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### Commander's Corner

Greetings from the desert to the families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced! Several weeks have already passed since our departure, and the team has been busy since our arrival. Soldiers are working hard to emplace their communications, establish maintenance areas and programs, stand up operations cells, and complete administrative tasks.

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### **CSM's Corner**

Families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51st ESB-E, it has been an amazing journey and adventure as the battalion assumed the authority and responsibilities of the Tactical Signal Battalion in the CENTCOM area of responsibility. These past few weeks have been a challenge as we bid farewell to our loved ones and arrived at a very different climate then JBLM. Everyone in the battalion has played a critical role in pushing out

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# HIGHLANDERS

Excellent Maintenance is a benchmark the Highlander's love to pride themselves in. A Soldier who has stood out recently is PFC White.

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## APOLLOS

Without delay, the Soldiers of Alpha Company, 51st ESB-E, swiftly acclimated to the demanding conditions, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the Continued on page 3...

## BRUINS

Upon arrival to Saudi Arabia, the command team conducted key leader engagements, site surveys, and began posturing teams and equipment. Members Continued on page 3...

### COBRAS

Charlie Company "Cobras" have hit the ground running in our deployment. Farewells with the families were hard as we formed up in the early

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#### Commander's Corner Continued...

Despite the increasing temperatures, we're all doing well, and the team is doing a great job. The unit we've replaced departs shortly and we've already transitioned responsibility for providing the tactical network that supports critical defense systems and operations centers throughout the Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility. You should be proud! For the families and friends, I know that being away from your Soldier can be challenging and I thank you for your support and sacrifice throughout this deployment.

**Always Constant!** 

#### CSM's Corner Continued...

personnel and equipment to six different countries in relieving the 101st ESB. It has been a blessing to have an opportunity to serve with these great leaders and Soldiers as we look to set a legacy in assuming this responsibility as the first Expeditionary Signal Battalion-Enhanced within this operational environment. This past month, the team has done an incredible job since we have arrived in this theater. We look forward in continuing our efforts in accomplishing our mission and getting back to our loved ones soon. Always Constant!



### **XO's Corner**

Deploying the battalion has been a flurry of activity for the staff and battalion writ large. The \$1 section has been hard at work ensuring that Mercury Soldiers are received into the AOR, as well as tracking the everchanging PERSTAT as Soldiers move in and out of different countries in the battalion footprint. Our \$4 section is busy overseeing companies inventory theater equipment, processing travel requests, and looking to purchase much needed items for the battalion. The maintenance team has developed the maintenance support plan and layout for vehicles and containers in Camp Buehring. The hard work the staff and Soldiers are putting in now will set the stage for a successful deployment.

### S3's Corner

Task Force Mercury Soldiers are fully integrated with Joint partners in close to 20 locations around Southwest Asia. The S3 section immediately jumped into action supporting operators with network troubleshooting and the tracking and coordinating personnel movements and equipment across the area of operations. Most of the 51st ESB-E Soldiers have not experienced this incredible opportunity to do their jobs in such a demanding environment. Their incredible work directly contributes to the support and safety of the region and our nation. The 51st ESB-E Soldiers and families should be very proud to serve in the Mercury Battalion as this team does the unprecedented.

## **Chaplain's Corner**

The UMT held a Spiritual Fitness Luncheon at the JBLM Main Post Chapel before deployment. About 100 Soldiers attended, providing a time to spiritually equip and pray for those about to be deployed. CH Pyun, the Deputy Chaplain of Madigan Hospital, came to encourage and bless the deploying Soldiers. The special hymn performance by the board members left a lasting impression on many Soldiers' hearts. On our last day on JBLM, the Brigade Chaplain, LTC Harris took the opportunity to bless each one individually with a prayer. His prayers and blessings served as a catalyst to strengthen the Soldiers' spirits, reminding them of God's constant protection.







### **Oldest and Finest**

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#### Highlander's Continued...

PFC White has demonstrated exceptional aptitude and dedication in our formation vehicle maintenance, significantly bolstering our operational success during deployment. He has demonstrated technical expertise and meticulous attention well above his pay grade; It's ensured the highest standards of functionality bettering our combat power. Our maintenance team overall ability to diagnose and resolve complex mechanical issues swiftly has been indispensable, directly enhancing our tactical mobility and reliability in field operations. PFC White's contributions, as depicted, are not only vital to our current success but are also instrumental in setting benchmarks for maintenance excellence within the Highlander organization.



#### Apollo's Continued...

intricacies of signal support in a deployed setting. Alpha Company Soldiers have tirelessly crafted procedures and services to align with theater requirements, continuously refining their approaches to deliver top-tier communication services to clients across the region. Moreover, they have seamlessly integrated into the local community, actively participating in significant events like the Memorial Day "Murph" exercise. Despite Alpha Company's busy schedule, its primary focus remains ensuring the safety and well-being of every Soldier, along with delivering exceptional services to its customers.



#### Bruins's Continued...

of the company had the opportunity to participate in a Saudi Cultural Day where Soldiers emerged themselves in Saudi's culture and our role as mission partners. On 25 May 2024, the company uncased its flag marking the beginning of mission assumption for the next nine months. Teams have been working relentlessly, overcoming environmental and technical challenges for the first time. Teams engaged in innovative ways to surpass high heat conditions and degraded environment while also working on site improvement and building relationships. As the first Expeditionary Signal Company-Enhanced to set precedence in Saudi Arabia, the Bruins are ready to dominate the network infrastructure giving ground commanders command and control of the battlespace.



#### Cobra's Continued...

hours of May 7th, but the company was eager to head out and tackle our mission set. A few short weeks later, Cobra Soldiers have done an exemplary job adapting to the deployed environment. The weather may be hot, but leaders have been cool and collected while adapting to movements around the theater, technical troubleshooting, and supporting adjacent units. With the most diverse mission set in the battalion, C Co has already executed missions in six countries, from urban headquarters to sandy desert outposts. We could not be more proud of how the team has started this deployment, and we're ready to tackle any challenge ahead of us!







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### **Soldier's Corner**

#### **May Birthdays**

COLLINS NICHOLAS RYAN
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FARNSLEY ADAM BLAINE
KANE DANIEL JOSEPH
KIM KATIE OLIVIA
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MIXON CHAUNTA ASRINE

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Cobras and Highlanders on Tower



Apollo's rolling stock arrives



Apollo's patching ceremony



Cobras at work



\$1 representing at memorial 5k



Bruins uncase their Guidon



Innovated thinking by the Bruins



Cavazos Family Highlight



Thornburg Family Highlight





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