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Patton Battalion - USABOT is a chapter of the US Army Brotherhood of Tankers and is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit.

Patton Battalion - USABOT covers Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky & Tennessee.

The Blood and Guts Newsletter covers events and activities within our area and USABOT National.

EIN:
And registered with the state of Kentucky

Patton Battalion - USABOT

Total: 93 paid members

24 Lifetime Members

53 Annual Members

2 Associate Member

438 on Battalion Facebook Page

PATTON BATTALION - USABOT

ILLINOIS - INDIANA - KENTUCKY - TENNESSEE

This month we continue with information about the Defense Health website and links off their website. This is the third month of sharing information so that you and your family can find help when or if needed and just incase you may have to help someone else. Please take some time to read through these and check out the website. You may find something you are looking for or help with something you need. These are:

- ◆ Directorate of Prevention, Resilience & Readiness
- ◆ US Department of Veteran Affairs - PREVENT
- ◆ Defense Suicide Prevention Office

If you have a link you think we need to share please let me know. As I have found by researching these there are many places out there to try and get help.

Exercise Talisman Sabre is the joint exercise help in Australia ever other year for the past 15 years. Over time this exercise has been growing and expanding. Conversations on Twitter were about the US Army conducting amphibious operations. The question I had was "What units are doing amphibious operations? What National Guard and Reserves are conducting amphibious operations? If I know the Army they would take the Kansas National Guard and have them train for amphibious operations!"

So we are now seeing the US Army add more and more units to the exercise. The US Army sent a armor company from the 1st Armored Division and they were attached to the 7th Brigade of the Australian Army. There were also US Army Special Forces and partners from other nations conducting parachute landings and amphibious landings. I will try to share more about this exercise as information and articles appear.

The US Army has a new Sergeant Major of the Army, SMA Michael R. Weimer. We will miss SMA Grinston as we did have some interactions on Twitter.

As I was following the Exercise Talisman Sabre I came across a post about the leaders of the 25th Infantry Division DIVARTY doing amphibious landings at Kwajalein Atoll! I wrote about the operation Flintlock which was one of the first amphibious operations in WWII. This was in the May 2021 Newsletter. We talked about the 767th Tank Battalion. I am keeping my eye out for any stories from this event also.

KP Morris
Patton 6

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WWW.USABOT.ORG
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Directorate of Prevention, Resilience & Readiness

To follow on with last month's topic, your health and wellness, I want to share some more information from different places.

The first I would recommend you checking out is DIRECTORATE OF PREVENTION, RESILIENCE AND READINESS.

<https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/ard/about-ARD.html>

About the Directorate of Prevention, Resilience and Readiness

In June 2023, the U.S. Army announced the realignment of the Army Resilience Directorate from G-1, personnel readiness, to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff in G-9. This move formalizes a new prevention governance structure, enabling a community approach to prevention that lowers the risk of harmful behaviors.

Effective July 1, 2023, the consolidated directorate will be called the Directorate of Prevention, Resilience and Readiness (DPRR) and will be led by Ms. Dee Geise, former director of SFRD.

RESILIENCE is the ability to persevere, adapt, & grow in dynamic or stressful environments.

Resilience encompasses internal motivation, persistence, and how Soldiers revitalize, recover and/or adapt in order to respond constructively to challenges in their daily lives. Training and education empower leaders and Soldiers to demonstrate resilience. When individuals gain experience in applying these skills, it enables cohesive team building and drives readiness.

National Prevention Agencies and Organizations recommended by the Directorate of Prevention, Resilience & Readiness are:

- National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention
- National Institute on Drug Abuse
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
- 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (*mentioned last month*)
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
- American Association of Suicidology (AAS)
- Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Military/Veterans Crisis hotline: 988 press 1 (*mentioned last month*)
- Health and Human Services

Partners

- Army Public Health Center (APHC)
- Center for the Army Profession and Leadership (CAPL)
- Performance Triad (P3)
- Psychological Health Center of Excellence (PHCE) (*mentioned last month*)
- Army Recovery Care Program (ARCP)
- Human Performance Resources by CHAMP
- Military One Source Family Advocacy Program Locator
- *The President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide PREVENTS.* (This one we are going to take a closer look at)

They have a podcast also. They are under the NEWSROOM link on the website. As of today there are 9 episodes posted.

Episode 1 - How Data Informs Efforts - Presenters: Ms. Renee Johnson and Dr. Stephanie Hall

Episode 2 - U.S. Army Office of Special Trial Counsel - Presenter: Col. Robert Stelle

Episode 3 - Personal Reflections on Resilience and Mental Health - Presenter: Lt. Col. Jacob Cool

Episode 4 - Capabilities to Increase Resilience and Readiness - Presenter: Sgt. Maj. Sharita N. Onugha

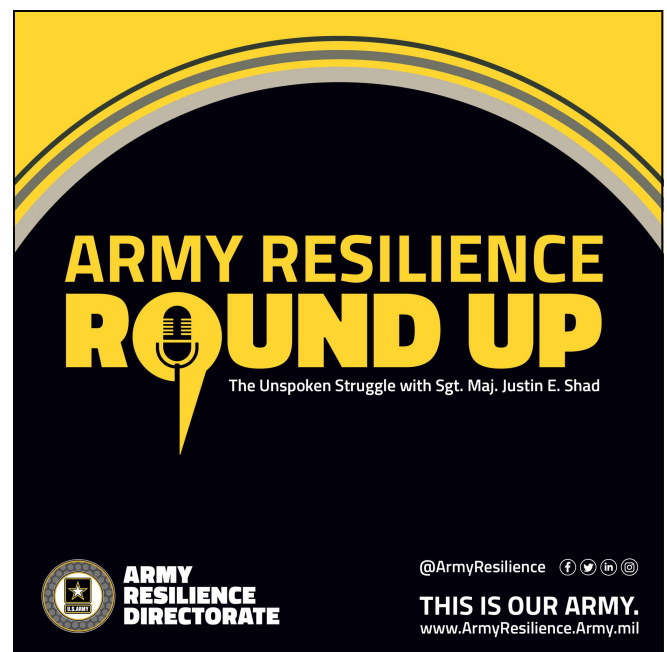
Episode 5 - Leading Through Tough Times. Treat Every Soldier Like a Tank - Presenter: LTG Russel Honoré

Episode 6 - DEIA and High Performing Teams - Presenter: Dr. Lyle J. Hogue

Episode 7 - IPAG: Context, Guidance and Implementation - Presenter: Dr. Katherine Schaughency

Episode 8 - Perseverance After the Pain of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment - Presenter: Sergeant First Class Chatonna Spicer

Episode 9 - The Unspoken Struggle - Presenter: Sgt. Maj. Justin E. Shad



US Department of Veteran Affairs - PREVENTS

US Department of Veteran Affairs » PREVENTS

PREVENTS | The President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide Seal President of the United States, Seal U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



VA's 2018 National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide (National Strategy), *this is a 42 page document about the defined strategy*, defined a broad vision for implementation of a public health approach to end Veteran suicide. Executive Order 13861, signed on March 5, 2019, established a three-year effort known as PREVENTS, which further amplified this unified public health approach. Alongside Suicide Prevention (SP) 2.0 and SP NOW initiatives, PREVENTS is part of the National Strategy operationalized plans organized by the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

Under leadership from the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), PREVENTS has a key focus to encourage Veterans to securely store firearms. Increasing the time and distance between someone who is suicidal and their access to firearms is known to reduce suicide risk. The PREVENTS communications campaign publishes educational materials and resources to encourage secure storage of firearms.

Purpose

PREVENTS seeks to change the culture surrounding mental health and suicide prevention through enhanced community integration, prioritized research activities, and implementation strategies that emphasize improved overall health and well-being.

Goal

The goal of PREVENTS is to prevent Veteran suicide. By adopting a holistic public health approach, PREVENTS is acting on the knowledge that suicide prevention is everyone's business, and that by working together, locally and nationally, we can prevent suicide.

Work

PREVENTS is building on the critical successes of suicide prevention pioneers and agencies working with service members and Veterans.

Links on the website.

Veteran in Crisis

National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide

Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Clinical Practice Guidelines

<https://www.va.gov/PREVENTS/>

Some of the other VA links are:

Help for Homeless Veterans 1-877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838)

Caregiver Support 855-260-3274

Women Veterans Call Center 1-855-VA-WOMEN (855-829-6636)

It's OK
to **not be OK.**
to **ask for help.**
to **call.**

Veterans Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

Defense Suicide Prevention Office

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Mission and Vision

DSPO Mission: Advances holistic, data-driven suicide prevention in our military community through policy, oversight, and engagement to positively impact individual beliefs and behaviors, as well as instill systemic culture change.

DSPO Vision: Unwavering pursuit of a mission-ready, suicide-free military community.

DSPO Values: Holistic; Innovative; Data-Driven, Collaborative; Integrity

History

The Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO) was established in 2011 and is part of the Department of Defense's Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. The Secretary of Defense designated a Defense Health Board Task Force to examine efforts to prevent military suicide. The creation of DSPO was the result of the Task Force recommendations.

Approach

DoD integrates a holistic approach to suicide prevention, intervention, and Postvention using a range of medical and non-medical resources. Grounded in a collaborative approach, DSPO works with the Military Services and other Governmental Agencies, Non-Governmental Agencies, non-profit organizations, and the community to reduce the risk for suicide.

Strategic Goals

Data Surveillance: Serve as the authoritative source for suicide data in the DoD.

Program Assessment: Evaluate the effectiveness and strategic integration of suicide prevention programs and research throughout DoD.

Advocacy: Serve as a lead change agent and champion for all suicide prevention efforts with our internal and external partners.

Policy Oversight: Serve as the primary originator and coordinator of suicide prevention policy throughout the DoD.

Outreach & Education: Advance the field of suicide prevention through strategic partnerships, targeted messaging, and evidenced-based training.



DSPO Heraldry: The White pillars represent the values of the organization; Transparency, Data-Driven, Evidence-Based, Participatory Approach, and Whole-of-Life Approach. Their interlocking symbolizes the bonds between community and strength of partnership forming the shape of the Pentagon signifying constant dedication and support to the Services. The wreath indicates strength and dedication for the total force to include Service members, their Families, and Department of Defense Civilians. The stars signify the military services, and their position above the wreath implies “not resting on one’s laurels”, but continually striving to help those at risk to suicide. The colors of the seal are Blue, White and Gold. Blue alludes to clarity and clear skies, while the sunburst portrays a new day and rays of hope. White is for caring, purpose and professionalism. Gold exemplifies excellence, integrity and honor.

Under the **TOOLS** tab there are links to the *Resource Library*, *Policy*, *Suicide Prevention Month*, *Suicide Prevention Month Recognition*, *Suicide Prevention Outreach Toolkit*, *Conferences*, *Video Library*, *DPSO Podcasts*, *Reports*, *Annual Reports*, *Quarterly Reports*, and *Newsletters*.

<https://www.dspo.mil/>





Australia, US to Host 'Largest-Ever' Bilateral Exercise
By Rojoef Manuel, APRIL 19, 2023
The Defense Post

Australia and the US will hold their largest bilateral exercise this year, with approximately 30,000 military personnel expected to participate.

The 14-day Exercise Talisman Sabre 2023 will be conducted from July 22 to August 4. Drills will be held in Queensland, the Northern Territory, New South Wales, and Western Australia.

Exercise Talisman Sabre

In its tenth iteration, Exercise Talisman Sabre will involve multi-domain firepower demonstrations, land combat, amphibious and airborne operations, and large-scale logistics.

The exercises will be administered across different defense and nondefense training areas.

The Talisman Saber series of exercises is the principal Australian and United States Military Training activity focused on the planning and conduct of mid-intensity 'high end' war fighting. Exercise Talisman Saber is the largest combined, joint military exercise undertaken by the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and provides invaluable experience to ADF personnel to improve combat training, readiness and interoperability, exposing participants to a wide spectrum of military capabilities and training experiences. The biennial exercise was conducted for the seventh time in 2017, involving more than 30,000 US and Australian participants, operating in the maritime, land and air environments.

"Talisman Sabre 2023 will be the largest ever iteration of the exercise in terms of both geographic span and also partner nation involvement," Exercise Talisman Sabre Director Brig. Damian Hill said.

"Considerable planning has gone into a safe and productive exercise for all participants."

"This year's exercise will demonstrate our ability to receive large volumes of personnel and equipment into Australia from across the Indo-Pacific and stage, integrate and move them forward into the large exercise area."

Bolstering Military Cooperation

Joining partner countries include Japan, the UK, Germany, Canada, France, Indonesia, Fiji, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, South Korea, and New Zealand.

Representatives from Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines will be present to observe the exercise.

"Talisman Sabre is a practical demonstration of our enduring Alliance with the United States, through deepening cooperation in training and innovation," Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles stated.

"Australia is excited to host what will be the largest ever iteration of Talisman Sabre this year, involving more of our partner nations than ever before."

"Talisman Sabre reflects a shared commitment to enduring relationships between trusted partners, and a stable Indo-Pacific through an upholding of the rules-based order."

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2023/04/19/australia-us-largest-bilateral-exercise/>

Exercise Talisman Sabre - Cont.

U.S. Forces Validate Ship-to-Shore Logistics Capability at Talisman Sabre 23
July 24, 2023 | By Joseph Clark , DOD News

Units participating in this year's large-scale military exercise with Australia have demonstrated a key logistical capability critical for enabling U.S. and partner forces to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Hours after Talisman Sabre 23 kicked off in Sydney last week, more than 200 soldiers and sailors were putting the finishing touches on a three-mile-long fuel and water pipeline in Weipa, a remote mining town on Australia's Cape York Peninsula.

The pipeline was pieced together using 19-foot tubes plucked from prepositioned stores staged throughout the theater. It was assembled as part of a joint petroleum over-the-shore operation designed to simulate the transfer of fuel pumped from an offshore vessel to inland distribution points used for operations in a resource-constrained environment.

On Saturday, sailors from Amphibious Construction Battalion 1 and active and reserve soldiers assigned to the Eighth Army, 475th Quartermaster Group and the 555th and 130th Engineer Brigade successfully connected the onshore pipeline to 175,000-gallon tanks aboard Australian commercial landing craft about 1,000 meters offshore.

While Army logisticians train similar fuel transfer techniques in controlled environments, the opportunity to train in an environment that reflects real world operational challenges will pay dividends, said Army Capt. Clovis Vaughn, the operations officer with the 475th Quartermaster Group.

"Seeing this happen for real makes us ... a lot more confident that, if we have to go do this again for real somewhere in an environment very similar to this, we're ready to go," he said. "This has been a huge opportunity to really put in practice what we thought we could do and really validate those things."

In addition to sustaining combat-ready forces in areas lacking permanent fuel infrastructure, the over-the-shore concept can also be used to shuttle fresh water to distribution points during humanitarian assistance operations.

The capability is particularly crucial for overcoming the unique logistical challenges posed by the Indo-Pacific. More than one-third of the countries in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's area of responsibility are small island nations separated by broad swaths of ocean.

The JPOTS operation reflects the key aims of Talisman Sabre, a biennial exercise designed to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific by strengthening partnerships and interoperability among key allies. The spelling of the name — sabre vs. saber — reflects which country is leading the exercise: Talisman Sabre when Australia leads and Talisman Saber when the U.S. leads.

Army Capt. Glenn Peebles, a petroleum platoon commander with Australia's 9th Force Support Battalion who observed the JPOTS operation, said the exercise provided valuable insight as his unit prepares to field new fuel-delivery capabilities.

"There's so much we can learn off each other," he said. "And there's a high likelihood that we will work together in different theaters in the coming years, so to consistently do it each year means that we'll be ready to do it when we need to do it for real."

Army Col. Margaret McGunegle, commander of the 130th Engineer Brigade, said the bonds formed at the soldier level through exercises like Talisman Sabre are key to U.S. success in the region.

"That's what builds partnerships," she said. "It's people that have worked together, walked the same path, done exercises together for years and years. Those personal relationships, a lot of the times, are the ones that then can make some of these more strategic relationships work because they understand each other."





Soldiers from Australia, United States, New Zealand, France and Fiji have combined to form Battle Group Ram. Throughout Talisman Sabre 2023, the contingent will work together to conduct training activities and enhance interoperability between our forces.

U.S. Army M1A2 tanks train in Australia alongside partner nations for the first time
By Maj. Jessica Rovero, 1st Armored Division public affairs, August 1, 2023

TOWNSVILLE, Australia - The 1st Armored Division brought the U.S. Army's M1A2 Abrams tank to Australia for the first time to train alongside partners and allies during exercise Talisman Sabre 23.

The 1st Armored Division deployed a tank company plus personnel from Fort Bliss, Texas, and 14 tanks from the Army Prepositioned Stocks in Korea to areas in and around Townsville in early July.

According to the 1st Armored Division Commander, Maj. Gen. James P. Eisenhower III, this was an opportunity to demonstrate the division's and the Army's power projection capabilities.

"It's quite a logistics challenge to move equipment as heavy as a tank company," Eisenhower said. "But, as we all know, tanks are extremely decisive in large-scale combat operations; and so, we need to validate our ability to project that power over distances across the shore, into land and then employ them."

The division selected Comanche Company, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment as the first U.S. Army tank company to participate in Talisman Sabre.

Eisenhower conducted a battlefield circulation to the Townsville Field Training Area in Queensland July 24, where he met with the Comanche Soldiers, key leaders, and others involved in the exercise. Throughout his visit he highlighted how this is the first time the Army's tanks have participated in the exercise and the value of interoperability.



Exercise Talisman Sabre - Cont.

“This year is the first time we’ve used M1A2 Abrams side-by-side with different partner and allied countries that are participating,” Isenhower said. “There are all sorts of different objectives we have associated with that maneuver. Interoperability in terms of just how we speak to each other. We have very similar standard operating procedures, but sometimes a radio call or a call for fire or even a fire command can be slightly different; and so understanding those differences beforehand are really important to us.”

Isenhower noted that exercises like Talisman Sabre are critical because they allow allies and partners to work through those frictions and differences in communications and language to create a common understanding. By working through the little things, our militaries can get into the more challenging aspects of maneuvering, providing fire and maneuver, supporting fires to each other as we move in mechanized battles.

Comanche Company was initially a task organized as an attachment to Battle Group Ram of the Australian Army’s 7th Brigade for the exercise. The company joined the Australian, French, Fijian, and New Zealand units that comprised the battle group. From July 21 - 29, the company conducted operations in support of the Australian Army’s 7th Brigade.

“The level of interoperability we’ve been able to achieve with Comanche embedded inside one of our battle groups has been really a good tribute in terms of the close relationship between Australia and the United States,” said Australian Army Lt. Col. Rory Hale, chief of staff of Headquarters, 7th Brigade. “The ability to be able to plug and play assets across the coalition really increases our combat power and our effectiveness to be able to respond to any kind of conflict within the region crossing the Pacific and more broadly across the globe, if required, to form a coalition in support of global security.”

According to Hale, Battle Group Ram has had limited opportunity to exercise with tanks within the last training year, so Comanche’s attachment offered them the chance to develop an understanding of how to incorporate the armor capability into their formations.

“To have a full tank company be employed within the battle group provided a really good opportunity, for not only the battle group but right down to the lowest level of integrating infantry with tanks, particularly in urban settings and clearances,” Hale said.

The first part of the exercise also provided a different perspective for the U.S. Soldiers.

“I’m taking away an understanding of how various nations fight, not just their tanks, but also their reconnaissance and how they are working with additional smaller nations,” said U.S. Army Capt. Jadon Arend, commander of Comanche Company.

Arend highlighted the way the Australian and partner nations employed their infantry forces with the armored unit was very different from his experience of combined arms breaches at the National Training Center. He gained insight into how to implement the capabilities of a tank company for smaller-scale events within more restricted terrain.

Comanche Company will finish exercise Talisman Sabre re-task organized as a part of the Australian Army’s 3rd Brigade under the 2nd Cavalry Regiment and is a welcome addition to the gaining unit.

“I think it’s a fantastic opportunity, particularly because the Australian Army will receive M1A2s in a short time frame,” said Lt. Col. Ashley Hicks, commanding officer of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. “So, it’s a great opportunity for my team to see the A2 in action. Integrate with the team, get familiar with the platform, all of its advantages, and some of its limitations, and we’re really looking forward to that opportunity.”

The Australian Defence Force is on track to procure 75 M1A2 SEPv3 Abrams tanks under the Project Land 907 Phase 2, which was approved in January 2022, and Hicks is looking forward to receiving the new platform.

“The tank is a game changer on the battlefield. The combat power and the combat multiplier our main battle tanks bring to the combat brigade and the division is absolutely unique, and having the latest capability in the M1A2 keeps us at the forefront of technology.”

In addition to seeing the M1A2 in action, Hicks identified additional benefits to having a U.S. tank company participate in the exercise alongside his unit.

“It’s the first time for our team that they’ll fight side-by-side with the U.S. tankies, and I think just seeing them in action, getting comfortable around them, that cross-talk, sharing tactics, techniques procedures, sharing ways to do battle procedure just makes it more seamless if we need to exercise or fight together in the future,” Hicks stated.

Following Talisman Sabre, the 3rd Brigade and Comanche Company will transition to a combined arms live fire exercise with a continued demonstration of interoperability by integrating a troop from the 2nd Cavalry Regiment with Comanche Company and a U.S. tank platoon into the tank squadron to live fire.

Exercise Talisman Sabre - Cont.

How do we get ship to shore today? And my question is, if this is a contested landing can the tanks fire their main gun from these vessels?

LCU - 1700



LCU - 2000



LCVP Mk 5



Sergeant Major of the Army Change of Responsibility



SMA Michael A. Grinston retired from the US Army on 3 August 2023. On 4 August 2023 was the Change of Responsibility between the 16th SMA and the 17th SMA. SMA Grinston was the first SMA active on social media. We actually had an exchange on Twitter.

Sarah Blake Morgan is an officer and a news reporter. While talking to SMA Grinston the following photo and comment was posted to Twitter



"Let's play a game of.., what is the butter bar saying to 16th SMA?! And go."
 SMA Grinston replied *"I'm game. What do y'all got?"*
 So based on the photo I typed *"You know tanks are the best thing in the Army."*
 SMA Grinston replied *"Interesting way to spell 'howitzer'"*



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael R. Weimer was sworn in as the 17th Sergeant Major of the Army on Aug. 4, 2023. Weimer's most recent assignment was serving as the Command Sergeant Major for U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Liberty, North Carolina. Throughout his career he has served in a variety of positions from team member to Command Sergeant Major of Special Operations Joint Task Force Afghanistan, to Command Senior Enlisted Leader of U.S. Special Operations Command Central.

Weimer was a military child, calling multiple locations home throughout his youth, after which he enlisted in the Army in 1993. He successfully completed Special Forces Assessment and Selection in 1994. He graduated the Special Forces Weapons Sergeant Course and earned his Green Beret in 1996.

His previous assignments include tours with 7th Special Forces Group, and nearly 20 years in Special Mission Units.

Weimer's military education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, Sergeants Major Course, Executive Leader Course, Summit Course, Military Free-Fall Jumpmaster Course, Static Line Jumpmaster Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (HIGH RISK), and Air Assault School.

Weimer is a graduate of Norwich University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (2nd award) with Combat device (1st award), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Valor (2nd award), Bronze Star Medal (5th award), Purple Heart (1st award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1st award), Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Valor, Joint Service Commendation Medal with "C" device, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (8th award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3rd award), Iraq Campaign Medal (3rd award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (5th award), NATO Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Special Forces Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

Weimer is married and has two children.

25th Infantry Division - DIVARTY at Kwajalein Atoll

Another amphibious operation I saw posted was with the leaders of the 25th Infantry Division DIVARTY.

U.S. Army Pacific

The 25th Infantry Division Artillery leaders test their merit during a week-long exercise in the Kwajalein Atoll and surrounding islands. The leaders gained a true perspective on the challenges of maneuvering within the scope of a littoral environment.

I wrote about the invasion of the Kwajalein Atoll back in the May 2021 Newsletter.



Patton Monument Report for 2023

As of August 14, 2023, the Monument fund has \$26,893.00.

Total in Monument Account: \$26,893.00.

The Bourg Tee Shirts we have on hand. **(UPDATED)**

Large: Yellow - 2, **2XL:** Yellow - 2, Tan - 2, OD - 1, **3XL:** Yellow - 2, Tan - 2, OD - 1, **4XL:** Yellow - 1.

M4 Tee Shirt

Large: Tan - 1.

2XL: Tan - 1

New Mugs!!!

We now have the 15oz Red Ball Express mug and the new 15oz Treat'em Rough Mug!

Lapel Pins

We are looking at \$12 each for these.



Patton Battalion Funds / Memberships / Dues

The Patton Battalion, as of August 14, has 438 members on our battalion Facebook page. Out of those 451 members we are currently at 93 paid members. The Patton Battalion has \$0.74 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$514.56 in the Patton Operating account. Battalions funds are \$514.56 There are no Monument funds in the Battalion account as of this time.

In order to be a paid member of the battalion you must be a paid member of USABOT National. Again, a paid first year membership of \$15.00 which gets you a free battalion patch. Since we now have the battalion patch in the larger size both in color and subdued you have a choice as to which one you want free with your paid membership.

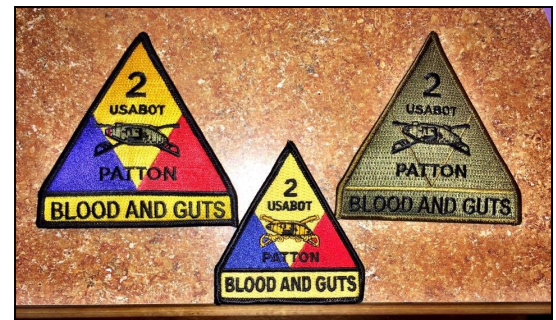
Both patches are also available for \$5 EA.

Your annual membership renewal will be \$10.00 every year after that. ***Annual dues for the battalion are now due in June of each year!***

You can pay for your battalion membership through Paypal at: **pattonbattalion@outlook.com** or **patton.battalion@usabot.org**.

If you don't have a Paypal account you can send a check or Money Order to:

Patton Battalion - USABOT
1432 Flood Road
Shelbyville, KY 40065



ATTENTION

USABOT Memberships can be renewed and purchased By mail at

USABOT
68 West Marion ST
Doylestown, OH 44230

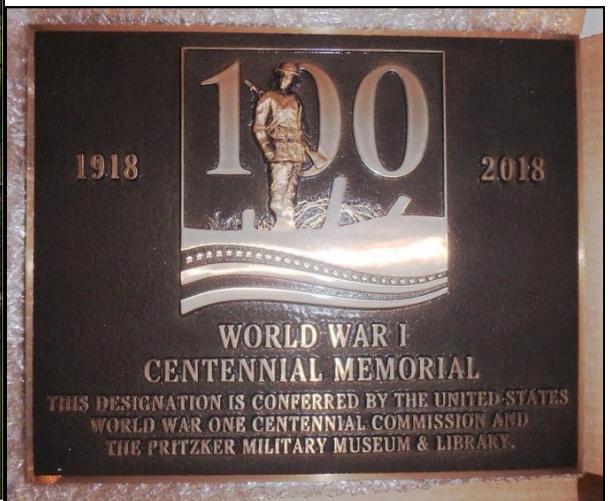
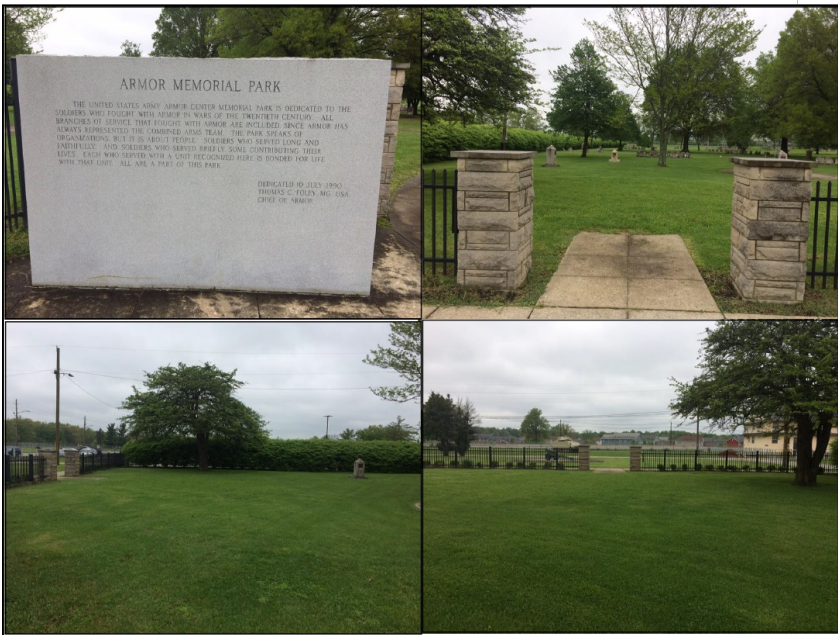
Make checks payable to USABOT
If at all possible try to go the USABOT Store Online and register there so that the G4 can track.

WWW.USABOT.ORG

Patton Joins the US Tank Corps Monument

The US Tank Corps shirts we still have few tees left!

<https://19seriesclothing.com/>





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Be sure to check us out on
Twitter @pattonbattalion



Coming up in the September Issue - A look back at Veteran Community Village projects from 2020.

Upcoming Events

US Cavalry & Armor Association Chapter Fort Knox - Stable Call monthly meeting, 3rd Thursday of every month, Location TBD - Fort Knox, KY.

Indiana Military Museum Schedule 2023
WWII Event Fall - September 2 & 3, 2023
Vietnam War Event - TBD

Eleventh Annual Tanker Homecoming -
Tucson, AZ. November 9-12, 2023.

Gainey Cup - Ft Benning, GA, 1-5 May 2023.

Operation Anvil - Battle for Southern France 1944- Phil Moore Park, Bowling Green, KY.
Saturday October 7, 2023.

Patton and the US Tank Corps Monument -
Fort Knox - *TBD*

SP2
SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Suicide Prevention:
How Should I Talk to Someone Who May Be Contemplating Suicide?

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

In Europe, call 00800 1273 8255
In Korea, call 080-855-5118

DIRECTORATE OF PREVENTION, RESILIENCE AND READINESS