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Next Unit Training Assembly
 14 MAR 05@1830HRS
 Staff Meeting@1730HRS
4th Monday Meeting in February
 28 FEB 05@0900HRS
UTA Coming in April
 11 APR 05@1830HRS
 Staff Meeting@1730HRS

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Thank You,

Major Wayne Savage

Colonel Mackie D. Tillman



When Colonel Mackie Tillman died, we lost a stalwart soldier, a valued friend, and an inspiration to all that knew him. In life, we meet people of all walks--many who pass our way without impacting our lives. Mackie Tillman was not one of these people. When God took Mackie home to be with Him, a major void now exists in our lives. His ready smile, quick wit, and encouraging words moved us to better ourselves. His 37 year career in law enforcement afforded him an opportunity to serve his fellow man. He served his grateful nation through a distinguished and exemplary military career of over 50 years. He will always be remembered by those who were blessed to know him, to serve with him, and be influenced by him. God bless Colonel Mackie Tillman.

Mackie Tillman, a native of Chunchula, AL and a resident of Mobile died on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at a local hospital. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the U.S. Army Medical Corps 24th Inf. Div., also was a 30 year veteran of the U.S. Alabama Army National Guard 226th TASG, a graduate of Airborne Ranger School at the age of 40 at Ft. Benning, GA., served 37 years with the City of Mobile Police Department and retired as a Sgt. in 1992. He was the 1st PT Swat Team Instructor, and was elected the 1st president of MCLEA. He was a full colonel in the Alabama State Defense Force, a lifetime member of VFW Post 49 and American Legion post 88. Mr. Tillman was preceded in death by his mother Eunice M. Lewis Tillman Capps, father William Oliver Tillman, daughter Wanda Marie Shipman, brother Lewis Oliver Tillman, sisters Ollie Mae Tillman Sullivan, Myrtle Alton Tillman Lee and step-father William Madison Capps. He is survived by his wife Dorothy Lee Eldman Tillman, son Michael Arthur (Mary) Tillman Sr., daughter Toni Lee Tillman (Michael) Lamberth.

William Thompson
 Colonel (Chaplain)
 3rd Brigade ASDF

“The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on.”
 - Walter Lippmann, 1889-1974

RIBBONS AWARDED TO 3rd BRIGADE MEMBERS
COL Louis J Zocchi

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
BDE	LTC	Baker, Wilmer	Service Ribbon
BDE	CSM	Ballard, Walter	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
BDE	COL	Boone, Ubie	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
BDE	LTC	Case, Michael	Service Ribbon, Bronze
BDE	CPT	Collins, Michael	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
BDE	COL	Davis, George A	Service Ribbon, Bronze 3
BDE	CW4	Demetropulos, George	Service Ribbon, Bronze 4
BDE	SFC	Edwards, Willie P	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2
BDE	LTC	Frazier, Glenn D	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2
BDE	2LT	Greenhill, Regina	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
BDE	LTC	Mixon, Carl	Alabama War Ribbon
BDE	BG	Noland, Ronald	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
BDE	W01	Sweatt, Earl	Alabama War Ribbon
BDE	CW3	Thomas, Edward L	Service Ribbon, Bronze
BDE	LTC	Tibbitts, Edward P	Service Ribbon
301	MAJ	Beadnell, Paul	Service Ribbon, Bronze 3
301	SFC	Catha, Diane	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
301	1LT	Catha, Richard	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
301	CPT	Davis, Michael	Alabama War Ribbon
301	SSG	DeBlase, Richard	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
301	MSG	Drew, Ralph L	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2
301	SGT	Finklea, Willie Jr.	Service Ribbon
301	LTC	Maharaj, Raphael	Disaster Readiness Ribbon
301	SFC	Giles, Michael L	Service Ribbon, Bronze
301	SSG	Giles, Sharon L	Service Ribbon, Bronze
301	MSG	Hacker, Frank J	Service Ribbon
301	MAJ	James, Joseph H	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2
301	2LT	Lee, Andrew	Alabama War Ribbon
301	SGT	McAfee, Clyde M	Service Ribbon, Bronze
301	LTC	Taylor, John E	Service Ribbon, Bronze 3
302	MSG	Baker, Steven L	Service Ribbon
302	1LT	Bronson, Aaron O	Service Ribbon
302	1LT	Cahoon, Johnny R	Service Ribbon
302	1LT	Dung, Le Cong	Service Ribbon
302	CPT	Thomas, Jack	Service Ribbon
302	SSG	Williams, Francis J	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2
302	CPT	Wolf, Jack R	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2
303	LTC	Beachum, Edward P	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2
303	1LT	Dimoff, Randall C	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2, Disaster Readiness Ribbon
303	SSG	Levingston, Willie C	Service Ribbon, Bronze
303	1LT	McIntyre, Andrew	Alabama War Ribbon
303	SFC	Naylor, Paul A	Service Ribbon, Bronze 2

Clarification of Proper Uniform Wear
BG Ronald Noland

Our unit has received guidance through the chain of command with reference to proper wearing of insignia on the ASDF BDU uniform. Compliance is mandatory. See G4 for in house stock items which may be available.

Pin on metal rank insignia is worn on the shirt collar. Full size officer insignia in bright metal (not miniature or subdued) is worn on the right collar. Insignia is worn 1 inch up from the front edge, with the centerline parallel to the front edge (for example, the long side of a Lieutenant or Warrant Officer bar is parallel to the front edge of the collar.

Officers and warrant officers wear the appropriate Army branch insignia on the left collar. If no previous branch insignia is authorized, Army Infantry insignia is worn. Branch insignia is worn perpendicular to the front edge of the collar. Air Force officers may wear propeller insignia.

Enlisted members wear miniature gold NCO and enlisted chevrons on both collars. The insignia is positioned centered on an imaginary line that splits the angle between the front and side edges of the collar. Enlisted members do NOT wear branch insignia.

Officers and enlisted wear full size, bright metal, pin-on rank insignia centered on the front of the BDU headgear.

BG Noland

Alabama State Lifestyle Expo
By 1LT Dimoff

ALSDF personnel participated in a detail assisting Mr. Bill Meadows with the Alabama State Lifestyle Expo on 8-10 Feb'05 @ Gulf Shores Sportsplex & Gulf Shores Civic Center.

On 8 Feb, B.G. Noland, COL Moore, CPT Collins, & 1LT Dimoff met with

Mr. Meadows for a planning session to map out what will take place the following 2 days.

On 9 Feb '05, personnel met @ Ft. Hardeman to drive to Gulf Shores, while other personnel arrived later in the morning. Personnel assisting on 9 Feb were B.G. Noland, COL Moore, COL Zocchi, LTC Frazier, CPT Collins, 1LT R. Catha, 1LT R. Dimoff, & SGT L. Dimoff.

There was a symposium held @ the Civic Center, where speakers addressed the changes military personnel face when they plan to leave military service & return to private life.

Personnel to assist on 10 Feb while Expo @ Sportsplex is open to public are COL Moore, CPT Collins, & 1LT Catha. For further information please contact CPT Collins.

Thank You,

1LT Randall C. Dimoff
S-1 303rd BN
AL SDF

3rd Brigade News

The Alabama State Veterans Home sent a letter of appreciation to BG Noland expressing gratitude for the donations sent by the 3rd Brigade.

An Exercise is planned for March the 25th and 26th. It will be Friday night and all day Saturday. For those wishing to stay over night Field EX Cots will be provided. Food will be prepared in the kitchen. Members of the 2nd Brigade will attend.

Armory Kitchen Upgraded: SFC Richard DeBlase installed 3 simulated marble work surfaces in the kitchen, and donated a TV to the brigade. LT Maurice McIntyre reworked the armory stove and now it can be used to prepare food. A meal will be prepared by SGTs Dimoff and Hacker. Volunteers needed for next UTA.

Volunteer items needed. Do you have surplus chairs, tables (coffee, end, standard) to donate to ASDF? Lamps, throw rugs, pots and pans can be used. Please bring to next UTA.

COL Grant is in the Old Autumn Breeze nursing home in Eight Mile in room A17. COL Davis has installed a phone for him and BG Noland has requested that those who can call him. The number is 457-7978. Please keep COL Grant in your prayers.

The 3rdn Brigade will participate in the National Stockpile Exercise in May.

Promotions: The following members were promoted during the Jan. UTA. LT Richard Catha to 1LT, SSG Diane Catha to SFC, SSG Richard DeBlase to SFC.

Recruited: CAPT Michael Davis joined LTC Gill's 301 BTN and MSG James Smiley joined COL Stewart's 303rd BTN.