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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: 28TH Division Special Troops Battalion

Unit Address: 14th & Calder Streets, Harrisburg, Pa 17103

Unit POC: SSG Hope A. Nicholson

Unit POC Phone Number: 717-783-9696

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 28th Division Special Troops Battalion gets it's origin from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 28th Infantry Division Support Command, which was Federally recognized on 1 June 1959. The unit, which was Constituted on 20 May 1959 consolidated with the 28 Infantry Division Band on 1 April 1963. It was designated as Headquarters, Headquarters and Band, 28th infantry Division Support Command.

The unit reorganized and redesignated 24 March 1964 as Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 28th Infantry Division Support Command.

It was again reorganized and redesignated (less Band) 1 December 1971 as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 28th Infantry Division Support Command (Band - hereafter separate lineage

II. Organization and Administration

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

Special Troops

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

TO OPERATE AS THE ARMY'S PRIMARY TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL LEVEL WARFIGHTING HEADQUARTERS. OVRSEE THE CONDUCT OF DECISIVE, SHAPING, AND SUSTAINING OPERATIONS THAT TRANSLATES OPERATIONAL LEVEL DIRECTIVES INTO TACTICAL ACTION BY THE BRIGADE COMBAT TEAMS (BCT) IN HIGH AND MID-INTENSITY COMBAT OPERATIONS AND DURING PROTRACTED STABILITY OPERATIONS. FUNCTIONS AS AN ARFOR OR JFLC HEADQUARTERS FOR SMALLER SCALE CONTIGENCIES.

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C. Personnel

1. Commander and Staff (Brief biographical sketches)

Commander: MAJ William A. Charpentier

Bn Commander: MAJ William A. Charpentier. MAJ Charpentier was born in Cedar Grove, NJ. He graduated from West Essex Senior High School, North Caldwell, NJ and from Slippery Rock University with a B.A. in History. His military career began on May 27, 1983 when he enlisted into the 402nd QM Bn, USAR. On May 10th, 1986 he transferred into C/1-103 AR, Pennsylvania Army National Guard. His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course, Junior Officer Maintenance Course, NBC Defense Course, Armor Officer Advance Course, Combined Arms and Service Support School, Information Operations Course, Human Resource Management Course, and Command and General Staff Intermediate Level Education. MAJ Charpentier's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Award (1 OLC), NATO Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass and M device, Army Reserve Component Medal, Pennsylvania Service Ribbon, General T.J. Stewart Medal, MG Thomas R. White Ribbon and Pennsylvania Twenty Years Service Ribbon. MAJ Charpentier lives in Lebanon, PA.

Battalion Command Sergeant Major: CSM Thomas D. Honkus

Command Sergeant Major Thomas D. Honkus is the Command Sergeant Major, HHC (-) 28 DIV STB Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He was assigned to his current position in 26 May 2007. Command Sergeant Major Honkus began his military career with the 1st Battalion, I 03d Armor in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He served in various assignments in the 1st Battalion, 103d Armor until he was assigned Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery in July, 1987. He was then transferred to the 1st Battalion, 1 03d Armor and served as Command Sergeant Major. He was then transferred to 2d "Iron" Brigade and served as Command Sergeant Major. He was then transferred to HHC 28th InfDiv, and served as personnel service Sergeant Major. Following this, he was assigned to his current position. His Military education includes: First Sergeant Course, Senior Enlisted Training Course, Non-commissioned Officer Course Cadre Training Program, Advance Non-commissioned Officer Course, and Armor Crewman Basic Training. Command Sergeant Major Honkus' awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster and three bronze oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with

one Gold Hour Glass device, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral "3," Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve

Component Overseas Training Ribbon with numeral "2," Pennsylvania Commendation Medal, Pennsylvania Service Ribbon with numeral "3" ,

Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal with three silver stars, PA MG Thomas R. White Medal, PA General Thomas 3. Stewart Medal, and the Pennsylvania Governor's Unit Citation. Command Sergeant Major Honkus is the chief executive officer of Honkus Construction Company, Inc. providing custom home and commercial construction services. He resides in the community of Westmont Borough, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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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")

III. Major Accomplishments during the Year

A. Operations

B. Training and Exercises

C. Special Events

1. Unit Day Ceremonies

Unit conducted a Freedom Salute Ceremony on 06 April 2008 for the members of the Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 28th Division Support Command who had deployed to Iraq as part of the Area Support Group

2. Civil Actions (State active duty)

None

3. Permanent Changes of Station

None

4. Recruiting Initiatives

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

IV. Special Equipment Fielding

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V. Appendices

A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

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Traditional Designation: Headquarters and Headquarters Company 28th
Infantry Division Support Command

B. Unit Citations

Campaign Participation Credit: Operation Iraqi Freedom
Joint Meritorious Unit Award

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

Unit received order# 62-4 dated 2 March 2004 alerting for mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

D. Other.

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

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