

OPERATION TECUMSEH RAGE



~C/2-152 LRS A/NT ABN Operation in preparation for OPN TECUMSEH RAGE

The 2nd Squadron, 152nd Cavalry (R&S) of the 219th BFSB (INARNG) recently conducted a Joint Collective Field Training Exercise at Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck Urban Training Center Indiana. Elements from the 113th ASOS, 122nd FW (A10), Det 1, B Co, 76th IBCT (TUAS) , 165th QM, and C Co. 1-150 AV (WVARNG) came together with 2-152 CAV to complete a 7 day full mission profile utilizing training areas in the southern half of Indiana.

“Having a collective training exercise allowed the Squadron as whole to work toward mission success throughout the training year. The Squadron’s Commanders and Senior NCOs were able to guide and develop annual training that enabled success in the culminating event” said SFC John Hoffman, Apache Troop’s First Sergeant. “The business of information gathering on a near peer force is an ever evolving process. This mission is a uniquely dangerous endeavor for any element to conduct. Training for this mission must be tough, realistic, and relentless.”

Operation Tecumseh Rage was conducted 08 – 14 AUG 14, following months of Squadron staff planning and coordination with the various units involved in the exercise. The exercise architecture was focused on full spectrum operations combating a hybrid threat within the southern Indiana “training box.” Within this training box, 2-152 CAV conducted surveillance and reconnaissance against both the “near-peer” threat and insurgent forces; augmented by the 113th ASOS and 122nd FW for target interdiction,

Tactical UAS (Shadow) for target acquisition and communications relay, 165th QM for aerial resupply, and C/1-150 for mobility.

CSM John Piper, 2-152 CAV Command Sergeants Major, says this about the Squadron FTX. “The leveraging of combined annual training periods between this Squadron and multiple adjacent units exercised capabilities we have only been able to simulate in the past. It usually takes a CTC rotation or actual combat to have all of these assets working together and not an Annual Training FTX.”



~113th ASOS and C/2-152 LRS TM 3-1 (SNOT) conduct Joint Target Interdiction training at Range 36 Camp Atterbury

MAJ Nicholas Roukas, the Operations Officer for 2-152 CAV, said he enjoyed working with all of the various partners in this operation.

“For the first time in this unit’s history, we’ve been able to fully integrate Air Force and RPA assets into a collective training exercise, which has been one of our goals for quite a while. I believe the training was mutually beneficial for all parties,” he said. “The experiences gained by the staff, and maneuver elements, in working with Air Force JTACS, the Shadow RPA, and WVARNG aviation simply cannot be replicated to the same extent in a virtual environment. It was personally gratifying to watch the entire process unfold and to realistically replicate multiple collection assets pushing information to the TOC and our S2 section analyzing this information and turning it into actionable intelligence.”



~2-152 CAV TOC conducting Mission Command and Targeting during OPN TECUMSEH RAGE

LTC Dale Lyles, Squadron Commander for 2-152 CAV, has this to say about the FTX. “Op Tecumseh Rage offered us a Complex and difficult scenario in terms of both geography and intelligence gathering requirements. The joint aspects of the operation afforded us a unique opportunity to train with the other services and we all came away with a better understanding and appreciation for each other. We find ourselves operating in a world that is changing all around us, and this training exercise set the standard for our units to conduct intelligence gathering missions in a complex realistic environment, answering real world intelligence requirements for commanders who depend on the information we provide to make hard decisions. The Soldiers and Troopers of this Squadron benefited greatly from this event and we are all better because of it.”



~HHT/2-152 CAV conducting Sling Load resupply during OPN Tecumseh Rage

At end state, OP Tecumseh Rage addressed over 26 collective training tasks and successfully integrated the combined power of air and ground forces. The goal of the exercise was to provide cost-effective and realistic combat training in a joint service environment. This goal was successfully met.