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## NEWS

### Secretary of defense visits US, coalition partners on trip to Afghanistan

*Story by Staff Sgt. Brian Buckwalter*

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta gave a strong message of support to service members during a town hall meeting at Camp Leatherneck, March 14. “We will not fail,” said Panetta to the nearly 200 Marines and Afghan forces in attendance. He made his remarks before visiting a nearby combat outpost and Afghanistan’s capital, Kabul, where he’s scheduled to meet with the country’s president, Hamid Karzai and other senior leaders. “This is probably the broadest and the deepest international military coalition that we’ve seen in a long, long time,” he said. “Fifty nations that are working together to bring together a very strong international effort to try to bring some peace, some justice and hopefully some security to Afghanistan and to the world.” Camp Leatherneck is in Helmand province, which is a part of the Regional Command Southwest area of responsibility. [\(Read the STORY\)](#) [\(See the VIDEO\)](#)



### Nimruz leaders say farewell to II MEF, welcome I MEF

*Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Mark Garcia*



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – During a time of transition, provincial leaders from Nimruz province conducted a meeting March 9 with the outgoing and incoming commanders of Regional Command Southwest. Topics discussed during the meeting included the governance, security and developmental successes of Nimruz within the last couple of years since International Security Assistance Forces started working in the region. “There used to not be any provincial reconstruction teams that existed in this region, and the people were really disappointed with their way of life,” said Qasim Khydri, the

deputy governor of Nimruz. “The work that has been done here, including all the projects done since ISAF came here, is truly extraordinary. You have completely built the confidence and trust of the Nimruz people. All the people of Nimruz are happy for what you have done for them.” [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## Secretary of Defense visits Georgian soldiers in Afghanistan

Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Timothy Lenzo

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SHUKVANI, Afghanistan - Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, arrived at Forward Operating Base Shukvani, as the soldiers of the 31st Georgian Light Infantry Battalion stood in formation to greet the guest of honor, March 14. Panetta arrived with Lt. Gen. John Kelly, commanding general of U.S. Southern Command, and Maj. Gen. Charles M. Gurganus, commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) and addressed the Marines and Georgian soldiers during his visit to Afghanistan. Col. John Shafer, commanding officer of Regimental Combat Team 6 greeted Panetta and escorted him to the formation. Georgian Army Capt. Paata Nakani, battalion commander with the 31st Georgian LIB, commanded the battalion formation which made a horseshoe around Panetta. With Georgian soldiers kneeling and standing around him, Panetta thanked the Georgians for their hard work, acknowledging their valiant efforts to bring stability to Afghanistan. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



## 'Eyes in sky' aid in largest drug bust in history

Story by Marine Staff Sgt. Tiffany Carter



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Opium poppy grows abundant in the fields of Afghanistan and the harvesting of this plant in the spring helps fund terrorist organizations all year. However, this year, with the help of "eyes in the sky," U.S. troops on the ground along with their Afghan counterparts were able to put a hole in the insurgents' pockets. Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron-1, based out of Twentynine Palms, Calif., provided Afghan National Security Forces with intelligence collected by UAVs. A recent counter-narcotics operation in the Marjah district of Helmand province, Afghanistan turned out to be

the 'golden egg' ground forces had predicted. Earlier this month, the ANSF's Narcotics Interdiction Unit (equivalent to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency), in conjunction with 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment deployed from Camp Lejeune, N.C., conducted a raid in Marjah. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## British soldiers teach female Afghan police officers IED awareness

U.K. Defence News

The British Service personnel from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Search Task Force, attached to the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group, ran a three-day course at the Lashkar Gah Training Centre to teach four female officers of the Afghan Uniform Police (AUP) how to communicate the dangers of IEDs to the people in their communities. The course involved teaching the four Afghan officers the essentials about countering explosives, and the AUP officers have already taken their training to schools around Helmand where they have taught an estimated 6,000 children about the dangers of IEDs. The course culminated with the female officers demonstrating their knowledge by delivering a 'lesson' for the



instructors, which impressed both their British and Afghan teachers. Lance Corporal David Brevitt, a member of the team responsible for the training, and who was assisted by Captain Khan Mohammed, the head of the AUP's own counter-IED unit in Lashkar Gah, said: "We were slightly apprehensive at first as we hadn't had any previous contact with any Afghan females. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## Afghan soldiers become medics under guidance of ‘America’s Battalion’ corpsmen

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Reece Lodder



FORWARD OPERATING BASE DELHI, Afghanistan — Facing his student on the opposite side of a makeshift wooden trauma table, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Maxwell McGill watches intently as the Afghan soldier tightens a tourniquet around a dummy’s simulated leg amputation. The focused soldier works quickly and methodically, treating his patient’s simulated injuries in order of severity. Through an interpreter, the Navy corpsman asks his student to explain what he’s doing. As he continues to patch up his patient, the soldier correctly articulates his treatment, a sign of progress met by McGill with a smile and a handshake. Afghan National Army soldiers with

2nd Kandak, 1st Brigade, 215th Corps, performed medical procedures under the guidance of corpsmen with the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment battalion aid station during the final evaluation of an eight-week medic course here, March 9-10.. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## CLB-4 supports intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance operations with combat logistics patrol

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Mark Stroud

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Marines with Bravo Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), conducted a combat logistics patrol in support of counterinsurgency operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, March 4–7. The patrol delivered helium needed to operate the Persistent Ground Surveillance System, also known as an aerostat surveillance balloon, along with other supplies to forward operating bases manned by Regimental Combat Team 6. “Keeping the PGSS personnel supplied with helium helps to secure the area of operations around the forward operating bases for both mounted and dismounted patrols,” said 1st Lt. Ryan L. Cornwell, platoon commander, 1st Platoon, Bravo Co., CLB-4. Aerostat balloons float above forward operating bases providing platforms for cameras to monitor the surrounding area and remotely transmit video to decision makers on the ground. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



## 1st Battalion, 8th Marines demolishes insurgent fighting position

Story and photos by Marine Sgt. James Mercure



COMBAT OUTPOST PENNSYLVANIA, Afghanistan - Historically, insurgents will fight with increased tenacity during the summer months, and during the winter and early spring they prepare. Unfortunately for the enemy, the Marines and Afghan National Security Forces thwart their plans by tracking them down and destroying their fighting positions. Partnered with the ANSF, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment recently demolished one of these complex fighting positions March 5. “One of our earlier patrols found the position, so it was our job to verify the find and destroy it,” said Staff Sgt. Adam York. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## Afghan medics train their own, impress Marines and sailors

Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Timothy Lenzo

FORWARD OPERATING BASE DELARAM II, Afghanistan - The soldiers all gather together inside the tent, the fluorescent light casts shadows across the Afghan National Army soldiers' faces. Medical supplies of bandages, gauze and various tools line the shelves behind the five men, as they surround the stretcher carrying their Tolai member. The soldier on the stretcher raised his head in time to watch the instructor, ANA Staff Sgt. Asmatullah, the medical platoon sergeant with Headquarters Tolai, 4th Kandak, 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps, insert an intravenous device into his arm. After properly demonstrating the procedures for an IV, Asmatullah and his students joked about who would volunteer next to have an IV inserted into their arm. Several soldiers pointed fingers, volunteering their friends. Hands-on experience like this helps the students of the course grasp concepts quickly, which will help them as they come across real-life medical situations. [\(Read the STORY\)](#) [\(Enjoy the MULTIMEDIA\)](#) [\(See the VIDEO\)](#)



## Afghans refurbish mosque with help from Marine Civil Affairs Detachment

Story and photos by Navy Chief Petty Officer Leslie Shively



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan -- Key Afghan leaders from both Helmand and Nimroz provinces joined U.S. military and civilian leadership for a farewell gala hosted by Maj. Gen. John A. Toolan, March 8, at the Afghan Cultural Center. Before dinner, Toolan, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) and current commander of Regional Command Southwest, took the opportunity to introduce his successor, Maj. Gen. Charles M. Gurganus commanding general, I MEF (Fwd.) during the event. Toolan relinquishes command of RC(SW) to Gurganus next week. The evening was lighthearted and fun. While introducing Gurganus, Toolan remarked that his

replacement already has a complete set of Afghan robes. "He will probably wear them sooner than it took me to wear mine," he said. "I don't have a turban," Gurganus said. "I will leave you my turban," Toolan responded, laughing. The general wore a complete Afghan outfit to the celebration. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## Logistics Marines meet with Afghan counterparts, discuss challenges

Story and photos by Marine 2nd Lt. Tyler Morrison

CAMP SHORABAK, Afghanistan - The staff of 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward) toured the Regional Logistics Support Command-Southwest and met with their Afghan National Army counterparts to discuss current and future challenges together, March 12. The commanding general of 1st MLG (Fwd), Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, and his staff met with Colonel Karimi Mumtaz, commanding officer of RLSC-SW and the members of his command in a tour hosted by the RLSC-SW Advisor Team. Regional Logistics Support Command-Southwest is the primary Afghan National Army logistics organization for the entire Southwestern region of Afghanistan. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



## CLB-1 sort lot saves Marine Corps millions of dollars

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Michele Watson



CAMP HANSON, Afghanistan- As military operations in Afghanistan begin to shift from a combat role to an advisory role, the Marine Corps has started the process of redistributing gear throughout Afghanistan and shipping supplies back to the U.S. Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward) recently sent a team from the Camp Dwyer sort lot to Camp Hanson to conduct retrograde operations, March 4-8. The CLB-1 sort lot at Camp Dwyer is one of two Marine Corps sort lots in Afghanistan. The Marines attached to the sort lot are responsible for the tracking and processing of redeployment, retrograde and disposition supplies from units operating

south of Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province. Since its launch in November 2011, the CLB-1 sort lot has saved the Marine Corps millions of dollars. In February alone, the sort lot recovered almost \$6 million of reusable gear according to Master Sgt. Jeremy Goodine, staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the CLB-1 sort lot. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## Marines hold Black History Month celebration

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Laura Bonano

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — A group of Marines from I Marine Headquarters Group (Forward) celebrated Black History Month with presentations and comedic skits Feb. 29 at Town Hall. Master Sgt. Rion Harmon started the event with a brief history lesson of African American culture. He also highlighted African American women such as Marian Anderson, who was the first African American woman to sing with the Metropolitan Opera and Zora Neale Hurston, author of “Their Eyes Were Watching God”. Attendees learned about courageous African Americans who earned the Medal of Honor for their service. Command sergeant major of II Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD), Sgt.Maj. Michael F. Jones served as the guest speaker and stressed the importance of diversity and celebrating each and every group of people. Command sergeant major of II Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD), Sgt.Maj. Michael F. Jones served as the guest speaker and stressed the importance of diversity and celebrating each and every group of people. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



## 22-NCR Visits NMCB-11 on Camp Krutke

Story and photos by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan -- The commodore of 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), and the command master chief of 22-NCR visited Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11's mainbody on Camp Krutke, Camp Leatherneck in Helmand Province, Afghanistan Feb. 24. Capt. Kathryn A. Donovan and Command Master Chief Mark E. Kraniger were given a tour of the camp by Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, commanding officer of NMCB-11, and Command Master Chief Christopher Levesque, NMCB-11. Seabees on camp were engaged in conversation by both Donovan and Kraniger about their specific roles within the battalion and any

challenges or obstacles they may have experienced working and living on Camp Leatherneck. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## Grappling for the title: CLB-1 Marines hold ground fighting tournament aboard Camp Dwyer

*Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Alfred V. Lopez*

CAMP DWYER, Afghanistan – A crowd gathers as wrestling mats are laid down, while competitors sign themselves in at the judge's table and begin their warm-up routine. Two competitors step on to a mat, equipped with nothing but martial arts knowledge and hopes of winning pride and bragging rights for their unit. One would expect such a scene in a gym or sports arena, but this competition took place under a glaring sun on well-worn wrestling mats in a motor transportation vehicle lot. Spartan living conditions and the draining heat couldn't stop Marines of Combat Logistics Battalion 1 from competing in a ground-fighting tournament here, March 3 and 10. The tournament is part of a series of sporting events held by CLB-1 to promote healthy competition, boost morale between its companies and break the monotony of the daily grind during their seven-month deployment to southern Helmand province.



[\(Read the STORY\)](#) [\(Enjoy the VIDEO\)](#)

## HEROES

### Wounded EOD Marine receives award from Georgian president

*Story by Marine Sgt. John Jackson*

BETHESDA, Md.-- Staff Sgt. Marcus Burlson, an explosive ordnance disposal technician and team leader with 2nd EOD Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) was awarded the General Kvinitadze medal, which is given to foreign service members who significantly contribute in the development of Republic of Georgia-foreign nation military cooperation, Feb. 3. Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili presented Burlson with the award at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where Burlson is recovering from injuries he sustained in Helmand province, Afghanistan, while working alongside Georgian service members. According to the award citation, Burlson received the medal for "important contribution in developing Georgia-U.S. military cooperation, and for participation in peace-keeping operations with the Georgian Armed Forces 3rd Infantry Brigade military personnel.

[\(Read the STORY\)](#)

### MOD confirms names of six soldiers believed killed in Helmand

*U.K, Defence News*

It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence must confirm the names of the six Service personnel missing, believed killed, in Afghanistan since Tuesday 6 March 2012. The six soldiers are believed to have been killed after their armoured vehicle was caught in an explosion in southern Afghanistan on 6 March 2012. The soldier from 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment is:

- Sergeant Nigel Coupe, aged 33

The five soldiers from 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment are:

- Corporal Jake Hartley, 20
- Private Anthony Frampton, 20
- Private Christopher Kershaw, 19
- Private Daniel Wade, 20
- Private Daniel Wilford, 21



Further information will be released in due course. We ask that the privacy of the families of these Service personnel is respected at this very difficult time. [\(Read MORE\)](#)

## Marine ‘warrior’ remembered at Kajaki

Story and photos by Marine Sgt. Jacob Harrer



FORWARD OPERATING BASE ZEEBRUGGE, Afghanistan — The fallen Marine was remembered as a comic relief by many of his friends, but as Marines and sailors gathered for his memorial service, there was no laughter. The sun shined brightly against the mountain where the Marines of Golf Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, remembered the life of Cpl. Conner T. Lowry, who served as a fire team leader, designated marksman, and ammunition technician chief. Dozens of Marines, sailors, and civilians paid respects to Lowry, who passed away, March 1, 2012. The ceremony included the posting of a memorial shrine consisting of Lowry's boots, rifle, helmet, and identification “dog” tags. Maj. Gen. David H. Berger, the Task Force Leatherneck commanding general, and Sgt. Maj. Terry L. Jones, the Task Force Leatherneck sergeant major, attended the ceremony. The crowd was silent, and there was not much noise except from airplanes flying and birds chirping. Marine sentries stood on guard and watched

over the ceremony. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## VIGNETTES

### Relentless: Marine with one lung leads on third deployment

Story and photos by Marine Sgt. James Mercure

COMBAT OUTPOST PENNSYLVANIA, Afghanistan – If someone saw how fierce Sgt. Phil Farmer is during a firefight, they would never guess he only has one fully functioning lung. Farmer is a squad leader with 3rd platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment and on his third combat deployment. He leads his Marines on patrols, finds improvised explosive devices and has partnered with Afghan National Security Forces to help make Afghanistan a safer place. On his second deployment, Farmer, a 30-year-old Matawan, N.J., native, had his observation post in Ramadi, Iraq struck by a suicide bomber driving a dump truck laden with explosives and chemicals, releasing a noxious cloud of gas after the massive explosion. After the blast, a complex ambush ensued.



[\(Read the STORY\)](#)

### Arizona Marine takes responsibility to heart, saves lives

Story by Marine Lance Cpl. Timothy Lenzo



PATROL BASE ATOLL, Afghanistan — Sergeant Darin Dains Jr., a combat engineer with Bravo Company, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (Forward), relaxes on his cot, watching movies while joking with friends. Even when relaxed Dains took the time to ask Marines how they were doing, making sure everything was okay. He asked one of his junior Marines if he had dinner, another if he was missing any gear, all the while smiling, as he looked after the junior members in his team. Dains knows a thing or two about responsibility. Each time he steps out on patrol, as a point man and sweeper, he feels the weight of bringing the Marines back, he said. “It’s the lead sweeper’s job to get [Marines] from point A to point B safely,” said Dains, also an assistant squad leader with 1st Platoon, Kilo Company. Since he deployed to Afghanistan in September, Dains helped locate more than 65 improvised explosive devices, a monumental achievement. “Sergeant Dains’ significant success is a result of his courage, professionalism, and comprehensive

understanding of terrain, the enemy’s tactics, and the necessity of maintaining mobility,” said Lt. Col. John P. Sullivan Jr., commanding officer, 3rd CEB (Fwd). [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

## Cooking for a company: Virginia native serves 1st LAR in Afghanistan

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Alfred V. Lopez

PATROL BASE SRE KALA, Afghanistan – U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Garrett Camacho was raised in a military family. His father is a retired Marine sergeant, his stepfather a retired U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. and his brother is a sailor, as well. In addition to this familial military tradition, Camacho, a food service specialist with Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and 19-year-old native of Fredericksburg, Va., also grew up loving to cook. “I’ve always had a thing for cooking,” said Camacho. “My uncle is a cook ... he used to take me to where he worked and show me what he did.” He recalls smelling his grandmother’s home-cooked meals every time he went on vacation to Dallas. “Every summer, I used to visit the Spanish side of my family in Texas,” explained Camacho. “My grandma was always cooking. She made the best, most amazing food... especially her tamales.” “When I was little, I used to watch my dad and my uncle cook and I liked it,” he added. “I liked watching and eventually, I just started doing it.” After graduating from Mountain View High School in 2010, Camacho decided to join the Marine Corps. He wanted to combine his love for cooking and his desire to continue his family’s military tradition. **(Read the STORY)**



## The Traveling Rabbi

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Christine Samples



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan -- There’s just not enough rabbis to go around. That’s why the only U.S. military rabbi currently serving in Afghanistan travels regularly from his base at Kandahar Airfield to other military camps here and uses the Internet to reach his congregation. It’s not a conventional role for a rabbi, but it helps him reach more people. Army chaplain, Lt. Col. Avi Weiss of Chicago, a father of three and grandfather of 11, recently made his first visit to Camp Leatherneck since his December arrival in theater. He looks younger than his 61 years and has a friendly, approachable manner. His attire consists of the Army uniform and a black yarmulke that miraculously stays on his shaved head with the help of some bobby pins. His eyes rest on each person individually when he’s talking in a group, like an unspoken invitation for each one’s thoughts. Anyone who wants to jump in the conversation, however, needs to act quickly. Keeping up with Weiss’ train of thought isn’t easy. He jumps from one topic to another and back

again. It’s a habit that his wife, Elcya, teases him about often. **(Read the STORY) (See the VIDEO by Army Staff Sgt. Daniel Symonds)**

## A Marine’s Journal – 1st Lt. David Morgenstern – Page 2

Story by Marine 1st Lt. David Morgenstern

The explosion was loud, powerful and sudden. Instantly everyone in the Joint Operations Center (JOC) hit the floor – standard procedure for a potential rocket or mortar attack, but a new experience for me. When there were no additional explosions, we donned our body armor and resumed our work. My first task was to “drop a pri,” that is, put in a priority immediate air request so that in the event of a follow-on attack we would have air support on station. Processing and coordinating “pri’s” and other air support requests for ground units is what I do all day; putting one in myself for our own location was slightly surreal. Throughout the incident everyone in the JOC remained calm, professional and efficient. Within moments we learned that the cause of the blast was a large suicide car bomb targeting Afghan police here in Lashkar Gah (in town, not on base). **(Read the STORY)**



## VIDEO

### Future of JSAS: Afghans Teaching Afghans

*Video by Marine Cpl. Meredith Brown*



As U.S. troops prepare to withdraw from Afghanistan, the future of the Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest is slowly being put into Afghan hands. Soundbites include Capt. Joseph Dalton - Deputy Director and Operations Officer, JSAS and Terry Walker - Special Assistant to Commanding General. Soundbites include Terry Walker - Special Assistant to Commanding General and Capt. Joseph Dalton - Deputy Director and Operations Officer, JSAS. Produced by Cpl. Meredith Brown. Also available in High Definition.. **(See the VIDEO)**

### JSAS: A Model for Success

*Video by Marine Cpl. Meredith Brown*

U.S. and coalition forces at the Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest trained more than 2,500 students in various courses throughout the past year. As the students graduate and return to their units, the successes in the field are not small in numbers. Soundbites include 2nd Lt. Assadullah - JSAS Tactical Leader's Course Graduate and Capt. Joseph Dalton - Deputy Director and Operations Officer, JSAS. Produced by Cpl. Meredith Brown. Also available in High Definition. **(See the VIDEO)**



### History of the Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest

*Video by Marine Cpl. Meredith Brown*



A look back into the history of the Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest, why it was founded and where it is at today. Soundbites include Terry Walker - Special Assistant to Commanding General and Capt. Joseph Dalton - Deputy Director and Operations Officer, JSAS. Produced by Cpl. Meredith Brown. Also available in High Definition. **(See the VIDEO)**

## Helmand Past and Present - International Version

*Video by Marine Master Sgt. James Frank*

U.S. Marines, sailors, and coalition forces of Regional Command (South West) (RC SW) talk about the history and progress made in Helmand Afghanistan. U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. John A. Toolan, commander, RC (SW), is the main speaker throughout the video. All imagery was sourced from Marine Combat Camera, Marine Public Affairs, UK Public Affairs, NATO TV, and the government of Afghanistan. (U.S. Marine Corps Motion Imagery edited by Master Sgt. James H Frank). Also available in High Definition. **(See the VIDEO)**



## Police Advisor Team Patrols With Afghan Police

*Video by Marine Sgt. Michael Cifuentes*



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## MEDIA COVERAGE

**March 16:** The Traveling Rabbi by Sgt. Samples published in The Philadelphia Jewish Voice

**March 15:** Secretary of Defense Town Hall at Camp Leatherneck B-roll by Marine Cpl. Elizabeth Cisneros, SBS; Fox News, NY NY SBS; CNN.com, Atlanta, GA; WHDH-TV, Boston, MA; KMSP-TV, Eden Prairie MN; NY1, NY NY

**March 14:** Secretary of Defense Town Hall at Camp Leatherneck B-roll by Marine Cpl. Elizabeth Cisneros, on WDRB-TV Louisville KY; WLOX-TV Biloxi MS; SBS; 3rdID8487, YouTube News Channel; Los Angeles CA; Fox News, NY NY; CNN, Atlanta GA; WDRB-TV Louisville KY, KIFI-TV, Idaho Falls, ID; KPNX-TV, Phoenix, AZ; KGTV-TV, San Diego, CA; WGNO-TV, Metairie LA; PBS, Arlington, VA; Fox News, NY NY NEWS12NJ NU, NJ; CNN, Atlanta, GA; Defense News, Springfield, VA

**March 14:** MMA update: Marines bring combatives to the combat zone (Military Times article based on story by Cpl. Alfred Lopez, “Grappling for the title: CLB-1 Marines hold ground fighting tournament aboard Camp Dwyer”)

**March 13:** I MEF assumes responsibility of Regional Command Southwest by Marine LCpl. Tyler Reiriz, Military Times, Springfield, VA

**March 13:** Key Afghan, coalition leadership celebrate RC(SW) transition, Military Times, Springfield, VA

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**March 11:** Corps ramps up fielding of new auto rifle (Marine Corps Times article featuring photo by Cpl. Alfred Lopez from “Marines sweep uncharted areas of Khan-Neshin during Operation HighlandThunder”)

## **INTERVIEWS**

Cpl Frank, MACS1 FWD/MACG-38 talks to Fox Sports, National

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