

Bronco Leader Note #4 – 2022-2023 in Review

23 June 2023



Broncos,

Over the last year, you've earned an impressive list of accomplishments. Said a different way, there are many "W's" on the scoreboard, and we should rightly be proud of our achievements...but never satisfied.

Some of the highlights include 2 x Best Ranger Competition Teams placed in the top 10, 2 x Best Sapper Teams from Wayfinder completed the competition, B Company, 29th BEB was named the Best Active Duty Engineer Company in the Army. A No Fear Squad won our Division's Best Squad Competition and placed second in the USARPAC Best Squad Competition, and our MICO earned "Best BISE" in the Division. SPC Rodriguez from Cacti earned the Soldier's Medal for saving the life of another on Oahu, SPC Darbi Colson was named the Army Writer of the Year, our brigade earned 1st and 2nd place overall during Tropic Lightning Week, Soldiers from 3rd Brigade helped the team place 3rd in the Lacerda Cup at Fort Moore, SFC Haynes and 1SG Olsen earned Ranger Tabs along with 13 other Broncos, including SSG Ola who was the distinguished honor graduate. Broncos earned 4 Sapper Tabs, 80 JOTC Tabs, 176 Air Assault Wings, and Soldiers from our brigade routinely come up with innovative solutions to complex problems. 4 Broncos earned Green to Gold Scholarships and 3 will report to the United States Military Academy Preparation School this summer. CMED's Jungle Medicine Program established a new standard for realistic medical training in the Pacific AOR.

The brigade's performance during E3B was remarkable and resulted in 133 EIBs, 47 ESBs, and 26 EFMBs. We've stood up the SGT Kevin White Ready Range in order to make it easier for Squads to easily train combat-focused marksmanship, and you can fly drones there any time. 100% of our arms rooms are certified to store ammunition, removing barriers for NCOs to train their Soldiers on marksmanship. UAS will be ubiquitous on future battlefields, and we've procured 30 x commercial drones – the first BCT in the Army to do so - to start a campaign of learning, and we'll receive an additional \$660k worth of DOD-approved drones soon. Finally, Project Maximo, a program aimed at optimizing the development of our senior NCOs, is up and running and is a physical manifestation of "People First." Ten total NCOs have completed the program, from the ranks of SFC to CSM.

Over the last year we have accomplished what few brigades in the Army could, however - **when you're on top of your game, change your game.** Ahead of us are different challenges that may look a bit different than those encountered over the past 12 months. The CSM and I are confident we will continue to learn and grow as we move forward into Bronco Rumble, our Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center rotation, and Pacific Pathways operations with our joint and allied partners. Our purpose remains unchanged - **to rapidly deploy, fight, and win in the crucible of ground combat.**

As of **June 1st 2023, our brigade assumed the Army's Contingency Response Force (CRF) mission.** Because the Army is a global force, our brigade could be called to react quickly to crises anywhere in the world. Our tasks could range from providing humanitarian aid following a natural disaster to conducting large scale combat operations against a capable enemy. The Contingency Response Force requires agile and responsive Lightfighters that can operate in diverse and complex environments, and we are the right team to assume this mission.

Enjoy your hard-earned leave, spend time with the people you care about, do good PT often, and come back refreshed and ready to get after it. There's much to look forward to in the months ahead. Service in the United States Army and in the 25th Infantry Division is a calling but what we do for the Nation is important. It is a privilege to serve with you.

NONE BETTER!

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