



Family Readiness Newsletter

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From the Commanding Officer- LtCol Rohlf

CLB-1 Families,

Let me start off by saying how proud I am of the performance of our Marines and Sailors and the contributions everyone has made in these last couple of months. We have been extremely busy and have accomplished many of our basic goals in a very short, but extremely productive time. The field training exercise this month in 29 Palms "Enhanced Mohave Viper" and weekly training here at Camp Pendleton give us the opportunity to simulate as realistic as possible many of the challenges we expect to encounter in Afghanistan. I am confident that this training, though time consuming will put us in a position to succeed while deployed. Take this opportunity to recognize what you'll need to have a successful deployment for you and your family in the months to come so they can be addressed before we leave.

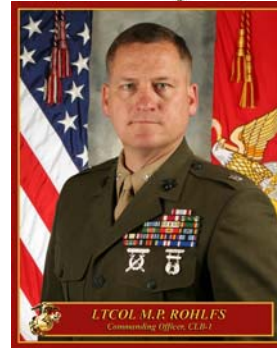
Amy and I appreciate all the sacrifices made by your families. We enjoyed meeting many of you during the Family Day and Pre-deployment Briefs. We learned a lot of new information that will help our

own family not only through the deployment but which will be useful throughout the rest of our career.

I'd like to thank our Family Readiness Officer, Jamila Earhart, and the rest of the team that made these two events successful! I am grateful that while the Marines and Sailors of CLB-1 are away, there is a strong support system in place to take care of our families. Please take the time to reach out to her if you should need anything while we are out in the field.

All of our recent accomplishments could not be possible without your continued support. You are truly the strength of CLB-1 and we appreciate all that you do to support your Marines and Sailors.

Your continued support will allow them to focus on the mission at hand: returning safely home to you.



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Sergeant Major Sounds Off... SgtMaj Charron

I would like to start off by saying "Thank You" for all of your time, patience and support over the past few months. As we

gear up for this upcoming deployment, I realize the countless hours that your Marines/Sailors spend away from home in preparation for the upcoming deployment. It is this unwavering dedication at home that drives our Battalion and assists in keeping us focused for the task at hand. I can say that I have been impressed with the work ethic,

discipline, and dedication of the Marines and Sailors within the Battalion. I enjoyed meeting many of you during our recent family day and pre-deployment brief and I look forward to meeting more of you as we draw closer to deployment. As always, the Battalion is here to support our Marines, Sailors, and family members. Any questions, comments, and/or concerns are welcome.

Motivate!

H & S Company

By First Lieutenant James King

Dear Families and Friends,

I'd like to start off by introducing myself. My name is First Lieutenant James King and I am the Headquarters and Service Company Commander. It is an honor and privilege to be able to lead Marines and Sailors at any level, and the opportunity that I have been given is exactly that. Since my arrival in mid-June, the company has been busy preparing itself for both our upcoming training at Enhanced Mojave Viper (EMV) in Twentynine Palms and for our deployment to Afghanistan.

Enhanced Mojave Viper will provide us with a great opportunity to sharpen and hone the skills needed to be successful while on deployment. We will be focused on training at every level to ensure that your Marines and Sailors emerge confident and well-prepared to accomplish our future mission.

The Marines and Sailors have been doing an amazing

job. I am very proud to be serving with them and expect nothing but positive things in the months to come. Thank you all for your support and please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns as we move closer to deployment.

Semper Fidelis



Communication at its finest!

Motor T Company

By Captain Christopher Johnson

What an incredible summer! For starters, we have welcomed nearly 150 new Marines to Motor Transport Company; they are an impressive lot of young Americans and are a true reflection of the greatness of our country. Over the course of the past two months we conducted a ten-day field exercise at Twenty-Nine Palms, qualified more than 100 of our Marines on the rifle range, run numerous convoys, completed more than a dozen helicopter support operations and worked long hours to complete our required pre-deployment training and ensure our success during our August exercise, Enhanced Mojave Viper. Our Marines are well trained, well led, well equipped and are absolutely prepared for the upcoming deployment and the rigors of seven months in Afghanistan. Thank you for supporting your Marines and doing all the things you do to take care of them and keep their morale strong. First Sergeant Betancourt and I understand how hard it is on all of you to have your Marines working long hours in garrison as well as having them spend time in the field. Please know that our commitment to your Marine is

as strong as yours; we are training our young men and women to the very high standards that you expect from the United States Marine Corps and owe it to you to guarantee their readiness.

It was a pleasure to meet those of you who were able to join us at the Battalion's family day and pre-deployment brief. Keep those questions coming! Your Marine may not know the answer, but we guarantee we can get it for you. Lastly, congratulations to both our newly married Marines and our new parents.



Motor Transport "Leading the way"

Security Company

By Captain Lottie Portelli

To the family and friends of Security Company: Greetings! I cannot believe that it has been nearly two months since we began standing up Security Company. Your Marines and Sailors have done an excellent job throughout the often chaotic process of coming together and forming a company this close to deployment. As a company, we are mixed with several different MOSs (Military Occupation Specialty) from military police, motor transport, mechanics, disbursing, cooks, combat engineer, communications, logisticians, and various other MOSs that have all taken on the role as a Security Marine. What does this mean? That your Marine or Sailor will be providing security for the Battalion while deployed to Afghanistan; ensuring the safe passage of others with essen-

tial equipment and supplies being moved across the area of operation to units in need. As we step off for Mojave Viper for the month of August our focus is becoming fluid in our mission. This will be demanding of the company, but rewarding as we become a better trained unit for the task ahead. I know that many of you have to make sacrifices every day in order to support your loved ones; we acknowledge those sacrifices and appreciate your support. Rest easy with the knowledge that your Marines and Sailors play a vital role in contributing to our nation's success in Afghanistan.

I would like to thank the Battalion, Jamila Earhart (FRO), and Chaplain Brown for their support on our successful Company Family Day/Beach Bash.

Semper Fidelis

Bravo Company

By Captain David Saunders

We at engineer company are extremely excited to be part of CLB-1. Since joining CLB-1 in July, 1stSgt Butterfield and I have been very active in getting to know the Battalion and in getting ready for our upcoming deployment. We also want to thank all the families for letting us have their Marines over the late nights, long hours and weekends we have been working during this time.

Engineer Company is made up of headquarters section, Engineer Platoon, Operations Platoon and Bulk Fuel Platoon. A non-commissioned officer (NCO) from each platoon has written a short paragraph outlining the capabilities we provide both for the Battalion and for Marines we will be supporting in Afghanistan.

Engineer Platoon's mission for CLB-1 is vertical construction (wood-frame construction), survivability and route clearance. With these assets CLB-1 will be able to build work and living spaces for ourselves and for the infantry battalions we are supporting. We will also be able to support any mission that requires defensive positions. These construction missions will help make the roads safer for all our Marines. In the last couple months, Engineer Platoon has been constructing wooden buildings, going on convoys, doing demolition training, and conducting mine detector classes. This it to better support our battalion and the infantry Battalions in Afghanistan.

Bulk Fuel platoon has been working hard to accomplish all of its pre-deployment training. In addition, MOS proficiency training has been conducted to get the Marines re-familiarized with the tactical fuel equipment that will be used in theater upon arrival in Afghanistan. On the lighter side, on the 18th of July 17 Marines and family members from the Bulk Fuel platoon took time to enjoy a San Diego Padres game at Petco Park. Also, Cpl Ajsenberg turned 21 on the 28th of July and the Marines took time to celebrate with cake and refreshments at the Camp Pendleton bowling alley. All of the Marines are excited about the upcoming deployment and are ready to fuel the fight. Operations platoon brings many desirable assets to the table, to include water purification, electricity, heavy equipment and much more. Over the past six weeks the Marines from Operations Platoons have been gearing up for Mojave Viper. The Marines from Motor Transport Section, Utilities Section (which includes water and electrical), and Heavy Equipment Section have completed inspection on gear from units across Camp Pendleton in preparation for Mojave Viper. Additionally, the Marines have continued mission specific training and getting the required training for deployments. The Marines have also participated in several schools and advanced training to make them more proficient in their jobs. Thank you again to all the family, friends and loved ones who make sure our Marines are ready for the deployment!

Support Company

By Captain Sean McQuiston

Coming out of the 10-Day Field Exercise in 29 Palms, CA, at the end of June, the company stayed hot on training throughout July in continued preparation for our upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. While half of the Marines in the company took much-deserved pre-deployment leave, the Marines on hand focused on completing annual events such as the rifle range, fitness tests, swim qualification, and the gas chamber. Additionally, the company completed deployment-focused training, learning about Afghan culture, basic machine gun skills, and combat reporting. In addition to training, the company put in long hours of hard work in repairing battalion equipment; fixing a large number of wheeled vehicles for our adjacent Motor Transport and Security Companies to train with. The Marines also prepared for Enhanced Mojave Viper, a month-long training exercise in 29 Palms, CA that the company will complete during the month of August. This entailed planning for the train-

ing events, as well as preparing and packing both the company's equipment, as well as supporting our adjacent companies in preparing their equipment. The Marines are eager to get out to the desert and train, and demonstrate what they've learned, prior to our upcoming deployment.



Unwinding in "Tent City"

Chaplains Corner

By Chaplain Steve Brown

Greetings warriors and families of the CLB-1 team from your Religious Ministry Team. We have had a busy summer with our 5-Day, 10-Day, and now Mojave Viper field training exercises. The training has been very good but it is always good to be home with our loved ones.

It is hard to be away from family and friends and that is why we put together the Warrior Retreats. Our first retreat was in July up in the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains at the Twin Peaks retreat center. We will be offering another marriage or single Marine retreat on Tuesday and Wednesday September 8th and 9th at the Twin Peaks center. If you would like to go please email our FRO jamila.earhart@uscm.mil while I am in 29 Palms.

We are also tentatively planning a marriage recommitment ceremony for those who would like to reestablish their marital commitment to their spouse just prior to the deployment.

Finally, we have many civilians who have volun-

teered to adopt families during the deployment. These are patriotic folks from all parts of the country who simply want to let the families of deployed warriors know that they are not forgotten and are just as special as their loved ones who are deployed. These people will send care packages, emails, and letters to your families as an encouragement to them during the deployment. If you would like to be adopted please email me at Stephen.b.brown1@usmc.mil and cc the FRO jamila.earhart@uscm.mil as we are working on this together and I am not sure how email will be in 29 Palms. We pray God's blessing upon you and your family.



Chaplain supporting the BAS

CLB-1 August Promotions

Motor T Company:

PFC Donovan Perry
LCpl Michael Baldwin
LCpl Matthew Culhane
LCpl Blanca Holguin
LCpl Brandon Narde
LCpl Terry Nelson
LCpl Armando Perez
LCpl David Rodriguez
LCpl William Sutton
LCpl Christopher Tracy
LCpl Lance Vargas
Cpl Saul Gomezniето

Cpl Rene Silva

Support Company:

LCpl Joshua Baratta
LCpl Andrew Cordray
LCpl Jerry Gallegos

H&S Company :

LCpl Kathryn Ballantyne
LCpl Kayla Brewer
LCpl Bryant Hales
LCpl Daisy Medina
Cpl Donald Bray Jr
Cpl Lizber Torres

Security Company:

LCpl Michael Breight
LCpl Christopher Johnson
LCpl Jeremy Murray
LCpl Derrick Trace
Cpl Sergio Araujo

Engineer Company:

LCpl Ryan Brandt
LCpl Jacob Fredette
LCpl Shawn Simoneau
Cpl Korey Hicks
Sgt Matthew Ditolla
Sgt Michael Lasher

CLB-1 Sept Promotions

Motor T Company:

LCpl Joshua Atherton
LCpl Joshua Gonzales
LCpl Joel Guenther
LCpl Amber Higgins
LCpl Christopher Kielbasa
LCpl Jeffery Kinkade
LCpl Charles Luther
LCpl Arthur Renteria
LCpl Lauren Rhodes
LCpl Matthew Sewell
LCpl Brett Shanahan
Cpl Devin Shafer
Cpl Michael Soto

Support Company:

LCpl Felicia Smith
LCpl Carlin Monroe
LCpl Anthony Rivera
Cpl Abelardo Garcia

H&S Company :

LCpl Shawn Benjamin
LCpl Araceli Correa
LCpl Derrick Curry
LCpl Scott Renaud

Security Company:

LCpl Timothy Borowski
LCpl Stephen Lewis
LCpl Joseph Romero

LCpl Maxwell Schmidt
LCpl Victoe Suarez

Engineer Company:

PFC Domingo Diaz
LCpl Raymond Godinez
LCpl Blake Moon
LCpl Eric Nelson
Cpl Brett Brown
Cpl Steven Cavaletto
Cpl Mario Rivera
Cpl Sandra Stiles
Cpl Peter Trevino

"When times get tough remember your commitment and recall why you started in the first place!!"

From the Family Readiness Officer

CLB-1 Families,

The passing of time brings us that much closer to the upcoming deployment. Please make sure that you have double and triple checked your checklist. If you haven't already done so, please make time to finalize your wills and powers of attorney. These documents are essential to family readiness prior to deployment.

As most of you know we have a new form of communication the Mass Communication Tool. Messages will be sent out on the MCT at least once a month. Messages will be put out either to your cell phone, house phone, work phone, or e-mail. We will be having a test run in the upcoming weeks. If you have any information that needs to be updated on the Mass Communication Tool feel free to contact me.

Please be aware CLB-1 will be hosting a monthly event to keep the families together. This is a great opportunity for everyone to meet other spouses and family member of the battalion. We will attempt to keep them with in the third week of every month for consistency.
The Command, Family Readiness Officer along

with the FRV is here to help you with the many situations that may arise. Remember, you are not alone. If you need assistance, contact your FRV or me directly. There are a multitude of resources out there for you and your families. We are also the link between the families and the Battalion. By keeping us updated on your contact information we can ensure that you receive all the accurate information in a timely, efficient manner. If you would like to become a volunteer, contact me or attend one of our meetings. They will be held the second Tuesday of every month. Lastly, I would like to say thank you to all of our volunteers that have stepped up to the plate and that are willing to work hard and pull up their sleeves to get the job done. I must say I have been very impressed with all the ideas selflessness they have shown. The Family Readiness Program can not succeed without the help of the volunteers. Thank you all for your dedication.

As always, I am here to support and assist the families of the Battalion. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.
Semper Gumby

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United Through Reading

Any Marine will tell you, one of the hardest parts of their job is having to leave their loved ones behind. Not only is it difficult for the deployed service member, but also for the spouse and children at home. Six months without seeing the face or hearing the voice of a father, mother, or friend can seem like an eternity.

The families of the CLB-1 can stay connected in a very special way during our upcoming deployment through reading aloud on DVD! We are proudly participating in United Through Reading throughout the deployment. Simply pack a couple of age-appropriate books for your Marine to take on deployment and their face and voice will be in your living room in no time.

If Dad is deployed for the birth of his child, or if Mom is leaving a newborn for overseas duty, participation in United Through Reading is a great way to start the bonding process. Seeing your face and hearing your voice on a regular basis assures your child that you are okay and helps your child learn the rhythm of your voice.

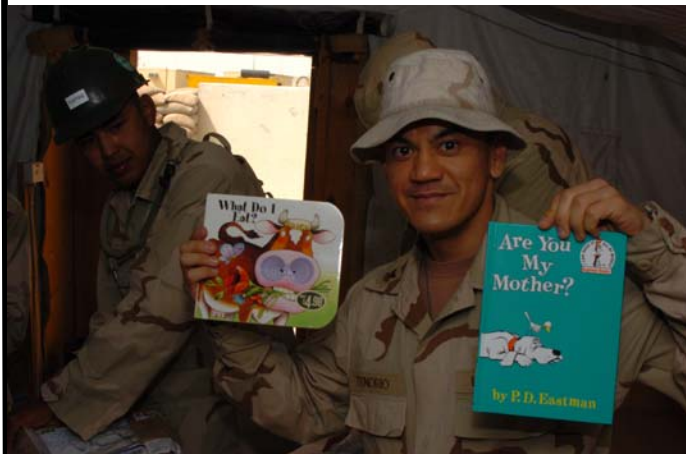
Please remember, this program isn't just for Moms and Dads; everyone can participate. If you have nieces, nephews, little brothers or sisters, grandchildren, or any other child in your life who you know will miss their special Marine plan ahead by packing books to send along with your DVD. Are there any favorite stories your child has? Don't forget to pack that book. Remember to consider any holidays or special events that you will be missing while deployed. Celebrate with a recording of your loved one reading a storybook for that special occasion. To learn more about United Through Reading, visit www.unitedthroughreading.org or contact CLB-1's Homefront Coordinator, Amie Whiteley at amiewhiteley@yahoo.com or 760-645-3936 or FRO Jamila Earhart .

Prior to deployment you may bring any new or gently used children's books to donate to the CLB-1 library. These books will be sent with the Active Duty Coordinator, Armando Arias, on the deployment. The books collected will be available to anyone who would like to participate in United Through Reading throughout the deployment. These books will stay with the camera for everyone to use, as any you pack with you can be mailed home to your special child. Please bring any new or gently used children's books (ages 0-12) to Jamila Earhart (FRO) Office No Later Than October 1-2009.

Educational and Emotional Benefits

Children's self-esteem grows as they experience the security of having a parent or other caring person read aloud with them.

Research has shown that reading to children in the early years stimulates brain growth and leads to greater success in schools.



September

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1	2	3	4 Mohave Viper Ends	5 Marines Work day 96 Begins
6 96	7 96	8 96	9 Pre-Deploy. Brief, Block Leave, 96 Ends	10	11	12 72 Begins
13 72	14 72 Begins	15 FRV Meeting	16	17	18	19 L.I.N.K.S
20	21	22 Block leave ends	23	24 Recommitment Ceremony	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Schedule of Events

9 Sept — Pre-Deployment Brief, SNCO Club, 1800-2000

IPAC, Navy Marine Corp, Relief, MCFTB, American Red Cross, Postal, Tri-Care, CACO, Legal

8 Sept- 9 Sept — Twin Peaks Retreat, Starts at 0800 on 8 Sept ends at 1200 on 9 Sept

9 Sept- 22 Sept — Block Leave

15 Sept — Family Readiness Volunteer Meeting, 0900, CLB-1 Conference room

19 Sept— LINKS Class, 0800-1630, San Luis Rey MCFTB Family Readiness Center,

Bldg. 1795, Mainside

24 Sept- Recommitment Ceremony, Del Mar Beach stage area (Couples to renew their vows)

October

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 L.I.N.K.S Day 1	8 L.I.N.K.S Day 2	9	10	11	12
13	14 FRV Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Halloween Party (Tent)	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

Schedule of Events

7-8 Oct— LINKS Class, 0800-1200, San Luis Rey MCFTB Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 1795, Mainside

14 Oct — Family Readiness Volunteer Meeting, 0900, CLB-1 Conference room

24 Oct — CLB-1 Halloween Party (tent)

31 Oct — Halloween

New Parent Support Programs

The "New Parent Support Program" is a professional team of nurses and social workers who provide supportive and caring services to military families with children under the age of six.

BABY BOOT CAMP

This class is a great way to learn everything you need to know to take care of your infant! Class includes everything from keeping baby safe, taking care of you as a parent, dealing with crying, bathing, and caring for a baby, and resources for families at Camp Pendleton.

OUR FIRST FRIENDS...MOMMIE AND ME SUPPORT GROUP

Bring your baby and meet with others for a morning of social support, sharing, and fun! This group is for mothers and their babies 12 months and under.

PLAY MORNING

This is a "funtastic" way to get out of the house with the kids and have a GREAT time! Simple crafts, songs, toys, and camaraderie geared for families with children age 5 and younger.

PARENTING CLASSES

Kids do not come with instruction manuals. This class discusses topics designed to make your life easier and help you raise healthy, cooperative children. Communication, discipline for the whole family, self-esteem, and much, much more!

HOME VISITORS

This service assists families during significant periods of their lives. Families are met in their home to provide a safe and familiar environment. Parents have the opportunity to discuss parenting topics such as nutrition, age-appropriate discipline, child development, and age-appropriate play.

Please call (760) 725--3884 for more information.



MOTOR T NEW ARRIVALS

Cpl Stettinger and his wife welcomed a new baby boy into their lives, Drake Stettinger on the 16th of June

PFC Todd and his wife welcomed a new baby boy into their lives, William Todd on the 4th of Aug

LCpl Gomezniето and his wife welcomed a new baby girl into their lives, Sabrina Gomezniето on the 18th of June

PFC Hopkins and his wife welcomed a new baby girl into their lives, Yanessa Hopkins on the 14th of August



SUPPORT NEW ARRIVALS

Support Company and Motor T Company family, Cpl Robert and Cpl Tessa Baine welcomed a new baby girl into their lives, Casey Baine on the 20th of June

LCpl Finan and his wife welcomed a new baby girl into their lives, Isabella Finan on the 2 July

H & S NEW ARRIVALS

SSgt Price and his wife welcomed a new baby girl into their lives, Avery Jo on the 26 Aug

