



Executioner's Alley

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Deployment
- Support
- Platoon updates
- Phoenix Rising Website

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Going Home!



By the time you get this newsletter many of the faces in this picture will be at Fort Drum, New York! The Executioners took a knee to be rewarded for their hard work and dedication to duty. Its always great for our Soldiers to know they have done an outstanding job and awards are one of the ways we show appreciation. Although going home is an exciting time for everyone I would like to caution Soldiers and families alike to take things slowly. We have reintegration training for a reason to help ease everyone back in routines that have changed during a year long absence. During training Soldiers and families will have the opportunity to speak with agencies that help in every area of a military family life. Please actively listen to the training and take down contact numbers just in case. Whether you are a Soldier or a family member we can find the resources to help you get through any issues you may have. The TSG and I are also available if you are unsure of the agency to contact. We have been proud of all the dedication of our Soldiers and the enormous sacrifice of our families allow us to continue to carry that pride daily as we enjoy life at home.

Commander's Corner

We're almost there!!! This month we look forward to the entire executioner family coming home. I know we are all excited about getting home, but we need to remain vigilant in getting there safely. Historically, this is the time in the deployment when Soldiers are eager to get home and make simple mistakes. We want to get all of our executioners home happy and healthy!

Patience should be our watch word for the month. A few people have already found their way home and there are still more waiting in the wings. I ask all of you and especially the families to be patient and flexible. I know you have been waiting a very long time to be with your loved ones and we appreciate the sacrifice you make for us each and every day. Your Soldiers may have given you tentative dates, but there are a lot of factors to consider. We will continue to work through the changes in flights and dates, customs inspections, broken aircraft, cancelled flights, and whatever else may come our way. The FRG has done a phenomenal job keeping everyone in the loop as information becomes available each family will receive updates.

As we begin our journey home I look back on all this unit has accomplished and I am filled with pride knowing that I can call myself an executioner. In a briefing with General Allyn, 1 Cavalry Division and RC East commander, he brought up a great point. We the Executioners, are the unsung heroes of the battle! Although we may not fly aircraft or run convoys, what we do matters! Whether you are keeping us safe on guard duty, serving chow, counting ammo, driving the shuttle bus or fueling aircraft, each and everyone of the Executioners were required in order for the Task Force to be successful! Looking over the statistics I know and understand that Echo Company plays a vital role, and what's more is we do it with pride! I look forward to having everyone at home soon.

I look forward to being reunited with my children as I know many of you look forward to being reunited with your loved ones! Please hold your heads high knowing that your Soldiers have served honorably and come home knowing they made a difference. Your Soldiers know that our families at home are the reason we do what we do. Accept my humble gratitude for all that you do for us. I would also like to welcome the newest addition to the Executioner Family Ms. Riley Clements! Congratulations SPC and Mrs. Clements!

Executioner Six!



First Sergeant's Update

Executioners!

Greetings again from Afghanistan. By the time you read this many of our Soldiers should be home already and I might actually make it back by then.

I wish all of you the best for the Holidays and the new year. Spend as much quality time together that you can and start working on your relationships as soon as you get back. Ease into the home front and try not to change things too fast. Remember that your family has been independent for a year and some of the house rules might have changed while you were gone. Breathe and relax. Again this is a time to be celebrating your return home and doing things together as a family.

During the deployment we kept everyone safe and there were very few bad incidents. I ask that you keep that mindset as we redeploy back home and that you take things slow to include driving. It would be a shame to lose someone after a successful deployment. If you have any issues during redeployment please do not hesitate to inform the chain of command so that we can get you the help you need. I know that we have great Soldiers and NCOs that will take care of each other and look for signs of anxiety or depression. As Mountain Buddies while deployed we took care of each other and that also needs to carry over into the redeployment phase so that we stay together as a unit.

I hope to see all of you at the Task Force Ball on January 20th to celebrate our return and to also take a night to get dressed up and have a good time. It has been my pleasure to have deployed with this unit and the great Soldiers that it is comprised of. See you back home! Peace! Out! Executioners! The Rock! The Diamond! Executioner Seven!



HQs Platoon

The deployment is coming to a close and this will be sent out after most of Echo company has already returned if not still en route home. The final members of Echo still on ground here will be finishing up the transfer of authority with our replacements. LTC McKernan, our Task Force Commander spoke to the entire company at our end of tour award ceremony on 26 September. I share his view of how instrumental our company was to supporting the many services this Task Force provided over the last twelve months. The nature of what we do almost always makes our contributions unglamorous in comparison to other unit's missions, however, our company being the first to redeploy definitely demonstrates our importance. Other companies within this Task Force are covering down on Echo's taskings and some of them for the first time are beginning to realize a ground unit's sacrifice. After this long year, we are all looking to make up for lost time. It seems almost incomprehensible to think the best way to do this will be to take things slow. As we spend our time with those we have been away from or doing the activities we love to do, keep in mind we should take it slow and not attempt too much too soon. Continue to take that bucket list one at a time, SGT Fortner for example was the only one from Echo to participate in the Air Force Marathon where he completed 26.2 miles in excellent fashion. There will be a contingent of Echo Company Soldiers on November 12 and 13 who will participate in a wonderful challenge known as Tough Mudder (12 mile military-style obstacle course). We are all pumped to not only return home, but tackle this upcoming challenge. As this is the last newsletter from Afghanistan, this will be the last time I say thank you from Afghanistan. See you on the other side, Good Day!

~ CPT Stephen Macumber

Distribution Platoon

This whole month has been full of anticipation! Anticipation to receive the new unit who will replace us, and anticipation to get the hell out of here. Mostly to get out of here...let's be honest. We've all been keeping busy with preparations for redeployment. We've had three separate customs inspections this month alone. Everyone has been working so hard to complete all the necessary jobs to ensure a successful hand over the next Distro. Platoon. Their hard work and motivation was not just evident this month but in all sincerity every single day this deployment.

Also, this month we were able to promote an outstanding young soldier, PFC Orozco. She has not been the only Soldier in the Distro. Platoon who has been recognized for their hard work this month. SPC Rouse was awarded the safety award of the Company for his outstanding attention to detail in every task assigned to him, resulting in zero incidents this entire deployment. Even though, these Soldiers were specifically identified both SSG Boyer and I agree, we've had a great deployment primarily attributed to the great group of Soldiers that make up the Distribution Platoon! And I wish that I had enough room in this newsletter to recognize every single one of them.

By the time you read this at home, you may already have your loved ones sitting next to you. If not be assured they are on there way! See ya Later

- 2LT Latham



To the left: Timmy the stress relief dog, he has helped many Soldiers overcome issues due to his cute cuddliness and general disregard for proper dog manners. He has also just brought a smile to your face as he runs down the hall chasing his soccer ball. His service may be the only thing Soldiers miss about Afghanistan.

Maintenance Platoon

This is a great month for everyone. With the help of God we return home and reunite with our loved ones. This month I will not discuss what we've been doing because we have basically focused our efforts on re-deployment. I would like to elaborate on some family activities that we can do at Fort Drum and the surrounding areas since it is always refreshing to try different adventures.

I was doing a search online and there are some great opportunities at hand. For golf lovers out there is the Eagle Glen Golf in Syracuse. In addition to a phenomenal golf course, there is the Eagle Glen Boast restaurant, banquet area, and pro shop. If you would like more information you can call 801-773-4653 or visit their website at www.golfgleneagle.com. Another option a little closer to home is The Watertown Golf Club it is located at Thompson Park. In addition to an 18 hole layout there is an accredited zoo, ample picnic grounds, swimming, tennis and a panoramic view of the City of Watertown-gateway to the Adirondacks known as home of the 10th Mountain Division. The golf club also offers a restaurant, bar & grill, pro shop, amenities and a public driving range. The hours of operations for the Bar and Grill is Monday thru Friday 12 noon to 800pm, Saturday 11am to 500pm and Sunday 1200 noon to 400pm, and the menu varies to offer a wide variety. Monday thru Friday they serve dinner. The membership cost for four members is \$825.00 each one for a total of \$3,330, for non members the fees is \$15 for 9 holes and \$24.00 for 18 holes, a cart rental per person is \$9.00 for 9 holes and \$16.00 for 18 holes and pull car rental is \$2.00 for 9 holes and \$3.00 for 18 holes. Military discounts are available for classes that cost \$200 per month. If you are interested in doing special events in the Golf Club they are available, business luncheons, receptions, weddings, birthdays, high school reunions or corporate parties. The hours of operations are from 700am to dusk. For more information contact by phone at 315-782-4040 or email at WGC_Proshop@yahoo.com

For the historian in you, there is The Erie Canal Village; you will take a trip back in time, July 4, 1817. Visit the 19th Century the 1st site where was a shovelful of Earth turned over in the construction of the Erie Canal. This is open from May 1 to November 15, and closed for winter. Picnic areas are available for rent as well as watch boats, canoes, kayaks or motorboats. From June thru October only Sunday mornings boater amenities include water, showers, electric, pump out, merchandise, phone, and computer access. There are fees for boating through the locks and private non-profit historic sites, state parks, and some wildlife preserves may charge admission or accept donations for special events and programs. Skaneateles Lake, is just 23 miles West of Syracuse, the sparkling blue-green waters of Skaneateles Lake shine like a gem among the forested ridges of the Finger Lakes district. The sixth largest of the Finger Lakes, Skaneateles is exceptionally beautiful and serene; the water is so pristine that nearby towns, including the city of Syracuse use the lake as a source of drinking water - unfiltered. Mid-Lakes offers cruises each day from mid-May to October 2. In this boat tour you can experience many stately homes, old and new, The Sherwood Inn, originally a stagecoach stop, Stella Maris, quiet retreat on the village east and Steep and wooded hill sides at the southern end. The prices for both tours are variety for the Erie Canal is available the Emta II for 5 hours tour is \$65.00 per adult and \$50.00 per child including continental breakfast and lunch buffet aboard. For the Skaneateles Lake the prices are, \$23.00 each adult and \$17.00 each child, this is only a 3 hour tour and does not include breakfast or lunch. Lunch is available for \$8.00 or you can bring your lunch.

There are many recreational activities available on post; they have the Bowling Center at the Pine Plains, Bowling Center is a family environment. With 24 lanes and handicap lanes are available; you are to find fun for the whole family. The Bowling Center hours of operation are Tuesday to Thursday from 1100am to 1000pm, Friday 1100am to 1100pm, Saturday noon to midnight, Sunday 200pm to 800pm and Monday 1100am to 300pm. Each day is a different special offer for games, on site for a quick snack visit Lil' Skeeters BBQ with a variety menu of pizza, hot dog, and hamburgers, or sandwiches. They sponsor competitions and you can also celebrate your next birthday at the Bowling Center.

Every Thursday at The Commons they have a pizza & pasta buffet from 500pm to 700pm. The prices are \$6.00 for adult and \$3.00 for children under 8 years old and is an excellent opportunity to get away when we don't want to cook, prices are good too. But if you are more interested in something more casual instead visit Buster's Brew Pub. They serve a steak and they have specials every night and specialty brewed beer.

If you looking for something more familiar, Remington Park is the right place. You can do a ride on your bicycle or get a ride on a paddleboat or go swimming. It is for day use, provided are picnic areas and 5 pavilions, also if you have pets, there is a kennel play area for your pets with a supervisor. Cabins are available for rent.

Additionally, Ft Drum has some activities for next month (October). In October 1, 2011 there will be from 1000am to Midnight a Craft A Thon it you can use the facilities of Art and Craft for confection of ceramics, potteries, sewing quilting and framing studio. A Point of contact is Terry Buckley 772-5606. At Buster's Brew Pub will be the celebration of Oktoberfest. This activity will be on October 5, 2011 from 500pm to 700pm the menu is inspired in a German cuisine. Reservations are available but they are also accepting walk ins.

For Halloween, take a Trip to Screamer's Hollow in Sterling NY. It is a haunted village like no other. It will be on October 8 at 500pm the cost is \$40.00 per person and includes transportation and admission to Screamers Hollow. For more information about where to pick up and time contact Jeroed Lajoie 772-8222.

This is only a few activities but if you search online there are more activities and attractions. Thanks again for the support of every individual's family and friends who made this deployment an uplifting one.

Candid Shots



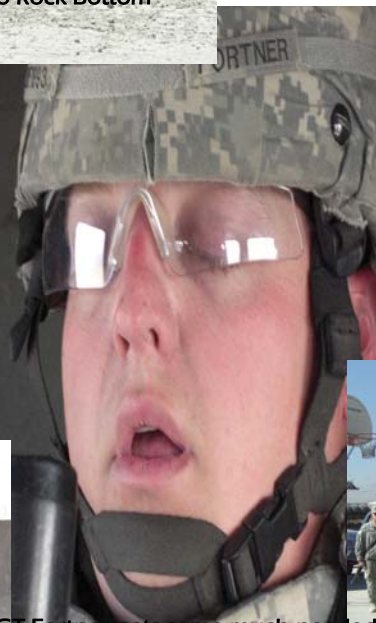
Soldiers at Morales Fraiser welcome visitors to Rock Bottom



SGT Rojas-Diaz, Mason, and Strupp patiently waiting to rock the APFT



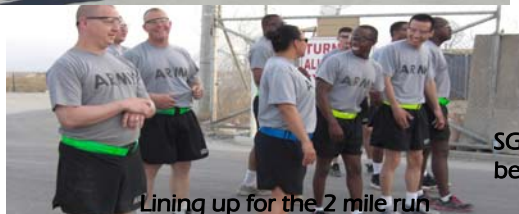
Distribution platoon stands tall



SGT Fortner gets some much needed beauty rest after a day of inventories



SPC Stanton and SPC Maurer take a break from refueling operations at Mehtar Lam



Lining up for the 2 mile run



Go Ordnancell



1SG heads the last company formation in Afghanistan



SPC Madrigal tells her husband don't worry that she did more push ups then he did! Just kidding!

Brain Teasers

ACTORS:

- OMIT CURSE (3,6)
- A PAL ICON (2,6)
- COOL EGO ENERGY (6,7)
- GERMAN FOREMAN (6,7)
- LESS RELEVANT TO SLY (9,9)
- WILL USE CRIB (5,6)
- INERT BROODER (6,2,4)
- COOL RAINDROP IDEA (8,2,6)
- MONK HATS (3,5)
- BIG MELONS (3,6)
- JAW DUEL (4,3)
- SCOWL ANTIDOTE (5,8)

ACTRESSES:

- LENGTHY PART WOW (7,7)
- RAINY WONDER (6,5)
- WARY UNIVERSE EGO (9,6)
- IN FINE TORN JEANS (8,7)
- NO ALIENS DARLING (7,8)
- REALLY HERB (5,5)
- IDOL NICKNAME (6,6)
- NO EAGLE IN JAIL (8,5)
- SEEN AT A RICH JET-ZONE (9,4-5)
- TWEAK TINSEL (5,6)
- ROBUST JAILER (6,6)
- TRY REM SLEEP (5,6)

CREATURES 01

- LONE EGG DEAL (6,5)
- TIP UP SHAMPOO (12)
- LAST BOARS (9)
- LONE PET (8)
- ANY CAR (6)
- SO EMU (5)
- NO CALF (6)
- AT GORILLA (9)
- MAIN GOLF (8)
- A RADAR CUB (9)
- RAPTOR (6)
- NIP HOLD (7)
- GREAT DRIP (9)
- A MALL (5)
- A PENCIL (7)
- OR BELTS (7)
- PAROLED (7)
- FIG FEAR (7)

SHAPE UP!

Each of the different shapes below has a numerical value. The numbers to the right of the grid are the sum of each row and the numbers at the bottom are the sum of each column. Can you work out the value of each shape? No shape has a value less than 1. Enter the solution into the empty grid.

				10
				11
				10
				10
7	12	10	12	



BAN ANA

GET
IT

Table
Money

STAR

Mind Over Matter 1

Break the code to discover the missing letter.
Hint: A-Z = 1-26

SOMEWHERE
RAINBOW

Mind Over Matter 2

Break the code to discover the missing letter.
Hint: A-Z = 1-26

Can you solve this?

HUB-WORDS 07

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter **N**. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 25 other words of four letters or more avoiding proper nouns?



How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter **E**. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 20 other words of five letters or more avoiding proper nouns?



Answers

Money under the table

Thin line between love and hate

SHAPE UP! Solution

1	3	4	2
1	4	3	3
2	4	1	3
3	1	2	4

●=1 □=2 ☆=3 ▲=4

GWYNETH PALTROW
WINONA RYDER
SIGOURNEY WEAVER
JENNIFER ANISTON
GILLIAN ANDERSON
HALLE BERRY
NICOLE KIDMAN
ANGELINA JOLIE
CATHERINE ZETA-JONES
KATE WINSLET
JULIA ROBERTS
MERYL STREEP

GET OVER IT

FALLING STAR

BANANA SPLIT

GOLDEN EAGLE
HIPPOPOTAMUS
ALBATROSS
ANTELOPE
CANARY
MOUSE
FALCON
ALLIGATOR
FLAMINGO
BARRACUDA
PARROT
DOLPHIN
PARTRIDGE
LLAMA
PELICAN
LOBSTER
LEOPARD
GIRAFFE

9-letter word - LABYRINTH

Some other words of four letters or more containing the hub letter **N**: anil, anti, ayin, barn, bran, hint, lain, lint, nail, nary, rain, rani, rant, tarn, than, thin, tiny, yarn, bairn (Scot), blain, brain, brant, briny, inlay, rainy, riant, train, binary, brainy, in-tray, litany, ratlin, rhinal, thinly.

The letters A-Z are valued 1-26. In each set, the difference between the top and bottom values on the left, plus the difference between the top and bottom values on the right, equals the middle value, so the mystery letter is G (7).

The letters A-Z are valued 1-26. In each set, the difference between the two top values, plus the difference between the bottom two values, equals the middle value, so the mystery letter is H (8).

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

9-letter word - CELEBRITY

Some other words of five letters or more containing the hub letter **E**: beery, belie, beret, beryl, betel, birle, biter, creel, elect, elite, erect, eyrie, leery, liter (litre), lycee, rebel, relic, retie, terce (tierce), tiler, tribe, trice, celery, eerily, recite, relict, tercel (tiercel), treble, erectly, liberty, reticle, celerity.

Stop talking in circles

TOM CRUISE
AL PACINO
GEORGE CLOONEY
MORGAN FREE-MAN
SYLVESTER STAL-LONE
BRUCE WILLIS
ROBERT DE NIRO
LEONARDO DI CAPRIO
TOM HANKS
MEL GIBSON
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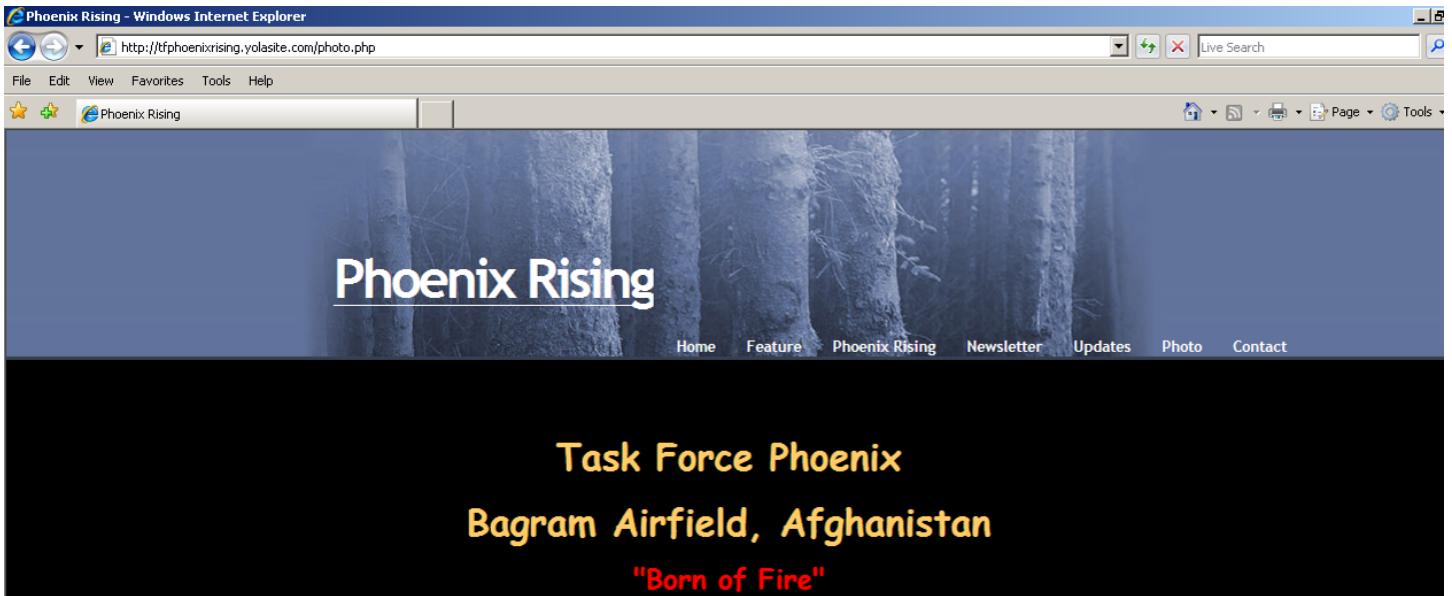
We are always looking for volunteers to help support the Family Readiness Group (FRG). Please contact CPT Floyd or Laura Manhart with any questions regarding volunteering as a key caller or for special events and fundraisers. We look forward to working with you towards the greater good for our Soldiers and Family Members.

MISSION STATEMENT

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



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/>