



403rd Civil Affairs Battalion



Change of Command Ceremony

Lieutenant Colonel Paul J. Buckwalter

To

Lieutenant Colonel Mark R. Baaden

10:30 A.M., Sunday, February 10, 2013

Hancock Air National Guard Base

Building 648

Mattydale, New York 13211



# US ARMY



**403<sup>RD</sup> CIVIL AFFAIRS  
BATTALION  
"WILDCATS"**

## SIGNIFICANCE OF PASSING OF THE COLORS



Today, we will observe the traditional “Passing of the Colors”, symbolizing the Change of Command of the 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion.

The very soul of a military unit is symbolized in the colors under which it fights, for they record the glories of the past, stand guardian over its present destiny, and ensure inspiration of its future.

In Napoleon’s Army, only the bravest and most combat tested veterans were allowed to carry the colors. The act of passing the colors will mark the official change of command.

The Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and the Soldiers of the 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion welcome you to the Change of Command Ceremony where:

**Lieutenant Colonel Paul J. Buckwalter**

will pass the colors onto

**Lieutenant Colonel Mark R. Baaden**

403<sup>RD</sup> CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION  
CHANGE OF COMMAND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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Formation of Troops

Awards Recognition

Change of Command

Remarks by:

COL George P. McDonnell

LTC Paul J. Buckwalter

LTC Mark R. Baaden

Benediction

CH Candidate (1LT) Jorge Baezramirez

Army Song

Retiring of Colors

Departure of Official Party

Conclusion

# 403<sup>RD</sup> CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION STAFF

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## Battalion Executive Officer

CPT Douglas A. Weaver

## Command Sergeant Major

CSM Daniel F. Benedict

## Battalion Staff

### S1

1LT Robert A. Bozydaj - OIC

SFC Lezlie L. Labbe - NCOIC

### S2

CPT Tommy J. Stephens- OIC

SSG Ryan M. Kawabata- NCOIC

### S3

MAJ André M. Bennett- OIC

SGM Juan C. Morales - NCOIC

### S4

1LT Benjamin F. Duchek- OIC

SFC Cristian P. Ayo- NCOIC

### S6

2LT Jonathan M. Waterman- OIC

SFC Ruben Rivera- NCOIC

## Chaplain

CH (CPT) Christopher J. Anderson - OIC

# Companies of the 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion

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## Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion

Commander - CPT Andres D. Gil  
First Sergeant – SFC Keith M. Manners

### Co A, 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion

Commander – MAJ Geoffrey P. Fiutak  
First Sergeant – SFC Timothy E. Stalnaker

### Co B, 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion

Commander – MAJ Daniel H. DiCamillo  
First Sergeant – SFC Tyrone M. Sadler

### Co C, 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion

Commander – MAJ Robert B. Wilson  
First Sergeant – 1SG Patrick P. Cummings

### Co D, 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion

Commander – CPT Anthony W. Kelsey  
First Sergeant – 1SG Timothy M. Hanlon

## 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion

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The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 26 May 1993, consisting of a silver color metal and enamel device, consisting of a shield blazoned: Tierced in pale Sable, Gules and Vert, a rolled scroll and sword saltirewise Argent, overall a torch of the like. Arced around sides and top of the shield a Purple scroll inscribed "TO WIN HEARTS AND MINDS" in silver. Purple and white are the colors associated with Civil Affairs organizations. Black, red, green and white are the Kuwaiti National colors and commemorate the unit's Southwest Asia campaign participation credit. The torch, scroll and sword are adapted from the insignia of branch for Civil Affairs and represent the civil and military aspects of the organization's mission.



The coat of arms was approved on 26 May 1993. The colors of the shield are the Kuwaiti National colors and commemorate the unit's Southwest Asia campaign participation credit. The torch, scroll and sword are adapted from the insignia of branch for Civil Affairs and represent the civil and military aspects of the organization's mission.



Incoming Commander, 403<sup>rd</sup> CA BN,  
LTC Mark R. Baaden

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARK R. BAADEN received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army from Fordham University's Army ROTC (recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate) in 1994, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course; Infantry Captains Career Course; Civil Affairs Qualification Course; Command and General Staff College Intermediate Learning Education Course.

He has served in the United States Army Reserves, the New York Army National Guard, the Rhode Island Army National Guard and Massachusetts Army National Guard in a variety of demanding assignments such as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Officer Candidate School Instructor, Special Forces Support Team Leader, Civil Affairs Team Leader, Rifle Company Commander, CACOM Assistant Plans Officer, Civil Affairs Company Commander, Civil Affairs Detachment Commander and CACOM Rule of Law Team.

During LTC Baaden career he has supported the nation's efforts on four major deployments — two Operation Iraqi Freedom tours (2003 and 2007), New Orleans, LA in support of Hurricane Katrina (2005) and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (2011). His awards include the Bronze Star Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Navy Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Achievement Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Department of State Meritorious Honor Award, the Iraq Service Medal, the Afghanistan Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the NATO non-article 5 Campaign Medal. Additionally, LTC Baaden has earned the Basic Airborne Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

LTC Baaden's civilian occupation is the New York State Troopers, where he serves as a Sergeant at the Hawthorne Barracks located in Westchester County, NY. LTC Baaden is currently pursuing a Masters in Public Administration from The City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. LTC Baaden is married to his wife, Selena Baaden, and they have a daughter, Samantha, and son, Michael.





Outgoing Commander, 403<sup>rd</sup> CA BN,  
LTC Paul J. Buckwalter

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL J. BUCKWALTER received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army from West Chester University ROTC in 1989 where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course; Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course; Combined Arms Services Staff School and Intermediate Learning Education Common Core.

He has served in the United States Army Reserves, National Guard and on Active Duty in several challenging assignments such as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Aide De Camp, Direct Support Team Leader, HQ Company Executive Officer, Operation Planning Team Economic and Commerce Team Leader, Company Commander, BN Executive Officer, Provincial Support Team Leader, Brigade S9 and as a Civil Affairs Planning Team Operations Officer.

LTC Buckwalter has served in four major deployments – Haiti, Bosnia and 2 tours to Iraq in 2003 and 2008. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. In addition, he has earned the Basic Airborne Badge, the Combat Action Badge and completed the Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course.

LTC Buckwalter is currently the Director of Strategic Operations for the Law Office of Joel Cardis and President of Sensible Credit Solutions, INC. He is an entrepreneur and currently manages/owns several small businesses in Pennsylvania. LTC Buckwalter is married to his wife Dr. Ellen Buckwalter and has 3 children; Lily-6, Cole-2 and Cara-2.



Commander, 353rd Civil Affairs Command,  
BG Daniel R. Ammerman

BRIGADIER GENERAL DANIEL R. AMMERMAN is the Commanding General of the 353rd Civil Affairs Command, one of four Army Reserve Civil Affairs Commands. BG Ammerman is responsible for providing trained and ready disciplined and professional units and Soldiers to the Army for mobilization and to combatant commanders worldwide for employment during peacetime, contingencies and war with focus on USAFRICOM and USEUCOM. He is responsible for the duty performance, welfare, and safety of over 2,000 Soldiers, civilian employees and their Families dispersed throughout the Northeast and Midwestern US.

BG Ammerman has more than 30 years of military service, including deployments as a civil affairs officer to Bosnia in 1996 as a civil affairs detachment commander, and Kosovo in 2001 where he was dual-hatted as the TF Falcon G-5 and Civil Affairs Battalion Executive Officer. He commanded the 432d Civil Affairs Battalion in Iraq in 2003 supporting the 1st Marine Division in South-Central Iraq, and later the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Western Iraq with the battalion earning the Presidential Unit and Meritorious Unit Citations. He commanded the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade from 2006 to 2010. During this time, he led a jointly manned 304th Civil Affairs Brigade in Iraq during 2008-2009 conducting civil military operations in support of Multi-National Corps-Iraq with the brigade earning the Meritorious Unit Citation.

BG Ammerman is a graduate of the Army War College, earning a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Parachutist Badge and Ranger tab.

In his civilian life, BG Ammerman works as a senior financial manager for Schneider Inc, a large international logistics company. He has a Masters in Business Administration from University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Brigadier General Ammerman is married to the former Marilyn Decker. They have two children, Keith and Lucy and make their home in De Pere, Wisconsin.



**Commander, 304th Civil Affairs Brigade,  
COL George P. McDonnell**

COLONEL GEORGE P. MCDONNELL was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in May 1987. He started his career with the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and S3-Air. He served as a Platoon Trainer with the 2d Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (Infantry Officer Basic Course) at Fort Benning, Georgia.

COL McDonnell entered the United States Army Reserve in January 1994. He served as Civil-Military Operations Officer, S1, Team Chief, and Detachment Commander with the 401st Civil Affairs Battalion in Webster, New York. With the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion in Kalamazoo, Michigan, COL McDonnell served as Team Chief and Detachment Commander. While with the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion, he served as Deputy G5, Task Force Falcon in Kosovo from August 1999 to April 2000.

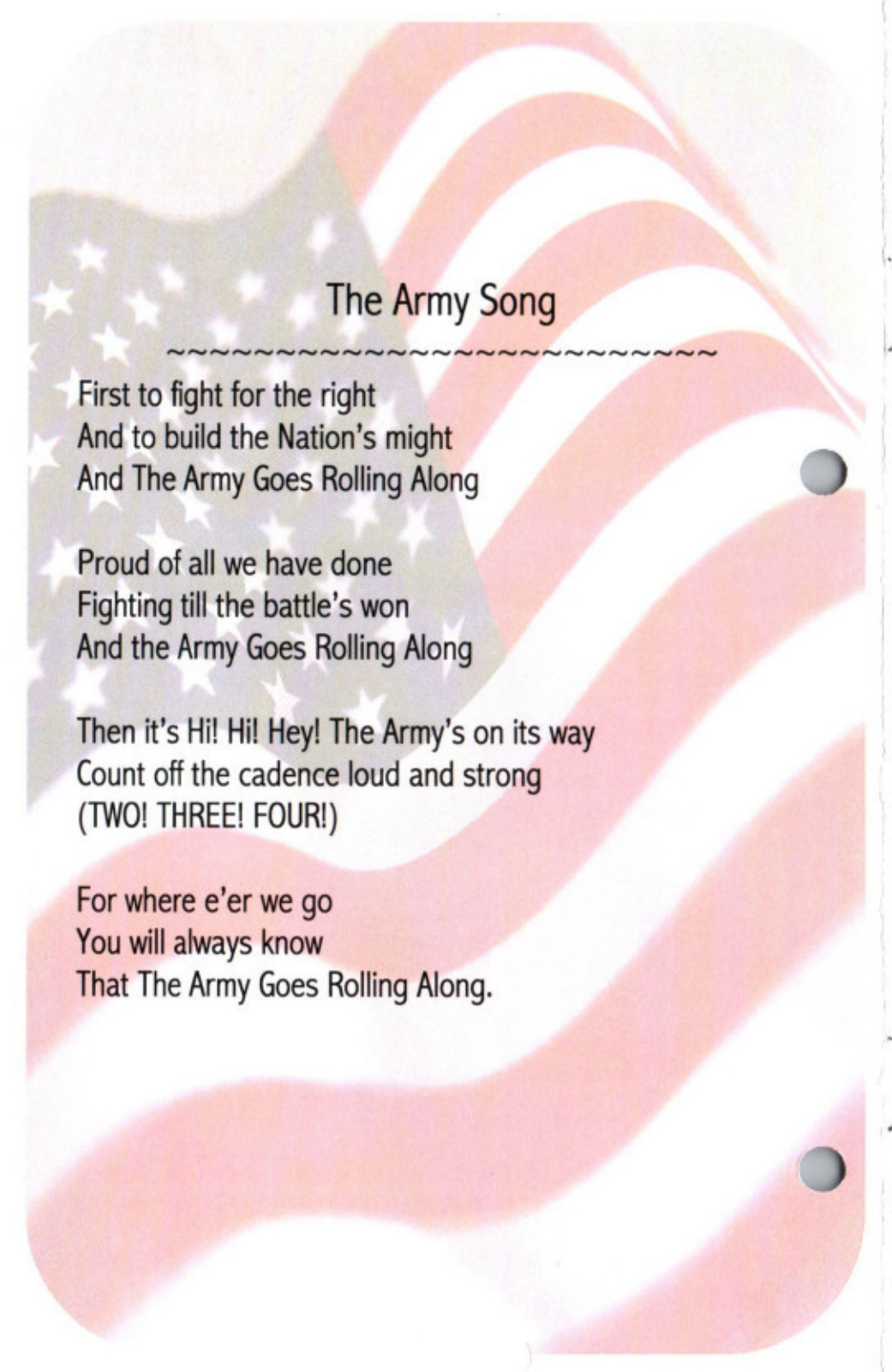
In August 2002, COL McDonnell re-entered active duty as an Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) officer at Headquarters, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Assignments include Chief, Individual Training Branch; Chief, Training Division; and Deputy G3. From September 2005 to May 2006, COL McDonnell commanded the Bagram Provincial Reconstruction Team at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan as part of Combined Joint Task Force-76.

From July 2006 to June 2008, COL McDonnell commanded the 443d Civil Affairs Battalion, Warwick, Rhode Island. Following command, COL McDonnell attended the U.S. Army War College. Upon graduation in June 2009, COL McDonnell was assigned as the Deputy Commander, 353d Civil Affairs Command, Staten Island, New York. In June 2011, COL McDonnell assumed command of the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade, Bristol, PA.

COL McDonnell's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Civil Affairs Advanced Course, the Psychological Operations Officer Course, the Command & General Staff Course, and Senior Service College. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

McDonnell's decorations include the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal. He earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Ranger Tab.

COL McDonnell is married to the former Kelly Greene. They have three children: Jessica, Ryan, and Melissa.



## The Army Song

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First to fight for the right  
And to build the Nation's might  
And The Army Goes Rolling Along

Proud of all we have done  
Fighting till the battle's won  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on its way  
Count off the cadence loud and strong  
(TWO! THREE! FOUR!)

For where e'er we go  
You will always know  
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.