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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: DET #1 Co. C 1/169th Aviation (AA)

Unit Address: 292 Aviation Dr. Johnstown, PA. 15902

Unit POC: CW4 Boyles, William T.

Unit POC Phone Number: (814)532-7712

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)*

The introduction should begin with a brief summary of the origin of the unit, taken from the unit lineage documents. For example:

The unit was originally organized as B. Co. 2/104th Avn. During a 14 month deployment to Kosovo, KFOR VIII in support of Operation Enduring Freedom B Co. 2/104 was redesignated to Det #1 Co. C 1/169th Avn on September 01 2006.

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)*

Conducts individual, staff, and collective training in order to provide a manned and trained unit of the 28th Aviation Birgade ready to achieve IOC in FY2008...

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
- Train the Force on Aeromedevac Operations
- Conduct Command & Control of Operations
- Conduct Tactical Movement
- Conduct Area Security Operations

C. Personnel

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1. Commander and Staff (Brief biographical sketches)

Commander: CPT George B. Giles. CPT Giles was born May 26, 1977 in Erie, PA. He graduated from Cathedral Preparatory School, attended Pennsylvania State University, and graduated from Excelsior College in December 2007 with a B.S. in Liberal Studies. CPT Giles career as a Guardsman began in August of 1996 as an E-2 Fuel Handler in the 128th FSB, and then with F Co 2-104th GSAB. CPT Giles earned his commission through the PA State OCS program as a 2LT in HHC 2-104th AV in July of 2000. His military education includes 77F10 AIT, Officer Candidate School, IERW, UH-1 AQC, UH-60A AQC, Aviation Safety Officer Course Phase 1, Aviation Maintenance Manager's Course, UH-60A Maintenance Test Pilot Course. CPT Giles' awards include the Army Commendation Medal (2); Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (2); National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Kosovo Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars; Army Service Ribbon; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 10 year device; NATO Medal (2); Army Aviator Badge; MG Thomas. R. White Medal; and the General T.J. Stewart Medal. He lives with his wife Mrs. Erin Giles in Harrisburg, PA.

First Sergeant: SGT. Charles J Keller. SGT. Keller is a graduate of Lock Haven High School, Lock Haven, PA. SGT. Keller joined the Army after graduation in July 1987. He has served with the 101st 326th med BN. He also served with the 1/159th HHC Combat Aviation Bn. at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. SGT. Keller joined the Pennsylvania National Guard In 1999. He has been deployed 3 times with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, twice for OEF, and once for OIF. SGT. Keller's awards and decorations include: Soldiers Medal; Army Commendation Medal (w/1 silver star/1 V); Army Achievement Medal (w/2 OLC); Iraq Campaign medal; Kosovo campaign medal; NATO (non article 5) medal; GWOT service medal; GWOT expeditious medal; Humanitarian service medal; National Defense Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device; Good conduct medal; Pennsylvania Service Ribbon; Thomas J. Stewart Medal; Thomas White Medal; Combat Medics Badge; Airborne Badge; Air Assault Badge; Aviation Badge. SGT Keller lives 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

35 soldiers were trained and qualified with Westmoreland County PEMA water rescue team. All soldiers are now Emergency Responders.

Unit participated in Gustav Hurricane Relief 30 Aug-08 Sept 2008. Provided 2 UH-60 MEDEVAC aircraft, for emergency evacuation, Patient treatment and

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transfer, hoist operations, and transportation of medical and emergency food supplies.

B. Training and Exercises

C. Special Events

1. Unit Day Ceremonies

Unit conducted a Freedom Salute ceremony on 16 March 2008 for the members who had deployed to Iraq with 3-110th Field Artillery...

2. Civil Actions *(State active duty)*

3. Permanent Changes of Station

None.

4. Recruiting Initiatives

Participated in Carlisle Car Show and provided displays at local high schools resulting in 24 enlistments...

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

Unit picnic took place on 4 July 2008 at the Carlisle Fairgrounds picnic area...

IV. Special Equipment Fielding

None.

V. Appendices

A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

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B. Unit Citations

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

D. Other.

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

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