

NEWSLETTER

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51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced



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Company Call Outs

HIGHLANDERS

Happy Birthday to Austin and Lucas! They recently enjoyed their 7th birthday on 13 August.

SFC Raymond, Elyse
HIGHLANDERS

ATLAS

A shoutout to my daughter Zelda who celebrated her 2nd birthday back home in Arizona.

SPC Proulx, Hailey

BRUINS

Shoutout to my wife Vanity on getting her driver's license and for also holding everything down back home.

SPC Jace RodriguezGonzalez

COBRAS

Happy Birthday to my daughter LondonChanel and my wife Eugenia Bolton! Love you both!

SFC Kevin Bolton



Commander's Corner

Greetings to all the families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion – Enhanced! I hope this message finds everyone well and ready for the fall as the summer season ends. Throughout the theater we are starting to see temperatures lower which is a welcomed relief! We experienced our first sandstorm which was quite otherworldly, but the Mercury Battalion stood strong and held up fine. Additionally, CSM and I were able to visit some of Charlie Company's Soldiers in Bahrain and enjoyed seeing their workspace and having lunch with them. As school starts back up again for children, I want to wish them all a wonderful first day of school and hope they will enjoy continuing to learn new things. Thanks to everyone for all you do. **Always Constant!**



CSM's Corner

The Mercury Battalion continues to provide world class communication services throughout the CENTCOM AOR. Every company is continuing to focus on leader and self-development, ultimately improving the overall organization. This month, the NCOs conducted the first NCO run here on Camp Buehring, an event that we plan on continuing throughout the remainder of our deployment. Additionally, the commander and I were able to travel to visit the Cobras in Bahrain. SGT Encinas and his team are doing a tremendous job supporting Air Defense Assets in that location. This month promotion board had a small amount of personnel attending, but it was still a special day for a few. A special congratulations to SPC (P) Clavijo, SPC (P) Singharath, and SPC(P) Singleton. Lastly, I would like to conclude with a special message to my lovely wife Adriana, and my kids, Andrea, Billy, and Jesse, can't wait to see you all soon, almost halfway done! **Always Constant!**



XO's Corner

In August, the battalion staff has been hard at work making improvements to their respective staff functions and preparing for future operations. The S4 team received additional equipment and supplies from JBLM at Camp Buehring and is working a plan to distribute them to the companies outside the immediate battalion footprint. The battalion C&E section has been analyzing equipment failures on two of the Phoenix-E satellite terminal systems and is working with outside agencies to ensure the data is captured and repairs are performed in a timely manner. Leadership in the battalion S1 section took time to visit 51st Soldiers in both Saudi Arabia and Jordan, ensuring that administrative needs for all Soldiers are met. Looking forward, the battalion staff kicked off their mission analysis for redeployment and is prepared to receive the 63d ESB-E pre-deployment site survey team in early September.

Highlanders...

Highlander Soldiers had an opportunity to knock out an abundance of mission essential priorities over the last month, but most importantly is taking care of our people. We were recently able to conduct an extremely significant promotion. Recently, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company promoted WO1 Mack to CW2! We send a great congratulations to Chief Mack and his Family for his outstanding service to the Battalion. This is a significant milestone in his career and comes as no surprise given the dedication and excellence he has consistently demonstrated as our senior Maintenance Technician/Officer. His expertise, leadership, and commitment to mission success has made a tremendous impact on our operations. Whether it's ensuring our equipment is always ready and operational or mentoring the Soldiers and NCOs under his charge, he's shown unwavering dedication to the unit's success. As he steps into his new rank, his role remains the same as we have no doubts he will continue to perform exceptionally.

S3's Corner

Hello to all the family and friends back home. The S3 continues our mission of directing LTC Beck and CSM Atkinson's intent for training, units' movement of equipment, personnel and network management across the CENTCOM area of responsibility. CPT Apicella and SSG Beach two of our excellent leaders within the S3 have initiated recognition for S3 Soldiers who stand out for their excellent achievements each week. Corporal Robin Consier is the very first Current Operations Soldier of The Week. We would also like to welcome two new additions to the S3 team! We welcome 2LT Mitchell Holbrook who will be taking over as the battalion Unit Movement Officer and SSG Mark Mitchell the new Satellite Communications NCO who will work in the Network Operations section. Welcome to the team and we know you'll both do great things for the organization! The entire S3 team would like to thank all our family and friends for their support. Being separated from your loved ones is difficult for families as well as Soldiers. Until next time!



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Atlas...

Atlas Company has had a busy month in Jordan – receiving the final batch of equipment containers, inventories, continuing network troubleshooting, and training opportunities. Atlas Soldiers have also completed their first site rotations, allowing them a change of scenery, an opportunity to unwind, and, for some, an opportunity to truly test their skills. With the volatile political changes in the region, the Soldiers remain ready and vigilant for any situation. Over the last month, Atlas Soldiers had the opportunity to train with the French Military Police and EOD, conducted annual SHARP training, and welcomed the BN Chaplain team for their Soldier support and morale. Atlas Company gives a shout out to SSG Malone, SSG Alvarez, SGT Jardeleza, and CPL Arredondo for making their promotion lists! SGT Genthner was also recognized by I Corps for his excellent retention work within the Battalion, and within the Corps overall. SPC Salamanca was the first Atlas Soldier to be recognized for his contributions with the new Company coin.



Bruins...

With the 90-day mark in theater, B Co remains resilient continuing to provide communication services and further developing professionally. The platoon leaders have taken lead in facilitating weekly Sec+ study groups led by 1LT Smidt and Finance classes led by 2LT Bourn. Soldiers completed their Mental Health Assessments ensuring Soldier's needs are addressed to include a sleep hygiene class, an important tool while deployed in an up-tempo environment. In addition, we had the opportunity to engage in leader development and readiness. We conducted an NCO and Soldier of the Quarter competition consisting of various task. The Bruins congratulate their winners, SPC Underwood and SGT Morales. The platoons conducted Sergeant's Time Training with focus on Skill level 1 Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills ensuring teams remain current on squad tactics. The company also wants to extend its gratitude to our families and friends back home for their continued support. – **Rise Above!**



Cobras...

Cobra's are making the most of our time in the desert. Soldiers have hundreds of community service hours, many are taking classes and earning credit hours toward their university degrees, and others are hitting new personal records in the gym. At all levels, Soldiers are gaining valuable experience that we would never get in garrison. Junior Soldiers continue to become faster and more capable at setting up and troubleshooting equipment. Sergeants are benefitting from the chance to support missions with their teams, and leaders conduct planning that keeps Soldiers trained, equipment ready, and missions accomplished. We are looking forward to opportunities ahead of us. LT Stapleton has reported to the company and will soon take over as the leader of 2nd platoon, LT Peña is planning a range to stay fresh on our marksmanship, and three promising future leaders have passed the promotion board. Cobras are not just surviving, but thriving, as we make history across the Middle East.



Chaplain's Corner

From 22-24 August, 41 Soldiers from the 160th TTSB, including those from the 51st ESB-E, attended BSRT at the Rixos Hotel in Qatar. Through the OXYGEN series, we explored personal and team strengths and weaknesses, focusing on understanding differences and building effective communication. The Soldiers were rejuvenated by the excellent environment and food. Special thanks to CH (CPT) Tate and SPC(P) Yokum for their efforts, and to the 25th SSB Commander for making this enriching experience possible.

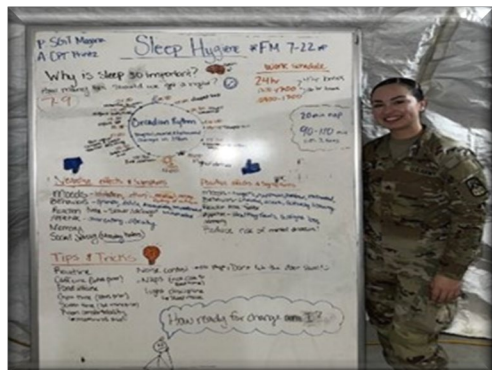


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SGT Stevens leads HMMWV self recovery training with HHC personnel



B CO attends behavioral health training with SGT Magana, 160th BH Technician



A CO and HHC mechanics building wind-resistant supports for Hawkeye III VSATs

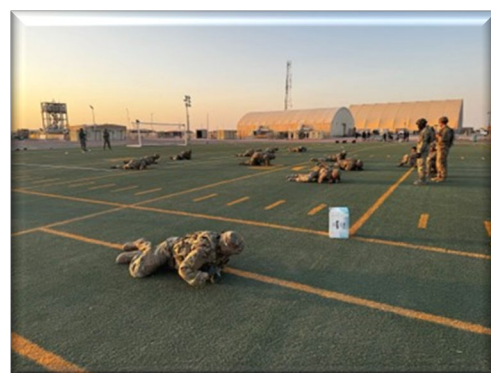


Bruins focus on Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills

Soldier's Corner

September Soldiers Birthdays

BARRETTE TYLER	MOUA VINCE
BAZURTO II VINCENT	MYERS CONNLANN
BECK NICOLAS	PETWAY WARREN
BEGAYE CHARLISIA	PINKOWSKI AUGUST
BENNETT CURTIS	PRICE FRANK
BOWEN MARIEKA	QUINTERO JUAN
DEL RIEGO ELI	RAMIREZ MIGUEL
GAFFNEY JEREMIAH	SINGLETON GREGORY
GONZALEZ DANIA	STAPLETON DEVON
GUERRA SETH	STOKES BRANDON
HENRY TAYLOR	STOUT BRYCE
KRAKORA WALTER	TAING JONATHAN
MACK KENNETH	THOMPSON JORDANN
MALONE BRODERICK	WASHINGTON JR GARY
MARTIN JR MICHAEL	YACUTA ALEJANDRO



HHC conducting modified Expert Physical Fitness Assessment



C CO leads EST training for Soldiers on the M4 and M249 weapon systems



A CO directs USAF personnel to improve command post & motorpool



Highlanders Train Survivability Using the Vehicle Roll-over Trainer



BN Chaplain conducts service in Jordan



Bruins participated in PSAB's MWR SAPR 5K Glow Run



Bruins study for SEC+ Certification



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Bruins participated in PSAB's MWR End of Summer 5K



C Co, Team 590, brings all services online within 90 minutes of getting on site



SPC Jacobs sees his mother on a recent visit to Arifjan as she works for AAFES



SGT Barrertte wins 3rd Place in PSAB's Got Talent



B Co conducts signal maintenance on equipment to ensure it remains ready



C CO Promotes SGT Myers, SGT Woolf, and PFC Squillante



Cobras enjoy care packages sent from a church in Virginia



SGT Genthrner receives 1 Corps coin of excellence



SSG Mitchell and 2LT Holbrook arrive to the CP



SPC York receives his ETS award prior to heading back to JBLM



SPC Edwards recently completed the AWS cloud practitioner course



CPL Consier selected as the CUOPS Soldier of the week

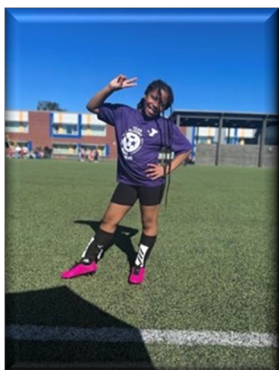


1LT Green places second in the Camp Buehring Deadlift



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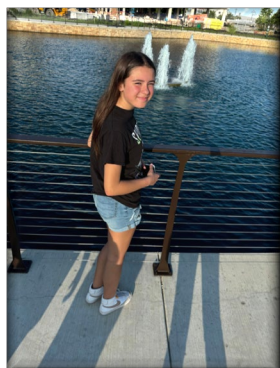


Happy Birthday LondonChanel

Family Highlights



SPC Proulx daughter Zelda, surrounded by amazing family & friends



1SG Cavazos' girls enjoying the Summer



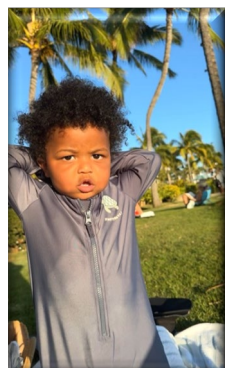
Raymond's twins celebrate their 7th B-Day



Jesse Atkinson enjoys a movie at Gig Harbor



Mrs. Siddhidhatshakti and Ms. Boonchaleaw award two scholarships and provided educational resources (supplies) to local schools



CPT Buckner's wife TiTrice, recently took their kids on vacation to Hawaii



Rose and Peter Brown, CPT Brown's parents, visiting from Cleveland, and hanging out with CPT Brown's dog Chandler



Natalie Hamrick and Kelly Brown at the Seahawks vs Browns Preseason game, final score was 37-33 Seattle



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