



# FROM THE FRONTLINE

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## Message from BN Commander

*Lieutenant Colonel Michael B. Siegl*

To the members of the Frontline Team—greetings from Afghanistan. Over the past month, as we have deployed in support of the Arrowhead Brigade, the Soldiers and leaders of this battalion have truly epitomized our motto "Frontline Support"! Our brigade's area of operations covers over 18,000 square miles, and we have Frontline Soldiers in virtually every corner of this area of operations. Our Soldiers—your loved ones—are providing phenomenal support on a daily basis. The articles you will read in this edition will bring you stories of our journey from JBLM to Afghanistan and the progress we have made so far. I hope the stories you'll read will bring you closer to members of the Frontline family. It is an honor to lead such dedi-



cated and committed Soldiers who are enabling the Arrowhead Brigade to help bring stability to this region. Frontline Support—Respect and Honor!

## Message from Battalion CSM

*Command Sergeant Major F. Cervantes Jr.*

FRONTLINE FAMILIES, Greetings from the land of Alexander the Great! The Soldiers of the Frontline, "Your" Soldiers are doing great and innovative things out here and are continuously sought out by other units, other nations and even other US services for the unique talents and skills they possess.

Rest assured that the days though very hectic and busy, go by very quickly and before you know it, they will be back at home with all of you. I thank you for all of your efforts in supporting the Family Readiness Team and encourage all of you to continue to participate in the many upcoming activities as the



weather in the Pacific Northwest turns to clearer and sunny days.

Again Thank you for everything- Frontline! Respect and Honor!



## ***Hazard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company***

### ***Update from Hazard 7***

#### ***Sergeant First Class Jamil Long***

The Soldiers of the Frontline Battalion are truly remarkable! They have taken upon the challenge of restructuring and resurfacing the face of the battalion. As the last of the 25th BSB prepare for their final departure the mighty Respect and Honor BN, 296th Soldiers (SPC Butkos and PFC Burrell) painted our Battalion logo's on T-Walls and the Command Group emplacing what is now "officially" our footprint of empowerment!

The morale of the Soldiers is high. They are learning many new skills working outside of their MOS. Our Field Feeding teams are out of the wire doing great things while increasing the morale by filling the empty stomachs of our brothers and sisters in arms. The Staff and Command group are working long extended hours to provide the best over watch and safety of our Frontline Battalion Soldiers and foreign Soldier partnership.



*SFC Long*

#### **Hazard Promotions in April**

SGT Ossie Vereen

SFC Matthew Lott

SPC Rolena Brown

### ***Taking Hold of Our New Footprint***

The Hazard Company incorporates both the battalion staff and the Mayor Cell, a element designed to assist with the local living arrangements and land management. The local battalion area here at Kandahar Airfield has seen some new "Frontline" touches to include many signs, posters, and murals dedicated to our unit. Additionally, our mail staff in the S1, headed by Staff Sergeant Misner, has been working diligently to get Soldiers their mail in a fast and timely manner. First Lieutenant Price has arranged the proper system for vehicle registration so that our Soldiers have the transportation elements they need on post to get their jobs done.



*PFC Burrell Painting  
our Beautifying Battalion Building*



*SPC Butkos and Her Impressive Outdoor Murals*



## ***Animals of Alpha Company***

### ***"Welcome to the Animal House"***

#### ***Commander's Note***

***Captain Scott Dyer***

Greetings from the Animal Command Post in Kandahar, Afghanistan! You will be happy to hear that the Soldiers of Animal Company, 296<sup>th</sup> BSB have truly excelled in their first 30 days deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom. The first few weeks and months of a deployment are always the toughest, craziest, stress-filled times while everything is laid in place and the conditions are set for a successful rotation...but your Soldiers have done everything asked and more, and made it look easy! Enjoy the articles written by our brave and dedicated Soldiers. Until the next time....ANIMALS!!!!



*CPT Dyer and SGT Villa*

#### ***Headquarters Section***

Alpha Company, 296 BSB, deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on March, 19 2012. We are currently stationed on Kandahar Airfield, which is the in the southern part of Afghanistan. Alpha Company replaced the 25th BSB from Alaska. The Headquarters Platoon consist of 10 highly motivated Soldiers, we conduct battle tracking, mission support to our MET platoon and all Class III (fuel) to 296 BSB and units of 3-2 SBCT. Life on KAF can be difficult at times but we continue to adapt ourselves to this ever changing environment. We are very excited in our mission and every-

one feels like a part of the team. We had one of our Soldiers PFC Malone, get promoted to the rank of specialist. CPT Dyer, 1LT Radoff and 1SG Reichard are continuing to be hard chargers and keep the company spirits high amidst the demanding work schedule. SGT Reed and SPC Ellington continue to keep the S1 (personel management) on their toes. The supply team continues to do an outstanding job ensuring everyone gets the supplies they need to accomplish the mission. Everyone in Headquarters is operating on all gears and will continue until we come back home.

#### **Animal Promotions in April**

SPC Skylar Lagrone

SPC Iuta Ikaika

PFC Shae Barlup

CW2 Jesus Amaya

PFC Austin Long

#### ***SSA Platoon***

As soon as they arrived in Afghanistan, the SSA Platoon hit the ground running. In order to transfer authority of the SSA from 25<sup>th</sup> BSB, the Soldiers had to conduct a wall to wall inventory of all lines of authorized stock list (ASL). After several days and lots of number crunching, the platoon reorganized the SSA. The Soldiers took great initiative to clean up their sections and make the SSA their own. After inventories and clean up, the platoon began normal SSA operations.

In early April, the platoon welcomed a new member – CW2 Amaya. CW2 Amaya joined



*The SSA Platoon*





## ***Animals of Alpha Company (Continued)***



*Chief Amaya's Promotion Ceremony*

Alpha Company, 296<sup>th</sup> BSB from 24<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company, 593<sup>rd</sup> Sustainment Brigade. He was promoted to CW2 in a ceremony at the Alpha Company CP here at KAF. Since his arrival, Chief has contributed a huge wealth of knowledge to both the Soldiers and leaders.

Although the SSA Platoon encountered some initial given speed bumps, the group has settled into a daily battle rhythm built around customer service. Each day, the platoon is responsible for receiving and issuing the supplies units need, and doing so at a pace that can keep up with the requirements of deployment. While this pace requires a lot of hard work, the Soldiers make the best of their time in Afghanistan.

### ***MET Platoon***

The Roughnecks have been very busy since first hitting ground at KAF. Soldiers have been working on training in tasks from Combat Life Saver (CLS) to becoming familiar with new vehicles and weapons systems. The squads have also been participating in activities such as 5k runs with rucks when they are not out on mission. They have also been working on getting new MRAPS for missions which will greatly enhance the overall ability of The MET and future 296 BSB convoys.

Although they are working extremely hard, they have been enjoying time on the road and getting out doing what they have been

training for; providing security for our logistic assets along varying routes within the operating environment in order to support the war fighter. They are learning new things every time they go on mission to become stronger teams with every mission. Of course they could not do it without help from the other Soldiers that make up their missions from the Distribution Platoon and Bravo Company.

The Roughnecks send a big "THANK YOU" to all of those back home sending their love and support.



*The MET Platoon*



## ***The Black Knights of Bravo Company***

### ***Message from Black Knight 6***

#### ***Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jason Sibley***

I am very pleased to be able to work with such great Soldiers. The troops of Bravo Company have spent long hours getting their shops ready to take over the support mission in the Kandahar Province. We have already completed repairs on numerous different types of equipment from radios and bob cats to machine guns. Mechanics have performed technical inspections on various vehicles from the Maxx Pro to HETT's. The work load has kept us busy making the days pass a little bit faster. Spirits are high and we will continue to make great strides supporting the Arrow Head Brigade.



*CW3 Sibley*

### ***Headquarters Section***

#### ***Staff Sergeant Jason Tillero***

After a long grueling train up, Headquarters platoon is finally deployed to Kandahar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As the company arrived to Kandahar, everyone thought there would be time to catch up however, we hit the ground running. As the time has passed by we have adjusted to the work schedule.

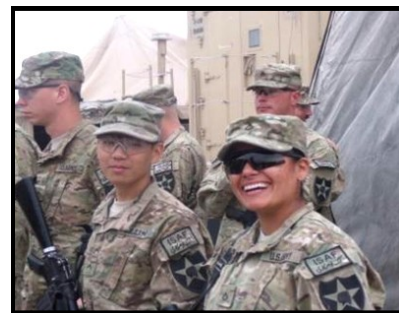


*HQ Section*

### ***Maintenance Support Platoon***

#### ***Sergeant First Class Kirk***

The Soldiers of MSP platoon have been working outside their regular MOS scope. EMS took over the Air Load resupply mission that is critical for pushing all classes of supply to the far outreaching Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) manned by Arrowhead Soldiers.



*Members of the Maintenance Platoon*

### ***Wheeled Vehicle Platoon***

#### ***Sergeant Byrk***

We took over the motor pool that we work out of now. Our Quality Assurance /Quality Control (QAQC) teams including PVT Berry and PV2 Bra-mall have gone over every truck that leaves KAF out on mission, ensuring they're "ready to Roll". Our Recovery Team accompanies those missions making sure that if anything does stop our convoys from rolling they'll get 'em going again.



*Members from WV Platoon Working*

### **Black Knight**

#### **Promotions in April**

PFC Trevor Luffman

PFC Justin Wetzel

SPC Matthew Baylis





## ***Cheyenne, Charlie Company***

### ***Words from "Cheyenne 6"***

***Captain Bryan Shrives***

The former Cobra's have now assumed the name of Cheyenne, based off the great medicine warriors of the Cheyenne Indian Tribe. C CO has been hard at work establishing the Role II Aid Station on Kandahar Airfield to provide disciplined and aggressive Combat Health Support. Cheyenne's have already made their way across the Brigade Area and have provided Preventive Medicine, Physical Therapy, and Behavioral Health interventions to the outlying locations. The Warriors of Cheyenne will respond to support the Brigade in all medical facets.



*CPT Shrives*

### ***The search for the CCPs... The next Great American Novel***

***Sergeant First Class Carl Foggey***

As with most epic novels, our story begins with a quest. The characters in this tale consist of the fearless, incomparable, trail-blazing Aid Station NCOIC, SGT Evans, the loyal yet stern enforcer SGT Acevedo, and SFC Foggey. Given a mysterious map, the three intrepid souls begin their search for the elusive Casualty Collection Points.



*SFC Foggey and SGT Acevedo Begin their Quest*

Now the significance of Casualty Collection Points or "CCPs" as they are commonly known as is that there is a central location to bring injured personnel in the event of a multiple casualty producing event or "MASCAL". At the CCP, first responder care can be rendered by Combat Lifesavers (also known as CLS providers) at a secure and relatively safe

area. At the CCP, there is usually a chest or case of some sort containing bandages, tourniquets, etcetera to serve as the purpose of aiding the casualty(s) to sustain survivability until the injured person or persons can be evacuated to the nearest treatment facility. This is a seemingly basic concept but it still is a vital resource to have in the event of a catastrophic event producing numerous casualties.

Now back to our quest and the magically, mystical map of Narnia we were to traverse. The unique characteristic about the map we were given was the fact that the CCPs were marked only by "red cross" symbols. Nothing more, nothing less. What added to that confusion was the fact that there was no numeri-



*SGT Evans in the Motorpool*



## Cheyenne, Charlie Company (Continued)

cal order to their placement nor any ownership placed on them based on their vicinity. So, in order to truly find out where these CCPs were located, the three of us decided to take our Non-Tactical Vehicle (that I have affectionately named Kit) to the Battalion Motorpool where the only known and clearly marked CCP was located. Now finding the first CCP was relatively easy because as I stated before, we knew where it was. However, finding the others was not that simple.

Navigating through the treacherous concrete barriers of Mordor, I mean the motorpool, we fought off hordes of goblins, gremlins and Orcs controlled by the evils hand of Sauron, I mean 1SG Lee. After all our perils and battles, we still failed to locate the other CCPs in the area. Bound and determined, our fearless leader, SGT Evans, continued to drive forward relentlessly. I glanced over to the driver's side of the vehicle I saw the virtual reincarnation



*Discovery!*

of an armor clad Joan of Arc riding into battle to vanquish her enemies. As we rode on, I noticed a cloud of black smoke in a nearby field that followed thunderous "boom". Just as I mentioned the smoke cloud to SGT Evans, a magnificent pyrotechnic display of red and orange sparks bounced off the ground approximately 150 meters away from our vehicle.

SGT Evans and I both marveled at the impressive display our Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) partners in arms were unknowingly putting on for us, however the third passenger in the vehicle didn't quite share our level of enthusiasm. SGT Acevedo remained silent



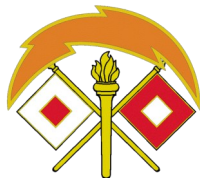
*A Look into the Medical Chest*

while SGT Evans and I "ooooed and awwwed". Thinking back on event, I could imagine three possible thoughts going through SGT Acevedo's mind:

1. "What are they making such deal about? It's just a controlled Det. How lame are they?"
2. "Man, some 'Love Me, Love Me' salmon would be awesome right about now."
3. "Oh my God, we gon' die. Help me Lord, please! Save me now! Somebody help!"

After driving around the motorpool again, we stopped by the other known CCP which was located near our Containerized Housing Units (CHUs). After discovering the "neglected" state of the medical chest inside the bunker, we knew that we had a busy task on our hands. We ventured back into Mordor just to recheck some of the areas we drove through earlier and decided that our best course of action would be to check every bunker and see if we were to find anything resembling a CCP. Trying this new plan worked to our benefit because we were able to find the other two CCPs that were unmarked.

Upon our completion of this journey, we were left with bitter, sweet feeling. We had accomplished our task of discovering the CCPs, we survived the hordes of TCNs (local contractors), mechanics and forklift operators, we even got to experience a fireworks show for nothing at all. But the thing that saddened me the most was that there was no hobbit or golden ring to be found anywhere. Oh well. I guess we'll have to wait 'til the next adventure.



## ***Bolt, 334 Signal Company***

### ***Commander's Corner***

There are many changes going on in 334th Signal Company. We have a new First Sergeant, SFC Sean Mabee. He has been in the unit since March 2011 and we are pleased to announce his advancement into one of the top leadership positions in the company. The outgoing First Sergeant, MSG Paul Davis, is working as the Brigade Communication Chief for the S-6 shop.

During this deployment, we adjusted our motto to "Bolt" since our original motto "Lightning" was taken by another unit. Also, several Soldiers moved from one forward operating base to another during our brigade's area expansion. Moving can be stressful, especially when you have to move several times in a short period, but our Soldiers have remained flexible; be proud of their ability to adapt and overcome. Please know that moving and changing jobs can be a very tumultuous time. Please be supportive and understanding which can make a Soldier's day and help them push through the rough patches. Do not forget to mail care packages, letters and send e-mails.

The entire company has deployed and we are finally whole again! Approximately thirty-six



*CPT Bardell*

334th Soldiers deployed with HHC BDE in December and the remaining twenty-nine Soldiers joined us this month. Since December, the Bolt Soldiers did an excellent job providing the brigade S6 support in the Help Desk, Network Operations, COMSEC, Frequency Management, and SNAP terminal sections. Several of the SNAP out-sites were commended by the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the leadership, teamwork, and standards they displayed. Many 334th Soldiers worked at sites supporting our Romanian Army and Afghanistan Army partners. During the winter months there were difficulties getting mail to the out-sites. We have worked tirelessly to resolve this issue now that the weather is better and travelling is easier. With the rest of the company here, I anticipate continued success from our Bolt Soldiers.

I am preparing to change command. My year as Commander is up in May. I will miss the Bolt family. It is time to step aside for another commander, CPT Michael McCasland from 1-37 FA, to take the lead. Please welcome him and his family into the company. I believe he will be an asset to the unit. Inherent to a change of command are property inventories which can cause more stress on your Soldiers due to long days in the heat, meticulously laying out equipment and parts. Not only do they have to work their regularly scheduled shift, but they also have to take some of their off-time to account for their equipment and develop the necessary paperwork. The Bolt Soldiers constantly impress me with their attention to detail for the pre-change of command inventories. I am sure they will be on point for the new commander. I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to the Bolt family for giving me such a rewarding time in command. It has been an honor to serve with the Soldiers and their families. I will miss 334th Signal Company.

-CPT Brittany Bardell

### ***Two Halves Become Whole—The Signal Company Deploys***

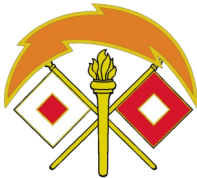
It is high noon and the remaining Soldiers from 334 Signal Company are aboard a C-117 flying above the snow covered mountains heading south from Kyrgyzstan toward Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan. The view from 30,000 feet, looking down at the sun splattered mountains, is a peaceful one. From the high altitude there are no signs of conflict, fighting or war. The blanketed white peaks begin to fade to a brown flattened plain with sporadic outcroppings of rock jutting upward. The short flight into theater leaves one little time to reflect on the past decisions that brought

them aboard the plane. Was the correct choice made to join the Army? There are few options at this point in time, there is no turning back; it is our duty to serve. The wheels of the massive military airplane touch down on the runway and the start of an incredible journey begins. The fissured Signal Company will be whole once again, providing communication support for America's First Stryker Brigade.

The sprawling buildings of Kandahar Airfield lurch out in all directions amidst the dense dusty haze of the afternoon. Structures,

vehicles and people are soil laden from the harsh, unforgiving desert environment. After the company trained egressing from vehicles, detecting and identifying potential improvised explosive devices they were ready to make the last leg of their journey. In groups, pairs and sometimes alone; Soldiers boarded helicopters to journey forward to their respective operating bases that they would support for the deployment.



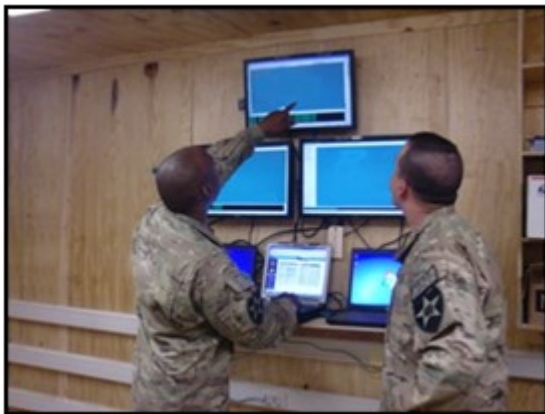


## ***Bolt, 334 Signal Company (Continued)***

### ***Squandering in Shoja: Soldiers Speeding the Message Day or Night***

*By SGT Alan Fennell*

Forward operating base Shoja is located approximately 20 miles southwest of Kandahar Airfield. The S-6 automations team consists of three personnel; SGT Diaz: a network node operator, SGT Lunnon: a multichannel transmission operator and SGT Fennell: a satellite communications



SGT Fennell is seen helping SGT Lunnon troubleshoot one of their links.

operator. They maintain wireless connections which link the communications of the three neighboring forward operating bases. In addition, they have one satellite to connect the team to Kandahar Airfield. Their day-to-day operations consist of monitoring network outages, helping personnel with their computers, accounts, transferring data, installing components, and running cable. All three mem-

bers work together to solve any and all computer problems for the entire base. When a link goes down they promptly attend to it no matter what is going on speeding the message day or night. SGT Diaz is always on the move helping FOB personnel with account problems. He diligently attends to an account that was nearly unrecoverable. Thanks to his expert knowledge of network troubleshooting he was able to recover the account with a few keystrokes.

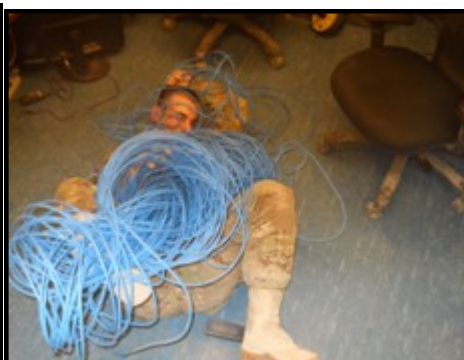


SGT Diaz saves the proverbial day

### ***BOLT Soldiers in Action***



Soldiers pass by the dining facility in the rainy & cold season.



The Soldier is tackled by the stressors of deployment.



Soldiers of Bolt Company stand atop the hilltop at FOB Masum Ghar for an

## Updates from Our Forward Logistics Elements (FLE)

### 1-23 FLE at Zangabad

#### Sergeant First Class James Lunsford

Greetings from Afghanistan. We have begun settling into a rhythm here with our daily work routines. As with any move, the outgoing unit and the incoming unit have lots of moving pieces that conspire to eat up all available time. Between fueling, fixing, feeding and moving items around, we generally work sixteen hours a day or more. Although the Soldiers of the FLE are tired from all the work, that work has already shown great improvement in our work areas and efficiency. The Soldiers have had to move a couple of times to get to their "permanent" tents and start settling in.

We have not yet had time for planned recreation such as movies or sports but some of us are starting to get to the gym consistently.

We are replacing a proud unit that had to build a lot from scratch and have already started making progress on improving our foxhole. The CRT has practically rebuilt the motor-pool area to make it more functional. The cooks have started improv-



*CW3 Kallenbach Moving a Barrier*

ing the meal cycles and getting more fresh food on the table. And the Distribution section has started moving the various items of supply across the battalion's area or responsibility. You can be proud of your Soldiers – just a handful of specific specialties supporting an entire task force with all the services and supplies that the Army calls "Logistics."

### 1-37 FLE at Lagman

#### Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jose Yañez

Soldiers from the 1-37 FLE currently stationed on FOB Lagman conducted a sling load operation on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to deliver critical repair parts and supplies to a Forward Firing Point. This was the first time conducting this type of operation, so extra planning and safety precautions were taken to ensure mission accomplishment.

SGT Palmer led the mission by planning, coordinating and then training the Soldiers on



*Soldiers Attach the Container*

how to properly block and brace the container so that the contents inside will not shift during movement. If the contents move during flight, it could endanger the helicopter crew and the mission.

SPC Peaks who attended the sling load class then assembled, inspected and put together the chains and to prepare for the sling load. This was SPC Peaks' first sling load operation also, so he also took the extra steps to make sure the mission would not fail. SPC Peaks also instructed PFC Matthews, (92A, 1-37 FLE) and SPC Vaughn, how to hook up to the helicopter, went thru safety procedures and then conducted a rehearsal in the motorpool before placing the container on the flight line.

The Sling load was conducted successfully. PFC Matthews held and attached the sling

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## ***Updates from Our Forward Logistics Elements (FLE) (Continued)***

load while SPC Vaughan held him in place,

and SPC Peaks and PFC Morgan made sure the slings did not get caught up on the container, and helped PFC Matthews and SPC Vaughan get down safely once the container was attached to the helicopter.

“That was great!” remarked PFC Matthews. By performing pre-battle drills, conducting safety inspections and rehearsing, the mission was a success. Not only did the Soldiers of the 1-37 FLE conduct their first sling load mission, but it also gave them a sense of accomplishment to perform jobs outside their MOS.



*Helicopter Departs with the Sling Load*

### ***1-14 FLE at Apache***

#### ***2LT Brandon Tasos***

When Soldiers of TF-14 are asked “What does the FLE do?” the response is often, “What don’t they do?” With some of the most hardworking and dedicated Soldiers, the TF 1-14 Cavalry Squadron uses the Forward Logistics Element (FLE) to support their mission by: moving supplies on a daily basis, maintaining their vehicles, and keeping their Soldiers fed. Currently the 1-14 FLE has Soldiers deployed in six different locations throughout Regional Command-South, with its headquarters being located at FOB Apache.

The Officer in Charge, CPT Matt Jewett, spearheads the Field Trains Command Post in Kandahar, with maintenance and transportation elements, in order to push supplies of all kinds to Soldiers at the outlying Forward Operating Bases, allowing them to stay fit for the fight. Upon receipt of the supplies, it is up to the Soldiers under the command of 2LT Brandon Tasos and SFC Randy Leyba to continue moving the supplies to the frontline. Currently, the FLE’s Distribution Team headed by SGT Kyle Kramer has conducted over 115 Combat Logistic Patrols to eight different operating bases in the RC-S to support American, Romanian, and Afghan Soldiers.

Two other vital missions are being conducted while the Distro Team is on the road. The mechanics under SSG Jonathan Hogge are ensuring

the Squadron is mechanically fit by conducting maintenance on over 6,000 pieces of equipment, and never allowing the Squadron fall under 95 percent mission capable. The 1-14 Field Feeding Team, under the guidance of SSG Spencer, ensures Soldiers at several Forward Operating Bases are keeping their stomachs full with what has been said “some of the best food in Afghanistan”, so they continue their fight for their war on terror. The FLE will continue to provide for TF 1-14, and if you need your supplies delivered, vehicles fixed, or stomach fed and a FLE Soldier will respond with the 1-14 Squadron motto, *Suivez Moi!*



*Soldiers Working with Romanian Forces*



## ***Updates from Our Forward Logistics Elements (FLE) (Continued)***

### ***5-20 FLE at Pasab***

*Captain Jason Lam*

April is another month complete, and we are almost half-way done with this deployment.

As we continue to get after it, it's easy to lose track of time especially in our area. Things slowed down early this month when one of our own (SPC Sawyer) was wounded in action. Tragic as the situation was, a great deal of heroism was displayed as your Soldiers fought to save the life of not only their fellow Soldier but their brother as well. All of us are happy to hear that SPC Sawyer is now stable and recovering back Stateside. Our thoughts and prayers are continually with him and his family.

We continue the mission ensuring Task Force Regulars is effectively sustained. Many of our Soldiers were recognized and awarded this month for the numerous successful operations we have conducted since December 2011 when we first arrived. The 296 BSB commander, LTC Siegl, also visited us this month and noted the success this formation has had

### ***More from the 5-20 FLE***

*Sergeant First Class Hau Nguyen*

Family and friends of the 5-20 Forward Logistics Element, I would like to start off by thanking each and every one of you for your support and understanding. The job your Soldier does is an important one and they would not be successful without



*296 BSB FLE Soldiers Prepare  
a Sling Load*



*Successful Sling Load on a Chinook*

and the strong reputation it has built.

Sustainment is a no-fail mission. Whether distributing supplies, cooking food for the troops, conducting maintenance, recovering vehicles in flooded areas of the battlefield, or even slingloading flatracks (yes, this did happen), your Soldiers are getting it done. It's not the most glorious mission, but it is the one that ensures victory. The Soldiers of the FLE understand that their actions sustain and keep our brothers in the fight.

you. This makes your job incredibly important as well. Do not under estimate the significance that family and friends play in a Soldier's motivation and success.

Another month comes to an end which means we are a month closer to the end. The days are getting longer and the nights are getting shorter. Your TF Regulars FLE men and women are working endless hours but staying highly motivated. They are making a difference with every day that goes by and every mission that they accomplish. Once again, thank you for all the love and support that you have shown this over the last five months, it has not gone unnoticed.



**On Point!**

### 296th BSB (Rear)

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### 296th BSB (Forward)

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**FRONTLINE SUPPORT**  
*Respect and Honor*

## Advice from the Chaplain

Good communication is extremely important when it comes to Family resilience. This is especially true when going through a deployment. Good communication is when:

- 1) Everyone is able to speak their mind freely without fear of being mocked, belittled, judged or feeling like an argument is going to be started
- 2) The listener actually LISTENS so as to fully understand what the speaker is trying to communicate.

Having good communication now will make for a better reunion and easier reintegration when we all come home!

With Respect and Blessings,  
Chaplain Ryan McKinnon

## Our Mission

*The BSB plans, prepares, rapidly deploys, and executes the uninterrupted flow of tactical-level logistics and Army Health System support to the Arrowhead Brigade. The BSB is trained and equipped to support the brigade's requirements for full spectrum operations, including offense, defense, stability operations, and civil support. The BSB and its subordinate units must be fully prepared to conduct any combination of these primary operations.*

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