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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: HHC, 1-104th ARB

Unit Address: 218 Aviation Drive, Johnstown, PA 15902

Unit POC: CW4 Edward E. Loscar

Unit POC Phone Number: (814) 532-7708

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.

HHC contains Primary and Special Staff members as well as several Support Sections responsible to ensure the success and readiness of the Battalion.

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)*

The Unit Mission is to support the Battalion and ensure that it has everything it needs to succeed. To provide a safe and realistic training environment for the execution of individual and collective training events. To take care of the personal, physical and spiritual needs of the soldier so they can remain focused on their mission.

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:

- Perform Personnel Strength Management
- Process Information into Intelligence
- Perform Flight Operations
- Provide Logistical Support
- Perform Unit Supply Operations
- Provide Tactical C4 Sys. & Planning
- Provide Health Service Support (Aviation)
- Conduct the Command Religious Support Program (Battalion)

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C. Personnel

1. Commander and Staff (Brief biographical sketches)

Commander: CPT Bradley P. Hoppes. CPT Hoppes was born May 9, 1980. He Graduated from Lock Haven University with a BS Physics in 2002. He enlisted into the PAARNG in August of 1999 as an enlisted soldier and received his Commission as a 2LT in May of 2002. CPT Hoppes' Military Career training includes Airborne School, IERW, Aviation OBC, AH-64A AQC, Combat Life Savers Course, and Phase I of the AV CPT Career Crs. His military awards include the Army Service Ribbon; Army Aviator Badge; National Defense Service Ribbon; Army Achievement Medal; Over Seas Service Ribbon; Global War on Terrorism; Kosovo Campaign Medal; NATO Medal; and Army Superior Unit Award. He currently resides in Laurel, MD

First Sergeant: 1ST Jae E. Gettig. 1SG Gettig was born 24 September 1950. He graduated from Bald Eagle HS in 1969. He enlisted in the Military in September 1970 with three years on Active Duty and a tour in Vietnam. Most of his Military Career was spent in Aviation and he has completed all of the NCOES Courses, up to and including the 1SG CRS. His Military Awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Master Aircraft Crewmember Badge, Armed Force Reserve Medal, Army reserve Components Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Army Professional Development Medal. He currently resides in Salona, PA. Medal. He currently resides in Salona, 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")

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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

None

B. Training and Exercises

The Unit provided support for the Battalion Aerial Gunnery at FT A.P. Hill, VA. The Unit also supported and participated in IWQ during AT. Throughout the 2008 Training Year HHC supported multiple AVCATT Training exercises at FT Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA.

C. Special Events

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1. Unit Day Ceremonies

Unit conducted a Freedom Salute Campaign on 13 July 2008 for soldiers deployed to OIF, OEF, and KFOR. General Wade from California presented the members of Task Force Shadow, KFOR6B, the Superior Unit Award.

2. Civil Actions (State active duty)

None

3. Permanent Changes of Station

None

4. Recruiting Initiatives

Guard Experience (GX) 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.)

Family Support Picnic was also conducted on 13 July 2008. Besides a picnic meal families enjoyed several events to include: a small petting and ice cream making station provided by the Cambria County 4H organization, pony rides, a dunking booth, an inflatable bouncy machine, face painting, aircraft displays and more.

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 presented to Soldiers deployed on KFOR6B and 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 including 15 members of this Unit

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
IWQ - Individual Weapons Qualification
AVCATT - Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer