



Deuce Four



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Notes From the Commander

Dear Family and Friends of the Legion:

This month's newsletter marks over 6 months in theater. From my perspective, the time has gone by quickly. I hope it is the same with you. As I reflect on the milestones that we have achieved to this point, I am awed by all that Deuce Four has accomplished. While there is still much work to be done, I have complete confidence in the Soldiers and leaders of the Legion that we will continue to perform at a level that sets the example for other units to emulate.

As the days continue to march by, I ask that you don't pay much attention to any rumors you may hear about redeployment dates. As I stated in last month's newsletter, there are no indications that we will be extended. Once our official transfer of authority date is established with the follow-on unit, we will have a better idea of when we will be home and when we will take block leave. These are dates that all of us want to know as soon as possible, and I assure you that once they are finalized we will ensure the widest dissemination.

This month I've included several photos that highlight the wide range of activities in the Legion. Two of the photos are of recent combat operations we conducted and one is of several of us recognizing local contractors who have helped us with some of the projects we've completed in our area of operations.

As always, thank you for your continued support and prayers. Without you, none of this would be possible.

STRENGTH AND HONOR.

Brian Reed
LTC, IN
Cdr, Deuce Four

This Newsletter Contains Official Information.

A Thought from the Chaplain

Deuce –Four families,

We have crossed over the half-way mark and are moving towards the end. We have crossed the mark as spring is beginning back at Wainwright. Spring means so many things to us; Easter, new life, flowers coming up, warm weather and the sounds of the neighborhood kids playing outside. Changes are taking place all around us.

Back at home station, the changes taking place are more obvious. The snow is melting and you can now go outside of the house without a jacket even though it is just around the freezing mark. Changes are taking place out here, it is just less obvious.

When the kids finally get back to the play ground equipment they realize it is smaller than it was last summer. Truthfully, they have grown, they have changed. The changes are not limited to height or to size. Their ways of thinking are also changing. They are becoming more and more independent. It is so obvious, at least to those who are there to see it.

Meanwhile, we in Iraq do not get to see these changes. We get a chance to pop in for a couple of weeks, I will be there later this month, and see the changes. Changes in our children are obvious; changes in adults are not so obvious. I said things are changing out here; it is just not so easy to see for we have the sun and we wear our gear and go out daily, it all looks the same as it did when we got here. Our change is internal. There is a change in confidence and ability to do the job at hand. Out here our Soldiers have a change in attitude, a new strength and confidence has come to them. Back in Ft. Wainwright and the Fairbanks area, you have gained strength as well.

You have changed since the battalion left. You have become more confident of your skills and abilities, you have been able to conquer a fearsome Alaskan winter alone, or alone with the kids, and you are stronger. You have grown and have become stronger from the experience. Many of you may not even realize how much stronger you have become. Look around and take stock of what you have accomplished this winter. Remember to appreciate what it has taken to get you through the bleak days.

Out here we want to see and hear how our children have grown and what they have accomplished. We also want to know what you have accomplished. Celebrate being an *Army Strong* family, and an *Army Strong* wife. Being married to a Soldier is not for the faint of heart, you have shown your stuff this winter. Well done!

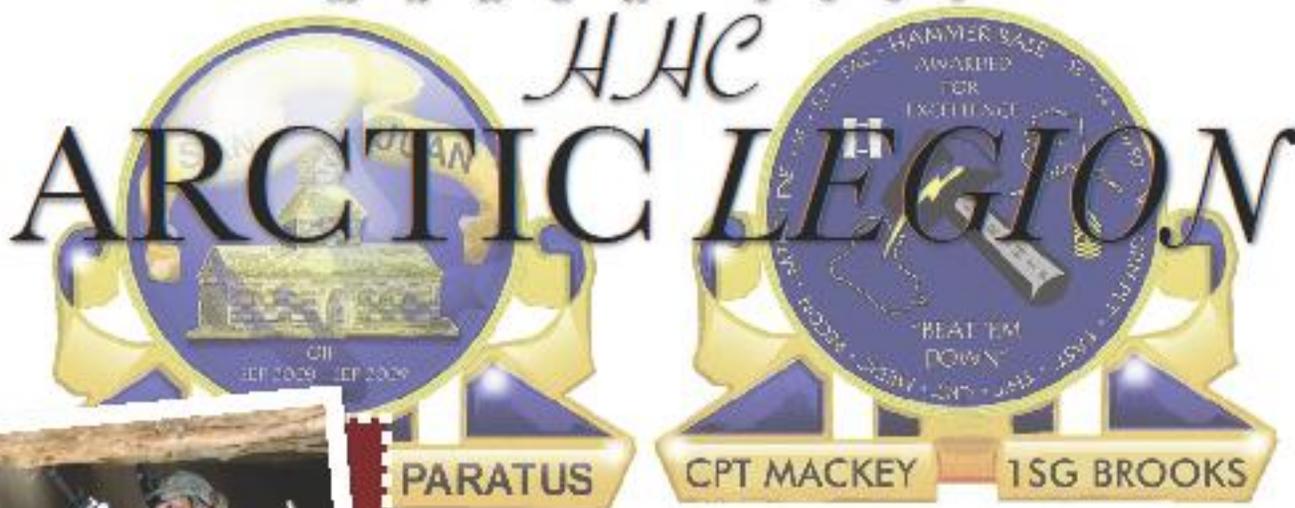
Take Care and God Bless,
Brian Palmer
Legion Chaplain



CH Palmer and SGT Hayes on Patrol in a Village

THE WARRIORS OF HAMMER COMPANY

M A R C H 2 0 0 9



SSG Ian Martinez clears a house.

Legion Pursuit 2

Soldiers from HHC, to include Mortars, Recon, FST, CRT, and Medics conducted a thorough search and census of two of the largest towns in Hammer Company's area of operation. This also included elements from B Co, C Co, Engineers, Air Force, and 2-8 Field Artillery.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH

HHC conducted a complex, multi-day clearing operation of two of the largest towns in Hammer Company's area of operation. The operation included a detailed census of every home and family inside the towns. LT Nicholas Ouimet, Mortar Platoon Leader for HHC, created the census format, while the dedicated Soldiers of the Mortar and Recon platoons, along with our 4th platoon, A Co brothers gathered the information. The



operation was a complete success on all levels and not only provided much needed information about the area, but enhanced the populace's relations with the Iraqi Army.

March Promotions

Our congratulations to those who were promoted in March.

Promotions:

1. PFC Matthew Augustine
2. PFC Joseph Brannock
3. PFC Curt Lenz
4. SPC Travis Fewox
5. SGT Ross Osten



Iraqi Led Educational Supply Drop

Elements from the 2nd Battalion, 19th Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army (Hammer Company's Iraqi counterparts) planned, resourced, and executed an educational supply drop this month. The Iraqi Army received the much needed school supplies and delivered them to the town of Abu Khayyal. Soldiers from Onager Platoon, the Battalion Mortars, were invited to accompany the Iraqi Army. The school supplies included pens, paper, erasers, and the like. The children, at first cautious, soon warmed to the presence of the Soldiers. The children and teachers were quite grateful for the supplies. Not to be left

out, Onager supplied the school with some soccer balls. Immediately the children went outside to display their skills and were joined by some of the Iraqi Army and Hammer Company leadership.



Commanders Cup

Elements of Hammer Company are currently partaking in the FOB (Forward Operating Base) Warhorse Commanders Cup Challenge. This is a multi-event competition focused around sports activities. So far, HHC is holding strong around 4th place.



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Alpha Company ATTACK!



Dear Family and Friends of Attack Company,

Well, as March comes to an end, the Arctic Legion hits a milestone that is always so important to a Soldier...the halfway mark in a deployment. It's like that old riddle, "How far can you walk into a forest? Only halfway, because after that, you're walking out of it." From this point forward, we are marching towards redeployment.

While we still have much work to do before we leave Iraq, the halfway point, in any endeavor, is always a good place to stop and look at what you've accomplished so far. The men of Attack Company have had a busy 6 months, and have a lot to be proud of. To date, Alpha Company has completed over 850 combat patrols. They have transferred more than 1200 Sons of Iraq from Coalition Forces control to the control of the Government of Iraq. They have provided overwatch and security to the Khalis Qada and the surrounding areas, facilitating the country's second national free election. The Company has completed projects to rebuild a local vocational school, clean irrigation canals in the area, refurbish marketplaces, and provide humanitarian aid to more than a dozen poor towns and villages in our Area of Operations. Just recently, we took over responsibility for conducting the validation and accreditation of all of the Local Police Stations and Sub-Stations within our Area of Operations. We have partnered with local tribal leaders to reconcile towns that have been feuding for years, to the extent that these towns now have a youth soccer league. And, we expect our accomplishments to continue to positively affect the lives of more and more Iraqis. We suffered a lot of growing pains and "experience learning" in our first six months,

but now that we have figured out how many of the various systems work, as far as the Iraqi Government's bureaucracy (as well as our own), we are becoming more and more efficient at attacking and resolving problems.

One thing I am extremely proud of is our Soldiers' continued commitment to the Army. During this deployment, on a weekly basis I have had the honor of reenlisting Attack Company Soldiers for continued service in our military. Not only do I think this is an honorable decision, but in this time of economic instability, I think it is an incredibly responsible and wise one. A lot of the credit for this has to go to you who are back at home keeping the home fires burning. The decision to reenlist is always an emotional one for a Soldier, and it takes the



1SG Hansen going "Native"

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support of his loved ones to help him make it. This is not to say that I bear any ill will towards those soldiers who decide not to reenlist, but to leave the Army. On the contrary, every person in the Company has already done more to serve his country than 99% of the rest of our nation's population, and that respect extends to you and the support you've given your Soldier. All I ask is that, if your family is approaching that time to make a decision whether to stay in the Army or not, you have a good plan for your future, which includes talking to a reenlistment officer to make sure you have explored all of the options available to you and your family.

During a deployment, just like anywhere else, you have good days and bad days. Recently, I was experiencing a particularly bad day. It was one of those days when I felt like we weren't making any progress on any of the projects we had going in our AO. I was dealing with a few Iraqi leaders who seemed incompetent, lazy, and unmotivated, and I felt like Iraq was never going to get any better. Later that day, I wrote an e-mail to my brother-in-law who is a First Sergeant at Ft. Benning and had returned from his third tour in Iraq (this last one being a 15 month deployment) just a few months before our unit deployed this time. In that e-mail, I complained about the things I mention above and my frustration with the situation was very evident. He wrote me back the next day, and his words helped me put things in perspective. He told me that one thing he had learned in his three deployments was that

you can't judge how things are going in Iraq as a whole based solely on what you can see from your hatch. He told me that there were areas of the country he saw in his first and second deployment that he thought were hopeless, but, on this last deployment, he got a chance to see the change and it was incredible. Recently, I also talked to some locals who run a poultry company in our AO, but they live in Baghdad. We asked them how things were in Baghdad, and they said that things were great. They said they almost never see Coalition Forces there anymore, security is good, and businesses are re-opening every day.

So I guess my point is, sometimes when you're too close to a problem, you can't see the progress you're making, especially when it is very gradual. The things we are doing here in Diyala are affecting the whole country, and the situation IS steadily improving. All we can do is put our shoulders into it and keep pushing forward, not let anyone tie our hands and tell us why something can't be done or won't work, and continue to chip away at the problems. Nobody joins the Army expecting it to be easy, and the job ahead of us is just one more challenge that I have no doubt the Soldiers of Attack Company will meet with poise and dedication.

Very Respectfully,
CPT M. Scott Jones
Attack 6

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Bravo Company Barbarians

Barbarian Friends and Family,

March has quickly come and gone. The company is still enjoying a large amount of success in the area as we are starting to see some of the fruits of our labors.

1st platoon will soon see the start of construction on the water treatment facility they have developed in order to provide water to a large village that has been without clean drinking water for years. They are also 50% complete with the refurbishment of a primary school in the area that has over 200 children enrolled.



2nd platoon has gotten a primary school refurbishment program started as well in one of their villages. This village was formerly an enemy stronghold, but due to hard work and a strong coalition and Iraqi presence, is secure enough to begin reconstruction. 2nd platoon is also spearheading a project to hire locals to clean out their canal system and repair their water treatment facility. This project should supply fresh drinking water and water for farming for three villages in the southern portion of our area.

3rd platoon is still making huge finds in their area,

discovering weapons that the enemy has buried there in the hopes of returning. Their patrols have accounted for some of the largest caches found to date and have definitely contributed to the security and safety of the area. They have also discovered a large water pump that Al Qaeda supposedly put in years ago that would supply extra water to the farming and drinking canals in their area. Being so old, it no longer works, but they have developed a plan through working with the locals to run electricity to it and repair the broken machinery.

4th platoon welcomes a new platoon leader in 2LT Graham Reynolds. 4th platoon has been without a lieutenant for a very long time and welcomes a fresh face. He has already started making a difference, allowing 4th platoon to support HHC in an out of sector mission where they were finally able to fire the mobile gun system and the mortars in the open lands to the north.

After six months, we can definitely see the effects of the hard work the Barbarians have done in Kahn Bani Sa'ad. New schools, improved water availability, and a revitalized local economy have



made a place where the enemy can no longer say "what has America done for you?" In a time where people wonder whether we have made a lasting effect in Iraq, I know that at least the Barbarians have.

Take care; write to your soldier, and we'll see you soon.

-Barbarian 6

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Charlie Company Centurions

CENTURION 6 NOTES

Another month has come and gone. C CO has continued to make great strides at improving the lives of the locals in our area. This month we also promoted the following soldiers: SGT S. Robinson, SGT Barton, SGT Cuellar, SPC Jobe and SPC Sharp. The following have also passed the board for their next promotion: SGT Padilla, SGT Lisenby, SGT Nichols, SPC Neal and SPC Lewis. Congratulations! A big Congratulation goes out to SGT Turner for winning the Battalion NCO of the Quarter Board and was the runner up for the Brigade NCO of the Quarter Board.



As most of you know we had a pretty busy month in Centurion Company. While continuing our efforts at rebuilding the critical infrastructure as well as mentoring government officials, security is always our focus. We were reminded that Iraq can be a dangerous place when a hand grenade was thrown at the gate of our JCOP. SPC (P) Odom and PFC Phillips were on guard at the time and suffered minor injuries from shrapnel. SPC (P) Odom has since been

sent to Brooke Army Medical Center for follow on treatment of his injuries. Their actions and the actions of the remainder of the company that night were truly impressive.



Additionally 2nd Platoon was selected to take part in an Air Assault mission out of our normal area of operations to hunt down the remnants of an insurgent network and destroy the bunker networks they were using. The men of 2nd platoon did an excellent job. You could tell they had a great time on the mission by just looking at their faces on the helicopters.

Well the road for Dawn and I has been fun but it has finally come to an end. I know you are all aware that Dawn and I will change command with CPT and Melanie Terrill mid-month. We will always cherish our memories of the company and each of you. I'd just like to say that your husbands, brothers, and sons are some of the best people I know. They are American patriots and your sacrifices for this nation are humbling. It has been an honor to command this company for the last 22 months. We leave you in very capable hands and wish you all the best.

CENTURION 6
CPT Jeremiah Hurley
C CO, 1-24 Infantry
Commander

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The *Walk to Iraq and Back* program is still going strong, and 1-24 Infantry continues to represent themselves well among the other units involved. The following individuals have contributed:

Adahmarie Chum, Andrea Ryker, Ashley Frenette, Dawn Hurley, Dee VanAcker, Jeanette Mitchell, Joy Martin, Julie Green, Karen Lewis, Kirsten Reed, Lindsey Parish, Lisa VanAcker, Maren Best, Maria Bretches, Mary Cheney, Melanie Terrill, Melinda Quick, Michelle Porreca, Michelle Whittier, Misty Hack, Natalea Andersen, Peri Lund, Rebecca Woolwine, Sherilin Andersen, Steven VanAcker, Tanya Dalton, Tawny DeBolt and Trisha Kaer

Congratulations to all of the participants! If you are interested in getting involved, contact ACS at 353-4458 for more information. Walking together, we have made multiple trips to Iraq and Back, not to mention the great health benefits of getting and remaining active.

1-24 Infantry Battalion Spring Party

April 11, 2009 * 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Murphy's Bar

*(This is a family friendly location – no alcohol will be available)
Murphy Hall - Building #1045, off Gaffney Road*

*We will have children's activities,
Food, Egg Hunt and
prizes for various age groups.*

*Children need to bring a basket to use
for the Egg Hunt.*

*If you have questions, please contact: Sherilin Andersen at 750-2191 or
Sherilin.m.andersen@us.army.mil*

Please note, for those with egg allergies, there will be hard boiled eggs at the party.



Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

April 23, 2009

5:30 pm

*Last Frontier Community Center
(LFCC)*

*If you have volunteered during
the months of
April 2008 through March 2009,
you are invited!*

*Fort Wainwright
Volunteer of the Year will be
announced.*

*Childcare available on-site.
Please pre-register by April 16 to
Sherilin Andersen, FRSA
at 750-2191.*

*Deuce Four proudly welcomes the following babies
 into our Legionaire Family:*

*A daughter, Elisa Yin
 born to PFC Robert and Rosa Patxot
 date: September 19, 2008*

*A daughter, Kyla Rose
 born to SGT Marcellus and Kerry Carrington
 date: December 3, 2008
 8 lbs 6 oz, 19 inches*



*A daughter,
 Jayla Amerie
 born to
 SGT Jesse
 and
 Tina Turner
 December 12,
 2008
 7 lbs 4 oz
 19 inches*



*A son, Kael Daniel
 born to SPC Daniel and Meagen Schievink
 date: January 5, 2009
 8 lbs 6.2 oz*

*A son, Trevor Emilio, Jr.
 born to SPC Trevor and Amy Stevens
 date: January 16, 2009
 8 lbs 3 oz, 22 inches*

*A daughter, Abigail Nicole
 born to SPC Tracee and Brandy Burris
 date: January 22, 2009 at 3:44 pm
 7 lbs 4 oz, 20 inches*

*A daughter,
 Makyla
 Elise
 born to
 SPC James
 and Lindsey
 Parrish
 January 15,
 2009
 7 lbs 2 oz
 19.5 inches*



*A son, Zebadiah
 Born to PFC Zebadiah and Brandi Pepping
 date: February 20, 2009
 7 lbs, 19 inches*

*A daughter, Sophia
 born to PV2 Corey and Haeley Robinson
 date: February 27, 2009
 7 lbs 8 oz, 20 inches*

If you are the proud parent of a new baby that was born after our soldiers deployed in September, please send a photo along with the following information (Baby's name, Parent's Name and Rank, Birth date, weight and length) to: sherilin.m.andersen@us.army.mil. We will be sure to include them in a future newsletter.

COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL MEETING – 1 APR 09

Director of Emergency Services – Mr. Maurice Fischer, 353-7710

- Motorcycle Safety Issues: You must have a Motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license, you must also wear appropriate personal protective equipment, per Post Police #26, and you must also have taken a safety course on a military installation and have a current safety card on your person.
- Access Control Requirements: For guests to drive on post, they must go through the main gate and get a Day Pass Issued. For longer stays, you must go through Garrison and get approval and have a DD93 issued.

Director of Public Works – Mike Meeks, 361-7287

- For those who reside in Army Housing, you should see BAH on the 1 May 09 LES. There should also be an allotment for the same amount. If either does not show up on your LES, contact your Community Housing Manager. If you have BAH and no allotment, it will eventually catch up and you will owe that money back to housing. Do not spend the "extra" money. If you have any questions, contact your Community Housing Manager.
- Pile Driving will start approximately 8 May at the SAS building. They will work approximately 12 hours a day and car alarms could sound around this area. They will complete the work as soon as possible, but please be patient.
- Please pay attention to the snow removal signs in parking lots. Do not park your vehicles in the parking lots when snow removal is scheduled. It is important to remove the hard pack ice layer before it starts to melt, as it will be very difficult to drive through when it turns to slush. A lot of time has been wasted by the crew if they have to track down the owner of a vehicle that was not moved out of the way.

Staff Judge Advocate – Gary Kluka, 353-6554

- If you are approached by members of the community who want to sponsor or donate money to a specific military group, contact Rear Detachment at 353-2494. Depending on the size/amount of the donation, there may be legal issues to work through.

Director, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation – Randy Blanchard, 353-7611

- 9 April – FRG Wii Bowling: 9am – 12pm. The Zone, \$5 - 353-1087
- 15 April – Deployment Parent/Child Playgroup: 1-3pm. Ages 0-5. Free – Limited Space. Melaven Gym. 353-7372
- 16 April – Indoor Rock Climbing: 6-8pm. Melaven Gym. \$7 – 353-2652
- 17 April – Youth Baseball Registration Ends. Ages 5-18. CYSS. 353-7713
- 18 April – Saturday A La Mode: 12:30 – 3:30 pm. Youth ages 11-18. Youth Services. Free - 361-KIDS
- 20-23 April – Spring Basketball Tournament: Teams register by 14 Apr at Sports Office. PFC. 353-7294
- 23 April – Volunteer Recognition Ceremony: 5:45-7:30pm. LFCC. Free - 353-6267
- 25 April – Month of the Military Child Carnival: 10am – 2pm. Youth Services. Free – 353-7372
- 27 April – Chena Bend Golf Course Pre-Season Sale – M-F 12-6/Sat 12-5. 353-6223

Army Community Service – Denise Mitchell, 353-4243

- Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, 23 April, 5:45 – 7:30 pm at the Last Frontier Community Center (LFCC). Anyone who has volunteered in the months of April 2008 through March 2009 is invited to the ceremony.

Garrison Chaplain's Office – CH Vanderjagt, 353-9825

- The inspirational movie "Fireproof" will be shown free of charge April 8 at the LFCC. Those in attendance will receive a free copy of the book talked about in the movie, "The Love Dare".
- Easter Sunrise service will be held at Birch Hill on 12 April at 7:00 am.

Basset Army Community Hospital

- Please enroll in Tricare Online.
- All feedback is welcomed, both positive and negative.

Safety – Jerry Russell, 353-6473

- Motorcycle Safety Course will be offered soon. Call 353-7079 or 353-7083 to sign up. This year there will be motorcycles available for you to learn to ride on, if you are interested.

School Liaison Office – Staci Biggs, 353-9879

- Youth Services, Army vs. Youth Basketball Game, 1700 on 10 and 24 April.
- Saturday A La Mode, 1230-1530 on 18 April. 6th Graders welcome.

ASYMCA – Chris Mott, 353-5962

- Fathers' and Daughters' ball, 17 April. Contact Chris for more information.
- Operation Camp Purple, 19-24 July. Registration ends mid-April.
- Charity Golf Tournament will be held on 13 June.

AAFES – Larry Ronke, 356-1357 ext. 300

- PX Easter Egg Hunt will be held on 11 April, with egg hunts for different ages, including an adult category.

DECA – Commissary – Loriann McDonald, 353-6770

- Case Lot Sale will be 30 May – 1 June.

AFAP (Army Family Action Plan) Information

- The following are the top issues that were voted to be important to the community/Army at the AFAP conference, and where they currently stand:
 - Trainer Gate Operating Hours 24/7
 - Currently under review. Issues include funding and manpower.
 - Visibility of Registered Sex Offenders
 - Policies are currently being reviewed to see how to proceed.
 - PX Indoor Playground
 - This probably will not happen. However, a possibility that is being considered is to build an addition on to the LFCC utilizing a “solar wall” so there would be an indoor play area usable all year. This could take 18 months to accomplish.
 - Central Post Mailroom for soldiers in Barracks
 - Sergeant Major is working on this issue
 - Spouse Participation in FRG Activities and ACS/AFTB (etc) training/classes
 - Various incentive programs are being considered to increase the participation of spouses
 - Indoor Youth Center
 - This would be a MILCON funding project, which would be at least 5 years out, if it is a possibility at all. Garrison is looking at repurposing some current facilities as a possibility to meet this need.
 - Post Library Improvements
 - There will be improvements made to this facility. Timeline: TBD

MISC INFORMATION:

- Outdoor Recreation has lots of equipment for rent. If you are interested in taking a trip or wanting to get outdoors, but don't know where to start, contact Josh at Outdoor Rec and he will get you set up. This is good for FRGs as well as families or individuals.
- “Spring Bash” 10 April at the Zone. This activity is for all adults (married or single, military or family member) 18 years or older.
- Community Spouses Club: 17 April – Casino Night and Board Election at Murphy's Bar
- 6 June: Block party/Car Show/Kids activities. More information to follow.



ALPHA CO FRG



Supporting Soldiers
one Care Package
at a time.

Echo Company — Rear Detachment

Winter Comes to an End

Rear Detachment is preparing for our next big push of Soldiers going overseas. This one, leaving in mid-April, will be the fifth group that we have sent over. The Soldiers have been working hard, training in Combat Life Saver, electronic systems, and battlefield simulations. The Soldiers are well prepared, and highly motivated to get overseas and join their Arctic Legion Brothers.

In Alaska, April brings about a big change as we move into our brief Spring. For those new to Alaska, breakup can be a different experience from anything you are used to, but it is a welcome change that means summer will be coming soon. In the South, near Anchorage, breakup is already well on its way. Wet roads, nasty snow, and warmer weather is hitting hard, and temperatures are beginning to climb here in Fairbanks. A few things to keep in mind for breakup... 1) Stay off the rivers. With warming water temperatures and increased glacial runoff, river ice is becoming thinner and thinner. 2) Be careful while driving. As temperatures rise, and snow begins to melt, roads will increasingly be covered with water. In the mornings, this turns back to ice and makes for very dangerous driving conditions. 3) Just because the snow is going away, doesn't mean it won't be cold. Expect snow flurries to last into May and June and any day of the year could bring below freezing temperatures. 4) Be aware of shedding snow and ice. Warming temperatures cause snow and ice that has built up on rooftops to release and fall to the ground. Icicles, especially, can be dangerous, as they fall from various heights. Always check rooftops above you before you walk underneath, and park far enough away from the building that nothing will fall on your car.

April also, unfortunately, brings about tax time. If you haven't gotten to your taxes yet, don't worry, there is still time. On Fort Wainwright, the tax center is located in building 3450 next to Melaven Gym. Their number is (907) 353-7783. You can also use Turbo Tax's federal free edition to file yourself. If you moved to Fort Wainwright in 2008, be sure to see travel and finance located in the Welcome Center to ensure that you file your information

correctly. Also, for families of Soldiers that are deployed, you are granted a Combat Zone Extension to file your taxes. This extension grants an additional 180 days plus the amount of days the Soldier was in the Combat Zone from 1 January to 15 April. The extension starts once the Soldier returns from the Combat Zone. For more information, go to www.irs.gov and search "combat zone," or call the Tax Center.

Rear Detachment's numbers are dwindling as we speak. What that means for us is that more and more of the support will come from Brigade as our Soldiers move on. Feel free to stop by Battalion Headquarters, and we will point you in the right direction.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
 CPT Joshua P. Bost
 E Co., 1-24 IN
 Commander

- Numbers of Importance:
- Military Family Life Consultants – 388-2552
 - Army Community Services - 353-7298 or 347-4636 after hours
 - Social Work Services – 361-6284
 - Community Mental Health – 361-6059
 - Alcohol/Substance Abuse - 361-9872
 - Family Advocacy – 353-7315
 - Financial Readiness – 353-4369
 - Army Emergency Relief – 353-7453
 - American Red Cross – 353-7234 or 1-877-272-7337 after hours
 - Brigade Family Help Desk – 353-4180

Deployment Mailing Address

SOLDIER'S RANK AND NAME
 COMPANY, 1-24 IN
 FOB WARHORSE
 APO AE 09336

You may give out this address to your family and friends. Please check www.usps.com for guidelines on what can and cannot be mailed. A customs form will be required for all packages. Please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery.

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