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**Commander: 1LT Christopher Ratcliff**

**1<sup>st</sup> SGT: Dan Armour**

## Company “In-Brief”

This drill will include MSRT/Beltline, Christmas meal, and hip-pocket training.

In addition, here are some other last-minute changes/updates:

1. There will be a Make-up APFT on Sunday morning (0700) at the Charleston armory. Those soldiers needing to take the test must wear their APFT uniform (hand carry BDUs) and be prepared to take said test.

## CO’s Policy on Missing Drill

Soldiers who know they will not be in attendance need to call either their platoon leader or platoon sergeant at least 24 hours before drill per 1LT Ratcliff. That platoon leader or platoon sergeant will then contact either the 1SG or the CO. These two people are the **only** people who can officially excuse some one from attending drill. Full-time personnel at the armories are NOT the contact persons and cannot “take a message” to deliver for your absence. It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure that the proper person is contacted first. The Platoon Leader or Platoon Sergeant will then contact the Readiness NCO (SFC Standridge) and see where they need to report to and when to do the make-up drill.

## New Members

PV1 Michael Weathers PV1 James Gandt

## Drill Information (7-8 December)

**Saturday** – First Formation for all personnel will be NLT 0745 at the Cape Girardeau armory; uniform will be BDUs. Barring inclement weather, everyone will form-up at the tennis courts just north of the armory.

**Sunday** – First Formation for all personnel will be 0730 at their respective armories, uniform will be BDUs. (See page 3 for respective armory information.)

## Note from the Commander

Happy Holidays Charlie Company. ‘Tis the season to spend time with friends, family, and loved ones. Often spending time with them involves traveling great distances. Keep safety in mind at all times. If bad weather hits, drive defensively – slow down, give yourself plenty of breaking distance, and leave in plenty of time to keep you from having to rush. And always, remember to wear your seatbelt.

I want to take a minute to talk about family. We often think of family as moms, dads, children, grandparents, and so on. Your families depend on you to be there, to care and provide for them. Let’s not forget our military family. That family depends on you as well. Not only does the military count on you, but so does your platoon, your squad, your team as well as your nation. Thanks to the blood and sweat given by our veterans are we able to celebrate the holidays as we do, or as we want to. Many men and women before us have paid the ultimate price for this freedom that we enjoy. Remember them – they did their part. We must carry on and do ours. We may never be billed for these freedoms as our veterans were. Nor may we ever have to pay the same price as them, but we need to be prepared to keep and uphold what those before have given us. To my Charlie

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Please share all information with your family!



## DRILL SCHEDULE

### 11-12 JANUARY (2003) (AT WETS)

12B LANE TRAINING (CRAWL)

SPT PLT LANE TRAINING (CRAWL)

CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS TRAINING

### 22-23 FEBRUARY (2003) (AT WETS)

12B LANE TRAINING (WALK)

SPT PLT LANE TRAINING (WALK)

## 2002-2003 EVENT CALENDAR

13 December – National Guard Birthday

25 December – Christmas Day

1 January 2003 – New Year’s Day

20 January 2003 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

17 February 2003 – Presidents’ Day

22-23 February 2003 – Drill (at WETS)

8-9 March 2003 – Drill (at WETS)

22-23 March 2003 – FRG Volunteer Leadership Training, Springfield, MO

6 April 2003 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

11-13 April 2003 – Drill (MUTA 5 at WETS)

17-18 May 2003 – Drill

6 June 2003 – Drill (59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day)

7-21 June 2003 Annual Training (Ft. Campbell)

26-27 July 2003 - Drill

16-17 August 2003 - Drill

13-14 September 2003 – Drill

## Supply Sergeant’s Notes

- Clothing is in – Please stop by and see if your order is here.
- On Sunday, I will issue 2 sets of Cold Weather Clothes and gear to every soldier present.

Every soldier needs to contact supply regarding his or her individual clothing record.

## Unit Contact Numbers

1LT Ratcliff (573) 756-2879	2LT Gargas (913) 631-2046
1LT Lusk (636) 677-2670	1LT Woods (573) 243-0637
SFC Alexander (573) 471-3540	SFC Gross (573) 471-0834
SFC Hampton (901) 937-7947	SFC Green (573) 683-2313
1SG Armour (573) 471-7840	SFC Vandeven (573) 238-3823
2LT Gandt (573) 820-6340	

Company family, I wish you the best this holiday season. Be safe and I’ll see you on the 7th. **Charlie Company Rocks!**

## First Sergeant’s Corner

All soldiers will attend this month’s drill and adhere to the commander’s policy on drill attendance. It is very important that soldiers be on time for the first formations.

**Christmas Meal:** I invite all spouses/special persons/ immediate families to attend the unit’s Christmas Meal/FRG meeting at the Charleston armory at 11:30 am on Sunday. In addition, Santa will be there at 1 pm for all the children present.

**NOTE:** Following the meal, training will resume for all soldiers.

**Personal Appearance:** Look and act like a soldier – boots shined, haircuts and uniforms in accordance with AR 670-1.

**REP-63:** If you have a REP-63 in your squad/platoon that is currently at training, then I would like for everyone to take the time to send him a letter. Mail is important to a soldier, especially at Basic/AIT. Let him know what’s going on, how everybody is doing, etc.

## Sikeston Armory Information

**ALL** soldiers will report NLT 0745 hrs on 7 December at the Cape Girardeau armory to participate in the MSRT and Beltline. We will be last through the Beltline. Following the Beltline, we will return to Charleston/Sikeston for further training.

## Charleston Armory Information

**ALL** soldiers will report NLT 0745 hrs on 7 December at the Cape Girardeau armory to participate in the MSRT and Beltline. We will follow 2<sup>nd</sup> Plt. through the Beltline. Following the Beltline, we will return to Charleston for further training

## Portageville Armory Information

**ALL** soldiers will report NLT 0745 hrs on 7 December at the Cape Girardeau armory to participate in the MSRT and Beltline. We will move through the Beltline after Spt. Plt. Following the Beltline, we will return to Portageville for further training.

## Support Platoon Information

**ALL** soldiers will report NLT 0745 hrs on 7 December at the Cape Girardeau armory to participate in the MSRT and Beltline. We will move through the Beltline first. Following the Beltline, we will return to Caruthersville for further training.

## Sunday – All Platoon Information

All APFT make-ups will report to Charleston NLT **0700** in PT uniform (hand carry BDUs). All others will form at their respective armories (Caruthersville, Portageville and Charleston) NLT 0730 for training in jobsite security and PMCS. At 1000 Portageville and Caruthersville personnel will depart for Charleston and arrive NLT 1130 for the Christmas meal. After the meal, there will be more training until the final formation to include NBC, fighting positions, and react to contact.

## ARMORY CONTACT INFORMATION

**SIKESTON -- DESIGNATION:** Co. C (-) 1140<sup>TH</sup> EN. BN.  
**PHONE:** 573-472-2907, 472-2362 (FAX)  
**ADDRESS:** 300 S. MAIN ST., SIKESTON, MO, 63801-3036  
**FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES:** SFC KEITH STANDRIDGE, SSG JERRY ELDER, SGT DOYLE WICKER

**PORTAGEVILLE -- DESIGNATION:** DET. 1, Co. C, 1140<sup>TH</sup> EN. BN.  
**PHONE:** 573-379-3101, 379-3453 (FAX)  
**ADDRESS:** 400 W. 10<sup>TH</sup> ST.; PORTAGEVILLE, MO; 63873  
**FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE:** SSG JAY SPROAT

**CHARLESTON -- DESIGNATION:** DET. 2, Co. C, 1140<sup>TH</sup> EN. BN.  
**PHONE:** 573-683-6743  
**ADDRESS:** 701 S. MAIN, CHARLESTON, MO, 63834-3036  
**FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES:** SFC STEVE ALEXANDER, SGT WENDELL COOPER

**CARUTHERSVILLE -- DESIGNATION:** DET. 3, Co. C, 1140<sup>TH</sup> EN.  
**PHONE:** 573-333-1396, 333-5024 (FAX)  
**ADDRESS:** 801 W. 3<sup>RD</sup> ST., CARUTHERSVILLE, MO, 63830-1201  
**FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE:** SGT BILL HOXWORTH

**QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT:**  
SSG JAY SPROAT, 573-379-3101 OR  
[JAY.SPROAT@MO.NGB.ARMY.MIL](mailto:JAY.SPROAT@MO.NGB.ARMY.MIL)

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 27 DECEMBER AT 1200 HRS.**

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Sikeston, MO 63801-3036

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## December Birthdays

SGT Bruce Groves  
SGT Doyle Wicker  
2LT Robert Gargas  
SGT Wendell Cooper  
PV2 Chris Lytle

SPC Ripley Griffin  
SPC James Pulliam  
SPC Jason Mitchell  
SPC Matthew Glastetter  
PV1 Greg Portwood

## Congratulations to...

SGT Jimmy Ingram on his acceptance as 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad Leader for 2nd Platoon at Portageville!  
COL Hanke (35<sup>th</sup> ENGR BDE) on his promotion to BG!

## Soldier of the Month

Congratulations to SPC James Rudd for being named Charlie Company's Soldier of the Month!



"WHEN MY SLEIGH BROKE DOWN, GENERAL, I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON THE NATIONAL GUARD!"

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POSTAGE  
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# December Drill Highlights

## **Saturday (7 December):**

- First Formation: All personnel will assemble at the Cape Girardeau armory NLT 0745. The formation will be just north of the armory at the tennis courts.
- MSRT and Admin Beltline
- Physicals for selected individuals (see list on page 2 of newsletter).
- Following Beltline completion, platoons will return to respective armories for further training.
- Leaders Meeting (E-6 and above) at Charleston armory at 1800 hours.
- Hip pocket training to occur while at Cape armory.

## **Sunday (8 December):**

- First Formation at respective armories for all personnel NLT 0730.
- Make-up APFT test at Charleston armory at 0700 (see Readiness NCO column for names).
- Christmas dinner at Charleston armory (1130-1300)
- Santa arrives at 1300 for all the children to meet and greet.
- Vehicle and Weapons PMCS
- ODP/NCODP
- NBC, TLPs, call for fire, battle drills, driver's training, etc.

### **Comments:**

- Soldiers will dress for appropriate weather conditions.
- All soldiers will ensure that they are conforming with AR 670-1 regarding uniforms and haircuts.

**Menu:** Saturday Lunch: Battalion Mess (at Cape Armory)

Sunday Lunch: Christmas Meal at Charleston armory. The FRG is providing smoked turkeys and hams for the Christmas Meal.

## **Company Website Update**

**By Darryl Spurlock, Webmaster**

After a lot of work, Charlie Company's website has taken a new shape. A major overhaul has been done and some new features have been added, including a News Ticker, Guestbook, online Essayons newsletter, and a new Photo Album. Information on the Resources page has also been updated and new additions include Drill Dates, METL information, and also all-new Military Humor with an area for humorous military stories (If you've got a story, send it to me). The Recruiter, FRG, and the Leadership pages have also been changed and/or updated.

I am excited to be able to work for Charlie Company as webmaster and it is my goal to make Charlie Company's website the best. I would like to thank CPT Gotter for all of his help in the transfer of the domain, and a big thanks to 1LT Ratcliff for giving me the opportunity to help out Charlie Company as webmaster. Also, special thanks to 1SG & Mrs. Armour for their support and encouragement in letting me know I could support Charlie Company in this way.

There will be more changes and updates to come... so visit often. Go to <http://charlie1140th.com> and check it out. It is your website so let me know what you think. Email me at [webmaster@charlie1140th.com](mailto:webmaster@charlie1140th.com).

# Armory Assignments

## SIKESTON

### Company HQ

1LT Ratcliff  
1LT Cowgill  
1SG Armour  
SFC Standridge  
SSG Elder  
SPC Pulliam  
PFC Caldwell  
CDT French

### 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon (HQ)

2LT Gargas  
SFC Gross  
SPC Carlisle  
PFC Keene

### 1<sup>st</sup> Squad

SSG Staggs  
SGT A. Robinson  
CPL Jones  
PFC Petty  
PFC Idleman  
PV2 K. Masegian

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Squad

SGT Holmes  
SGT Wicker  
CPL Reed  
SPC Eaton  
PFC Santoro  
PV1 K. Tinnin  
PV1 Taylor

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad

SSG Caid  
CPL Latham  
PFC Anthony  
PFC Brown

### Maintenance Platoon

SFC Vandeven  
SSG Noles  
SGT Worley  
SGT W. Robinson  
PV2 Long  
PV2 Anthony  
PV1 Harp  
PFC Tipton  
PFC Vandiver  
SPC Scholz  
PFC R. Amerson  
PV1 Weathers

### Food Service Section

SGT Hardin  
SGT Johnson  
SPC Taylor  
PFC M. Adams

### Commo Section

SGT G. Walker  
SPC Lowes

## PORTAGEVILLE

### 2<sup>ND</sup> Platoon (HQ)

1LT Lusk  
SFC D. Hampton

### 1<sup>st</sup> Squad

SSG Sproat  
SPC Bixler  
SPC Griffin  
SPC Sullivan

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Squad

SSG Moody  
SGT Hicks  
SPC McClain  
SPC Genereau  
PV1 Recker

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad

SGT Ingram  
SGT Clark  
SPC Rudd  
PFC S. Hampton  
PFC Davis

## CHARLESTON

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon (HQ)

1LT Woods  
SFC Alexander  
SPC Rutledge  
SPC Myers

### 1<sup>st</sup> Squad

SSG Rand  
CPL Carmack  
CPL Bonee  
SPC Campbell  
PV2 J. Byford  
PV1 J. Gandt

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Squad

SGT Henson  
SGT Groves  
CPL Borders  
SPC Polley  
PV1 Larry  
PV1 Gammons

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad

SSG R. Byford  
SGT Cooper  
SGT Allstun  
SPC Armour  
PV2 Freeman

## CARUTHERSVILLE

### Support Platoon (HQ)

2LT J. Gandt  
SFC Green

### Equipment Section

SSG Begley  
SGT Hoxworth  
SGT Edger  
SGT R. Mitchell  
SGT Miller  
SPC C. Masegian  
SPC J. Mitchell  
SPC Kimble  
SPC Glastetter  
SPC Stricklin  
SPC Wheeler  
SPC Noe  
SPC W. Adams  
SPC Riggs  
PFC Sidwell  
PV1 Meyer

### Obstacle Section

SSG Hinton  
SGT Cox  
SGT Hindman  
SPC Younger  
SPC Harp  
SPC Ramage  
PV1 Portwood  
PV1 Madison  
PV1 Sanders  
PV2 T. Amerson  
PV2 Lytle  
PV1 Keller

**NOTE:** If your name is not on this list, contact SFC Standridge **before** drill.