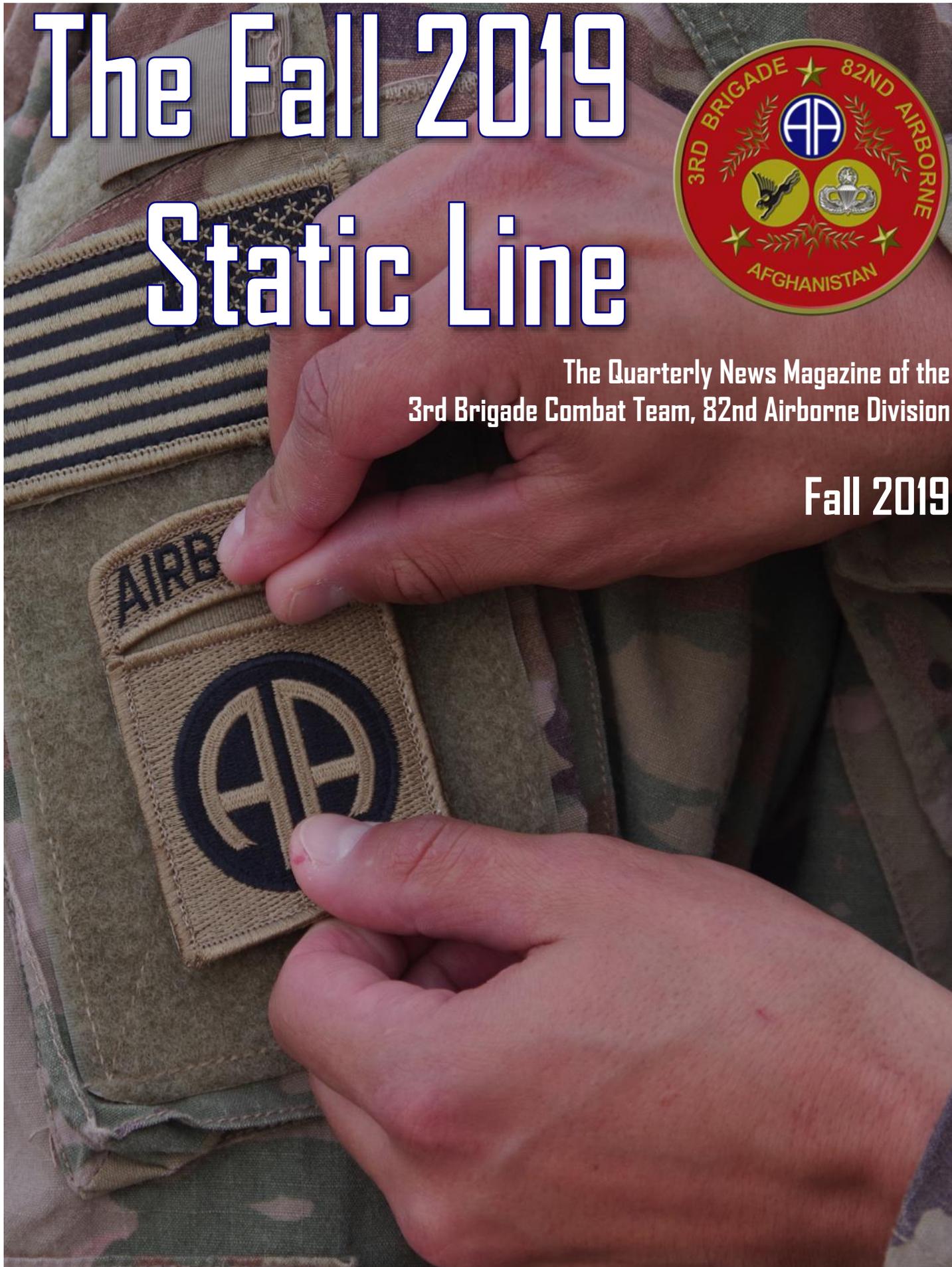


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# P6 Sends:



It's a GREAT day to be a PANTHER! Your Paratroopers continue to EXCEL as they conduct multiple, varied missions across the theatre in support of RESOLUTE SUPPORT and OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

Every day, CSM Teakell and I receive phone calls, emails, or in-person compliments on the character, attitude and performance of YOUR Paratroopers. The professionalism and discipline of our Panther Paratroopers is on display 24/7. They are magnificent, and you should be extremely proud!

Your Panthers are scattered throughout Afghanistan, some on the bigger bases while others are at remote and austere outposts. Each Panther is in a unique situation, with differing schedules, daily duties, accommodations, and access to communications. We rely on our outstanding junior leaders to accomplish the mission and maintain our great Paratrooper traditions of discipline and excellence at each of these locations.

As many of you know, there are risks while we conduct our mission, and three of our beloved Panther Teammates paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Great Nation.

Specialist Nance and Private First Class Kreischer, both assigned to B Company, 1-505 PIR, were killed in action while conducting combat operations near Kandahar, Afghanistan on 29 July 2019, while SFC Barreto, H Company, 82d BSB, in support of 2-505 PIR, was killed in action in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 5 September 2019. These were very, very tough losses for our TEAM to endure, and our hearts, thoughts, and prayers continue to be with their families and loved ones. We all remain committed to honoring their efforts and their memory by accomplishing our daily mission to the highest levels of success.

Please continue to volunteer and participate in your Paratrooper Family Readiness Group. This is a great opportunity to assist the loved ones and family members of SFC Barreto, SPC Nance, and PFC Kreischer. Additionally, building Teams among family members and keeping communications channels open within the PFRG is critical to building and maintaining resilience, and to helping each other when it counts.

CSM Teakell and I remain humbled and honored to lead the men and women of this brigade as we continue to write another chapter in the storied history of the Panthers.

Ready, Competent, Lethal! H-Minus!

COL Art Sellers  
Brigade Commander

CSM Reese Teakell  
Brigade Command Sergeant Major

# 1P6 Sends

*LTC Jason Wayne, Battalion Commander & CSM Victor Del Valle, Battalion CSM*



Greetings from Afghanistan! 1P9 and I can't believe we've been on the ground for nearly three months now. The 1Panther Team is busier than ever spread across five outposts in Afghanistan conducting a range of missions. Whether they are supporting Train, Advise, & Assist missions with Afghan National Defense Security Forces, patrolling the Ground Defense Areas in Kandahar and Tarin Kowt, or providing sustainment support to units spread across Afghanistan, rest assured your Paratroopers are exceeding the standard. You should all be proud of the exceptional work they are doing each and every day.



This deployment has not been without its challenges. On 29 July 2019, two of our Paratroopers were killed in action while supporting a TAA, mission in Shah Wali Kot, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

We couldn't be prouder of how our Paratroopers have rallied around one another here in Afghanistan. We are just as proud of the outpouring of love and support from Paratroopers, Family, friends, and even complete strangers back at Ft. Bragg. For that, you have our deepest and most sincere thanks.

The 1Panther Team remains **READY, COMPETENT, and LETHAL** as we carry out our combat mission. We are truly grateful for the continued support from our outstanding Rear Detachment and PFRG. We couldn't do this mission without them and our amazing 1Panther families. Ready! H-Minus! Airborne!

LTC Jason Wayne  
Battalion Commander

CSM Victor Del Valle  
Battalion CSM



1P Paratroopers have adapted well to a range of deployed conditions. Most Paratroopers have access to internet and regular communication with their Family and friends. However, MAIL CALL remains the biggest morale booster for 1Panther Paratroopers across Afghanistan.

Nothing beats a letter from home and a well thought out care package to boost Paratrooper

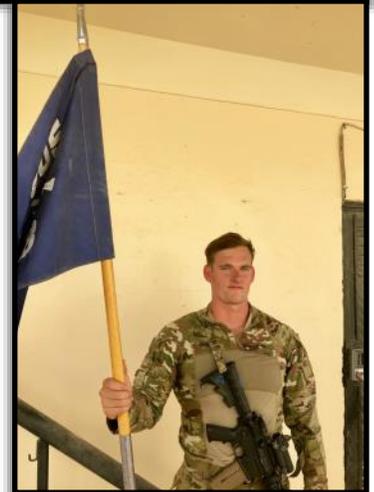
morale. Our mail handlers have processed thousands of letters and packages from Family and friends since the start of our deployment. Even at our remote outstations, mail is routinely pushed multiple times a week to ensure Paratroopers remain connected with home.

# 1P Paratrooper to Recognize

## **SGT James Sims (Baker Company):**

SGT Sims recently transferred back to the line and is already serving as a key asset not only to 3rd Platoon, but to the whole Company. SGT Sims conducted MaxxPro drivers training for the Company's vehicle crews while organizing a program of instruction which included classroom, motor pool, and vehicle training.

Furthermore, he has become the mine roller subject matter expert in the Company. SGT Sims' dedication to the mission and constant drive to resolve issues enables Baker Company to conduct operations successfully.



# 2P6 Sends

*LTC Eric Jnah, Battalion Commander & CSM Christopher Donaldson, Battalion CSM*



Task Force 2Panther deployed in July, 2019 from Fort Bragg, N.C. in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

During our first three months in theater, Task Force 2Panther Paratroopers have been invaluable assets to the teams we are assigned to. Our brave Paratroopers have spread to the furthest reaches of Afghanistan to conduct operations in support of both Afghan and Coalition Forces.



Task Force 2Panther Paratroopers are responsible for the defense of numerous outstations throughout Afghanistan. In doing so, our Paratroopers assumed the responsibility of protecting the force and ensuring the safety of our fellow Paratroopers and international allies.

Elements of Task Force 2Panther are also responsible for Guardian Angel missions and escorting government officials in Afghan cities during key leader engagements. Every day, Task Force 2Panther Paratroopers answer their Nation's call to conduct operations here in Afghanistan with the utmost professionalism and competency. Their steadfast courage, strength of will, and loyalty to country reflect the finest qualities of ALL AMERICANS! Airborne! All the way! H-Minus, Ready!

LTC Eric Jnah  
Battalion Commander

CSM Christopher Donaldson  
Battalion CSM



Since the deployment, 2P Rear D has worked hard to support forward deployed 2P by facilitating the outload process, supporting Families, maintaining the battalion's vehicle fleet, integrating and training the brigade's new Paratroopers for rapid deployment, taking care of injured Paratroopers, and

conducting casualty assistance operations.

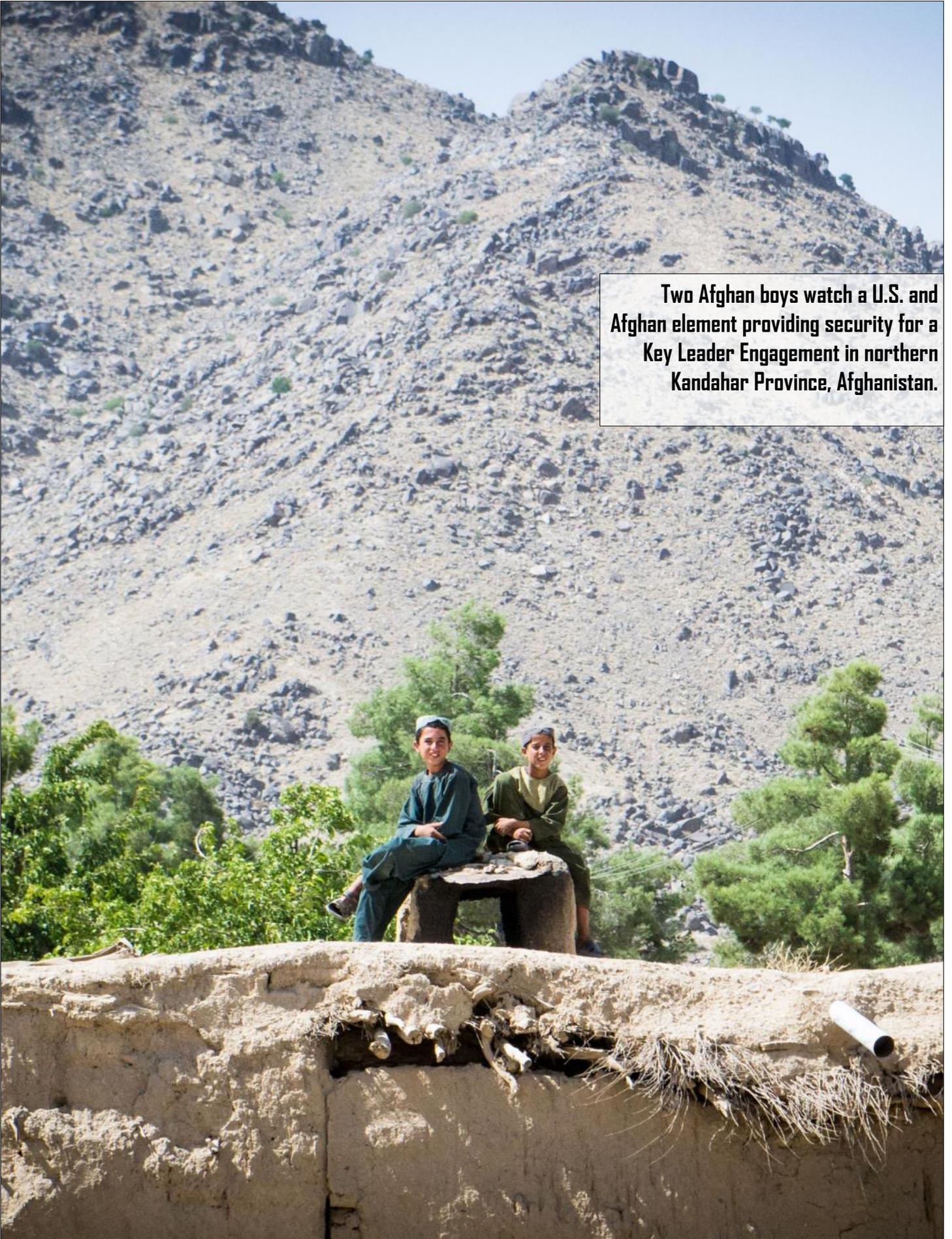
All of this, while maintaining day to day operations to include Airborne Operations and garrison support functions.

# 2P Paratrooper to Recognize

PFC Hutley of D/2-505 displayed tactical proficiency while receiving fire from the enemy and provided accurate direction and range estimation while positioning himself on the battlefield to provide accurate suppressing fires with his M249.

His actions gave others Paratroopers and Soldiers situational awareness, as well as the ability to maneuver into positions of advantage to engage and eliminate the threat.





**Two Afghan boys watch a U.S. and Afghan element providing security for a Key Leader Engagement in northern Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.**

**Col. Art Sellers, left and Command Sgt. Maj. Reese Teakell, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, uncasing the brigade colors during a Transfer of Authority Ceremony held Friday, July 19th on Kandahar Airfield. This marked the Brigade's official assumption of duties in southern Afghanistan.**



# 1Fury 6 Sends

*LTC Zachariah A. Corke, Battalion Commander & CSM Jacob D. Provence, Battalion CSM*



Since deploying from Fort Bragg in June 2019, Task Force FURY has made the most of a busy summer. Operating as part of a multinational coalition task force in support of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, your Paratroopers continue to serve our Nation with distinction.



Beginning in July, Task Force FURY assumed duties requiring them to rapidly provide security and conduct operations in areas and situations they are not familiar with. This requires your loved ones to always be mentally and physically ready at a moment's notice.

In August, FURY Paratroopers donned the coveted 82nd Airborne Division combat patch on their right sleeve, signifying their wartime service in the 82nd Airborne Division. Your Paratroopers will forever be linked to America's Division, carrying forth one of the Army's greatest legacies.

As summer comes to a close, Task Force FURY stands ready to answer our Nation's call. We are truly blessed for all the love and support we receive from those back home. You will always be in the hearts and minds of these fantastic Paratroopers.

LTC Zachariah Corke  
Battalion Commander

CSM Jacob Provence  
Battalion CSM



With Task Force FURY deployed, the Rear-Detachment maintains accountability for all non-deployed 1-508 PIR personnel remaining at Fort Bragg. Our most important task is to train and prepare new Paratroopers to deploy and meet their Task Force FURY comrades “downrange” in Afghanistan.

Rear-Detachment also includes those Paratroopers attending career developing schools. Additionally, the Rear-Detachment conducts regular airborne operations to maintain jumper currency and jumpmaster proficiency. Beyond these tasks, Rear-Detachment keeps an eye on the future, maintaining equipment readiness in preparation for when our deployed Paratroopers return home. Airborne!!!

# 1Fury Paratrooper to Recognize



Task Force FURY recognizes SPC McGonagill from A Co, 1-508 PIR, as the “Paratrooper of the Quarter.” Prior to deployment, SPC McGonagill distinguished himself for his expert marksmanship and physical fitness.

Displaying outstanding leadership potential, SPC McGonagill deployed to Afghanistan as a Fire Team Leader. Since deploying, SPC McGonagill completed the Basic Leaders Course at Bagram Airfield, receiving the Honor Graduate award with a 100% GPA. SPC McGonagill is also earning a college degree in Emergency Management.

Fury From the Sky!

# Recon 6 Sends

*LTC Jonathan T. Hartsock, Squadron Commander & CSM Christopher C. Goodart, Squadron CSM*



Greetings from CL Dwyer! We hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. Since deploying, your Paratroopers have adapted to our new home and mission-set with that unique blend of skill, ferocity, dash, discipline, and cunning of a US Cavalry Trooper.

Over the past three months the Task Force hosted the commanding generals of the overall US/NATO mission in Afghanistan, US Central Command, and our immediate headquarters in southern Afghanistan, Task Force-Southwest. Without exception, these general officers praised the professionalism and competence of your Paratroopers. CSM Goodart and I could not agree more with their assessment or be more proud of the entire Task Force.

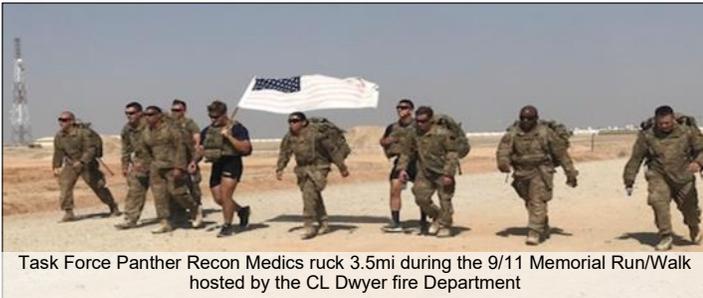
The Task Force remains steadfastly committed to our mission and each other. We cannot thank you enough for your letters and packages, but most especially, your continued love and support! Finally, a special congratulations to the Fleenor, Ballard, Zeigler, Morales, Goostree, and Jimenez Families on their new additions to the Panther Recon Family!

LTC Jonathan T. Hartsock  
Squadron Commander

CSM Christopher C. Goodart  
Squadron CSM



Recon 6 addresses the Task Force on July 27, 2019 before Paratroopers don the coveted "82nd Combat Patch" on their right sleeves.



Spearheaded by Mrs. Holly Ayres and Mrs. Jessica Goodart, the Recon PFRG hosted a Back to School Outreach event at the Squadron Headquarters on August 16. During the event, the PFRG gave away

almost \$3000 of donated school supplies to Recon Families in preparation for the school year. Thank you to all the selfless supporters and PFRG Team!

The Rear Detachment continues to work hard supporting the rest of the Squadron and Division from Fort Bragg. Prior to Hurricane Dorian, Recon Paratroopers prepared to support rescue and recovery efforts.

Finally, Recon mechanics continue the painstaking job of inventorying all bench and shop stock, conduct equipment services, turn vehicles in for paint and prepare them for services.

# Recon Paratrooper to Recognize



On August 30, 2019, LTC Hartsock, frocked SFC Wilfredo Rivera to the rank of First Sergeant.

No stranger to the Squadron, 1SG Rivera served as the Second Platoon Sergeant in Alpha Troop from July 2018 to April 2019. In April 2019, the Squadron Commander and Command Sergeant Major selected 1SG Rivera over nine of his peers as the Bandit Troop First Sergeant. 1SG Rivera hails from Toa Alta, Puerto Rico.



**We congratulate Sgt. Harry Ruehlman on his recent reenlistment on Kandahar Airfield. Ruehlman is deployed with Headquarters, Headquarters Company.**



**A member of the Afghan Uniformed Police scans the horizon as a Key Leader Engagement happens nearby in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.**

**Paratroopers of the brigade routinely interact with members of the AUP while deployed to Afghanistan.**



# Loyalty 6 Sends

*LTC Michael Garry, Battalion Commander & CSM Gerardo Ramon, Battalion CSM*



The past few months have been busy for the Loyalty Battalion and your Paratroopers have hit the ground running and continue to give their best each and every day. As a unit, we are spread around the country from large bases to remote locations with limited facilities. The batteries are heavily involved with their assigned missions and



our Alpha Battery was the first unit in the brigade to engage the enemy while providing fire support in the East. Bravo Battery arrayed their forces in the North, Charlie Battery in the South, and Fox Forward Support Company is shouldering a heavy sustainment mission supporting the Panther Brigade by providing world class support. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery is spread across the country providing mission critical support to all units in their locations. Across our formation we have seen 15 junior enlisted promotions, two reenlistments, and multiple Paratroopers pass the board for promotion to NCO.

The Loyalty Battalion could not be more proud of the extraordinary work of your Paratroopers. They are the few who have volunteered to answer our Nation's call to arms, and even fewer to serve amongst the ranks of Paratroopers. Many of your Paratroopers receive your love and support through care packages and we thank you for your support during this time.

LTC Mike Garry  
Battalion Commander

CSM Gerardo Ramon  
Battalion CSM



Over the past few months, Loyalty Rear Detachment has been working hard to provide support to the Paratroopers and the families of the 1-319th AFAR and the Panther Brigade.

Our main focus is to provide quality training for Rear Detachment Paratroopers as well as provide support to our forward deployed brothers and sisters. Our top priorities are new Paratrooper reception and integration, maintaining Airborne proficiency, readiness of personnel and equipment, deployment support, and Family support.

Recently, Loyalty Rear Detachment, with support from the 82nd DIVARTY, conducted a Fire Support Certification for our Rear Detachment Fire Supporters led by CPT Disotell and SSG Williams.

The training plan focused on the fundamentals of fire support and tested the Paratroopers on fire support knowledge, implementation and use of equipment, physical tests, land navigation and conducting calls for fire.

# Loyalty Paratrooper to Recognize

SGT(P) Rebekka Burgos, serves as a Radar Repairer for 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT, HHB 1-319 AFAR. She is recognized as the Battery Paratrooper of the Week for her outstanding work ethic, leadership, and technical knowledge.

SGT Burgos demonstrated depth of knowledge on all Weapons Locating Radar systems by repairing both a Q-50 and Q-53 with minimal down time for two Radar systems spread out across the CJOA. Her motivation and dedication is unmatched and She consistently proves herself to be a significant asset to the battery.

She makes a pointed effort to instruct both her peers and subordinates on proper PMCS and troubleshooting procedures on both radar systems.

She continually exhibits her ability to serve as a force multiplier, as she also serves as an operator. Her continued dedication to duty and selfless service reflects great credit upon herself, HHB, and the Loyalty battalion.



# Cobalt 6 Sends

*LTC Aaron Cox, Battalion Commander & CSM John Hankins, Battalion CSM*



The 307th AEB continues to write the next chapter in the legacy of this great battalion. Our Paratroopers are engaged in a multitude of activities that impressively support the Combined Joint Operational Area-Afghanistan.

The battalion headquarters is responsible for protecting Bagram Airfield and is composed of a Task Force with over 2,000 personnel including Bosnians, Polish, Georgian and Czech forces. Our Sapper companies are bravely executing Route Clearance Patrols and our Military Intelligence and Signal Companies are providing excellent intelligence and connectivity capabilities across the entirety of Afghanistan. We simply cannot overstate the accomplishments of our brave Paratroopers.

Unsurprisingly, the foundation of our Paratroopers' remarkable work comes from amazing and dynamic leaders, the individual Paratroopers themselves and their devoted Families who shoulder the toughest burden.

Our Paratroopers achieve excellence every day and we look forward to sharing more of their exploits in the near future.



Cobalt Paratroopers stand in formation prior to the time-honored "Patching" ceremony.

LTC Aaron Cox  
Battalion Commander

CSM John Hankins  
Battalion CSM



Our Charlie Company “Warriors” continue to accelerate their technical competency, lethality and readiness in the Rear-Detachment while half of the Company is forward deployed in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel in Afghanistan.

Our Echo Company Paratroopers are continuing to maintain our vehicle fleet and upgrading our motorpool and battalion footprints.

While always sharpening their technical and tactical skills, our Rear-Detachment

Paratroopers have also set aside time for a Paratroopers’ most important asset, their families.

The Cobalt Family also welcomes 5 (extremely) new Privates. Congratulations to the Cox Family on their twins Jaden and Karrisa, and to the Lannigan, Belch, and Karoly families on their newborns!

We expect great things from our baby Paratroopers!

# Cobalt Paratrooper to Recognize



Specialist Blatt is an exemplary Paratrooper who consistently exceeds the standard. She recently scored 299 on the Army Physical Fitness Test, a near perfect score placing her in an elite category of fitness.

Specialist Blatt is one of three Supply Specialists who are conducting all Rear-D transactions and operations for the battalion. In the last three months, she received over \$50,000 worth of expendables crucial to daily operations in the battalion.

Although a junior Paratrooper, she is operating at the level of a mid-grade Non-Commissioned Officer. She is outstanding at her craft and a prime example of the amazing talent our junior Paratroopers have in this Battalion.

As a result of her outstanding performance she was promoted to Specialist early, a promotion endorsed by the Commander.



**An Afghan boy watches a patrol while two men construct a wall bordering a Grape Vineyard in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.**



**A Paratrooper assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division patrols through a cornfield while searching for a rocket attack site in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.**

# Gator 6 Sends

*LTC Christopher Hamman & CSM Mark Wrench*



During the months of June and July, Gator Paratroopers were hard at work preparing and supporting both the battalion and brigade as they deployed from Fort Bragg to Afghanistan in support of Operation FREEDOM's SENTINEL.

All deploying Paratroopers arrived to their final destinations safely. Upon arrival, Gator Paratroopers jumped into action to relieve the departing unit of their mission to ensure a timely transfer of authority of all duties and responsibilities. Gator Paratroopers are tasked out over five locations including Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Charlie Company has exemplified the Gator Standard in Afghanistan by integrating Medics, Ancillary Technicians, Physicians Assistants, and Doctors into the Role III NATO Hospital on Kandahar Airfield (KAF). Charlie Company stressed this integration by executing a Mass Casualty Exercise on KAF, validating the multifunctional medical training they receive.



LTC Christopher Hamman  
Battalion Commander

CSM Mark Wrench  
Battalion CSM



82nd Brigade Support Battalion Rear-D continues to focus on receiving, staging, integrating, and future onward movement of Paratroopers across the brigade in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. 82 BSB accomplishes that by executing priorities of work through the 3BCT Panther Reception and Integration Training Program, late deployment of critical personnel, and administrative tasks. Gator

Paratroopers continue to participate, support, and prepare for Airborne Operations, demonstrated by Alpha Company's recent Airborne Operation. Bravo Company Hurricanes improve the Brigade's maintenance readiness through the Maintenance Support Teams concept.

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## Gator Paratrooper to Recognize



This quarter we recognize SPC Zachary Burdge from the Evacuation Platoon currently serving at FOB Fenty. Upon arrival, SPC Burdge was selected to dual-hat as a combat medic and physical therapy technician. His keen intellect and drive have been instrumental in his success and resulted in becoming the sole junior enlisted Paratrooper in country to be Army Combat Fitness Test Level 2 certified. SPC Burdge has become an invaluable asset, treating patients through therapeutic exercise, joint manipulation, and various other skills above the traditional 68W scope of practice. SPC Burdge continues to perform at a higher rank and is crucial to the organization's continued success.

**Col. Art Sellers**  
**3rd Brigade Commander**

**Command Sgt. Maj Reese Teakell**  
**3rd Brigade Command Sergeant Major**

