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2BN Troops Assist local authorities for St. Patty's Day Parade

The call for assistance from the 3rd BN of the 5BDE was answered by 20 troopers from 2nd BN (1BDE). Savannah law enforcement again requested additional support from the GASDF with security and traffic control.

The Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade is the second largest in the country, with an estimated 750,000 people in attendance. The 5th BDE, under LTC Anderson retained overall command of the mission while CPT Jane Miller (3/5) served as the OIC.

2BN soldiers arrived the evening of 16 March and were briefed on the mission

specifics by SGT Flannery of the Savannah Metro PD. At "oh-my-Lord-it's-too-early" the next morning, soldiers assembled and were deployed to areas along the parade route. It was a long day, but the dedication and professionalism, not to mention a really good parade, carried the 2BN troops through.



SSG Flavin backing up one of Savannah's finest

LTC Anderson passed along his thanks and praised the soldiers who volunteered calling them "first class". Please visit the BN web site and click on "Pictures" for more on the day.

221st MI Requests assistance from 2BN

They say when you do a good job, people remember your name. Well, the CO of the 221st must have 2BN on speed-dial as this is the fourth time they have requested assistance from the unit. Though the

request was made during a regular drill weekend, MAJ Toole recognized the importance of this mission as the 221st were training for their upcoming deployment. In lieu of regular drill, she asked soldiers to sign-up and help

the 221st in any way they could. The catch was that they only requested 25 people max per day.

When the roster filled up, MAJ Toole requested her staff instead meet and make room for everyone in the *(story continues Pg2)*

Check the BN site for more info on:

- 248th Mission at Ft. Stewart
- Tax Help
- Big Shanty
- GAANG 1-121st Send off



221st (cont)

BN to participate.

2BN soldiers assembled at Ft. Gilem, dressed in civilian attire and Kevlars (*DoD rules state all personnel riding in HMMWVs must wear appropriate headgear*) at 08:00 each morning and transported to various lanes.

Though the weather was a little wet, it did little to dampen the enthusiasm the 2BN soldiers had for the mission. Knowing full-well

our brothers and sisters in the 221st would be heading soon into harm's way, 2BN troops took each training lane seriously and provided the Guard a valuable training resource.

2BN soldiers will keep the 221st in their minds and prayers during their year-long deployment overseas. God Bless!



“Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity”
George S. Patton

New Unit Crest for 2BN

MAJ Amie Toole put the word out last December for a new BN crest. After about 15 submissions, the votes were tallied during February's drill and the results were given earlier this month.

The upper left corner on page one of the newsletter displays the winning design. MAJ Toole's only stipulation was that the crest somehow incorporate a snow hawk and the Latin phrase "NULLI

SECUNDUS", which is the BN's motto (*Second to None*)

The new crest is expected to be displayed on 2BN Guidon (not the official Guidon issued by the BDE CMDR), t-shirts (ahem, CPL Carrozza), stationary, banners, and maybe in 2BN level recognitions/awards.

CRTC puts call out for Volunteers

The Georgia Army National Guard has kept the SDF busy this past month. The CRTC (Combat Readiness Training Center) in Savannah was the most recent site where GASDF personnel were requested. The three day

mission involved role-playing for various National Guard units preparing to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan. Two soldiers from 2BN, CPL Sewell and PFC Tavares, volunteered to play OPFOR at the CRTC.

It is also notable that both elected to remain an extra day and volunteer to assist with the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you Gentlemen - you are "Second to None". HOOAH!

ACU Sun Hats Now authorized

With the click of the “SEND” on his email, GEN Bradford authorized the use of the ACU Sun Hat (a.k.a. “The Boonie”) for GASDF soldiers. The hats are strictly for use in the field and then only with the Commander’s approval. ACU Sun hats are NEVER authorized for garrison, so showing up at drill with one on will likely earn a not-so-pleasant face-to-face (one-sided) discussion with CSM Bernier.

According to AR-670-1, “The ACU Sun (Boonie) Hat will be worn in field environments when the Kevlar helmet is not worn, or the commander determines it is appropriate to wear. The ACU Sun Hat is typically worn on work details or combat environments where the Kevlar helmet is impractical, as determined by the commander. Sew on and pin on rank are both authorized for wear on the ACU Sun Hat. The draw string on the ACU Sun Hat can be worn under the chin, around the back of the head and neck, or tucked into the

top of the hat. The ACU Sun Hat will not be worn rolled, formed, shaped, blocked, or with an upturned brim”.

The rule of thumb is if you are in a public area (Big Shanty) for a mission, count on wearing your patrol cap. The upcoming April WASR FTX would fit the criteria, pending the BN CMDR’s approval. Info would be listed under headgear in the Warning or Frag Orders.



Coming Soon

SGT STEVE SCRUGGS

First of all, thanks to all of you who helped out with the 221st role playing mission this past weekend! The National Guard is always appreciative of our efforts. This was short notice for them, so I really appreciate everyone’s flexibility.

We have three missions coming up within the next month and really need

your help. Two of the missions involve assisting the National Guard.

Mission pages are on the website for all three missions, so please sign up as soon as possible (both GO and NO GO).

As always, make sure to check the BN web site (not the Yahoo!) for up-to-date information and details.



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The Georgia State Defense Force is a legally constituted element of the Georgia Department of Defense, serving in support of the national and state constitutions under direction of the Governor and the Adjutant General of the State of Georgia.

[United States Code, Title 32, Section 109](#)

For more info about joining 2nd BN, please contact CPL Hintz at mkhintz@aol.com

"Second to None!"



Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

2nd BN/1st BDE is currently recruiting! BG Bradford has challenged each soldier to bring one new recruit by AT2009. Remember, we're looking for dedicated people who have a strong desire and commitment to serve their fellow citizens. For more information, please contact CPL Morgan Hintz.