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Marines increase awareness during stress mitigation training in Helmand province

Story by Cpl. Cody Haas

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – While deployed in a combat zone, Marines can take on more stress than they are used to back in the U.S. To help combat the effects of stress, Marines with Regional Command (Southwest) conducted an Operational Stress Control and Readiness class aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, May 29, 2014. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



College student changes life, becomes Marine anti-tank missileman

Story by Cpl. Joseph Scanlan



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – A large number of young adults in the United States pursue college directly after graduating high school. While many students continue to pursue a degree, some decide to do something completely different. Corporal Jonathan Hollis attended college immediately after high school, but after a few short years of enduring the monotonous routine, he was fed up and sought an adventure. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

1/7 continues to disrupt Taliban insurgents in Larr Village, Afghanistan

Story by Cpl. Joseph Scanlan

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Marines with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, continued force protection operations in the nearby village of Larr, May 15 to 17. “We went in there with the desired effect of disrupting a potential command and control node for insurgency and also to answer some intelligence-driven requests,” said 1st Lt. Walter Mack, the executive officer of Bravo Company, 1st Bn., 7th Marines, and a native of New York City. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Marines of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, take control of the fight in southern Helmand province

Story by Cpl. Michael Dye



PATROL BASE BOLDAK, Afghanistan – Marines and sailors with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, completed the turnover with 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, and took control over Patrol Base Boldak and its area of operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, May 20, 2014.

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PHOTOS

Reunitin' for some fightin'

Photos by Cpl. Joshua Young

Marines who once served together in 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, are reunited fifteen years later aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, May 24, 2014. Pictured from left to right: Sgt. Maj. Douglas Berry Jr., sergeant major of Regional Command (Southwest); Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, incoming commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command; Lt. Gen. Robert B. Neller, commander of MARCENT; Sgt. Maj. John Kennedy, sergeant major of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 467; and Sgt. Maj. Darrel D. Rowe, sergeant major of Marine Wing Support Squadron 274. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)



Marines promoted in Helmand province, Afghanistan

Photos by Cpl. Joseph Scanlan



Corporal Jacob Gamble, a native of Oskaloosa, Kansas, stands at attention while Marines pin corporal insignia to his collar during a promotion ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, June 1, 2014. Gamble, a field radio operator with Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, and 20 other lance corporals with the battalion were promoted to corporal, June 1 and 2. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)

Afghan National Army coordinates, conducts zone security shura with Nimroz, Helmand provinces

Photos by Sgt. Frances Johnson

Maj. Gen. Sayed Malouk, commander of the 215th Corps, Afghan National Army, gives his opening remarks during a zone security shura aboard Camp Shorabak, June 1, 2014. The event was the first large shura the ANA had planned, coordinated and carried out without help from the coalition forces within Regional Command (Southwest). The meeting's special guest attendants were the Provincial Governor of Nimroz and the Deputy Provincial Governor of Helmand, a rare occasion for the two provinces to coordinate security efforts prior to the upcoming presidential runoff election. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)



Afghan National Army fired-up about artillery

Photos by 1st Lt. Garth Langley



Artillerymen with the 215th Corps, Afghan National Army, fire a D-30 122 mm howitzer during a live-fire training exercise aboard Camp Shorabak, Helmand province, Afghanistan, June 2, 2014. The ANA completed the exercise as part of a series of courses at the Regional Corps Battle School designed to hone their operational military skills for employment in the 215th Corps' area of operations. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)

Logistics commands merge during ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck

Photos by Cpl. Cody Haas

The colors of Marine Corps Logistics Command (Forward) are lowered during a flag-folding ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, June 1, 2014. Marine Corps Logistics Command (Forward) merged with Redeployment and Retrograde in support of Reset and Reconstitution Operations Group in order to more efficiently work to redeploy the Corps from Afghanistan. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)



Bosnian service members lower flag, footprint during flag-lowering ceremony in Afghanistan

Photos by Cpl. Cody Haas



A Bosnian soldier with the Bosnia-Herzegovina Guard Unit – Danish Contingent, salutes as their national anthem is played during a flag-lowering ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, June 7, 2014. The ceremony marked the end of operations for the Bosnian service members in Helmand province. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)

1/7 continues to disrupt enemy fighters near Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan

Photos by Cpl. Joseph Scanlan

Corporal Isaac Garcia, a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, provides security during a two-day mission in Larr Village, Afghanistan, May 22, 2014. Garcia, a mortarman with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, and the rest of the unit conducted several patrols to disrupt Taliban fighters in the area and gather intelligence. The infantrymen received small-arms and machinegun fire from enemy fighters during the second day of the operation. They concluded the operation by extracting from the area by CH-53E Super Stallions. [\(See the PHOTOS\)](#)



1/7 sailors earn Fleet Marine Force device during combat deployment

Photos by Cpl. Joseph Scanlan



Petty Officer 2nd Class Carlo Laserna, a native of Los Angeles, stands at attention while his award citation for the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist Device is read aloud during a pinning ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, May 30, 2014. Laserna, a corpsman with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, and two of his fellow sailors in the battalion earned their FMF device after enduring many hours of studying, practical applications, several written tests and a final oral board. ([See the PHOTOS](#))

Marine officer with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, promoted in Helmand province

Photos by Cpl. Michael Dye

Newly promoted 1st Lt. Jarred Sabia raises his right hand during a promotion ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, May 29, 2014. "I joined the Marine Corps for the opportunity to lead Marines, which to me is America's best fighting force hands down," said Sabia, a native of Savannah. Sabia is the maintenance management officer with 1st Bn., 2nd Marines. ([See the PHOTOS](#))



VIDEO

Marine advisor wishes continued success to Afghan National Police

Video by Cpl. Joshua Young

Captain David Foti, 29, from Oceanside, California, the logistics advisor for the Afghan National Police Advisor Team, speaks about the future of the ANPAT in Helmand province aboard the Regional Logistics Center at Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan, May 31, 2014. ([Watch the VIDEO](#))



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