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[ANA commandos teach new soldiers mortar system](#)

Story and Photos by Sgt. Bryan Peterson



WASHIR DISTRICT, Afghanistan - Afghan National Army Sgt. Jan Agha, a commando with 215th Corps' 7th Kandak, knows the tools of the infantryman trade. He's been trained by and fought alongside coalition forces for the past three years.

He and other commando soldiers in his kandak, or battalion, used their battlefield experience to train the ANA's newest soldiers on the M224 60mm mortar system at their Regional Military Training Center on Camp Shurabak, Washir District, Afghanistan, April 8. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

[Afghan National Security Forces graduate EHRC](#)

Story and Photos by Sgt. Bobby Yarbrough



KAJAKI, Afghanistan - Seventeen members of the Afghan National Security Forces graduated the Explosive Hazards Reduction Course at Forward Operating Base Zeebrugge here, April 4.

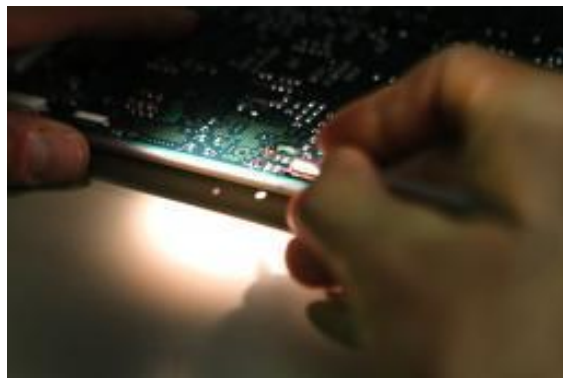
The graduation ceremony was held in conjunction with a local security shura, or meeting, at the Kajaki District Center. Local leaders from the Afghan National Army, Afghan Uniform Police and Afghan National Civil Order of Police were in attendance. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

[CLC Marines get creative, use ingenuity in Afghanistan: Part 4](#)

Story and photos by Cpl. Lia Adkins

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan –Not a lot of deployed Marines can say they helped the Marine Corps save more than \$100,000 in just a few months, but one group working here since January can.

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[U.S. Marines cross-train with U.K. soldiers](#)

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Nicole Yuhas



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Marines with General Support Combat Logistics Company (GS CLC), Combat Logistics Regiment 2, teamed up with British Army soldiers from 1 Close Support Battalion, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (1 CS Bn REME), to conduct joint coalition training here during the last month.

The partnership was established in March as a means to help improve maintenance capabilities for both units and to gain better understanding of how the other operates and the assets each contribute to the joint mission. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

[Chaplains tour Helmand, provide services to Marines](#)

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[RCT-7 psychiatrist keeps tabs on mental health](#)

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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan— One hundred years ago, mental health professionals conducted what might have looked like torture techniques to cure their patients.

Today, the leather couch in a psychiatrist's office might be just as daunting for some Marines as those torture devices, but treating combat stress is still important.

For Marines with Regimental Combat Team 7, the proverbial couch is often associated with a visit by the Observational Stress Control and Readiness Team, or OSCAR Team.

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VIDEO

[ANA 60mm Mortar Training](#)

Video by Cpl. Kowshon Ye



CAMP SHURABOK, Afghanistan—Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers assigned to the 215th Corps, conduct live fire training using the M224 mortar system on Camp Shorabak, Afghanistan, April 8, 2013. The range was part of a series of training events to improve the proficiency of the ANA soldiers with the new weapon system. (U.S. Marine Corps motion imagery by Cpl. Kowshon Ye). Includes interview with Capt. George Groza, Artillery Advisor, 215th Corps Advisor Team. Also available in high definition. [\(Watch the VIDEO\)](#)

[Afghan National Army 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps Executive Officer Interview](#)

Video by Sgt. Bryan Peterson



Afghan National Army Col. Abdul Hai Neshat, the 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps, executive officer, talks about his experience with the Marine advisor teams he's served with for the past three years and talks about the differences between "shoulder-to-shoulder" partnered combat operations with Marines, to what it is now, guiding, advising and assisting from the Security Force Assistance Advisor Teams. Neshat serves in Sangin District. [\(Watch the VIDEO\)](#)

[We Pull Lanyards](#)

Video by Cpl. Oscar Vasqueztorres



Captain Jake Owens, a Marine Corps artillery adviser, helps the Afghan National Army artillery hone their skills. Soundbite includes Capt Jake Owens - 1/215 BDE Advisor Team. [\(Watch the VIDEO\)](#)

VIGNETTES

[“Hard-working” Marine volunteers, helps kids](#)

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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan— On Saturdays at Camp Pendleton, Calif., a group of boys ages 8-18 dressed in old camouflage uniforms meet up for periods of character development and physical fitness.

The boys are part of the Eagle Young Marines program, a non-profit youth organization dedicated to drug demand reduction, academics and community service. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

[Flagstaff, Ariz. Marine works hard, plays hard](#)

Story and photo by Sgt. Ned Johnson

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan— Marines are very accustomed to sparring and grappling. They learn the basics of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program in basic training, earn a tan belt and continue the program throughout their time in service.

Corporal Scott Johnson, a special security representative and systems administrator with Regimental Combat Team 7, learned to spar and grapple long before joining the Marines Corps and through time grew to love many sports.

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