

NEWSLETTER

ALWAYS CONSTANT

51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion - Enhanced



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Company Call Outs



HIGHLANDERS

Marissa, my love. I miss you and our daughters in the worst possible way. Can't wait to see you all soon. Yours eternally, Appley.

SFC Anthony Alvarez

ATLAS

Thank you to my wife Claire for being my biggest inspiration and strength. Going home, you are what I'm looking forward to the most!

1LT Tyler Litchfield

BRUINS

I can't wait to eat my mom's cooking. Love you mom!

SGT Gialoc Nguyen

COBRAS

Thank you to all the families and friends of Cobra Company who have had your Soldiers' backs during this time. We are grateful for your support and always serve with you in our mind.

CPT Scott Brown

Commander's Corner

Hello to all the Families, friends, and Soldiers of the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion – Enhanced! The time has finally come for us to head home! We are all excited to head back, and I could not be prouder of the personal, professional, and mission accomplishments of the Mercury Team. It has been a long 9 months, and I know there has been a lot of changes back home as well. As we return, we'll have a week of reintegration prior to beginning our block leave. Take the time to reunite, rest, recover, and I look forward to seeing everyone return safely. Should Families or Soldiers need anything at all, don't hesitate to reach out as the unit and JBLM have a lot of support and resources available for you. As always, thank you to all the friends, Soldiers, and Family members for your continued support and sacrifice. See you soon! **Always Constant!**



CSM's Corner

As the Mercury Family reads this month's newsletter, we have cased the Battalion colors and will see you all soon. I am proud to have been part of this team as the 51st has left a tremendous impact and legacy within the CENTCOM area of responsibility. Everyone within the Battalion played a critical role in the success of this deployment. We closed out the week and our deployment by casing our Battalion colors, signifying the end of our mission within the CENTCOM AOR and executing an organizational day here on Camp Buehring. We bid farewell to the 160th Theater Signal Brigade team and thank them for all their support and guidance throughout the last nine months. As we depart the theater, we look forward to joining the 22D Corps Signal Brigade team. Lastly, to all the families back home, thank you for all the support and we cannot wait to see you all soon. **Always Constant!**



XO's Corner

Redeployment is finally upon us. The battalion has successfully transferred authority to the 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion-Enhanced (ESB-E), handing off support missions to critical assets in the CENTCOM area of responsibility as well as important lessons learned to the 63rd staff. The battalion has paved the way for ESB-Es to successfully perform signal support missions in the CENTCOM area of responsibility. It has been an incredible nine months of mission support, shared hardship, and personal and organizational growth. I'm incredibly impressed by the ability of the Mercury battalion to adapt and overcome, and have a great sense of pride in being a part of this team. As we redeploy back to the United States, we are eager to reunite with family and friends, and are prepared to reset and bring our experiences to future missions. **Always Constant!**

S3's Corner

The Mercury Battalion successfully completed a tour in Southwest Asia, supporting six temporary and enduring, major operations. On very short notice, signal teams deployed across the Middle East, from the Mediterranean to the Arabian Peninsula, supporting close to 40 tactical missions and exercises, critical to the requested units, enabling their wartime missions. Some regions experienced greater tensions than others, but it is our job to go to the point of need and execute, no matter what the level of violence. I am very impressed with this battalion's dedication to the mission. Every leader in theater is grateful for the Mercury battalion's performance. Outstanding Job! **Always Constant!**

Highlanders...

Over the past month, SGT Stevens has exemplified the highest standards of professionalism, dedication, and excellence in his multifaceted roles within the Battalion. Recently named the 51st ESB-E NCO of the Quarter, SGT Stevens has not only demonstrated exceptional technical expertise but also showcased his leadership abilities and commitment to team success. His participation in the Battalions Best Squad Competition was instrumental in securing victory for the team, a testament to his unwavering work ethic. Although a mechanic by trade(91B), SGT Stevens has seamlessly transitioned to his current role in the HHC training room, where he has excelled beyond expectations. In addition to his professional accomplishments, SGT Stevens is a model of physical fitness within the company. He consistently scores over a 550 on the ACFT with his latest score being over a 560, reflecting his dedication to maintaining a high level of physical readiness. Furthermore, SGT Stevens is preparing for the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy board, showcasing his commitment to continuous self-improvement and his aspiration to embody the values of the Army's most revered leaders.



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Atlas...

With Atlas Company's mission coming to a close, the team remained busier than ever ensuring they prepared all equipment and essentials for redeployment. Atlas conducted their final deployment Army Combat Fitness Test, and the team bid ADVON personnel farewell as they redeployed in preparation for the Battalion's arrival. The team welcomed their counterparts from Able Company, 50th Expeditionary Signal Battalion – Enhanced, and contributed immensely to their successful integration and replacement network nodes. In Atlas fashion, CPT Stoll and SSG Cortez painted T-Wall murals in their operational areas, leaving a lasting impression from the team's time supporting the mission. Atlas Company remains diligent, excited to return home, and enters 2025 Strong and Steady.



Bruins...

Bravo Company successfully completed its Relief in Place (RIP)/ Transfer of Authority (TOA) operations with A/63rd ESB-E. This came following extensive preparation efforts from the Bruins in ensuring a seamless transition. As the company prepares to return home, Soldiers completed various training and tasks that are critical to re-integration. It included final pack out and inspections of remaining equipment. Soldiers were presented with their end of tour awards and enjoyed an end of tour party with a video collage looking at the amazing work they have accomplished. It is with great gratitude that Bravo Company closes its mission in the CENTCOM area of operations. We want to thank our leaders, Families and friends for their support throughout our time in theater. We look forward to seeing you all soon. **Rise Above!**



Cobras...

As we look back on our deployment and we prepare to return home, I am immensely proud of all that Cobra Company has accomplished over the past nine months. From short notice signal support missions in the midst of conflict to support that kept the 51st ESB-E running smoothly, every member of C Co has served admirably. We have kept communications up in every corner of the theater, including Bahrain, Cyprus, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, and Qatar. Cobras have gained valuable experience that they will carry with them not only through their Army careers, but the rest of their lives. The CENTCOM AOR is challenging, but C Co Soldiers throughout the theater built a reputation of excellence that leaves a lasting legacy. Building bonds of trust and fellowship, the last nine months have made us truly grateful to serve alongside the technical experts, proven leaders, and capable Soldiers of Charlie Company. **OSOK!**



Chaplain's Corner

As we conclude our deployment, January marked a key transition period with the arrival of the 63rd ESB-E. The UMT worked closely to ensure a smooth handover, setting up religious activities and support systems for the incoming team. It has been a privilege serving here in Kuwait, fostering spiritual growth and resilience among our Soldiers. Thank you to our families for their prayers and support during the deployment.



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Soldiers' Highlights February Soldiers' Birthdays

FRY CHRISTOPHER
ELIAS BRANDON
PIMENTEL JACOB
STORY DAVIAN
TAAKE ALEKSANDR
DELONEY FRANKLIN
MCBANE MATTHEW
GRIFFIN DANANGELO

HARTIGAN ROBERT
WARD BRANSON
RODRIGUEZ RICARDO
LOPEZ GABRIEL
FARKAS JOHNATHAN
MONTGOMERY MILLION
LOGAN MALIK
MAJOR JAKIYAH



B Co personnel conducting ROC Drill in preparation for A/63rd ESB-E arrival



B Co during their End of Tour Party



B Co conducting RIP inventories with A/63rd ESB-E for the SMART-T system



A Co celebrating the end of their tour



CPL Begaye working on the CO's T-Wall logo



A Co executing ACFT prior to redeployment



B Co leaders huddle to review the 96-hour re-deployment timeline



C Co enjoying care packages



C Co in the gym, working together



C Co reenlisting in fashion



A Co packing containers to prep for movement back home



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SSG Cortez takes a picture with the Atlas T-Wall



C Co officially change out with 63rd



C Co getting ready to depart AOR



C Co getting ready to fly



B Co furling it's company guidon



Congrats to SGT Shelly's acceptance to Green to Gold



CPL Llayra Abad received PSAB 1SG Coin



HHC wins 2nd and 3rd Place in Ping Pong tournament



51st ESB-E T-Wall: Designed by SPC Hunter and painted by SSG Charon, SSG Marin, SSG Ornelas, SSG Beach, CPL Consier, SPC Bennet, SPC Hunter, and PFC Major



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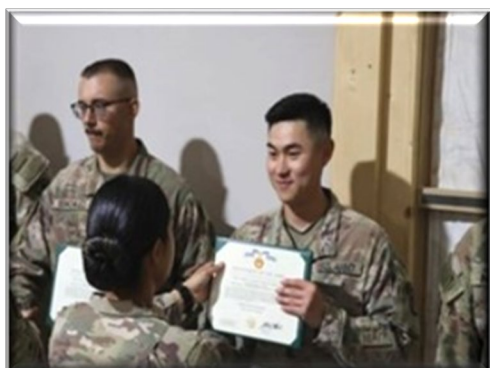
HHC presents end of tour awards



COL Paff awarding end of tour awards to ADVON personnel



HHC presents end of tour awards



B Co Soldiers were awarded their end of tour Awards



COL Paff awarding end of tour awards to ADVON personnel



COL Paff awarding end of tour awards to ADVON personnel



51st Team presents 160th a small gift prior to the TOA Ceremony



160th Team presents 51st with a small gift prior to the TOA Ceremony



51st ESB-E conducts TOA Ceremony with 63rd ESB-E



COL Paff presents end of tour awards prior to the TOA Ceremony



COL Paff presents BDE Coin of Excellence prior to TOA Ceremony



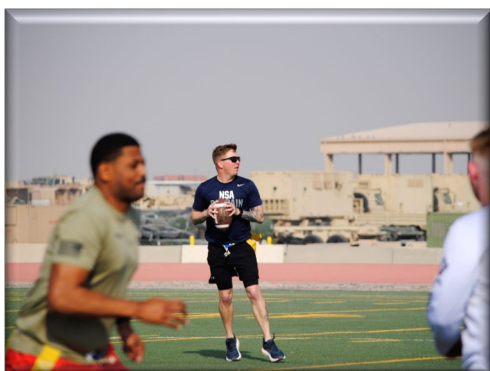
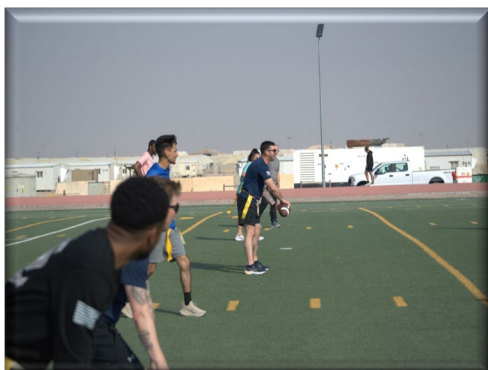
160th TSB, 51st ESB-E, and 63rd ESB-E Color Guard



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Buehring Organizational Day



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FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
		DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL WINDOW				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		MWR JOB FAIR			-State of the BN -Unit Polos	
	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		
LEAVE WINDOW						
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
LEAVE WINDOW					Unit Polos	

OFF DAYS

JBLM EVENTS

BN EVENTS

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		2nd Quarter Best Squad Competition			-NCO Induction Ceremony -ASU/AGSU Uniform	Shamrock 5K & 1K
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				BN Hail and Farewell	Unit Polos	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

51ST ESB-E UPCOMING EVENTS

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51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion–Enhanced

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

<https://51stesbediningout.rsvpify.com/>



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