

# Regional Command Southwest *Round-up*

**May 8, 2011**  
*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.*

## **Featured Story**

### **Logistics Marines escort new kandak to Helmand province**

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) traveled nearly 1,000 miles to ensure the new logistics kandak of the Afghan National Army's 215th Corps arrived safely to their new home ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Sgt. Rachel Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLG*



### **Partnership benefits Afghan army, coalition troops**

The Embedded Partnering Team with Combat Logistics Battalion 8 has worked hand-in-hand with the 5th Kandak, Afghan National Army, who returned the favor, April 29 ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Sgt. Rachel Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLG*

## New Afghan Army training center opens in Helmand

Colonel Shah Wali, Commander of the Regional Military Training Center, hosted the official opening ceremony of a new training center for Afghan troops in Helmand province, April 30 ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story courtesy of Task Force Helmand*



## 42 Commando builds links with Helmand community

Royal Marines from 42 Commando are showing they have a firm handle on security in the Shahzad area and are building links with the local population through regular shuras... ([Read Story](#))

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## Marines build rapport on patrols

The ranger file stretches across the farmlands. Marines stay vigilant, but take time to talk and get to know the local populace in the area ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Cpl. Marco Mancha, 2<sup>nd</sup> MarDiv*





## Civil Affairs team looks back on seven months in Helmand

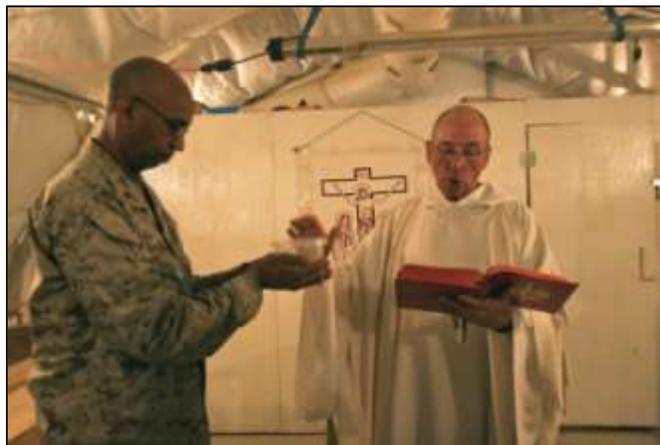
Civil Affairs Group 3 has been working to assist the Afghan government weaken the insurgents' hold on the people by getting local residents involved in projects ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Lance Cpl. James Frazer, 2<sup>nd</sup> MarDiv*

## Chaplain helps servicemembers with faith on, off battlefield

A Catholic chaplain for Regional Command Southwest, helps military members understand the Catholic faith and its applications on the battlefield ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Staff Sgt. Ryan Smith, RCT-8*



## Marines patrol Sangin day or night

The Marines of 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment maintain a presence in the area of operations denies the enemy freedom of movement and is not something that ends when the sun sets ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Cpl. Benjamin Crilly, RCT-8*



## Coalition forces help Afghan troops open village's first school

The town of Now Abad opened its first school, May 5, with the assistance of Afghan National Army soldiers and coalition forces ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Cpl. Katherine Keleher, RC (SW)*



## Afghan security forces conduct final joint security academy field exercise

Joint Security Academy Southwest instructors took a backseat to their students during the Afghan National Security Forces' final field exercise at Camp Bastion ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Cpl. Adam Leyendecker, RC (SW)*

## Hawaii helos support coalition combat operations

Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 participated in a coalition troop insertion and extraction operation, in southwestern Afghanistan ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Cpl. Rashaun James, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW*





## 2nd MAW, ground troops join forces for aerial interdictions

Marines from Regimental Combat Team 1, with the aid of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, conducted a vehicle interdiction near Afghanistan's border with Pakistan ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Cpl. Rashaun James, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW*

## Through the ranks: Private first class stands guard

Every Marine lives somewhere within the rank hierarchy, but Pfc. Clark Kirkley, hangs on the bottom rungs. He is well-accustomed to following orders ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Cpl. Colby Brown, RCT-1*



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