



HOT TOPIC:

- **Situational Awareness:** pedestrians observe traffic . . . look both ways like your Momma taught you; drivers use extra caution at corners in HMMWVs and other vehicles with limited fields of view.
- Walking down the middle of the road, oblivious to traffic and stuffing down a bowl of pudding requires a signed risk assessment from the company commander; eating pudding while operating the M1117 is STRICTLY prohibited.

Highlander 6 Sends

Because of OPTEMPO and the other fun stuff going on, LTC Allen was unavailable for this edition, so we are printing a paraphrased transcript of his fatherly chat from last week:

“HOOAH. I think we’re gonna [sic] deploy. We’re all a big family and you’re my sons and daughters. HOOAH.

That means I’m responsible for training you so we all get home alive. We’ll get trained, HOOAH! So let’s get all this last minute admin stuff done so we can get to work. HOOAH.

Being my kids also means no screwin’ around! This isn’t WV (don’t be offended CPL Truman). And don’t break anybody. I need everyone of you. HOOAH.

Keep up the good work and we’ll get through this. HOOAH.”

Chaplain’s Notes

CH (CPT) Hammel

I know all of you have been very busy and are still making the tough transition towards activation. I am available for counsel and guidance; just use your chain of command to schedule a time.

Also, please take the opportunity to attend one of the services we have available:

SUNDAY

Protestant 0800, 1400

- Post Chapel

Catholic 0730

- meet at Post Chapel

Highlander 7: On the Way

Greetings from the dust of Yakistan.

We’re nearing the midway point of AT 2008 and we’ve had a long hot two weeks. We’ve accomplished a great deal and much of it has been frustrating I know. After the SRP, I can hardly walk past a line of people without feeling like I have to go stand in it. I appreciate the effort and the patience everyone demonstrated getting through that very tedious process.

Looking forward to the next two weeks, we need to keep safety in mind. As things get hotter and the hours get long, complacency tends to creep in. Be alert for hazards and correct them immediately. Safety concerns all of us and on the spot

corrections reduce the number of accidents and incidents. NCOs, do not walk past a problem; take the few extra seconds and correct it.

The ten days we have between AT and mobilization provide the last chance you have to square away family issues. Do not squander this chance to get your family enrolled in Tricare or Tricare remote. Spend this time with your family and build those positive memories that will carry you and your family forward into the days of separation to come.

Again, I am pleased with our progress to this point, let’s keep charging forward and doing great things.

David Windom, CSM

LDS 0830

- meet at Post Chapel

TUESDAY

Bible Study 2100

- white training tent (in Bn area)

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 1900

- Bldg 222B (next to Mail Bldg)

THURSDAY

AA Meeting 1900

- Bldg 222B

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Mailing address while at AT:

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WEATHER FORECAST / LIGHT

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DATE	High	Low	BMNT	SR	MS	SS	EENT	MR	%Illum
25 JUL:	90	59	0459	0535	1407	2041	2117	2340	55
26 JUL:	89	58	0500	0536	1528	2040	2116	0013	44
27 JUL:	87	56	0502	0537	1648	2039	2115	0058	33
28 JUL:	90	57	0503	0539	1802	2038	2113	0157	18

PHRASES OF THE DAY

You wanna eat, you gotta speak:

25 JUL: “ib-ay iteejah”

— What direction?

26 JUL: “raweenee haweetak”

— Show me your identification card

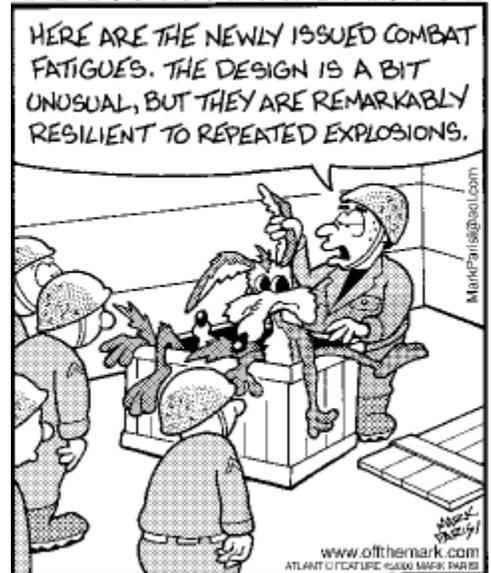
27 JUL: “Ogaf sayaratik”

— Stop your vehicle

28 JUL: “dhibu eslahkum”

— Drop your weapons!

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Combined Arms Teamwork Saves Soldier's Life

Mortar Platoon, Echo Company Go 'Live' with Warrior Tasks

Soldiers from the Mortar Platoon and Echo Company, got some real life application of several Warrior Tasks on the .50 cal qualification range this week.

The first round down range exploded in a weapon sending shrapnel inside a HMMWV and into the legs of SPC Billy Miller. As Miller slumped inside, CPL Brandon Truman realized something was wrong.

“I heard the round go off and saw him drop to his knees and wasn't sure what happened, but knew it wasn't right,” said Truman. CPL Michael Shults was near by and the two mortar NCOs immediately executed the first of the Warrior Tasks for the day, Evaluate a Casualty.

“It went just like we rehearse and practice in training,” said Shults.

As he and Truman started treatment, 1LT Travis Newell, the Mortar Platoon Leader, drafted and called in the 9-line medevac request; two more tasks.

PFC Jedediah Nielsen, a combat engineer, kept Miller calm through the ordeal. “It was a messed [sic] up situa-

tion,” Nielsen said, but he also said that the teamwork made it turn out well.



At the center of that team was SPC Branden Millsap, an engineer and civilian EMT from E Co, who took over treatment. “Everyone was great. There was no rank . . . everyone just did what needed to be done,” said Millsap.

As treatment continued, mortarmen SSG Paul Pellegrino and Truman set up the landing zone for the medevac pilots, yet another task.

Miller said he was glad to provide the opportunity to complete so many PTAT required tasks, but declined to act as a training aid for future training events.



L to R: Soldiers from E Co and the Mortar Platoon watch as a flight medic preps SPC Miller for transport; Flight medics lead the litter team to the medevac chopper; Medevac lifts off from Range 16 en route to Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital. (photos courtesy of SPC Eric Fox)

