



THE DELTA DIGEST

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The **DELTA DIGEST** is a monthly publication for the members of Company D, 2nd Bn, Michigan Volunteer Defense Force and is intended to convey information relative to the development of the company and its members. Information that may be of interest and value to the members of the unit is to be submitted through either CPT Trublowski, 1LT Burke or 1SG Salvia, for their approval prior to inclusion by the Company Clerk in the **DELTA DIGEST**.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

COMPANY TRAINING LIASON

An additional duty assignment has been designated for a Company Training Liaison. This additional duty assignment is to be filled by PV1 Marcos Anders. I feel that this position will benefit both the Bn training staff and our company personnel. A job description is being developed and more information will be provided in the future. Please support PV1 Anders in his assignment.

JANUARY UTA

The January Unit Training Assembly was well attended by members of Company D. I wish to thank you all for your dedication in attending the meeting even though the weather left much to be desired. For the next three months, the UTA locations are tentatively scheduled to be as follows: 12Feb11 (Pontiac), 12Mar11 (St. Clair Shores) and 16Apr11 (Taylor).

RECRUITING:

Recruiting is a continuing process as is evidenced by the enlistment of new members into our company. I congratulate the individuals who have recruited these new members and ask other members of our unit to look for opportunities to describe our unit, our mission and why an individual would want to join Company D, 2nd Bn, MiVDF. This is your opportunity to guide the development of our unit. That is: to enlist those individuals whom you know would be an asset. These individuals will be the ones who will be working beside you in the future. The Company Recruiting NCO is SGT Lyn Giera. His e-mail address is: lynski5411@aol.com.

TRAINING:

Independent study completion appears to be slow. I had requested that completion of IS 701.a, 702.a, 703.a and 704 be completed by the end of January 2011. Please send information regarding your completion of these courses to PV2 David Washburn, Company Clerk, prior to your submission of the completion certificates to the Training Officer.

The Courses again are:

Course	Rev Date	Title	Web Link
IS-701.a	12-Oct-10	NIMS Multiagency Coordination System (MACS) course	http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is701a.asp
IS-702.a	11-Jun-10	National Incident Management System (NIMS) Public Information System	http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is702a.asp
IS-703.a	12-Oct-10	NIMS Resource Management	http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is703a.asp
IS-704	No Rev.	NIMS Communication and Information Management	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS704.asp

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS (CONT'D):

NOTIFICATION CALL LIST (PERMANENT):

If you have not already done so, please provide your telephone numbers (landline and/or cell) to PV2 David Washburn, Company Clerk, so that we may verify the numbers we currently have. In the event that any of these numbers change, please contact PV2 Washburn immediately (copy to CPT Trublowski) so that he may update the call list and distribute revised list to individuals charged with making the calls.

REPORT FROM CDP ALABAMA

Sgt. Lyn Giera was one of a few members of 2 Bn that participated in Homeland Security training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama in December last year. The CDP is operated by the US Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training facility in the nation. The CDP provides Federally funded, interdisciplinary training for emergency responders in Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) across the US and the US Territories, for 10 response disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works. SGT Giera and other participants in the training gained critical skills and confidence to be better prepared to effectively respond to local incidents or potential WMD incidents. Be sure to talk to SGT Giera about his experience at CDP. Information about CDP training programs can be found at <http://cdp.dhs.gov>

HAM RADIO CLASS

SPC Ron Mesic (Acting Bn Comms NCO) coordinated a Ham Radio Technician License class that met at the Lincoln Park American Legion Hall on Saturday, January 22. The class was taught by Dave Metz and his wife Linda with assistance from SPC Mesic. The purpose of the class was to provide an overview of radio theory and electronics and then have members of the Motor City Radio Club administer the actual test. Ham Radio operators have proven to be instrumental in assisting with communications during many actual emergencies. Often Ham radio operators are the only available means of communication after a major incident disables power, internet, and cell phone use. The FCC requires at minimum a Technicians License to become a radio operator. By upgrading to a General or Extra class license, an operator is allowed access to more frequencies and modes. The goal is to have numerous licensed Ham operators equipped with mobile radios within the ranks of the MiVDF in order to provide on site communications during a potential deployment.



Dave Metz reviews radio basics at the Legion Hall

COMMANDER'S UNOFFICIAL SECTION:

WELCOME

A hearty welcome to new members of Co. D, Bill Munday and Phil Naud. as well as other guests that attended the Unit Training Assembly on 15 January 2011. I hope that you found the meeting interesting and received answers to any questions that you may have had. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

New "DELTA DOGS"



SGT Bill Munday
Asst Squad Leader
1st PLT



PFC Phil Naud
3rd PLT

Timothy M. Trublowski

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CPT MI VDF Commander, Company D
BN Recruiting Officer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS

Send Off for 1775th Military Police Co.

Our friends, and hosts at the Pontiac Armory, the 1775th MP Company are departing for Ft Bliss then to Afghanistan for a 12 month tour of duty. The VDF has been asked to join them at the Departure Ceremony on 31 January. 2nd Bn members who are attending should report to the VDF Post 1370 NLT 1100hrs

MI VDF Embroidered clothing

Place orders with PV2 David Washburn, Company Clerk for polo shirts, baseball caps, sweat shirts and jackets with the MI VDF logo His e-mail address is Dwash1898@yahoo.com.

HISTORY CORNER :

In 1943, when MNG forces were deployed overseas, the Michigan State Troops were activated by then Governor Kelly to respond to civil unrest in the city of Detroit. All ready a racially integrated force, the Mich State Troops were deployed into troubled parts of the city to protect citizens from violent mobs and to prevent further property damage.

