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BANDIDO CHARLIE NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S CORNER
CPT SCOTT D. WENCE

Bandido Family and Friends, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude for the sacrifices you are making for your Bandido spouse/son/friend. Over the holiday season, we received more packages than I have ever seen in my life. The support is overwhelming and humbling; it even forced us to establish a storage area for the incoming care packages. I can personally attest that I, for the sake of the Soldiers☺, tried every possible type of cookie/candy that was sent. My knees are just now recovering. The 1SG has been extremely successful in improving our living conditions and MWR facilities. All the Soldiers stand out as only infantrymen can do. As we approach the fourth month of the deployment, please be cognizant that this is usually the most difficult time period during the family separation. There is still a long time left to go and it is sometimes difficult to see the end. Your Soldiers are doing a tremendous job as they support their country in this time of need. Your continued support from the home front is critical in his everyday business. Sincerely, CPT Scott D. Wence

1SG'S CORNER
1SG CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

Hello to family and friends of the Bandido Family. The Soldiers are still doing a great job here at Al-Asad, Iraq. We have gotten more rooms for the Soldiers and now we are down to 2 rooms with 3 Soldiers to a room. They finally have Internet in all the rooms and we have an Internet and Phone Café in Chuville. So now the men can walk about 75 meters to use the phones and Internet. The Air Force has started our building and should be finished in about 2-3 weeks. The building would be used for platoon's offices and for convoy briefs. We will have an additional building for the Soldiers to use for Internet, playing cards and watching movies right here in the motor pool area. Thank you for all your support.

BANDIDO 7 OUT!



SGT Wink- Re-enlistment Ceremony



CPT Wence- Speaking to the soldiers

Messages from Platoons

HEADQUARTERS

To date the mighty headquarters platoon “**Riding Dirty**” has been in the fight providing vital logistical support to for our fellow Bandido brothers-in-arms. Our **Supply team** has been busy in the fight ordering the vital essentials that are required to keep us going through out the day such as uniforms, class one honey buns, Gatorade, and other various snacks for the out going convoys. Our **maintenance team** is providing around the clock service on our fleet of vehicles assigned to ensure we maintain combat readiness at all time. Our **communication team** is providing the resources needed to communicate effectively within the logistical convoys and other commodity vehicles that are being escorted. Our **ammunition team** is busy ordering rounds, scheduling various small arms and heavy machine gun ranges needed to sharpen and maintain their skills. The **operations team**, the brain of all operations, coordinates, tracks, and provides the necessary guidance needed for the entire team to come together and function. All is going very well and we would like to thank all the spouses and other family members for your continuous support.



1ST PLATOON

SFC McSherley and the Wolfhounds have been doing very well in the past few months. The men are motivated and dedicated to the mission at hand. They have traveled countless hours and miles over the vast desert of Western Iraq. They are performing at a higher level than that of most of their peers in the rest of the Army. We ask a lot of them and they perform day in and day out without complaint. I am proud of all of them. They have received an extreme amount of support from the families back home, which is greatly appreciated. Your love and support makes our lives more enjoyable, and allows us to focus on our mission. We thank you for all that you are doing for us. WOLFHOOUNDS!



SPC Goldsmith

To my wife- "Good luck with your schooling. I love you and sorry I will miss the birthdays and anniversaries."

SFC McSherley- "The platoon is doing an awesome job. I could not be more proud of the effort these guys give on a daily basis. They are extremely dedicated to each other and the unit. I know you are proud of them as well. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Thank you for supporting us with all that you do."

SSG Adams- "Thanks to all our loved ones for all of their great support. All is well with the platoon. We look forward to your letters and thoughts. We miss you all."

2ND PLATOON

SFC Conley and 2nd platoon WILD DEUCE remains busy doing numerous missions all over Western Iraq. The platoon continues to lead convoys AQ to TQ, Camp Ramadi to LSA Anaconda, and still remain diligent by running weapons ranges, ASV Fielding classes, and kicking Headquarters Platoon's butt at football in our spare moments. We have a BBQ planned for this weekend preceded by a friendly football game of NCO's vs. Joes. We want to thank all the families and FRG for the morale boosting packages for the soldiers of WILD DEUCE!

SFC Danny R. Conley, 2nd Platoon Sergeant



3RD PLATOON

To our 3rd PLT Strike Fast Family,

We are here continuing to push on with the mission and appreciate your support from home. The guys are on the road racking up some miles and working hard day to day! The soldiers are now in full rotation of R&R and getting them home is running very smooth and very well deserved. The weather has been on the downfall lately but looks like its turning for the better as it warms up little by little. The FRG has been a great help with connecting us to resolve problems and getting soldiers taken care of, can't live without the FRG!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks so much! I want to finally say that the time is getting shorter day by day and soon we will be home for good!

SFC Abel Chavez, STRIKE FAST 7



Melissa- "Hey Baby, just wanted to let you know that I'm doing okay. I miss you and can't wait to see you in May. I love you! Jon

To the Gutzke Girls,

"I love you all and I can't wait to come home on R&R in July. I am doing good and I hope you're doing good also.

Love, SSG Gutzke

Erica- "Baby I love you and miss you and the kids with all my heart." SPC Garcia

Sarah- "I love you and miss you." Sgt Wink

BANDIDOS FOOTBALL GAME

NCO'S vs. JOES



NCO'S won 10-8

NCO MVP-SSG Inocencio

ENS MVP- SPC Chadburn

“It was a great game and now the Joes cook for the company,” 1st Sgt Johnson.

Important Army Information

- Tax Center offers FREE services at Fort Riley Tax Center bldg 7434B (across from bowling alley) or call 239-1040
- New Fitness Center Hours- Begins February 1st the King Field House and Robinson Fitness Center will be:
Mon-Fri 5am-9pm & Sat-Sun 9am-9pm
- JC Baseball teams forming for ages 9-14. For more info call Jim Poole at 238-6332, Larry Morgan at 761-9470, or James LeClear at 209-1991
- Spinning, Turbo Kick, and Hip Hop Aerobics Classes offered during the day at the King Field House. For more info contact the King Field House.



Military Family Life Consultants

We listen, help resolve problems & offer support as you deal with anger issues, marital & parenting problems, combat stress, etc. We keep no records. **Our services are completely confidential & free to you, your spouse, children, & other family members.** No appt. required, walk-ins & phone calls welcome - ACS Bldg. 7264, Ft. Riley (785) 239-9435

Thank you to our POC's and FRG Leaders

FRG leader: Carmen Johnson

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If you need anything please call your POC first

FREE Saturday Childcare

For families of Soldiers on Unaccompanied tour and deployed soldiers

1st & 3rd Saturdays 10am-1pm

- Advance reservations are required
- Infants to 5th grade: CDC Bldg. 6950 phone 239-9935
- Kindergarten to 5th grade: SAS Bldg. 5810 phone 239-9220
- Lunch is provided/ must bring shot records/All children must be registered with central enrollments registry (CER) Bldg. 6620 phone 239-5077
- \$18 one time registration fee (per child)/ \$40 max for multiple children

Is your spouse deployed? Do you need a break?

Come out and join other family members for a few hours of fun. The Family Readiness Program sponsors activity days for spouses of deployed soldiers. The sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. A group activity (games, cooking, crafts etc...) is usually held on the 2nd Monday of the month. A support group led by two licensed social workers is held during this time on the 4th Monday of each month. The program is held at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264, noon - 3 p.m. Child and Youth Services offers free childcare for parents attending the program. Childcare is available for children 6 weeks to 5-years-old. You must bring the child's shot records, but a snack is provided. Parent must stay in the center. For more info contact the Family Readiness Center at 239-9435.

CYS offers FREE Saturday

Child Care

10:00 am-1:00pm

For families with deployed soldiers and soldiers that returned within 3 months

Children must be registered with CYS and sign up in advance for their child(ren) to attend.

Contact CDC 239-9935, SAS 239-9220 to make reservations

Upcoming Dates:

Jan 6 1000-1300

Jan 20 1000-1300

Feb 3 1000-1300

Feb 17 1000-1300

March 3 1000-1300

March 17 1000-1300

Apr 7 1000-1300

Apr 21 1000-1300

ASYMCA OFFERS FREE CHILD CARE FOR DEPLOYED FAMILIES

Families wanting to use this program must bring in copy of deployment orders, register with the ASYMCA, and make a reservation with the office.

Snack will be provided for children that are eating table food.

Parents must provide diapers, wet ones, formula, and a change of clothes.

CHILD CARE DATES

Program runs from 1:00-4:00 pm

January 13th and 27th 2007

February 10th and 24th 2007

March 10th and 24th 2007

April 14th and 28th 2007

May 12th and 26th 2007

June 9th and 23rd 2007