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410th MP CO. Monthly Newsletter

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Soldiers and Family members of the 410th Military Police Company, once again the month seems to end before it has a chance to begin. Time is flying here in Afghanistan and we are closing in on mid-point of our tour. It has been a busy month... our Soldiers continue to train the Afghan National Police in basic police and management skills. The training they are conducting is the cornerstone of a functioning police force and is an essential building block that will support the Government of Afghanistan as it transition into a self sustaining entity.

Our Soldiers are accomplishing an important task for the Afghan people. It is a task as important as the support that you provide to your loved ones serving in Afghanistan. As the holiday season begins our families back home are in our hearts and provide us the means to continue on. This month we celebrate Thanksgiving, the gateway to the holidays. I know we are all reflecting on the good times and appreciate the moments we have spent with our loved ones.

Soldiers you are doing an outstanding job. The Afghan Police are becoming a better trained and cohesive unit as a result of your efforts. You are directly impacting each and every Afghan you come in contact with in a positive way. You continue to set the standard in our AO.

Families and loved ones I thank you for your continued support. You make everything we do out here worthwhile. Your support is what gets us through the day. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

"Bravo Spirit"

CPT Anthony D. Fistic

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Hello to all of the Soldiers, NCOs, Officers, and Family members of the 410th MP CO! November is typically a time of reflection. Fall is definitely in full swing, the leaves are changing and there is a chill in the air. We are reflective of our roots and foundation as a society, especially when the Puritans left England and Holland and founded Plymouth Colony in the new world. 389 years ago our forefathers left an oppressive society in search of finding religious freedom. Today the Soldiers of the 410th Military Police Company find themselves combating religious intolerance and an enemy who is resolute in oppressing the people of Afghanistan.

As Americans, we have much to be thankful for and I hope during this Thanksgiving season we remember those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. As the Company First Sergeant, I am thankful for having the opportunity to lead such outstanding Soldiers daily who are deployed at the tip of the spear. I have traveled outside of the wire with them and I am impressed with their drive and determination to succeed at our mission. I am also thankful for having such dedicated families back at home, allowing your Soldiers to keep their focus on the mission.

I know that many of you are without your loved one during the start of this holiday season, but do not despair for this month finds the 410th MP Company at the half-way point of our deployment and soon the replacing unit will be conducting their redeployment sites survey to coordinate our relief in place. The Soldiers are thankful for your prayers, cards, letters, and care packages. Keep them coming! Again, if this letter finds your Soldier at home, cherish their time with you. If your Soldier has yet to take leave, be thankful in the fact that you have their return to look forward to.

Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you. God bless you for your sacrifices and God bless the United States Army.

"Bravo Spirit"

1SG Joseph Buckler

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HQ

Dear family and friends of Headquarters Platoon,

We are vastly approaching half way through our tour and want to thank you for all of your support and devotion throughout this deployment. Our R & R program is still in full swing with a few of our Soldiers leaving within the next coming weeks for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Not most can be there for this great tradition but please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Thanksgiving with the 410th Military Police Company. We are still receiving care packages and letters from loved ones around the United States. Please keep them coming, for they are very important for our Soldiers morale. We, the HQ's Platoon, are still conducting our day to day operations out here and the Soldiers are doing very well in their performance. May God bless you and our platoon as we carry out the next half of the deployment and have a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for all of your support! I love and miss you Heather, Samantha, Tabitha, and Zane very much. Daddy will be home soon. Heather you mean the world to me!

SGT Matthew Cannon

1st Plt

Dear Families of the 1st Platoon "OUTLAWS"

Things continue to go well here for us. Recently we have been training the Afghanistan National Police and they are willing to learn. They've been doing well with what we've been teaching them, even though it's only been basic stuff. Other than that it's been the same old missions for us and they continue to go well. Recently a few of us have been promoted, these include the following. Promoted to the rank of Specialist have been PFC Lamer, PFC Dickerson and PFC Wagner. Specialist Redmon was promoted to Corporal and has joined the ranks of the NCO. Also Specialist Dickerson was awarded an Army Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance, he continues to work hard and make his family proud. Many more continue to do good things here as well, and before we head home you'll be hearing more good news from us. Even as everything goes well here, a lot of us can't help but miss those we left behind, we all thank you for your support and patience and ask that you keep your spirits up. Before you know it we'll all be home. Bravo Spirit families of 1st Platoon Outlaws! On a more sentimental note, I would like to send my love to my family and fiancé. Thank you for everything you do for me while I'm here and I can't wait to see ya'll when I get home. I miss ya'll terribly so, but I'm making it fine while I'm away. To my father and mother, continue to pray for us all while we're away so that we safely come home. I can't wait to see ya'll when I fly in; we'll have to go and get a few beers together dad. For my brother, I hope things continue to go well for you with your training in Florida, still can't believe everything you tell me but I know it's all true. To my fiancé, thank you for your patience, it will all pay off in the end, I can promise you that. I love you so much and can't wait to see you again. I just ask that you continue to be patient and to keep your spirits up; I'll see you in Feb when I go on leave.

Many thanks,
Specialist Wagner

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2nd Plt

Greetings to the Families and friends back home in the United States from Bamyan Province, Afghanistan. Currently I am filling in as the Squad Leader of the best squad in the company (2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon-Hellhounds). SSG Joyner is currently on R&R and myself and the other Soldiers out here at Firebase Romero are anxiously awaiting our turn to go back home for leave. The winter is here up in the mountains-we recently got our first taste of snow. The weather is definitely different than that in Texas. It is very beautiful up here and we are keeping extremely busy training the Afghanistan National Police on police and life saving tactics. Time is going by very quickly, but not so quickly that we don't have time to think about you all. We miss you all and hope you have a great Thanksgiving!! Continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers and we will do the same for you. Thank you for the letters and the care packages you continuously send to the Soldiers-the letters keep us plugged into what is happening in the states and the packages come and are opened like Christmas presents with anxiety wondering what's inside. As we await our time to return to you on leave and/or the end of the deployment, we have so much to look forward to that we keep our heads up (when possible) and take care of business. Lastly, to my wife, I love you very much - hang in there, we are half-way through.

Guess I'd better get back to work,

SGT Jeff Oglesby

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3rd Plt

Hi, my name is SPC Sykes, with the 410th MP Co. I am assigned to 3rd Platoon "Ghost Riders." We are currently back on Bagram Air Field. We learned a lot from working with the French counter parts who taught us their ways of life as we taught them ours. Now that we are not on mission as much, we find things to keep us occupied such as cleaning weapons, listening to music, watching movies, or just sitting around to talk. We miss missions a lot, the interaction with the people and children who were for the most part kind and gentle people. We would drive by and get waves and "Thumbs up" gestures to show their support for our presence there. I want to thank all the Soldiers, NCOs, officers, family members and friends of the 410th Military Police Company and 720th MP Battalion for all your support. It is because of this, and all the support we receive from you back home that gives us reason and a sense of purpose. Your support is what drives us to complete this mission and return to you. We'll be home soon.

3rd platoon, Ghost Riders
SPC Occie L. Sykes

3rd Platoon and the rest of 410th MP CO would like to send our love and support to PFC Adam Kusicki and his family. We were all very glad to hear your condition is improving and of your transferr to Bamsey Hospitol. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

Awards & Promotions

For the month of Oct

Promoted from the Rank of PFC to SPC

The Combat Action Badge (CAB) was presented to SGT Vanhooose.

Nathan Lamer
Matthew Dickerson (Also awarded the Army Achievement medal)
Joseph Wagner

Promoted from the Rank of SPC to CPL

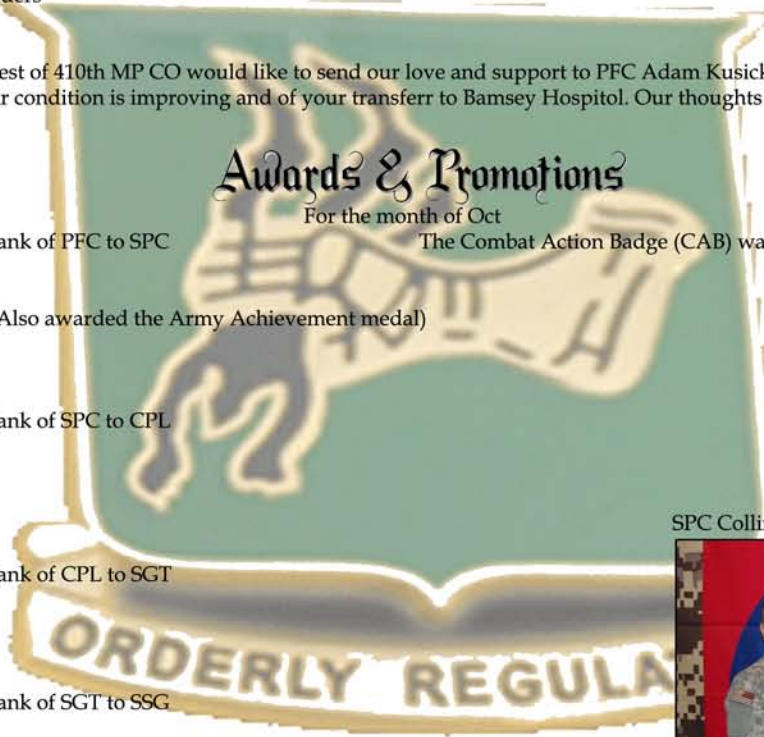
Krista Tucker
Christian Redmon
Robert Islas Jr.

Promoted from the Rank of CPL to SGT

Isaac Trevino
Joshua Cook

Promoted from the Rank of SGT to SSG

Amanda Capalingo
Marc Medina



SPC Collins re-enlisted for 6 years!!



Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving !!!! Woot! Send left-overs please lol. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

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PICS



From top left to bottom right

1. A Hands on approach to combatants training given by SSG Barrerra, which he promptly received a counter class from SGT Albert and 1LT Layfield.
2. You cant tell me you wouldn't kiss the chef! CPL Duttine and SFC Rangel work the grill for a birthday party.
3. Observe and report! This mystery soldier peers out into the great yonder with a pair of binoculars.
4. SPC Price gives you his serious face. Little did you know he stuck his tongue out at the camera the picture before this. =P
5. SPC Potter takes a break from working to pose with some locals.
6. SGT Vanhoose, proof that the Myth cameras add 10 pounds is BUSTED.
7. SPC Dickerson and SPC Wagner getting promoted by CPL Paul and SSG Carmona.
8. Promotions to CPL! CPL Islas, Tucker, and Redmon get prepared for their rank, and the great tradition that comes with it (-_^).
9. A Local Police officer seeks training from SGT Frazier, getting help from our interpreter Navid (Pronounce No-weed) he is able to get the question he needs answered bridging yet another gap in our language barrier.



From top to bottom, left to right

1. SSG Barrerra goes over some training criteria with his troops outside ANP station.
2. CPL Redmon, CPT Fistic, SPC Meredith and 1LT Gulden make their entrance to the training site.
3. CPL Paul observes as the ANPs go over some of the instructions given to them.
4. CPL Paul and PFC Shaffer checking out their surroundings as they prepare to depart.
5. I believe CPL Budrow just asked SPC Meredith the square root of Pi in this picture.
6. SGT Williams and PFC Demark mount up and prepare to ride out.
7. CPL Garman watches out over the perimeter like a hawk... like a well trained hawk, a well trained hawk with sunglasses, and a headset, and a weapon as well. A well trained, sunglasses wearing, weapon toting, headset communicating, hawk. Yes, that's it! Or something of that nature.

Readers Responses!!

From David Nellis to CPL Nellis and rest of Company

"I'm CPL Max Nellis' dad. I just got the newest issue of the newsletter from Max's wife, Karina. I enjoyed it and wanted to send along very best wishes to Max and all of you. I hope you are all safe and STAY safe and healthy. If and when the bad guys show up, you make them very sorry they did!"

He also goes on to say

"Everything here is fine, your baby is just about baked and ready to pop out of the oven at any time. We're all very excited that December is drawing closer and closer!"

**CONGRATULATIONS to
PFC Porter**

The porter family has a new addition! (No not that pop band!) Mrs. Porter gave birth to Delilah Ray Porter on 13 Oct 09 at 1858. She weighed in at 6 lbs 8 oz, and measured at 19 1/2 inches!

