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Third Regiment well represented at Oak Ridge Emergency Management Forum

The Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge Y-12 nuclear facility hosted the 2011 Emergency Management Forum on 8 September. The event drew first responders and emergency management officials from across the state. Designed to bring together those who are likely to be called to service in the event of a man-made or natural disaster, the forum featured speakers from federal and state emergency management agencies, including the FBI, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and DOE EMA officials.

The Tennessee State Guard had a recruiting and information table set up among the two dozen displays by agencies and commercial entities providing equipment and resources for emergency responders. Additionally, more than a dozen representatives from the 3rd Regiment HHC and the 4th MP Battalion attended the one-day conference.

Scheduled just prior to the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, presenters in the morning session gave a variety of perspectives on the 9-11-2001 events at the Pentagon. Among the most moving was the video presentation by Martha Gilchrist, now a Sevier County resident who was working in the Pentagon close to the impact site when American Airlines Flight 77 slammed into the building. Mrs. Gilchrist, who retired after 35 years as a civilian government employee, managed to escape unharmed, but many of her



A recruiting table, provided by SGM Robert Evans (seated L), was the center of 3rd Regiment’s presence at the Oak Ridge Emergency Management Forum on 8 Sep 2011. Among those in attendance (from left), 1LT Karen Oland (3rd Regt HHC), SGM Helms, SSG Marc Grossbard (1st BN), SGT David Best (3rd Regt HHC), and 3rd Regiment commander, Col Steve Mead.



coworkers perished in the fiery crash and collapse of the structure following the impact.

Nine afternoon break-out sessions of the forum covered a wide spectrum of information, including the use of social media in disasters, a history of events affecting Tennessee during 2011, and a review of the massive 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami in Japan on March 11, 2011 and the subsequent events at the nuclear power plant in the region.

3rd Regiment mourns the loss of 2LT Louis Marino

The 3rd Regiment HHC has lost one of its own. 2LT Louis J. Marino passed away on September 12, 2011 after a short illness. LT Marino had served in the S-3 (Operations) section as the Training Officer and was recently transferred to the S-4 (Logistics) section. Funeral services were conducted in Rockwood and his remains interred in Oakdale, Tennessee with full military honors. 2LT Marino was posthumously promoted to First Lieutenant and will be missed by all his comrades in the 3rd Regiment.

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UMOJA Festival pairs Guard members with local police

Johnson City's annual UMOJA Unity Festival gave 3rd Regiment personnel the opportunity to work alongside local first responders. The 1st Infantry Battalion has established a great working relationship with the Johnson City PD, and serves as a force extender during several community activities throughout the year.

The UMOJA Festival celebrates diversity in the northeast Tennessee community and features vendor booths and performance stages in various locations throughout the city center. State Guard personnel patrolled in pairs during the early hours of the two-day event August 12th and 13th and were eventually paired up with local enforcement officers.

The professionalism displayed by the State Guard individuals earned positive comments from Lieutenant Scott Jenkins, the JCPD Assistant Watch Commander charged with coordinating the patrols for the event. In an email to the State Guard Commander, Brigadier General Kenneth Takasaki, Lt. Jenkins said the performance of the State Guard volunteers "is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when good leadership and training are combined with superior personnel." He said the JCPD looked forward to working with the State Guard again in the future.

2nd BN leads July's Grainger County Tomato Festival traffic and security detail



SFC Dan Byrd of the 2nd MP Battalion provides directions and information to visitors at the Grainger County Tomato Festival.

2nd MP Battalion provided leadership and coordination for a multi-unit effort at July's Grainger County Tomato Festival.

Major Bill Page served as the Officer-in-Charge and received support and assistance from both 2nd BN and 3rd Regiment personnel.

The traditional 2nd BN mission is to assist the Grainger County Sheriff's

Department and Rutledge City Police Department with traffic control and supplemental security during the three days of the festival.

Temperatures in the upper 90s during the last three days of July gave the 3rd Regiment units practice operating in conditions of high heat as well as dealing with the indigenous population and visitors.



SGT Derrick Kite (2nd BN) and **2LT Christopher Long** (1st BN) patrol among the booths at the UMOJA Festival in Johnson City.



Dancing in the street under the watchful eyes of **CSM William Mellon** (2nd BN) and **2LT Joseph Westfall** (3rd Reg HHC) during the UMOJA Festival in August.

Four Complete Initial Entry Training

Four 3rd Regiment soldiers complete Initial Entry Training at the training facility in Catoosa, GA in September.

2LT Christopher S. Long from the 1st BN in Johnson City, 2LT Michael M. Glasman, SSG Douglas S. Cruze and PFC Ronald M. Slone, from 3rd Regt HHC were awarded certificates of completion. A ceremony was conducted on Sep. 26, 2011. All four were part of the 17-member IET Class 2011.

The three-day training included basic military close-order drill, instruction in military courtesy, recognizing ranks, wear and care of the uniform, plus training in land-nav and urban search and rescue operations. Initial entry training is a requirement for all non-veteran members of the Tennessee State Guard.

Certificates of completion were presented by COL Cameron, 4th BN Commander and OIC of the IET 2011 and by COL George Arzente, Deputy Commander East, who represented the Commanding General at the ceremony.

News from the Battalions

The 1st Infantry Bn assisted the City of Johnson City on 8 occasions at four separate approved events racking up a combined total of 401 training man-hours in traffic and crowd control.

The 2nd Bn has a new S-1. CPT David Cox, a former Air Force officer, recently joined the 2d Bn, and the TNSG. He has a degree in Business Administration from UT. He previously served in the US Navy and then joined the TN Air National Guard. He was discharged from the Air Force Reserves.

The next 4th BN activity will be the Veterans Stand Down in Knoxville, 3 November. We will need 6 men or so, 0700-1600. This will be a mission to assist RAM with veterans coming to the RAM clinic at the Stand Down.

Operation REACH in Roane County will be 10 December.

1LT Oland earns OCR



Exceptional performance during the 2011 National Level Exercise (NLE) earned an Officer Commendation Ribbon for 1LT Karen Oland, 3rd Regiment's Communications and Electronics Officer. The award was presented by COL Steve Mead, Regimental Commander during the pre-drill formation on July 23, 2011.

The citation recognized 1LT Oland who "coordinated communications personnel, participated in exercise planning, communications testing and donated the use of communications equipment as well as maintaining a professional level of communications during the exercise." The award was signed by TNSG Commander Brigadier General Kenneth Takasaki.

Transitions

Promotions, Awards, Retirements, and Assignments

Welcome aboard to PFC Ronald Slone. He was sworn in by COL Mead at the July 23 drill and assigned to the Provost Marshal.

Congratulations to Captain Jeffrey Cravens, Asst. S-3, who received a meritorious promotion to his current rank at the 27 August drill.

CPT James A. Vaillancourt, CHC, assumed duties as 3rd Regiment Chaplain effective August 27, 2011.

CPT Allen Bray was promoted to his current rank on 27 Aug.

CPT Karen Oland was promoted to her present rank on 24 Sep at the 3rd Regiment HHC drill.

1LT Joseph Westfall was also promoted to his current rank at the 24 Sep drill of the 3rd Regt. HHC.



The CSM Corner



Cold weather is coming. It is time to repack your gear for cold weather conditions. Work on downsizing packs so they weigh no more than 60 lbs.

We need to set up teams to work together on load-out of commo gear. One SM can only carry one battery. Each team needs two batteries plus a solar panel for recharging. Establish teams and packing lists for commo. Solarbackpack.com has good ideas.

Keep up the good work.
CSM out.

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