



THE DELTA DIGEST

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The **DELTA DIGEST** is a semi monthly publication for the members of Company D, 2nd Bn, Michigan Volunteer Defense Force. Content that may be of interest to members of the Co are submitted through the Co Clerk for approval of the Co Commander.

St CLAIR SHORES MEMORIAL DAY PARADE :



The 2 BN finally put their Color Guard into action for the annual St. Clair Shores Memorial Day parade Sunday, May 27, 2012. Work on the Color Guard began last year when PFC Washburn and SPC Vincent were granted approval to put together a unit. However, it was not until this memorial day that the goal of equipping the Color Guard as a current US Army unit was realized. From left to right; SPC Vincent (CO A), SGT Munday (CO D and NCOIC), PFC Washburn (CO D), PFC Dingwall (CO A), PVT Moilanen (CO B). Also attending the parade was SSG Kamm of CO A (second rank).

MIVDF CHALLENGE COINS ARE HERE:

As previously announced, Brigade came through with the specially minted MIVDF Challenge Coins with some being distributed to 2 BN members at the last UTA in Canton. A **challenge coin** is a small coin or medallion, bearing a military organization's insignia and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they are given to prove membership in the organization when challenged and to enhance morale. These coins have become quite collectable over the years with every major military unit having one of their own design.

The challenge begins with the challenger drawing his/her coin, and slapping or placing the coin on the table or bar. Everyone being challenged must immediately produce the coin for their organization and anyone failing to do so must buy a round of drinks for the challenger and everyone else who has their challenge coin. However, should everyone challenged be able to produce their coin, the challenger must buy a round of drinks for the group.



COMMANDERS COMMENTS:



I have noticed that attendance of company members to UTA has fallen to its lowest level in months. As can be seen by the recent off site Search and Rescue training in Canton there are many new and exciting changes happening in 2 BN. Therefore, I would like to request that all members make every effort to attend UTA and if that is not possible to please contact me directly, 59jaydee@prodigy.net use subject line: MI-VDFn CO 'D'- (Month of XXXXX Drill Attendance), and please copy our Company Clerk PFC Washburn using the same subject line. I would also like to remind all MI-VDF members attached to Company D that they should be investigating all possible means to recruit new members for the MI-VDF. SGT Munday is in the process of developing a Recruiting Poster and Business Cards that can be used. Please coordinate all recruiting through our recruiting NCO, SGT Giera. If you have any ideas for training that fits the mission and objectives of the MI-VDF please submit them up the chain of command. We have the opportunity to do more with warmer weather and can use the outdoors instead of a classroom in an Guard Armory. Our next Drill is scheduled for June 16th at St. Clair Shores where we will conduct Fire Safety Training and practice exercise. If you have questions or need clarification please let me know.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS

Next UTA - June 16, St. Clair Shores Bruce VFW

Remember to park in the lots farthest away from the rear entrance so that we don't block access to others using the building.

Mich Army National Guard Exercise June 9

Individual(s) on SO 1208 order are directed to participate, as civilian role players, in the MIARNG Validation FSE at Grayling Army Airfield (GAAF), Grayling, MI. Individuals are to report in at RRF HQ (GAAF Airfield Operations Bldg.) NLT 1130 hrs, Saturday, 9 June.

WO Loren Roberts, 2nd BN Adjutant, has been placed on a six (6) month leave of absence. SGT Scott Deykes will be acting ADJ and Ops/Trng NCO.

MI VDF Embroidered clothing

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

Thunder over Michigan Air Show

Willow Run, Aug 3-5:

Volunteers interested in the possibility of having a recruiting stand during the air show in August. Contact SGT Giera

HISTORY CORNER :

The legend of the Challenge Coin dates back to WW1 when a Squadron was presented its own coin as a gift from one of the officers. One of the pilots had a habit of wearing his coin in a pouch around his neck which ultimately saved his life. On one mission this pilot was shot down over enemy lines and was captured. The Germans took everything from him but did not notice the coin around his neck. The downed pilot eventually escaped and made his way back to Allied lines where he was captured by a French Patrol. Having no other identification the pilot was almost shot until he was able to show them his coin. Members of the unit would then challenge each other to make sure they always carried their coin.



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