

New and Incoming Black Lion Soldiers,

CSM Darrin Kinder and I formally welcome you to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment "Black Lions." The Black Lion battalion has a proud history dating back to 1901 with involvement in the Philippines, WWI, WWII, Vietnam, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. You now have the great opportunity to be a part of this battalion and regiment's future successes; you will be an integral part of this unit's history.

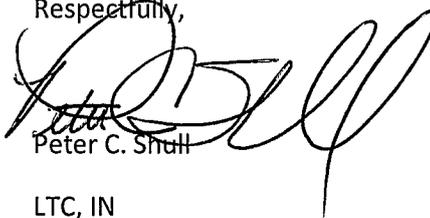
Since October 28, 2010, I have proudly called myself a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment "Black Lions." It is my honor to serve this great unit, with such a storied past and proud recent history. Until we are able to meet personally, my name is LTC Peter Shull; I am originally from Colorado, but have been fortunate to call many places home throughout my military career. I have been married to my supportive wife Inhee for 14 years and we are blessed with three wonderful boys. As a son, husband, and father I can empathize with all of the families in the battalion— with the great number of sacrifices we endure on a daily basis as military families.

My overall goal for this battalion is "Readiness," in all aspects of the word. There are many factors that contribute to our success in achieving unit Readiness: number one is family stability. The Soldiers of this battalion will be guided and mentored by their leadership to find a balance between family time and training in my five key focus areas: physical fitness, discipline, marksmanship, battle drills / live-fire exercises, and medical skills. In my experience these skills have been essential to building a team that is constantly prepared to deploy and defend their nation. I charge myself and the excellent caliber of leadership in this battalion to make every day count as an opportunity to strengthen our team. We are currently in our core training phase which will encompass a multitude of great training opportunities for all Soldiers. I am extremely excited to see every Soldier participate and succeed so that they may reach his/her obtainable potential.

Command Sergeant Major Darrin Kinder and I firmly believe that there is always opportunity to grow, develop, and become a more readied team of Soldiers, professionals, and human beings for the challenges life may place before us. I challenge you as new "Black Lions" to sharpen your competency in my five key focus areas, strengthening yourself as well as the buddy on your left and right. Now, get after it! We will be "Ready"!

This is a promising time for the Black Lion battalion; once again, welcome! Black Lions!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter C. Shull", written over a printed name.

Peter C. Shull

LTC, IN

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