



THE DELTA DIGEST

D COMPANY, 2nd BN MiVDF MAY 2011



The **DELTA DIGEST** is a semi 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 1LT Burke or 1SG Salvia, for their approval prior to inclusion by the Company Clerk in the **DELTA DIGEST**.

OFFICIAL SECTION:

GO NAVY!:

Congratulations to the USN Special Warfare Development Group (formally Seal Team Six) for their outstanding successful mission code named "Neptune's Spear" to terminate Osama Bin Laden and provide him a one way ticket aboard the USS Carl Vinson to Davy Jones' Locker.

Well done!

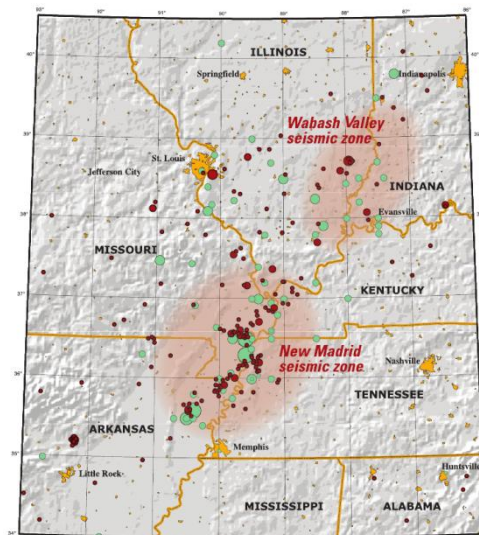


UPCOMING TESA EXERCISE:

The 2nd BN MiVDF will take part in the New Madrid National Level Exercise on May 15 – 19, 2011. The exercise is a response to a simulated earthquake from the New Madrid Seismic Zone where a number of small quakes have occurred since the last major one in 1811 – 1812. The focus of the exercise will be to assist Region 2 South Medical Bio-Defense Network deploy the entire 100 bed MI-TESA (Michigan Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance) Medical Unit along with a 40 bed unit from Region 5 in Kalamazoo. All personnel planning on participating in TESA should have completed the IS-100, 200, 700 & 800 courses. If you are already on the VDF roster for the 15 – 19 May TESA exercise you will need to register on the Region 2 South database. The website address and Instructions can be found below. During the registration you will be asked to upload a picture of yourself. If you don't have one to upload please email CPT Tutak for one from BN records. Work assignments for VDF members will be made when we arrive. Please make sure you watch for emails from CPT Tutak regarding the event. More details will be provided at 14May UTA.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Go to <http://portal.2south.org>
- Click on 'Sign in' in the right hand corner
- Enter '2south@2south.org' for the generic user name.
- Enter '2south' for the generic user password.
- Click on 'Training'.
- Click on 'TESA-2011'.
- Click on 'User Guide' if you wish to download the registration instructions.
- Click on 'Add document' and registration form page 1 of 2 will appear. This is where personal identification information is captured.
- After you have viewed page 1 click on 'Page 2' at the bottom of page 1 and page 2 of 2 will appear. This is where you select the position on each date that you wish to fill. MI VDF will be assigned positions on arrival.
- You can switch back and forth between Page 1 and Page 2 to review your info.
- After both pages of the registration form are completed click on 'Submit'.



Reported (green) and recorded (red) earthquakes in the New Madrid area since 1811

COMMANDERS COMMENTS:



As we continue to grow and develop as a unit, I would like to remind all MI-VDF members attached to Company D that they should be recruiting new members for the MI-VDF. Please coordinate all recruiting through our recruiting NCO, SGT Giera. In addition, I have observed at UTA drill many members not properly ready for formation at the appointed time. I expect every member of the company to assemble on the drill floor at 0825 and be in formation at 0830. Lets see this in action at our next drill 14 May in Pontiac. The 2nd BN will take part in the JRSOI (Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration) exercise this year at AT11 (Aug 19-21 at Camp Grayling.) This exercise requires HAZMAT training for all JRSOI participants. Until this training is identified, continue with the required FEMA Courses and the Damage Assessment self study course requested for the 14MAY2011 UTA (this can be found at <https://mi.train.org>)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS

Tentative UTA Schedule:

May 14 **Pontiac**, June 18 **Taylor**, July 16 **St. Clair Shores**. Always bring a copy of the Training Schedule as orders to authorize travel in uniform.

TESA New Madrid Exercise May 15-19

Michigan Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance exercise, Lansing , MI

2011 CERT Games May 20-22

The 2011 CERT Games are being hosted by the MSP and City of Dearborn Fire Department in Howell, MI. Contact WO Brad Smith at bsmith@ci.dearborn.mi.us

MI VDF Embroidered clothing

Place orders with PFC David Washburn, Company Clerk for MI VDF logo apparel
Dwash1898@yahoo.com

Selfridge Air Show Aug 20-21:

Volunteers are requested for a recruiting stand that will be set up at Selfridge Air Base during the air show in August. Contact SGT Giera

HISTORY CORNER :

The upcoming TESA exercise is a training response to a simulated earthquake from the New Madrid Seismic Zone. However, the first major US military deployment to assist in an earthquake is best exemplified by the response to the San Francisco quake of April 18, 1906. This photo shows members of the 7th California National Guard that were deployed to the area from Los Angeles. The rather outdated (by 1906) blue wool uniforms and varied ages of the men are typical of a guard unit from the era. The older soldier in the center wears a GAR medal signifying service in the Civil War. Federal emergency response procedures did not exist in 1906.



D. Washburn Collection

Members of the 7th California National Guard inspect the remains of a building destroyed in the San Francisco earthquake of 18 April 1906

APPENDIX:

TRAINING SUMMARY:

Below is a list of MIVDF Brigade and 2nd 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

This course is at <https://mi.train.org>

You will need to register and make a login and password to establish an account. Search for "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.

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. Additional dates and locations will be announced in future editions of the "DIGEST".