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The Aircraft of Task Force Phoenix



Commander's Comments

Duke Family and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a short introduction. My name is CPT Michael Bales, and I have been given the honor and privilege to serve as the D Company 3-10, TF Phoenix Company Commander. After two and a half years in Savannah, GA and Iraq with 2-3 GSAB, including 15 months as a Shops Platoon Leader and just over a year on staff here in TF Phoenix, I am excited to join this spectacular team of Soldiers and Families. After watching the Dukes perform from a distance, it is with eager anticipation that I join the team and get to meet the great Soldiers who make maintenance happen, to witness their exploits in person and – upon our return – to meet all the Families and friends that are behind these great young men and women.

My arrival, however, means the departure of CPT Michael Flint. His leadership, expertise and hard work will be sorely missed. He did a fantastic job getting D Company ready to come to Afghanistan and oversaw a successful first half of the deployment. He has now moved on to TF Six Shooter as an Assistant S3 and a CH-47F Maintenance Test Pilot. He will serve them well, and if you ever see a guy in a big black



Stetson flying a Chinook, it's probably CPT Flint.

The new month also saw the Dukes welcome the newest Specialist: SPC Skimin, who was promoted on July 23rd. It is great to see a hard working Soldier moving up in the ranks. Also moving up is the temperature, both here and stateside. So enjoy the A/C, play in the pool, sip some ice tea and keep counting down the days until we come!

-CPT Michael Bales
"Duke 06"

First Sergeant's Update

Hello to everyone back home. We are finally in the double digits of days to come home. Not that anyone is counting, right? I know I am excited. Things here are going as usual. The Dukes are pushing out phases and aircraft maintenance left and right. We are starting to pack up our extra gear, and that light at the end of the tunnel is slowly growing brighter. I would like to share with everyone that we have two individuals that passed the promotion board this month. SPC Phillips knocked the socks off of the board members with his outstanding recitation of the NCO Creed. SPC Chambers also did extremely well with her knowledge of general military topics and programs. Hang in there. We are almost home.

ISG Dan Snyder



Shops Platoon

Greetings from Shops Platoon,

It's good to be back in the platoon after my brief stint as the First Sergeant, while 1SG Snyder took his well needed R&R leave. Unfortunately, all good things come to an end as we said goodbye to now CPT Sarah Brisson. She will be missed, but we wish her the best in her future endeavors with C Co 2-10. With CPT Brisson leaving, we have since welcomed CPT Kristin Yampaglia to the platoon. We welcome her with open arms and look forward to working with her.

It seems like we have been wrapped in inventories for an eternity. The Soldiers and NCOs worked diligently to ensure that not only platoon inventories, but change of command inventories were completed in a timely manner. The professionalism and flexibility of the Soldiers was displayed daily and hopefully, it was a good impression for both our new Platoon Leader and Company Commander, CPT Michael Bales.

It is always a great time to recognize the promotions for the month. The platoon welcomed a new NCO in SGT Thomas Zbinden. His professionalism and never quit attitude finally paid off. It is a great honor to welcome him to the NCO Corps. I look forward to working and mentoring him to ensure that he becomes a well-rounded NCO.

The mission here continually remains our focus, but we can't help to notice that our time here is growing short. We eagerly anticipate our arrival back to the States and our loved ones. Just know that we are continuing to provide the best maintenance for the Task Force's fleet.

Until we see you again, you will all remain in our thoughts and prayers.

SFC James Kyne

Shops Platoon Sergeant



HQ Platoon

Headquarters is starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel; we have started packing up to go home, finally after a very long year! We welcome our new Commander: CPT Bales and say goodbye to our outgoing Commander: CPT Flint. CPT Flint has been an outstanding Commander during his time with us and he will be missed. Tech Supply has turned in more parts than the taskforce we replaced coming out here. They have been hard at work trying to prepare for the next unit coming in and doing a great job at it! ALSE has also done an outstanding job at completing inspections for an entire theater, not just our task force which is quite impressive. Our Supply NCOIC: SSG Miller had to return home early to have surgery on his neck, but before he left, he insured a swift and good change of command inventory was done so his soldiers would be able to continue the mission without him. We want to congratulate SPC Chambers who is currently our orderly room clerk on an outstanding job at the NCO promotion board. Her hard work and constant studying paid off and will soon join the ranks of the NCO Corp. To all the family and friends, we miss you and will be seeing you soon!

SSG Miller.M

HQ Platoon Sergeant



Maintenance Platoon

July, a month like any other month; except for the persistent heat – ask the folks at Jalalabad, aka JAFrica, JBAD. We continue our march down the bridge and near the end. Everyone anxiously awaits a homecoming with their families, vehicles, favorite beverage(s), pastime of choice, and/or edible food. July brought about two promotions: on the 1st, SSG Willunda Walker became a senior NCO and carries the rank and weight of Sergeant First Class. This is serious progression and carries with it great responsibility – as any NCO can attest to. His promotion is well deserved and he eagerly accepts the added responsibility. Another deserving promotion came around the middle of the month as PVT Cassandra Davis promoted to PV2. Speaking of J'BAD, SPC Daniel Sherrill returned to Bagram from Jalalabad where he only got out of the pot and into the fire. We are glad to have him back as part of the family and are trying to convince him that he is happier here.

Monthly birthdays include: SPC Ashworth, SFC Conrad, SPC Kleger, and SSG Phommavong. They all enjoyed their cake and were too selfish to share with the rest of us, especially SFC Conrad who is eating his in the States on leave as I type these letters. Through extensive dedication, studies, and mentoring, SGT Tetreault won the NCO of the month board. I do not tire of writing about the accomplishments the Soldiers in the maintenance platoon keep bringing home.

Lastly, we say goodbye to CPT Michael Flint. We thank him for the time, effort, guidance, and mentorship and wish him the best in his next assignment. Consequently, with each commander good-bye comes a hello and we welcome and eagerly look forward to serving with and for CPT Michael Bales. The downside to each change of commander is the change of command inventory. Considering the enemy will not give us a break to do the inventories and neither will the heat, the inventories were conducted, completed, and thankfully, are over with. On a positive note, July brought about the beginning of our planning and packing to redeploy as we begin to ship both items and equipment back to Ft Drum. These tedious, though sweet occurrences remind us that the deployment draws to a close.

Until next month, thank you all for your letters, packages, thoughts, and support; all your efforts ease the hardships of Afghanistan.

CPT PINTER



Change Of Command Ceremony



Promotions And Awards



Promoted: SSG Walker to SFC, SPC Zbinden to SGT, PFC Charles to SPC, PFC Jenkins to SPC and PFC Skimin to SPC.

Awarded the Army Achievement Medal (AAM): SGT Bartz, SGT Jarosh, SPC Bradley, SPC Timmons, and PFC Carter



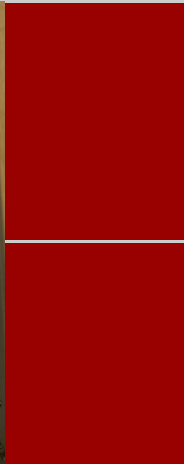




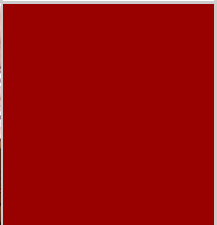



Awarded the Combat Action Badge (CAB): CW4 Owens, 1SG Snyder, SGT Godbout, SGT Zbinden, SPC Harrington and SPC Mitchell



Safety Day



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 SGT DAVIDSON'S B-DAY	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 SGT BRUMLEY'S B-DAY	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 SPC OBIER'S B-DAY SPC ROBERT'S B-DAY	19	20
21 SGT MILLER. T B-DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27 SFC CARTY'S B-DAY CW3 HAYES B-DAY
28 SSG ALEXANDER B-DAY	29 SPC BERRIEN'S B-DAY	30	31			
						

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