



# THE DELTA DIGEST

## D COMPANY, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN MiVDF MAR 2011



The **DELTA DIGEST** is a monthly publication for the members of Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1LT Burke or 1SG Salvia, for their approval prior to inclusion by the Company Clerk in the **DELTA DIGEST**.

### COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

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#### TESA EXERCISE:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> BN MiVDF will take part in the New Madrid National Level Exercise on May 16 – 20, 2011. The focus of the exercise will be to assist Region 2 South Medical Bio-Defense Network deploy the entire 100 bed MI-TESA Medical Unit along with a 40 bed unit from Region 5 in Kalamazoo. More details will be provided at the next UTA.

#### JRSOI MISSION:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> BN will take part in the JRSOI (Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration) exercise this year at AT11. The 2<sup>nd</sup> BN and 'D' Company will be focusing their attention on training for and accomplishing this mission. I know that 'D' Company will provide the assistance necessary to make this exercise a success. While we devote our efforts to the JRSOI Exercise, we must also continue to work on the FEMA Courses that are required by the 2BN.

#### BASIC MEMS BADGE:

At the January UTA, Sgt Dykes presented the revised training guide for 2011. This included the new requirements for the MEMS (Military Emergency Manager Specialist) badge. The new requirements went into effect 01January2011 and therefore will apply to any members of Co. D that had not submitted paper work prior to that date. The following IS courses are required for BASIC MEMS; IS-100, IS-102, IS-200, IS-700, IS-701, IS-775 and IS-800. These courses are required in addition to a Practicum consisting of a write up on an actual exercise and a table top exercise. SAGUS (State Guard Association of the US) membership is required.

#### REQUIRED TRAINING:

A number of training opportunities have become available in the next few months. Some of these are MEMS requirements and others are in addition to our required training but are valuable for the exercises described above. A summary of the training requirements is on page 2. Please send information regarding your completion of these courses certificates to the Bn Training Officer, CPT Duck at [bkduck@gmail.com](mailto:bkduck@gmail.com) and also to PV2 David Washburn, Company Clerk [DWash1898@yahoo.com](mailto:DWash1898@yahoo.com).

The Damage Assessment self study course you will need for the 14MAY2011 UTA is at <https://mi.train.org> you will need to register and make a login and password to establish an account. Go to Damage Assessment Teams (Online) and hit tab "Registration" You will see a "Warning: Browser test failed" disregard this and press the "Launch" button and it will launch o.k.

Please continue to register for and take these free classes to complete your training requirements.

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS (CONT'D):

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### **TRAINING:**

**Below is a list of MIVDF Brigade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Required Courses and WEB links:**

The following FEMA Independent Study courses can be found at:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

#### **Required completion in the first 6 months of membership:**

- IS-100b - Introduction to the Incident Command System.
- IS-200b - ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents.
- IS-700a - National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction.
- IS-800b - National Response Framework, an Introduction.

#### **Additional required for Basic MEMs:**

- IS-102a - Deployment Basics for FEMA response partners
- IS-701a - NIMS Multiagency Coordination System (MACS)
- IS-775 - 275 is acceptable - EOC Management and Operations

#### **Additional required for Senior MEMs :**

- IS-139 - Exercise Design
- IS-230a - Fundamentals of Emergency Management
- IS-235 - Emergency Planning
- IS-240 - Leadership & Influence
- IS-241 - Decision Making & Problem Solving
- IS-242 - Effective Communication
- IS-244 - Developing and Managing Volunteers
- IS-520 - Introduction to Continuity of Operations Planning for Pandemic Influenzas
- G-300 - Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents

#### **Remaining Core Courses:**

- IS-26 - Guide to Points of Distribution
- IS-702a - NIMS Public Information Systems
- IS-703a - NIMS Resource Management
- IS-704 - NIMS Communications and Information Management

#### **Q534 - Emergency Response to Terrorism**

This course is at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/nfacourses/catalog/search?keywords=q534>

#### **AWR 160 -Terrorism Awareness for First Responders**

This course is at <http://www.teex.org/teex-third.cfm?area=OGT&templateid=280>

#### **MSP-EMHSD - Damage Assessment Teams**

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#### **SKYwarn - SKYWARN from NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS)**

Mi-VDF has Requested onsite delivery of SKYWARN during the MAY Drill, which is currently in planning. (April 11th is the recommended ALTERNATE date for VDF). The following dates and locations have been scheduled via the Washtenaw County ARPSC if you can not make the VDF session.

- Garden City: Sat March 26th @ 10 AM - Maplewood Community Center - Garden City Amateur Radio Club
- Livonia: Mon April 11 @ 7 PM - Main Library Auditorium - Livonia Amateur Radio Club
- Trenton: Friday May 6 @ 7 PM - Westfield Community Center - Motor City Radio Club

## COMMANDER'S UNOFFICIAL SECTION:

### WELCOME NEW CO COMMANDER – 1LT BURKE



As many of you know, I was assigned as the Company Commander of 'D' Company on 1 February 2011. I would like to introduce myself and provide a brief background. I served 4 years active duty with the U S Navy, 2 Years inactive Duty, and 20 years in the U S Navy Reserves. I am now retired from the U S Navy Reserves as a Petty Officer First Class with 26 years of total service. I have been in the MI-VDF since 2005 and prior to that I was with the Michigan Emergency Volunteer's (MEV) that drilled at the Taylor Armory. I look forward to serving Co D as Company Commander and will continue the 'Open Door Policy' placed into effect by CPT Trublowski. As such, I am available to all members of the unit. However, I would ask that you first discuss your situation with your immediate "chain of command".

*John D. Burke*

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Commander, Company D

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS

### Upcoming UTA

UTA locations are tentatively scheduled to be as follows:

16Apr11 (Taylor), May 14 (Pontiac or St. Clair Shores)

### Code Silver 2011

On Thurs April 21<sup>st</sup>, Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit will be conducting a full scale "Active Shooter" exercise. For more info

<http://cema.biz/events/#105>

### 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](mailto:Dwash1898@yahoo.com).

## HISTORY CORNER :

Thanks to Sgt. Munday for pointing out my error in the January history corner. The photo I choose to illustrate the MSTs deployment for the riots in Detroit in July of 1943 actually showed Federal troops who arrived on the scene afterwards. An accurate photo (shown here) correctly portrays Mich State Troops in Detroit during their deployment. The difference is MST forces were not issued the M1 or the earlier M1917A1 helmet but used a unique design similar to construction helmets of the time. Also, the MST had to give up their rifles to the war effort so were armed with 12 gage shotguns. Thanks to Sgt. Munday and PFC Naud for giving a talk on the history of the Michigan State Troops and for bringing artifacts identified to the MST to educate the 2 Bn on the history of our unit. Future editions of the DELTA DIGEST will feature more photos of artifacts from the collection for those who missed the talk.



Helmet marked "MST Co 101"

Michigan State Troops, Detroit deployment, July 1943