

THE 35TH ENGINEER BATTALION



COMMANDER



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OUR MISSION:

The 35th Engineer Battalion transforms volunteers into disciplined American Soldiers through Basic Combat training; trains Engineer Skills to produce qualified Combat Engineers and Bridge Crewmembers who are instilled with the Warrior Ethos and supports mission specific Training for other Engineer Units.

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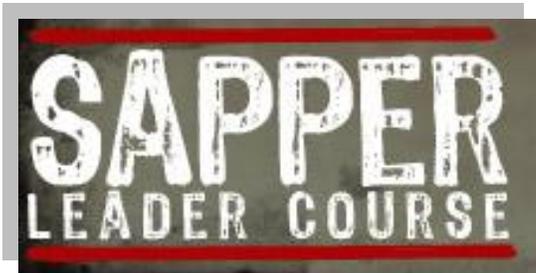
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Presently, the 35th Engineer Battalion is the Army's premiere Combat Engineer and Bridge Crewmember training unit.

With its five OSUT companies dedicated to the production of world-class Warriors, the 35th molds scores of Initial Entry Trainees into quality Soldiers equipped with the skills and abilities necessary to achieve victory on the battlefield. In doing so, the 35th Engineer Battalion supervises all of the 1st Engineer Brigade's Combat Engineer and Bridge Crew instructors, as well as maintains the roughly 400 acres of facilities needed to train these young Soldiers.

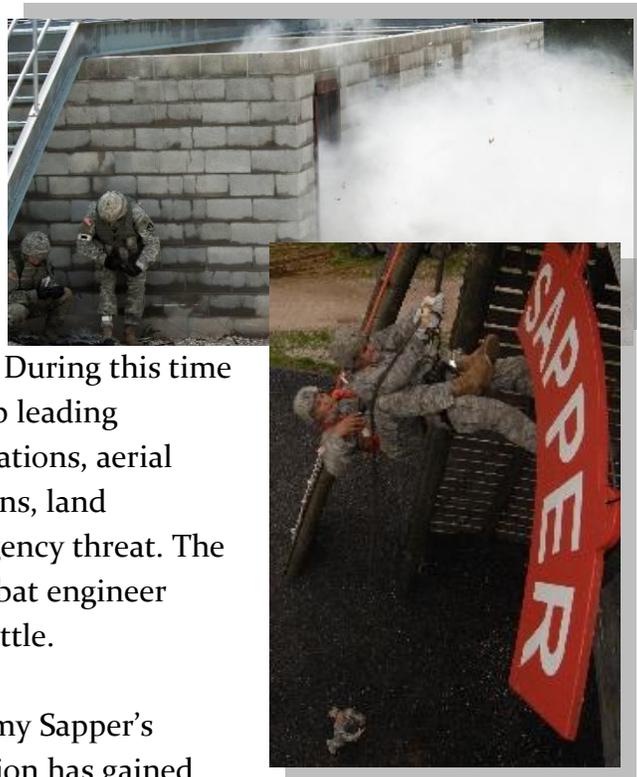
WARRIORS! SAPPERS FIRST!





Since last being highlighted, the 1st Engineer Brigade has undergone reorganization that brought the Sapper Leader Course under the command of the 35th Engineer Battalion and created a new Headquarters detachment. With this move, the 35th has gained the pride and distinction of also training the nation's "cutting edge", *the Sapper*.

The Sapper Leader Course is designed to develop the skills of select combat engineer unit leaders in leadership; combat engineer and infantry battle drills, in addition to specialized engineer and infantry techniques. The prestigious Sapper Tab is the culmination of 28 days of intense intellectual, physical, and emotional stress and instruction. During this time the students receive top notch training in troop leading procedures, demolitions, mountaineering operations, aerial operations, airborne operations, foreign weapons, land navigation, waterborne operations and contingency threat. The Sapper Leader Course produces hardened combat engineer leaders that are prepared to fight in modern battle.



The Army Sapper's reputation has gained the course much recognition including a feature on The History Channel's Lock N' Load and three 1 hour specials on The Military Channel with the first airing at 8 p.m. on Dec. 22. The Sapper Leader Course is open to all active and reserved personnel E-4 promotable and above, along with officers up to Captain who meet the Army

APFT standards with a minimum of 210 points as well as show proficiency in the necessary engineer and infantry skills to build upon. Slot requests must be submitted through ATRRS.



Each year the Sapper Leader Course and Battalion host the Best Sapper Competition to see who among these elite Soldiers is the best. It is the ultimate test of a Sapper's Knowledge and skill. Teams of two are pitted against each other in contests of physical and mental toughness. During this weekend of exhaustion, Sappers showcase the skills necessary to being the cutting edge of the nation's sword. Each event is designed to evaluate the duo's physical strength, mental fortitude, and prowess of knowledge.

Last year, groups from across the Army tested their knowledge and abilities in events of helocasting, land navigation, mountaineering, U.S. and threat weapons, and demolitions. Some of this year's events will be released on the website; however, certain mystery events will only be disclosed during the competition. The prestige of being named Best Sapper has brought extreme popularity to the event. All across the Engineering Regiment Warriors are being sent to bring the title back to their battalion.



It is open to 21-series Soldiers as well as any Soldier, Sailor, Marine, or Airman who wears a Sapper Tab. The competition will be April 19-21, and sign up runs from January 4 to April 1 2010.

More information available at:
http://www.wood.army.mil/wood_cms/usaes/1352.shtml
<http://www.wood.army.mil/sapper/BSC/home.html>

