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MEMORANDUM for Mr. Paul Evert

SUBJECT: Thank you to the Village of Howard GIS Coordinator Mr. Tim Niemi for supporting the 432nd CA BN

From 5-9 August 2013, the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion conducted a Staff Operations Exercise (STAFEX) to develop and train soldiers within the 432nd CA BN on Tactical Operations Center (TOC) procedures. At the same time, the 432nd CA BN had a Civil Affairs Company (Delta Co.) execute a convoy and conduct Civil Military Operations in Gillett, WI in order to train on Civil Affairs (CA) tasks. It should be noted that this exercise took much coordination and planning by all the soldiers involved as this tasking had been a work in progress for several months prior to August. Everything from meals for soldiers to gasoline for HMMWVs had to be obtained and disseminated properly to ensure a successful mission. Delta Companies' mission was to set up a Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC) at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett, WI and conduct CA missions. In return, after conducting these missions, Delta Company would send its reports to the TOC operating at the US Army Reserve Center in Ashwaubenon. The TOC would then send taskers as required by each Staff section's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). As you probably understand, this was a very detailed and complex exercise, but a tremendously valuable experience for all those involved.

In July, the 432nd CA BN attempted to obtain maps of the Gillett and Oconto County Areas. After several weeks and just as many dead ends, it was decided that the exercise would go on, but the Battalion would be without maps for the exercise. Attempts were made to contact the DNR as well as going through our military links at Ft. McCoy to no avail. It was on the 5th of August when I was given advice to try the Village of Howard Public Works Department, primarily Mr. Tim Niemi the GIS Coordinator. At this point, we at the 432nd CA BN were out of options and this was our last hope. Not only was Mr. Niemi able to provide us maps, but he also was able to provide us several medium scale 3x4 foot maps of outlying areas when no one else could. These maps were of excellent quality and quite literally made this exercise progress smoothly and efficiently. It is my opinion and an almost certainty that this exercise would have failed without the maps and services provided by Mr. Niemi. My experience with Mr. Niemi was not only extremely helpful, but very cordial and friendly. It is my humble opinion that Mr. Niemi be commended for services rendered to the 432nd CA BN and our sincerest gratitude to the Village of Howard for making this exercise possible. We look forward to a long and sustained friendship with the Village of Howard and thank you again for all your support.

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Mr. Edward Janke

For outstanding support of Delta Company during battle assembly training on 8 SEPT 2013. Mr. Janke's dedication, professionalism, and support has greatly contributed to the overall readiness and success of Delta Company and the 432d Civil Affairs Battalion.



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