



# Executioner's Alley

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## Almost Done!

The month of July has been a busy and progressive month. Many Soldiers and NCOs have stepped up to the plate and performed miles ahead of the expectations of their peers and superiors. For the second month in a row, Echo Company Soldiers dominated the NCO/Soldier of the month boards. Furthermore, many more Soldiers attended the mock board given by the Company representatives in an attempt to represent Echo Company at the Battalion level. This proves the Soldiers and NCOs of Echo Company are driven and are some of the most highly motivated in all of the Task Force. Their hard work, dedication, and personal sacrifice have led them to define themselves as some of the best Soldiers in the Battalion, Brigade, and the United States Army. SPC Vitello from the maintenance platoon was the clear winner at the Battalion Soldier of the month board. His knowledge and professionalism were the deciding factors which led to his honorable achievement. His victory led his leadership to recommend him to attend the promotion board later this month. With the notoriety achieved by the NCO and Soldier performances at these boards comes an expectation that Echo Company is the unit to beat. As long as the NCOs and the Soldiers of Echo Company continue to put forth the extra effort, Echo Company will be dominating those boards for months to come.

As the month of July draws to a close, the realization of going home is coming sooner than anyone thinks begins to grow. We have already begun to start a countdown and specific occurrences such as completing a DA Form 1750s give us the first true glimpse we are on our way. The Soldiers of Echo have been working diligently, long waiting their reunions with their loved ones. As the talk begins to grow, Soldiers of all ranks begin to daydream of the return home and the possibilities of what to spend their hard earned savings when they do return. Rest assured, the anxiety accompanied with the return date getting closer and closer is growing. We will be home before anyone knows it.

Lastly, this month we bid farewell to CPT Davis as our Company Commander and welcome CPT Floyd as the incoming Commander. CPT Davis will be remembered as a good-natured, caring, and thoughtful leader, always willing to chat or crack a smile. As personable as he is, the rumors of his tormenting of the ISG are stuff of legend. CPT Davis will be greatly missed but the Soldiers of Echo Company wishes him the best in all of his future endeavors. We welcome CPT Floyd with open arms and open minds ready to accomplish any task or mission at a moments notice. CPT Floyd inherits some of the hardest working, knowledgeable, and capable Soldiers in the entire Battalion. Under her leadership and guidance, CPT Floyd can expect nothing less than continued success for herself and the Echo Company

Executioners!

- SGT Brackbill



**SGT Hall and PFC Higgins taking a breather during the change of command rehearsal.**

# Commander's Corner

Greetings Executioner family!

It is my pleasure to take command of Echo Company, 3-10. I would like to take this opportunity to say it is an honor to be serving in this position and I look forward to putting faces with names I hear so much about. Right now the company is focused on finishing this deployment strong as we begin preparations to come home.

A little about myself: I joined the Army in 1996 as an enlisted Signal Soldier. In 2000 I decided to try a new adventure as a college student, joining the ROTC program on my junior year and earning my commission in December 2004. I am married to CPT Raymond Floyd III, who as it turns out, is also enjoying this all expense paid vacation courtesy of the US Army. We have two sons that we are eager to reunite with as I know you are also ready to be reunited with your friends and family.



I am very excited to embark on this journey with all of you. I would like to say thank you to everyone for the support they give us every day. We could not do what we do without you. And a special thank you to Mrs. Manhart for taking over as the FRG leader! I look forward to working with each of you.

Executioner Six!

# First Sergeant's Update

Executioners!

Greeting's once again from Afghanistan. We are getting ready to return home to our loved ones and friends with anticipation building every day. Your Executioners have done a phenomenal job getting the mission accomplished. The safety record in Echo company for the entire deployment has been one of the best in the Task Force and it is a testament to the discipline of our Soldiers.

Soon all of us will be reintegrating with our families and I ask that everyone takes it slow and gives each other space to get to know one another again. Spouses are more independent from handling every thing at home alone and Soldiers need to get over the culture shock from being out of their element for a year. Take advantage of the reintegration classes that are open for spouses to attend with their Soldiers so that you are involved in the reintegration process. This will help you to understand some of the issues that your Soldier may go through during their reintegration to their home and country.

I have said this to our Soldiers on numerous occasions while deployed and I will share it with all of you at home. I am very, very proud of our Executioners and all that they have accomplished while deployed. I could not have had a better group of Soldiers to lead or share this experience with. I feel very lucky as a First Sergeant to have been given this opportunity to deploy with these quality Soldiers under my leadership. This being my last deployment due to retirement, I am very glad to have known all of your Soldiers and to have served with them with distinction. Executioners!

The Rock! The Diamond! Executioner Seven!



## HQs Platoon - Farewell CPT Davis



The change of command has finally come and I could not be happier! I mean, CPT Davis will not get a copy of this newsletter, right? So, by the time you get this we will have a new commander who strikes us literally as a take charge motivated leader. We in headquarters are excited to get rid of CPT Davis and get in here a superb individual such as CPT Floyd. Thinking back over the past year I have served as CPT Davis' XO, there are many things coming to the surface of my mind. I can never remember a single time where I have felt more awkward, more out of place, and wondered to myself over and over again why am I here with this guy. Anyone who has met CPT Davis knows exactly what I am talking about—boom ROASTED! Seriously though, the picture to left says it all. Here is CPT Davis running with me on my second lap of the Boston Marathon in Afghanistan. He is a Soldier's leader and always will be. It is my honor to consider him a friend. I thank him for his service and have no doubt in my mind from what I have already seen that CPT Floyd will continue to uphold the standards in this company. With only a few more months left, we shall see you all soon.

~ CPT Macumber

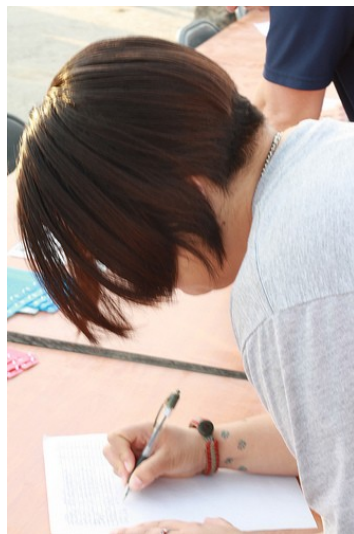
## Distribution Platoon

This past month has flown by, it seems like just yesterday I was writing the July Newsletter!

This month we had another great result from the NCO of the month. SGT Lauilefue came in a close 2<sup>nd</sup> place by a mere one point! And SPC Cenozier came in a close 2<sup>nd</sup> for Soldier of the Month at the Company Board. In addition to a great performance in NCO and Soldier of the month boards, SGT Brackbill, SGT Lauilefue, and SPC Cenozier will be recommended for Promotions. The Distribution platoon is really standing out amongst platoons in Task Force Phoenix.

The last few are finally going on R&R! and then we will be headed home! We've begun packing and starting shipping. The wait will soon be over! Thank you all so much for your continued support, you have really made all the difference.

~ 2LT Latham



Left to Right: SPC Morgan on Gate Guard; SPC Ortiz signing up for the 4th of July 5K Run; SPC Myers on Guard; SPC Singleton, SPC Sauve, and PFC Kalahar take time out of the day to pose for a photo.

# Maintenance Platoon

Incredible, it has been nine months since we arrived here, we are finally just a mere three months till returning home to stay. During the past few months we have been preparing to begin the re-deployment process. During the last month, some Soldiers from the motorpool had the opportunity to qualify on the range. All of the Soldiers from maintenance platoon qualified with ease. There were several promotions this month, and I would like to take the opportunity here to give my congratulations to them all: SGT Hardy, SGT Hankinson, SGT Green, and PFC Cañez. Every Soldier continues to put forth commendable effort and I thank them for this. As always, thank you to all of the families who support us from back home, it is always appreciated. Take care and we shall see you soon!

~ 2LT Betancourt



## Promotions, Awards, and Departures

Congratulations to the following Soldier for her promotion during the month of August:

- SPC Maurer

We'd like to congratulate the following Soldiers for awards for the month of August:

### ARCOM

- SPC Cotterman (Pictured above)

### AGCM

- SGT Lauilefue
- SPC Ciminelli

Congratulations to the following Soldiers for surviving in the Mighty Echo Company:

- CPT Davis (moved to S3)
- SPC Cotterman (redeployed)
- SPC Miles (redeployed)

# Pictures (Change of Command)



Going clockwise starting at the top: Echo Company presenting arms during the playing of the National Anthem, CPT Floyd literally taking charge of the company, putting 2LT Latham and 2LT Betancourt to good use passing out programs, and the best ISG in the Task Force receiving a coveted Ordnance Award.



# Pictures (Distro)



Going clockwise starting Top Left: SGT Hall, 2LT Latham, PFC Kalahar, SPC Singleton, SPC Sauve, SGT Gutierrez, and SSG Vrbsky all giving the camera their best smiles.

# Pictures (Maint)



Clockwise starting in the Top Left: SGT Strupp, SGT Hankinson, SPC Wigginton, SFC Mansfield, CW3 Pfeiffer, SFC Brady, 2LT Betancourt, and SGT Smith all posing each in their own way.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Echo Company, Task Force Phoenix rapidly deploys worldwide to provide logistical support to Task Force Phoenix and other units within RC-East.

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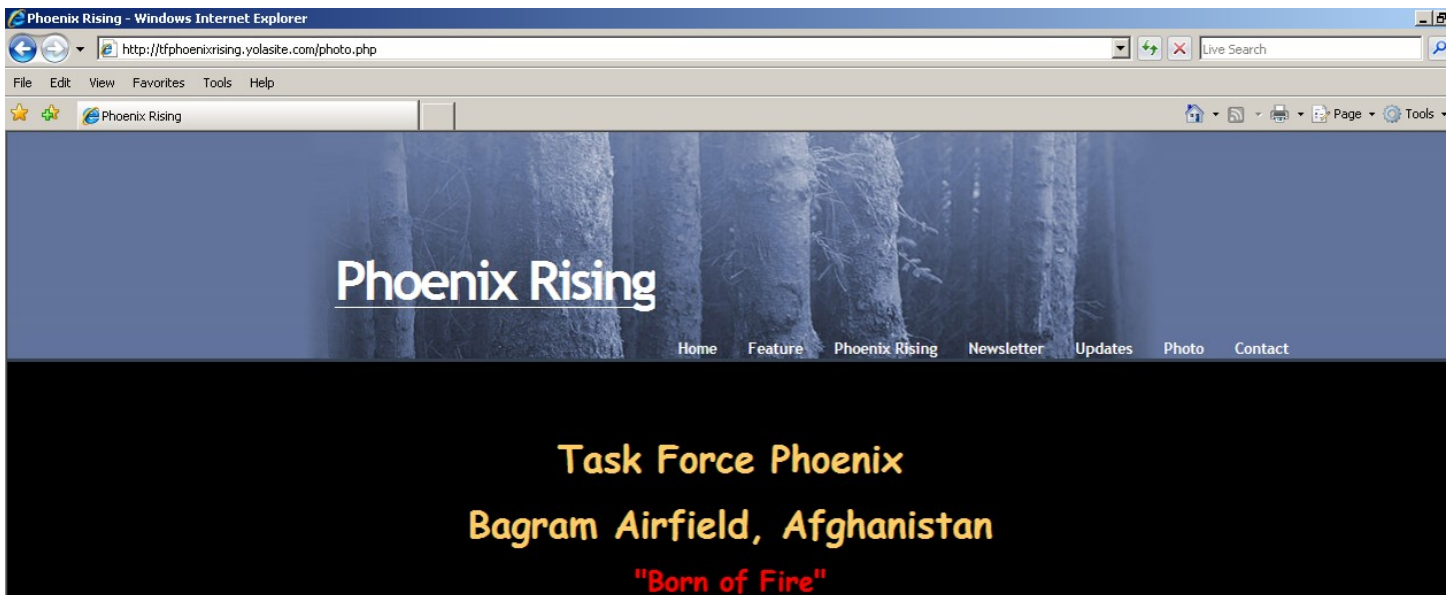
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We are always looking for volunteers to help support the Family Readiness Group (FRG). Please contact CPT Floyd or Ginger Leak with any questions regarding volunteering as a key caller or for special events and fundraisers. We look forward to working with you towards the greater good for our Soldiers and Family Members.

# Phoenix Rising Website



During our deployment to Afghanistan, our Task Force will be using the Phoenix Rising website to keep families updated on what is going on over here. There will be pictures, articles and each company's newsletter (including Echo's) will be available to view and download.

I encourage each of you to check the website. There is no requirement to sign up or login and password. You can simply go there anytime to find out updates on your Soldiers. Here is the link: <http://tfphoenixrising.yolasite.com/>