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Annual Unit History

*Due NLT 01 February each year for the previous calendar year.
Refer to 28ID Military History Program SOP, dtd. 15 August 2008, for specific guidance.*

For Calendar Year: 2008

Unit: A Company, 1st Battalion 104th Attack Reconnaissance

Unit Address: 292 Aviation Drive, Johnstown, PA 15902

Unit POC: SGT Noss, Administrative NCO

Unit POC Phone Number: (814) 532-7711

I. Introduction or Forward *(A brief account on the unit's origin and its accomplishments over the years and a statement about the current period covered)*

Organized and Federally recognized 1 June 1960 in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Washington as part of the 28th Aviation Company. Unit activated for deployment of Operation Enduring Freedom (Kosovo), 10 October 2004.

Alpha Company is assigned 34 soldiers in the MOS' of 15A, 152F, and 15R. The unit completed 100% of it's CTT tasks in CY-08 and qualified 100% on individual weapons.

II. Organization and Administration

A. Organization *(Select the type of organization from the pull-down menu)*

Aviation

B. Mission *(A brief mission statement and the Mission Essential Task List)*

TO DESTROY ENEMY ARMORED, MECHANIZED, AND OTHER MASSED FORCES THROUGH THE USE OF AERIAL FIREPOWER, MOBILITY AND SHOCK EFFECT.

A mission essential task list is often defined by a new commander and circulated throughout the command. This is a valuable document because it illustrates how the commander sees the mission in terms of priorities. For example:

CONDUCT DEPLOYMENT/REDEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS
 CONDUCT FORCE PROTECTION OPERATIONS
 CONDUCT AERIAL CLOSE COMBAT ATTACK OPERATIONS
 CONDUCT SECURITY OPERATIONS
 CONDUCT STABILITY OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT OPERATIONS
 CONDUCT COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT OPERATIONS
 CONDUCT ATTACK RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS

C. Personnel

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1. Commander and Staff *(Brief biographical sketches)*

Commander: CPT William R. Horner. CPT Horner was born October 1, 1976 in Butler, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Butler High School, and from Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. CPT Horner's career as a Guardsman began September 1995 when he commissioned as a 2LT in B Co. 1-104th AHB in May 1997. His military education includes Airborne School, IERW, AH-1F AQC, AH-64A AQC, Dunker, OH-58 IP Course, OH-58 Mountain Qualification Course, OH-58 Mountain IP Course, IP Standardization Course, Aviation Safety Officer Course, and the AH-64A IP Course. CPT Horner's awards include the Bronze Star; Air Medal with Valor Device; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Overseas Service Ribbon; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Nato Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Army Aviator Badge; Parachutist's Badge; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; and the General T.J. Stewart Medal. He lives in Johnstown, PA.

First Sergeant: 1SG Brian Peacock. 1SG Peacock is a graduate of Glendale High School, in Flinton, PA. He is a graduate of numerous military education, leadership and qualification courses, to include: Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course; Advance Non Commissioned Officer Course, and the First Sergeant Course. 1SG Peacock's awards include; Army Commendation Medal (w/5 OLC); Army Achievement Medal (w/5 OLC); Armed Forces Reserve Component Achievement Medal (w/3 OLC); National Defense Service Medal (x2); Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3); Army Service Ribbon; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M device); Thomas J. Stewart Medal; and the Thomas White Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal (x3); Overseas Service Ribbon (x2); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Army Reserve Components Overseas Ribbon (x2); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Kosovo Campaign Medal; Global War On Terrorism Service Medal; NATO Medal-NATO Service Former Republic of Yugoslavia; Army Superior Unit Award; Somalia Campaign Medal; UN Service Medal; Air Assault Badge; and the Master Aircraft Crewman Badge. 1SG Peacock resides in Johnstown, PA.

2. Medal of Honor Winners *(Brief biographical sketches, if available, and a brief account of the action or a copy of the citation) (If none, enter "NONE")*

None.

3. Others *(Winners of Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and other) (If none, enter "NONE")*

None

III. Major Accomplishments during the Year

A. Operations

Selected soldiers participated in Operation Jump Start. These soldiers performed border patrol duty in California and Texas.

B. Training and Exercises

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The unit conducted Aerial Gunnery at Ft. A.P. Hill during Annual Training 3-17 May 2008. The unit also conducted IWQ at AT resulting in a 100% qualification. The Aerial Gunnery consisted of 30mm Area Weapon System and 2.75 inch Rockets. Also the unit conducted AVCATT training 14-16 March, 2008 at Ft. Indiantown Gap. The AVCATT is simulated aircraft missions.

C. Special Events

1. Unit Day Ceremonies

Unit conducted Freedom Salute on 13 July 2008 for soldiers deployed to OIF, OEF, and KFOR...

2. Civil Actions (State active duty)

None.

3. Permanent Changes of Station

None.

4. Recruiting Initiatives

Guard Experience Night conducted on 8 February 2008, which included aircraft displays, weapons displays, and a rock climbing wall. The unit also participated in numerous static displays at local high schools and events in the area.

5. Other (Include community activities, morale support activities, Christmas party, etc.)

Unit picnic took place on 13 July 2008 here at the 1-104th ARB.

IV. Special Equipment Fielding

None.

V. Appendices

A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

Organized and Federally recognized 1 June 1960 in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Washington as part of the 28th Aviation Company

Reorganized 17 February 1968 as Company B, 28th Aviation Battalion

Re-designated 1 January 1975 as the support company, 28th Aviation Battalion

Converted 1 April 1975 as Troop D, 1st squadron, 104th Cavalry

1 October 1986 converted, expanded, and redesignated as the 28th Aviation Battalion and remained assigned to the 28th Infantry Division.

Converted 1 October 1987 as the 1st Battalion, 104th Aviation Attack Helicopter, a parent regiment under the United States Army Regimental System.

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Relcoated from Washington, PA to Johnstown, PA May through August 1997. There were no changes to the battalions structure as a result of the move.

1 November 2002 it was reorganized into an Apache Helicopter Battalion. Company B, 1st Battalion, 104th Aviation was relocated to Fort Indiantown, GAP, Pa.

Unit activated for deployment of Operation Enduring Freedom (Kosovo), 10 October 2004

11 July 2005, B Co 1/104th was activated for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Kosovo KFOR7).

16 January 2006, the Attack Battalion was reorganized into an Attack Reconnaissance Battalion. In the process, Headquarters Company was divided and expanded into two companies, HHC and E CO.

B. Unit Citations

Superior Unit Award

KFOR6B

KFOR7

C. Selected Orders (Include alert orders, mobilization orders, etc)

66 members of the Attack Battalion were notified of mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

D. Other.

VI. Glossary (A list of words not commonly used, acronyms and their explanations)

IERW - Initial Entry Rotary Wing

AQC - Aircraft Qualification Course

IP - Instructor Pilot

AVCATT - Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer