INTRO

1LT Johnston: "The Grog of the Wolfhounds is a special brew and to drink of it you must be of the highest caliber. For the liquid is truly a representation of our honor and lineage."

Philippine Insurrection

1LT Johnston: "The 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment 'The Wolfhounds,' was activated on 2 February 1901 and saw its first combat in 1902 as part of the American Force sent to quell the Philippine Insurrection on the Island of Mindanao. Among the brave ranks two Wolfhounds went above and beyond to serve their country and earned the **Medal of Honor distinction**:"

- 1LT Charles G. Bickham
- 1LT George C. Shaw

CSM GONDEK: To commemorate those battles fought during the Philippine Insurrection, we offer <u>San Miguel Beer</u>" [HE POURS]

Siberian Campaign

1LT JOHNSTON: "In 1918, the 27th Infantry Regiment took part in a military campaign that has become an integral part of the unit's heritage. On 6 August 1918, the unit was sent to Vladivostok, Siberia where it participated in World War I. The 27th Infantry Regiment served as part of the Siberian American Expeditionary Force in an attempt to quell the Bolshevik Revolution sweeping across Russia. As a result of its participation in this campaign, the 27th Infantry adopted the Wolfhound Head as a symbol of the unit's tenacity in battle. The Wolfhound shield continues to serve as the unit's emblem of pride."

SGM NETTLES: "To commemorate the valorous efforts displayed by the 27th Infantry Regiment during the Siberian Campaign, we offer <u>Stoli Vodka</u>." [HE POURS]

World War II

1LT JOHNSTON: "On 7 December, 1941, Soldiers of the Regiment were the first to fire back at attacking Japanese war planes during Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. After seeing extensive action in the Pacific theater during World War II, especially on the island of Guadalcanal during the Battle of Mount Austen, the Galloping Horse, and the Sea Horse, it fought in the last days of the New Georgia Campaign on the right flank on the advance on Munda, Solomon Islands, later during the Battle of Luzon and the ensuing occupation of Japan."

"Two Wolfhounds earned the Medal of Honor distinction:"

- MAJ CHARLES W. DAVIS
- SSG RAYMOND H. COOLEY

(1SG REIBSOME): "To recognize the Regiment's vigilance and role in defeating the Imperial Japanese, we offer <u>Gekkeikan Sake</u>." [HE POURS]

Holy Family Homes Orphanage

1LT JOHNSTON: "After the Imperial Japanese surrendered in October 1945, the Wolfhounds went peacefully ashore to perform occupation and training missions in Southern Honshu. This period also denoted the beginning of the on-going relationship between the Wolfhounds and the Holy Family Home Orphanage in Osaka Japan. During Christmas 1949, Wolfhounds visited the orphanage to deliver gifts and hold a Christmas party for the children. Recognizing the needs of the children, and the then-limited capacity for self-help in postwar Japan, the regiment turned what was to have been a onetime occurrence into a flow of supplies, food, building materials, medical assistance, and most importantly, love from American Soldiers and their families to the orphans. Soldiers from 1st and 2nd Battalions return to Japan every Christmas, and four children from the orphanage have visited Schofield Barracks annually since 1957 – earning the Regiment's nickname of 'Gentle Wolfhounds.'"

(1SG MILLER): "The fourth ingredient, <u>Choya Plum Wine</u>, symbolizes the compassionate demeanor exhibited by **SGM O'Reilly** and the Soldiers that aided the children of Holy Family Home." [HE POURS]

Korean War

1LT JOHNSTON: "Japanese occupation duties were cut short in July, 1950, when the 27th Infantry Regiment departed for Pusan, Korea, to assist in holding the Pusan perimeter at the onset of the Korean War. The unit saw heavy action throughout the war, where they were considered the 'fire brigade' for the 25th Infantry Division – in essence, making first combat contact with enemy forces. The 27th earned ten campaign streamers and three Presidential Unit Citations."

"Among the brave ranks five Wolfhounds went above and beyond to serve their country and earned the **Medal of Honor distinction**:"

- CPL JOHN W. COLLIER
- CPT REGINALD B. DESIDERIO

- CPT LEWIS L. MILLETT
- 2LT JEROME A. SUDUT
- CPL MARTINEZ, BENITO

(1SG DIGGLES): "To commemorate the years of bitter fighting in Korea, we offer <u>Jinro Soju</u>." [HE POURS]

Vietnam War

1LT JOHNSTON: "The 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry entered the Vietnam conflict in January 1966. They participated in operations such as Renegade Woods and Cedar Falls – Junction City where the 27th infantry Regiment met intense fighting and a fierce enemy. During their five-year tour in Vietnam, the unit earned two valorous unit citations for their actions in battles both in Cu Chi and Saigon, and was one of the last 25th Infantry Division units to return to Hawaii in April 1971. Among the brave ranks five Wolfhounds went above and beyond to serve their country and earned the **Medal of Honor distinction**:"

- SGT JOHN F. BAKER, JR.
- CPT ROBERT F. FOLEY
- SGT CHARLES CLINTON FLEEK
- CPT RILEY L. PITTS
- SSG PAUL R. LAMBERS

(1SG THOMAS): "For the fierce fighting and air assaults against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese, we offer <u>Budweiser Beer</u>." [HE POURS]

Operation Golden Pheasant/Operation Just Cause

1LT JOHNSTON: "On 10 June 1987, the 2nd Battalion was relieved from their assignment to the 25th Infantry Division, and assigned to the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California. During their tour at Fort Ord the 2nd and 3rd Battalions were deployed to Honduras in 1988 in support of 'Operation Golden Pheasant' and in 1989 they were deployed to Panama in support of 'Operation Just Cause.'

(1SG CASTILLO): "To recognize the Wolfhounds' vigilant efforts in ousting the Noriega regime and stabilizing Panama, we offer (<u>Trader Vic's) Rum</u>."

GWOT – Iraq and Afghanistan

1LT JOHNSTON: "The Seventh Charge represents the Wolfhounds' four deployments during the Global War on Terrorism supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the lulls of fighting in

Paktika, Hawijah, Bayji and Kunar, Wolfhounds gathered with their Afghan and Iraqi Brothers to share in conversation and enjoy cups of Chai. It was in these moments that the trust and love for our foreign brothers was forged and these strong bonds propelled compassionate Wolfhounds forward into the next battle." (SFC SMITH): "These cups of <u>Chai and Pomegranate Juice</u> represent the advancement of Wolfhounds from stranger, to friend, to brother and sister and reinforce the Wolfhounds' unofficial motto, "Fierce in Battle, Compassionate in Peace." [HE POURS]

CONCLUSION

LTC Williams: "It is customary for the mixture to be tested and pronounced fit for human consumption by the Command Sergeant Major. CSM Gondek, would you please do the honors?"

CSM GONDEK: "Yes Sir." [TASTES BREW] "Sir, this Grog is a beverage truly worthy of a Wolfhound palette, suitable for all warriors present."

MC: "At this time we ask that the youngest Soldier at each table bring their pitcher and draw some brew for their table."