

Regional Command Southwest *Round-up*

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NEWS

Marines conduct site survey of Afghan landing zone

Story and photos by Cpl. Joshua Young



FORWARD OPERATING BASE ROBINSON, Afghanistan - Afghan National Army soldiers with 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps, and Marines with Security Force Assistance Advisor Team 2-215 conducted a site survey of the landing zone, Feb. 24, aboard Forward Operating Base Robinson in Helmand province.

[\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Afghan soldiers conduct helicopter training during Noncommissioned Officer Battle Course

Story and photos by Cpl. Joshua Young

CAMP SHORABAK, Afghanistan - Soldiers with the Afghan National Army conducted helicopter training as part of the Noncommissioned Officer Battle Course aboard Camp Shorabak, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 19.

[\(Read the STORY\)](#)



1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment Marines patrol Helmand province

Story and photos by Cpl. Cody Haas



PATROL BASE BOLDAK, Afghanistan –Early each morning aboard Patrol Base Boldak, a team of infantry Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, dons their gear and prepares to leave for a daily patrol in Helmand province, Afghanistan. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Mobile Strike Force advisors guide Afghan 3rd MSF toward success

Story and Photos by Sgt. Frances Johnson

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan— The Marines of Mobile Strike Force Security Force Assistance Advisor Team brought their Afghan counterparts of the 3rd Mobile Strike Force to Camp Leatherneck, for vehicle recovery training with simulated Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicles with catastrophic damage, Feb. 23 and 24. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Marines become U.S. citizens while serving in Afghanistan

Story by Sgt. Jessica Ostroska



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – “Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world, but the Marines don’t have that problem.” Those words spoken by our late president, Ronald Reagan, rang true during a naturalization ceremony held aboard Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 26, where seven Marines were granted their United States citizenship. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Commandant, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps visit Marines, sailors in Helmand

Story and photos by Sgt. Frances Johnson

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett held a town hall meeting for Marines and sailors aboard Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 18. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Task Force Belleau Wood welcomes new commanding officer

Story and photos by Sgt. Jessica Ostroska



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Defending the perimeter of Camps Bastion and Leatherneck is not an easy task. Protecting the personnel working and living aboard the camps is a 24-hour-a-day job, and one that Task Force Belleau Wood is fully dedicated to and takes very seriously. So, as to not disrupt the battle rhythm of force protection, it was quietly that Col. Dan M. Sullivan transferred authority as the commanding officer of TFBW to Col. Pete B. Baumgarten, Feb. 24. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Marine commander attends Afghan security shura prior to elections

Story and Photos by Cpl. Joshua Young

LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan - The commanding general of Regional Command (Southwest) attended a shura Feb. 10 held by the provincial governor of Helmand to discuss security leading up to the national elections.

[\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Afghanistan unit awarded Logistics Excellence award by Commandant of the Marine Corps

Story and photos by Sgt. Jessica Ostroska



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Marines and sailors with Redeployment and Retrograde in support of Reset and Reconstitution Operations Group received an award for Logistics Excellence at a ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 18, during which Gen. James F. Amos, the commandant of the Marine Corps, and Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett, the sergeant major of the Marine Corps, personally presented the award to the command. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

PHOTOS

Brig. Gen. Yoo visits Marines, sailors aboard Patrol Base Boldak

Photos by Cpl. Cody Haas



Brigadier Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general of Regional Command (Southwest), arrives at Patrol Base Boldak in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 25, 2014. Brigadier Gen. Yoo expressed how impressed he was with the skills and confidence of the Marines and sailors with 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, operating aboard PB Boldak and throughout Helmand province.

[\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)

Brig. Gen. Yoo impressed with emergency physicians aboard Camp Leatherneck

Photos by Cpl. Cody Haas

Brigadier Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general of Regional Command (Southwest), talks to emergency physicians with Alpha Surgical Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 7, aboard Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 15, 2014. Brigadier Gen. Yoo expressed how impressed he was with the skills and confidence of the emergency surgeons, nurses, independent duty corpsmen and field medic corpsmen operating aboard Camp Leatherneck and throughout Helmand province. ([See the PHOTOS](#))



VIDEO

Commandant Presents Award to Deployed Logistics Unit

Video by Cpl. Joshua Young



Gen. James F. Amos, the commandant of the Marine Corps, presents the 2014 Ground Logistics unit of the year award to Redeployment and Retrograde in Support of Reset and Reconstitution Operations Group aboard Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 18, 2014. ([Watch the VIDEO](#))

Afghans clear Sangin Valley prior to elections

Video by Cpl. Joshua Young

Afghan National Army soldiers with 2nd and 3rd Brigade's 215th Corps teamed with Afghan National Security Forces to conduct a completely Afghan-led operation called Oqab 144, with only advisory-related help from coalition forces in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Jan. 27-Feb. 4. ([Watch the VIDEO](#))



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