



# EL MILICIANO

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## NEWSLETTER

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### COMMANDER'S CORNER

**LTC Milton Pérez**  
**Battalion Commander**

Our mission is divided in two parts. The first part is to mobilize and validate the amount of security teams assigned by our Commanding General to protect the Military Sealift Command ships as part of our Nation's War against terrorism.

The second part is that our BN is responsible to conduct sustainment training for all security detachment teams in order to maintain their proficiency throughout the duration of the mobilization.

The mission is not complex, but requires that our soldiers maintain their discipline at all times, work as a team and remain focus on the mission.

I'm very proud to be the commander of the 1/295th INF BN in this historical mobilization. This is the oldest NG organization, with roots all the way back to 1765, as part of the *Milicias Disciplinadas de San Juan*, Puerto Rico. This is the first time we are mobilized since February 20, 1946, after the

inactivation of BN's and it's participation during WW II protecting the Canal Zone in Panama. Our brave men and women step up to protect our Country, Democracy, Liberty, but more important, the future of our sons and daughters, like other brave men and women did in the past, so we can live today with freedom and prosperity.

Our soldiers are performing in an outstanding manner, even with bad weather as our Borinqueneers did during the Korean War. I was not expecting anything less from them after the outstanding performance of our B & C Companies in support to Operation Desert Spring in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

I expect our soldiers to excel in the performance of their duties every time and fill proud of what they are doing and to understand how important is this mission in our Nation's fight against terrorism. Like Joe Paterno said, "The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital." We are in the preparation phase, and I'm sure, at the end we will win.

I'm so honor to command this Battalion and that's why I said with pride "A mí el 295"; and soldiers always respond with a loud "TODO POR LA PATRIA".

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Postage Stamps for Sale, Boxes, Envelopes, and we even deliver for you! Visit Bldg. 1630, and ask for SGT López. (Bde Postal Services)

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**PUERTO RICO FAMILY READINESS CENTER 2**

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*Pa' que tú lo sepas....*

PX Hours: 1000hrs to 2100hrs  
Closed on Sunday and Monday.

### LA ESQUINA DEL CAPELLÁN

**"Dios hace cosas nuevas y perfectas, usando piezas rotas y viejas."**

El apóstol Pablo nos dice que "si alguno está en Cristo, nueva criatura es" (2<sup>da</sup> Corintios 5:17). Abrazar la fe cristiana es también abrazar un estilo de vida que en muchos aspectos va en contraposición a lo que siempre hemos hecho. Sin embargo, el error está en pensar que dejamos de hacer estas cosas porque Dios así lo quiere. La verdad es que dejamos de hacer estas cosas no porque Dios quiere y la iglesia nos lo dice, sino por amor a Dios.

Lo que Dios va a hacer en nosotros es por nuestro amor hacia Él y Su amor a nosotros. Por eso es que Dios puede tomar cada hilo de nuestro corazón gastado y renovarlo con Su amor y Su poder.

Permite que Dios te toque y que cada aspecto de tu vida sea sensibilizado por Él sin importar cómo éste se encuentre. Sólo así verás cómo Dios puede tomar y hacerla nueva y perfecta. Que Dios te bendiga rica y abundantemente.

**Carlos Correa CPT, CH**

Cyber Net Café is  
open at Bldg. 1648 for your use  
and Entertainment...



We got Beer, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,  
Chili, Popcorn, T.V. and more...  
Hours of operation 1830 to 2130.

### Wear of Uniform

**Garrison:** Soft Cap, Parka, etc.  
**Field:** Kevlar Helmet, LBE, Gas Mask,  
Extreme Weather Face Cover, gloves,  
etc.

*Laundry machines* are located at  
Bldg. 1604 and 1622, they are open 24hrs.  
Supply sections have laundry detergent  
for the use of our soldiers at no charge.

### Sick Calls

0730 hrs to 0830 hrs daily  
Remember to report to  
your first line supervisor or your  
commander first, then go to Bldg. 1679  
for transportation. Emergencies will be  
attended 24 hrs, and if in the Field,  
Ground Evac will be provided.  
POC SSG Maldonado S-1



Postal address at Ft. Bragg:

**2125 GSU**  
**ATTN: ( RANK, NAME)**  
**(UNIT)**  
**Fort Bragg, NC 28310**

Mail Box available at HQ Bldg 1679

# HATS OFF

FOR THE PROMOTIONS OF:

<i>SFC Luis De Casenave</i>	Co D, 1-295 <sup>th</sup>
<i>SFC Raúl Vázquez</i>	Co B, 1-295 <sup>th</sup>
<i>SGT Gabriel Serrano</i>	HHC 1-295 <sup>th</sup>

**Congratulations On Their  
Promotion Ceremony!**

### BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH OF:

*March* (week of 15 through 21)

SGT López, Rafael-HHC 92 SIB	SPC Robles, Agapito – HHC 1/295
CPT Matos, Angel – HHC 92 SIB	SPC Cruz, Francisco – 1/296
SPC Pérez, Maritza -HHC 92 SIB	SGT Cruz, Emilio – 1/296
CPT Rivera, Carlos -HHC 92 SIB	SGT Feliciano, Wilfredo – 1/296
SGT Hernández, Carlos – Troop E	SPC García, José M. - 1/296
SFC Santos, Victor –A 1/295	SPC Irizarry, César - 1/296
SPC Méndez, Nestor – D 1/295	SPC Pérez, David – HHC 1/296
SPC De Jesús, José – HHC 1/295	SPC Román, Saúl - 1/296
SPC Del Toro, Jaime A. – HHC 1/295	SPC Rodríguez, Faustino –HHC 1/295

**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY!”**

### DFAS NEWS FLASH

How do I get paid?

The Army Pay works as follows:

Mid Month Pay – ½ Basic Pay  
-- ½ Cola  
-- ½ Subs Allow  
-- ½ Fam. Sep Allow  
-- OHA

End Month Pay – ½ Basic Pay  
-- ½ Cola  
-- ½ Subs Allow  
-- ½ Fam Sep Allow

BAQ Differential for Child Support will be paid after the day 15<sup>th</sup>.

Family Separation Allowance is payable after the first 30 days of activation.

*“While I take inspiration from the past,  
like most Americans, I live for the  
future.”*

**- Ronald Reagan**

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**“TODO POR LA PATRIA”**