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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.*

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**For Calendar Year:** 2008

**Unit:** Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 109th  
Field Artillery Regiment

**Unit Address:** 490 East Main Street Nanticoke, PA 18634-1817

**Unit POC:** 1SG Brian McMichael, Readiness NCO

**Unit POC Phone Number:** (570)735-6890

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### **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)*

Bravo Battery 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 109<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery is located in Nanticoke, PA. The unit has been activated recently for OIF 2 deployed to Iraq as ILO MP's in 2004 and most recently for OIF with the 56 Stryker Brigade as Field Artillery, the units origin duty.

### **II. Organization and Administration**

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

Artillery

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

Conducts individual, staff, and collective training in order to provide a manned and trained unit of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 109<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery ready to achieve IOC in FY2009...

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 Activities
- Sustain the Force
- Conduct Command & Control of Operations
- Conduct Tactical Movement
- Conduct an Attack
- Conduct a Defense
- Conduct Area Security Operations
- Conduct Urban Operations

#### **C. Personnel**

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

Commander: CPT Joseph Ruotolo. He graduated from Northern Lebanon High School, Lebanon Pa., and from Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA, with a B.S. in electrical engineering. CPT Ruotolo enlisted in the PAARNG in 1989 with D/104 AVN. He completed Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Dix, NJ, AIT as an 11B infantryman at Fort Benning, GA in 1989. He is a graduate from the Airborne, Air Assault and Pathfinder courses. He attended OCS, class 34 at the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Academy (PNGMA) and graduated with distinction in 1994. He transferred to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 109th Field Artillery and completed the 13B Cannon Crewman MOSQ Courses at PNGMA in 1995. Upon completion of his baccalaureate degree he accepted a commission as a second lieutenant, ARNGUS in 1996 and was assigned to B/1-109FA as a fire direction officer. Selected to serve as company grade FA representative to WBKII German exchange program in 1997, during which he received the German Sports Competition Badge (Gold) and the German Army Small Arms Qualification Badge (Bronze). While assigned to HHB/1-109FA as a 2LT in 1998 he was appointed to serve as the acting HHB commander in recognition of his leadership abilities. He graduated on the Commandant's List from FA Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK in 1999. Mobilized as an in lieu of (ILO) MP platoon leader with A(FWD)/1-109FA in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 in 2003. While on this mission, his platoon was detailed to Camp As Saliyah, Qatar, as security force for CENTCOM HQ (FWD). Additionally, he served as acting CENTCOM HQ (FWD) provost marshal. Cpt Routolo currently resides in Lake Twp, PA

Sergeant: 1SG Brian McMichael. First Sergeant McMichael is a graduate of Northwest High School, Shickshinny, PA and attend Bloomsburg university for four years. 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, 1SG's Course and is soon to be inrolled in the Sargeants Major Academy. 1SG McMichael awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal(w/1 OLC); Army Achievement Medal(w/3 OLC); PA Commendation Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal(2); Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device and Hourglass; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3); Army Service Ribbon; Pennsylvania R & R Medal; Pennsylvania Service Ribbon(8); Thomas J. Stewart Medal; and the Thomas White Medal; Good Conduct Medal(6); GWOT Service Medal; and PA 20 Year Service Medal. 1SG McMichael lives in Shickshinny, Pa with his wife Lisa.

### **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**

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## **A. Operations**

Unit

## **B. Training and Exercises**

Unit trained for possible deployment to OIF along with 56 Stryker Brigade Combat Team. Training focused on Field-Level Maintenance Driver Training of Stryker vehicle. Field-Level Maintenance New Equipment Training is designed to provide vehicle maintenance personnel the skills required to maintain both the automotive and digital components of the Stryker family of vehicles. Driver Training is focused on qualifying Stryker drivers and vehicle commanders. The focus for collective training was on tasks that support Conduct Area Security Operations (emphasizing cordon and search missions), executed at the squad and platoon level as well as training on the M777A1 at Camp Shelby, MS and Ft. Polk, LA.

## **C. Special Events**

### **1. Unit Day Ceremonies**

Unit participated in BN Train wreck Ceremony.

### **2. Civil Actions (State active duty)**

None.

### **3. Permanent Changes of Station**

None.

### **4. Recruiting Initiatives**

Unit currently holds at 116% Strength due in large part to soldiers refferalls t the unit and participation in the community.

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

Unit conducted a "Poker Run" in September 2008, a Christmas Party and Easter Egg Hunt.

## **IV. Special Equipment Fielding**

None.

## **V. Appendices**

### **A. Lineage and Honors Certificate**

Traditional Designation: Bravo Btry 1/109 FA

Historical Outline:

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**B. Unit Citations**

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

**D. Other.**

None .

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

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