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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 55<sup>TH</sup> HBCT

**Unit Address:** 900 ADAMS AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA 18510-1004

**Unit POC:** SFC JEFFREY KUNIEGEL, RNCO

**Unit POC Phone Number:** 570-963-4641

**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)*

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

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

Headquarters

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

Federal Mission: HHC 55<sup>TH</sup> HBCT conducts individual and staff training to improve training readiness and reduce post-mobilization time. On order mobilizes and deploys to conduct full spectrum operations in support of national military objectives.

State Mission: On order of the Governor of Pennsylvania, assembles, and deploys to provide humanitarian relief, disaster relief and military support to civilian authorities during times of natural disaster or civil strife.

#### **C. Personnel**

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

Commander: CPT Justin G. Ostensen. CPT Ostensen was born in Hudson, NY. He attended Centereach High School in Centereach, NY, and attended Norwich University with a B.A. in Criminal Justice. CPT Ostensen's career started in the Corps of Cadets at Norwich University, and participating as an SMP cadet in VTARNG the last 2 years of college. CPT Ostensen was commissioned from Norwich University in May 2002 into active army, Infantry. Upon completion of Infantry Officer Basic Course, he was assigned as a mechanized infantry platoon leader, 2/B/2-7 IN, 1st BCT, 3ID out of Fort Stewart, GA. After doing a complete year trainup for Iraq, which included a 45 day rotation to the NTC, Fort Irwin, CA, CPT Ostensen deployed with OIF 3, and was stationed vicinity Tikrit, Iraq. Half way through his rotation he was moved up to take over the 2-7 IN mortar

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platoon. CPT Ostensen's awards include; Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal. He currently resides in Milford, PA with his wife and daughter.

First Sergeant: 1SG Glenn T. Frantz. 1SG Frantz was born in April 4, 1965. He graduated from Lake Lehman High School, PA. His military education includes Tank Crewman, Tank Commanders Course, 19K Transition, PLDC, BNCOC, ANCOG, an 1SG Course. 1SG Congdon's awards are Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal (4), Army Achievement Medal (4), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Overseas Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation. 1SG Frantz deployed in support of OIF to Iraq. He currently resides in Harveys Lake, PA with his wife.

**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 during the calendar year.

### III. Major Accomplishments during the Year

#### A. Operations

Deployed 17 soldiers with the 56 SBCT and 5 soldiers with the 28 CAB.

#### B. Training and Exercises

The unit participated in a V Corps WFC, AC08, held at the Warrior Prep Center in Ramstein Germany from 28 April to 15 May 2008. Unit AT was conducted at FTIG from 2-16 August 2008.

#### C. Special Events

##### 1. Unit Day Ceremonies

Soldiers participated in the Inauguration for the Presidential ceremony January 2009.

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

None.

##### 3. Permanent Changes of Station

None.

##### 4. Recruiting Initiatives

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Unit continues to aggressively recruit, retain and sustain personnel strength using, GRAP, enlistment incentives, aggressive unit recruiting team and retention counseling at all leadership levels.

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

Unit participated in the Scranton/Lackawanna County Armed Forces Parade, Annual Boalsburg Memorial, and local fireman's parades. Unit had a Summer picnic at Tobyhanna Army Depot and Christmas Party held at Fiorelli's in Dickson City.

**IV. Special Equipment Fielding**

None.

**V. Appendices**

**A. Lineage and Honors Certificate**

**B. Unit Citations**

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

None.

**D. Other.**

None.

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

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