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2007 AG Sniper Match

By CPT Eric Locklear

Camp Butner Training Site hosted the 2007 AG Sniper Match on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Soldiers from the Joint Force Headquarters and the 30th BCT competed in a challenging combat event that tested their ability to effectively engage target at distances up to 600 yards. Competitors arrived on Friday, September 21st for a practice session in which each competitor was required to obtain a zero at every range line up to 600 yards.

On Saturday, the competition began early with scoring remaining close throughout the entire match. In the end, the sniper team for the 230th BSB won the match. The score results were as follows: First Place — MAJ Richard Glancy and SSG Yale Moran; Second Place — LTC Wayne Ayers and SGT Robert Johnson, and Third Place — SGT Robert Jones and SPC Daniel Guzman. MAJ Richard Glancy was the recipient of the Top Shooter award; given to the individual scoring the highest overall score.



NCNG Helps Support 2nd Annual Motorcycle Ride for Hospice

story by SFC Jerry Townsend

Saturday, October 6th, 2007, HQ, 60th Troop Command along with Recruiting and Retention Command joined forces with Community Hospice Foundation for their 2nd Annual Motorcycle Ride for Hospice. This 290-mile ride, along the scenic Outer Banks, is designed to help raise awareness and funding for Hospice Care and the Community Hospice Foundation.

As part of the North Carolina Army National Guard's Community Outreach Program, both commands shared the lead role as sponsors' in honor of so many veterans who have had to utilize Hospice care.

Speaking with Danielle Townsend, Regional Volunteer Coordinator for Community Home Care & Hospice, who coordinated the event, she stated, "This is an important event that will raise awareness and aid so many people who need the foundation's help." Mrs. Townsend went on to say "that the National Guard's support both last year and this year is a vital part of the success of this event."

The ride itself consisted of five stages that allowed riders to stop, rest and fellowship with one another while volunteers at each stop provided them with refreshments and other goodies. Even though the ride was met with some heavy rainstorms, the riders continued to trek their way through the stages. The final stop at Washington's National Guard Armory, culminated with the riders being provided a catered dinner, live entertainment and door prizes.

Speaking with several riders that participated, they all had the same feeling, that despite the rainy weather, it was a great ride for a great cause. Mrs. Townsend wanted to thank all the sponsors, the riders and the many volunteers who helped make this event an outstanding success. Mrs. Townsend went on to add "with everyone's support and efforts, we were able to meet our monetary fund raising goal for the foundation."

Thanks and Giving

By SGT Robert Jordan, NCNG Public Affairs

Leaders of the 449th Theater Aviation Brigade provided over two dozen turkeys for soldiers of the 449th T.A.B. Headquarters Headquarters Company in November during the unit's drill.

Nearly 20 of the most junior enlisted lined up as 2nd Lt. Greg Gharst and Col. Ronny Coats handed out the donated Butterball turkeys.

"It is the right thing to do going into the holidays," said Gharst.

Gharst, who works at Butterball, asked the donation department for the turkeys several months before. Gharst was talking with other leaders in the 449th and it was suggested that he

ask his employer for turkeys for the Soldiers for thanksgiving. "I ran with it and was able to get the turkeys," said Gharst.

Col. Ronny Coats, Commander 449th Theater Aviation Brigade, hands a Thanksgiving turkey donated by Butterball to Spec. Moses of HHC 449th TAB. (PAO Photo by Sgt. Robert Jordan, 449th TAB)

