

47th Infantry Regiment Update for July 2026

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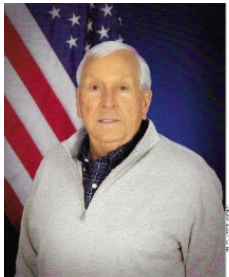


Greetings upon my recent return from a month long TDY to the Mojave Desert and participation at Project Convergence Capstone 6 – The Army's Annual Premier Live Operational Experiment. I hope this message finds you all doing well and enjoying the summer season. Here are a few notes to keep all our 47th veterans, troopers, families, and friends up to date since last month's message. 2nd and 3rd Battalions are in full summer surge swing with lots of companies full of citizens ready to become Soldiers to serve our nation! I hope everyone had just a little bit of extra celebrating for the 250th Birth of our Nation with Independence Day.

https://www.army.mil/article/293895/army_announces_project_convergence_capstone_6_a_milestone_in_modernization



I had the honor of attending the Brigade Change of Command for 197th Infantry Brigade as COL Hallows passed the colors to COL Willig in a nice ceremony at the NIM on 25 June.



Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment – Harris Pruitt

Harris Pruitt again represented our Regimental Association at multiple graduations for both 2nd and 3rd Battalions over the past month. He also received a surprise presentation at one of the grads of his framed Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment Certificate signed by Infantry Commandant on behalf of the Secretary of the Army. His steadfast attendance at dozens of these events over the years continues to strengthen the legacy of the Regiment with today's active-duty Soldiers and trainees. Thank you Harris!

Active-Duty Battalion Updates:

2-47 IN Panthers: (as of 16 July)

Another great month in the Panther Battalion. We currently have 4/4 companies in cycle with a total of 662 Trainees. A Co (CPT Paschall and 1SG Hernandez) have 138 and are in week 17. B Co (CPT Polanski and 1SG Benjamin) have 143 and are in week 17. C Co (CPT Babauta and 1SG Conrad) have 228 and are in week 11. D Co (CPT Seratte and 1SG St Onge) have 178 and are in week 18. A & B Co are recovering from the final FTX, C Co is conducting rifle marksmanship following their BCT graduation, and D Co is preparing to conduct Turning Blue and Graduation this week. The upcoming ceremonies are 15 July, D Co Turning Blue; 16 July D Co Graduation (part of the triple grad with 3-47 IN); 22 July A & B Co Turning Blue; and 23 July A & B Co Graduation.

Our Cadre continue to prepare for EIB/ESB, and we have built our internal OML based on our fitness assessments and ruck marches. Additionally, our Cadre have conducted six funeral details over the last two weeks, and we expect that number to increase for the remainder of the month. We were happy to host two Cadets as part of CTLT, and I think we were able to convince them to branch Infantry. Congratulations to D Co for winning the recent Battle of the Companies PT competition. Finally, we conducted another Hail & Farewell for our leaders, as how we welcome/depart someone says a lot about our unit.

A special thanks to the USO for providing breakfast at our last Leader PT session (Battle of the Companies version), and we're thrilled 2-47 IN made their social media posts ([here](#) and [here](#)). We'd also like to thank SGM Nelles for presenting our Cadre who earned their GAFPBs, and we look forward to hosting another iteration next spring.

3-47 IN Raiders: (as of 14 July)

The 3-47 IN Battalion continues to forge the Army's newest warfighters, driving multiple companies through the defining crucibles of 11B One Station Unit Training (OSUT) with approximately 1,017 trainees. Demon (D Co) and Beast (B Co) Companies completed White Phase and the 72-hour Forge FTX, earning their patches at Turning Green.

Meanwhile, Cobra (C Co) Company culminated their 18-week OSUT journey with an enhanced Final FTX. By increasing the distances trainees moved during the exercise, C Co maximized the time spent operating tactically, providing more opportunities to master basic infantry skills and squad tactics. This initiative successfully set the stage to graduate 160 highly proficient infantrymen.

Across the Battalion, trainees demonstrated exceptional grit, lethality, and tactical proficiency as they crossed major training milestones. As the reporting period closed out the formation hosted two separate groups from Secretary of War Special Advisor Team and USAREC Initial Military Training. Both visits went well and Company and Battalion level leadership showcased the gains in training the formation has accomplished.

This month in Regimental History:

WWI:

1 July 1917 – Regiment training at Syracuse, NY.

July 1918 – Training at Brest, France. In late July, the regiment along with the rest of the 7th Infantry Brigade, was briefly attached to the [VII French Army Corps](#) near Bois du Chitelet; it was then sent to bolster the beleaguered [42nd Division](#) at [Ourcq](#).

July 1919 – served in the Army of Occupation near Koblenz, Germany. The 47th Infantry Regiment arrived at the [port of New York](#) on 16 July 1919 on the troopship [USS Mobile](#). Emergency period personnel were discharged from the service in New York.

WWII:

July 1944 - The 2nd and 3rd Battalions received Distinguished Unit Citations for their gallantry and heroism in the seizure of Cherbourg, France in late June. For a few days 9th Division operations halted for necessary rest and re-supply. The order to resume combat came on July 9th and soon elements of the 47th were in the midst of the "Battle of the Hedgerows", one of the bloodiest battles and toughest encounters of the French campaign. With the breakthrough at St. Lo the rush was on. Innumerable Allied units raced across France in pursuit of the retreating Germans.

July 1945 – Occupation Duty, Germany

Cold War:

In July 1947 the regiment was reactivated at [Fort Dix](#). In 1957, the regiment was reorganized into the [Combat Arms Regimental System](#)

In 1961, the regiment's 2nd Battle Group (the redesignated 2d Battalion) was deployed to Germany. Stationed in Berlin, the regiment remained there for a year; the following year the regiment's 2d Battalion was inactivated at Fort Lewis, and the 3d Battalion was inactivated at Atlanta. In July 1963, the 1st Battalion was reactivated as a part of the [171st Infantry Brigade](#).

Vietnam:

2d Battalion was deployed from January 1967 until October 1970

3d Battalion was deployed from January 1967 until July 1969

4th Battalion was deployed from January 1967 until July 1969.

Sources of Historical Interest:

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