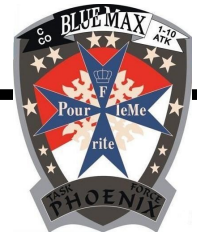


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BLUE MAX 7

Hello everyone and welcome to the August edition of the Blue Max monthly. I sincerely hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer. As for us here, in Bagram, we are sweltering with 100 degree heat and some humidity as a bonus. The Soldiers are doing well and are making great things happen, even this late in our tour. We have built a new gym facilities, unfortunately, the computer ate the pictures and deleted them on the Soldier who took them. However, know that it's a huge facil-

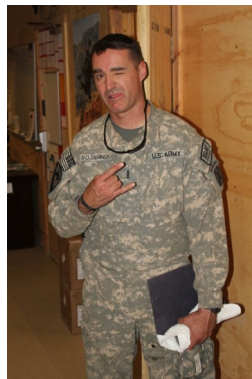
ity that is air conditioned and has some amenities like treadmills, stationary bikes and elliptical machines. All in all, it should be a nice setup once fully complete. More to follow.

-BM7



HAIL AND FAREWELL

This month Blue Max we don't have any Hails or any Farewells. Incidentally, we should be getting a new Soldier here in the next few days. He should fit in nicely and we are all looking forward to his arrival.



OUT AND ABOUT

*"For God, For Country, For
Blue Max."*

-Blue Max Motto



SGT MONTGOMERY'S PROMOTION

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Born In August:

- 16: CW2 Sillitoe
- 30: SGT Montgomery

Married In August:

- 10: CW2 Locke
- 13: SPC MacDonald
- 17: CW2 Bachmeyer
- 30: CW2 Reinhardt

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to the following Soldiers. Furthermore, we would like to congratulate the married couples for their anniversaries and give thanks to the spouses for their continued support. Without this support, the Blue Max family would be significantly hindered!

-Thank You!



1SG'S CORNER



Hello to all the Blue Max families and friends. I hope you are all doing well, and as you have already seen, we are doing well here too. We have been battling the heat and the winds again, and the dust. But the Troopers of Blue Max are holding strong and carrying on just as you know and expect.

We are down to the last person who will go on leave soon, so now our focus is beginning to be the packing and loading of gear to begin the mission home. The Soldiers are still remaining focused on our mission, while preparing containers to make the trek to Fort Drum. We will have to inventory and list all

the items as well as list all those individual containers within the shipping container. It is a lot of work, and we have all begun to dig in.

You must all know that while our minds do drift to the flights home we are still remaining vigilant in our duties flying and maintaining the helicopters, vehicles and equipment. You can also know that the Soldiers are doing remarkable things in this heat and humidity, day and night around the clock. I am proud of each one of them. I know that without the support of the families and friends who have sent, and are still sending, care packages, goodies and words

of encouragement, we could not continue to perform as well as we do.

Thank you all, for all that you do.

Take care. Talk to you again, soon.

-1SG Clay



*“For God, For Country,
For Blue Max.”*

COMMANDER'S WORDS

Hello, for the first time, to all you Blue Max friends and family members! I know that I have not written very much in these pages before, but I hope that my first article will be well received.

I would just like to take the time to emphasize how great-a-job all of your Soldiers have been doing out here. We have Apache crew chiefs who help arm and launch Kiowas. We have pilots that fly for 5

hours, and then land and work supply issues for another 7. Folks often choose to work way past their scheduled work hours to help out on projects like building a new gym or painting CAV flags on flight line boxes. Everyone always comes together to help make the mission happen.

I think you'll all be happy to hear that folks are staying pretty upbeat around here.

Despite the heat and humidity and always having one more task to accomplish, people are still smiling, and cracking jokes and generally horsing around. I imagine that this exuberance will only increase as our remaining time in theater gets shorter.

I guess I'll close by saying I am proud to know your Soldiers, and am looking forward to meeting all of you back in the States.

-BM6A CPT Jeff Shadwick



OUT AND ABOUT

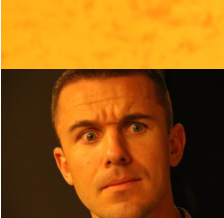


THE NEW GYM FACILITY





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SAFETY FIRST

Blue Max friends and families. This has already been a busy month and the previous month was busy as well. I was out for a while, but now I am back to let you know some safety issues.

We recently trained with the fire department here at Bagram, on several helicopters. It gave us and the fire department a chance to practice what to do in case of an aircraft fire. The training was successful and we all got something good out of it.

This brings me to a point I would like to make. Now is a good time for families and friends to check their smoke alarms in their homes. It only takes a few seconds, and could help you get out should there be a fire. In addition, you may want to

talk to family members and neighbors to let them know where you would plan to go if there was a fire, to make sure everyone is safe.

We are in the process of loading up to come home, and it is very hot here. It may be warm where you are as well. Please remember to drink plenty of water and eat good meals to maintain your hydration and vitamins that keep you going. Also, you should rest in the shade or indoors every so often if you are working outside in the heat. Please take plenty of breaks from strenuous work to avoid any kind of health issues from the sun. Also, watch

the kiddies when they are outside playing, to ensure they are staying hydrated.

Its summer, so remember to have lots of summer fun, but be safe. Water activities are a great way to have fun and stay cool! Wishing you all the best.

STAY SAFE!!!

FLY SAFE!!!

BLUE MAX!!!

CW2 Mark Foschetti

