



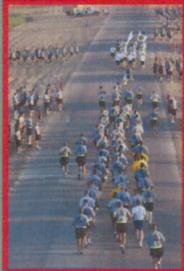
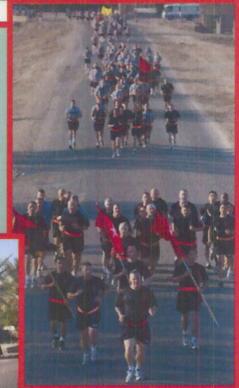
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25TH INFANTRY DIVISION - TROPIC LIGHTNING!

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Happy birthday, U.S. Army! Our 'Tropic Lightning' Soldiers are celebrating the Army's 236th birthday with pride and the day was kicked off by an organized run throughout the Victory Base Complex. The celebration was capped off by the cutting of the cake at United States Division-Center headquarters

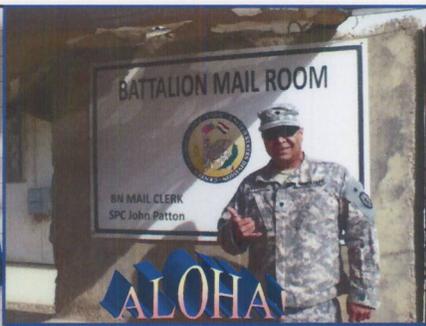
SOLDIER  
SPOTLIGHT



SPC RICHARD ARMSTRONG

SOLDIER  
OF THE MONTH



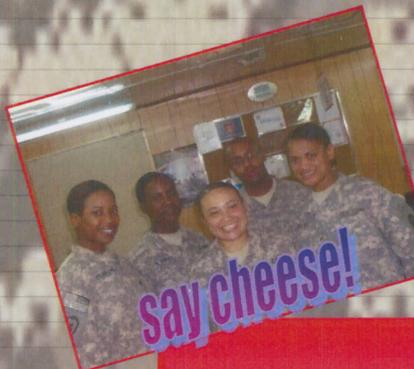


# BATTALION MAIL ROOM



SPC (P) John P Patton, assigned to, currently in Camp Liberty Iraq as the BN Mail Clerk. Indigenous of the Marshall Islands joined the army in August 2005. Currently on my third deployment with 25<sup>th</sup> ID. Married with three sons and a daughter all living on Schofield Barracks.

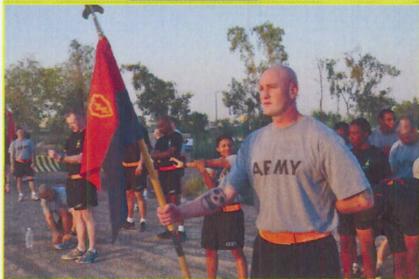
Working in the mail room has been challenging and rewarding at the same time. We have been estimating between 30 and 40 tri-walls per week since the beginning of the deployment. Each tri-wall can contain anywhere from 20 to 100 packages depending on the size of the parcels. It is a lot of hard work but is well worth it keeping everyone's morale up with care packages and packages from home alike. TROPIC LIGHTNING!



# S O H O H A N A

Halfway through our deployment, the BNS1 continues to strike hard. Although always placing the mission first and ensuring the welfare of all Soldier's, the S1 is proud to announce three well-deserved promotions and one re-enlistment. The S1 Team overall outstanding performance has improved through outstanding leadership, implementing the new PT program and keeps continuing to provide great customer service on a daily basis to service members, civilian and contractors. The NCOS takes time out to help improve their Soldier's military career by preparing the lower enlisted Soldiers for boards, education and soldiering skills. Overall, the Battalion S1 team is motivated non-stop; they will continue to be a great asset to the Headquarters and Headquarters 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

TROPIC LIGHTNING!



Has it been another month already? The days seem to last forever but the weeks fly by and the months with them. The great thing about that is our time continues to grow short and we will soon be home! Our Soldiers continue to brave the heat and meet or exceed every mission requirement with gusto. The DFAC put on amazing spreads for the Army's Birthday as well as Father's Day. It's been amazing to watch stuff disappear as Soldiers work hard to reduce our footprint here at Camp Liberty and turn it over to the Iraqis. Several of our Soldiers have taken advantage of an Iraqi Language and Culture course to learn a bit of the language and enjoy an awesome spread of Middle East cuisine (needless to say course seats go quick!). We love and miss you all and can't wait to come home to you having completed our mission here in Iraq.



Operations Company Family,  
 We are now over the half way point and are looking forward to the busy, but rewarding drawdown and eventual end of mission here in Iraq. There are continual planning efforts on behalf of our Division staff elements to reduce our footprint here. This process is very meticulous, and much work by our Soldiers is ongoing on a daily basis. They have your support at home, and that is keeping their spirits up knowing they will all get to come home later this year. As you can tell by the pictures, we have accomplished a lot this month, to include many promotions, awards ceremonies, Denver Broncos cheerleader visit, range operations, and the Army B-day run. Thanks for all you do at home. Without your support, none of these great things would be possible.

# HEADQUARTERS



*1LT Steven Martin leads the Company in the Army Birthday Run.*

This month was yet another exciting and busy month for I&S Company's Headquarters Section. On 14 June the Headquarters Section participated in the Army Birthday Run with Soldiers from all over VBC. On 15 June I&S Company held a range where 40 Lightning Warriors qualified within the Battalion. On 16 June Headquarters held yet another Army Physical Fitness Test. Headquarters section's very own SGT Carroll and SPC Rhody participated in the level one combative class. On June 24th members of the Headquarters had an excellent PT session with the SMA. On 30 June SPC Dschaak and SPC Rhody said farewell to the wounded warriors in



*1LT Steven Martin ( Company XO) and SSG Creech (G2 Platoon Sergeant) serve as the Range OIC and NCOIC at the Company's Range.*



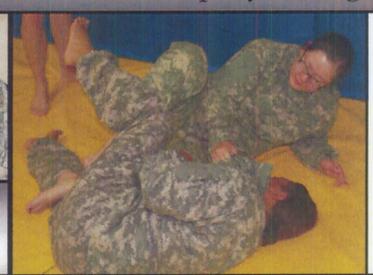
*SPC Eric Wilson executes the sit-ups during the Company APFT while SPC*



*SPC Eric Wilson receives a COA for support during the Behavior Health Conference.*



*SGT Toya Carroll qualifies with her assigned-weapon.*



*SPC Kimberly Rhody and SGT Toya Carroll attend Combatives Level I Training.*



## WE'VE TURNED THE CORNER!!!

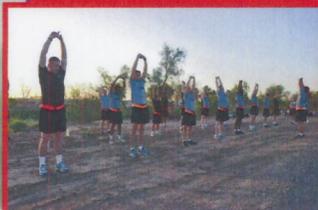
Thank you all for your continued support to the Signal Company. We continue to receive your care packages, cards, cookies, love, and prayers. It carries us through as a motivational factor to completing our mission and getting back home to family and friends.

I ask that you continue your support to our FRG as they provide a means to receive updates pertinent to Signal Company as well as stay connected with the spouses and families of those Soldiers serving alongside your Service Member. The FRG is prepared to assist you with any issues or concerns that you or your family might experience while your loved one is deployed.

I continue to be proud of our Soldiers and their efforts to carry out our daily mission. Through the heat and dust in the air, we see the end of mission and it is close at hand.

Mahalo to you and Cookies to us! (Just Saying).

CPT CASTRO

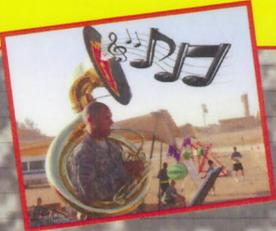
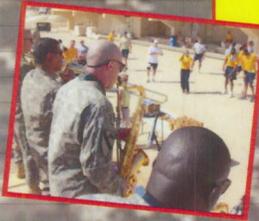




**NEWS**

On 4 June 2011, the "Music with Attitude" Brass Band performed at Camp Al Asad's track for the Boston Marathon Qualifications. The Camp Al Asad MWR measured out a marathon route for Soldier's who wanted to run the Boston Marathon later this year. "The runners really enjoyed the music. Some of them started dancing when we played our salsa tune 'Da Bomba'," said SPC Chelsea Gonzalez. Later that day, the brass band performed at the "White Elephant" MWR. The brass band's performance ran into the weekly Salsa night event at the MWR. The salsa dancers came into the concert and really enjoyed the brass band's funktastic music!

On 14 June 2011, the 25th Infantry Division Band ran in a mass formation lead to spread spirit de corps on the US Army' Birthday. The 18th Airborne Corps started the run at the Al Faw Palace and ran from Camp Victory to Camp Liberty to pick up the 25th Infantry Division Soldiers. The rest of the route was a scenic run around the man-made lake surrounding the Al Faw Palace. CW3 Lisa Guynn motivated her troops from the front of the formation while 1SG Steven Sonnen, SSG Ryan Malin and SGT Steven Gilbert took turns leading the band formation in running cadences. "The run was wonderful. It was a great moral booster for all units involved," said SSG Christopher Stone.



**ARMY FRG**  
Family Readiness Group

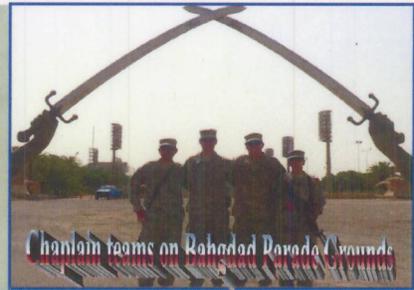


**JULY EVENTS CALENDAR**

- July 1 – Pay Day Activities – BN Office Closed
- July 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday – BN Office Closed
- July 6 – All about Credit – 0900 - 1030 at ACS
- July 6 – Managing your Checking Account – 1030 - 1200 at ACS
- July 6 – Home Alone Awareness Workshop – 0900 - 1400 at Kalakaua Community Center
- July 7 – Scream Free Parenting – 1800 - 1930 at ACS
- July 12-13 – AFTB Level I – 0900 - 1230 at ACS
- July 12 – Key Caller Training - 1730 - 2000 at ACS
- July 13 – EFMP Autism Support Group – 1800 - 1930 at Main Chapel
- July 13 – Money Management – 0900 - 1030 at ACS
- July 13 – Secrets of Car Buying – 1030 - 1200 at ACS
- July 13 – Stryker Brigade Koa Memorial Ceremony – 1000 at Bldg 2097, 1-14 Infantry Battalion Headquarters
- July 14 – 2BCT Redeployment Ceremony – 1400 at Weyand Field
- July 14 – Scream Free Parenting – 1800 - 1930 at ACS
- July 19 – DD 93 – 0900 - 1100 at ACS
- July 20 – Financial Planning for Deployment – 0900 - 1300 at ACS
- July 20 – Understanding Insurance & Scams – 1030 - 1200 at ACS
- July 21 – Anger Awareness – 1500 - 1630 at ACS
- July 22 – Federal Resume Writing Seminar – 0900 - 1100 at ACS
- July 25-26 – AFTB Level I – 0900 - 1230 at Ft Shafter Aloha Center
- July 26 – FRG Boot Camp – 0900 - 1345 at ACS
- July 27 – Money Management – 0900 - 1030 at ACS
- July 27 – Simple Tips for Saving & Investing – 1030 - 1200 at ACS
- July 28 – Civilian Resume Writing – 0900 - 1100 at ACS

ACS SB 655-4227  
Ft Shafter Aloha Center ACS 438-9285





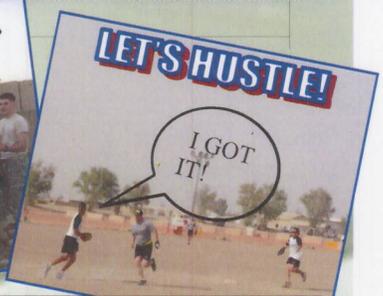
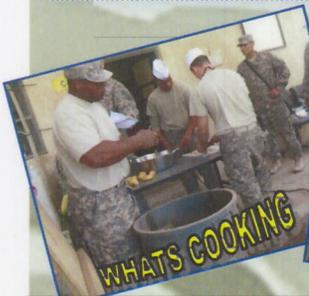
## Message from the Chaplain

CH (CPT) Joel Panzer, HHBN Chaplain

Greetings from your Battalion Chaplain, and from my Chaplain Assistant, SPC Clement. HHBN is blessed to have a chapel located just a short walk from our dining facility. Each Sunday we have two Protestant services, a Gospel service and Catholic Mass. Several members of the 25<sup>th</sup> ID Band and other Soldiers from our Battalion continued to enrich these services by providing contemporary worship music and sacred hymns.

We had a wonderful "40 days in the desert" experience of Lent, including praying the 14 Stations of the Cross each week. Good Friday saw very moving commemorations at both the Protestant and Catholic services of Jesus' death on the cross for our salvation. All of the Easter services were filled to capacity, and included the celebration of several baptisms.

SPC (P) Clement and I have been kept busy-and safe-traveling with the Security Platoon to offer Catholic services for those stationed outside of the Victory Base Complex. Our morale remains high spite of the heat and long days. Your continued prayers and personal support are greatly appreciated and immensely important to the final months of our mission here. May God continue to bless you and your family!



No other section in the battalion can ever compare to the talented, hardworking, and dedicated Soldiers of the Maintenance Platoon. With the unit just passing through its half way mark, the Maintenance Platoon continues to perform exceptionally day after day going headstrong with 29 dedicated Soldiers and NCOs. As the miserable heat pours in stronger each day, it is no challenge to the motivated and hydrated Soldiers who continue to perform their duties in and out of coveralls by providing top quality maintenance support to the battalion and its support assets. Yet, month after month of pouring sweat and wiping grease off our faces, the Maintenance Platoon sets the example for most other sections to envy. But don't be fooled, for turning wrenches is not our only quality, for we are also known for the skills we displayed during the Law Day Volleyball Tournament, the Grease Monkeys Softball team, our pig roast cook-outs, and lets not forget our participation in the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Talent Show and the recently concluded Asian American-Pacific Islander Celebration. Our physical skills are just an added feature compared to the other attributes we display which includes one of our very one NCO, SGT Wheatley, who won the NCO of the Month Board for May and will be competing for the NCO of the Quarter Board to be held in July. As the Maintenance section continues to drive on with its mission, we will never forget to thank our Grease Monkeys family and friends back at home, who have supported us during these past few months.

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