





Letters from the Commander

Greetings Hooligan Families and Friends,

It's Labor Day weekend and summer has unofficially come to an end. It's still as hot as ever but the weather folks assure us that cooler temperatures are just around the corner. As the leaves change back home, slowly but surely, the patches out here will change from 10th MTN to the 82nd Airborne. Our MEDEVAC brothers and sisters have already redeployed after doing an outstanding job and soon we will follow suit. You'll be happy to know that everyone has been doing an outstanding job and remains focused on accomplishing the mission until the day they leave, which for a few members of the Hooligan family is just a week away!

As we welcome September, I'd be remiss if I forgot to mention our two newest members of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corp. SGT Amalia Zuluaga and SGT Sebastian Zuluaga were both promoted on August 15 after returning from R&R. While the occasion was definitely memorable for the couple, it was a little bittersweet as the Zuluaga's had just left the states and their 1 year old daughter. The Zuluaga's are both tremendous Soldiers and I'm couldn't be more excited to add them to the Hooligan leadership.

We are all thankful for the love and support you have given us throughout our deployment. Please continue to support us and each other until everyone is home safely. Before long we'll all be home and up to our eyeballs in snow. I've never been a huge fan of the snow but this time I can't wait! I look forward to meeting everyone very soon!

Born of Fire!

Captain Charles A. Thomas

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By SGT Amanda Brown

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan

Greetings once again from the S-1 shop!!

Greetings All,

Reflecting back on the month of August, it is clear that it was one of the busier months of the deployment. During this month we had a Task Force awards ceremony, Charlie Dustoff's End of Tour awards ceremony, and A 1-169 Smugglers awards ceremony. Both companies departed theater and completed a successful tour here in Afghanistan.

The highlight of the month was the promotion of not only one, but both of the Zuluagas to the rank of Sergeant. Both SGT Amalia and Sebastian Zuluaga were very proud of their achievement as well as everyone within the Task Force. Congratulations to both and may they both have successful careers as NCOs

As we work our way out of Summer, into September, the anticipation of returning home has become more and more evident throughout the Task Force. We can hear the pitter patter of 3-82nd GSAB making their way towards Afghanistan and will welcome them with open arms in a few weeks. We appreciate all the packages, well wishes, and prayers from all the Families back home and have realized that we couldn't of completed this year long tour without their support.

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SSG Gerhardt, Daniel J.



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By Capt. Sean Fullan

It was a dark and stormy night. As we all know, great literary works always begin with something to that effect: it builds suspense and sets the tone for a great drama. This little news article is not what I or anyone else would deem an exemplary piece of literature. However, there should be a little suspense injected into this narrative because everyone here is anxiously watching the metaphorical hourglass of time calculating how much longer our unique services are required in this storied land. Soon we will all be sitting in our various abodes, toasting to our great victories in front of the fireplace in a manner reminiscent of the Vikings of old. But, I digress.

PV2 Ryan Ingham is looking forward to being home for many reasons. I'll pretend for a moment that one of them isn't the proverbial honeyed mead, and instead focus on his desire to see family and friends. He continues to work hard, earning the respect of all the pilots, staff, and Soldiers he interacts with. In his off time, he has taken to working out with CPT Sean Fullan, whom he is nearly running to death. SPC Ryan Brown just wants to get home to his wife. His RnR leave occurred at the very beginning of deployment, and of all of us, he has been away from family the longest. As a result, he will be the first to return home out of the staff section. Professionally, he continues to do an excellent job, and we continue to see his developing NCO potential. SPC Sabrina Posey recently went before an NCO promotion board, and by all accounts did an excellent job. She scored the highest of all board members on her PT Test (an physical evaluation test involving push-ups, sit-ups, and a two mile run), and continues to work hard for her promotion. She is also anxious to get home to spend time with loved ones in the States, and also to prepare everything for when her husband also redeploys several weeks after her. SSG Dianne Smith continues to run every chance she is able, and has recently been working on increasing the distance of her runs as she prepares to run a half-marathon. Her work ethic continues to inspire, and has even motivated CPT Fullan (who normally hates to run for the sake of running), to set a personal goal of running a marathon at some point in the future. SSG Smith will be the last of our staff section to re-deploy, though she is looking forward to returning stateside just as much as the rest of us. She is looking forward to home-cooked meals, spending time with her husband Tim, and running in air that isn't choked with dust and chemicals. 1LT Justin Moore has voiced his desire to return home several times, as he is sad he is missing out on certain experiences with his daughter. She is to the point where she recognizes him on video, and she is now walking. He looks forward to being reunited with both his daughter and wife, though he continues to work hard here. His hard work and dedication have been indispensable, and CPT Fullan has been thankful to have such a capable and hard-working officer working for him. CPT Sean Fullan is also ready to return home. He was able to see his son born, but has not been able to spend time with him as he grows like a weed. He misses his wife, and is looking forward to being reunited with his family. He is also looking forward to being home for the major holidays this year. Until then, he will continue to work hard to ensure his staff section performs well. For the last time, this is the S2 OIC, signing off.

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S3 Section Newsletter contribution

Family and Friends, the journey is almost complete. The first group of S3 Soldiers will be coming home in a couple of weeks, with the majority following soon after. Let me tell you, it has truly been an honor and pleasure working with each and every one of YOUR Soldiers. I couldn't have asked for a better group of professionals. In 27 years of service I can truly say these are the best young Soldiers I've had the privilege of working with. You should be proud, I am!

As I remind the Soldiers every day, we still have a few tough weeks left ahead of us before we start training the TF Talon, 3-82 GSAB Soldiers. Once that is complete there are a few small tasks they have (they may need your help), 1) make it home safe; 2) meet their loved ones at the welcome home ceremony; 3) enjoy their pass and time with family and friends and; 4) relax. I ask that each and every one of you enjoy the home coming and reflect on the sacrifices you've made over the past year and be thankful for all that you have.

There will be a few of us sticking around until the end of the deployment and be on the last flight home; the joys of being an Operations Soldier, first in, last out, the heart and soul of the organization. I hope I have to chance to meet the heart and soul of Soldiers I've served with, you the families, so I can thank you personally for your sacrifice and support.

Thank you for all that you do and I look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks. Hopefully there won't be any snow on the ground yet!

SGM Robert Bousley

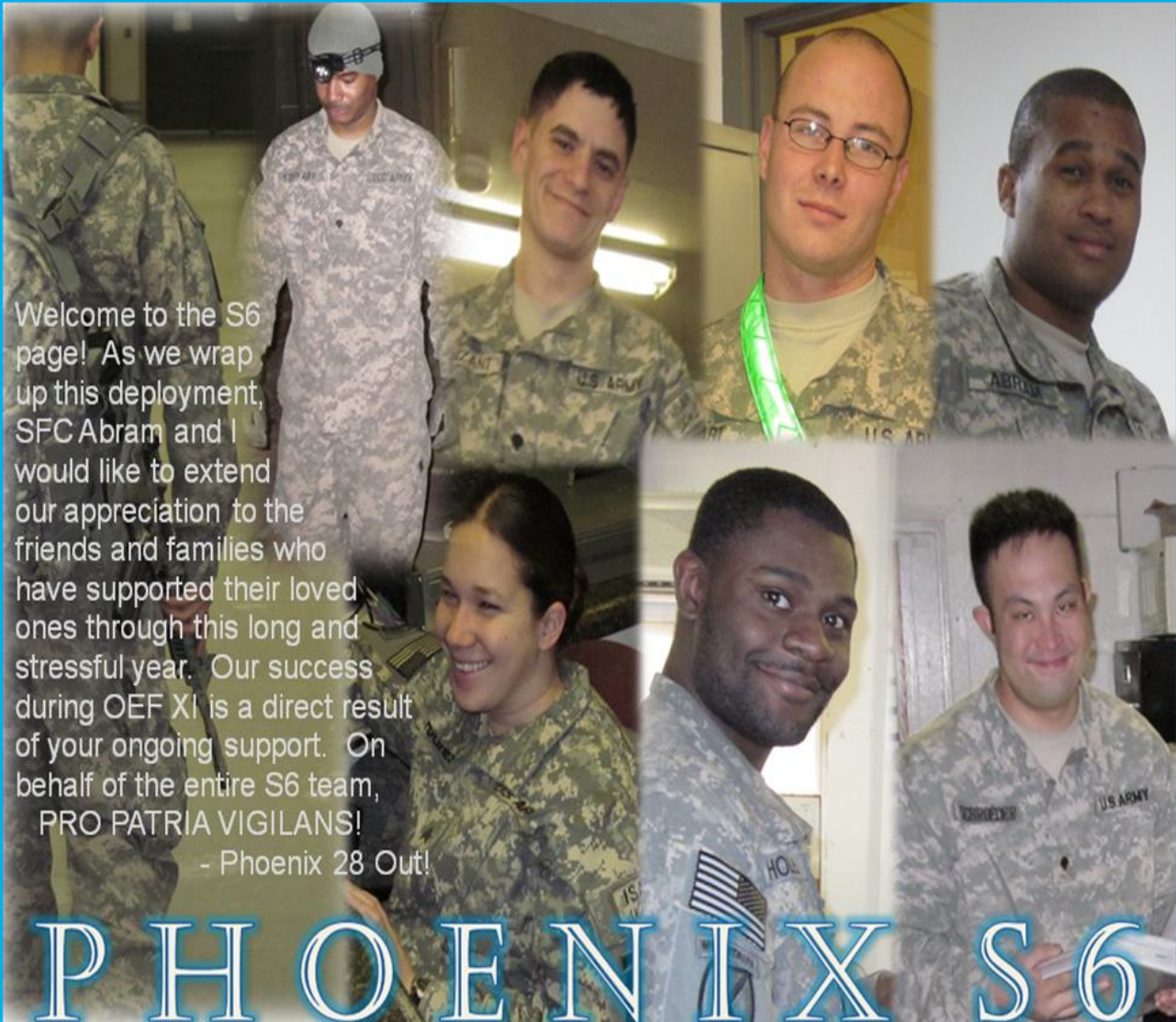
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Written by SPC Matthew Watts

For the month of August, here in the S4 shop, we lost one of our clerks to HHC supply. SPC Meeks was transferred to HHC supply to help assist in the final months of this deployment. SPC Meeks will be missed and forgotten.....I mean remembered. The S4 shop has been working diligently to make sure all the companies are executing deadlines to come in the near future. After a hard day of work, our NCOIC SFC Barfield and S4 clerk SPC St. Germaine, found the time to run in a 5k event that was held for the month of August. As these days countdown, we become even more motivated and anxious to see the end of the road.

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Welcome to the S6 page! As we wrap up this deployment, SFC Abram and I would like to extend our appreciation to the friends and families who have supported their loved ones through this long and stressful year. Our success during OEF XI is a direct result of your ongoing support. On behalf of the entire S6 team, PRO PATRIA VIGILANS!
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