

NEWSLETTER

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51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced



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Company Call Outs

HIGHLANDERS

To my wife Adriana, thank you for all your support and everything you do to keep our family strong. We are on our last month and can't wait to see you and the kids. Love you and see you soon.

CSM Billy J. Atkinson

ATLAS

Shoutout to my beautiful fiancé, Avrie, for keeping the lawn super green and making sure our terror cat, Tyrion, gets to enjoy the view. I love you and I'm excited to be home soon.

CPT John P. Stoll

BRUINS

I want to congratulate Jennifer on her new car. I hope it brings you many miles and journeys. To my nephew Draven, who celebrated his one-year birthday in December, Happy Belated Birthday!

SPC Christian Fietchner

COBRAS

Happy 1st Birthday to my son Owen! Dad loves you and misses you!

SFC Kyle Carter

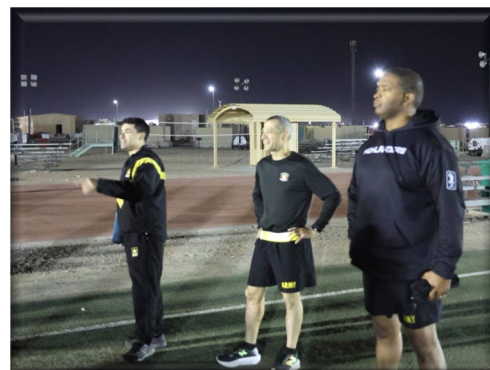
Commander's Corner

Happy New Year to all the Families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion – Enhanced! January is finally here, and there are a lot of exciting things that will take place this month! Most importantly, Team 51 continues to prepare for the arrival of 63rd ESB-E and our departure shortly thereafter. For this issue we've added a calendar at the end that highlights some of the key windows for redeployment, reintegration, and block leave. We don't know specific dates yet but will ensure Soldiers and Families know once we do. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and were able to spend time with friends and family. As always, thank you to all the friends, Soldiers, and family members for your continued support and all that you do daily. See you later this month! **Always Constant!**



CSM's Corner

As we end 2024, the excitement of the NCOs, Officers, and Soldiers is starting to build as we surpass the 30-day mark left in Theater. The month of December has been busy but rewarding. The Battalion executed the 1st Quarter Best Squad Competition, which include a board appearance, written exam, Expert Soldier Badge task, Urban Land Navigation/Map Reading, the EST (weapons qualification), and a 12-mile ruck march. SSG Garrido, SGT Stevens, SPC Hunter, SPC White, and SPC Beat from HHC came on top as the winners. Additionally, SGT Stevens and SPC Clavijo were selected as the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter in which they both competed in the 160th TSB Quarter Board, in which SGT Stevens was selected as the 160th TSB NCO of the Quarter. We also farewelled and thanked 13 service members as they redeployed earlier this month. Lastly, to all the Soldiers, Families, and friends, thank you for all your support and we are extremely excited to return home. **Always Constant!**



XO's Corner

December was a bittersweet month for the Mercury Battalion; although the holiday celebrations were tinged with the melancholy of being away from family back home, the promise of reunion is right around the corner. Administrative preparations for redeployment are well under way, with the S1 shop processing block leave requests and finalizing the service awards for Soldiers' exceptional performance in theater. For logistics and maintenance actions, the staff have been hard at work closing accounts and getting the unit clearing checklist completed. To get ready for the redeployment, the battalion has been working hand in hand with 22nd CSB and the rear detachment to plan the reception of the unit and redeployment activities upon arrival at JBLM. In the upcoming weeks, the staff are prepared to receive the TORCH and ADVON parties for the battalion's relieving unit and will set them up for continued success in the theater.

Highlanders...

Over the past month, Highlander Soldiers have conducted numerous training. The company fostered an awesome holiday season, attempting to create as much normalcy as possible. Over the last month, SGT Carlos Oviedo in particular, has stood out. SGT Oviedo played a pivotal role in the success of the Best Squad Competition, demonstrating exceptional expertise and leadership while running the M4 qualification table, claymore setup, and hand signal lanes. His in-depth knowledge of these critical tasks not only ensured the smooth operation of the competition but also contributed significantly to their overall experience and success of the participating squads. In addition, SGT Oviedo served as a safety for the M4 range and assisted with the PMI. Over the holiday season, he demonstrated his ability to boost morale and foster camaraderie within the battalion by taking on the role of the BN Santa Claus. He brought joy to Soldiers by personally delivering mail and spreading festive cheer. Overall SGT Oviedo's unwavering professionalism, exceptional technical knowledge, and commitment to fostering success underscore his invaluable contributions to the unit.

S3's Corner

Mercury Family, we are rapidly approaching the close of this chapter and a successful deployment. Deployments are tough because we are away from our families and operating in potentially dangerous locations, however, deployments is what the Army is here to do: Win our nation's wars! Your/ our presence in these forward areas is an incredible deterrent to potential threats, which you all witnessed in real-time. Much has happened in these past eight months and every one of you have contributed greatly to the success of this battalion and the successes of the warfighting units you have supported. The work is not done! We must accelerate, working extra hard to help our replacements take the torch and carry on. **Always Constant!**



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Atlas...

In December, Atlas Company wrapped up the year with remarkable achievements and festivities. Five Soldiers - SSG Cortez, SGT Worthy, CPL Day, SPC Wardlow, and SPC Smiley—showcased their skills in the Battalion's Best Squad Competition. 1LT Wicklin celebrated her promotion in an unforgettable fashion, complete with smiles and explosions. The company embraced the holiday spirit, donning gifted Hijab headwear from local Jordanians during a stylish Christmas dinner hosted by the local nationals. CPT Stoll set a new record at Tiger, becoming the first in the 1700 lbs club. Meanwhile, SSG Gacon advanced Atlas's mission by training in crane operations to support the new ALOC construction at Husky. Through dedication and teamwork, Atlas Company demonstrated their relentless commitment to excellence as they closed out the year. Strong and Steady they press on to the New Year excited for what lies ahead. **Strong and Steady!**

Bruins...

As the Bruins near the end of their tour, preparations for return to home station have been underway. The Soldiers and leaders have divested long hours in ensuring all equipment is cleaned and packed. The company transitioned to preparing for Relief in Place operations. In addition to re-deployment tasks, the company continued to train sending five Soldiers to the Battalion M4/M17 Range along with two Soldiers, SPC Fietchner and SPC Strobeck, passing the Battalion Promotion Board. Soldiers completed MEO training facilitated by our Equal Opportunity Leaders, 2LT Inman and 1LT Bourn, covering Racism and Sexism to continue to build awareness and promote an environment that influences cohesion and inclusion. Lastly, the Bruins celebrated the holidays with a Christmas Eve Dinner, a Christmas Day Party, and New Year's Eve celebration bringing morale and unit cohesion as we prepare for re-integration. We hope our Families and friends back home enjoyed the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Cobras...

Merry Cobra Christmas, and Happy New Year from Charlie Company! After 8 months of mission success, our teams are ready to hand off their missions to the 63rd ESB-E that will replace us. Every non-essential piece of equipment has been cleaned, packed, and inspected. Every team on mission has rehearsed their relief in place process, while those who have returned from missions have been conducting training and assisting the packout process. Of our team of 5 Cobras who competed in the Best Squad Competition, SPC Edison Clavijo excelled, earning Battalion Soldier of the Quarter in the process. In addition, SPC Marissa Squillante was recognized for joining the 500lb club by the unit she supports, and SPC Alejandro Yacuta and PFC Loranda Allen were commended for their performance in the 10th CAB Signal Academy. As we are in the final days of our mission here, Charlie Company has never been as technically skilled, tactically proficient, physically fit, and mission ready. **OSOK!**

Chaplain's Corner

This December, we reflect on the importance of faith, resilience, and connection. As we prepare to close the year, the UMT visited each company to encourage Soldiers and held Faith and Spiritual Awareness Events. As we approach the new year, the UMT remains committed to supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of our Soldiers. May God's abundant blessings overflow upon all Soldiers and their Families.



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Soldiers' Corner

January Soldiers' Birthdays

ADELEYE ANJOLAOLUWA
AMAR CHRISTOPHER
BABBITT EVAN
BISHOP THOMAS
BOURN WILLIAM
COOPE CALEB
GASQUE JALEEL
HARCROW DEREK
LITCHFIELD TYLER
MALDONADO DANIEL

PORTER DAWSON
PRESLEY JESSE
RAMOS JUSTIN
RICHTER DALLAS
TATE ETHAN
THAYER RASHOD
TREJO NAYELI
VILLANUEVA ALAN
WHITE NATALIE
WICKLIN REBECCA



1LT Wicklin enjoying the deployment



HHC celebrating Christmas Eve and building Gingerbread Houses



HHC host a Gingerbread House competition on Christmas Eve



The UMT visits Soldiers in Bahrain



HHC participates on Rudolph Run 5K



MSG Brown celebrates his Birthday



Bravo Company celebrated the holidays with a Christmas Eve Dinner



Bruins downloading equipment from 63rd ESB-E



1LT Wicklin's Promotion Ceremony



Atlas' Christmas celebration



CPT Stoll dominates and becomes the first to hit the 1700 lb club



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SPC Yacuta and PFC Allen receive COAs from 10th CAB



SGT Trejo after her promotion and reenlistment



Cobras rehearsing tactical reporting



1LT Pena reenlists SGT Hathaway



CPL Consier from HHC reenlists



SGT Tafolla conducts washrack OPS



Bruins conduct MEO Training



SFC Carter added to the SAMC display



HHC's Gingerbread House Competition Winner



SPC Fietchner at the USO's Santa hat DIY event



SGT Nguyen's Promotion Ceremony



51st ESB-E 1st QTR Best Squad: SSG Garrido, SGT Stevens, SPC Beat, SPC Hunter, SPC White



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1st Quarter 2025 Best Squad Competition



Welcome Brief



ACFT Brief



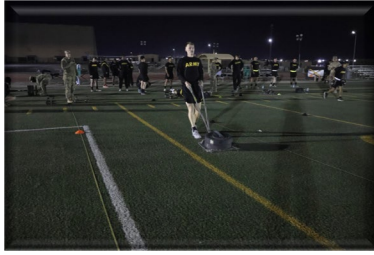
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Board Appearance



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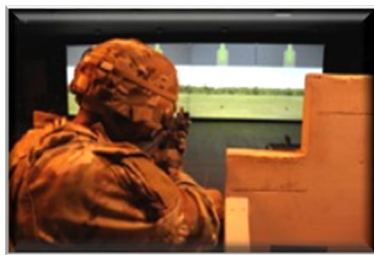
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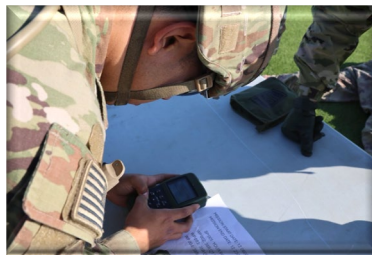
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Nora Carter, SFC Carter's spouse took their three kids to the Zoo

Family Highlights



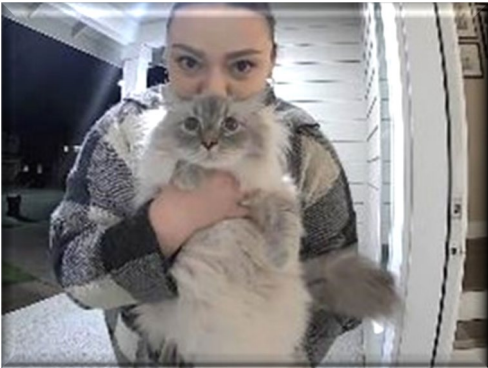
Owen Carter, SFC Carter's son celebrates his 1st Birthday



Christmas at the Atkinson's Residence



SFC Raymond's boys out and about enjoying Christmas shopping



CPT Stoll's fiancée Avrie and their cat, Tyrion



CPT Buckner's son Aunix opening Christmas presents



Christmas Dinner at the Feed Tent on Camp Buehring



Camp Buehring Christmas Tree



Monrning Sunrise on Camp Buehring



Family visiting the Atkinsons during the Christmas break



Andrea Atkinson puts together a Gingerbread house for Christmas



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51ST ESB-E UPCOMING EVENTS
JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Orange Call Sasquatch Saloon	JBLM Garrison Federal Hiring Fair		JBLM 2025 Fitness Resolution Fair
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Transfer of Authority Ceremony	Battalion Organizational Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
		DEPARTURE WINDOW				

OFF DAYS

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					State of the BN	
	BATTALION REINTEGRATION WINDOW					LEAVE WINDOW
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
LEAVE WINDOW						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Orange Call Sasquatch Saloon		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	
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Cordially Invites You to Our

Spring Dining Out

Friday, 11 April 2025

From 1700 until 2100

Events Include

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

Location: McChord Club

700 Barnes Blvd, Joint Base Lewis-McChord
WA 98499, United States

Uniform: ASU/AGSU/Dress Mess

Tickets available

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