



Lethal Warriors *Forward Deployed!*

2ND BATTALION—12TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

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The Lethal Ledger



Lethal Warriors from Apache Company return to base after a mission



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Off and Running!

A picture tells a thousand words. Those words ring especially true for our families - and if you are like Soldiers deployed, nothing means more than a photo of our loved ones. The theme of this month's newsletter is "Deeds, not Words." In this second edition of the Lethal Ledger, you will see the incredible work that the Lethal Warrior Battalion is doing as the Theater Reserve Force in Afghanistan. Nothing symbolizes the dedication and commitment 2-12 IN more than the massive 4th Infantry Division Sign that was erected in early April. Through the hard work of Hazard Company, this symbol represents the pride we have in our battalion, the Warhorse BCT, and the 4th Infantry Division - the motto of which embodies the Lethal Warrior Battalion ethos - "Steadfast and Loyal!" But we didn't stop with one sign. Chosen Company spread the spirit with a massive painting of the 4th ID patch in its notice-to-move "ready tent" - and the picture in this newsletter says it all.



In the past month, Operation Resolute Support saw the departure of the 3rd Infantry Division and the arrival of the 101st Infantry Division "Screaming Eagles." As the Theater Reserve Force, Task Force Lethal has a direct reporting line to the 101st Airborne Division, yet we maintain close ties to the Warhorse BCT located in Southern Afghanistan. To put it mildly - the battalion is busy and off and running! Each and every day Task Force Lethal is executing operations in support of Coalition Forces and our Afghan Partners, and our audience spans the entire country. We are proud to boast that in the first 60 days of this deployment, 2-12 IN has had Soldiers in every sector of Afghanistan!

Just like us, we know that our great Family Readiness Group has been off and running - or better phrased - off and walking! We are tracking your progress on the "Walk to Afghanistan," and proudly note that you are approaching the 100-mile mark! Well done...

Many thanks as well to the families and FRG leaders for instituting the monthly FRG meeting - which is open to all family members in 2-12 IN. At the 23 May meeting, the forward Battalion and Company Command Teams will participate via Video Teleconference, and provide an update to our families by voice. In the future, we are also going to implement video "shout outs" to our families, and will have our first videos of Soldiers ready to play at the June FRG meeting. If there are other ways to creatively communicate with our Families - please send us feedback! As the TRF, our "audience" is vast - as we work with Soldiers and Units from across Afghanistan (to include international partners like the Italians and Germans); yet no audience is more important to us than our families.

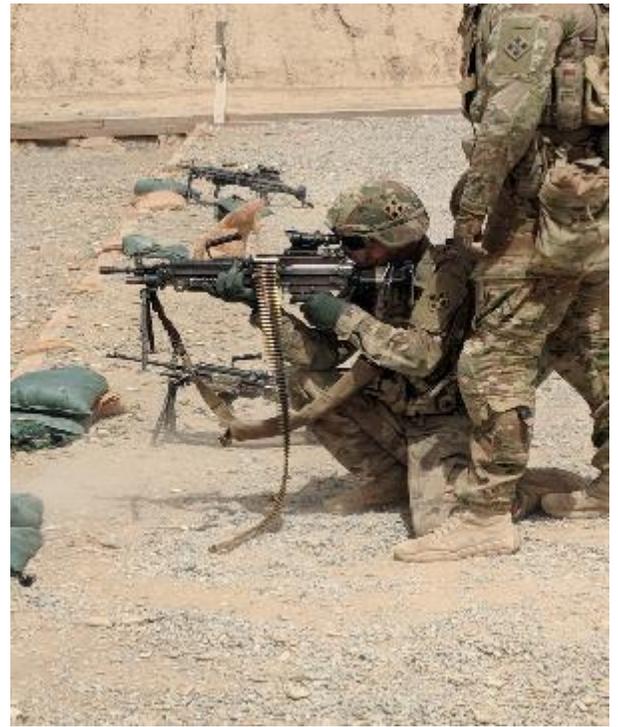
On a final note, our battalion is entering the season of change. Over the course of the coming weeks and months, Task Force Lethal will be integrating new Soldiers and Leaders - and as such, our FRGs will experience a similar degree of change. During this season of change, our FRGs must remain stalwart and strong - and our volunteers are more important than ever. We encourage family members to integrate into the FRG, and volunteer if your schedule permits.

*Led by Love of Country!
Warhorse!
Steadfast and Loyal!*

Apache



Apache Company conducts a stress shoot lane



An Apache M249 gunner firing during a competitive training event



Apache Company maintains physical fitness



Lethal Warriors Celebrate Easter Sunday at the Notice to Move Tent



General Lathrop greets 1LT Jackson of Apache Company during his visit to KAF



Apache Soldiers conduct MEDEVAC training



Apache forward observer SPC Defuentes trains on the laser target designator.

Baker Company



CPT Caroe promotes now 1LT Joe Kraemer



CPT Caroe congratulates the newest 1LT in the Army, Joe Kraemer



2LT Baker congratulates PFC Kunkle on his promotion



Soldiers of 1st Squad, 1st Platoon practice improvised firing positions



SGT McCoy instructs 1st Platoon on the principles of Short Range Marksmanship



SGT Jossie observes his Soldiers during lateral target engagements



SFC Travis and SGT Allen instruct 1st PLT on the proper "Urban Prone" technique

Chosen Company



1st Platoon, 4th Platoon, and Chosen Company Headquarters pose for a picture around SGT Simonsen's freshly painted Ivy in the Chosen Company compound.



3rd Platoon conducts a training exercise to work on personnel carry drills while pulling security



SGT Hatfield of 1st Platoon, conducts room clearing operations to train for their Quick Reaction Force mission



SPC Kadlec of 1st Platoon leads his Machine Gun Team during a training exercise in old Soviet structures on Bagram.



CPT Joyce and 1SG Collins congratulate the newly minted SSG Stanton of 1st Platoon during his promotion ceremony. All Chosen NCOs behind him recited the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer during the ceremony.



1st Platoon and our Aviation Panners, Task Force Brawler, conduct Air Assault training. From left to right: one UH-60 Blackhawk utility helicopter, two CH-47 Chinook cargo helicopters, and off in the distance, two AH-64 Apache attack helicopters. Chosen Company and Task Force Brawler continue to conduct training of the highest caliber.

Dagger Company— by CPT Matthew Van Dyck



2nd Platoon reenlisted two outstanding NCOs this month, SGT Juleson and SGT(P) Singer.



3rd Platoon Dagger continues to train for upcoming missions. SGT(P) Shellman and SGT Collins take the lead in assisting with training the Company for detection and defeat of enemy drones.



3rd Platoon conducts a weekly sports day for esprit décor and to build a healthy competitive spirit.



1st Platoon soldiers: PVT May, SPC Schalaus, SPC Thatcher, and SPC Valcin rehearse as a fire team to enter and clear a room.

Hazard Company—"The Bagram Handshake" by 1LT Oliver



Hazard Soldiers with the Navistar MAXXPRO that they conducted operator training on. They learned both maintenance and driving skills during the five day course



PFC Goben and PFC Hernandez stand with CPT Garza behind the Ranger Tab desk they built for his new office.



Members of the Distro platoon pose with a civilian Chinook used for sling load operations. They spent a lot of hands on time at the sling load yard after the clas to hone their skills and put what they had learned into practice.



Hazard Soldiers conducting sling load operations, hooking up to an Army Chinook after having successfully rigged a connex for transport

HHC Spartan Company



PVT Oberthaler practices splinting procedures in the TRF Aid Station on BAF



PFC Marcille and PV2 Hudson lay their 81mm mortar of the gun data sent from the FDC.