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Special points of interest:

- * The RIP/TOA between the 151st ESB and 50th ESB will be held June 20.
- * Do you want to be able to view current Deployment Photos? Go to <https://esb.iraq.centom.mil> and click on "PAO" and select the folder you wish to view.

First Soldier Promoted of the Deployment

Written By: Spc. Amber McLamb

Promoting a Soldier is always an important event, but promoting a Soldier as a first event during a deployment makes the occasion even more memorable. 2nd Lt. Jared C. Long was promoted to the rank of 1st Lt. at the Al Faw Palace on Victory Base Complex in Baghdad, June 04. 1st Lt. Long recently served as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) Executive Officer, and is now a member of the Battalion S3 Shop in the Operations department.

1st Lt. Long had a number of personnel on-hand to provide him support during his promotion ceremony. A few of the VIPs that were present were Lt. Col. Kathy

Fox, the 50th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary) Commander, Maj. Benjamin Afeku, the 50th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary) Executive Officer, and Command Sgt. Maj. Shannon Cromartie, the 50th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary) Command Sergeant Major. Along with these VIPs was the HHC Commander, Capt. Joelle Quiapo, who had the privilege of pinning 2nd Lt. Long to 1st Lt., and 1st Sgt. Wendle Marshall, who brought along a multitude of HHC "Hellraisers", as well as several other members of the 50th Signal Bat-



1LT Long is pictured with two fellow officers a few days after his promotion.

talion (Expeditionary) family.

The 50th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary) was last deployed in 2009-2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, with the same responsibility of providing strategic signal assets to customers throughout the Iraqi Joint Area of Operations. (continued below)

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The 50th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary) has just arrived in theater, and will be replacing the 151st Expeditionary Signal Battalion. Successful completion of this mission will require a great deal of operations support from 1st Lt. Long, as well as the rest of the 50th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary) family.

After speaking with 1st Lt. Long, he stated that he originally would have liked to get promoted back in the United States. However, after being promoted at the Al Faw Palace, it has made this promotion more memorable than any other. 1st Lt. Long is originally from the state of Rhode Island. He joined the United States Army in 2004 as an

enlisted Soldier, and received his commission from The United States Military Academy in 2009.

The 50th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary) hopes to promote many more Soldiers during the current deployment, both officers and enlisted alike.

Soldier of the Week—Spc. Shawna Robles

Written By: SSG Christopher Long

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Spc. Shawna Robles, C Company, for her hard work as a Site Administrator at the Al Faw Palace Server Room on Victory Base Complex in Baghdad, Iraq. Our section recently took over the duties as Site Administrators at the Al Faw Palace from the 151st ESB.

Our mission here in Iraq is to not only serve as Site



Spc. Robles and her coworkers are pictured near the Al Faw Palace, VBC.

Administrators, but to prepare the server room for shutdown. While doing inventories with my predecessor it came to my attention the masses of excess equipment here from the past eight years of deployment. Understanding that it would be our mission to not only get our equipment turned in but also the hundreds of thousands of dollars of now excess equipment that is no longer being used.

After briefing my Soldiers on what I would like to accomplish and setting a deadline of July 15 for complete excess turn in, Spc. Robles immediately jumped into action. She began separating, organizing, and cataloging equipment for its preparation for turn-in. After only three days of work, SPC Robles has turned the server room into a highly organized and functioning turn-in assembly line. Because of her dedication to mission and organizational skills, turn-in of the Palace Server Rooms excess equipment will be at a minimum two weeks ahead of schedule. This is truly a mountain of a task turned into a mole hill.

Upcoming Events

**Sather MWR is hosting a Texas Hold 'Em Contest Sunday, June 26 at 0800 hours at the large movie tent. To preregister, email

arthur.thompson@hbr.com.

**The Red Cross Freedom Run will be held July 3. To preregister, go to <https://j1.forces.iraq.centcom.mil/mwr/Lists/Red%20Cross%20Run%20Signup/AllItems.aspx>. Check-in and last minute registration will be from 0430-0515, July 3.

**There will be a 4th of July UBC Softball Tournament. Registration started June 15 and you must sign up by June 25 at the Field House on Liberty or at the Paul Smith Gym. For more info. Contact Paul Smith Gym at 485-3080.

**You can find additional information on the USF-I Homepage Website.

**TEXAS HOLD 'EM!!
FREEDOM RUN!!
SOFTBALL!!**

Inquiries About Newsletter Submissions

The "Headliner News!!" is a compilation of submissions from all of the companies currently deployed with 50th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary) in support of Operation New Dawn.

If you would like for an article or pictures to be published in the "Headliner News!!" please submit them to Spc. Amber McLamb at amber.mclamb@iraq.centcom.mil. If you have any questions, comments, or con-

cerns you may also email those or contact her at DSN: 318-485-7014.

Any suggestions or submissions would be greatly appreciated.

**Please note that the "Headliner News!!" is a weekly publication and is not the same as the Battalion Monthly newsletter. Your submissions may be published in one of the two newsletters.



"Bedrock" Playground—Camp Slayer, Baghdad, Iraq