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NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

LTC Milton Pérez
Battalion Commander

The validation process of the 295th Infantry began in early March. After much work, sacrifice and multiple obstacles, we can assuredly say that we are very near to reach the objectives of this first stage of the mission.

Once we receive all the equipment necessary, we expect the rest of the teams yet to validate to finish such process on or about Thursday, April 17.

The second stage of the mission consists on keeping the teams ready and prompt through a quality training program ended to maintain a high level on all necessary areas in order to fulfill future missions.

Although the process has prompted us to adjust and readjust, the commitment and the determination that characterize our leaders have been fundamental in the success we have obtained this far.

God willing, I am sure that we will fulfill our mission.

¡Adelante!

1-295th Inf History Facts

The National Guard regiment 295th Infantry (Separate) came into existence in 1919 thanks to the untiring efforts of Maj. Gen. Luis Raúl Esteves Völkers (1893-1958). The story has the romanticism of a true story of pride and prejudice. The first Puerto Rican ever to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, "Raulito" Esteves had initially had a very poor impression of the Puerto Rican soldier. This was in 1918. In his own words, he could not but "prefer [his Regular Army] 23rd Infantry Battalion . . . than the Puerto Ricans to fight with." After a few months, he came to admire the physical change taking place in the boys and their spirit, discipline and military pride, to the point he was convinced that the Puerto Ricans "could be as good soldiers as the best from any other country in the world." The rest is history. . .

(Esteves, became the first of his class [1915; Omar Bradley's and Dwight Eisenhower's] to ascend to the rank of general.)

FROM THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S DESK

Edelmiro Hernández
Battalion Command Sergeant Major

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS: The Hand Salute

The origin of the hand salute is uncertain. From earliest times and in many parts of the world the right hand has been raised as a greeting of friendship. The idea may have been to show that you were not ready to use a weapon. Courtesy required that the subordinate make the gesture first. Certainly there is some connection between this old gesture and our present salute.

Many romantic "origins" have been invented; one of the most popular, that it symbolizes the knight's gesture of raising his visor to reveal his identity as a courtesy on the approach of a superior. The salute has had many forms, nevertheless. At one time it was rendered with both hands! In old pictures you can see left-handed salutes. In some instances the salute was rendered by lowering the saber with one hand and touching the cap visor with the other.

The following explanation of its origin seems the most likely. It was a long-established military custom for juniors to remove their headgear in the presence of superiors. In the British Army as late as the American Revolution a soldier saluted by removing his hat. With the advent of big, heavy headgear like the bearskin, which could not be easily removed, the act "degenerated" into a gesture of touching the visor. It finally became conventionalized into something resembling our modern hand salute.

This theory is suggested in the order book of the Coldstream Guards, dated 3 September 1745: "The men ordered not to pull off their hats when they pass an officer, or so to speak to them, but only to clap up their hands to their hats and bow as they pass." How would you like to do that every time you saluted?

Sick Calls

Mon - Fri: 0630 hrs to 0730 hrs

After Sick Call Hours:

Mon - Fri: 0730 hrs to 1630 hrs

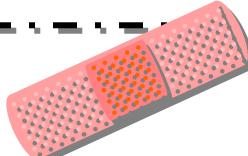
Bldg. C-3731, 2nd Floor, BDE HQ, Sick Call Room

POCs: MAJ Héctor Rosado, BDE Surgeon; and

SSG Ana Díaz, NCOIC, at 432-4177.

Emergencies:

Call Womack Army Medical Center, or call 9-1-1.



"TODO POR LA PATRIA"

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
CH (CPT) Carlos Correa

If it is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press . . .
If it is the soldier, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech . . .
If it is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given the freedom to demonstrate . . .
If it is the soldier, who salutes the flag,
who saves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
who allows the protester to burn the flag?

--Author unknown

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

<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

Pa' que tú lo sepas....

“Taper”, “high-and-tight”, “flat top” – cualquiera el estilo de corte de pelo que usted prefiera, sepa que todos comparten un origen común en las legiones romanas. Más que por simple buena apariencia, el recorte fue una medida impuesta a los guardias a fin de evitar que éstos murieran degollados por el enemigo (que solía sorprender a los desprevenidos guardias, tirando de sus melenas y cortándoles la garganta).

HATS OFF

FOR

CPT Diego Dávila, Troop E, 192nd Cav



**THE FIRST COMMANDER
TO VALIDATE ALL TEAMS**

Congratulations!

COLÓN³



*José Aníbal, Hijo; José Aníbal, Padre; y
Aníbal José, frente a los cuarteles temporeros del 1^{er}
Batallón del 295 en el Fuerte Bragg.*

En varias ocasiones hemos visto el caso de padre e hijo sirviendo en la misma rama de las fuerzas armadas, pero el caso de la Familia Colón es uno de esos excepcionales en que tanto padre como hijos sirven no sólo en la misma rama, sino también en la misma unidad.

El Sgto. José Aníbal Colón Rivera, natural de Adjuntas, se alistó en la Guardia Nacional en 1979, a dos años de haberse casado, sirviendo como infante todo el tiempo con la Compañía A, del 1^{er} Batallón del 295 de Infantería. Hoy, 24 años después, José Aníbal Colón Plaza (20) y Aníbal José Colón Plaza (19), soldado primera clase y soldado segunda clase, respectivamente, siguen los pasos de su padre, el Sgto. Colón. (José Aníbal, Hijo, por ejemplo, se alistó luego de cursar ChalleNGe.)

Tanto José como Aníbal fungen como infantes, mientras que en el sector civil ambos son estudiantes. José Aníbal, Padre, se desempeña como operador de equipo pesado en el Municipio de Adjuntas.

Las respectivas familias de los Colón viven en Adjuntas mientras, hoy, padre e hijos forman un equipo en apoyo a la Operación “Guardian Mariner”.

Nosotros los felicitamos por su gran aportación al servicio militar. Puerto Rico debe sentir orgullo de tener seres humanos con ese deseo y pasión de servir con tan especial devoción.

**PUERTO RICO FAMILY READINESS
CENTER 2**

Center's POC SGT Juan Alers
Phone: 787-734-8531
Fax: 787-487-3687
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or juan.alersrivera@virtualarmory.com

NEW Mailing Address at Fort Bragg:

Rank/Name/Team #
HHB, XVIII ABN CORPS ARTY
92nd SIB/(Unit)
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

For UPS, FedEx, or Airborne Express ONLY:

Rank/Name/Team #
92nd SIB/(Unit)
Bldg. C-3731, Ardennes St.
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

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 José Rivera, BN Mail Clerk, at Bldg C-2140.

Did you know that . . .

- The first mission the XVIII Airborne Corps carried out was during the allied invasion of the Netherlands, code name Operation MARKET GARDEN (1944)?

On the previous *Did you know that . . .* we erroneously stated that the XVIII Airborne Corps was originally activated as the "11th Armored Corps," when it should have been "II Armored Corps." (Army corps designations follow the Roman number system.) We regret this mislead.

DAHL PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER

(Bldg. M-T-4161) Layne St.

Tel. 910-396-5353

Hours of Operation

Mon – Fri: 0600 hrs to 2100 hrs

Sat and Sun: 0800 hrs to 1500 hrs

Holidays: 0800 hrs to 1500 hrs

Training Holidays: 0800 hrs to 1500 hrs

LOST and FOUND

Found articles may be turned in to the desk sergeant at the Provost Marshal's office located in Bldg. AT-3275 on Butner St. Lost articles may be claimed Mon – Fri (except for federal holidays) by calling 396-5566.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April (15-30)

Congratulations!

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| (15) SPC Algarin, Orwin - 192nd CS | (23) SPC Gambaro, Luis - HHC 1-295th |
| (15) SPC Febus, Santos - Trp E 192 | (24) SPC Camacho, Hipolito - HHC 1-295th |
| (16) PFC Figueroa, Miguel - 192nd CS | (24) SPC Negron, Carlormar - A 1-295th |
| (16) SGT Rivera, Miguel A. - Trp E 192 | (24) SPC Ocasio, Ivan - HHC 1-295th |
| (17) SPC Acosta, Rey - 192nd CS | (24) SPC Rodriguez, Yahidy - HHC 1-295th |
| (18) SPC Rondon, Gustavo - 192nd CS | (25) PFC Colon, Ismael - D 1-295th |
| (19) CPT Vargas, Gonzalo - D 1-295th | (25) SGT Lopez, Carlos - D 1-295th |
| (19) SGT Herran, Norberto - A 1-295th | (25) SGT Perez, Jose A. - 192nd CS |
| (19) SPC Colon, Celia - A 1-295th | (25) SGT Thomas, Joseph - A 1-295th |
| (19) SPC Martinez, Johnny - A 1-295th | (25) SPC Carrion, Israel - 192nd CS |
| (19) SPC Rovira, Victor - HHC 92nd SIB | (25) SPC Crispin, Adrian - D 1-295th |
| (20) PFC Lopez, Benjamin - 192nd CS | (25) SPC Vazquez, Luis - A 1-295th |
| (21) SFC Rosado, Rey - D 1-295th | (26) SPC Arjona, Antonio - Trp E 192 |
| (21) Soto, Jose - HHC 1-295th | (27) 1SG Perez, Jaime - HHC 92nd SIB |
| (21) SPC Melendez, Eduardo - 192nd CS | (27) SGT Torres, Julio - 192nd CS |
| (22) CPT Ruiz, Omar - A 1-295th | (29) SPC Rivera, Jose A. - D 1-295th |
| (22) SFC Diaz, Jorge - HHC 1-295th | (30) SGT Pineiro, Moises - HHC 1-295th |
| (22) SPC Colon, Lucas - A 1-295th | (30) SPC Fontanez, Juan - HHC 1-295th |
| (23) PV2 Ortiz, Jaime - HHC 1-295th | |

EL PENSADOR LIBRE

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

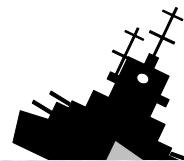
POSITIVO

Una actitud positiva puede ser la diferencia entre el éxito y el fracaso. Es como una fuerza especial que en el sentido espiritual se conoce como la FE.

EMERGENCY LEAVE

- Contact Red Cross for Case Number
- Have it faxed to 2125th GSU at 910-396-5299
- Complete DA Form 31 (Ref: AR 600-8-10, pp. 27-29)
- CONUS-bound cases will be handled by ACS/AER (Army Community Services/Army Emergency Relief). Have readily available a copy of LES and orders. *
- OCONUS-bound (P.R.) cases will be handled by XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, G-4 Comptroller.

* If you do not have the means to cost the travel at the moment of the emergency, ACS/AER will provide transportation on a loan basis. This loan will be repaid through direct payments. The amount will vary according to each individual case.



BE MINDFUL OF WHAT YOU SAY

Phone calls, e-mails, letters – they are prone to be monitored or intercepted at all times.

LOOSE LIPS SINK SHIPS

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Good luck and Godspeed to our comrades.

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