

NEWSLETTER

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51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced



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Company Call Outs

HIGHLANDERS

I would like to wish SPC Hunter, William a Happy Birthday. His 25th birthday falls on 10 August 2024.

Your Wife, Brooke Murray

HIGHLANDERS

ATLAS

Thanking all my friends for taking care of each other and see you soon. Enjoy the "Wear Blue 5K" on JBLM!

SFC Christopher Amar

ATLAS COMPANY

BRUINS

I want to congratulate my girlfriend Maddie for starting her career as a Doctor of Physical Therapy. I'm so proud of you, the sky is the limit! I love you very much!!

2LT William Bourn

COBRAS

A shoutout to my wife Nora for throwing Violet her 2nd birthday party while I am gone. Violet loved the birthday Party.

SFC Kyle Carter

COBRAS COMPANY

Commander's Corner

Best wishes to all the families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion – Enhanced! CSM and I spent a portion of July with A Co visiting the different locations they support in Jordan. The Soldiers continue to do great things, and we were impressed to see all they accomplished. We've now had the opportunity to see about 90% of the Soldiers at their various locations and are pleased to see everyone doing well and providing great communications services! We also had the honor of hosting both the 22d CSB and 160th TSB Command Teams and had a great time meeting with Soldiers and explaining our mission set. Lastly, I'd like to wish a very happy birthday to my wife Chrissy! Thanks to everyone for all you do.

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CSM's Corner

As we quickly approach our 90-day mark in theater, the Soldiers of the Mercury Battalion are leaving a tremendous legacy as the first Signal Battalion to employ the Scalable Network Nodes in the CENTCOM area of responsibility. This past month, the commander and I were able to travel to Jordan and visit Atlas in action. The teams throughout the different locations in Jordan are leaving a positive impression on their customers, setting a high standard for future signaleers. Additionally, we had the opportunity to host the 22d CSB Command Team, COL Smith, CSM Costello, and LTC Halbert. This was a great opportunity to showcase the great work Soldiers are displaying throughout the AOR. Even though this month was busy, we still held our promotion board. A special congratulations to SGT(P) Garcia, SGT(P) Prandy, SGT(P) Worthy, SPC(P) Harrison, Angelo, SPC(P) Harrison, Ashley, SPC(P) Heintz, SPC(P) Hurtado, SPC(P) Nguyen, and SPC(P) Pacheco. Lastly, I would like to tell my lovely wife Adriana, and my kids, Andrea, Billy, and Jesse, I love you and miss you all so much. **Always Constant!**



XO's Corner

Over the past month the staff has continued to improve the battalion processes to ensure Mercury success. The maintenance team has successfully leveraged the Returned Material Authorization process to maintain new equipment that is under warranty, as well as utilizing the traditional Army maintenance processes to obtain needed parts. This is critical to replenishing the battalion's equipment. The battalion staff is postured to visit with the Atlas Company in the coming weeks to ensure they are supported in their mission. Always looking forward, the team has begun to coordinate with the relieving battalion and started working groups to ensure a successful handoff and redeployment at the conclusion of the Mercury Battalion's mission.

S3's Corner

The S3 section continues to energetically support the Mercury Battalion with top-notch network troubleshooting, continuous coordination, and tracking of equipment and personnel. This month, the S3 hosted the 22d Corps Signal Brigade Command team, COL Smith and CSM Costello, and then later welcomed the new commander of 160th Theater Signal Brigade, COL Paff, along with CSM Castro. The NETOPS section again dispatched its team of technical experts to multiple sites across the AOR to help troubleshoot and strengthen our tactical network to provide world class communication services to our customers. Thanks to the planning and coordination of the S3 CUOPs, over 40 Mercury Soldiers attended a weapons EST at the ART-C on Camp Buehring, Kuwait to sharpen their marksmanship skills. Looking to the future, the S3 section is working diligently to plan and coordinate training in theater to ensure that Mercury Soldiers remain mission ready and **"Always Constant."**

Highlander's...

The Highlanders had an opportunity to work with the 10th Mountain Division, getting much needed training on medavac procedures and taking care of medical operations in a hostile environment where lives are at stake. Recently, HHC conducted extensive medevac training in collaboration with the 10th Mountain Division's CAB. The training was both crucial and enlightening, designed to enhance our Soldiers knowledge on operational capabilities and readiness involving battlefield medical procedures. It included sessions of rapid assessment and stabilization of injuries, airborne medical evacuation protocols, and the use of medical equipment in a highly pressured combat environment. The integration of the CAB's aviation resources provided a realistic dimension to medevac training, allowing personnel from HHC to practice hoist and winch operations on helicopters, which is vital for retrieving wounded Soldiers from difficult terrains or active battlefields. Great training!



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Atlas...

With the Soldiers of Alpha Company, approaching the 90-day mark, they remain strong and steady in providing communication services to their customers while maintaining a positive attitude across all challenges. During this time, Atlas has had to discover solutions to impactful weather conditions including 30-40mph winds, high temperatures, and occasional sandstorms. Regardless of the problem, Atlas Soldiers have been resilient in executing their mission. Atlas continues to build their relationship with their partner branches and communities, taking part in more memorable reenlistments and events. Atlas celebrated Independence Day with some enjoying BBQ, MWR fun runs, intense Explosive Ordnance Disposal explosions, and colorful flares flying with the National Anthem. The BN CMD team also made a visit to Jordan to visit all of the Atlas Soldiers, seeing first-hand the challenges they face and taking the time to recognize a select few who were demonstrating excellent work.



Bruins's...

Bravo continues to sustain and expand on its missions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Bruins deployed a Soldier to assume a new mission while rotating others. This month, the company received the Battalion Victim Advocate, 1LT White, who facilitated and trained NCOs on SHARP and as the moderator while they provided training to their Soldiers. The leadership conducted a battlefield circulation to Kuwait for key leader engagements and visit Soldiers. The company received its remaining satellite communication systems, the Phoenix-E, and Soldiers have commenced training and validation. We celebrated the reenlistment of three Soldiers (SSG Elias, SPC Farkas, SPC Strobeck) and participated in a MWR 5K Color Run. We want to highlight SPC Taddanai Rungpetchanan for starting a running club and to 1SG Randy Cavazos for earning the 1,000 pound club. Soldier fitness is critical in maintaining Soldier readiness and lethality in a deployed environment.



Cobra's...

Its been a busy month for the Cobras in all corners of the theater. We conducted a patching ceremony for 14 Soldiers who have earned the right to wear the brigade insignia on their right sleeve. We observed the reenlistments of SGT Moye and SPC Pinkowski and congratulate them on their decision to further their career in the Army. SGT Prandy, SGT Griffin, and SPC Pacheco passed the promotion board this month, and we are excited to see them perform in more demanding leadership positions. Though we had to say farewell to SSG Hannah Garcia and SPC Terrence Fleming due to PCS moves, we welcome SPC Dustin Daniels and PFC Loranda Allen to the Cobra family. There are more opportunities coming for missions, training, and personal achievement, and we are looking forward to every chance to excel.



Chaplain's Corner

There are three main areas of focus in the Chaplain's ministry: nurturing the living, caring for the wounded, and honoring the dead. Thankfully, during our deployment, we have been safe and are truly grateful. The UMT is dedicated to helping Soldiers maintain their spiritual well-being and equipping them to handle various challenges during our deployment. We especially take time to join the companies for their PRT sessions, conducting prayers, and supporting them to in staying strong, both spiritually and mentally. We are grateful for the Battalion T-shirts and various care packages sent by the local church this past month. We appreciate your continued interest, support, and prayers.



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SFC Carter, SFC Raymond, and SSG Nguyen volunteer for SAMC Ceremony

Soldier's Corner

August Soldiers Birthdays

BEAT DYLAN
BLAYLOCK CHRISTOPHER
BROADHEAD KEEFER
BUCKNER ANTONIO
BURTON RALPH
CARTER KYLE
DANIELS DUSTIN
FREW MASON
GACON PAUL
HUNTER WILLIAM
JUAREZ RUPERTO
KAMARA ABDUL
LUGO JR MIGUEL

MACCINI MICHEL
MCCLENDON JUDITH
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PALEN RYAN
PATZWALD LEON
PRANDY JASON
QUINTERO JANICAANN
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WOOLF RYAN



Atlas Validating Equipment



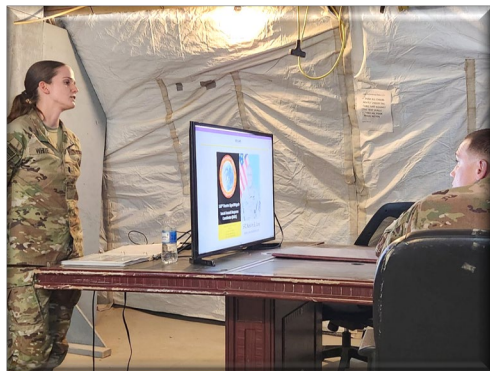
Cobras Training



Cobras protecting Equipment



C&E at work



1LT White conducting SHARP Training



Lunch with 22d CSB CMD Team



Bruins deploy Phoenix-E



Bruins reenlist on F16 Fighter Jet



Cobra undefeated in the ASG Kuwait Volleyball Tournament



SGT Ramos at work on Dish



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Family Highlights



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Natalie Hammrick (right) and Kelly Brown (left) enjoying a nice brunch in Puyallup.



Elisa Thornburg celebrating CPT Brown's dog handler's 2nd B-Day with decorations & new B-Day Lamb Chop.



Kelly Brown competing in National Rimfire League 22 competition & taking 1st in the Women's Division.



Kelly Brown, Jackson Thornburg, Elisa Thornburg, and Liz Thornburg at the Monster Hot Wheels Glow Jam



Violet Carter celebrating her second birthday!



The Cobra family congratulates SGT Zaragoza and his wife Samantha on the 19 July birth of their daughter, Ariana Rose.



Atkinson's at the Movies



Atkinson's Experiencing the Korean Cultural



JBLM Wear Blue 5k



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Family Highlights, Call Outs, and Accomplishments!

CPT Buckner's wife, TiTrice Buckner, recently took a space available flight to Tokyo, Japan, bringing their 1yr old son Aunix Buckner, with her. On the trip she enjoyed the vibrant cityscapes and rich cultural tapestry Tokyo offered. It was an immersive experience, from the exquisite Japanese cuisine to the exploring ancient temples and bustling markets. Adding to the excitement, TiTrice took their 1yr old son to Tokyo Disneyland, where the magical atmosphere was a delight for him. They both enjoyed themselves but stressed how they're planning another trip when her husband returns from deployment.



I would like to give a shout out to my boys Emmet (left) and Aiden (right) today, 15 July, is their 9th birthday. Happy Birthday! I miss you guys and love you very much! And a shout out to the large child in the middle, thank you Uncle Preston for being an awesome brother-in-law and helping take care of my family while I am away! **SSG Bishop**



A group of Bravo Company Soldiers participated in PSAB's MWR 5K Color Run. Soldiers continue to participate and challenge themselves in physical activities to best prepare for upcoming company ACFT.



Bravo Company congratulates 1SG Randy Cavazos for earning the PSAB's 1,000 pound club. He continues to demonstrate high levels of fitness while encouraging Soldiers to do the same by building PRT programs and one-on-one sessions.



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