



MESSAGE TO THE REGIMENT #61:

“The Engineer Blast”

24 December 2008

A. Overview: The Office of the Chief of Engineers is pleased to forward this 61st version of **“The Engineer Blast”**.

Thanks for all you do and stay safe – enjoy the **“BLAST!!”**

NOTE: In order to further enhance communications from the major entities of the Engineer Regiment to the field, the Office, Chief of Engineers (OCE) is facilitating a process to spread Engineer knowledge from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), The United States Army Engineer School (USAES), Engineer Branch, other Engineer agencies, and our office in the Pentagon. All links should work for .mil computers.



Lieutenant General and Mrs. Robert L. Van Antwerp
cordially invite you to join them for the

Annual Engineer Castle Ball
BUILDING STRONG



Saturday, February 7, 2009
5:00 pm until Midnight
Crystal Gateway Marriott
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia
5:00 p.m. Cash Bar, 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

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CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!!!

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR CORBLY ELSBURY

1ST BRIGADE, 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION

HAS BEEN SELECTED AS

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

UNITED STATES ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER AND FORT LEONARD WOOD

B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provides the following information: **"Corps e-spondence" – Chief's Blog**

1. If you are looking for an [Engineer position opportunity, check this link for availabilities](#). Some postings may not be with USACE. Listed positions are still valid requirements.
2. **Engineer Publications:** ["Dear Friends at Home..." The Letters and Diary of Thomas James Owen, Fiftieth New York Volunteer Engineer Regiment, During the Civil War](#)
3. **The Gulf Region Division (GRD)** GRD provides the following articles.

Type	Release Date	Title	Photos	Region	Author
Project	12/23/2008	U.S. Government's \$2 million grows to \$6 billion for Iraq New	Hi-Res	GRD	Gary Vogler
People	12/22/2008	Army Divers Survey July 14th Bridge Debris	Hi-Res	GRD	Rick Haverinen
Release	12/22/2008	412th Engineer Command completes mission...	Hi-Res	GRD	Nicole Dalrymple
People	12/15/2008	Boo's Great Middle East Adventure	Hi-Res	GRD	Nicole Dalrymple
Project	12/15/2008	Basra receives boost in clean water	Hi-Res	GRS	A. Al Bahrani
Project	12/15/2008	Sports Club in Basra source of local pride	Hi-Res	GRS	A. Al Bahrani
People	12/8/2008	Army engineer sees significant progress in Iraq	Hi-Res	GRS	John Connor

4. Afghanistan Engineer District (AED)

5. The on-line edition of the October "Engineer Update" is now available at www.hq.usace.army.mil/cepa/pubs/update.htm

C. The US Army Engineer School (USAES) provides the following information:

1. The Commandant Sends.

As we close out 2008, it is easy for all of us to reflect on all the things that still have yet to be accomplished or those things we did not get done that we wanted to get done. However, for this blast I thought I would reflect on some of the things we did accomplish in 2008 that we should be proud of as a regiment. First and foremost the awesome job our sappers are doing on the cutting edge of the war on terrorism. Engineers are more relevant than ever - whether it is the route clearance/IED fight, building and protecting our base camps, improving infrastructure or building capacity of those we are supporting; we engineers are making a key difference in every aspect of the fight. All of our maneuver brethren continue to tell me how well their engineers are doing and how they need more engineers in their formations (if only we could get them to give up some bill payers to make that a reality). In terms of the IED fight, this past twelve months has been a watershed period as engineers have turned the tide in one theater and are poised to do so in another. During my recent trip in to Iraq, we saw our engineers building actual capacity in Iraqi structure in terms of their own infrastructure development. Our engineers are working with local leaders to develop the skills and help guide their efforts to not only do the work, but build the institutional processes needed to sustain the efforts on their own. Engineer formations are adapting to become multifunctional headquarters commanding both construction and combat effects companies because it is the right way to conduct stability operations. At the strategic level we are making strides as well with our efforts to completely review and rebuild how we develop our engineer leaders with the "Building Great Engineers" campaign. This is a long term effort that has already yielded significant changes on how we access, train, employ and retain our leaders. In particular, I want to thank all of you that helped us with the update of DA PAM 600-3 as we had outstanding input from the field. The BGE effort has brought our community together to work this long overdue issue that focuses on our most important asset, our people. In terms of new equipment of the future, we have many new systems that have been approved that will be coming to our formation in the next

few years to include the joint assault bridge, the assault breaching vehicle, new LOC bridging, high mobility excavators, new backhoe loaders, new mine protected vehicles, intelligent munitions systems just to name a few with many more requirements documents in the works. On the doctrinal front we published several new manuals to include FM 3-34.170 Engineer Reconnaissance, FM 3-34.400 General Engineering, and FM 3-90.12 Combined Arms Gap Crossing Operations. Additionally we have two key manuals that have been approved and should be published in the next couple of months to include our keystone manual FM 3-34 Engineer Operations and FM 3-34.22 Engineer Operations BCT and below and many more manuals currently being worked. I ask for your continued help on the staffing of FM 3-34.23 Engineer Operations - Echelons Above Brigade Combat Teams where comments are due early in January of 2009. On the organizational front, several new modular battalions stood up and the 130th Engineer Brigade uncased its colors in Hawaii in October. Additionally, we welcomed several new MEBs in the force structure with the 1st and 4th MEBs having TRA over three of our AC engineer battalions. Clearly we have some big challenges ahead on the organizational front - to include engineer command and control at the BCT and Engineer Brigade level, but on the positive side we have also seen how capable and robust these new modular engineer battalion structures are. While the Army wrestles with new force structure challenges, it was clear by year's end that the senior leadership of the Army is more concerned than ever about the future of our regiment and how engineer intensive full spectrum operations actually are. I encourage all engineers to communicate to all who will listen that the new edition of FM 3-0 Full Spectrum Operations published in February of 2008 clearly drives the need for robust engineer capabilities with even better trained and educated engineer leadership than what was needed in the past. On the training front, the 1st Engineer Brigade has gone through major changes and has successfully obtained the resources needed to meet the huge expansion of our 21E force along with making significant adaptive changes to both the initial entry training of our sappers as well as the professional military education of our leaders to include improved instruction delivery methods.

While we have many challenges facing us in 2009, I ask all engineers to briefly reflect and be proud of all we have accomplished in 2008. Well done sappers!

COL Robert Tipton
Commandant, USAES

2. DOTLD Sends:

a. The Building Great Engineers (BGE) Council of Colonels (CoC) Quarterly Update was held 12-14 November 2008 at Ft Leonard Wood (FLW), MO. The purpose of the BGE CoC quarterly update was to (1) integrate efforts, share information and collaborate by having each WG leader share progress, lessons learned, and way ahead with other workgroup leaders; (2) formulate BGE role in ENFORCE 2009; and (3) commence rewrite of Chapter 14 (Engineer Branch) of DA Pam 600-3, "Commissioned Officer Professional Development and Career Management." A synopsis of significant progress and the way ahead, in bullet form, for each workgroup follows:

b. FUTURE ENGINEER MISSIONS, ROLES & METHODS OF DELIVERY:

PROGRESS

- Corps / Div structure review complete (CAC/CADD) – Engineer sections stayed steady / increased in size.
- ASCC design review underway – also looking at Theater Level organizations (i.e., Theater Engineer Commands) – MANSCEN attending.
- Future BCT capabilities and design review is underway and OCE is involved.
- OCE conducting Study on En Lanes, Roles, and Missions.
- Support IMCOM's Concept Plan to return military DPWs and SGMs to DPW TDA is stalled with IA-TAA.
- Submitted Capacity Development as topic for future JOEB study topics – start of JSIDS exploration. Info brief to JOEB 1Q09.
- Requested that USAES CAAT bring back data on Engr unit lanes, roles and missions in this topic area
- Using former JIAs w/ GRD experience to socialize within other services (discussed at Combatant

Commander Engr Conference two weeks ago).

WAY AHEAD

- OSD is reviewing the role of Civil Affairs (CA). Increases in number of CA units are as follows: active: +1 BDE, 5 BN, 20 CO; reserve component: + 1 BDE, 4 BN, 20 CO. There are no engineer positions in CA units. All engineers must convert to CA Branch. OCE engaged.
- Support IMCOM's Concept Plan to return military DPWs and SGMs to DPW TDAs. Modify DA Pam 600-3 to acknowledge importance of these assignment tracks

c. ACCESSIONS:

PROGRESS

- Greatest progress was made in understanding accessions processes for degreed engineers At USMA, ROTC, and OCS.
- USMA must define acceptable engineering degrees. Superintendent decision by Christmas
- ROTC - The culture is to follow OML without deviation. There is a new Cadet Command commander (MG Bartell). Has been briefed on engineer skills and branching by ROTC staff.
- Contact with leader of OCS branching boards. Received an initial but short, engineer skills matching brief

WAY AHEAD

- Detailed brief to USMA Superintendent
- Leadership needs to brief ROTC MG Bartell about branching initiative
- Increase contact with branching POC to begin affecting committee

d. TRAINING AND EDUCATION:

PROGRESS

- Validation Exam Piloted in ECCC
- Ongoing pilot for use of Tablet PCs and Ebook Readers
- DARWARS simulation integrated into BOLC III
- CPT – LT mentorship/integration begun
- COR training begun in OES, WOES, NCOES
- \$30K purchase of Classroom Response Systems (CRS) approved for BOLC
- USMA Master Teacher Certification for USAES DOI Instructors

WAY AHEAD

- Integrate NCO – Officer training (DARWARS)
- Gather SAME data re: Univ. of N. Dakota online engineering degree
- Integrate CRS into all BOLC classes

e. EMPLOYMENT:

PROGRESS

- Green Pages to be funded (Army automation will take led)
- Reviewed Engineer MOS COAs
- Conducted initial BGE committee work on DA PAM 600-3, Chapter 14

WAY AHEAD

- Require a decision on which Engineer MOS COA to adopt - focus a decision brief for regimental leadership to be made at ENFORCE (THIS IS A BIG DEAL)
- Decide Engineer MOS and establish professional requirements/certifications
- Awaiting Green Page fill in date (CPT Mohr)
- Follow up with Army Automation Progress

- Urge Army to adopt "Monster.com" type concepts for personnel management
- Work on DA PAM 600-3, Chapter 14, Rewrite and Career Maps
- Promote Army policy change to fill technical positions with degreed engineers
- Promote Army policy change to Senior Leaders to allow those with engineering degrees to participate in technical engineering/grad school
- Promote USACE/DPW fills concept to SR leaders – (formalize thru memo from Chief)
- Regimental CSM to work on BGE NCOs

f. RETENTION:

PROGRESS

- Rough order costs for reimbursing PE licensing & re-licensing =~25K pa
- Mentoring of EN officers outside an EN chain of command is a complex issue & no 'one size fits all' solution. Gaining stakeholder buy-in will be the challenge
- HQ DA Continuum of Service initiative examining all AC/RC transportability issues identified by Retention WG

WAY AHEAD

- Refine costs and submit proposal for joint funding of PE licensing initiative to USACE & USAES
- Ascertain/quantify the extent of the mentoring shortfall (ENFORCE topic?)
- Provide specific guidance on mentoring responsibilities to senior Engineer leaders (linked to OER?)
- Monitor progress of Continuum of Service Opportunity initiative to remain abreast of progress and identify targets of opportunity for the EN Branch

g. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

PROGRESS

- Army Engineer Regiment (AER) Marketing Brochure printed and distributed via cadet command and USACE districts
- AER Briefing, Posters and FAQ provided on AKO and USAES websites
- USACE implemented initiative to visit engineering schools and ROTC units to market AER
- Successful USAES participation at Warrior Forge and USMA to market AER

WAY AHEAD

- Minor update and reprint AER Brochure by DA for more widespread distribution
- Re-shape and upload AER marketing materials on public websites (use HQDA/DAEN site as primary portal) to target high school and college students
- Produce 8-10 minute AER marketing video geared to middle & high school students
- Provide Engineer Branch, HRC with USAR and ANG POCs for officers transitioning from Active Duty

3. Note on 21Y TS/SCI clearances from the Army G2. BLUF - All 21Ys should submit paperwork for a TS/SCI clearance ASAP.

SUBJECT: Security Clearance Requirements for Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) Cells in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF)

Team -- During our recent travel into Iraq, security clearance challenges were identified as a roadblock to optimally employ GEOINT cells consisting of both Military Intelligence & Topo Engineer Soldiers. Getting TS/SCI clearances for Geospatial Team members has to happen for us to realize the full synergy of deployed/deploying GEOINT teams, something we should have cleaned up a long time ago.

HQDA has approved the upgraded TS/SCI requirement for 21Y NCOs (E5-E9) positions effective 1 Oct 2011, but we can't wait. Moreover, current operational experience shows that the requirement is valid for all

21Ys, not just NCOs.

To ensure GEOINT cells are cleared appropriately ask that you ensure following actions are taken:

1. All MOS 21Y Soldiers need to submit paperwork ASAP for TS/SCI security clearance unless they already have one.

2. G-2s/S2s, SSOs & Security Managers should aggressively assist in preparation and submission of clearance packets. Don't hold back until MTOE/TDA coding is corrected -- let operational need drive this w/full Army G-2 backing.

Army G-2 will continue to support expedited security clearance processing and adjudication at CCF, to include issuing interim TS/SCI clearances for deploying & deployed personnel.

Army G-2 POCs for this matter are Mr. Cliff McCoy, SSO-DA, (703) 693-1459, DSN 223-1459, email: clifford.mccoy@us.army.mil and Mr. Dan Schoch, DAMI-CD, (703) 697-1577, DSN 227-1577, email: daniel.schoch@us.army.mil.

Thanks for all you do every day! R/JFK

4. The Fall Bulletin is being distributed and is posted on-line. The Engineer Bulletin Timeline for the January to April 2009 ENFORCE Issue is shown below. Your articles and comments are critical. Please take the time share your experiences, thoughts and ideas with the rest of the Regiment. Your thoughts and letters on the articles in the bulletin are also appreciated.

Articles to the Editors	15 January
Reviews/Editing/Layout	10 March
Command Review	11-17 March
Bulletin to Printer	23 March

[UNITED STATES ARMY ENGINEER SCHOOL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SYSTEM](#)

D. The Engineer Enlisted /Warrant/ Officer Branch provides the following information:

Captain Retention Menu of Incentives

- For those who have heard the rumors about the Captain Retention Menu of Incentives, including the CSRB, please know that this program IS moving forward. MILPER is pending. If you are facing an ETS and want to adjust your date in order to be considered for an incentive, Please contact us at opmdretention@conus.army.mil.

E. The Office of the Chief of Engineers provides the following information:

1. (RESEND) Construction Equipment Service Life Extension Program (CE SLEP). Team, we would like to make commands aware of the SLEP program for construction equipment. SLEP is an AMC program designed to bring selected types of equipment back to "zero miles/zero hours". Currently, SLEP accepts 621B Scrapers, 130G Graders, D7G dozers and DEUCes. If you have a vehicle that has not gone through the program, please contact Ms. Kathy Didyk, Logistics management Specialist, PM Construction / Material Handling Equipment, at

586-574-5094. DSN prefix is 786. Email is Kathy.Didyk@us.army.mil. SLEP is a maintenance transaction, not a property book transaction so units receive the same equipment that was turned in. FY09 funding is four times the amount projected for the following five years so it is critical that eligible equipment gets through the program.

2. SUBJECT: ALARACT 309/2008 - ASBESTOS AWARENESS

1. References:

- A. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
- B. AR 420-1, Army Facilities Management.
- C. 29 CFR 1910.1001, Occupational Safety and Health Standards, Asbestos.
- D. 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Asbestos.

2. The Army recently experienced a potential Soldier exposure to asbestos while executing a self-help renovation/demolition operation conducted in a barracks. Because DOD facilities continue to contain asbestos products, Soldiers and civilians must be informed of asbestos hazards and proper handling and management requirements.

3. Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fiber once widely used in building materials and other products, including insulation for pipes and furnaces, concrete, floor tile, siding, and brake shoes. When asbestos-containing material is disturbed or damaged, it can release microscopic asbestos fibers that, if inhaled, can create health hazards. Exposure to high levels of airborne asbestos has been associated with chronic lung disease and cancer. Per reference A, all workers in facilities where asbestos exposure may occur will be trained under Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations and asbestos safe work practices requirements. Reference A also places restrictions on self-help work involving asbestos.

4. Per reference B, garrisons are required to have asbestos hazard management plans that identify, regularly inspect the condition of, and control the removal of asbestos containing material. Before conducting facility renovation/demolition operations where asbestos is known or believed to exist, Leaders must contact their installation's Directorate of Public Works (DPW) to ensure qualified inspectors determine the condition of asbestos-containing material. The DPW is required to manage the monitoring, abatement, removal, handling, and disposal of asbestos-contaminated materials and maintain records of these actions. Asbestos-containing material will be removed and disposed of in accordance with the above references and other applicable Federal, State, and local requirements.

5. Garrison Commanders must inform their military, civilian and contractor personnel who live or work on the installation that they may not perform self-help projects where asbestos could be encountered or conduct activities that could disturb products potentially containing asbestos.

6. Familiarity and compliance with the requirements above are essential elements in keeping our Soldiers and civilians safe both on and off our installations. For more information, consult your safety and occupational health office or the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

7. This message expires 15 Dec 2010.

***** Engineers in the National Capitol Region:** Each month the Office of the Chief of Engineers hosts an Engineer Round-up at the Crystal City Gateway Marriot Bin 1700 Lounge commencing at 1700 on the last Thursday of the month, excluding November and December. Engineers and those who support Engineers are more than welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to catch up on what's going on in the Engineer Community from a broad spectrum of perspectives. If you do not get an invitation now, please notify me so that I can add you to the specific distribution list. Click here to be added to the email list [DAEN-ZC](#) .

You can always find all the Messages to the Regiment at our AKO site are linked at the bottom of this document

—AKO Login is required. For those having a hard time getting to the files that require an AKO logon, here is a [screenshot](#) to show where the files are physically located.

F: Topics of Interest: Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA)

On 23 January 2006, Secretary of the Army, Dr. Francis J. Harvey and the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Peter J. Schoomaker authorized a new health screening program, Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) which is designed to address deployment related physical and mental health needs of Soldiers three to six months after returning from deployment.

This unprecedented Army health assessment program will address the deployment related physical and mental health needs of our Soldiers.

* The Army Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Program is a part of the DOD's overall force health protection program.

* It extends the continuum of care for service members' deployment-related health concerns.

* The PDHRA is a process designed to identify the deployment-related health concerns of all service members during the three- to six-month time period after their return from deployment and facilitate access to care.

* The PDHRA provides education, screening, assessment and access to care for a wide variety of questions and concerns that service members may have about their health after they return from deployment.

* The PDHRA is a Commander's program.

* The Army program was created with joint cooperation with DOD and all services and components.

* The Army program is being implemented on an installation-by-installation basis.

* The Army program will integrate into Commander's programs to ensure that it is part of the deployment/training cycle to include risk reduction & community service that yields a holistic and interactive approach.

* The PDHRA is being implemented in an iterative fashion as Soldiers return from deployment and reach the 90 -180 day assessment window.

* The Army's pilot reassessment program has been implemented in selected locations from July to December in both Active, Reserve and National Guard components.

* Lessons learned from these initial implementation pilot sites will be incorporated and full implementation of the reassessment program in each of the Services will begin in January 2006.

* The Army PDHRA program is part of DOD's commitment to safeguarding the well-being of all Soldiers including Active, Reserve and National Guard personnel. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness seeks to proactively identify potential health issues before they become chronic conditions as well as treat recognized health problems.

* The Army PDHRA focus is on helping individuals and families retain a healthy balance in spite of the multiple stressors associated with deployment.

For more information on the Post Deployment Health Reassessment Program, see the website:

<http://fhp.osd.mil/pdhrainfo/index.jsp>

SUBJECT: ALARACT 314/2008-POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT(PDHRA) SCREENING GUIDANCE FOR COMMANDERS OF ACTIVE COMPONENT(AC) SOLDIERS

TEXT:

UNCLASSIFIED//

THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE PENTAGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//DASG-PPM/DAMO-DASG//.

SUBJ: POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT (PDHRA) SCREENING GUIDANCE FOR COMMANDERS OF ACTIVE COMPONENT (AC) SOLDIERS

REF/A/ASD(HA) MEMORANDUM, SUBJECT: POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT (PDHRA), 10MAR05// REF/B/HQDA MEMORANDUM, SUBJECT: POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, 23JAN06// REF/C/HQDA MEMORANDUM, SUBJECT: POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT (PDHRA), 18JUN07// REG/D/MEDCOM OPOD 08-50 (PDHRA PROGRAM) - USAMEDCOM, 10JUN08//

1. (U) THIS ALARACT PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR ACTIVE COMPONENT COMMANDERS ON MONITORING PDHRA (DD FORM 2900) COMPLIANCE AND ACTIONS TO ENSURE PERSONNEL ARE SCREENED WITHIN THE 90-180 DAY WINDOW. THIS IS A COMMANDER'S PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED ARMY-WIDE IN JANUARY 2006. THE PDHRA PROVIDES A HEALTH SCREEN FOR PERSONNEL WHO HAVE REDEPLOYED FROM A COMBAT ZONE. COMPLETION OF THE PDHRA INCLUDES A ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (NURSE PRACTITIONER, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, OR PHYSICIAN) WHO EDUCATES AND REFERS A SOLDIER FOR FOLLOW-ON CARE AND EVALUATION.

1.A. (U) THE PDHRA COMPLIANCE GOAL IS 100% AND REQUIRES COMMAND EMPHASIS AT ALL LEVELS. HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY 21,527 AC SOLDIERS HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE PDHRA AS OF 11 DEC 08.

1.B. (U) THE PDHRA WEBSITE ON ARMY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE (AKO) CONTAINS USEFUL INFORMATION FOR SOLDIERS AND COMMANDERS. THE SITE MAY BE ACCESSED AT WWW.US.ARMY.MIL/SUITE/PAGE/200435. COMMANDERS SHOULD CLICK ON "PDHRA FOR COMMANDERS AND LEADERS" (WWW.US.ARMY.MIL/SUITE/PAGE/200441) FOR PDHRA INFORMATION TAILORED TO LEADERS. THESE LINKS HAVE TOOLS TO ASSIST ALL ARMY ORGANIZATIONS IN SCREENING PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 23 JAN 06 ARMY POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT POLICY. THE PDHRA POINTS-OF-CONTACT BY REGION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ARE INCLUDED.

1.C. (U) THE COMMANDER'S SITE HAS A LINK TO THE MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEDPROS). MEDPROS IS THE AUTOMATED TRACKING SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES REPORTS ON MEDICAL READINESS INDICATORS AND PDHRA COMPLIANCE OF UNITS AND PERSONNEL. COMMANDERS MAY REQUEST ACCESS AT [HTTPS://APPS.MODS.ARMY.MIL/MEDPROS](https://apps.mods.army.mil/medpros).

2. (U) PDHRA COMPLIANCE IS MONITORED BY COMMANDERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO ENSURE COMPLETION WITHIN THE 90-180 DAY WINDOW AFTER REDEPLOYMENT FROM A COMBAT ZONE. COMPLIANCE DATA IS PULLED FROM MEDPROS AND BRIEFED MONTHLY AT THE STRATEGIC READINESS UPDATE (SRU) FOR SENIOR ARMY LEADERS SITUATIONAL AWARENESS. COMMANDERS ARE REMINDED THAT RESET OF INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS SHOULD ALSO OCCUR IN THIS WINDOW.

2.A. (U) BATTLEMIND II TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE STARTING THE PDHRA IN SMALL GROUPS AT THE UNIT LEVEL. INDIVIDUALS NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIT

TRAINING CAN VIEW THE TRAINING AT

[HTTP://WWW.COMBATSTRESSCENTER.COM/INDEX_FILES/PAGE1560.HTM](http://www.combatstresscenter.com/index_files/page1560.htm).

2.B. (U) PDHRA SCREENING OCCURS THROUGH SCHEDULED SRP SCREENING EVENTS DURING UNIT REDEPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENTS, OR WALK-INS AT LOCAL MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (MTF), CLINICS, OR AID STATIONS.

2.C. (U) SOLDIERS WITH DUTY AND RESIDENCE LOCATIONS OUTSIDE THE TRICARE PRIME SERVICE AREA (MORE THAN 50 MILES OR MORE THAN ONE HOUR DRIVE FROM AN MTF AND COVERED BY TRICARE PRIME REMOTE (TPR)) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THROUGH THE APPROVED DOD CALL CENTER.

2.D. (U) COMMANDERS MAY COORDINATE TELEPHONE OR ON-SITE SCREENING EVENTS BY CALLING THE EVENT OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) AT 1-888-734-7299 (888-PDHRA99). CHOOSE OPTION "4" FOR AN ON-SITE EVENT AND OPTION "5" FOR A CALL CENTER EVENT. EVENTS MAY ALSO BE SCHEDULED ON-LINE AT [HTTP://WWW.FEDSHEAL.NET/ASSESSMENT/DEFAULT.ASPX](http://www.fedsheal.net/assessment/default.aspx). CLICK ON "ASSESSMENT WEBSITE," THEN CLICK ON "REQUEST EVENT." THE EVENTS CALENDAR ON THIS WEBSITE CAN BE USED TO SCHEDULE TELEPHONE SCREENING EVENTS. REQUESTS FOR A TELEPHONE CALL CENTER EVENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE. THERE IS NO LONGER A LIMIT FOR THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS IN A TELEPHONE CALL CENTER EVENT. ANY PROJECTED ON-SITE SCREENING EVENT MUST HAVE 40 OR MORE SOLDIERS AVAILABLE AND MUST BE ARRANGED AT LEAST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

2.E. (U) COMMANDERS WILL PROVIDE TO THE SCREENING CENTER A BY-NAME LIST AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF SOLDIERS ENROLLED IN TRICARE PRIME REMOTE WHO REQUIRE A PDHRA, USING THE FORM TEMPLATE "COMMANDERS REMOTE SOLDIER PDHRA ROSTER". THE SCREENING CENTER WILL GIVE A DATE RANGE AND EVENT CODE FOR THE PDHRA AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR SCHEDULING A TELEPHONE SCREENING EVENT. THE ROSTER TEMPLATE IS POSTED TO THE "PDHRA FOR COMMANDERS AND LEADERS" SITE IN AKO AND CAN BE PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY. SEND THE COMPLETED SOLDIER ROSTER TO THE SCREENING CENTER VIA E-MAIL TO DR. BRIAN SUGDEN, BRIAN.SUGDEN@TMA.OSD.MIL, MS. MELISSA WARREN, MWARREN@LOGISTICSHEALTH.COM AND OTSG PDHRA PROGRAM, OTSG.PDHRA@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.

2.F. (U) COMMANDERS WILL COMMUNICATE THE DATE RANGE AND EVENT CODE TO THE TPR SOLDIERS ALONG WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE BOTH BATTLEMIND II TRAINING AND THE SOLDIER SECTION OF THE PDHRA ON AKO.

2.G. (U) SOLDIERS WILL COMPLETE THE SOLDIER SECTION OF DD FORM 2900 ON AKO BY CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE PDHRA SOLDIERS PAGE: [HTTPS://APPS.MODS.ARMY.MIL/MWDE/SECURE/AKOFOMS.ASP](https://apps.mods.army.mil/mwde/secure/akofoms.asp) OR THROUGH THE MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEDPROS) LINK: [HTTP://MYMEDPROS.ARMY.MIL](http://mymedpros.army.mil) AND CLICK ON "DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS." FINALLY CLICK ON THE IMAGE TO OPEN THE APPLICATION AND COMPLETE THE PDHRA.

2.H. (U) THE SCREENING CENTER WILL FORWARD A REPORT TO COMMANDERS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE COMPLETED EVENT TO COMMANDERS OF TPR SOLDIERS THROUGH THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE. THIS REPORT WILL INCLUDE A BY-NAME ROLLUP IDENTIFYING SOLDIERS SCREENED, REFERRED, AND STILL REQUIRING A SCREEN.

2.I. (U) COMMANDERS HAVE THE OPTION TO GRANT A SOLDIER ENROLLED IN TPR A MEDICAL TDY TO AN MTF TO COMPLETE THE PDHRA IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEDICAL READINESS REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS THE PERIODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT, IMMUNIZATIONS, AND DENTAL SCREENING.

3. (U) POC FOR OTSG HEALTH POLICY AND SERVICES IS COL SHIRLEY KYLES AT COMM: 703-806-0667 OR EMAIL AT SHIRLEY.KYLES@US.ARMY.MIL.

4. (U) EXPIRATION DATE CAN NOT BE DETERMINED.

G. Engineer Unit Highlight: [14th Combat Engineer Battalion \(Rugged!\)](#)

Need some units to step up and provide their unit info to update this section.

This feature provides a venue for Engineer Units/Activities to post unit information. If you are an OIC/NCOIC of an Engineer Unit/Activity and would like your organization mentioned here, download the template and email back to me. All entries will be consolidated on a master page as they come in.

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H. Recurring Links: [The Commandant's Message](#); [Engineer Casualties](#) ; [PASSAGES](#)

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I. Engineers Supporting Engineers—Professional Organizations Links:

1. [Army Engineer Association](#) : [AEA News](#); [Army Engineer Association Programs](#); [Membership](#).

a. AEA now has a web page dedicated to [Industry support to the Warfighter](#).

b. AEA is also building a new web page as an Engineer Organization / Unit Directory. We want to list all Engineer units, plus other key engineer offices, like the staff engineer offices at Divisions and Corps. We'll include USACE offices, AC, National Guard and USAR battalions and sep companies, and all of the sapper companies too. We want the activity name, mailing address, phone number, and current OIC / NCOIC name and email. Send your unit directory info to: aeamag@armyengineer.com. The [AEA Career Center online](#)

c. JOBS...after the Army: AEA has a complete online Career Center. You can learn about civilian opportunities autonomously. Research or survey the commercial job market with FREE (ANONYMOUS) resume post at AEA career center. Additionally, AEA has been running and will continue to run, a special series of articles in Army Engineer magazine which focus on individual job experiences of many retired Army Engineers. To read those articles, you need to [subscribe to the magazine](#).

2. [Society of American Military Engineers](#) : [The Military Engineer Online](#) : [Membership](#) [SAME Current eNEWS](#)



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b. The Society of American Military Engineers, SAME offers **free memberships to students of the [Engineer Career Captains Course](#) and the [Engineer Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course](#)**. (Active, Reserve, National Guard – any phase)

c. **Deployed Engineering Team:** Get *The Military Engineer* and *SAME News* delivered directly to you! Complete our [temporary deployment form](#) and we will send your SAME materials to you onsite while serving in your area of operational responsibility (AOR). This free service is just one of the many ways SAME salutes our members. [Click here to provide your temporary AOR contact information](#).

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[SAME Job Center](#) web site. *The service is free for SAME members.* The site has been or is being utilized by over 300 companies that through their placement of job announcements have access to your resume

3. **TEOCSA (The Engineer OCS Association)** [Website coming soon](#)

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4. [Army Engineer Officer Wives' Club](#): AEOWC is a worldwide organization with members located wherever Army Engineers are stationed, or have retired. [Become a member](#)

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