



1) Situation

- A.** Weather – Ft Bliss/El Paso normally during month of June.
98° – 67° F
- B.** El Paso is located at 31°47'25"N 106°25'24"W (31.790209,-106.423242.) It lies at the intersection of three states (Texas, New Mexico, and Chihuahua) and two countries (the United States and Mexico.) It is the only major Texas city on Mountain Time. The Franklin Mountains extend into El Paso from the north and nearly divide the city into two section; the west side forms the beginnings of the Mesilla Valley and the east side expands into the desert and lower valley. The city's elevation is 3800 ft (1200m) above sea level. North Franklin Mountain is the highest peak in the city at 7192ft (2192m) above sea level. The peak can be seen from 60 miles (100km.) The 24,000 acre (9700ha) Franklin Mountains State Park, the urban park in the US, lies entirely in El Paso, extending from the north and dividing the city into several sections along with Ft Bliss and El Paso International Airport. The Rio Grande Rift which passes around the southern end of the Franklin mountains, is where the Rio Grande flows. The river defines the border between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez to the south and west until the river turns north of the border with Mexico, separating El Paso from Dona Ana county in New Mexico. Nearby volcanic features include Kilbourne Hole and Hunt's Hole, which are Maar volcanic craters 30 miles (50km) west of the Franklin Mountains. El Paso is located within the Chihuahuan desert, the eastern most section of the basin and range region.

C. Enemy forces

Montezuma and his consorts range south of the Mexican border exacting Montezuma's Revenge on unwary travelers who indiscriminately drink unbottled water or eat washed fruits and vegetables washed in the same.

D. Friendly Forces

1. Planning Team

- A. Marshall Allen (77 - 81)
- B. Kevin Seidl
- C. Sam Amar
- D. Rocky Hanlin
- E. Larry Icenogle (83 - 84)

2. Mission: 2-37 Armor Alumni attend the ceremony at which time 4-17 IN will reflag to 2-37 Armor, advancing the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division's transition from a Stryker Brigade to an Armored Brigade.

3. Execution:

A. Intent: Have a safe, fun and memorable event with the brothers and alumni of 2-37 Armor.

B. Participate in the Battalion Reflagging Ceremony on Ft Bliss, TX 20 June 2019

C. Conduct a Linkup social evening at the hotel bar for Alumni and 4-17 IN leadership at the hotel bar 19 June 2019, 1800 hours.

D. All participating 37th Armor Alumni, soldiers, family members and guest return safely to home stations.

E. Concept of the operation: This operation will be executed in three phases.

1. Pre-deployment: This phase consists of Event Registration, Hotel Registration, and personal travel coordination.

a. Event Registration: There is no cost to register. Follow the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2-37-uncasing-ceremony-tickets-60829145612>

b. Hotel Registration: The Alumni have secured group rates at the Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel, 2027 Airway Blvd, El Paso, TX 79925. To register, call the reservation counter at (915) 778-4241 in order to gain reduced rate. The group block is for June 19th - June 21st (check out). Room rate is \$96+tax per night. The block name is **2-37 Armor Alumni**. The block code is **0619670323**. Alumni members may call the hotel directly to make reservations until June 5th. One breakfast voucher will be issued per day per room.

c. Personal Travel: Coordinate your flight or ground transportation to the event.

2. Deployment:

a. Day 1: Arrive Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel 19 June 2019, 1800 hours for Advance Linkup and social hour. Event will be held in Magnim's Lounge (cash bar.) Event will persist UTC. Members present will receive 37th Regimental Coin.

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b. Day 2: Arrive designated ceremony site (TBD), 20 June 2019, 0900. Observe reflagging ceremony. Participate in Battalion Open House following the ceremony.

3. Redeployment: Participants infiltrate to home station at will utilizing personal assets, guile and skill.

4. Service Support: Arrangements for billeting, transportation and rations are at individual cost and selection.

5. Command and Signal: Event Team Leader, Marshall Allen, mallen52@att.net, 806-470-3806.

All 37thArmor Alumni and their family members are invited to the reflagging ceremony. Those 37thArmor Veterans who are not yet members of the Alumni Association need to register for the Alumni Association immediately. By doing so, it will give the Association a solid database of contact information across all four battalions of the Regiment, plus the added benefit of being able to broadcast pertinent activities to each of the subordinate organizations and the 37th Armored Regiment membership, as a whole.

A. Frequencies and call signs Smart/cell phones will be primary means of communication, and any known call signs are authorized and encouraged. Alternate means of communication will be by text or email.

B. Command: Event Team Leader will be present at activities for duration of the event. Chain of command will be locally established based on participants.

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