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Commander's Corner

February remained a high tempo month for the battalion as our teams executed missions across multiple theaters with professionalism and precision. We concluded support to Keen Edge in Japan, sent six SNN teams to deliver critical communications for Cobra Gold in Thailand, one team to JPMRC 26 02 in Alaska, and one SNN team deployed to the Philippines in support of SN/BK. Here on JBLM, our teams provided outstanding support to the BN CPX and the COMMEs for 555th EN Brigade, 201st MI Brigade, and 17th FAB. The continuous stream of positive feedback from supported commanders reflects the battalion's technical excellence and disciplined execution. As we transition into March, our focus fully shifts to preparing for Courage Lethality, where the Corps HQ and all MSCs will assess our readiness for LSCO. I am confident the battalion will meet this challenge head on before we move into a more deliberate OPTEMPO over the summer. **ALWAYS CONSTANT!**



CSM's Corner

As my time as the Battalion CSM for Team 51st comes to an end next week, I want to express my sincere pride and gratitude for having served with each and every one of you. This past month has been a testament to your dedication, as we've enhanced our lethality by focusing on survivability, validating teams during our recent FTX, sending teams out to JPMRC, Keen Edge, Cobra Gold, and improving our marksmanship skills during the M320, M249, and M4 ranges. Additionally, it was a great pleasure in joining all the noncommissioned officers in the Battalion in our monthly NCO run down to Solo Point and back. Please join me in congratulating our newly promoted leaders: SPC(P) Foster, who was recommended for promotion, and CPL Green, CPL Guerra, and CPL Vazquez, who will all be promoted to Sergeant on 01 March. Lastly, I am forever grateful to everyone who assisted in the planning and execution of the 5K Run and Farewell; your hard work did not go unnoticed. Thank you all for your service.

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XO's Corner

February flew by in the blink of an eye, marked by significant progress and key events for the Mercury Battalion. The staff completed the military decision-making process to refine concepts for the Battalion Mobile Command Post, focusing on minimizing signature and enhancing survivability for Courage Lethality and future field exercises. During the Lethal Mercury CPX, the staff practiced reporting and field processes to improve operational efficiency. Professional development was a highlight, with a visit from CECOM CG, MG Turinetti, and an OPD led by LTC Brinkman, Commander of the 125th DSB, focused on Division Signal Battalion operations. The Battalion bid farewell to CSM Atkinson with a 5K run and a Farewell Dinner at Sasquatch Saloon. Mercury Battalion continues to excel, supporting Operation Pathways and preparing for Courage Lethality. **Always Constant!**



S1's Corner

This month the S1 has focused on getting back to the basics. Starting off strong by testing our systems and processes during the Battalion CPX, where the Soldiers tracked and maintained accountability of personnel using lower TI and analog products. Additionally, to better serve the Soldiers of 51st ESB-E, SSG Ross did some one-on-one training with JBLM's Installation HR Trainer. During this weeklong training, they covered IPPS-A Detailed Review/Help, IPPS-A to "S1" Functionalities, current S1 team member roles and Supervisory Attributes w/IPPS-A, and L2-PA Mapping. We look forward to the knowledge that SSG Ross is preparing to bring back to the team so we can continue to provide top-tier customer service. **Always Constant!**



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S3's Corner

February has been our busiest month yet, with the S3 shop fully engaged in supporting multiple missions across the globe. The NETOPs team was at the forefront, with CW2 Hernandez deploying to Thailand to provide direct support for Cobra Gold, while the rest of the team delivered over-the-horizon NETOPs support from JBLM. Additionally, the S3 shop began assisting the BDE NOSC with LNO requirements, further enhancing mission coordination. Altogether, the S3 shop has supported operations in Alaska, Thailand, the Philippines, and here at JBLM, showcasing our ability to manage complex, multi-location missions. Meanwhile, the CUOPs team played a vital role in supporting Range Density weeks, ensuring readiness across the Battalion, and assisting HHC with their M4 range. February's efforts highlight the dedication and teamwork of the S3 shop—outstanding work as we continue driving mission success! **Always Constant!**



Chaplain's Corner

In February, the Unit Ministry Team continued its commitment to strengthening Soldier and leader resilience across the 51st ESB-E. The Coffee with Chappy - Domestic Violence Prevention Class, held with Alpha Company, provided practical, scenario-based discussion designed to help Soldiers recognize early warning signs of conflict and understand available support resources. Additionally, a Prayer Breakfast for Company and Platoon leaders, creating space for meaningful conversation, encouragement, and reflection. These gatherings provided leaders with the opportunity to pause from operational demands, strengthen relational trust, and refocus on servant leadership. Through fellowship, prayer, and open dialogue, the events fostered unity and spiritual resilience within the formation. **Always Constant!**



Hounds...

It's been a good month with successful field training for the Soldiers of Hound Company. We started the month prepping vehicles and equipment and then spent a couple nights in the woods rehearsing command post operations. It's not glamorous to practice reporting, command and control, and sustainment, but as a headquarters company it's essential to support our sister companies. Between update briefs, we of course found time for tactical training, including a movement under night vision. Overall, we showed great improvement over the training we conducted last September and feel confident as we prepare for Courage Lethality in April. Toward the end of the month, we hosted the battalion's M4 range, run by 2LT Jessup, further increasing the lethality of the formation. As always, the HHC command team remains proud of our Soldiers and their continued dedication to the mission and each other. **Raise Hell!**



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Atlas...

Alpha Company remains steadfast in its commitment to operational readiness and mission success. The company has deployed 10 nodes in support of Pacific Pathway operations, including Keen Edge, Cobra Gold, and Salaknib/Balikatan. Locally, 5 teams are preparing for 17FAB's COMMEX/DIGEX at the end of February and TOCEX in early March, while continuing to support MSC requirements for Courage Lethality in April. Preparation for CL emphasizes troubleshooting, reporting systems, and Starshield/TRILOS proficiency across dispersed locations such as YTC, Camp Rilea, JBLM, and ICTC. Training during the BDE/BN CPX enhanced survivability, reporting methods, and command post operations, validating MET tasks and strengthening team capabilities. Equipment readiness remains a priority, with targeted efforts on JBCPs and 1523s, while leveraging ERDS to expedite turn-ins and replacements for modernization. Alpha Company also bid farewell to SFC Lougene Troop (Fort Shafter, HI) and 1LT Devon Stapleton (Fort Bragg, NC), recognizing their contributions and wishing them success in their future endeavors. Alpha Company continues to excel in personnel, equipment, and mission preparation for future operations. **Always Constant!**



Bruins...

The battalion has maintained a high operational tempo, recently concluding several key missions. We proudly sent two teams to Thailand to support the multinational Cobra Gold exercise, strengthening partnerships, readiness, and increasing our lethality. Closer to home, our teams wrapped up a successful mission providing critical C2 capabilities, the 62d Medical Brigade. Demonstrating our commitment to training, the battalion executed a demanding Command Post Exercise (CPX). During this exercise, the company concurrently certified three SNN teams during the day and one at night, ensuring our Soldiers are ready for any challenge. Preparations are now underway to send personnel to support the SN/BK mission in Thailand next month. This continued engagement underscores our dedication to operations and partnership across the globe. **Rise Above!**



Cobras...

Greetings Cobra Family, as we move through February our teams continue to demonstrate readiness and expertise across the globe. Node 430 is providing crucial support to the 864th at FWAK, supporting their BN TOC in enabling a river crossing during JPMRC 26-02. Internationally, Nodes 460 and 570 are in Thailand, successfully integrating with teams from 1-2 SBCT and 5-20 IN. Following a successful COMMEX from February 2-6, our teams are eager to utilize newly trunked switches for 555's upcoming CPX. The teams supporting 201st conducted a successful CPX from 17-20 February and are postured for upcoming mission support. Looking ahead, all Courage Lethality nodes are preparing for BN and BDE COMMEX scheduled for the end of March. At home, the company has completed the BN/BDE CPX and is validating two additional SNNs, which would bring our total to 15 validated nodes, 14 available during the Courage Lethality window. Last, the company efficiently relocated all CONNEXs and Rolling Stock and provided essential support to the forklift team, enabling them to support our adjacent BN. **Always Constant!**



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Promotion Board

Soldiers' Highlights
March Soldiers' Birthdays

BOCH ERICK
CARKEEK KALEL
COOPER JR JAMI
DUPUY ROONEY
FORREST WAYNE
GARZA MICHAEL
GRAHAM MICHAEL
MANTZ SEAN
MELENDEZ EDEN
MINJA NICKSON

PENA JENNIFER
ROMAN TYRA
SEYBERT NATHAN
SQUILLANTE MARISSA
TETER CALEB
TONG JENEVIEVE
TRIMBLE DEREK
WELLS CADEN
WILLIAMS DAKOTA



BN Coin Presentation



CSM field walk



Tent set up



SNN Set up



Plaque for 1LT Stapleton



PCS award for SFC Troupe



Plaque for SFC Troupe



Coined by BC



PCS award for 1LT Stapleton



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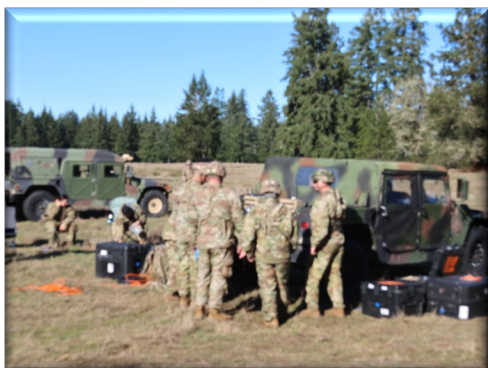
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CSM 5K and Farewell



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51ST ESB-E UPCOMING EVENTS March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Orange Call BN RoR	6	7 JBLM Pickleball Tournament
8	9	10 NAF Job Fair	11	12	13 SFH Basketball Tournament AGSU	14
15	16	17 BN Promotion Board	18	19 Leaders Call LEGO Club	20 Lifeguard Training	21
22	23	24	25 BN NCO/Soldier of the Quarter Board	26 Pool tournaments	27 BN Polo Day NCO Run	28
29 Pizza & Bowling	30	31	1	2	3	4

OFF DAYS JBLM EVENTS BN EVENTS

APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Orange Call Pokemon Plus +	3 Lifeguard Training	4
5	6	7 NAF Job Fair	8	9	10 SFH Basketball Tournament	11
12	13	14 BN Promotion Board	15	16 Leaders Call	17	18 Rock n' Glow Bowling
19	20	21	22	23	24 BN Polo Day NCO Run	25
26	27 Welcome Luncheon	28	29	30 BN H&F	1	2



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