

Regional Command Southwest *Round-up*

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NEWS

Afghans clear Sangin Valley prior to elections

Story and photos by Cpl. Joshua Young



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - Afghan National Army soldiers with 2nd and 3rd Brigades, 215th Corps, teamed with the Afghan Uniform Police and other Afghan National Security Forces to conduct a completely Afghan-led operation called Oqab 144, with only advisor-related help from coalition forces. ([Read the STORY](#))

Camp Pendleton-based unit assumes command in southwest Afghanistan

Story by Staff Sgt. John Jackson

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Marines and sailors of II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) handed over responsibility as the command element of Regional Command (Southwest) to the Marines and sailors of Marine Expeditionary Brigade – Afghanistan during a transfer of authority ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Feb. 5. ([Read the STORY](#))



Last Marine Aviation Transfer of Authority in Afghanistan

Story and photos by Sgt. Jessica Ostroska



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Marines and sailors with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) handed over the responsibilities as the aviation combat element for Regional Command (Southwest) to 3rd MAW (Fwd) during a transfer of authority ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Feb. 4. ([Read the STORY](#))

Marine in Afghanistan promoted, awarded for six-course meal at patrol base

Story and Photos by Cpl. Cody Haas

PATROL BASE BOLDAK, Afghanistan – Infantry Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, stationed at Patrol Base Boldak in Helmand province, Afghanistan, have few luxuries while patrolling an area roughly half the size of Rhode Island. However, one such luxury they do have is a warm, satisfying meal three times a day, thanks to Sgt. Marcus Myers. ([Read the STORY](#))



Marine administers Oath of Enlistment to son via webcam from Afghanistan

Story by 1st Lt. Skye Martin



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - “As an officer, it’s an honor to be able to promote or re-enlist a young Marine. I’ve done tons of promotions and it’s an honor when they come up and ask you, ‘Hey, sir, will you do this for me?’ It’s something that they thought about—something about you that made an impression on them and made them want you to promote or re-enlist them,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Wayne D. Duree Sr., engineer equipment officer, Regional Command (Southwest). ([Read the STORY](#))

‘Doc Brute’ trains, advises, assists Afghan medical staff

Story and photos by Cpl. Joshua Young

FORWARD OPERATING BASE NOLAY, Afghanistan - The Mr. Potato Head toy with an oversized mustache stands next to an American flag hung above three flak jackets in the medical tent. One of the flaks belongs to a sailor with a mustache to rival that of Mr. Potato Head, a corpsman nicknamed “Doc Brute.” ([Read the STORY](#))



PHOTOS

Marines conduct live-fire range aboard Camp Leatherneck

Photos by Sgt. Jessica Ostroska



Marines with Marine Expeditionary Brigade – Afghanistan shoot rounds down range as they walk toward their targets during a live-fire range exercise aboard Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 11, 2014. The exercise was used to prepare Marines to respond to a hostile threat aboard the base should one arise. ([See the PHOTOS](#))

1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment Marine receives Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Photos by Cpl. Cody Haas

Lance Cpl. Paul Guerrieri, right, an infantryman with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regional Command (Southwest), receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from his company commander, Capt. Paul Haagenson, during an award ceremony aboard Patrol Base Boldak in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 4, 2014. Guerrieri was personally responsible for the operational readiness and daily functioning of the patrol base and displayed superior performance of his duties while serving in the billet of police sergeant. ([See the PHOTOS](#))



VIDEO

Maj. Shannon Greene

Video by Staff Sgt. John Jackson



Maj. Shannon Greene, executive officer, Brigade Headquarters Group – Afghanistan, surprises her son for Valentine's Day and talks with KGTV-TV in San Diego. ([Watch the VIDEO](#))

'Doc Brute' Puts Morale, Mission First

Video by Cpl. Joshua Young

Petty Officer 3rd Class Kristopher Krysa, 27, from La Grange Park, Ill., a medical advisor with Security Force Assistance Advisor Team 2-215, puts the mission and morale first aboard Forward Operating Base Nalay, Helmand province, Afghanistan. ([Watch the VIDEO](#))



Generator Mechanic Boosts FOB Morale, Takes on Multiple Tasks

Video by Cpl. Joshua Young



Sergeant Eddie Glowacki, a generator mechanic with Security Force Assistance Advisor Team 2-215, wakes up early every morning with two things in mind: to build morale and to get as much done as possible for the day. ([Watch the VIDEO](#))

45 Valentine's Day Shout-outs

Video by Sgt. Frances Johnson and Cpl. Joshua Young

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