

Greetings Cacti Nation

Greetings Cacti nation, another great quarter for the Light Fighters of Cacti. We are gearing up for our training exercise with the Indonesian Army in AUG-SEP. The vessel is already underway and our personnel along with attachments from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 29th Brigade Engineer Battalion, and 3-7 Field Artillery bothers and sisters will soon depart. Our Gundog company continues to support Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox, KY participating as opposing force and ensuring our future 2LTs are prepared for the rigors of combat.



The train up has been amazing, watching the Light Fighters get after warfighting readiness both day and night. It has been Impressive how proficient they are at their skills and drills. We've also had several Light Fighters graduate Jungle Operations Training Course and Ranger School with several still in the courses over the last quarter. Really awesome to see our Ranger and Jungle expertise continue to grow and the willingness to do more than is expected. Additionally, our Apache company commander, CPT Ethan Kneibel was selected for the General Wayne A. Downing Scholarship program. Huge congrats to Apache 6 and our Light Fighters on their achievements.

We also had some special Cacti Alumni pay a visit back in June. LTC (R) Bob Ord (C Co and later 25ID commander) and Ted Drum (HHC) along with his wife Kathy Drum, both Vietnam vets from 66-67 spent half a day with us going through our history and remembrance rooms, talking old war stories, and enjoying a great meal in our dining facility. Truly was an awesome experience getting hear some living Cacti history and it made their day to relive some of the memories from that time.

It is with great regret that CSM Richardson and I cannot attend the reunion this year due to the training exercise in Indonesia. We will have a color guard present to

represent. We were able to talk with COL (R) White a few weeks ago when he was on island for his son's change of command to pass on some highlights to him. We will be there with you in spirit. I hope it is a great event.

I can't wait to send the next SITREP after all our training with our USMC, USN, Indonesian, British, Australian, and Japanese partners next month. It will be a great training event with tons of lasting memories for our light fighters that will continue to assure our partners in the Pacific.

Take Arms!

LTC Tyler F. Vest
Cacti 6



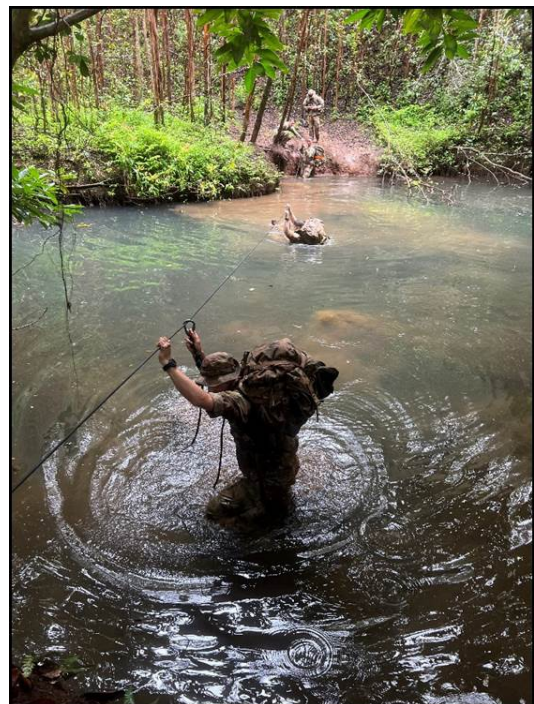
C6, Bob Ord, Ted Drum, C7



D Co OPFOR providing AAR to cadets at CST



2/C conducting Short-Range Marksmanship at night



Working on Jungle Mobility