

NEWSLETTER

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51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced



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Company Call Outs



HIGHLANDERS

I would like to send a shout out to my wife Clara for all the support and being the backbone of our family. I appreciate everything you do.

SFC Frank Junius

ATLAS

Want to give a big shout-out to my boyfriend Troy: thank you for the support that you have provided it really means a lot to me and it has helped me get through this deployment with ease. I am looking forward to our upcoming trips when I return home.

SGT Walter Krakora

Commander's Corner

Greetings to all the families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion – Enhanced! Over this past month we passed the 100 days remaining milestone and were excited to continue preparations for our return. The Mercury battalion continues to accomplish great work throughout the theater, and I am proud to see the amount of personal and professional growth that has taken place across the formation. I hope everyone had a happy Halloween, and as the holiday season quickly approaches, we will seek to take opportunities to recognize them and spend time together. For the friends and families back home, be sure to reach out to your company SFRG representative to see what events are taking place on the installation as well. As always, thank you to all the friends, Soldiers, and family members for your continued support and all that you do daily. **Always Constant!**



BRUINS

I want to express how proud I am of my wife, Rebecca, for taking great care of our two little ones. You're incredible, I appreciate everything you do for our family.

SGT Isaac Toohey

COBRAS

Happy Birthday to my beautiful daughter Sofia Rose, who turned four this month. I love and miss you so much!

SFC Kyle Carter

CSM's Corner

First, I would like to start off by emphasizing how extremely proud I am with all the accomplishments from the Soldiers, leaders, and officers of the mighty 51st. This month, the Battalion hosted the NCO and Soldier of the Year competition (Video: <https://youtu.be/iZllpebumuE>), in which, SGT(P) Woods and SPC(P) Trejo were selected as the winners for the FY24 NCO and Soldier of the Year. Additionally, SFC Carter and SFC Raymond both attended the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) board, in which both were inducted into the SAMC, an accomplishment only a few NCOs achieve while serving in the U.S. Army. It did not stop here, the Battalion continued to provide world class tactical communications throughout the Central Command area of responsibility, in which we currently have a presence in seven countries. As we move forward to the last 90 days, we will strive to continue achieving excellence throughout every area we have a presence. **Always Constant!**



XO's Corner

With another month of deployment in the books, the staff has been hard at work keeping the battalion running and planning for the future. The S1 sent a team of personnel out to Jordan, where they personally reviewed all of the Alpha Company Soldiers' pay statements and submitted corrections to ensure all Soldiers receive proper entitlements for their time served in the CENTCOM AOR. Additionally, this time of the deployment has seen the S1 as well as leaders of all levels engaged on submissions of awards for Soldiers to ensure they are recognized for the amazing work they have done throughout the deployment. The S4 has been working with the companies and staff counterparts to begin setting conditions for change of command inventories set to begin after redeployment. The maintenance team has been engaging with outside organizations to develop solutions on fixing the battalion's new Phoenix-E systems, as well as working an initiative with the companies to plan a clear glidepath for services up until the end of deployment.

Highlanders...

Over the past month, Highlander Soldiers have conducted numerous training events ranging from weapons familiarization training to firing ranges. Few have had a key role in each training event, ensuring we were successful. SSG Ballinger has been a standout performer for the company over the past month, His leadership and technical expertise have been instrumental in ensuring seamless operations, especially as he facilitated maintenance support for teams deployed across various countries, departing from Kuwait. SSG Ballinger's proactive approach to coordinating resources and managing workflow has kept equipment in peak condition, allowing mission-critical tasks to proceed without delay. He anticipates potential challenges and addresses them swiftly. Additionally, he has gone beyond his scope of duty taking care of other task for the company such as facilitating the Battalions EST and M249 range which was recently conducted. Helping facilitate our Battalion's overall readiness, regarding training and marksmanship across the board.

S3's Corner

Battalion Operations continue to grow with more Soldiers supporting mission critical sites across the entire region. I am extremely impressed to see so much rigor and motivation from these Soldiers as new missions arise. Families back home have much to be proud of knowing that their Soldiers are serving so selflessly over here supporting real-world operations. They live and fight on the edge of instability, striving to achieve peace to all in our theater of operations. As we enter the last 90 days of our deployment, it is essential that Soldiers keep their heads up and support each other. We will begin our initial descent next month as we begin preparing equipment for redeployment and setting the conditions for a seamless transition of authority to the next unit. To the Soldiers spread across the region: continue to improve your sights, support your customers, and don't count the days. **Semper Constans!**



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Atlas...

Atlas Company has demonstrated exceptional dedication and teamwork through several key accomplishments and ongoing initiatives. Recently, the company celebrated a re-enlistment for SPC Presley, honoring his commitment to continued service. Additionally, the 22D CSB team visited all Atlas Company sites, showing strong support for the company's missions and its Soldiers. In preparation for their out-site missions, Atlas Company Soldiers engaged in air load pallet training, enhancing their operational readiness. The company has also initiated redeployment inventories, with PFC Pettway taking a lead role in ensuring proper accounting and preparedness for the upcoming redeployment. Adding to these achievements, 2nd Platoon had the opportunity to take a memorable platoon photo with the Tiger Explosive Ordnance Disposal crew, symbolizing their spirit and the bond made during this deployment. Each of these efforts reflects Atlas Company's commitment to mission success and Soldier development.



Bruins...

The month of October has brought exciting events for Bravo Company as we enter 90 days out from redeployment. We welcomed the Alpha 63rd ESB-E command team, who were on ground to conduct their assessment as they prepare for their upcoming mission. As systems remain steady, the Bruins had the opportunity to partake in various training events that included Master Resiliency Training with a focus on goal setting. This included Sergeant's Time Training on assigned weapons with a series of drills and marksmanship preparing Soldiers for upcoming ranges. Our company Technician Team was heavily invested with upgrades ensuring systems remain in compliance with security protocols. The Bruins want to recognize PFC Thompson, J., SPC Corey, R., and SGT Tafolla, N. for their exceptional performance, and congratulate SGT Grogan, K. for re-enlisting. The company closed the month with morale events and beginning to observe cooler weather with our first ever cloudy day. **Rise Above!**



Cobras...

If you've been watching the news, you'll know that the Middle East remains a dynamic and demanding environment for the military to operate in. At the crux of US efforts in the theater, Cobra Company continues to deploy expert teams and execute critical missions on a short timeline. Both experienced leaders with a reputation of excellence within the battalion and junior Soldiers earning their reputation on mission are making us proud. Meanwhile, technically expert NCOs in Camp Buehring taught an SNN Academy for the second time, training 10 communicators from around the installation to be proficient with our primary pieces of equipment. SFC Kyle Carter joined the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club; named after the most decorated Soldier in the history of the Army, it is an exclusive organization for only the very best NCOs. While we continue to keep comms across the theater, leaders are already planning for a smooth return home at the end of our mission. **OSOK!**



Chaplain's Corner

In October, we gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kuwait City for a BSRT event centered on the theme of Ready & Resiliency. A total of 51 Soldiers participated, joined by our dedicated facilitators: CH Lee, CH Nathaniel, CH Amande, and SGT Yokum. Throughout this event, Soldiers engaged in enriching lectures and discussions. These sessions provided an opportunity to strengthen their spiritual resilience and foster deeper unit cohesion, making it a truly valuable and impactful experience for everyone involved.



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51st ESB-E participates and wins the Camp Buehring Army Ten Miler



SFC Raymond Inducted to the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club



BCO Tech Team and operators conducted T2C2 system updates



2LT Inman conducting PLT changeover inventories

Soldiers' Corner

November Soldiers' Birthdays

ABAD LLAYRA
ALVAREZ ANTHONY
CEDILLO DANIEL
CHEN GRANT
CHISM DOMINICK
CORREA MODESTO
CRUZ MATTHEW
GIVENS WESLEY
GREEN DAJAHNAY
HARRISON ASHLEY
JACKSON IV LAWRENCE
JACOBS JR JEFFREY
MAIS GAVIN
MARTINEZCANADA JOSE

MAYA JULIAN
MEDRANO DIANA
MITCHELL MARK
MYERS JR MICHAEL
NGUYEN GIALOC
ORNELAS DANIEL
PENA CHRISTIAN
ROBINSON JUMOKÉ
SERRANO V EDWARD
SHOUSE JACOB
SMILEY KEARON
SMITH ALEXSIS
SOTO DAMIAN
SWEENEY LEE



SFC Raymond, SSG Ornelas, SSG Soto complete the Norwegian Foot March



Cobra's graduate second SNN Academy at Camp Buehring



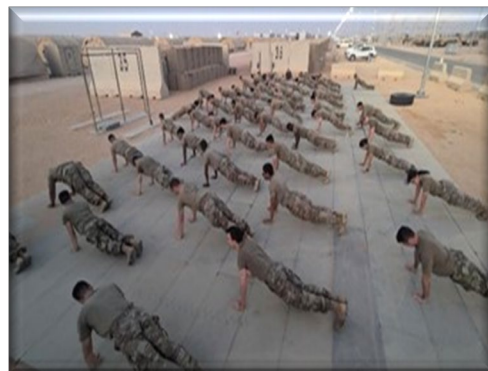
SFC Carter Inducted to the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club



SPC Corey posing in front of T2C2 antenna system



SGT Morales briefing CPT Hoffman/1SG Meno on PAX terminal procedures



Bruin Soldiers conducting PRT



SGT Grogan re-enlistment ceremony atop one of the bunkers



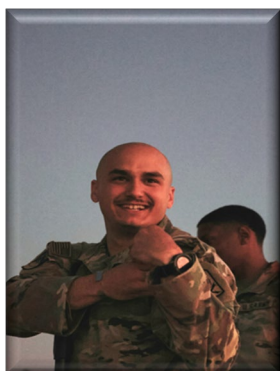
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Atlas with EOD



Atlas having fun



Cobra LTs won 2nd & 3rd in Firefighter Challenge



BCO continues to maximize on training and validations



SSG Ballinger at the M249 Range



HHC participate in Camp Buehring ATM



51st wins indoor soccer championship



CW2 Matherene Promotion



HHC Soldiers helping with base defense by filling sandbags



SGT Robinson reenlists



Cobras run EST



Cobras off to another mission



Cobras validating equipment



Atlas preparing for another mission



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CPT Buckner's son's first pumpkin picking

Family Highlights



1SG Nollan's boys, Jameson & Jackson picking out their own pumpkins



CPT Buckner's son, Aunix's first day of daycare



SFC Alvarez's daughter, Minnow, 1st plane ride for family trip to Florida



The Beck's host an Army Ten Miller event in front of their home



SSG Marins oldest daughter's Homecoming Dance



SGT Ramirez wife & daughter celebrating her B-Day



SFC Calderon's daughter Isabella's 1st pumpkin picking



Congrats to SFC Sidd, cousins welcoming their new boy



SFC Carter's daughter, Sofia Rose turns four



Jackson Thornburg wins student of the month



Pirates enjoying the summer at the Beck's residence



1LT Le's husband, serving in Korea, met singer J Boog



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From 1700 until 2100

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Social Hour – Dinner – Guest Speaker – Year in Review
Entertainment by I Corps Band

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WA 98499, United States

Uniform: ASU/AGSU/Dress Mess

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