

**RNZAC ASSOCIATION
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Meetings Happy Hour: Thursday 1 August 2024 at 1700 hrs
at the Papanui RSA.

Whose is it?



QAMR



4 July: Linton Confidence Course Competition 2024. Well done to the team who represented QAMR in today's Confidence Course Competition. Congratulations on a solid third place in the final.

QAMR Rugby – 5 July Guns (16 Field Regiment) prevail 17-15.



15 July Exercise Rumani 24.

WEC Squadron deployed the Protected Vehicle Medium (PV-M) Bushmaster on its first official exercise outside of the course environment, an important milestone in its introduction to service. The crews dealt with typical Waiouru weather and conditions. A lot of valuable information about how we operate tactically, day to day life in the vehicle and its capabilities were learnt, followed by a short testing exercise.





5 July Support Squadron Promotion. Congratulations to LCPL Leota-Cracknell on her promotion this morning. A well deserved recognition for her performance and efforts. We wish her all the best in her role and journey as a Junior NCO.

11 July SCOTS SQN Promotion;
Congratulations to LCPL Smith who was promoted yesterday by OC SCOTS SQN. A promotion well deserved; LCPL Smith is currently on his NZLAV Crew Commanders course which departed for the Waiouru Training Area this morning. We wish LCPL Smith all the best on his Crew Commanders course and in his new role as an RNZAC JNCO.



19 July JNCO Promotion Course 24/03
Congratulations to LCPL's Oltaches, Newton and Head on their graduation on the Burnham JNCO Course yesterday. The course skills and knowledge will undoubtedly make a positive impact in your future growth and development as a leader in the Army.

Admin & Log

Hi Folks, Stumbled across this this afternoon

https://youtu.be/FvuFL_tAmpM?si=Y71I4FMniooQycV4

Good for a laugh I thought. He scrubs up well but needs more practise on the auto prompt!!

Regards Mike Sheppard

Answer: USA M10 Booker

[US] Army takes delivery of first M10 Booker Combat Vehicle

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — The U.S. Army christened its newest combat vehicle, the M10 Booker, on April 18, 2024, during a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The M10 Booker represents a new, modernized capability for the Army, allowing light maneuver forces to overmatch adversaries.

In June 2023, the Army announced the vehicle platform was named to honor two enlisted Army Soldiers who served our nation selflessly during times of great conflict — Medal of Honor recipient Pvt. Robert D. Booker, who perished in World War II; and Distinguished Service Cross recipient Staff Sgt. Stevon A. Booker, who died from injuries sustained in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In late February, the Army took delivery of the first M10 Booker vehicle at Anniston Army Depot. To date, three production M10 Booker vehicles have been delivered to the Army. The Booker provides infantry brigades overwhelming precision firepower, allowing it to maintain momentum and freedom of action against enemy forces.

The M10 Booker Combat Vehicle without a doubt brings a new level of lethality and protection to our infantry forces and will allow our infantry Soldiers to gain and maintain the speed and momentum that is critical on the modern battlefield.

“The Army is undertaking its most significant transformation in several decades to dominate in large-scale combat operations in a multidomain environment, and the M10 Booker is a crucial part of that transformation,” said Mr. Doug Bush, the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology.

Over the next two years, the Army will put the M10 Booker through a battery of testing to ensure it meets the rigorous standards required to provide Soldiers with world class capability. This testing will include firing thousands of rounds of ammunition and driving thousands of miles to understand the reliability and maintainability for the program.

“We will also put the vehicle through production qualification and testing in desert, arctic, temperate and tropical conditions, challenging it with obstacles like gaps and walls to scale, and engaging it with real world threats to ensure its survivability,” said Maj. Gen. Glenn Dean, program executive officer for Ground Combat Systems.

During the next several months, the M10 Booker will be involved in an operational test with the 82nd Airborne Division, all culminating in fielding the first operational company of M10 Booker Combat Vehicles to the 82nd Airborne in the summer of 2025.

M10 Booker supports the infantry formation by providing organic overwhelming firepower and situational awareness capabilities that allow them to defeat hard targets and maintain momentum and freedom of action.

It features cutting edge, mature technologies to bring the best proven capabilities available to light infantry formations.

“The M10 Booker delivered precisely as requested by the Army, completing a competitive and accelerated rapid prototyping effort with direct involvement from Soldiers,” said Brig. Gen. Geoffrey Norman, director of the next generation combat vehicles cross functional team.

The vehicle was developed under the U.S. Army's Middle Tier Acquisition Pathway used to rapidly develop fieldable prototypes within an acquisition program to demonstrate new capabilities and rapidly field production quantities of systems with proven technologies that require minimal development.

ABOUT THE M10 BOOKER

The M10 Booker is a benchmark modernization program, as the acquisition and requirement communities worked together to move this system into production in just under four years. The platform will provide greater survivability, the ability to identify threat systems earlier and at greater distances and will not restrict movement in off-road terrain. It will also allow Soldiers to move at a faster pace, protecting the assaulting force.

The M10 Booker will provide IBCTs with mobile, protected direct-fire capability to apply lethal and sustained long-range fires to light armored vehicles, hardened enemy fortifications and dismounted personnel.

The M10 Booker has a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour and is equipped with a 105mm M35 Primary Weapon, a 7.62mm Coax weapon, a 0.50 M2 commander's weapon, the Abrams primary weapon sight, and two vehicles can be transported on a C-17.

The 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Liberty will be the first unit to initially operate and test the M10 Booker, starting later this year. Over the next several years, "Mobile Protected Firepower" battalions will be fielded at Fort Johnson, La., Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Liberty, N.C. and Fort Carson, Colo., and to the National Guard, ensuring our light infantry formations will have the capability they need to fight.

The M10 Booker is formerly known as the Mobile Protected Firepower Vehicle.

By Ashley John April 18, 2024

https://www.army.mil/article/275419/army_takes_delivery_of_first_m10_booker_combat_vehicle

Humour

Master and Student

A martial arts master was deep in meditation when his young pupil stormed into the room frustrated with another loss.

"Master, why does my ability not improve? I'm always defeated." he sighed. And the master, pensive and forever patient, answers: "My dear pupil, have you seen the gulls flying by the setting sun, and their wings seeming like flames?"

The student, ready to gain more knowledge responded, "Yes, my master, I have." The master continued, "And a waterfall, spilling strongly over the stones without taking anything out of its proper place?"

“Yes, my master, I have witnessed it.” the student replied. “And the moon... when it touches the calm water to reflect all its enormous beauty?” asked the master.

The student nodded, “Yes, my master, I have also seen this marvellous phenomenon.”

The master sighed, “That is the problem. You keep watching all this rubbish instead of training.”

Guidance from your predecessor

A new manager spends a week at his new office with the manager he is replacing. On the last day, the departing manager tells him: “I have left three numbered envelopes in the desk drawer. Open an envelope if you encounter a crisis you can’t solve”.

Three months down the track there is a major drama, everything goes wrong – the usual stuff – and the manager feels very threatened by it all. He remembers the parting words of his predecessor and opens the first envelope. The message inside says: “Blame your predecessor!” He does this and gets off the hook.

About half a year later, the company is experiencing a dip in sales, combined with serious product problems. The manager quickly opens the second envelope. The message read: “Reorganise!” This he does, and the company quickly rebounds.

Three months later, at his next crisis, he opens the third envelope. The message inside says: “Prepare three envelopes”.

Reminders

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