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LETHAL WARRIOR 6 - LTC BRIAN PEARL



LTC Brian Pearl
Battalion Commander
Task Force Lethal

Greetings from Afghanistan! A great job by our battalion staff and our companies to get out the first installment of the

“Lethal Times”, our quarterly battalion newsletter. I hope everyone is able to enjoy and keep up with our Lethal Warriors here in Afghanistan. Our Soldiers have been doing their normal exceptional job on operations and we have tried to highlight this in the newsletter. As the weather cools a bit their conditions are improving also. It’s a privilege to be a part of such a great team!

Many changes have occurred over the past cou-

ple of months and none are bigger than the change out of our Command Sergeant Major. Thanks to all Command Sergeant Major Sasser has done for the Lethal Warriors over the past 3+ years, as he has stepped up as Mountain Warrior 7; the Brigade Command Sergeant Major. His impact on the Lethal Warrior Battalion will be felt for years.

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LETHAL WARRIOR 7 - CSM NEIL RIVERS

FOB BLESSING - It is a complete honor, and I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been selected as this Battalion’s Command Sergeant Major. While I have been here for only a short period of time the one thing that stands out above all others is the fact that the Soldiers, Leaders, Friends and Families of this organization are a team that takes pride in everything

they do...truly phenomenal.

The weather here in the Pesh and Korengal river valleys is surprisingly warm for this time of year. Our average temperatures range between 85 and 90 degrees and dip down to around 60 at night. It shouldn’t be too long before we start to see some cooler weather, but nothing like what you are currently experiencing

back there at home. It will be a welcomed change for most of our Soldiers, especially those in Jalalabad; when the change does come.

During the month of September we assisted the local Afghan Government by providing additional security in the form of combat patrols during

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With change comes new faces and we have welcomed Command Sergeant Major Neil Rivers to the team as Lethal 7; our Battalion Command Sergeant Major. CSM Rivers is coming from I-32 Infantry and FT Drum, NY. A welcomed addition to our team and he has hit the ground running.

Our companies led a very successful effort during the Afghanistan elections process. Their efforts exceeded all expectations throughout our area of operations, both on the Afghanistan government side and the coalition side. The elections process and the ability to not allow Anti-Afghan forces the ability to effect the national elections will have a significant effect on Afghanistan's future. A great job by our Soldiers!

R&R leave is in full swing and it is great seeing our Soldiers get some time back with their families at home. A well deserved break. As we continue to push our Soldiers back on leave make sure you enjoy yourselves and your time spent together. Understand that our Soldiers will be tired and jet lagged with the time changes, so do not try to do too much the first day or so. I cannot over emphasize safety, patience and risk mitigation with our time at home.

Our battalion has not conducted operations in Afghanistan without a price. We have had four Lethal Warriors who have paid the ultimate sacrifice; PV2 Stephen Drees (D-Co), SGT Greg Missman (F-Co), SGT Matt Ingram (D-Co), and SGT Youvert Loney (C-Co). They will always be in our hearts and in our memories. Our thoughts and prayers go to their families.

If you want the latest pictures and updates of your Lethal Warriors do not forget to check on the Virtual FRG website. A great way to get the latest. Also, we always have numerous photographers from around the world visiting our battalion and they always have pics of our soldiers on the web. Just Google 2-12 Pictures 2009 and see what comes up.

Best to all our Lethal Warrior Families and our Lethal Warriors! Thank you for your never ending support and prayers for our Lethal Warrior Team!

-LTC Brian Pearl
"Lethal 6"

LTC Pearl briefs the plan during a hasty raid in Matin to detain AAF



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their religious holiday known as Ramadan. This allowed our Afghan National Security Partners such as the Afghan National Army (ANA), and the Afghan National Police (ANP) to continue with their security operations while allowing them the opportunity to observe their religious beliefs.

During the observation of Ramadan the local population fasts for a period of about thirty days abstaining from the consumption of food and beverage from sun up until sun down. Several of our Soldiers decided to try it out for themselves and found that it is not as easy as it sounds, but at the same time it gave them a better understanding and more insight into the lives of the local population. September also marked the tragic loss of one of our own. SGT Youvert Loney was killed in action while conducting a combat patrol from Camp Able Main in route to FOB Blessing. SGT Loney's vehicle was struck with an enemy Rocket Propelled Grenade after his patrol was caught in an ambush. SGT Loney was a tremendous source of inspiration to all of the Soldiers and Leaders in this battalion, a true hero, and will be greatly missed by all. Our deepest sympathy and regrets go out to his family. May he rest in peace.

All of the Combat Out-Posts have undergone some significant changes this month. The Soldiers have

made some huge improvements to their living conditions by utilizing a little ingenuity and a whole lot of hard work. Every time the Battalion Commander and myself visit the locations where our Soldiers are living, we are literally floored by the progress that they have made. In places where assets are sometimes in short supply, the Soldiers develop ingenious ways to work around those shortages. There is nothing more Lethal than one of our Soldiers equipped with a few power tools, a hammer, a roll of duct tape, and a little bit of time on their hands. These are the times where you find out where all of the hidden talent is. Truly remarkable progress for which they are to be commended.

Our congratulations go out to SFC Dillon, SFC Sitton, and SSG Carter for being selected to the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club board that was held in Bagram on the 25th of September. These superlative NCO's turned out nothing but superior performances under the tutelage of ISG Burdine who was representing them as their sponsor. We recognize the fact that they epitomize what it means to be a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Lethal Warriors... tough, energetic, physically fit, intelligent, caring, committed, and competent! Great Job!

Christmas will soon be upon us. I know that the Soldiers really love

getting packages and letters from home and during the holidays it is critical to their morale. The mail delivery system, as you all know, is somewhat slow. This is mainly due to the fact that a lot of our locations depend on the use of aviation assets to deliver them their supplies, to include mail, and between mechanical issues, the weather, and the enemy it can sometimes delay the process beyond any measure of our control. I would encourage everyone to start sending their Christmas packages and letters before the end of October. The increase in mail volume around the holiday season will only create more delays.

I want to again thank all of the friends and families of the Lethal Warrior battalion for your continued support. Without your efforts our job over here in Afghanistan would be immeasurably more difficult. Thank you and God Bless,

-CSM Neil C. Rivers

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Soldiers on patrol in Area of Operation (AO) Gator

“Out of every 100 Afghans, 95 of them are good people with a very rich culture and beliefs system”

GATOR 6 - CPT Kevin Hutcheson

FOB BLESSING - The first four months of the deployment have been incredibly busy. If you are a loyal reader of the Gator Company monthly newsletter you will be very familiar with what our company has been doing. If not, I'll do my best to give you a quick update as to what your Soldiers are doing out here every day. To break it down, every month we have been here we have shifted our focus, either mentally or by what is going on here that has caused us to be very flexible in how we deal with daily dilemmas. The most important thing is that we are learning something new every single day, your Soldiers understand why they are here, and they know how

to get the job done; and that requires us to spend just as much or more time trying to make friends rather than looking for fights to get into.

In June and most of July we were just getting our feet wet. We got out into sector and did what we could to meet new people, tell them who Gator Company was and what we are about. We were pretty successful with this making an easier transition to the elections. As July came to a close and August came, elections prep and execution was in full swing. Your men went to Chapa Dara and defended those peoples' right to vote. This is a truly rewarding experience as it is something that we take for granted in America; these people wanted to exercise the rights that we in the military fight nobly to defend every day. As the elec-

tions closed out and life in the Kunar got back to “normal”, resumption of projects and building upon relationships we'd forged from the beginning was again priority number one. Your men are responsible for all these changes through their honest interest in improving the lives of the everyday Afghan citizen. Out of every 100 Afghans, 95 of them are good people with a very rich culture and beliefs system; the other 5 are the bad guys that we are doing our best to root out. We will continue to support the Afghan people and their fledgling government. Operations we have conducted and will conduct in the future are vital to the security and stability of the entire valley.

-CPT Kevin W. Hutcheson



Above: Soldiers from Gator Company prepare for an air assault to support troops in contact

Right: 2nd Platoon Soldiers prepare for pre-mission patrol brief on FOB BLESSING



GATOR 7 - ISG Mark Eckstrom

FOB BLESSING - To the families of the Lethal Warriors we thank you for all of the support that you have given to Gator Company Soldiers in the past few months. We are working on our fourth month and I could not be prouder of the Soldiers of Gator. All of the platoons have been assigned to different areas within the Battalion sector with great results throughout. They have also all been called to complete missions into other units' areas and have received commendations from those commanders.

When we first arrived we were combating the heat and the mountains, both extreme. It has started to cool down and your Soldiers are becoming experts at traversing the different elevations. Getting to know the people and their culture has been fun. I think that by now everyone has had the opportunity to try goat as the main course for a meal, some Soldiers have politely said "I'll pass".

From my point of view I would say that the deployment could be broken into two different phases, Pre-election and Post election, both just as important. Leading into the election we helped the Afghan people know that they could be comfortable going to the poling sites marking their ballot. Now we have to secure their confidence to follow thru with the decisions that they have made to be a people that has a voice in who will lead them. I know that the people of the Kunar providence will be forever grateful to the Lethal Warrior Soldiers.

Talking to the Soldiers every day I can tell you that they all have something in common. You! They all continue to their jobs knowing that at the end of it all we will end up at home proud of what we have done and proud to be in America with Family and Loved ones.

-ISG Mark Eckstrom

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Above: ILT Capaso and SSG Bates talk during a patrol



Above: Gator on patrol in the Manogai District of Afghanistan

Left: The Men of Gator Company



SGT Alverado administers first aid to local Korengal Resi-

BAKER 6—CPT Mark Moretti

KORENGAL OUTPOST - Three months have gone by already. It's hard to believe that the time has gone by this fast, and this slow at the same time. I can say that the weather is cooling off a bit, which makes patrolling and working here a little more bearable. Being used to temperatures well over 100 degrees; even the slightest drop is welcomed.

Baker Company Soldiers are continuing their hard work here in the Valley, and earning every bit of praise they get within the Army and from the media coverage that has come through. It is truly an honor to watch them in action. Not only are they taking the fight to the enemy, but making an impact on the infrastructure within the local community. A district center has already been built and a local clinic is in the final stages. These two small additions will improve the life of the locals more than most people realize. These two buildings will leave a lasting impression on the local Afghan people. Our Soldiers are working to help the villagers everyday; from building the clinic to bringing in Humanitarian aid to helping with agricultural projects. All that being said, the fight here is difficult, but Baker Company has performed extraordinarily well and has exceeded every expectation already. Your Soldiers are determined, motivated, and well-trained, which translates into a scared enemy.

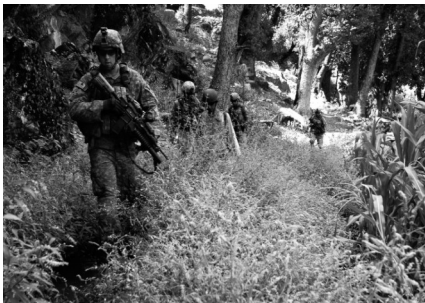
Living conditions are difficult, but we are making constant improvements and trying to relieve some of the pressures of deployment by getting TV, ice cream, and quality food to our boys. Care packages help ease that pressure as well, so keep them coming! Every single one is appreciated as getting mail is like Christmas. We try and get the guys as much time off as we can, but the pace has been fast and furious for the past three months. Winter will hopefully see a decrease in activity and give our guys some much needed rest. Walking up and down the mountains here takes a toll on even our most fit Soldier, but they do it every day without complaint and always (well, almost) with a smile on their face. I am in constant awe of this Company. Our NCOs, down to the newest Private, are all performing above the level expected. A testament to that are the pictures and videos that have been taken out here, featured in media outlets such as CNN, TIME Magazine, Fox News, and Youtube.

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In the last three months we have had several new additions to the Baker Company family with new babies being born to SSG Bailey, SSG Morris, PFC Freeman, and SGT Palacios. We have had several promotions as well with SGT Morris being promoted to Staff Sergeant, SPC Dubious being promoted to Sergeant, and PFC Cardenas to Specialist. One of my great pleasures as the Commander is being able to promote Soldiers like these who truly deserve it. The Company has also had several Soldiers given awards for Valorous actions under fire. SSG Velazquez, SGT Lopez, PVT Reuter, SPC Cardenas, SPC Sanchez, and 1LT Knapp were all awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Valor. These Soldiers are an inspiration and deserve these awards without doubt.

Unfortunately we have had several of our own injured in the past 3 months. SPC Vojtas, SGT Goodrich and PFC Dover being the most serious. PV2 Romero was also injured and is currently recovering in Qatar. Our prayers are with them and their families and we wish them a speedy recovery.

I want to thank everyone back home for their support and love during the past few months. You keep all of us going, so I ask for your continued support. We are one-fourth of the way down but still have a way to go. Your Soldiers need you more than ever. Leave is on-going and we are trying to give everyone some predictability on when they will be getting home. Unfortunately sometimes changes have to be made, so please be understanding. We will continue with the monthly Company newsletter and will continue sending pictures back with them. Thank you again and please let the FRG, or myself, know if there is anything you need or want from us. We look forward to seeing our families again soon and God Bless.



Baker Soldiers on patrol in the Korengal Valley

- CPT Mark C. Moretti, Baker 6

BAKER 7 - 1SG Christopher Noell

KORENGAL OUT-POST - I hope this edition of the Family Readiness Group Newsletter finds everyone in great health and spirits. Once again I would like to thank all the families and friends for



your unwavering support during this deployment. These Soldiers and young leaders continue to strive for greatness and that is very humbling to see. Nothing better than seeing or hearing of a Soldier that turns the tables on a patrol due to his recalibrated eye detecting the enemy, his outstanding timely reports, or his fearless movements that support the movements of his Ranger Buddy. Without this Warrior Spirit we would no doubt be in bad shape at this point of the deployment.

I know that we are still nine months from re-deployment, but with the Holiday season rapidly approaching there is a light flickering to our 12 o'clock. The cooler weather will bring a drop in the enemy's activities and allow us the opportunity that we rarely get, to help the people of the Valley with some Humanitarian Relief. To some this

makes no sense, we go out and get shot at, but we are going to go out there and help them after all of that. We do this because "WE CAN". If not us, then who has always been the question. The goal is to win the hearts and minds of those that can be swayed and brought back into the fold with the rest of the "law abiding" people of the valley and country. The goal will always be to help those that need and want help. At this point the enemy has the local people scared for their lives and this makes it hard to make headway in the effort to help them recover and join the country in the

rebuilding effort. Wish us luck in our own efforts.

As you are aware, the mail has been moving slow out here to us in the Valley. With the elections the whole Brigade saw a huge slow down of mail due to attacks that forced us to "squat and hold" on the delivery of mail. So now we are playing that age old

Clockwise from Top: The picturesque Korengal Valley; Soldiers on patrol in the rugged terrain; Patrolling past harvested Korengal timber; SPC Sanchez maintains security during patrol

game of... Catch Up. We will get all

of our mail out here and delivered into the hands of your Soldier so he can enjoy the great treats that you have sent. With leave we are in the same boat, this time mainly due to the weather. Thunderstorms this time of year can creep up on us and that cancels flights out of the valley. We do our best here, but once again we are at the mercy of the powers that be. Patience is a virtue and that has turned into a way of life for the Soldiers here. We are improving our systems from the top down and we will see a great increase in predictability in all things out here.

Once again, thank you for your outstanding support. Continue to keep the home fires burning and we will be home before you know it.

Rangers

Lead The Way,
1SG Christopher Noell

CHOSEN 6 - CPT Shaun Conlin

COP HONAKER-MIRACLE -

Dear Friends and Family of the Chosen,

Eid Mubarak! As the Islamic holy month of Ramadan comes to a close with the holiday of Eid al Fitr, the Chosen have accomplished a great deal during the toughest period of our deployment. While the first snow settles at our home station in Colorado, Afghanistan still clings to summer weather with temperatures reaching the upper 90s during the day. Even in the oppressive heat, the men continue to go above and beyond to accomplish their tasks to make each day better than the one before.

2nd Platoon at COP Xio Haq has improved the security situation on Afghanistan's main highway by reducing attacks over 75%. In between patrols, they've diligently built their COP to make it more suitable in the event they have to stay there the entire year. More computers and phones have been ordered and the gym will be getting a drop of new equipment. With the support of I-221 CAV out of Indiana, the Wolfpack of 2nd Platoon have improved their quality of life and provided security for a critical piece of infrastructure.

4th Platoon from Dagger Company has the unenviable task of building the capacity of the Afghan National Police along the Pech River Road through training and joint patrols. Through consistent

presence and hard work, the ANP have taken a more proactive approach to security in their community and are finally taking the lead in settling civil disputes. 4th Platoon has proven their mettle more than once and is a great addition to this company.

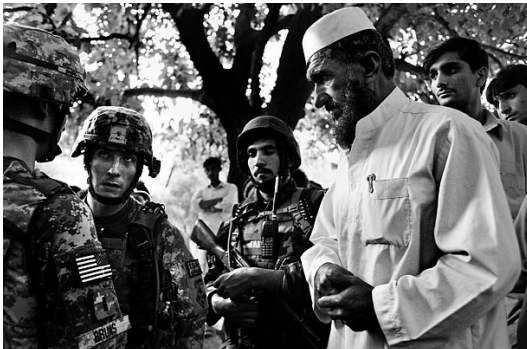
3rd Platoon continues to patrol areas that have seen little Coalition Forces influence since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom. By denying the enemy areas in the mountains, the fledging Afghan government can focus efforts on development within the villages on the valley floor. They accomplish this on most days by trudging over harsh terrain, but this past month they were also the first platoon in the Battalion to conduct a platoon level air assault by helicopter.

Headquarters works hard to support all the forces in the battlespace, make down time as enjoyable as possible and the COPs continue to grow because of their great efforts. Our Soldiers from Fury Company provide outstanding support through maintenance, fueling, COP security, and some great chow. Mortars work to protect the dismounted forces with superior fire support and are always on stand-by. All the while, our training room and Company Intel Support Team ensure that communications are up, platoons are well informed, and all the administrative requirements from back home don't distract our Soldiers.

1st Platoon has made significant progress in a portion of the Pech River Valley that is often forgotten because it is sparsely populated and in between two of the more prominent population centers (the Watapur Valley and Shuryak Valley). Even so, they've been able to bring significant development through small scale projects that employ Afghan men who would otherwise side with the insurgency in order to survive. Despite their gains, 1st Platoon and all of Chosen Company suffered a great loss with the death of SGT Youvert Loney on September 5, 2009. Although tragic and we grieve with Flora and the Loney family for their loss, we are optimistic that his and all our Soldier's efforts will result in a more peaceful Afghanistan.

I thank you for all the support the Soldiers receive from back home. The Chosen banners are proudly displayed on each COP and the men talk fondly of loved ones doing great things during this deployment. Please continue to stay active and keep us informed of all your great accomplishments. The men anxiously await their return home to see how our loved ones have taken advantage of this opportunity to try new and exciting activities. Until next month...

-CPT Shaun Conlin



Left: CPT Conlin talks with Watapur locals during a patrol

Right: The Chosen flag at the company headquarters on COP HONAKER-MIRACLE



CHOSEN 7 - ISG Harold Drager

COP HONAKER-MIRACLE - Family and friends of "Chosen"

A lot has been accomplished since our last newsletter. The Afghan elections were a historic event in which your Soldiers will forever be a part of. They worked hard daily to do their part in making the elections a successful event. Following the elections, we moved straight into the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. The men amazed with their knowledge of this month long tradition. They were able to continue daily operations while maintaining respect for all local populace they encountered. This is the most professional unit I have had the privilege of serving with and I am proud of all.

MVR has been a work in progress for me. It still is; we have finally received some cardio equipment for our gym and are still awaiting more new equipment. Additionally, we have ordered gym equipment, SPAWAR phones and computers for our other COPs.

Like mail, it takes some time to get to all the remote areas but it will get there. We have received the banners made by the FRG

and they are great. The Soldiers love them and they are an outstanding morale booster. We have them proudly displayed for all to see.

05 September 2009 will always be a day remembered by the entire "Chosen" family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of SGT Youvert Loney. Youvert made the ultimate sacrifice and it was truly an honor to have had SGT Loney in our ranks.

To you all, family and friends, I can't thank you enough for your support. The mail has been pouring in on a weekly basis. That along with the emails and phone calls are what really keep our Soldiers pressing forward. We appreciate all you do and the sacrifices you make. Until next time.....

- ISG Harold Drager

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Upper Right: Just before patrol and men assemble for a quick picture

Lower Right: Relaxing before stepping out on another dismounted patrol

Lower Left: CPT Conlin and ISG Drager congratulate Soldiers during an awards ceremony on COP Honaker-Miracle

Upper Left: Pausing while on patrol in the Watapur District, Afghanistan



DAGGER 6 - CPT Louis Gianoulakis

COP MICHIGAN - We have completed the first quarter of our deployment and the men have accomplished a great deal. The men of this company work hard every day to improve the area and make it safer. They partner with the Afghanistan National Army (ANA) and the Afghanistan National Police (ANP) regularly on patrols. Working together we help each other solve problems in the area. This partnership is the key to our success over here. We strive to do the best we can every day. The valley that we live and work in will continue to improve because of our presence here and the people that we work with will remember the men of Dagger Company, 2-12 Infantry for many reasons well after we are gone. Each day brings new things to our eyes and ears, but seeing the smile from a young child after receiving a piece of candy or having a small wound tended to by our medics, watching the water pour out of a new pump, or a retaining wall being completed making the area safer for all around these small examples are what make our efforts, work and sacrifice worth it.

“Each day brings new things to our eyes and ears”

For those of you still new to the Army expect to see your boyfriend, son, or husband grow during this deployment and appreciate America and home in a new way when he returns with a greater depth of understanding about the world and himself. As we continue down this road there will be hard days and your support and patience as we move through the deployment means a lot to all of us over here. Thank you for entrusting us with your loved ones.

-CPT Louis Gianoulakis



Clockwise from Top Right: Patrolling along RTE Rhode Island; An overwatch position for Kiowas supporting a patrol in the Pech Valley; Even the children join in the patrols as Dagger Soldiers walk through freshly planned corn fields

DAGGER 7 - 1SG Edward Varrs

COP MICHIGAN - Your continued support is truly phenomenal. It means the world to your Soldiers, knowing that everything on the home front is taken care of so that they can focus on the task at hand. Remember that you are not alone back at Fort Carson. The Army has a service for everything. I encourage you to take advantage of them. If you did not already know, our FRG leader is Mrs. Christina Quick and she can point you in the right direction. With the help of the rear detachment and the FRG leader there isn't much that can't be taken care of.

COP Michigan is in a constant state of improvement. Your Soldiers now have two video game rooms, Satellite TV, a theater, a new phone center, a new computer center, DFAC and a new Gym. We are starting on a new Aid station and Dining hall.

Our Soldiers continue to amaze me. They conduct continuous combat

operations and remain motivated and eager to do the right thing. Your Soldiers are a determined, proud, physically fit and professional unit because the mountains in Afghanistan will accept nothing less. Because of this they will succeed where other Armies have failed. Please continue to support your Soldier and we will be home soon. Thank you for all that you do.

-1SG Edward Varrs



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Clockwise from Top: SSG Campbell fires at the enemy; CPT G watches as a Blackhawk approaches the landing zone on COP MICHIGAN; Soldiers quickly rest during a dismounted patrol; ILT Combie talks with local elders



FURY 6 - CPT Edward Gutierrez



Above: PFC Kennedy conducts force protection operations at Able Main

Below: SPC Hanes conducts force protection operations at Able Main

FOB FENTY - We have just crossed the 90 day mark in theater and your Soldiers are continuing to “get after it”. Over the last three months we have conducted over 30 combat logistics patrols, hooked up over 100 slings of sup-

plies, fed over 800 meals, distributed over 27,000 gallons of fuel, conducted 10 recovery missions, and fixed over 900 maintenance jobs. We are staying busy! On 20 August 2009, Afghanistan had their second presidential election. Your Soldiers were out making a difference and helped support a successful election for the Afghan citizens.

The Pesh Valley had a better than expected turnout, which goes to show the difference Task Force Lethal Warrior is making each day. Over the next three months our Soldiers will continue to stay busy help preparing for winter operations. We will ensure the Battalion is logistically prepared for bad weather with increased levels of food, fuel, and ammunition. This will not be easy when the weather changes, but our Soldiers are trained to handle any type of conditions put forth by Mother Nature. Our Maintenance Teams will be focused on resetting our Battalions equipment, ensuring all pieces are functioning properly and our Theater Provided Equipment is handed over in the best condition to the incoming unit. Your Soldiers are doing great, staying busy, and providing the best support to TF Lethal.

- CPT Edward Gutierrez



Right: Bailey, PV2 Porter, SSG Dalluge, PFC Perlman, PFC Eaton, and PVT Coburn prepare for a CLP



Left: SGT Moon and SPC Ostuni assess repairs on an ATV at Able Main

Below: PFC Kennedy and SPC Case prep their ASV for a CLP



FURY 7 - 1SG George Ashmore

FOB FENTY - Fury Company has been hard at work over the past 90 days. Your Soldiers have been moving supplies, cooking meals, fixing equipment, fueling vehicles, and slinging loading anything and everything all over the battle space. No matter how great the workload, the Soldiers are always able to accomplish the mission.

Rest and recuperation leave is in full swing now. Soldiers from all over the Task Force are traveling to and from Afghanistan. It is a constant flow in both directions. To support the leave program as well as keep up with mission needs, we have moved some Soldiers to different FOBs in our area. Some are temporary moves some are permanent. We will continue to move Soldiers around as needed to support the battalion mission as best we can. Rest assured, no matter what location they are moved to, they will be in good hands.

The living spaces (B-huts) here on Fenty are in the middle of moving to a more consolidated location. Once they are all moved to the same location, we can start make some living improvements to get the Fury family more comfortable. It can be hard to find the time for improvements especially while we are still

moving things around. Not to worry though, we will be living large soon enough. Along with the B-hut movement the new motor pool here at Fenty will also soon be under construction. I don't know how those guys down there are keeping up. Along with turning in spare parts and equipment from all over the battlefield, they are keeping up with the daily maintenance jobs on our vehicles. I am amazed by the teamwork that has continued to grow and flourish in this rugged environment.

I know all families are looking forward to sending mail to their Soldiers for Christmas. Believe it or not, October is the month to beat the rush. If you plan on sending your Soldier packages for Christmas or the December holidays, try to get them out by the 20th of October. This will ensure that the packages get to your Soldier before Christmas. If the packages arrive early then the Soldiers can always hold them until the holiday to open them. Letters take less time, but definitely try to send them by the 10th of November to make sure they are received by the 25th

of December.
Thanks to everyone for your support,

1SG George Ashmore

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Above: SSG Vance brings water to his Soldiers at Honaker Miracle



Above: PFC Dupa and SPC Wakly perform a PMCS on a M1984 Wrecker



Left: SSG Smith organizes tools at FOB Fenty



Left: PFC Conner and PV2 McDaniel prepare rations for Soldiers at Able Main

HONCHO 6 - CPT Andrew White

FOB BLESSING - Greetings from the Kunar Province of Afghanistan and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company! With the first quarter of this deployment complete, we can look back and already see many momentous achievements. The Soldiers of HHC have spread out throughout Task Force Lethal Warrior providing vital support from indirect fires with the Battalion Mortars and the Fire Support Teams to medical support to administrative and logistical operations. All the Soldiers of HHC are performing superbly throughout the difficult and challenging missions performed daily across the BN.

The month of July was occupied with getting ourselves situation and smoothing out operations to ensure that each portion of the company operated without any friction to better support the line companies throughout the BN. We spent long days and nights setting up and refining the communication systems, medical support, fire support capabilities, personal security detachment operations, and the numerous base defense operations vital for supporting the Company and the BN. Each Soldier, platoon, and section worked extraordinarily hard to quickly establish smooth, seamless operations with the ability to support combat operations throughout the BN battle space of Kunar Province.

Toward the end of July and throughout August, we focused on preparing for the historic Afghan national elections to be held on August 20th. To this end, the fire support elements and BN mortar platoon directed and employed indirect fires with precision and accuracy to destroy enemy targets and increase the overall security of the Afghan people. The medics helped connect with the people through local national sick call on FOB Blessing and cooperative medical engagements in the villages surrounding several different FOBs and COPs. The PSD (personal security detachment) platoon enabled the BN commander to visit village elders and the sub-governors with the Kunar Province in order to discuss security and the election. The sniper sections assisted in countless patrols and company operations to increase security and disrupt enemy operations in preparation for the election. Each staff section contributed significantly towards election preparation with the establishment of a Joint Election Coordination Center in Manogai (the district name for the area around FOB Blessing) and endless time spend helping connect the BN with the people of the Kunar Province. Overall, the dynamic and tireless work by each Soldier contributed to the successful Afghanistan elections on the 20th of August.

Following the elections, we transitioned to connecting to the local Afghans through projects as the Afghans celebrated the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. We sponsored several development projects around FOB Blessing at the Manogai District Center and the mosque located adjacent the FOB. These projects helped employ nearly fifty local Afghans and helped increase the legitimacy of the Manogai sub-governor. Across the entire company, each Soldier is helping to increase the capacity of the Afghan Security Forces and local government through engaging the enemy or developing relationships with local military and governmental leaders. From the SI clerks to the men patrolling each day, every Soldier in HHC is performing incredible feats to help secure the Afghan people and develop the Afghan National Army (ANA) and the Afghan National Police (ANP).

ISG Burdine and I are extremely proud of the job each Soldier in HHC had done during the first quarter of this deployment and is continuing to do on a daily basis. This diverse company supports the rest of the BN tirelessly, and we could ask no more. May God continue to bless the families, friends, and Soldiers of HHC, the Lethal Warrior Battalion, the United States Army, and the United States of America.



Left: SPC Black treats a local Afghan child as her father watches

Right: The COP MICHIGAN mortar crew fires in support of fellow TF Lethal Soldiers

Lead by Love of Country, Warrior,
CPT Andy White



HONCHO 7 - 1SG Riley Burdine

FOB BLESSING - Families and Friends of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Let me say first and foremost, thank you for lending us your Soldiers for the past 90 days and the next 9 months. They are working hard and pushing even harder. For the past 90 days we have supported the Battalion and the company is ensuring everyone is taken care of. HHC Soldiers are spread across our area of operations, making us and you proud of everything they do. From the mortars, the fire support elements, the snipers and the staff, they are all making history.

I am especially proud of the Headquarters platoon. They are making FOB Blessing a much better place to live. They are building a better place for the next unit. We now have the Armed Forces Network in the dining facility, the MWR center, and soon, the best Commo section in the Army, will have it in the Soldiers' rooms.

I would like to take this time to congratulate all the spouses, families and friends for helping your Soldiers get through this very demanding 90 days. The FRG has been doing things other FRGs only dream of. The wives have come

together and have really put a lot of focus on this being a family thing. From birthday cards, birthdays, births, starting a new school year and helping our wounded comrades back in the states, we all owe you a debt of gratitude.

And on a final note, with all the great things this great company is doing, we had three Warriors go above and beyond, put in countless hours of studying, and preparation to achieve the coveted Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. They just completed their board with the Division Command Sergeant Major and four Brigade Sergeant Majors. They did a great job and are awaiting the final results. They are SFC Dillon, SFC Sitton and SSG Carter.

Thanks for your Support,

1SG Riley D. Burdine Jr

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Top: HHC Soldiers returning from inspections of local observation posts around FOB BLESSING

Lower Left: Mortar crews firing in support of TF Lethal Soldiers on patrol

Upper Left: SFC Dillon talks with LTC Pearl while chasing AAF through the town of Matin

Promotions for September



ADAM C. EGGERS	A CO
JUSTIN L. BURDICK	A CO
KYLE R. WELCH	A CO
STEPHEN M. PIDGEON	B CO
KRISTOHER T. MERRILL	C CO
MATHEW J. FULLER	C CO
EDGAR A. RIOS	D CO
ALLEN J. ANDREW	HHC



LUKE A. STEELE	A CO
SAENKHAM SAENG-DUANCGHAN	A CO
ROBERT F. MARTIN	B CO
CHRISTOPHER A. BREWER	C CO
MATHEW S. BAUCOM	C CO
ALEXANDER J. JONES	D CO
JOHN M. RUSHING	HHC
KURT W. LANDRY	HHC
WILLIAM J. STACEY	D CO



NICHOLS, KENNETH	D CO
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ANTHONY ELENGBURG	A CO
CHRISTOPHER COLLINS	A CO
CHRISTOPHER HARRIS	A CO
JEREMY R. MOORE	C CO
KYLE D. LEWIS	F CO



AARON D. LAMB	A CO
CHRISTOPHER T. SCHROEDER	A CO
JAMES K. PRICE	C CO
PAUL D. MILLER	C CO
JOHN R. WADE	D CO

DALE CRITCHLAW	HHC
MICHAEL DUBOIS	HHC

Awards for September



The **Purple Heart** was established by General George Washington during the Revolutionary War on 7 August, 1782, and is awarded to members of the Armed Forces

ACEDO, JOSEPH PFC	A CO
LAGUENS, MARC SPC	A CO
MARCUM, GENESIS SGT	A CO
SAENGDUANCHAN, SAENKHAM SPC	A CO
VALDEZ, ANGEL R. SPC	A CO
ZAVALA, JOSE PFC	A CO
LONEY, YOUVERT SGT	C CO
HALVERSON, THOMAS 1LT	D CO
SIPAL, OLRICH SGT	F CO



The **Army Commendation Medal** is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States other than General Officers who distinguished themselves by heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

ALTENES, JOHN SFC	F CO
BAKER, ANDREW CPL	F CO
SALGADO, ARTURO PFC	F CO



The **Army Commendation Medal** with "V" for Valor

KNAPP, DEREK C. 2LT	B CO
HERRERA, PABLO PV2	C CO
HALVERSON, THOMAS 1LT	D CO
SANCHEZ, JESUS SPC	HHC



Bronze Star with "V" for Valor

MCDOWELL, JESSE E. SSG	A CO
MORETTI, MARK C. CPT	B CO
PRICE, JAMES K. SGT	C CO
VENTURA, HENRIQUEZ SFC	C CO
GUTIERREZ, EDWARD CPT	F CO



Combat Action Badges and Combat Infantryman's Badge



SIPAL, OLRICH SGT	F CO	CAB
GUCKERT, JREMY SPC	F CO	CAB
HARMON, EDWARD SFC	F CO	CAB
RIGGIN, DONALD SPC	F CO	CAB
BETTIS, BRANDON J. 1LT	B CO	CIB
EPPOLITO, MICHAEL PV2	B CO	CIB
DEWITZ, BO A. SPC	D CO	CIB

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