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Marine's leadership helps earn combat meritorious promotion

Story and Photos by Cpl. Corey Dabney



FORWARD OPERATING BASE SHUKVANI, Afghanistan – A leader is someone capable of setting an example for others to emulate and who strives for excellence. Every Marine is a leader, but one Marine serving with 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment stood out among his peers and earned a combat meritorious promotion. A combat meritorious promotion is a means to recognize a Marine for uncommon valor in a combat environment, said Sgt. Maj. Rafael Rodriguez, sergeant major, 3rd Bn., 7th Marines. It doesn't mean the Marine is constantly in combat. He can be supporting the combat arms and emit that same valor. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

VIGNETTES

CLB-6, CLB-7 begin turnover in Afghanistan

Photos by Sgt. Frances Johnson

Marines of Combat Logistics Battalion 7 strap down generators next to each other on Forward Operating Base Delaram, Jan. 16, 2014. Several CLB-7 Marines participated in the combat logistics patrol as they transition into Afghanistan to assume responsibility as the logistics battalion for Regional Command (Southwest). [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)



VIDEO

This is my life: DUSTOFF PILOT

Video by Cpl. Cody Haas



This is my life is a photo-based journal documenting the lives, personalities and leadership styles of coalition forces currently serving in Afghanistan. A medical evacuation pilot with Team 5, Charlie Company, 168th General Support Aviation Battalion explains what his job entails operating overseas. Includes interview with CWO2 Joshua C. Groth, Medevac Pilot. [\(Watch the Video\)](#)

Sgt. Brian Early

Video by Staff Sgt. John Jackson

Sgt. Brian Early, a Libby, Mont., native and squad leader with 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, talks to a KECI-TV reporter about his work in Afghanistan working with the Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army. [\(Watch the Video\)](#)



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