



EL MILICIANO



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A Special Message from the BN CSM

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Command Sergeant Major

TOWARD SUCCESS

The job of a Battalion Command Sergeant Major is being the Commander's principal adviser on enlisted matters, and seeing to it that the standards of conduct of the Army are observed. This is done through NCO Development Program), talks, written communication, *leading by example*, and so forth.

The difference between one mission and another consists in how we face it; it establishes its success or failure. That difference can be the zeal or attitude everyone involved displays. The mission of the 295th is as important as any other mission. It is not difficult; it is different because it is on ships. Our soldiers will be up to date as they have been doing, and the mission will be a successful one. Our people have always excelled in all endeavors, and I know they will once again.

Risks are everywhere. Stepping out of the shower, qualifying with your weapon at night, doing PT – everywhere. You as soldiers must try hard to minimize risks. We are working seven days a week, often 15 to 20

Sick Calls

0630 hrs to 0730 hrs daily Remember to report to your first line supervisor or your commander to get your DD Form 689, then go to BN HQ for registration. Emergencies will be attended 24 hrs at Womack Hospital.

POC: SSG Maldonado, S-1

MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE

Due to the increasing volume of mail, Mail Call will be from 0800 to 0900 hrs daily. Unit Mail Clerks will see SPC Jose Rivera, BN Mail Clerk, at BN HQ.

Pa' que tú lo sepas....

No me llames *Infantero*; llámame *Infante*.

Este término, en alusión a esa característica de los niños pequeños cuando están aprendiendo a caminar, se remonta a tiempos cuando los ejércitos se movían a pie. A menudo, luego de largas y arduas marchas, los soldados acababan caminando a tumbos, lo que recordaba el caminar de un infante. De ahí el por qué al *"foot soldier"* se le conoce como infante.

hours daily. We have to qualify all the teams in order to support our forward-deployed personnel. (If Logistics does not follow, our forward-deployed personnel cannot fulfill their mission.) Once the teams are on their way, the job will be with more resting time.

Because of the singularity of this mission, we have CSS (Combat Service Support). I understand they are doing an excellent job. We at Battalion level have excellent leaders, from Lt. Col. Pérez, company commanders, first sergeants, staff, team leaders, etc. Each one of them is doing his best. It is a tough leadership, yet it is a leadership that supports the soldier in everything. We demand a lot, but we give a lot as long as it is within our grasp.

Upon their return, the teams will retrain in those areas team leaders deemed necessary, and will also have some R & R (rest and recuperation) time.

As your CSM, I am very pleased with your response and performance. Each one of you has a job; and if everyone does it, everything will turn out fine. We must strive to better ourselves and have faith that we will keep moving forward.

"TODO POR LA PATRIA"

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

CH (CPT) Carlos Correa

The following prayer was found on the body of a fallen GI on the battlefields of Normandy.

A COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S PRAYER

Look, God, I have never spoken to you;
But now, I want to say, "How do You do."
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,
And, like a fool, I believed all of this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky,
I figured right then they told me a lie.
Had I taken the time to see the things You made,
I'd known they weren't calling a spade a spade.
I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand.
Somehow – I feel that You will understand.

Funny, I had to come to this hellish place
Before I had the time to see Your face.
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say
But I am sure glad, God, I met You today.

But I'm not afraid since I know You're near;
I guess the "Zero Hour" will soon be here.
The signal – well, God, I'll have to go;
I like You lots, this I want You to know.

Look, now this will be a horrible fight.
Who knows – I may come to Your house tonight.
Though I wasn't friendly with You before,
I wonder, God, if You'd wait at your door.

Look – I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears!
I wish I'd known You these many years.
Well, I will have to go now, God – good-bye.
Strange – since I met You I'm not afraid to die.

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- Mon-Fri 1400-1500; Sat 1030-1100
- Inf SGT Gardner (910) 396-4987

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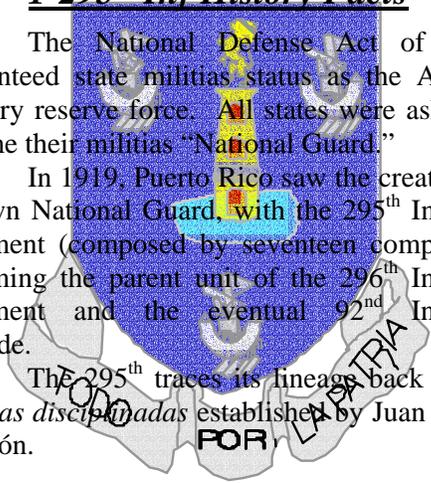
<u>Spanish Catholic</u>	<u>Spanish Protestant</u>
Ret CH (LTC) Kit	CH (CPT) Correa
CH (MAJ) Abreu	CH Asst SPC Peña
CH Asst SSG Santos	
Sundays @ 1230 hrs	Sundays @ 1230 hrs
Wednesdays @ 1900 hrs	
JFK Memorial Chapel	Faith Comm Chapel
Ardennes St.	Ardennes St.
	Bldg D-3733

1-295th Inf History Facts

The National Defense Act of 1916 guaranteed state militias status as the Army's primary reserve force. All states were asked to rename their militias "National Guard."

In 1919, Puerto Rico saw the creation of its own National Guard, with the 295th Infantry Regiment (composed by seventeen companies) becoming the parent unit of the 296th Infantry Regiment and the eventual 92nd Infantry Brigade.

The 295th traces its lineage back to the *milicias disciplinadas* established by Juan Ponce de León.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April (1-15)

Congratulations!

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| (1) PFC Torres, Narciso - HHC 1-295 | (5) SSG Diaz, Ana M. - HHC 1-295 |
| (2) SFC Rodriguez, Arnaldo - A 1-296 | (6) SPC Silva, Luis - HHC 1-296 |
| (2) SGT Aviles, Guillermo - HHC 1-295 | (7) PFC Sanchez, David - HHC 1-296 |
| (2) SGT Diaz, Irving - HHC 1-296 | (10) SPC Carrasco, Miguel - D 1-295 |
| (2) SPC Rios, Roberto - HHC 1-296 | (13) SGT Cardona, Angel - D 1-295 |
| (3) SPC Valentin, Richard - HHC 1-296 | (13) SGT Lebron, Wilfredo - HHC 1-295 |
| (5) PFC Pomales, Pedro - HHC 1-295 | (13) SPC Villacis, Eder - HHC 1-295 |
| (5) SFC Vargas, Victor - HHC 1-296 | (14) SPC Acevedo, Randy - D 1-295 |
| (5) SPC Delgado, Jose - HHC 1-295 | (14) SPC Gonzalez, Naysha - HHC 1-295 |
| (5) SPC Diaz, Israel - HHC 1-295 | (14) SPC Maldonado, Alex - HHC 1-295 |

EL PENSADOR LIBRE

Contribuye el
Sgto. Juan R. Fonseca
"El Filósofo de Santurce"

Más allá de la guerra existe la Paz, que muchas veces tratamos de conquistarla con el diálogo; pero no es negociable, porque debe prevalecer la igualdad acompañada de Justicia para todos.

"The survival of the Army depends on the values of its soldiers. Duty, honor and courage should not be words soldiers mouth, but rather the touchtone of their lives."

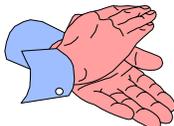
- GEN Dennis Reimer
Former Chief of Staff

HATS OFF

FOR

PFC Dialma Álvarez, HHC 1-295th

ON HER PROMOTION



Congratulations!

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Did you know that . . .

XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS

- Headquartered at Fort Bragg, was originally activated as the 11th Armored Corps at Camp Polk, Louisiana, on Jan 17, 1942; and redesignated XVIII Corps on Oct 9, 1943, at Monterey, California?
- On Aug 25, 1944, with the addition of the "Airborne" tab, the corps assumed command of the famed 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions?
- Its first commander was the legendary "Mr. Paratrooper," Matthew Bunker Ridgway (a strong supporter of the Puerto Rican soldiers, and the first to advocate for their inclusion in US operations in the impending war in Korea in 1950)?
- Today, the XVIII Airborne Corps is the US Army's largest warfighting organization, comprising more than 88,000 soldiers between the 3rd Inf Div, the 10th Mountain (LI) Div, the 82nd Airborne Div, the 101st Airborne Div, and a number of regiments and brigades?

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SOY TU LIDER,
DAME UNA OPORTUNIDAD . . .

. . . de crecer a través de este momento que compartimos juntos con un fin común.

Como parte de la creación divina, no soy perfecto, pero lucharé con todas mis fuerzas para lograr ese objetivo que tenemos, que al mismo tiempo se transforma en un compromiso o responsabilidad.

Que como tú conoces, una vez más, conlleva sacrificio, empeño, y dedicación con el firme propósito común de que el mismo se realice.

Toda responsabilidad o compromiso tiene momentos difíciles o algunos obstáculos que nos dificulta superar; pero con la ayuda de Dios es posible.

Recuerda que en situaciones mucho más difíciles que la que tenemos al presente, la diferencia consiste en el apoyo y paciencia que tú me puedas brindar.

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