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# 410th MP CO. Monthly Newsletter

## Bravo Spirit

STRENGTH. FULL ORDER.



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1SG

Soldiers and family members of the 410th Military Police Company, I am extremely proud to be a part of this organization. I would like to offer thanks to all of the Soldiers who although I have been here a short time have quickly integrated me into the "Viper" family. To the family members your brothers, sister, husbands and wives are out here doing an outstanding job. I anticipate meeting you and do not hesitate to contact the unit if any issue arises or you need help in any way.

As I write this I have been here seven days. I have hit the ground running and the transition into Command has been made quickly and efficiently only because of the professionalism, competence and discipline of the Soldiers serving in this unit.

I have been on several patrols with your Soldiers. I assure you, they are highly trained and competent. The 410th MP CO sets the standard in our area of operations for police mentorship and tactical operations. Not one unit in our area of operations has been tasked with more responsibility or has run more missions than the 410th MO CO during the few short months we have been here.

Soldiers maintain your readiness; our mission to support the Afghan National Police (ANP) and the Afghan people grows closer and closer to completion every day. We are set to embark on Law Enforcement Immersion Training to jump start the ANP learning process and assist them in maintaining and training their police forces.

Family members I thank you for all of your support. Your inspirational letters to loved ones keeps our Soldiers going and I personally thank you for all the support you have given us out here in the field.

Soldiers and Family members I thank you once again for all your support during this deployment.

"Bravo Spirit"

CPT Anthony D. Fistic

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Hello to all of the Soldiers, NCOs, and family members of the 410th MP CO! This is 1SG Joseph Buckler and I want you all to know that I am extremely honored and proud to be your First Sergeant. The 410th MP CO has always held a special place in my heart since the first time I was a Platoon Sergeant in 4th Platoon and I am glad to be back home. They say that first impressions are lasting impressions and after journeying out to the various platoon locations, I am impressed with the status of the company and the discipline and morale of our Soldiers.

Let me take this time to introduce myself and my family to the company. I recently completed a 16 month tour as the First Sergeant for HHC, 89th MP Brigade, who is currently deployed to Iraq. I am married to a wonderfully supportive woman, Melanie, who is committed to the excellence of the company and helping our Soldier's family members in any way that she can. She is extremely knowledgeable about family related matters and will make a great asset to an already outstanding Family Readiness Group. Our Son, Benjamin, who is also a Military Policeman, is currently deployed with the 26th MP Detachment to Taji, Iraq where they are conducting law enforcement activities for the FOB.

I am excited about the future of the 410th MP Company and in my travels I have heard nothing but stellar comments about the work that our Soldiers are accomplishing. The mission is difficult, but they are well trained and are making history in the development and training of the Afghan National Police. Everyone that I talk to wants to know if I can supply more Soldiers to their districts! That speaks volumes to the impact that they are having and how much you have to be proud of.

Leave is in full swing and if your loved one is home on leave, cherish your time with them. If your Soldier has not yet been on leave, look forward to their return and the time spent at home. Again, I am proud to be a member of the greatest MP Company in the Battalion and the Brigade and I look forward to the days ahead. God bless you for your sacrifice and God bless the United States Army! Hooah!!

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HQ

Greetings friends and families of HQ platoon! We are now in to our 5th month here in Afghanistan and still driving forward like the unstoppable force we are.

September was a very busy month for us with firing ranges, lay-outs, and inventories for the new command. Your headquarters Soldiers have even found time to get in on missions out of the wire with some of the line platoons. Each days experience brings something new and there seems to be surprises around every corner; but your Soldiers anticipate and await them with eagerness to meet the challenges set before them. Headquarters continues to "Support the Soldiers" (our motto) no matter if they are on a different fire base, province, or even at home on leave. Speaking of leave, I am seeing even more Soldiers come and go, and seeing the look on their faces makes me anticipate it that much more. Whatever you all are doing at home KEEP IT UP!! Your Soldiers are coming back with fresh minds and motivated spirits, and that is all we could ever ask for. As always I ask that you continue your support and love for these Soldiers and keep them in your minds, hearts, and souls as I am sure they have you on theirs.

God Bless  
"Supporting the Soldiers"  
SGT Crim

1st Plt

Dear Outlaw Families,  
First of all I have to give credit where credit is due, not a single one of us could do anything we do without all the love and support from our families and country. It makes us all feel very good about the job we do, when we see the love and support coming from the home front. Each family makes a sacrifice that less than one percent of the population in the U.S. makes. It is all more appreciated than any word or action could possibly express. I thank all of you for that. We are doing a lot of great things here in Afghanistan. We are running at a pretty constant pace a majority of the time. Our main goal is to train and develop the Afghan National Police, so that one day they will be a fully operational, self sufficient police force and a force to be reckoned with for any future problems in their country. The Afghan people are actually peaceful people who often have just the heart to doing what it takes to get through the day. We have been giving them materials and supplies they need to improve their stations and working conditions. The most important thing we give the Afghan people is knowledge, to know what is right, wrong, and indifferent. I am proud to be here, to serve and support both my country and this country. We love to interact and speak with the local population; it's very exciting to watch them live and great for them to know we are here to help them with what they need. It's a great tool in the fight against terrorism, to win over the hearts and minds of the general population. It's all for a bigger cause, to liberate an oppressed country, and ensure that they will stand as a strong united country on their own one day. We focus on safety over here; in fact that is one of our biggest concerns. We are blessed with all kinds of great equipment to keep us safe, as well as some prayers from home (^\_^). I pray for all my fellow Soldiers here as well as their incredibly strong families at home. I urge that you continue to keep showing your love and support, and keep us held dear in your prayers. I look forward to seeing all of the united families when we return home, and anticipate seeing my own when I visit on R&R. I am going home to witness the birth of my very first child, my baby girl Delilah Rae, seeing my son Tanner and my AMAZING wife Heather! (I love you all very much baby! Give our babies lots of love for me!) I thank you all again for all of your support in the efforts of our Soldiers and our great country the U.S. of A. All of us here are very appreciative!

"OUTLAWS"  
Private First-Class Michael R. Porter

2nd Plt

Hello, I am SPC Dolan, a mechanic here supporting 2nd Platoon "Hell Hounds" in the Bamyan province. We are surrounded by some pretty nice scenery and some very historical things. I will be the first to say life here is pretty good. We spend our time here conducting maintenance on the Tactical Vehicles, the Toyota Hilux and Land Cruiser (our modes of transportation here). We work hand in hand with the New Zealand defense force mechanics, who have taught us a great deal not only about their methods but also a lot about their culture as well. Our work has helped ensure the success and safety of both the New Zealand and American forces. The rest of the platoon is out in their areas of operation teaching the Afghanistan National Police Military Police skills which will aid them in the security of their districts. In closing, we would like to say thank you to the families and loved ones for the awesome support and my parents, I love you guys and see you when I get back.

SPC Dolan  
(mechanic 2nd Platoon Mechanic)

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3rd Plt

My name is CPL Duttine from the mighty 3rd Platoon Ghost Riders. I was given the opportunity to write the column in this month's newsletter and wanted to take a few moments to inform you of the current events taking place in our areas of operation. I would first like to start off by saying that this has, so far, been a wild ride and culture shock. We learned quickly upon our arrival that we had to adapt to a new culture and way of life which is far more different than what we are used to in the United States. In our first trip to an Afghanistan National Police station (ANP) we learned that the Afghan people don't like to be called Afghani as we are used to. On the same trip we discovered that the children love American candy and we use it as a lever to find out what is going on in the area. Most trips are long drives and take a toll on the Soldier's body and mind. But the morale of the mighty 3rd Platoon Ghost Riders is high, like always, high and strong. We work in a firebase ran by the French and they seem to really enjoy working with us, as we do them. While here, the Soldiers continue to hold challenging PT sessions ran and overseen by squad and team leaders. So don't worry about your loved ones in 3rd Platoon coming home out of shape or in bad health. With all the physical activities taking place here, they will return stronger than when they left in body, mind, and skill. So "No worries" families of the strongest and sexiest platoon to ever grace Afghanistan, see you soon. Love and peace of mind from all of us here.  
Ghost Riders

## Awards & Promotions

For the month of Sept

Promoted from the Rank of PV2 to PFC

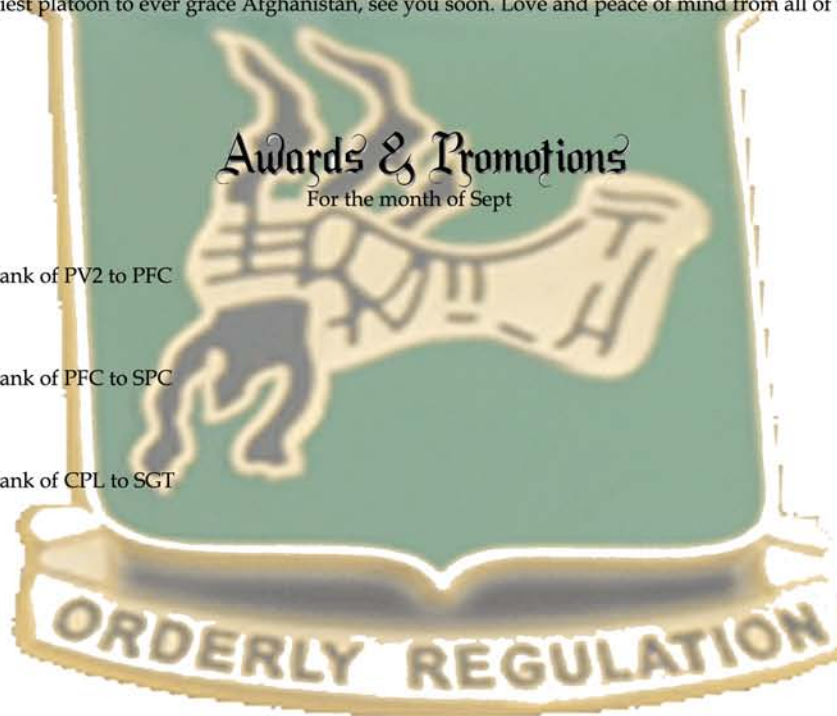
Kangas

Promoted from the Rank of PFC to SPC

Osborne

Promoted from the Rank of CPL to SGT

Skawpriwsky



## Upcoming Events

Halloween is Coming up... I think we're all going to dress up as Soldiers! Mwahahaha Happy Halloween

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# VIPER PICS



From top left to bottom right

1. SSG Johnson and SGT Cannon brothers in arms, really, really big arms!
2. Mass Birthday celebration at Morales Frazier, as you can see there was lots of fun to be had. Those cakes didn't stand a chance.
3. The French Commander poses with SSG Johnson, SPC Osborne, SPC Brown and SFC Rangel at Morales Frazier.
4. SGT Williams, SSG Guzman and SFC Rangel huddle together to prove that yes, they are taller than you SSG Guzman =P
5. SPC Sykes prepares the gun turret before mission.
6. SPC Shafer pauses to say "Hello Amanda, I love you".
7. SGT Breuker stopped in from Panshir to get an Ice cold water and unknowingly ambushed by a camera!
8. A look down the ranks during SGT Skapriwsky's promotion, SGT Travino got the drop on my sneaky shot though.
9. CPL Carey visits us from Panshir to pick up some items to take out to his fellow Soldiers.

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From top to bottom, left to right.

1. 1LT Gulden and CPT Fistic display their ready position and Pearly Whites !!
2. Surveying the land and all its grandure.
3. PFC Patane gets his glamorous looks from the talented styling of SPC Osborne.
4. 3rd Platoon enjoys a game of improvised volley ball during some free time.
5. Little did you know, SPC Osborne actually won a staring contest with the sun.
6. Hey Gov. Arnold.... SPC McCullen GOT TO DA CHOPPA !!!! now what ?

*Readers Responses !!*

*From Sarah Medina to now SSG Medina*

*"I am so proud of you and miss you Soooooo much! XOXOXO your wife."*

*From Amanda Shafer to SPC Shafer*

*"Happy Birthday sweetheart, I love you more than anything in this world! You are my Hero!"*

*Love always & forever*

*Amanda Shafer*

*To Mrs. Couch,*

*This guy is harder to find than  
Waldo in a pack of Peppermints!!*



*To Mrs. Cannon*

*I present you the CANMAN!!*

