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NEWS

Faith has no uniform: British Islamic religious advisor visits with U.S. Marines

Story by Sgt. Frances Johnson, Photos by Cpl. Joshua Young



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan- Imam Asim Hafiz, an Islamic religious advisor with the British Ministry of Defence, visited British and American leaders aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Jan. 26, 2014, to discuss the religious environment and its impact in Afghanistan. Though Imam Hafiz spoke with high-ranking officials during his visit, he made time to highlight the diversity of the armed forces by sitting down to talk with American Muslim Marines currently deployed to Afghanistan. ([Read the STORY](#))

SFAAT 2-215 generator mechanic boosts FOB morale, takes on multiple tasks

Story and Photos by Cpl. Joshua Young

FORWARD OPERATING BASE NOLAY, Afghanistan - The smell of bacon and eggs joined with the scent of burning pinewood and cardboard fills the air. A fire, surrounded by a dining tent and military barriers, crackles and glows on the predawn January day. Service members at Forward Operating Base Nolay, Afghanistan, are still asleep, apart from those providing security, monitoring communication machinery, a cook and the fire-starter. ([Read the STORY](#))



CLB-6 redeploys, CLB-7 last Marine logistical unit to deploy to Afghanistan

Story by Sgt. Jessica Ostroska, Photos by Cpl. Cody Haas



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 6 handed over the responsibilities as the logistics combat element for Regional Command (Southwest) to Combat Logistics Battalion 7 during a transfer of authority ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Jan. 26. This was the third deployment to Afghanistan for the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., unit, and the casing of CLB-6's colors signifies their Operation Enduring Freedom mission is now complete. They close out another chapter in Marine Corps history as the last East Coast unit to serve as the LCE for RC(SW). ([Read the STORY](#))

3/7 Battalion surgeon awarded for lifesaving medical care

Story and Photos by Cpl. Corey Dabney

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SABIT QADAM, Afghanistan – Navy Lt. Jonathan T. Lau, battalion surgeon, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, was awarded the U.S. Central Command Joint Theater Trauma System Ditch Medicine Award at Forward Operating Base Sabit Qadam, Jan. 31. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



PHOTOS

Redskins cheerleaders visit troops in Helmand

Photos by Cpl. Cody Haas



Several Washington Redskins cheerleaders made a trip to support and visit the troops aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Jan. 28, 2014. To show their appreciation for those serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, they personally autographed several calendars starring the cheerleaders and posed for photographs with service members. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)

RC(SW), I MEF (FWD) CGs visit ANA 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps

Photos by Cpl. Joshua Young

Major Gen. W. Lee Miller Jr., left, commanding general of Regional Command (Southwest), is welcomed by Col. Christopher Douglas, right, team leader for Security Force Assistance Advisor Team 2-215, during a visit to an Afghan National Army base near Forward Operating Base Nalay, Afghanistan, Jan. 28, 2014. Major Gen. Miller visited the base to speak with officials of ANA 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps, and the Afghan Uniform Police about an ongoing operation being conducted in the Sangin Valley, Helmand province. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)



3/7 Marines disrupt Taliban ability to harm coalition forces

Photos by Cpl. Corey Dabney



Private First Class Justin Waller, a dog handler with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, provides security watch while his fellow Marines search a local shop in the Qasim Bazaar, Jan. 17. Waller is a 23-year-old native of Pleasanton, Calif. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)

VIDEO

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