

NEWSLETTER

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51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced



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Company Call Outs

HIGHLANDERS

Ryan, finished his home schooling early on October 17th. He also recently got accepted into the University of Arkansas College of Engineering! We are very proud of him and how hard he has worked!

SPC Shane Layes

ATLAS

I want to shout out to my beautiful wife, Diane. I am so proud of you for getting your driver's license and holding down the fort while I'm away. Forever and always, your honeybee.

SGT Manuel Holguin

BRUINS

I want to thank my wife and dad for their support and for staying in touch throughout the deployment. Happy Belated Birthday to my daughter Regina!

SGT Johnathan Campbell

COBRAS

Happy 4th birthday to my son, Ramis Thayer! Wish I could be there, and can't wait to see you

SGT Rashod Thayer

Commander's Corner

Happy Holidays to all the families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion – Enhanced! Over this past month we have many reasons to celebrate as we honored Veteran's Day, built comradery during Thanksgiving, and continued our countdown for our return. Team 51 continues to accomplish great work throughout the theater, and we are happily starting to begin planning for our departure. I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with friends and family. For us, each camp/base put on a great display and tried to make us feel at home, it was one of the best meals we've had thus far! As always, thank you to all the friends, Soldiers, and family members for your continued support and all that you do daily. **Always Constant!**



CSM's Corner

This past month the 51st has dominated in not only providing world class services throughout the theater, but individuals throughout the Battalion continue to excel. Cobras were able to execute an M4 range with a 100% qualification rate. The Highlanders and the Bruins both sent a total of seven leaders to the Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, adding skills and qualifications to both. Highlanders and Atlas had an opportunity participate in the Norwegian Foot March. This is proof that just because we are coming to an end of our mission here in theater, each company continues to strive for excellence in both mission and individual accomplishments. I am truly looking forward to seeing what the Soldiers accomplish in the last 60 days in theater. To our families and friends back home, we thank you for all your support, we could not achieve what we have without you. For our next newsletter, please share your Christmas decoration photos. **Always Constant!**



XO's Corner

This month, redeployment preparations are fully underway, with companies concentrating on container pack out and movement planning. The battalion bid farewell to five Soldiers redeploying this month to meet ETS or PCS requirements and expects to send another eleven Mercury Soldiers back home next month ahead of the main body. SSG Bishop, SGT Marfo, and SPC Huggins from the 51st Maintenance team were recognized this month with a coin presentation from 1140th Engineer Battalion for their hard work in assisting the unit with JBC-P maintenance, an action that helped build relationships across adjacent units for the battalion. The S1 section put a great deal of effort into processing service awards this month, as well as planning for actions upon redeployment, while the battalion S4 coordinated multiple supply actions, inventories, and GPC purchases to keep the 51st rolling along.

Highlanders...

The Hack Street Boys! Our Netops & Automations team participated in the Best Cyber Warrior Competition, a cybersecurity challenge that assesses participants' abilities in areas such as information security, ethical hacking, and digital forensics. This competition fosters a culture of cybersecurity awareness and hones the technical skills essential for modern military operations. Notably, our team, consisting of CPT Dustin Marchak, WO1 Derek Harcrow, and CW2 David Matherne, performed exemplary during the competition. Our team placed 8th out of 25 teams locally and on the global scale, they placed 35th out of 82. Our Netops team is the backbone of our network operations, ensuring reliable and secure connectivity. The team consistently monitors and manages our network infrastructure, preventing any threats. Our Automations team is pivotal when it comes to troubleshooting computer systems and accounts used daily. They ensure our team across theater can access necessary tools without interruptions, addressing issues to minimize downtime. Thanks team you're doing GREAT!

S3's Corner

The S3 would like to extend a huge greeting to our friends and families back home. The days until our return are getting closer and closer, but that does not mean the S3 has slowed down at all. Our Network Operations team consisting of CPT Dustin Marchak, CW2 David Matherne, and WO1 Derek Harcrow competed in the Best Cyber Warrior competition and placed 8th out of 25 teams locally. We also want to recognize our most junior Soldier, SPC Nathan Stubblefield for earning his promotable status! Job well done! The S3 team has also been hard at work preparing for the 2nd Quarter Best Squad competition which will occur in December. Our Unit Movement section which consists of 2LT Mitchell Holbrook and SGT Rosine Elle are also working hard to prepare personnel and equipment movements not only for the 51st ESB-E, but our future replacements as well, to assist ease the transition process during our transition. **Semper Constans!**



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Atlas...

Atlas remained busy in November, assuming additional missions and maintaining excellent support for our customers. Our Soldiers continue to demonstrate technical expertise and professionalism every day. They continue to challenge themselves mentally and physically and ensure that they take every opportunity to develop themselves and their profession. At the beginning of the month, SFC Amar distinguished himself by participating in the 2024 NETCOM Cyber Warrior Competition. Additionally, SGT Genthner completed his undergraduate degree all while leading a team in an austere and demanding environment. Physically, Atlas Soldiers took numerous opportunities to demonstrate their progress. 1LT Litchfield scored a 598 on his ACFT, achieving the highest score in the company. Five Soldiers went on to compete for and earn their Norwegian Foot March Badge. Atlas Soldiers remain driven and motivated professionals committed to excellence. **Strong and Steady!**

Bruins...

Bravo Company continues to excel in operations support and has begun preparing for re-deployment activities. With steady mission support, the company shifted focus preparing equipment for re-deployment. Our UMO team supervised the completion of sealift documents, technical inspections and pack-out procedures and will remain an ongoing task for the Bruins. The company has also initiated change of command pre-inventories, with SPC RodriguezGonzalez taking a lead role ensuring all property is prepared for the incoming commander. The Bruins participated in many training opportunities from Master Resiliency Training, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention, Equal Opportunity, and an M4 range. Many Bruin Soldiers were recognized over the course of the month, displaying their commitment to self-development and mission success. As a result, we want to recognize 2LT Bourn, 2LT Inman, CPL Abad, SPC Bazurto, and SPC Umi for their unwavering commitment living up to the Bruins call to **"Commit, Conquer, & Dominate!"**.

Cobras...

Charlie Company across the Central Command Area of Responsibility have been staying safe as we continue manning missions in five countries. As we are in our final quarter of the deployment, our focus has shifted from mission readiness to a smooth transition out of the theater and into garrison activities. We are using our final two months in theater to conduct inventories, stage equipment, and plan our activities once we redeploy. Dining facilities across the theater have gone all out for Thanksgiving, putting up decorations and cooking a variety of comfort foods for our Soldiers. We also got to celebrate promotions for 1LT Pena, SPC Vazquez, SPC Tapia, and SPC Del Riego. All four have excelled supporting missions across the theater. Platoon leadership ran an excellent rifle range for the battalion, qualifying all who participated and maintaining readiness for our Soldiers. The company is looking forward to the holidays and grateful for all the support from home. **OSOK!**

Chaplain's Corner

To celebrate Thanksgiving, the Unit Ministry Team (UMT) organized a Spiritual Fitness Reflection with Soldiers from A Co in Jordan and Soldiers from B Co and C Co in Kuwait. The event focused on fostering gratitude, spiritual wellness, and unity within the Battalion. CH Lee shared a meaningful message linking gratitude to farming, encouraging Soldiers to cultivate a thankful heart in their lives and within their communities.



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Cobras preparing to start the M4 range near Camp Buehring

Soldiers' Corner

December Soldiers' Birthdays

ALLEN LARONDA
BROWN JR EARL
BUZA ALEXANDER
DELGADO LYDIA
GROGAN KYLE
HURTADO CRISTIAN
JUNIUS FRANK
LE BRITTNEY
PROULXPLACENCIA HAILEY
REED MAURICE
REXACHTORRES JUAN
SMITH MICHAEL
STEVENS HUNTER
VEGASILVA JOSE
WALKER ARMANI



S3 dominates in new BN SHARP Escape Room



C Co completes the new BN SHARP Escape room



SFC Raymond and SFC Carter with the ARCENT CSM, CSM McCray



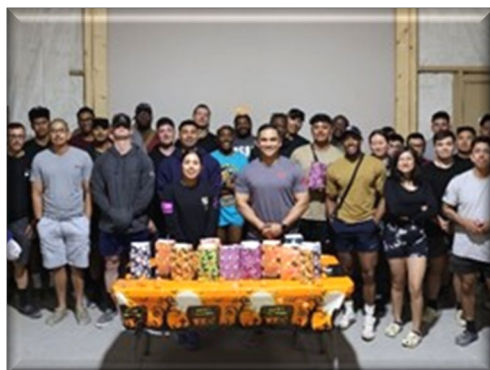
SGT Krakora working on the Hawkeye



CSM Castro awards coin of excellence to SGT Arredondo



Bruins preparing for the Best Squad Competition, schedule for December



Bruins close out the month with a morale event



CPL Abad at the International Women in Defense reception



Bruin's PSAB Flag Football Team, SPC Umi was the event coordinator



Bruin NCOs reviewing ACFT grading criteria



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SGT Encinas on a Blackhawk helicopter



Soldiers firing at the M4 range



Soldiers at the EST, preparing for the range



Cobra PLT leadership after a successful range



HHC, 51st Norwegian Ruck team!!



HHC farewells 1LT Arroyo



SPC Umi awarded a coin



SPC Bazurto awarded coin of excellence



2LT Bourn's promotion ceremony to First Lieutenant



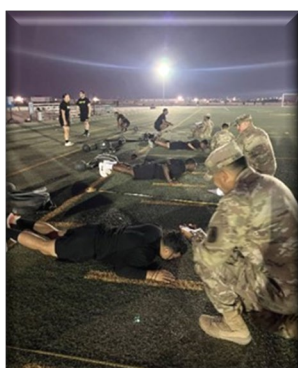
2LT Bourn & 2LT Inman complete their EOL course



Bruins conducting Forging Iron Training



Cobras awarding SSI MOHC during a bunker drill



Cobras conduct ACFT



Cobras training at Camp Buehring



SPC Hunter reenlist in front of the mural he designed



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CPT Buckner's son sneaking into his Christmas presents

Family Highlights



SGT Ramirez' wife and daughter at a Renaissance fair over the weekend



SGT Coope's daughter discovering her love for lemurs



SFC Siddhidhatashakti's family participate in a 5K



SGT Yokum's cats, Littlefoot, Cal, and Princess, getting along



SGT Coope's daughter dressing up as Cinderella



Thanksgiving at the Feed Tent at Camp Buehring



SPC Lay's younger brother accepted to Arkansa



Thanksgiving at Camp Buehring Main DFAC



SGT Oviedo and SPC Hurtados families in Puerto Rico



Atkinson's getting ready for Christmas



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From 1700 until 2100

Events Include

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Entertainment by I Corps Band

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WA 98499, United States

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