



CHARLIE COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 16TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
BANDIDO CHARLIE NEWSLETTER
MARCH 21, 2007



COMMANDER AND 1SG CORNER
CPT SCOTT D. WENCE AND 1ST SG CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

To the Bandido Family,

1SG Johnson and I wish to thank you for everything you have done over the last 6 months of our deployment. Just over half of you have had your loved ones come home for the 2 week leave and many of you are still waiting in anticipation. Although we still have half way to go, it is a good feeling knowing that we are half way there. It is almost impossible to thank everyone for all the hard work they have done, many of it going on unnoticed. From just helping a fellow friend through a tough time to enjoying a meal with good friends, the lady Bandidos completely impress me with their perseverance and dedication to each other.

At least every two days, I am told by someone outside the company how impressed they are at the performance of this company. Although we'd like to take credit, 1SG Johnson and myself completely understand that his is solely due to your loved one's daily performance. The entire company's technical competence for this mission is incredibly high. You can rest assured that your Soldier is amongst some of the best trained and most proficient small unit leaders that I have ever seen.

Once again, continue to support your loved one who is a key ingredient in this country's success. We look forward to completing the second half of our deployment and to being with you all again.

Sincerely, CPT Wence and 1SG Johnson



MESSAGES FROM PLATOONS

Headquarters

SPC Treloar, taking over as armorer from SGT Bourque, did quite well in reorganizing the armory and also dealing with his first 100% inventory of all sensitive items. SGT Caires and PFC Timmins are keeping us up to date on the latest tracking and navigation software. Headquarters spent most of the month preparing for the command maintenance inspection. SSG Coates and SSG Badger do an excellent job of supervising the maintenance team. SSG Hewett tracks all maintenance and services. SGT Martindale and SPC Lamb ensure all services are completed on time. SGT Pollo, SPC Englert, and CPL McGowen keep the fleet of vehicles in the road with their quality assurance controls and refitting parts. Last but not least, SPC Klusendorf ensures all the parts and supplies needed for maintenance operations are on order. We would like to give a shout out to all out loved ones, “We are doing well, we love and miss you all and we will see you soon.”

BANDIDO WRENCH OUT!

2nd Platoon

The past month has been very busy for 2nd Platoon. We have had one squad at LSA Anaconda for ASV fielding for the past month as well as running our daily missions. We finally moved into our new office which is a real comfort. SGT Johnson and SPC Pedroza scored well on the last months’ promotion board. We have had SPC Pittman re-enlist. To my wife and all the wives, thank you for keeping the home-front running well. Your efforts make life over here so much better.

SFC Danny R. Conley, 2nd Platoon Sergeant

3rd Platoon

To our 3rd Platoon Strike Fast Family,

SGT Speights- “3rd Platoon wants to thank all our friends and family members back home for all of your love and support throughout our deployment. Bandidos lead the way!!!”

SPC Hyatt- “Dear Parents, I’m doing good out here and can’t wait to come home on leave to see everyone. Hope everything is going well.”

1st Platoon

1st Platoon has done an excellent job this month both on the road and here in the motor pool. SGT J. Lopez was nominated for the Battalion’s NCO of the quarter. SSG Maulsby had a gutsy performance in the Officers vs. NCOs 5 on 5 Combatives Tournament. SPC Seewald conducted an excellent static display of an M1114 HMMWV for two visiting Lieutenant Colonels and a Brigadier General. His poise was nothing less than aplomb. On behalf of 1st Platoon, I would like to thank all family members and friends for your constant love and support. Your efforts on the home-front are greatly appreciated and always welcome.

Sincerely, CPT Zwirblis

“To my wife and children: Happy Birthday to Destiny and Isaiah. I love you Jenna,”
SPC McMillan.

“Happy Birthday Alexandra! Love Y’All!!!” SSG Maulsby



Activities

March 27- Picerne Day Off- Guest speaker Terri Norvell from 11am-3pm at Riley's Conference Center. Childcare is available. Reservations need to be made by March 12th at your Neighborhood Picerne Office.

March 28- ESC "PAMPER ME NIGHT" 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Rally Point on Fort Riley. Cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members, reservations can be made with Dawn LeBay 402-770-5736.

March 31- GOLF FOR FREE at the Custer Hill Golf Course open house from 1-5 pm. For more information call 784-6000

March 31- “Tell me a Story” (a parent to parent program) will be held at the School Age Services Building 5810 from 1-2:30 pm. The event consists of Maj. Gen Ham reading a story, and then Soldiers will speak about how it connects to Iraq and Afghanistan. Families will receive a copy of the book. For reservations call 226-9164.

April 1- Charlie Company Easter Party at Kapuan Chapel at 2:30 pm. Please bring a dessert to share that will feed 8-10 people. RSVP by March 23rd to your POC!

April 7- The 4th annual Eisenhower Marathon in Abilene, for more info contact 785-263-2341

April 12- Battalion Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony at 4:30, Battalion Classroom in Camp Funston

*Infant Care Classes offered for more info call 239-9435 or 239-5777

* Dollar Days are held at the Post thrift shop every Thursday. For more info call 784-3873.

Important Army Information

- **Free Childcare will be offered at the Armed Services “Y” in Junction City on March 31st, April 14th and April 28th.**
- **The Bandidos T-shirt fundraised will begin the end of March or beginning of April. Look for more information (flyer/order form) coming soon from your POC.**



Military Family Life Consultants

We listen, help resolve offer problems & 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

FREE Saturday Childcare

For families of Soldiers on
Unaccompanied tour and
deployed soldiers

Thank you to our POC's and FRG Leaders



FRG leader: Carmen Johnson
785-717-2437

Co-Leader: Nicole Gutzke
785-784-2325

HQ Plt. Poc:
Jennifer Jeffers 785-226-3669

1st Plt. Poc's:
Sarah Graves 785-375-0596
Amanda Bannister 812-344-3570

2nd Plt. Poc's:
Joanna Conley 785-762-2170
Tiffany Trelor 785-223-7148
Christina Cramer 785-341-8160

3rd Plt Poc's:
Nicole Gutzke 785-784-2325
Amanda Ryker 785-375-1768
Melissa Manuel 412-716-3882

Is your spouse deployed? Do you need a break?

The Soldiers and Family Support Center, (building 7264, Normandy Drive) hosts 2 special activities each month for spouses of deployed soldiers and spouses whose sponsors are serving a tour other than at Fort Riley. These Activities are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. The 2nd Monday of each month will be from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and the 4th Monday of each month will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Monthly activities vary, with sessions such as relief, movies & popcorn, cooking classes, potty training, and various holiday crafts to name a few.

Free Childcare is available for these activities, with no registration fee required. The childcare is held in the same building as the activities, and snacks are provided. Parents need to bring the child's shot record and be pre- registered for the activity no later than the Thursday prior to the activity by calling 239-9435.

Child Care at CYS

10:00 am-1:00pm

**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**

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:

March 3 1000-1300

March 17 1000-1300

Apr 7 1000-1300

Apr 21 1000-1300

