

Regional Command Southwest *Round-up*

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Weekly report

The following content depicts a week's worth of activity from Regional Command Southwest, commanded by Maj. Gen. John Toolan and covering Helmand and Nimruz Provinces, Afghanistan. The content was created by Marine Corps Combat Correspondents, Combat Camera and personnel with UK media operations under Task Force Helmand. Feel free to forward our stories to family, friends and loved ones supporting those who are deployed.

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Artillery Marines hold back insurgents in key Afghan district

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Tankers take on route clearance

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Steak Team Mission brings taste of Texas to Helmand

The 8-ounce fillets hit the grill in a sizzle as the line of Marines grew longer as they waited anxiously for the metaphorical dinner bell to ring ... ([Read Story](#))

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Afghan National Army logistical capabilities continue to expand in Helmand Province with the addition of the 215th Corps Logistics Battalion ... ([Read Story](#))

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Communications Marines keep soldiers in the loop

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Maintenance: The heart beat of logistics

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Bastion chefs keep forces fed in Helmand

Feeding an average 4,000 hungry mouths five meals a day, every day, in the sweltering heat of the Helmand desert is a mammoth task, but the Forces' combat chefs consistently rise to the challenge ... ([Read Story](#))

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Weather Marines forecast for coalition troops in Afghanistan

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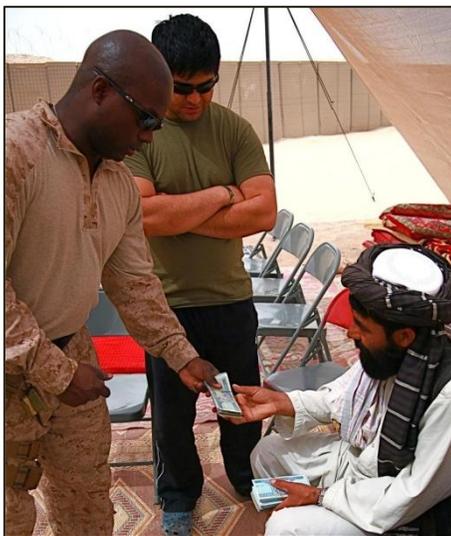
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New rearming point expands Marines rotary reach near Sangin

A forward arming and refueling point constructed at COP Ouellette enables 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) to better support troops near Sangin ... ([Read Story](#))

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The Marine Corps' turf war; paying for the ground we gain

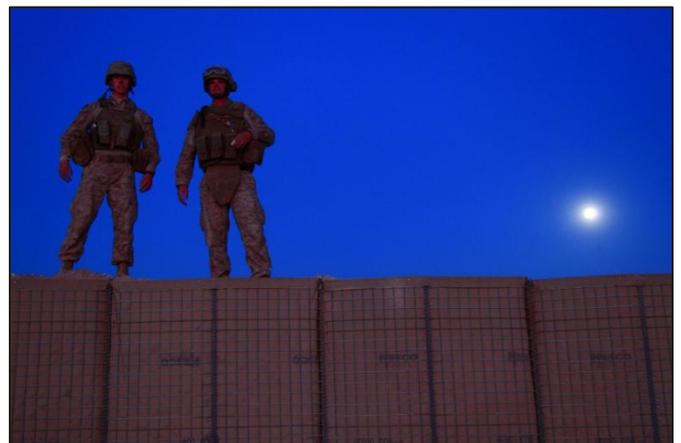
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3/8 Marines continue battalion's legacy at COP Ouellette

The Marines and sailors who served beside Cpl. Michael W. Ouellette as part of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment continue to honor his legacy... ([Read Story](#))

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Rawhide II disrupts insurgent communication, supply lines

Southern Helmand province used to be a safe haven for the insurgency in Afghanistan where they could establish lines of communication and traffic drugs and weapons ... ([Read Story](#))

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