

# NEWSLETTER

## ALWAYS CONSTANT

51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced



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### Company Call Outs

#### HIGHLANDERS

I would like to congratulate my boys, Jackson and Jameson for graduating preschool and the 3rd Grade. I am proud of you both and love you very much.

1SG Corey Nollan

#### ATLAS

Shoutout to my daughter Leilani for her first day of preschool next week in Japan. Can't believe how much you have grown already and I can't wait to see you. Daddy loves you!

SSG Amedeus Cortez

#### BRUINS

Want to congratulate my wife, Valerie on her new job! I am extremely proud of you and love you with all my heart!

SPC Ralph Perry

#### COBRAS

Special thanks to mother-in-law, Ma Thank you for all your help while I have been away. I know this last 2 weeks was hard for all of us, but you are a shining pillar of strength when your family needs it. Hopefully you will get to see this, I know it would make your day.

Much love, your son-in-law,  
SGT Adam Farnsley



### Commander's Corner

Greetings to all families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced! The months are starting to roll by as we've become more settled with our day-to-day operations in the CENTCOM AOR. This month CSM and I visited with members of Charlie and Bravo Companies as we conducted our battlefield circulation. We are pleased to report that everyone is doing well, and I felt a great sense of pride seeing our Soldiers in action. Everyone should be proud of the hard work and effort they are putting in to make the mission happen! As Summertime activities begin back at home, I know it is difficult for families and friends to not have their loved ones there. As always, thank you for your continued support and sacrifice. **Always Constant!**





## CSM's Corner

As we approached our second month in our deployment, Soldiers are missing the JBLM weather. The heat is averaging 115 throughout the area of operations, but this weather does not disrupt the dedication and commitment from the Mercury Battalion. Soldiers continue to provide world class services through the Central Command area of operations. This month, the commander and I were able to travel to Qatar and Saudi Arabia and visit the Cobras and Bruins. The teams in both locations are consistently working on providing excellent customer service and continue to build relationships with key personnel throughout each location. Additionally, we were able to conduct our promotion board and wanted to congratulate SGT(P) Coope, SGT(P) Genthner, SGT(P) Griffin, SGT(P) Shelly, SGT(P) Stevens, CPL Walker, SPC(P) Arredondo, SPC(P) Frew, SPC(P) Jacobs, and SPC(P) Yokum for being recommended for promotion. **Always Constant!**



## XO's Corner

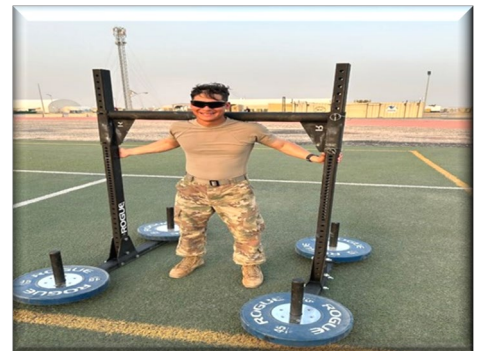
Ever since the initial arrival into theater the staff has continued to work on setting conditions for a successful deployment. The battalion S1 has been working hand-in-hand with the finance office to ensure everyone receives correct pay based on their location. The battalion S4 is overseeing the companies as they conduct 100% inventories of organizational property, as well as processing travel for Soldiers travelling across the theater and standing up government purchase card accounts. The maintenance team has been working on conducting routine services, distributing much needed parts to other companies, and even assisting other co-located units with their maintenance needs. The staff has been a vital player in the success of the battalion.

## S3's Corner

Task Force Mercury continues to establish and strengthen their footprint in the growing area of operation across almost 20 locations. The S3 CUOPS section worked tirelessly to coordinate and track the continual movements of personnel and equipment, enabling the companies to meet our Joint partners' operational network demands. In addition, the S3 NETOPS section dispatched the data and network operations warrant officers, along with the spectrum manager, from Camp Buehring to conduct site surveys at A Co locations in Jordan. The team of technical experts collected valuable site data and conducted in-person troubleshooting to ensure customers continue to receive world-class communications services. As they serve in support of this first-of-its-kind mission, the Mercury Soldiers continue to demonstrate why they are the "Oldest and Finest."

## Highlander's...

Highlanders must remain fit at all times. We strongly encourage our formation to improve their physical fitness capabilities on a consistent bases, which they're excelling at. SGT Garcia's participation in the recent Army MWR Yoke Carry fitness challenge became a highlight event, significantly boosting morale and esprit de corps among our company and other organizations on Camp Buehring. His dedication and competitive spirit were infectious, inspiring a strong turnout from our unit, which fielded several teams. The challenge included a variety of demanding physical activities, ranging from obstacles to strength test and relay races, designed to push participants to their limits while fostering healthy competition. SGT Garcia is one of our NCOs who is known for consistently being fit and remaining motivated at all times. He leads by example; not only participated in all the exercises, but also coached his teammates, sharing techniques to improve their performance. His leadership and energy were pivotal for the Highlanders.



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### Atlas...

With the Soldiers of Alpha Company fully integrated with their signal support customers, they now tirelessly strive to ensure their services remain uninterrupted across the vast area of responsibility. Operating in remote locations, Soldiers have had to use outside-the-box creative thinking to achieve communications, in some instances building new tower structures to provide the necessary elevation for their equipment. As the Soldiers continue to work closely with their supported units, their newfound relationships open more opportunities for memorable events like night-operation care package drops and reenlisting with the Air Force's F-15E Fighter Jets. With the increased responsibility and pride in their accomplishments thus far, the Soldiers have decided to rebrand from the "Apollo" Company to "Atlas" Company. Steady and Strong, this is the way.



### Bruins's...

The past two weeks, Bravo Company engaged in a multitude of events from missions to unit activities. The company received most of its rolling stock enabling teams to begin conducting tactical movements. We also received the Battalion Command Team, S1, Retention, and UMT. Soldiers had the opportunity to review re-enlistment options, conduct records review, and one-on-one sessions with the Chaplain. The Battalion Command team conducted battlefield circulation at each site that included mission briefs from supported units. CSM Atkinson led a BN Promotion Board where all four Soldiers passed leading to one promotion following. Additionally, the company held its patching ceremony recognizing Soldiers' right to wear the combat patch of the 22D CSB. It marks a historical moment as the first Expeditionary Signal Company-Enhanced to deploy in Saudi Arabia.



### Cobra's...

The Cobras have continued to be fast and flexible through the month of June. We have operated equipment in 6 countries, and have received nothing but praise from supported units. SGT Larios received a coin from an Air Force Medical Squadron CDR, and PFC Vazquez was commended by the ARCENT G6. These, and many other, operators are making an impact by providing professional support in a tactical environment. Meanwhile, CPT Brown and 1SG Thornburg provided signal expertise in a planning conference in the United Arab Emirates. As the weather continues to get hotter, we have adapted our schedules and systems to keep Soldiers healthy and ready. For our Families and Soldiers in the rear, we are grateful for the support we have received, and the strong bonds our families are forging amongst each other. Missions continue to change, but Cobras are always here and ready.



## Chaplain's Corner

The Unit Ministry Team (UMT) continues to pray for the spiritual health, physical well-being, safe training, and mission fulfillment for the Soldiers of the 51st ESB-E, which are spread across the Central Command area of operations. The UMT visited the Bruins in Saudi Arabia to encourage and support the Soldiers. Specifically, Chaplain Lee participated in a patching ceremony for the Soldiers signifying their service and presence in an area of hostile conditions. Chaplain Lee continues praying for the Soldiers and for everyone's safe return to JBLM. The UMT team provided cool ice lemonade and visited Soldiers across Saudi Arabia, spending time in prayer to quench not only their physical thirst but also their spiritual thirst.



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## Soldier's Corner

### June Soldiers Birthdays

ACOSTA AGUILAR ALEXIS	MORALES BOBBY
ATKINSON BILLY J	NDIAYE MALICK NICHOLAS
BENNETT KRISTEN LYNETTE	PACHECO FERNANDO MURO
BOLD JORDAN LYNN	RAYMOND ELYSE JUNE
BOMBOY RAYANN LEAH	RUNGPECHANAN T.
CLAVIJOAVILA EDISON	SALAMANCA ROMARIO
CORTEZ AMEDEUS	SINGHARATH BRANDON
CRAIG ANTHONY QUINTON	STOLL JOHN P
FIECHTNER CHRISTIAN	TAFOLLA NICOLAS JAMES
GARRIDO LUIS EDUARDO	TROUPE JR LOUGENE
HARRIS OCTAVIOUS	UNDERWOOD DONAVAN LEE
JORDAN JR JAMES HAROLD	VAZQUEZ BRANDON IVAN
KOON ANTHONY DAVID	WHITE NICHOLAS JACOB
LAGUITAN JOSHUA	YOKUM SARAH K
LEPORE NICHOLAS SCOTT	YU SUNG JIN
MOONEY RYAN THOMAS	



HHC conducts PRT on Buehring



Atlas finding cover



Bruins represent in Juneteenth 5K



Hawkeyes at work



SPC Delgado reenlists in MSAB



Bruins conduct reenlistment



Atlas in force



Atlas enjoying the weather



HHC representing at Army B-Day 5K



1SG Nollan cutting the cake



Equipment arrives at PSAB



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Family Highlights  
July Soldiers Birthdays

GATES WONDERFUL BRIAN DAY JR MARCUS ALEXANDER OVIEDO CARLOS DEJESUS JARDELEZA PHILJOSEPH REYES STROBECK ROBERT ANDREW VALAREZO JACKSUBELY R ZARAGOZA MARCO A HERNANDEZ DAVID STEVEN IVERSON SUMMER ALEXIS ERIS NATHAN ANSON BROWN SCOTT A CAMPBELL JOHNATHAN	BEACH MARY PATRICIA HEINTZ JESSICA NICOLE HASTING ALEX CORDELL CHARON WILFREDO THOMAS STUBBLEFIELD NATHANIEL CHABOT DUSTIN DAKOTA TRUJILLO-HERNANDEZ J ARROYO VIDAL O GRAVES KRISTAPHOR KYLE DEGROSS NICHOLAS THOMAS HUGGINS DANIEL DYLAN HATHAWAY BRYAN LEE
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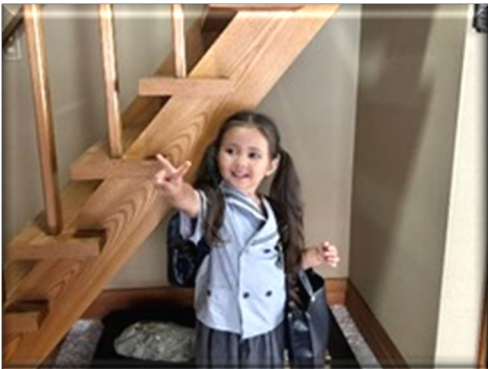
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Atkinsons Whale Watching



Mrs. Siddhidhatashatki and Mrs. Boonchaleaw in the learning for disability project



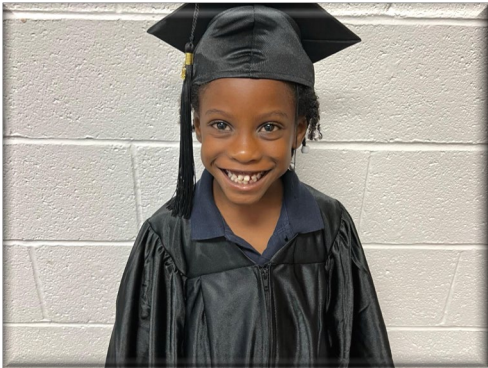
SSG Cortez daughter, Leilani



Celebrating Mrs. Atkinson's B-Day



Beck girls enjoying summer at American Lake



Wynetta Junius graduation



Visiting the local Capybaras



Whale Watching with MWR



Jerron Junius church presentation



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