Navigation**

Amaro, S	Anderson, L
Baker, R	Bedell, M
Bowne, D	Christensen, R
East, D	Fusconi, K
Garcia, G	Grainger, J
Gravel, G	Hale, J
Helie, L	Henry, L
Landry, W	Law, R
Marone, J	Marshall, K
Mattson, C	McGinn, D
Zbikowski, K	Nordby, R
Papale, M	Plante, H
Richards, M	Saindon, P

Summers, M	Tecun-Casteneda
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**Annex D
ID Badge Issue Schedule**

Saturday, 3 November

ADMIN / TNG	0900 – 0930
MAT MGMT	0930 – 1030
QC / PC / HQ's	1030 - 1200

Sunday, 4 November

Utility Branch	0900 - 1000
Cargo Branch	1000 – 1100
Component, Eng	1100 – 1200
Obsv, Maint HQ	1230 – 1300
Attack Branch	1300 – 1400
Arm, Elec, ATE	1400 - 1500

Annex E

**Showdown Inspection
Schedule**

Saturday, 3 November

Svc Section*	0930 – 1200 hrs
ADMIN / TNG *	1230 – 1430 hrs

Sunday, 4 November

Supply*	0930 – 1200 hrs
Engine*	1230 – 1430 hrs

*** Only select personnel will conduct showdown. All full time soldiers will conduct showdown during the week.**

**Annex F
Drill Dates**

13 - 14 OCT 01	ANNUAL BRIEFINGS
3 - 4 NOV 01	LAND NAVIGATION/ STAFF RIDE

1 - 2 DEC 01	XMAS PARTY, SHOWDOWN/ CLASS "A" INSPECTION, ANNUAL BRIEFINGS
5 - 6 JAN 02	AVIATION SAFETY DAY
2 - 3 FEB 02	
9 - 10 MAR 02	LEADERSHIP REACTION COURSE
6 - 7 APR 02	MAKE-UP APFT / WEIGH IN
4 - 5, 27 MAY 02	MEMORIAL DAY SUPPORT
1 - 2 JUN 02	WPNS QUAL
13-14 JUL 02	CONFIDENCE COURSE / <i>FTX</i>
17 - 18 AUG 02	FAMILY DAY
7 - 8 SEP 02	

