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All American Veterans, Leaders, Supporters and Association Members,

On behalf of the more than 18,000 Paratroopers ready to jump, fight, and win for our Nation, CSM Green and I are honored to share with you the State of the Division for the summer of 2016. This is my final update to you as All American 6; on August 2nd I transition command of the world's greatest Division to Major General Erik Kurilla.

The last two years have been unbelievably rewarding as I have had the privilege of serving with the finest Paratroopers in our Army. Thanks to all of you and to all of our Paratroopers I leave knowing that long after I am gone, this Division will continue to serve as America's Guard of Honor, just as it has since August of 1917.

Next May, we will celebrate the centennial of the All American Division with All American Week 100. It will be a remarkable event and I hope to return to Fort Bragg for the airborne review, this time as an observer.

I hope you find this product useful and I encourage you to pass this update to anyone who may be interested.

All The Way!

- Major General Rich Clarke, All American 6



All American Week 2016: Tomorrow's Force, Today!





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Ongoing Operations: Win the Fight

As they have over the last 99 years, the All Americans are globally engaged in defense of the United States. As of July 2016, over 380 Paratroopers from the Division are deployed across the world. Over the past six months, the Division has provided Paratroopers in support of missions in 15 different countries, including Jordan, Egypt, Kuwait, Qatar, Djibouti, Honduras, and Cuba.

Korean Rotational Force (82nd CAB). In June, the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade's 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment deployed to South Korea for a nine-month



Troopers from 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment uncase the colors during a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

rotation. The squadron will support ground forces with armed aerial reconnaissance and security. This mission marks the final deployment of the Army's OH-58 Kiowa Warrior



Paratroopers with the 18th Human Resources Company participate in a deployment ceremony in March.

helicopter. Upon its return, 1-17 CAV, the last Kiowa Warrior squadron in the Army, will transition to AH-64 Apaches.

Operation Freedom's Sentinel. A postal platoon of 35 Paratroopers from the Sustainment Brigade's 18th Human Resources Company is in Afghanistan supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel. The platoon runs several Army Post Offices across the country.

Airborne Operations: Jump, Fight, Win

From February 1st through the end of June, the Division conducted 52 airborne operations with more than 25,000 Paratroopers, more than 80 heavy equipment platforms, and more than 180 container delivery system bundles.







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Exercise Swift Response 16: The All Americans Are Stronger with Allies



Paratroopers board an aircraft before an operation in Germany as part of Swift Response.

In June, the Division participated in Swift Response 16, a multinational crisis response exercise which stressed all Brigades and validated the Division's ability to integrate U.S. and Allied Airborne forces quickly to jump, assemble, and accomplish an array of follow-on missions.



Paratroopers recover their equipment during an operation in Poland.

On June Division 6th, the headquarters, operating as the Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) headquarters for the exercise, along with the Devil Brigade, was alerted on Fort Bragg and immediately activated the N-hour sequence. The CJTF headquarters coordinated with forces airborne from Poland, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom for an incredibly complex multinational Joint Forcible Entry into Poland.

Approximately 15 hours after alert, the Devil Brigade and the CJTF headquarters were wheels up from Pope Army Airfield, headed over the Atlantic to link up with Allies. In the air, the All Americans refueled aircraft, planned for the post-insertion operation, and rigged parachutes. Less than 25 hours after alert, the Division conducted one of the most complex airborne insertions in the modern history with multiple types of aircraft and parachutes, multiple points





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of origin, a variety heavy equipment packages, and three separate drop zones. Thousands of Allied Paratroopers filled the skies of Poland on June 7th, to include more than one thousand All Americans. Once they landed, the real hard work began. Conducting the crisisresponse operation, the Devil Brigade, with Polish partners in the lead, moved to and secured the Torun Bridge while elements of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment crossed.

The Devil Brigade and the Gun Devils then moved to Phase II of the operation, with another complex multinational airborne insertion, this time in Germany. Upon insertion, the Paratroopers conducted a grueling 12-day mission with live fire maneuvers throughout the Hohenfels Training Area in Germany. Their efforts strengthened the battalion's ties with multinational partners and demonstrated the flexibility and capability of the Airborne Field Artillery to our NATO Allies.

This mission was truly a full-team effort for the Division. Once alerted, the Devil Brigade was focused on rapidly getting into Poland and then conducting the follow-on mission. Meanwhile, the Falcon Brigade led the outload effort, with Paratroopers issuing ammunition, loading equipment onto the aircraft, and securing unit areas.

The Providers of the 82nd Sustainment Brigade also deployed elements to Germany to provide

Sustainment Brigade Troopers worked around the clock to provide support for Swift Response.

sustainment mission command to support the Devils during Swift Response 2016. The Brigade's Paratroopers planned, coordinated, and executed equipment and personnel transportation movements, parachute rigging operations, personnel manifesting, base lifesupport and personnel reception throughout the exercise.

In total, 2,300 U.S. servicemen and women supported SR16 including active, reserve, and national guard Army and Air Force units. An additional 2,700 foreign military servicemen and women from nine countries took part in the 82nd Airborne Division-led training. Exercises like Swift Response 16 highlight the fact that no nation can confront their national security challenges alone.

As it has done since World War II, America's Guard of Honor stands ready to fight alongside our European Allies.



The MRZR enhances Paratrooper mobility on the battlefield.





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Swift Response not only indicated that commitment, it also showed the world that the 82nd Airborne Division can rapidly send large groups of Paratroopers to any part of the globe to respond to a crisis.



Division Paratroopers with Polish and British Paratroopers move toward their assembly area after an airborne operation.

All American Week 2016: Tomorrow's Force, Today!



All American Week began with the Division Run featuring 18,000 Paratroopers.

All American Week 2016, May 23 through 26, was a time to celebrate the Division's legacy and its future with a series of historical remembrances, observations, competitions, and training events.



This year's theme was "Tomorrow's Force, Today!" and the Division demonstrated its cutting-edge readiness and technology with a stunning Airborne Review featuring artillery live fire, including a High-Mobility Rocket System and an airborne operation with more than 1,000 Paratroopers conducting a Joint Forcible Entry and then securing an airfield.





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During All American Week, the Division unveiled the Airborne Combat Training Memorial in honor of those Paratroopers killed while training for combat.



The new Airborne Combat Training Memorial honors our Paratroopers killed while training for combat operations.

Unit Updates: Airborne, All the Way!

Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. In February and March more than 400 Paratroopers from HHBN returned from Iraq and Kuwait. These Paratroopers represented

the last deployed element from the Division headquarters' nine month tour in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Back at Fort Bragg, HHBN facilitated major changes to its command structure. On June 30th, Bravo and Charlie Companies deactivated and then reorganized under the new Signal, Intelligence, and Sustainment (SISCO) Company. In addition, the entire battalion is reorganizing under a Multi Component Unit construct which incorporates



HHBN's SIS Co. is activated.

a National Guard Main Command Post Operational Detachment (MCPOD) of Soldiers from the 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.





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Devil Brigade Paratroopers participated in a live-fire operation in Grafenwoehr, Germany in June.

1st Brigade Combat Team. The Devil Brigade continues to enhance readiness as a critical piece of the Nation's Global Response Force (GRF). Since our last State of the Division, Devil Paratroopers participated in multiple airborne operations across two different continents, built relationships with friends and allies oceans apart, and developed future Leaders.

As it always has, the Devil Brigade honored its remarkable bloodline. On March 5th, in honor of its 504th regimental lineage, the Brigade command group participated in the 504th occurrence of the "Sunset March" crossing of the Waal River in Nijmegen, Amsterdam. This march is a daily tribute to the Paratroopers of the regiment killed by enemy fire while crossing the Waal on September 20, 1944.

Also in March, Devil Paratroopers participated in the Military Order of William presentation ceremony at The Hague. The Order of William is the oldest and highest honor of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Having received the award in 1945 for its ferocious fighting during Operation Market Garden, representatives of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment were invited to participate in this year's ceremony which saw the award presented to the Dutch Army Special Forces.





Devil Paratroopers and Veterans participate in the 504th 'Sunset March' on March 5, 2016 in Nijmegen, The Netherlands.





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Just weeks after returning from Swift Response, the Devil Brigade received a no-notice alert for a deployment and exercise. 96 hours later, the GRF was wheels up to Fort Polk, Louisiana, where they conducted a Joint Forcible Entry and an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise. The Army tested the GRF's readiness and the Devils passed with flying colors.

2nd Brigade Combat Team. The Falcon Brigade continued in its role as the GRF Outload Support Brigade (OSB); the Falcons are charged with resourcing and executing all requirements to deploy the GRF from Fort Bragg within 96 hours.



'Mungadai' kicked off with an airborne operation.

April's "Mungadai" exercise, a grueling 36-hour training event entailing a joint forcible entry and three follow-on tactical missions, challenged over 250 Officers and Senior NCOs from across the Brigade.

The Falcon Brigade continues an aggressive interoperability program. In May, the Brigade participated in Exercise Viking Talon, a series of multinational airborne operations partnering the

Brigade with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment held in Petawawa, Ontario. During the exercise, Paratroopers from 2nd Battalion, 325th AIR competed in and won Canada's prestigious "Hill 187" competition, a platoon-level test of tactical proficiency, physical fitness, and unit cohesion.

Last month, Exercise Central Accord 16, an exercise in Gabon, Africa, brought together over 300 Gabonese, French and American Paratroopers to train peacekeeping and airborne operations. Initiated by a trans-Atlantic joint forcible entry mission from Fort Bragg onto Pointe Denis drop zone in Libreville, Gabon, Central Accord 16 also saw two multinational airborne operations, a foreign wing exchange and over 50 Falcon Paratroopers completing the French Jungle Warfare School.



Falcon Paratroopers receive the 2LT Ed Hollyer trophy after winning the 'Hill 187' Competition in Petawawa, Ontario.



Paratroopers from the 82nd and an African Partner Nation share a high five during Exercise Central Accord 16 in Gabon.





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3rd Brigade Combat Team. Like all of our units, the Panthers have been busy. 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment got after hard training at Fort Pickett, Virginia while 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment was put to the test training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Operating on unfamiliar terrain, conducting multiple realistic live-fire training opportunities, and supported by elements of the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, both exercises provided outstanding opportunities to increase Panther proficiency in critical skills leading up to Company level Combined Arms Live Fire Exercises.





Panther Paratroopers train on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in March, 2015.

In April, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment trained at Fort Irwin, California's National Training Center. There, unhindered by maneuver and indirect fires constraints, companies conducted maneuver training while integrating intelligence collection platforms with direct and indirect fires. Concurrently, company-level live fires were underway back on Bragg, providing a critical collective training opportunity involving all maneuver, fires and mission command systems from across the Brigade. Combined Arms Live Fire Exercises marked the final validation exercise prior to the Brigade's Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotation in August.







Paratroopers from 3BCT participate in live-fire training exercises at California's National Training Center and on Ft. Bragg, N.C.

In June the Panthers held a week-long Brigade Field Training Exercise during which "Task Force Panther" integrated multiple units and more than 5,000 Service members across a wide spectrum of capabilities. Task Force Panther deployed to the fictional country of Atropia, and executed core GRF mission sets focused on joint forcible entry, non-combatant evacuation





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operations and offensive, defensive and stability operations. Having trained hard for the last several months, the Panthers look forward to putting their skills to the test during August's JRTC rotation.

82nd Combat Aviation Brigade. Over the past four months, while conducting three battalion-level aerial gunnery exercises, Pegasus still found time to support the 101st Airborne Division at JRTC, implement initiatives of the Army's Aviation Restructuring Initiative and set a Guinness World Record and bid farewell to the OH-58 Kiowa Warrior.

From the hills of Canada to the infields of NASCAR race tracks, 82nd CAB helicopters were everyone in the skies above our Paratroopers. Aerial gunnery across the



The CAB conducted a dramatic flyover of the new Fort Bragg Field prior to the start of the historic 3 July Fort Bragg MLB Game.

states of Virginia, North Carolina, and Indiana challenged crews above unfamiliar terrain while May's aforementioned Operation Viking Talon in Canada facilitated interoperability with

Canada's 3rd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment.



The CAB set a new world record for the largest formation of aircraft during the Final Flight of the Kiowa.

Throughout the last four months, Pegasus supported high-visibility community relations events, with millions of NASCAR fans watching a flyover of the Coca-Cola 600 and millions more watching a flyover of the new Fort Bragg Field live on ESPN prior to the start of a Major League Baseball game between the Marlins and the Braves.

aircraft during the Final Flight of the Kiowa. Finally, on April 15th, the 82nd bid adieu to the storied OH-58 Kiowa Warrior. As a fitting farewell for the battle-tested and beloved airframe, Pegasus conducted a final fly-over of 30 Kiowas, with hundreds of Service members, veterans and civilians gathering to witness. The formation landed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest helicopter formation in history!





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82nd Airborne Division Artillery. In April the DIVARTY Headquarters participated in Warfighter 16-2 and in June the headquarters supported operation Swift Response in June.

Meanwhile, 1-319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, the Loyalty Battalion, continued to provide accurate and lethal fires in support of the Panther Brigade. DIVARTY resourced, tested, and certified the Loyalty Battalion as part of the Battalion Artillery Readiness Test (BART). The BART stressed the battalion's ability to plan, prepare, and execute air assaults and live fires ensuring all batteries were trained and ready to deliver joint fires in support of Panther operations.



DIVARTY howitzers are delivered during a training exercise at Ft. Bragg.

Firing Batteries from the Loyalty Battalion also supported Operation JADED THUNDER, firing in support of the United States Army Joint Special Operations Command (USASOC) and the United Kingdom Special Operations Forces. In May, Charlie Battery supported the 1-508th

Parachute Infantry Regiment Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise at the National Training Center. Charlie Battery executed Rocket-Assisted Projectile, Precision Guidance Kit and Direct Fire missions while also delivering accurate fires at danger close ranges.

The Gun Devils, 3-319 Airborne Field Artillery, continues to train and maintain a high state of readiness in support of the Devil Brigade's Global Response Force mission. DIVARTY resourced,



DIVARTY Paratroopers rush to set up their equipment before a fire mission on the dropzone.

tested, and certified the Gun Devils through the execution of multiple Division Artillery Readiness Tests (DART).





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In February, Strike Battery, Charlie, 2-319 Airborne Field Artillery, earned the Henry A. Knox Award naming them the best Active Duty firing battery in the Army. Competitors for the Knox Award are graded on live-fire mission execution. Charlie Battery demonstrated dominance during twelve separate live-fire training exercises, firing over 1,600 rounds. Strike Battery



All American 6 and 9 present Strike Battery with the Henry A. Knox

Award

excelled in the delivery of multiple types of munitions, to include the M107 high explosive fitted with a precision guidance kit

Additionally, Charlie Battery produced the Brigade Trooper of the Year, Brigade and Division NCO of the Year, Distinguished Honor Graduate of ALC, and six new Jump Masters.



Soldiers of the 126th Composite Transportation Company conduct live fire training on March 17 on Fort Bragg.

82nd Sustainment Brigade. The Providers continued to develop leaders and build unit readiness while providing the highest levels of support to our Paratroopers.

Virtually the entire Brigade alerted and deployed to the Fort Bragg training areas in March, established a Brigade Tactical Operations Center and validated the Brigade's Tactical Standard Operating Procedures.

During All American Week 2016, the Providers took home top honors for the Flag Football Tournament and Color Guard competition. As winners of the color guard competition, the Brigade's color guard team will have the honor of carrying the All American colors at ceremonies and events until next year's competition.



Spc. Megan Sue Shea, a unit armorer with the 82nd Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade, competed in the All American Week 2016 Combatives Tournament





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A parachute rigger with the 11th Quartermaster Company, 82nd Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade, assists a British Paratrooper prior to a Joint Forcible Entry jumping into Poland during Swift Response 16.

The Providers continued maintain to readiness to ensure they can provide rapid support to the GRF. Portions of the Brigade must be prepared to deploy with the GRF and provide sustainment in austere locations. To maintain this kind of expeditionary logistical support, the Providers conducted convoy live fires, platoon defensive live fires and multiples field training exercises. Meanwhile, the Brigade planned and provided sustainment for the Panther Brigade as they trained for their upcoming JRTC rotation.

As part of the Army's Associated Unit Pilot Program, the Brigade's associated unit, the 824th Quartermaster (Rigger) Company from

the US Army Reserve was integrated into the 11th Quartermaster Company during their 21 days of annual training. This training ensured the readiness and training of the 824th while providing needed rigger capability to the All American Division.

Around the Division



Soldier's Medal. In June, Spc. Benjamin I. Rogers with the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade was awarded the rare Soldier's Medal for his heroic actions while off-duty in Oct. of 2014. Spc. Rogers observed a local woman who had been in an auto accident trapped in a car that was on fire. In an attempt to rescue the woman, Spc. Rogers risked his life to subdue the fire.



Philip A. Connelly Competition. The 307th Brigade Support Battalion won best Active Army Field Kitchen in the 48th DA-level Philip A. Connelly Competition. The competition highlighted the importance of Food Service Specialists to the Army.





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Best Sapper. For the third year in a row, our Paratroopers won the Army's Best Sapper Competition. Captain Jason Bahmer, a company commander in 2/505 3/82, and SFC David Rizo, a platoon sergeant in the Falcon Brigade's 37th Engineer Battalion, took home the win for the All American Division.



Division Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. On May 19, All American leaders honored volunteers from across Division during the volunteer recognition ceremony. More than 60 volunteers were recognized by the Division leadership during a ceremony at the Hall of Heroes.

Federal Eagle. In May, the All American Division and Germany's 31st Airborne Division

conducted Federal Eagle 16, a multinational airborne operation during which more than 800 German and All American Paratroopers exited German C-160 aircraft onto Sicily Drop Zone. This annual exercise builds interoperability and trust between the 82nd Airborne Division and our German airborne brethren. Members of the Division who jumped were awarded the German Parachutist Badge.







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Normandy 72. The Division deployed 91 Paratroopers to Normandy to support of the 72nd anniversary ceremony of the Allied D-day landings. Our Paratroopers, along with their French and German airborne brethren, jumped into France over the Iron Mike monument on the La Fiere Drop Zone. Once on the ground, All American Paratroopers exchanged jump wings with their multinational counterparts.

Changes of Command



Col. Greg Beaudoin receives the guidon from Col. Curtis Buzzard

In May, the Panther Brigade said goodbye to Col. Curtis Buzzard, his wife Teri, and children Anna, Caroline, and Katherine. The responsibility for commanding these great Paratroopers now rests on the shoulders of Col. Greg Beaudoin. Having been in and out of the Division for years, and having served in the Panther Brigade, Greg knows the expectations are high. The Panthers welcomed Greg's wife Allison and their son Butler to the team.

The following month, the Falcon Brigade said goodbye to Col. Joe Ryan, his wife Julie, and their children: Abby, Joseph, and Ally, while welcoming Pat and Mara Work. The Falcons will miss the Ryans but know they are in good hands. Having commanded a company in the 75th Ranger Regiment and a Battalion in the 101st, Colonel Work is no stranger to high standards and elite units. His wife Mara and their children J.P. and Sally Ann were greeted at the ceremony.



The Falcons welcomed the Work Family.



Col. Joe Ryan handed over the Falcon guidon.





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This month, Col. Chris Moretti transitioned the Division Artillery over to Col. Joe Hilbert. Moretti holds a place in the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, having reactivated the organization in October 2014. The Division Artillery extended its personal gratitude to his wife Deborah and their children Samantha, Christopher, and Ashlynn. The charge of leading our nation's only Airborne Division Artillery Brigade now rests with Colonel Joe Hilbert. His wife Beth and children Joseph, Jack, and Kate are by his side.



MG Clarke thanks Col. Moretti and his Family for their service to the Division.



Col. Joseph Hilbert assumed command of DIVARTY at Pike Field.

Farewell to Senior Leaders

The All American Division said goodbye to some key leaders since our last update. We are grateful for their leadership and service to the All American Division. Brigadier General Ronald Clark, the Deputy Commanding General for Support, left in May for the United Kingdom, where he now serves as the chief of staff for operations for the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps.



Brigadier General Brian Winski

Last month, Brigadier General Mark Odom, the Deputy Commanding General for Operations while the Division served as the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Iraq and the Deputy Commanding General for Support after redeployment, moved on to the Army Capabilities Integration Center in Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, where he will serve as the director for concept development and learning.

Brigadier General Brian Winski, the commander of Task Force All American while the Division headquarters was deployed to Iraq and the Deputy Commanding General for Operations after redeployment, left the Division in June to head to DC, where he now serves as the director of operations, readiness, and mobilization for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G-3/5/7.





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Finally, the Division Chief of Staff, Colonel Michelle Schmidt, left in the beginning of July to serve in the Pentagon as an assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.



Brigadier General Ron Clark



Brigadier General Mark Odom

Win the Next Fight

The new command team is on board. Colonel Matt MacFarlane, the new Deputy Commander for Operations, comes to us from the Pentagon where he served as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Army. Colonel Michael Fenzel, the new Deputy Commander for Support, most recently completed a fellowship with the Council on Foreign Relations. Finally, Colonel Mike Hertzendorf, most recently the commander of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR), steps in as the Division Chief of Staff.



Col. Matthew McFarlane, the new All American 7



Col. Michael Fenzel, the new All American 8





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Col. Colin Tuley, Devil 6, watches as his Paratroopers descend during an airborne operation.



Paratroopers work together during a teamwork exercise during Central Accord in Gabon, Africa.



82nd Airborne Division Paratroopers prepare to jump from an Air Force C-17.





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Over the next six months we look forward to welcoming Major General Erik Kurilla and continuing to answer our Nation's call.

Should you ever find yourself in the Fayetteville area, please stop by the All American Division headquarters in Ridgeway Hall for a personal update. If you know of someone who should be added to future updates, please email us at: 82ndAirborneDivisionPAO@gmail.com

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All American 6 and 9 at the Fort Bragg MLB Game on July 3rd.

Airborne! All the way!