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THE HISTORY OF VELCRO

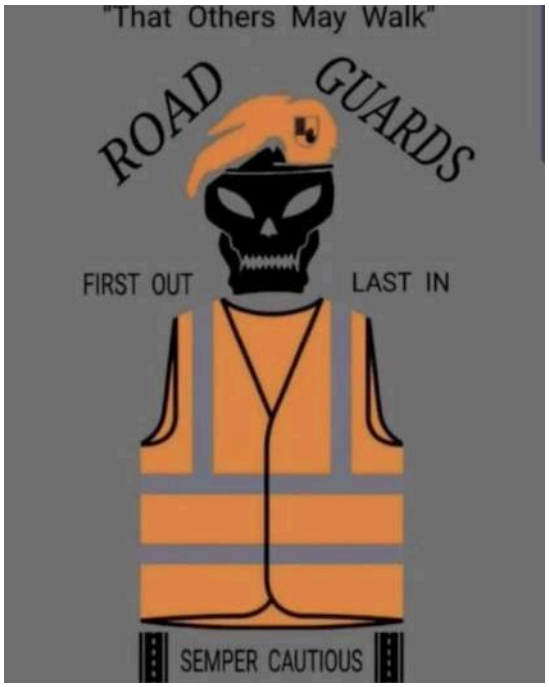
In 1941, a walk in the woods inspired Swiss engineer Georges de Mestral to invent Velcro after he noticed how stubbornly nature's burrs clung to his clothing and his dog's fur. He was intrigued about how they stuck, so he spent nearly eight years trying to replicate the mechanism in a lab. His solution was a two-part fabric system: one strip covered in tiny hooks and the other in tiny loops. He named his invention Velcro, a blend of the French words for velvet (velours) and hook (crochet), and patented it in 1955. He initially tried using cotton, but he soon switched to nylon because it survived repeated use without wearing out. When the invention was first introduced, the media didn't even have the words to describe the new technology. TIME magazine famously described it as a "zipperless zipper"in 1958.This sounds like a strange phrase today, but it is proof of how revolutionary a reusable, all-surface fastener truly was at the time.

Suddath, C. (2010, June 15). A Brief History of: Velcro. TIME

Quote of The Day

"It always seems impossible until it's done."
Nelson Mandela

Meme of The Day



LOCKHEED MARTIN C-130 HERCULES



The C-130 Hercules is a long-running U.S. military transport aircraft known for it's ruggedness and versitality. It's designed to move troops, equipment, and supplies to and from austere locations- often on rough or unprpared runways. It's four turboprop engines and roomy cargo hold make it well-suited for a wide range of missions, including tactical airlift, paratrooper drops, medical evacuation, and disaster relief.
Over the years, the C-130 has evolved through multiple variants and upgrades, keeping it relevant with improved avionics and mission systems. It's also notable for it's ability to operate in challenging conditions, which is why it has been used by air forces in many countries worldwide. (Fun fact, this photo was taken yesterday!)

Weather To Expect

Partially cloudy with a low of 60 in the morning and a high of 84 in the late evening. 45% chance of precipitation in the morning and evening. UV index of 7 (high). Winds of 2-7 mph with gusts up to 13 mph. 64% humidity.

Recommended Gear & Procedures

Bug spray during PT, sunscreen/protection from late morning to early evening, **plenty** of water, and a good attitude.

Food Menu

BREAKFAST: Waffles with scrambled eggs, ham steaks, sausage, and hashbrowns, with milk and juice.

LUNCH: Buffalo/BBQ Chicken Wraps, potato salad, veggie sticks, pickle, fruit, chips, and sweet treats.

DINNER: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken with beef, fried rice/stir fried veggies, egg rolls, crab rangoon, salad bar with lemonade/water with GF/DF/Veg alternatives

CONGRATULATIONS TO KILO FLIGHT FOR BEING HONOR FLIGHT OF DAY 4!

1ST SGT



WORTHINGTON

Worthington is this year's 68th CTS 1st Sergeant. This year's encampment will be her third, and her second time staffing. (Last year, she was on the dining staff!) Her personal leadership philosophy is centered around balanced teamwork. To sum it up, "letting other people have opportunities to lead and working well with other people without taking over." This is in line with what motivates her; she answered, "Definitely people." "When I see the teamwork that we have or if they're encouraging me or if I get to encourage them, that really motivates me to do better." If 1st Sgt Worthington had a warning label, it would be "Beware of Flying Limbs," because in her words, "I'm pretty clumsy." Finally, we asked if she could give any advice to her basic self what would it be? She said: "I think the focus should be the team and like the process, not the results."

SUPPORT STAFF HIGH-LIGHT



Medical Staff

Medical staff is one of the critical teams behind the scenes of encampment. At this Encampment, there are 6 HSOs, 1 HSDO, and 2 cadet members. This team's focus is keeping cadets somewhat happy and healthy for their encampment mission. This serves a wide range of duties, from the small things like wrapping blisters, handing Band-Aids out, and ice packs for swelling, to very rare (and hopefully never occurring) emergent medical care like CPR, broken bones, allergic reactions, and even treating for shock or cardiac arrest. Medical works closely (and never stops working) with other teams like the chaplains, safety team, and TACs – along with being a liaison of communication from cadet to parent when the medical need arises. The medical staff can be seen in bay 1 of the 9-131 building, alongside shadowing your squadron or flight when it's time for drill or PT.

"You're probably fine, don't give up."

– Capt. Brandon Scholes, Medical Staff

(Note: Medical Staff are non-combatants protected under the Geneva Convention of 1906)

(Note 2: Not all of the Medical Staff are present in this photo due to how hardworking the Medical Staff team is)



Correction from yesterday: We apologize for a misprint yesterday! We were made aware that we missed a key player on the COMMIT team: **Capt. Chris Damsgard**
He is responsible for ensuring you get the email messages from your loved ones!

Match the Ribbon

Match each ribbon to it's name




Gen Carl A. Spaatz Award

Encampment Ribbon




Community Service Ribbon

Gen Billy Mitchell Award




Red Service

Achievement Award




Cadet Recruiter

National Color Guard Competition