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SGT Hubbard Morris Graduates (BNCOC) Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course

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On Saturday May 23rd 2010, the culmination of five months of training for the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) came to an end at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth Georgia for nine of the Georgia State Defense Force's (GaSDF) hard charging Non-commissioned officers (NCOs).

This course, which was given over a five weekends spanning five months required serious dedication to complete. The course is offered once a year, the next class starting in January 2012.

The purpose of the BNCOC is to prepare enlisted members to perform the duties expected of an NCO in the various assignments such members will have in the GaSDF. This program included Drill and Ceremony, map reading, communications, duties and responsibilities of an NCO, decision making, problem solving, sexual harassment, leadership and other related military subjects. Graduates of the course were awarded the Military Qualification Ribbon.

One soldier in particular was Sergeant Hubbard Morris of 1st Battalion, 5th Brigade GaSDF. Sgt. Morris is the S2 NCO for 1st BN and takes his volunteer service very seriously and is dedicated to the mission of the GaSDF. Sgt. Morris was the recipient of the Unit Commander's Citation for 2009.



Common Task Testing Results

In last months newsletter we highlighted the Soldiers Common Task Testing event that took place in Jackson, Ga. This month we have the statistical results to pass along courtesy of Major Robbie Chavis, 5th BDE S3.

The results are as follows: Out of 5th Brigade personnel tested, 44 were GO and 21 were NO GO, this breaks down to a pass rate of +/- 66%.

It is recommended that all GaSDF soldiers practice these skills continually. Due to mission requirements, a rating of NO GO on CTT cannot participate in GaSDF missions. If we are to maintain the high level of readiness called for by the Commanding General, we need 100% participation as well as 100% pass rate.



Top Right: Sgt. Morris, Left: BNCOC Class preparing for graduation.
Photos by PFC Ted Burzynski

GEORGIA STATE DEFENSE FORCE 2010 BIRTHDAY BALL

The Commanding General Requests your presence at the GSDF 2010 Birthday Ball, June 19th, 2010 at 1800 hrs at the Crown Plaza Ravinia, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA. Tickets for the ball are \$45 each and you must RSVP by May 15th, 2010. Please make checks payable to The Association of the Georgia State Defense Force (TAGSDF).

Dress Code: Military Dress Uniform, Black Ti or Dark Business Suit, Cocktail dress Long or short. Covered self-parking is available, Valet parking is available for a fee. The Crowne Plaza has set aside a block of rooms for the GSDF Ball. The special rate is \$109 per night. To make reservations call (770) 395-7700 or (800) 613-0412. Please identify group name GSDF. Special rates apply for reservations made before May 29, 2010. After that date the prevailing rates apply. Guest speaker will be Jack L. Tilley, 12th Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA), Ret.

Registration forms will be emailed to you through your chain of command.

OCS GRADUATION

Officer Candidate LaFlair of 1st BN 5th BDE graduates from Officer Candidate School on Sunday, 13 June. The graduation is at noon at GPSTC auditorium. Be there by 1100 on Sunday June 13th. Everyone in 1st BN is encouraged to attend. See next months issue for photos and story.

THIS MONTH IN GEORGIA HISTORY

Major military engagements taking place in Georgia include the seizure of Augusta from the British by Elijah Clarke and others on June 5, 1781, during the Revolutionary War (1775-83). The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain took place on June 27, 1864.



Drill / Mission Calendar

June **OCS Graduation:** 13 June, GPSTC 1200
Mission: 19 June, YCA Graduation, Macon, GA

*Georgia State Defense Force Birthday Ball
 19 June - Crown Plaza Ravinia - Atlanta, GA*

Drill: 20 June, SARSPEC II Work Capacity Test
 Jackson, GA

July **Drill:** 9-11 July, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA
IET: 9-11 July, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA
IET: 16-18 July, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA
SARSPEC II: 16-18 July, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA

August **IET:** 6-8 August, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA
SARSPEC II: 20-22 July, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA
SLC: 20-22 August, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA
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September:
SARSPEC II: 17-19 Sept., GPSTC, Forsyth, GA
SLC 17-19 Sept., GPSTC, Forsyth, GA

October: **SLC:** 1-3 Oct, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA

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