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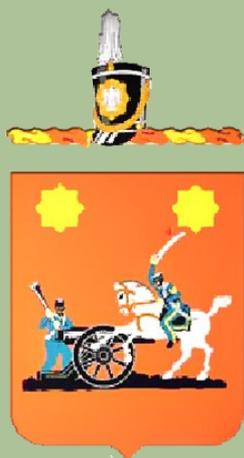
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The 2d Cavalry Regiment Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Prevention office held an information booth April 16, 2013, at the Rose Barracks post exchange building in support of SHARP and sexual assault prevention month. The booth provided information on how to prevent and report sexual assault and harassment in support of the U.S. Army's Sexual Assault Prevention Month. (photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Albright).

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Highlights in 2d Cavalry History

April 5, 1862: Outside of Washington DC in March of 1862, and part of General McClellan's Army, the Dragoons were all set to begin the invasion of the South. At the time, consisting of seven companies, the Regiment and other Union forces set their sights upon the Confederate stronghold of Yorktown, VA. Choosing to cross onto the Peninsula by ship, the harbor near Fort Monroe was crowded with over 250 ships.

Upon laying siege to Yorktown, the 2d Cavalry was picked as the personal escort for the general's headquarters. After beginning to push the Confederates up towards the northern part of the peninsula, the Regiment was chosen to perform in more traditional cavalry roles which included picket and reconnaissance duties and as part of the Cavalry reserve for the Army. The Regiment would have almost daily skirmishes on its way up towards Chikahominy.

Expeditionary tactics in the homeland would be the hallmark of the Regiment's service during the Civil War.

History Highlights cont...

19 Apr 1842 – Big Hammock of Pilaklikaha, Fla. Co. K, 2d Dragoons: Using riverine tactics developed by Lt. Col. William S Harney and the 2d Dragoons. An expedition consisting of companies from the 2nd, 4th, and 8th Infantry Regiments and K Company of the 2d Dragoons engaged Seminoles Indians after tracking them around the vicinity of Wahoo Swamp in Southern Florida. As the infantry companies assaulted the Indian positions from the front Capt. Ker and his Company K assailed them from the rear. Being encircled the Indians broke into small bands and retreated leaving large amounts of supplies. Because of the success of the tactics developed by the 2d Dragoons the Seminole Indians no longer were able to maintain their insurgency and agreed to migration to Arkansas.

17, 18 Apr 1847 –At the Battle of Cerro Gordo, Co's A, B, C, F, I, K, of the 2d Dragoons, forces captured the port of Veracruz on March 27, 1847. Following this, Gen. Winfield Scott advanced towards Mexico City. Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, commanding Mexican forces in the area, blocked Scott's march at Cerro Gordo, near Xalapa, with more than 12,000 soldiers in a fortified defile. Army Corps of Engineers Capt. Robert E. Lee discovered a mountain trail around Santa Anna's position. Gen. Scott quickly moved the main body of his command along the trail, out-flanking the Mexicans. A sharp action ensued on April 18 1847, routing Santa Anna's force.

2D CAVALRY REGIMENT OF DRAGOONS

Vision

The 2d Cavalry Regiment of Dragoons embodies the prestige and honor of its lineage through a common identity of professional and dynamic Troopers. We provide our nation with a disciplined, lethal, agile and resilient team capable of executing any mission through engaged and caring leadership. We are committed to strong Families, strengthening partnerships and mutual respect within our communities. As masters of our profession, we remain **ALWAYS READY** for the challenges that lie ahead.

Five Fingers Philosophy

Unit Cohesion and Teamwork	Leader Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Treat others with dignity and respect -Credit doesn't matter -"Remember your Regiment" -Look out for one another in garrison and combat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Regiment of Caring, active, engaged leaders -Work to build the leaders of tomorrow's Regiment -Seek responsibility and take responsibility for your actions -Counsel and provide feedback
Discipline and Standards	Preparation for Combat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Examples of professionalism in all ways; no such thing as good enough -Stewards of the Regiment's reputation -Representatives of our Army and our Country -Don't do anything that brings discredit upon yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Focus on the fundamentals -Mastery of your profession -Exceptional care and accountability of people and equipment
Dragoon Total Fitness	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Resilient Dragoons and Families -Holistic Approach to Fitness -Fitness periods are sacred times 	

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2CR Sexual Assault Training

2 CR trains Soldiers, Families on ways to prevent sexual assault, protect each other



Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Mark Albright

The 2d Cavalry Regiment Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention program office hosted an information booth at the Rose Barracks post exchange building April 16, 2013.

The SHARP team's goal to inform Soldiers and their Families about April being sexual assault prevention month and explain the SHARP program and how and where someone could report an instance of sexual assault or harassment. The information reinforces the Army's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assault.

The SHARP program is part of every unit. There are unit victim advocates in each battalion size unit and, or above to assist Soldiers and Families whose lives have been affected by sexual assault or harassment. The U.S. Army has put a

strong emphasis on training Soldiers about the program.

"I like the emphasis they (U.S. Army) are putting on the SHARP program. It needs to be out there and needs to be explained," said Sgt. 1st Class Nichelle Clay-Vaughn, SHARP Unit Victim Advocate for Regimental Support Squadron, "because some Soldiers just don't get it and I don't want their first interaction to be as a victim."

Clay-Vaughn has been a UVA under the previous sexual assault prevention program since 2009 and attended the SHARP training when it started earlier this year. In addition to her four years experience she also has a family member who has been affected.

"When we transferred over to the SHARP program I decided to stay because

its one of my passions and I also have had an experience with my own child," said Clay-Vaughn.

Being informed is the key to prevent sexual assault. The SHARP training program focuses on prevention and training Soldiers to be aware of their surroundings and what actions to take if they see a situation that could become an incident.

"I let the Soldiers know that we are one big family, we spend more time around each other than we do our own families. So, to me, you are my brother or sister and if I see you in trouble I want to help prevent it," said Clay-Vaughn, "I feel like, even if you out-rank me or not, that everyone belongs to me and if I see you getting into a bad situation it's my duty to prevent it."

2CR Sexual Assault Cont...

Clay-Vaughn advises Soldiers to act if they see another person that might become a victim.

“They are your sisters and brothers, their parents entrusted us to take care of them, and each other, and that’s what we are here for, so, if you think that something is going on then just remove that person from the situation,” said Clay-Vaughn.

Soldiers that have been harassed or assaulted can report it in two different ways, restricted and unrestricted.

Restricted Reporting

This option is recommended for victims of sexual assault who wish to confidentially disclose the crime to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling without triggering the official investigative process.

Service members who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting under this policy must report the assault to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), or a healthcare provider.

Unrestricted Reporting

This option is recommended for victims of sexual assault who desire medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of the crime. When selecting unre-

stricted reporting, you should use current reporting channels, e.g. chain of command, law enforcement or report the incident to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), or request healthcare providers to notify law enforcement.

Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately assign a Victim Advocate (VA).

At the victim’s discretion and, or request, the healthcare provider shall conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE), which may include the collection of evidence. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

“I was really surprised that they were willing to help me with reporting my situation,” said Spc. Laura Agosto, a 2 CR, Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop Soldier, “I was really happy and comfortable with the whole experience.”

Agosto reported her incident to the 2 CR Unit Victim Advocate, Sgt. 1st Class Wibke Griffin and the unit Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Sgt. 1st Class Walter Blackman and they explained what her options were and how to proceed. They gave her options to report it as restricted or unrestricted and where else to get support.

“Once I came up with my decision they explained each one and what would happen and how, said Agosto, “Nobody has ever sat me down and explained all of this to me before.”

2 CR Soldiers have received the unit SHARP training and are informed of their reporting options and how to prevent future occurrences.

“Compared to what the old sexual harassment and assault training used to be I believe it’s a step in the right direction, it’s a big improvement,” said Sgt. Jonathan Jackson, a Soldier with lightning Troop, 3rd Squadron, 2 CR. “It makes it more involved than just sitting there listening or sitting there watching a slide show.”

The new training is more interactive and consists of a brief on reporting information, a film on sexual assault in the Army and an interactive online training course.

“I think when Soldiers get involved they are part of the solution and become less of part of the problem,” said Jackson.

For more information about sexual assault prevention and reporting you can visit the Army’s SHARP website at www.sexualassault.army.mil



Fires Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment Soldiers, Sgt. Eric Mcevoy, Pfc. Jamaal Grigsby and Spc. Jason Phillips ask Sgt. 1st Class Walter Blackman, the 2 CR Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, questions about sexual assault prevention April 16, 2013. Blackman was at the Rose Barracks post exchange building conducting an information booth in support of SHARP and sexual assault prevention month.

War Eagle Update



Lt. Col. Phillip Gage, commander, 1st Squadron, 2d CR, awards Sgt. Belliard of Comanche Troop the Army Achievement Medal for his performance during the Mission Readiness Exercise in March. The award was presented at a ceremony March 28, 2013.



Following the long Mission Readiness Exercise (MRE) in March, April looked to be a month of well deserved breaks. Some soldiers went on Spring Break, while others had three consecutive 4-day weekends. These long weekends of European travel, or relaxing at home, did much to boost morale and revitalize soldiers throughout the squadron.

However, before going on spring break, it was essential that we recognized the hard work of many individuals from the MRE. Over 100 soldiers throughout the squadron Received the Army Achievement Medal (AAM) for their performance during the MRE. The AAM is meant to award soldiers whose actions stood out for a variety of reasons. One such soldier is Spc. Earl Sanford of Mustang Troop, who received his AAM for excellently operating the Command Post of the Future (CPOF) system without prior training. The ceremony went well and the soldiers were pleased with the recognition they received.

One cavalry unit tradition is the Spur Call. A Spur Call periodically gathers together the leadership of the squadron, those who are Sergeant First Class and above. The purpose of this gathering is to socialize and bond after a hard workweek. The Spur Call on April 4 was particularly special though. The Medical Supply Officer, 1st Lt. Proctor, who has been with the War Eagles about a year, was promoted, he completing his medical officer training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In a ceremony conducted by the Lt. Col. Gage, commander, 1st Squadron, 1st Lt. Proctor was promoted in the presence of his peers and even tCol. D.A. Sims, 2 CR commander.

With the upcoming deployment soldiers had to undergo some precautionary medical readiness. This involved getting anthrax and small pox vaccinations as well as getting tested for tuberculosis and HIV. This is a necessary process and one of many tasks a soldier must complete before they are combat ready.

The month of May will see a continuation in 1st Squadron's hard work to plan and prepare for the upcoming deployment. Luckily, on the horizon is block leave, a much deserved long break for all the soldiers in the squadron. Although many are looking forward to block leave at the end of May, there are some exciting events coming up before then. From 21-23 MAY the Regiment will be hosting the 'Week of the Dragoons.' This consists of friendly competition and games for soldiers as well as families. Soldiers will be on teams representing their squadrons. As each competition is won, squadrons will accumulate points in hopes of winning the Dragoon Cup trophy. It all culminates with a bonfire, award ceremony and cookout on May 23rd beginning at 1500. The first two days involve soldiers competing in dodgeball, softball, military events and more; there is even a Call of Duty tournament being hosted by 1st Squadron in the Lagenbruck Center. Whether you are competitor or a spectator, come out and enjoy the competition and support your 1st Squadron War Eagles!

Cougar Update



Spc. Lewis (left) and Pfc. Varney (right) establish security for their downed Stryker after it was hit with a simulated IED during a platoon live fire training exercise March 18, 2013 at Grafenwoehr Training area, Germany. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. J. Luis Andrade).

The Cougars, as always, stand ready to execute any task in support of the 2d Cavalry Regiment's mission in Europe or in contingency operations around the world. In April, the Cougars continued to hone their combat skills with complex platoon-level live fire exercises. In May, the Cougars will focus on families by participating in events that provide information to families and celebrate the Dragoon family. In June, the Cougars will conduct individual skills training as we continue to prepare for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

April was a month for transition and training. The squadron had to say, "auf wiedersehen" to Ghost Troop, which was reassigned to 4th Squadron for the duration of the upcoming deployment. But though some of the Cougar family will be apart in the next year, we welcomed two platoons from Bravo Battery, who will provide critical indirect fire support for security operations.

In an event that brought pride to everyone who wears the Army uniform, the Cougars traveled to the Czech Republic, where we commemorated the

liberation of part of the Czech Republic by 2nd Squadron in the closing weeks of World War II.

The month of May kicks off with the Spur Ride, which challenges Soldiers' physical and mental toughness. If a Soldier successfully completes a Spur Ride, he or she is entitled to wear the prestigious silver spurs. That same week the Cougars are participating in the regimental deployment fair, May 2 and 3, to inform Soldiers and Families of the many services and support that are available to Families of deployed Soldiers.

Cougar leaders are committed to the well-being of the Families and are providing as much information and support as possible to reduce any stress or concern that may result from family member separation. Beginning May 24th, most Cougars have the option of taking up to three weeks of leave. But before Soldiers go, the Regiment is hosting "The Week of the Dragoons," in which Cougars and their Families compete with other Dragoons in fun events and generally have a good time celebrating what it means to be part of the Dragoon family. For Soldiers who are uninitiated into the "Order of the Silver

Spur", the squadron is providing an opportunity to attempt a Spur Ride, on the last day of each work week and on special occasions.

At the end of block leave the Cougars go back to work with a focus on combat preparedness. During the second half of the month, the training focus is on individual combat skills, ranging over a multitude of tasks from programming a radio to treating a wounded Soldier on the battlefield. These training efforts will ensure that every Cougar is capable of defending themselves in combat as well as giving aid and assistance to friendly forces in need.

Training conducted in April ensured that the Cougars can provide lethal effects on the battlefield. The family-oriented events throughout May demonstrate the Cougars' commitment to and concern for everyone who may be impacted by deployment. Finally, June's individual combat skills training reinforces what Soldiers have already learned for the benefit of themselves and their brothers and sisters in arms. The Cougars continue to demonstrate their capability to execute in combat and in any other task.

Wolfpack Update



Sgt. Darnell Abdul-Raheem gives guidance to his Soldiers while securing a village during the Mission Readiness Exercise at Hohenfels Training Area, March 3-23, 2013.



Wolfpack Family and Friends,
We hope that you enjoyed your family, friends, the coming of spring and a chance to travel during the Department of Defense Dependent School (DODDS) Spring Break!

As you are aware, the Wolfpack performed exceptionally in the Mission Readiness Exercise this past month, finishing up those three challenging weeks of training with a squadron-level attack that required great coordination, effort and skill. Working closely with the Moldavian Army and a myriad of other counterparts from around the globe, the Wolfpack honed and trained on the skills that will carry them through the upcoming deployment. Decisive leadership and the unwavering efforts of those on the ground put the Wolfpack well on its way to success.

These past few weeks, the Wolfpack has enjoyed several weekends off – but not without a good deal of hard work as well. Soldiers have been working hard to recover their weapons and equipment from the MRE – it takes a lot to maintain the equipment that keeps us mission capable! However, that work is now behind us and another training cycle has begun. Our Soldiers have spent the past week out at ranges, practicing and qualifying on their weapons systems in an effort to hone their individual infantry skills, which will serve them well in the coming months. The upcoming weeks will be packed with events to prepare for the squadron's deployment to Afghanistan. These events include an AT-4 range where Soldiers will fire an Anti-Tank Weapon System, a machine gun range where Soldiers can hone their skills in order to suppress an enemy, and the issuing of new equipment and uniforms better suited to the landscape of Afghanistan. There is no doubt that the Soldiers of the Wolfpack are excited to

wear those sharp looking and functional Multi-Cam uniforms!

In addition to the training events, there will be fun events dedicated to mentally preparing both Soldiers and their Families for the deployment. These regimental events include the deployment fair and the "Week of the Dragoon". The deployment fair will showcase various agencies that can assist families during difficult transition of a loved one deploying. The "Week of the Dragoon" aims to build unit morale through friendly competitive events between squadrons such as flag football, basketball, softball and a marathon. The Soldiers of 3rd Squadron are excited for the opportunity to represent the Wolfpack in friendly competition!

With the deployment on the horizon, all of our Soldiers are continuing the necessary preparations. Even though the coming weeks will at times be stressful, our Troopers are "Always Ready" to face the challenge and maintain our squadron's and Regiment's tradition of success.

Saber Update



Staff Sgt. Arthur Fink speaks about his experiences in 4th Squadron, 2 CR during the Squadron's Ball.



Over the past 30 days the Sabers of 4th Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment have enjoyed a two week leave period and a brief change of pace from recent months. All the while, the Sabers continue to be devoted to excellence in combat tasks to prepare for the upcoming deployment.

At the end of March 2013, the squadron was focused on deployment preparation training including Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle drivers training, Combat Lifesaver Training and Counter-IED training. At the same time, the Sabers continue to conduct weapons ranges and live-fire exercises to increase proficiency on personal and crew-served weapons systems. At the end of the Regiment's Mission Readiness Exercise (MRE), the Squadron celebrated the MRE successes and built camaraderie in the unit by conducting a squadron ball, known as "Das SABER Festessen." During the ball Soldiers from each troop were selected to get up in front of more than 500 people in attendance to speak about their experiences

over the last year. At the end of March, Soldiers were given an opportunity leave period corresponding with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools Spring Break to allow families some much needed time to relax and spend time together.

Over the next 30 days, the squadron will continue to be as busy as it has been over the past several months. The squadron is currently conducting Dari and Pashtu language familiarization training to further prepare leaders to interact with civilians during the deployment. Drivers training continues to be a priority with a new focus on Double V-Hull Strykers. Weapons training remains a top priority.

On May 10, 2013, the Sabers will participate in the squadron's 12-Mile ruck march. During the ruck march, the Sabers will set up a patrol base and conduct priorities of work in order to further prepare Soldiers for the upcoming deployment. At the same time, the squadron continues to participate in community reach back programs.

On May 4, 2013, the squadron will be conducting a partnered event with its partnership city of Sulzbach-Rosenberg. The squadron will provide a color guard and 30 soldier formation to march in the city's parade for the annual Sulzbach-Rosenberg Freuhlings Fest.

Nemesis Troop will be providing volunteers for the 3rd Annual Rose Barracks 5k Run, Walk to Remember Fallen Soldiers, which will occur on May 11, 2013.

The volunteers from Nemesis Troop will work at the water stations, start and finish lines and work as the setup/cleanup crews.

With the upcoming deployment getting closer and closer, the squadron remains focused on training, but never forgets what is most important: Families and friends. In the middle of May, the squadron, and the entire Regiment, will participate in the Week of the Dragoon to celebrate the Regiment's birthday and build camaraderie before the Regiment's max leave period.

Artillery Hell Update



Maj. Thomas, Security Force Assistance Advisory Team team member, uses his interpreter to converse with Afghan Uniformed Police Officer Major Tariqi.



The past few weeks for the Field Artillery Squadron have been eventful and deployment focused. Beginning with successfully completing the Mission Readiness Exercise and Security Force Assistance Advisory Team training followed by weapons training, range density and preparation to participate in “Week of the Dragon”.

On the third of March, the Field Artillery Squadron deployed to Hohenfels which represented Kandahar Air Field in order to participate in the MRE. This was one of the last opportunities for the Field Artillery Squadron, in its entirety, to work together and hone their skills for the upcoming deployment. The exercise was designed to replicate theatre conditions as the Field Artillery Squadron not only worked alongside other squadrons within the 2d Cavalry Regiment but also international forces such as Romania and Bulgaria.

The squadron was tasked to provide SFAATs which are teams designed to

assist Afghan kandaks during the transition of American forces out of Afghanistan and officially transfer responsibility to the Afghans. The SFAAT teams were assigned Afghan kandaks played by multinational forces from Romania and Georgia. The main focus of the SFAAT teams was to advise their counterparts on logistics, personnel, intelligence, medical and other staff functions. The end state was to develop functional Afghan kandaks with a workable knowledge of the functions and how they combine these functions in order to self-sustain. The teams received invaluable experience in dealing with language barrier, how to effectively utilize translators and adjusting to different customs

The SFAAT teams were also assigned security forces (SECFOR) provided by the batteries from within the squadron. The security forces primary responsibility was to secure the SFAAT members. They planned and executed convoy movements and also developed security plans for the

areas in which the SFAATs worked with their counterparts. The SECFOR also had to be ready to react to small arms fire, Improvised Explosive Devices (exploded and unexploded), civilians on the battlefield, Green-on-Blue attacks, and other enemy actions. SECFOR also had to be prepared to perform offensive operations in case of a DUSTWUN incident.

After redeploying from Hohenfels the Field Artillery Squadron continued to focus on SFAAT training. The teams went through 9mm and M4 marksmanship training, Afghanistan cultural awareness training and Dari / Pashtu language training. In the near future the squadron will focus on battery level marksmanship training during range density with ranges including individual, crew served and close quarters. The squadron will also be preparing for “Week of the Dragon” activities.

Artillery Hell et Toujours Pret!

Muleskinner Update



Sgt. Derrick Byrd and Sgt. Mitchell Rold connect the winch from a M984A4 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) Wrecker to an eagle, a German Command Vehicle, configured as a maintenance contact truck.



On Feb. 26, 2013, Soldiers from Bravo Troop (Blacksmiths) of the Regimental Support Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment conducted Joint Vehicle Recovery training with the 4th Logistic Battalion of the Bundeswehr at Rhone-Kaserne near Wildflecken, Germany. The Muleskinner's partner logistics unit, 4th LOG BN, is preparing for deployment to Afghanistan this summer and has to be prepared to recover equipment from any of the NATO forces. Leaders from Bravo Troop coordinated to train the German Soldiers on proper recovery of U.S. Army vehicles using the various German platforms.

This was a new training venture for Sgt. Mitchell Rold, a squad leader with the Bravo Troop's recovery section, who was tasked with creating the training plans. Sgt. Rold was required to research and

compare the capabilities of the different vehicles to identify safe hook up points and configurations for each combination of vehicles. Bravo Troop's Soldiers took the opportunity to learn, as well as train, on how to recover the German vehicles with American equipment. Soldiers from both nations took turns recovering each other's equipment.

Overall the joint training experience was "invaluable" to the Soldiers. Learning about each other's equipment, and working together to prepare for a common mission, strengthened the bonds between the two partner units.

In the coming months, both units are planning to execute another partnered event, a Schützenschnur. The most deserving Soldiers from each of the Blacksmith platoons will attempt to earn the German Armed Forces Badge for

Weapons Proficiency. Stay tuned for the results from the competition.

Over the next month, the Muleskinners have a variety of important training lined up to prepare the squadron for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). Alpha Troop (Packhorse) is planning a training event with 21st Theater Sustainment Command to execute driver's training on the heavy equipment transporter. Packhorse is also planning several convoy protection platform gunneries and ranges to prepare their convoy security team crews.

This training is all designed to build proficient crews which are the baseline for a strong platoon. Last but not least, the Muleskinners are welcoming and integrating Sapper Engineer Troop and the Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop to the team. Both units are officially task organized under the Muleskinners for the deployment.

2CR Troops conduct LFX

U.S. Army Troops with Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment, fire M240 Machine Guns during a live-fire exercise April 18, 2013 at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. The Troops trained during the exercise to prepare for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.



U.S. Army Troops with Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment, occupy a security position during a live-fire exercise April 18, 2013 at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. The Troops conducted the exercise to prepare for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.



U.S. Army Troops with Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment, tactically maneuver across an open area during a live-fire exercise April 18, 2013 at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. Troops trained during the exercise to prepare for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photos by Spc. Joshua Edwards