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1ST Indiana Battalion Completes First Successful Large-Scale Mission

Plymouth, IN – With only nine months in as a formally organized Battalion within the United States Veteran Reserve Corps, 1st Indiana's Operational Tempo is something worth noting. Additionally, it is worth noting that they managed to successfully complete their first large-scale mission.

Every year, over one-quarter of a million people descend upon Plymouth, Indiana for the Marshall County Blueberry Festival. This makes it one the Midwest's largest festivals.

In order to keep attendees safe and the festival enjoyable requires a multi-agency response from disciplined and well organized individuals operating within the Incident Command System framework.

The United States Veteran Reserve Corps – 1st Indiana Battalion engaged in Security Protection at the gates, while the Marshall County Sheriff's Department conducted traffic management services.

Major Mike Cissna, the Officer in Charge stated, "I am very proud of the way all the soldiers executed the mission. All personnel carried out the operations with a high level of professionalism and awareness. There were some long hours and large crowds, but to close out the event without incident shows the skill set of our soldiers."

The United States Veteran Reserve Corps. is a team of volunteer soldiers, both veterans and nonveterans from Illinois and Indiana, operating as a Community Emergency Response Team. They are trained through the State Guard Association of the United States and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to respond to natural disasters and other emergency events.

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