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NEWS

ANSF take the lead for Op Shafuq

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr



NAD 'ALI, Afghanistan - As the fighting season begins to unfold, the Afghan National Army has decided to take the fight to the enemy. With British soldiers in an advisory role, all six kandaks with 3rd Brigade, 215th ANA Corps, along with local police, cleared insurgency and eradicated poppy throughout Nad 'Ali, Afghanistan, during Operation Shafuq, April 18 through 23. The mission was to provide support to the Afghan National Security Forces as they cleared the area of insurgency and poppy, said British army Maj. Rupert King-Evans, adviser to Lt. Col. Mohammed Hamayoun, commander of 3rd Kandak, 3rd Brigade, 215th Corps. King-Evans is the commander of the Grenadier Guards of Inkerman Company, who throughout the five-day operation, patrolled countless kilometers of land alongside ANA and Afghan National Police and kept guard as they plowed rolling fields flourishing with poppy. Throughout the operation ANA and ANP forces would routinely receive Taliban resistance through gunfire and even improvised explosive devices, but that did not deter them from their mission. **(Read the STORY)**

Nimruz leaders attend women's shura

Story and photos by Marine 1st Lt. Joanna Cappeto

KABUL, Afghanistan – Six delegates from Nimruz attended the first International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Women's Shura at Kabul International Airport, April 23. More than 300 civilian and military leaders participated in the event to discuss partnership and progress for women in Afghanistan. Escorted from the flight line by female engagement team members from every regional command, colorfully clad female leaders from Afghan government, business, education and security settled into their seats. They rummaged through purses for mirrors to repair smudged make up or askew scarves and chatted as they dug out cell phones to record speeches, take photographs, exchange contact information and check on children left in the care of husbands or babysitters. "They love us," said Rahima Dashti Ghulam Jillani, an advocate at the Ministry of Women's Affairs in Nimruz, as she received another call from her husband and 18-year-old daughter, checking in on the group. **(Read the STORY)**



Generator course revs up Afghan transition

Story and photos by Petty Officer 3rd Class Monique LaRouche



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Being the new student on the first day of school often leaves an uneasy feeling. But what about the instructor, he has the planning and coordinating of the course, building a solid foundation for success. This is the case for the Raheem Gul, the newest instructor at Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest. Gul will be making history being the first Afghan leading Afghan instructor. Gul, once a student at JSAS, is now standing in the front of the class teaching. “When I first got here I was student, I demonstrated good working skills,” said Gul, a sergeant for the Afghan National Army. “They offered me the instructor position.” He has been at JSAS for more than a year training side by side with the Marine instructors. When

the time was right, Gul was ready to take the lead, teaching his own course. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Afghan forces, Marines connect with Kajaki citizens through weekly shura

Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Tyler Reiriz

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WHITEHOUSE, Afghanistan - As Afghan forces take responsibility for more civil and security operations in Kajaki, Marines serving with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, are staying connected with the local community. “One of the things we did when we first got to Kajaki was establish weekly shuras in some of the villages,” said 1st Lt. Kevin J. Fitzsimmons, a native of Greenville, S.C., and a platoon commander with Weapons Co. “We bring all the elders and people in so we can talk to them about what is going on in the village and the surrounding areas.” The Marines left Forward Operating Base Whitehouse early in the morning April 14 to meet with Afghan National Civil Order Police officers at



Patrol Base Virginia, an ANCOP post in Kajaki. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Afghan forces prepare to take reins in Kajaki security

Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Tyler Reiriz



FORWARD OPERATING BASE ZEEBRUGGE, Afghanistan - On a damp and cloudy Kajaki morning, the Marines of 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment Police Advisory Team, drove up a steep mountainside and across a road atop the Kajaki Dam, and to a makeshift rifle range to instruct a marksmanship class for Afghan Uniformed Police officers, April 19. The class was part of a larger effort by the Marines to prepare the Afghan National Security Forces to take full responsibility of security operations in Kajaki and the surrounding areas. The Afghan National Army units in Kajaki have reached a point where they are self-sustaining, and the Afghan Uniformed Police are now striving to attain the same level of independence. Staff Sgt. Gregory Sanders said when he first assumed his role as ANA advisor of Golf Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, the local ANA forces were completely dependent on help from the Marines. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

'Here to protect': Marines stay involved in Kajaki

Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Tyler Reiriz

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WHITEHOUSE, Afghanistan - As coalition forces continue to transfer security responsibilities to Afghan National Army and police in Afghanistan, the Marines here continue to patrol to keep the people of Kajaki safe. Since arrival, Marines of Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, have assisted Afghan forces in taking control of security operations here and maintaining positive relations with the local civilians. The Marines began this patrol, April 14, traveling in a convoy of armored vehicles from FOB Whitehouse to Patrol Base Virginia, a nearby post once established as a Marine position, but now transitioned to the Afghan National Civil Order Police who are currently responsible for security operations in the area. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Preserving A Marine's Sacrifice: The Evolution of Combat Outpost Torbert

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Reece Lodder



COMBAT OUTPOST TORBERT, Afghanistan — The small combat outpost, surrounded by open desert and tiny farming villages in southern Helmand province's Garmsir district, is the quietest it's been since December 2010. Over the past 16 months, Afghan and coalition forces have employed Combat Outpost Torbert as a key location for stabilization and the growth of governance in Garmsir's once-volatile Banadar region. Today, Afghan forces will soon assume lead security responsibility for the district, as coalition forces have stepped back into an overwatch role. This development enabled U.S. Marines with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, to transfer COP Torbert to Afghan Border Police, April 20, 2012. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

The new tradition of E-18

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Johnny Merkley

NAWA DISTRICT, Afghanistan — Throughout the Marine Corps, the bulk of combat operations are conducted at the non commissioned officer level and below. Within 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, an unexpected, a tradition between the two senior enlisted leaders in the battalion has arisen due to their close working relationship. The battalion sergeant major and master gunnery sergeant have made it a practice to develop a presence on the front lines with junior enlisted Marines across the 2/6 battlespace. "The best way to understand what the Marines are going through, is get out there and do it with them," said Master Gunnery Sgt. John E. Trotta, the 2/6 operations chief. "The Marines have to know the guys who make decisions know what they're going through." Together, Trotta and Sgt. Maj. William R. Frye, the 2/6 sergeant major, patrol monthly and sometimes weekly with their Marines throughout Helmand province's Nawa district. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Successful elections evidence of governance, growth in Garmsir

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Reece Lodder



GARMSIR DISTRICT, Afghanistan — The Hazar Joft Bazaar was unusually quiet for a weekday morning. Rows of shop doors remained locked. Commercial chatter was minimal. Both workers and patrons seemed to be nonexistent. Less than a kilometer away, an enormous gathering outside the Garmsir Agricultural High School revealed the reason for the bazaar's inactivity. Thousand of Afghans spread throughout Helmand province's Garmsir district traveled to Hazar Joft to vote in district community council elections here, April 17, 2012. The elections were first conducted under the guidance of coalition forces in 2009. At the time, DCC seats represented only Afghan citizens in the northern portion of Garmsir surrounding its district center. In subsequent years, Afghan and coalition forces increased security, allowing district governance to expand further south and reach into Banadar, the southernmost area of Garmsir. During the current elections, the voting process and ballot counting were controlled and carried out by Afghans. Village elders

accounted for more than 2,200 votes to fill 34 DCC seats. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Marine unit new to Afghanistan conducts first large-scale operation

Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Mark Garcia

MUSA QA'LEH DISTRICT CENTER, Afghanistan – As insurgents begin preparations for Afghanistan's poppy harvest season, Marines, coalition forces and Afghan National Security Forces participated in Operation Jaws April 5-8. Second Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment's role in Jaws was to find and destroy weapons caches, improvised explosive devices and drug-producing facilities. The Marines focused on three key population centers: Barang, Mishmas Karez and Mama Karez, all of which are known passageways for enemy forces moving north and south through the area of operations. While conducting operations, Marines from Echo Company, 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, partnered with members of the Afghan National Police. On the night of April 5, they inserted via helicopter, catching the enemy by surprise. By the time the blazing Afghan sun had risen, the forward combat operations center was fully operational, and the Marines had started their assault. Over the next three days, the Marines deliberately and methodically cleared each of the villages. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Article Taliban bomb-making equipment seized

U.K. Defence News



Afghan National Army and UK soldiers have seized a substantial amount of explosives and other bomb-making equipment in Afghanistan. Afghan soldiers supported by UK soldiers from the Brigade Reconnaissance Force (BRF) discovered the weapons cache in the Hyderabad area of Helmand province. Items seized included 250kg of explosives as well as a large number of pressure plates and other bomb-making components. Following intelligence reports that a mosque was being used as an improvised explosive device factory the Afghan and UK soldiers deployed by Chinook helicopter to cordon off and search the area. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Fifth Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company supports 31st Georgian Light Infantry Battalion

Story and photos by Army Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Duran

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan—Fifth Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company from Okinawa, Japan, is putting an emphasis on “liaison” in what they do in Helmand province as they support the 31st Georgian Light Infantry Battalion. The ANGLICO units usually have a difficult enough mission as it is, but with Marines at Patrol Base Eredvi supporting the Georgian Army, things get a little more complicated because few of the troops they support speak English. “ANGLICO is designed to provide fire support for units that can’t provide it for themselves,” said Capt. Garick Lue-Chung, team leader. “We provide close air support and mainly artillery for units that don’t have their own air or their own artillery support.” The same is true for the junior enlisted troops in the field. Lance corporals direct fire in from multiple sources: aircraft or big guns, at the same time as working through surveillance feeds from aircraft. All this while being in contact with the enemy. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



HEROES

Marines and sailors remember caring, fearless brother in Marjah

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Alfred V. Lopez



COMBAT OUTPOST DULUTH, Afghanistan – U.S. Marines and sailors with Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, formed a line in front of a battlefield cross, assembled in honor of Lance Cpl. Abraham Tarwoe, a dog handler and mortarman who served with Weapons Company, after the conclusion of his memorial service here, April 22. The men of Weapons Company, many of whose lives were touched by Tarwoe, couldn’t hold back their tears as each of them observed a moment of silence in front of the cross. Even Yeager, Tarwoe’s improvised explosive device detection dog with whom he worked since July 2011, displayed his allegiance to his handler by lying down in front of Tarwoe’s cross unprompted. With tears of disbelief in their eyes, the warriors of Weapons Company recalled their memories of Tarwoe, as a friend, as a brother, as a father

and most of all, as an ideal Marine. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

VIGNETTES

Personal security keeps VIPs safe

Story and photos by Petty Officer 3rd Class Monique LaRouche

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Rounds are flying down range making holes in the paper. Weapons drills are important to maintain because the commanding general's security depends on it. One Marine steps off the range as the call comes in, the boss has just landed and he departs the range to meet him. Cpl. Joel Arreola, personal security for Regional Command Southwest, does more than just escort the commanding general and deputy commanding general on missions. He travels with them to important meetings, visiting villages and elders throughout RC (SW). Along with the protection of the generals, he also guards other VIPs who visit the area including the Secretary of Defense and many three and four star generals. **(Read the STORY)**



Nimruz hosts coalition leaders for shura, site visit

Story and photos by Marine 1st Lt. Joanna Cappeto



ZARANJ, Afghanistan – Major Gen. Charles M. Gurganus, commanding general of Regional Command (Southwest), along with coalition leadership traveled to Zaranj, Nimruz province, Afghanistan, to meet with government officials and visit a checkpoint construction site at the Iranian border, April 21. The general's first visit to Nimruz gave service members and civilians of RC(SW) and the regional platform an opportunity to discuss plans for future development with Nimruz line ministers. "I'd like to ensure we get the right people together and let them work through some of these issues," Gurganus said. With almost as many linguists as Marines and civilians, the delegation traveled from the largest Marine base in Helmand to the largest city in Nimruz. At the landing zone, they loaded into Afghan Uniform Police

vehicles bound for the provincial governor's compound. **(Read the STORY)**

Carlisle native witnesses Afghan progress

Story and photos by Marine Master Sgt. Brenda Varnadore

COMBAT OUTPOST JAKER, Afghanistan – “Post One, Post One,” said an Afghan boy about 8 years old. “Do you need anything? Some water, anything from bazaar?” “No, I am alright right now,” said the young Marine standing watch over the bustling bazaar from his post. “He comes every couple hours and checks to see if I need anything. They are friendly here and come talk to us a lot.” Lance Cpl. Justin Thomas, an infantryman with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, said he loves watching the progress he sees in the bazaar and town approximately 50 yards from his post. When he first arrived, the young boy was not a daily visitor. “If we can give the Afghans a chance to have a better life in the end, and give these children the opportunity to have a better life, then it is all worth it,” said the Carlisle, Pa., native. “They come up here, the people are really friendly. They come up here and ask if I want something from the bazaar, if I am doing good today.” [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Data network Marine an expert in her domain

Story and photos by Marine Sgt. Michael Cifuentes



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - When a senior Marine refers to one of his devil dogs as the most “Marine” Marine under his charge, a person reaching 5 feet 1 inch and shy of 100 pounds is probably not the visual. Nonetheless, Lance Cpl. Samantha C. Catoe, a data network specialist working at the headquarters element of Task Force Leatherneck, 1st Marine Division (Forward), was given that title by her supervisor, Staff Sgt. Donald T. Jones. Catoe, a 21-year-old native of Irmo, S.C., said she believes she earned the reference by being respectful, professional, excellent at her job and enthusiastic about her current assignment in Afghanistan. “She’s been giving it all she has,” said Jones, the date chief for Task Force Leatherneck. “She’s the lead Marine on the server build team. It requires someone who’s technically proficient and she’s got the technical knowledge.” [.\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Nebraska Marine bears big burden on deployment

Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Tyler Reiriz

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WHITEHOUSE, Afghanistan - When a big job calls for a big machine, the Marines call on the expertise of a heavy equipment operator to get the job done. Corporal Christopher E. Gregory, 23, a native of Kimball, Neb., is one of the few heavy equipment operators here. That means whenever heavy equipment is needed, he needs to be ready. “There is never a set schedule out here,” said Gregory, who is with Combat Logistics Battalion 4. “I’m really the only one, so sometimes I have to be up as early as 2 or 3 in the morning. I have had to adapt.” But for Gregory, the long hours are just part of the job - a job in which he said he is dedicated, to help his fellow Marines. As a heavy equipment operator, Gregory has many duties, operating several types of equipment, including backhoes and bulldozers. Gregory said the main tool of his trade is the Millennia Military Vehicle, a forklift capable of maneuvering on rough terrain. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Navy corpsmen treat Afghan police wounded by suicide bomber

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Reece Lodder



FORWARD OPERATING BASE DELHI, Afghanistan — The sounds from a controlled flurry of medical activity drifted through a narrow hallway packed with patients, stretchers and U.S. Navy corpsmen, funneling their calm conversations and unbreakable focus into the buzzing aid station. Faced with a mass casualty situation following an attack by a suicide bomber in southern Helmand province's Garmsir district, corpsmen with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment treated eight wounded Afghan National Policemen here, April 19, 2012. Shortly after the attack, which targeted the police precinct headquarters in the Lakari region of Garmsir, the Afghan police transported 10 wounded men to the nearest coalition forces position, Combat Outpost Sharp. Initially triaged by three corpsmen from Kilo and Weapons Companies, 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, the policemen's injuries

demanded advanced care. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Serving across the world

Story and photos by Marine Cpl. Johnny Merkley

TREK NAWA, Afghanistan — Every Marine has a different story to tell when they speak of their time in the Corps. They share similar experiences like deployments and field exercises, but not many serve as liaisons from the Marine Corps and become another country's military asset. This is the story of Cpl. Rojelio B. Gonzalez, a 25-year-old native of San Bernardino, Calif., who currently serves as a radio operator with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. While Gonzalez is presently with fellow Marines, in September 2010 he deployed to Helmand province, Afghanistan with 2nd Marine Headquarters Group and was attached to the British Army. While serving with his British allies in Helmand, Gonzalez learned discovered several differences between the coalition forces in terms of how they operate and interact with fellow servicemembers. "They were a great group of guys, the hardest part was adapting to the differences between us," said Gonzalez. "Unlike the Marine Corps, many of these guys had been together since boot camp and referred to each other on a first name basis." [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Navy 'doc' inspired by past serves today

Story and photos by Marine Lance Cpl. Mark Garcia



MUSA QA'LEH DISTRICT CENTER, Afghanistan — Growing up, Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Daniele spent his time looking after and caring for his father and grandfather, experiences that would lead him to help others in the Marines. Daniele's grandfather had Alzheimer's, and his father underwent multiple surgeries and suffered from seizures as a result of a work-related accident. "I was going to school and taking care of them at the same time," said Daniele, 26, from Woodstock Ga. "I would be at school and my mother would call me to come help her take care of them, so I would leave school to go help her. My mother had a lot to do with taking care of all the kids, so I had to step up and help her out. She always called me her saving grace." Daniele's father had a massive seizure and passed away in 2005, and his grandfather passed away in 2011 while in a nursing home. These experiences led Daniele to become a Navy corpsman so he could continue to help people. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Amani Kila Siku (Always Faithful): Kenyan serves his new country as a Marine

Story and photos by Marine Sgt. James Mercure

FORWARD OPERATING BASE ZEEBRUGGE, Afghanistan – He speaks five languages, has a bachelor's degree in tax accounting, and is serving a nation that is not yet his own. Private First Class Aristarchus Metto, a motor transport operator with Golf Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and an Eldoret, Kenya native says he joined the Marine Corps after a chance meeting near Mt. Kilimanjaro. "When I was younger I used to see these guys in uniform when I took trips to the mountain with my father," Metto said. "They told me they were with the United States Marine Corps. I joked with them one day and asked if I could join, and they told me if I was an American I could. Two years later, I came to America. After I finished my degree, I went to my recruiter, and I was in boot camp three days later." For Metto, who has lived in West Des Moines, Iowa for five years, moving back to Kenya after his visa expired was always a part of his plan. But after serving as a Marine, his goal is now to become an American citizen. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marine awarded Bronze Star with "V"

Story and photos by Marine Sgt. John Jackson



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Two years ago, then Gunnery Sgt. Kelly Minkler arrived in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, as an explosive ordnance disposal section leader with 1st EOD Company, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward). During that deployment, Minkler was in direct support of Weapons Co., 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines. Now Warrant Officer Minkler is once again in Afghanistan with 1st EOD Co., 1st MLG (Fwd) – this time as the company operations officer. Though Minkler is just starting his current deployment, he was recognized April 18, for his actions while in combat two years earlier. Minkler, a native of Oakhurst, Calif., was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device for his actions Sept. 3, 2010. According to his award citation, Minkler and his team were on a patrol in Helmand Province, Afghanistan when a service member noticed disturbed earth. Minkler investigated the area and identified a kite string leading to the north. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

Marines stand out above peers, win MLG quarterly boards

Story and photos by Marine Sgt. Michele Watson

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – In order to effectively complete its mission, the Marine Corps often demands uniformity from its Marines. However, excellence above one's peers is always recognized. For those Marines who go above and beyond their expected duties, they are often given an opportunity to go before a board of senior Marines. Marines compete against their peers for recognition, a chance to compete at higher level boards and occasionally the opportunity for a meritorious promotion. To win a board, a Marine must demonstrate exemplary leadership traits and a strong work ethic that surpasses their peers. Cpl. Chase Ivey, a motor transport mechanic with Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), won the 1st MLG (Fwd) Marine of the Quarter board and Cpl. Stephanie Zegar, a maintenance management clerk with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st MLG (Fwd) won the 1st MLG (Fwd) Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter board. Both Marines accomplished this during their deployments to Helmand Province, Afghanistan. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



Communication technician Marines provide repairs to operations in Afghanistan

Story and photos by Marine Sgt. Michele Watson



CAMP DWYER, Afghanistan – In America, all branches of the military are voluntary, and for those who choose to join, a certain level of respect is earned. There are some who believe that the highest honor comes from serving one's country. Lance Cpl. Ron Loehrke, a motor transport operator with Motor Transport Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), enlisted in 2010 with that belief. As a child, Loehrke was taught to embody many of the values that the Marine Corps teaches – honor, courage, commitment, and respect. “My grandfather was the one who first taught me about respect,” said Loehrke. Loehrke's grandfather served in the Marine Corps and was a drill instructor during World War II. The bond Loehrke shared with his grandfather helped shape who he wanted to become. We were very close,” said Loehrke, 21, a native of Toledo, Ohio. “When he passed away I didn't have the chance to say goodbye, and that has always stayed with me.” [\(Read the STORY\)](#)

NMCB 11-Detachment Dwyer raises awareness with basketball tournament

Story and photos by Seaman Marlene Hounghbedji

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 joined U.S. Navy efforts to raise awareness on sexual assault with a detail-wide basketball tournament on April 20. “We can’t really do a fundraiser or anything fancy like they are back home, right now, but it’s important to take a day out of our week to do it,” said Equipment Operator 1st Class Charles E. Bernard, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response representative. His statement kicked off three hours of competition between eight teams. The tournament, which was initially scheduled as team-building entertainment by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation representative Equipment Operator 3rd Class Carmen P. Rivera, from Naples, Fla., was repurposed as a Sexual Assault Awareness Month event. Having participated in several in-class training sessions on sexual assault prevention before and during the month of April, the Seabees’ willingness to also dedicate an event to the cause while on their only weekly half-day off was a clear display of support for the program. [\(Read the STORY\)](#)



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Keeping Our Honor Clean: 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward) NCOs

Video by Marine Sgt. John Jackson

This is part one of a series of videos about 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward) non-commissioned officers and their professionalism, hard work and dedication to the mission while deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Includes interview with Sgt. Maj. Antonio Vizcarrondo, 1st MLG (Forward) Sergeant Major. **(Watch the VIDEO)**



ANGLICO

Video by Army Staff Sgt. Daniel Symonds



Customs inspectors at Camp Leatherneck conduct pre inspections of personnel to ensure U.S. military and civilians leaving Afghanistan are not taking prohibited items back to the United States. Members of 463 Military Police Co. conducted the inspections for departing military members. **(Watch the VIDEO)**

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