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Lance Cpl. Derrick Snell, a Provost Marshal's Office Marine, pulls over a vehicle for a traffic violation. Insurance cards without expiration dates are not considered proper documentation while driving.

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Corps goes sleeves down year round



Lance Cpl. Kevin T. Ferguson

Effective Monday, Marines will unroll sleeves and remain that way year round, according to MARADMIN 621/11.



Lance Cpl. R.J. Driver

Lend Lease hosted an event at a model house aboard Laurel Bay to debut their newest initiative as part of the Better Buildings Challenge Oct. 12. Lend Lease is one of 14 partners participating in the Better Buildings Challenge. They have ambitious goals of completing all renovations in five years.

Better Building initiative to bring 'green' homes to Tri-Command

Lance Cpl. R.J. Driver
Staff Writer

Developers, researchers and federal representatives met at a model home aboard Laurel Bay for the announcement of Lend Lease's role in the Better Buildings Challenge, the Obama Administration's newest energy conservation initiative, Oct. 12.

Duncan Prahl and Ari Rapport, analysts and researchers for IBACOS, a research service for the U.S. homebuilding industry, toured through the house with representatives and private developers, while demonstrating pressure tests and pointing out ways they can improve the home.

At 22 pounds of pressure per square inch, air begins to leak through electrical sockets and light switches.

"The amount of air leaking in the house during the test was equal to leaving a window open at all times," Prahl explained.

The data is entered into a computer program, which then produces a re-design plan to be reviewed by Lend

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Fellowship program gives Marines political insight

Lance Cpl. R.J. Driver
Staff Writer

Through the Congressional Fellowship Program, a Department of Defense program managed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, active component staff-noncommissioned officers and active reserve officers can sharpen their political skills as they serve on the administrative team of a congressional member.

Gunnery Sgt. Edward Tagle, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron S-1 chief, said the program provides a unique opportunity for military members to work alongside senators, representatives and congressional committees.

Fellows will advise and assist development of legislation, assist with hearing preparation and floor debate, represent members at various meetings, assist with coordination of congressional and staff actions and research and draft introductions to bills.

Because of the responsibilities the fellows will have, the process goes up the chain of command via an administrative action package as opposed to the usual visit to the career planner.

"The process is the way it is to ensure Marines are good to go," said Tagle. "After it is looked at by the unit's commanding officer, the package is sent to the base commander then to the Marine Corps Installations East commander before it goes up to Headquarters of Marine Corps, where the board will convene."

Tagle mentioned there are not many spots available, and the program is competitive to get into, which means Marines need to ensure their package is in order.

In 2011, there were only 10 House fellowships and five Senate fellowships.

Once accepted, Marines will assume an additional three-year commitment to the Marine Corps upon completion of their congressional duty, and Gunnery Sgt. Orion Murray, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron career planner, said, "participants return to the fleet well-rounded with political connections and insight."

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron had one package submitted for the



Special photo

Master Sgt. Damion Jacobs, fellow, and Congressman Darrell Issa, California's 49th congressional district, shake hands during Jacobs' time as a fellow.

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program, Master Sgt. Kathryn Denham, but Murray believes if more Marines knew about the program, there would have been more submissions.

For more information or to apply, review MARADMIN 572/11 and visit your unit's S-1 office to fill out an AA form.

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Tri-Command News Briefs

- The Inaugural Charity Motorcycle Ride benefiting the Montford Point Marine Association of Beaufort will be held Oct. 29. The ride will begin at 9 a.m., in Port Royal and conclude in Savannah. A \$10 per motorcycle donation to benefit the local chapter is required for participation. For more information or to RSVP, contact Darius McKinzie at, 694-1648.
- The 2011 Prince William Cycle Tour in Yemassee offers a 62 or 35-mile bike ride through the historic country roads of Prince William Parish starting at 8:30 a.m., Oct. 22. For more information on the ride or to register, call 441-7402.
- The annual Veteran's Day Parade will begin on Rodgers St. and continue through the downtown Beaufort parade route at 9 a.m., Nov. 11. Afterward, a ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in the Beaufort National Cemetery. Any person, group, school or organization wishing to participate is encouraged to complete a parade entry form no later than Oct. 28. For more information and parade entry forms, contact the Veteran's Affairs office at 228-6880.
- Marine Corps Community Services is sponsoring a Halloween party and costume contest starting at 8 p.m. Oct. 28 at Afterburners, aboard the Air Station and at Brig N' Brew aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. For more information, call 228-1544 or 228-6365.



MESS HALL MENU

Monday - Friday
 Breakfast: 6 - 7:30 a.m.
 Lunch: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
 Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays
 Brunch: 8 - 11 a.m.
 Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m.

MIDRATS

Sunday - Thursday
 11:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

* Take-out window: Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10 a.m.
 Sunday - Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Lunch Baked ziti and club spinach
Dinner Shrimp curry and cilantro rice

Sunday

Lunch Baked chicken and confetti rice
Dinner Chili macaroni and green beans

Monday - Friday Breakfast

Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven fried bacon

Monday

Lunch Pepper steak and steamed rice
Dinner Veal Parmesan and broccoli

Tuesday

Lunch Bayou chicken and mashed cauliflower
Dinner Country fried steak and mashed potatoes

Wednesday

Lunch Pork loin and lyonnaise carrots
Dinner Hungarian goulash and corn

Thursday

Lunch Chicken with rice soup and beets
Dinner Lemon chicken and Southern greens

Friday

Lunch Enchiladas and green beans
Dinner Grilled bratwurst and steamed rice



CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic
 • 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
 • 11:15 a.m. - Weekly Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Protestant
 • 9:45 a.m. - Protestant Church School (Sunday School)
 • 11 a.m. - Protestant Sunday Worship Service
 • 11:30 a.m. - Wednesday Bible Study
 • 5 p.m. - Protestant Bible Study

Other Faith Groups
 • For Jewish, Mormon and Islamic support, contact the Chaplain's Office at 228-7775

High Shooter

Captain Michael Webb of Marine Aircraft Group 31 qualified with an expert score of 382 during the week of Oct. 19.



HURRICANE HELP

Regular Shelters

- Bluffton High School, 12 H.E. McCracken Circle, Bluffton (capacity 1,128)
- Battery Creek High School, 1 Blue Dolphin Drive, Beaufort (capacity 1,086)
- Bluffton Elementary School, 160 H.E. McCracken Circle, Bluffton (capacity 439)
- Okatie Elementary School, 1657 Okatie Highway, Okatie (capacity 390)

Note: Beaufort County may use these shelters only in a Category 1. No shelters are opened locally for any storm that is a Category 2 or more. During a Category 2 storm or greater, alternate shelters will be set up in other counties. Law enforcement security will be provided at each shelter.

Special-Needs Shelters

- Beaufort Elementary School, 1800 Prince St, Beaufort (capacity 407)
- H.E. McCracken Middle School, 250 H.E. McCracken Circle, Bluffton (capacity 358)

Note: These shelters provide limited medical assistance from nurses/attendants such as helping patients with taking shots, cleaning a wound, changing a dressing, and basic first aid medical treatment. Patients that are on any type of equipment that requires electricity should not use this shelter, but should seek relocation to a facility that can accommodate them. Patients using the special-needs shelter will be required to have a capable caretaker with them.

Items to Bring

The American Red Cross asks that evacuees seeking shelter bring the following items with them to the shelter:

- Change of clothing (enough for several days)
- Linens (pillows, blankets, sheets and towels)
- Any necessary prescription medications
- Child's favorite toys or comfort items
- Formula, diapers and other supplies for your children
- Food/Water

Wind Damage

The extent of wind damage is based upon the hurricane's strength or wind speed. Flying debris or projectiles such as signs, trees, glass, roof shingles, lawn furniture and toys can cause severe property damage as well as major injuries or even death. The National Hurricane Center uses the Saffir Simpson Scale to classify hurricanes by their wind speeds into five categories.

Category 1

- Winds 74 to 95 mph
- Minimal structural damage
- Mobile homes at risk
- Power lines, signs and tree branches blown down
- Storm surge, four to five feet

Category 2

- Winds 96 to 110 mph
- Moderate structural damage to walls, roofs and windows
- Mobile homes at greater risk
- Large signs and tree branches blown down
- Storm surge, six to eight feet

Category 3

- Winds 111 to 130 mph
- Extensive structural damage to walls, roofs and windows
- Trees blown down
- Storm surge, nine to 12 feet

Category 4

- Winds 131 to 155 mph
- Extreme damage to structures and roofs
- Trees uprooted
- Storm surge, 13 to 18 feet

Category 5

- Winds in excess of 155 mph
- Catastrophic damage
- Structures destroyed
- Storm surge, 18 feet or more



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Things you need to know

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse aboard MCAS Beaufort, call 228-7777. If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse within MAG-31, call (252) 466-5038. The automated answering service on these lines are available 24 hours a day.

Sexual Assault

The contact numbers for a Uniformed Victim Advocate are 228-4784 and 228-4110. The after hours number is 592-0646.

Siren sound meanings

Upon notification from the weather office, Giant Voice pre-recorded messages will be broadcast. All destructive weather notifications begin and end with a 12 second wailing siren. Then follow on information is repeated twice between siren wails. The following are abbreviated examples of each warning that will be broadcast through Giant Voice.

- Lightning within 5 nautical miles... announced sounding "all clear".
- Thunder storm Condition 1, winds up to 50 knots and/ or hail up to 3/4 of an inch... Test tone - A steady tone will be broadcast for 10 seconds, followed by an alert stating "This is a test" and then another 10 second tone. For more information please call 228-7904, or for example warning tones, visit: www.whelen.com/outdoor/warningtones.htm.
- Tornado condition 1 a tornado is imminent...
- Tornado condition 2... observed within 60 nautical miles
- An all clear broadcast will be

Fightertown deployed:



VMFA-115 Silver Eagles
are currently deployed as part of the Unit Deployment Program to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.



VMFA(AW)-224 Bengals
are currently deployed in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course I-12 to Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif.



Photos by Cpl. Jeff Drew

Marines of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, quickly reload their M777 howitzer during a recent fire support mission. At any moment artillery Marines must be ready to support calls for fire. Oftentimes, the call comes when they are eating a meal or working out at the gym, causing Marines to run to the gun line in various forms of dress while throwing on their protective flak jackets and Kevlar helmets.

A different fight in Helmand at Fiddlers Green

Cpl. Jeff Drew
2nd Marine Division

FIRE BASE FIDDLERS GREEN, Helmand province, Afghanistan — The Marines of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, are always on call. At any moment coalition units in the area could call for fire support, and the artillerymen must be ready day and night.

“We get fire missions at any time,” said Cleveland native, Staff Sgt. Dawud Hakim, Charlie Battery, 1/12 platoon sergeant. “You stop everything. There is nothing more important than a fire mission. Whatever you are doing, it’s going to stop. You’re in the (bathroom), everything stops; eating chow, you just drop everything and move.”

These Marines fight a different fight. They are rarely called upon to patrol in the fields and farmlands of Helmand province; rather their fight resides right on the gun line within their base. They know lives are on the line when they receive a request for fire, and the weight of making sure they send rounds accurately downrange falls squarely on their shoulders. They live feet from their



Marines with Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, fire an M982 Excalibur round from an M777 howitzer during a recent fire support mission. The artillerymen spend hours each day running through dry-fire training drills to keep their skills sharp in preparation for requests for fire support.

M777 howitzer artillery cannons to ensure swift and timely movement to their weapons at a moment’s notice, but in between missions, they still make time to enjoy the little things that make life here agreeable.

The Marines spend their time watching movies, completing online courses through the Marine Corps Institute,

reading or playing video games during their down time. The fire base also has a Morale, Welfare and Recreation center where the Marines and sailors can chat online with friends and family back in the United States. They also perform routine duties to maintain the cleanliness of the base and maintain its facilities.

The Marines must be ever-vigilant, however, regardless of the day’s activities: while performing routine duties, in the middle of a meal, during a coveted conversation with a family member, or even while taking a shower. If the call for fire support comes, they must answer it.

Editor’s note: First Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, is currently assigned to 2nd Marine Division (Forward), which heads Task Force Leatherneck. The task force serves as the ground combat element of Regional Command (Southwest) and works in partnership with the Afghan National Security Force and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to conduct counterinsurgency operations. The unit is dedicated to securing the Afghan people, defeating insurgent forces, and enabling ANSF assumption of security responsibilities within its area of operations in order to support the expansion of stability, development and legitimate governance.



Kevlar helmets and flak jackets lie in wait on the Charlie Battery gun line. The artillery Marines with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, must be able to throw on their personal protective equipment at a moment’s notice to fulfill requests for fire support in the area.



Corps Shot

Cpl. Salvador R. Moreno

Lance Cpl. Timothy Lenzo, a combat correspondent with 1st Marine Division, poses with costumed San Francisco 49er fans during the 49ers Salute to Fleet Week football game, Oct. 9. During the game fans continuously approached service members to thank them for their service and take photos with them.

CORPS BITS



Marines overcome adverse terrain

SANGIN DISTRICT, Helmand Province, Afghanistan — For many, they began their first deployment just two months ago. Now, for the first time, they are seeing the landscape of Afghanistan as they have come to know it from story and rumor. The Marines of Communications Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, have made their way to Patrol Base Alcatraz, and their first order of business is rapidly establishing communications for the battalion.

They walk through sand, fine and powdered like hot chocolate mix, and look up at mountains belonging on post cards as they work under the heavy afternoon sun.

For the junior Marines in the section, this is their true test. Working throughout the day and well into the night, some sleep only a few hours in preparation for the next day. They keep the pace for several days, until fields of antennae dot the landscape where the Marines have made a home.

In addition, many of the junior Marines will be attached to infantry companies for combat operations and will be responsible for fulfilling that role on their own.

In order to learn how to best handle their newfound responsibilities, the more junior Marines are turning to those with more experience for guidance.

Nearing the end of their first week at Patrol Base Alcatraz, Marines of Comm. Plt., have settled into a more consistent, albeit far-from-easy routine. They still work around the clock, but for the more junior personnel, the finer points of their craft are coming a little easier.



Marines integrate ground, air forces in Afghanistan

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — As the Marines and coalition and Afghan forces in the southwestern regional command of NATO’s International Security Assistance Force patrol the Helmand River valley, they do so knowing an overwhelming advantage is behind them.

With air assets led by 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), the coalition can strike the enemy at will, move troops around the battlespace safely and quickly, and medically evacuate service members or Afghans in need.

The coordination and communication driving that advantage, however, is a hefty task for a team of 64 Marines.

They are the Marines of the direct air support center and they make their home in the combat operations center on the headquarters compound at Camp Leatherneck.

The center monitors all of 2nd MAW (Forward)’s helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and remotely piloted drones, in addition to all other air assets operating in Helmand or Nimruz provinces. If it flies in southwestern Afghanistan, the center’s Marines are watching it.

The center is responsible for processing immediate air support requests from ground forces, integrating aviation with ground fires, and procedurally controlling aircraft.

The Marines not only communicate with each other, but also with infantry battalions, other government agencies, and the center’s own air support liaison teams that work with the ground combat forces in Afghanistan.

Everything you need to know about traffic court

But were too afraid to ask...

Responsible driving is an important part of overall base safety and with the assistance from the Provost Marshal's Office vehicle traffic laws are enforced.

Over seeing the traffic court for non-commissioned personnel on the Air Station, is Sgt. Maj. William Burton, a native of Harlem, N.Y., and the Air Station's sergeant major.

The Jet Stream sat down with the sergeant major to find out the need-to-know of traffic court.

The Jet Stream: What is traffic court?

Sgt. Maj. Burton: Traffic court is where Marines receive adjudications on those motor vehicle violation infractions received by PMO.

TJS: Why do we have traffic court?

SMB: We have traffic court to enforce

driving rules and regulations to ensure base safety is upheld. Some major hazards for personnel are speeding, making incomplete stops and when people choose to drink and drive.

TJS: What offenses dictate a trip to traffic court?

SMB: Any offenses which break the base traffic code. They can include speeding, driving without insurance, driving under the influence, driving without seatbelts and littering, all which can be found in Air Station Order P5110.1F.

TJS: How does traffic court work, from violation to sentence?

SMB: The individual first receives a traffic violation from the military police, they then report to PMO for a court date to appear in traffic court and, depending on the offense, they will be assigned to be seen by the federal magistrate (offbase) or me (on base).

TJS: What type of punishments can come from traffic court?

SMB.: Punishments can range from a warning, to a point on your driving record and even suspensions or revocations of on

base driving privileges.

TJS: How does it differ from a non-judicial punishment or court-martial?

SMB: Traffic court works more in an administrative nature, meaning you get points according to your driving record. A person can receive 12 points in one year or 18 points in two years before their privilege to drive on military installations is suspended, which will follow drivers base-to-base.

TJS: Can punishments affect your driving privileges off base?

SMB: Citations and some revocations do not affect you out in town; however, cases such as driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated can have an effect because there are requirements to report such instances to the state.

TJS: What court fees are associated with traffic court?

SMB: When you are held accountable in traffic court, you don't pay any money. There are no fees or fines involved with coming to court.

TJS: What is the best way to avoid going to traffic court?

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Sgt. Maj. William Burton

SMB: Being courteous and following traffic laws aboard the Air Station is the best way to avoid traffic court. Always come to complete stops and follow speed limits at all times while driving in a safe manner.

It is important to drive in a safe and professional manner for safety concerns, whether driving on, or off base. Civilians know the decal and the persona of the Marine Corps must be upheld.

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Lease. Rapport explained that it will take approximately three weeks to produce the results of the tests once all the housing development's test results are entered. Plans will be implemented as soon as possible on a house-to-house basis.

For instance, some homes may just need new windows, while others may need roofing redone and walls insulated. IBACOS will work hand in hand with Lend Lease to develop how they will deploy their plans down the road. For now, residents can expect to have their homes tested in the upcoming months and will be able to compare energy savings against their current energy bills.

"The Better Buildings initiative here piggybacks off of our pilot program," said Kathleen Murney, Atlantic Marine Corps Communities project manager. "Our residents have been monitoring their energy usage for a year now through statements we make available to them.

"As a result, they have been looking for ways to reduce their energy usage through actions such as unplugging televisions at night, limiting XBOX playing and making sure lights are off. Now, after they have done all they can to reduce energy usage, they look toward us to see how we can help them reduce energy consumption."

Residents can also expect reduced jet noise, according to Prahl, who cited the efforts of the city of Minneapolis, where re-insulating homes surrounding their high-traffic airport to reduce aircraft noise is occurring.



Lance Cpl. R.J. Driver

Ari Rapport, IBACOS building performance specialist, showcases the raft-like pressurizer researchers use to pressurize homes aboard Laurel Bay Oct. 12. IBACOS is the company Lend Lease will be using to assess how their homes can become more energy efficient.

Goals of the Obama Administration for the Better Buildings Challenge are to reduce energy consumption by 20 percent by 2020, for the partners involved. Residents of Tri-Command housing can expect to see their homes improved before then.

"Lend Lease has the aggressive goal of improving all 40,000 of our homes throughout the nation in five years," said Cindy Gersch, Lend Lease director of marketing. "We are the only developer selected to participate in the program, and we also have properties in varying

climates, from the heat of Beaufort, to chilly Alaska. We will release our test results to the other partners to help them expedite their renovation process."

Better Buildings Challenge will benefit the national economy by saving companies an estimated \$40 billion annually, according to Michelle Moore, the Obama Administration's federal environmental executive. The program will also have an impact locally.

"We will use as much local resources as possible," Murney said, which may create jobs in the Lowcountry.



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at the Auto Hobby Shop

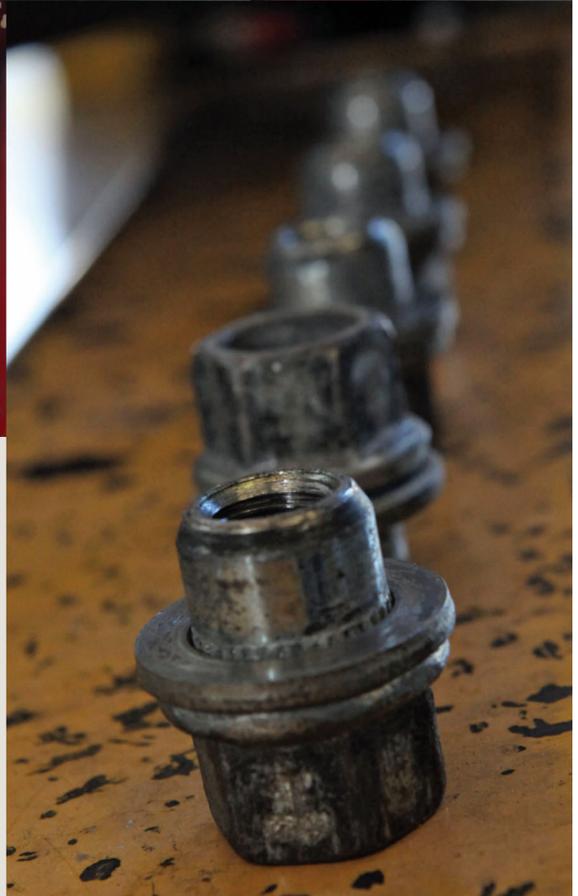
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Whether service members are some what mechanically inclined or an outright grease monkey (1), Marine Corps Community Services offers the Auto Hobby shop for all members to fix their vehicles themselves or with the help of the friendly staff.

The Air Station Auto Hobby Shop, located beside Afterburners, allows access to a large variety of tools (2) and equipment for almost any vehicle repair or maintenance work one can imagine.

To have a vehicle raised for repairs and maintenance (3), service members pay a reasonable amount of \$3 per hour, while shop tools can be signed out for free.

Participants are required to clean up any messes created after working on a vehicle and to place all tools back (4), preserving the safety of the establishment.

For members who wish to save money on vehicle repairs and maintenance work visit the Air Station Auto Hobby Shop, or call 228-7586.



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Finally; Boots in the sand

This is a first person guide to the tips and tricks for other Marines from Fightertown with a deep interest to deploy. If the experience and information shared is helpful feel free to utilize it.

Cpl. Justin M. Boling
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward)

Journal entry 5: October 13, 2011 Learning from the Afghans

I grew up on a farm in southern Indiana. When I think about what it would be like to be an Afghan farmer, I begin to understand the importance of our mission here.

I grew up fearless. I never had to worry about people attacking my family farm or threatening my father. The people of Afghanistan have seen a lot of suffering and continually struggle for survival.

Before coming to Afghanistan, I thought of the war in very simple terms – a vision of troops finding bad guys and eliminating them.

There is a lot more to it out here. There are no lines in the sand. It is fluid, and ever-

changing. It is freedom versus fear.

Recently 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) and its British partners held a small dinner for their Afghan allies. The dinner brought together officers from all three nations to reflect on their losses and triumphs. I had the opportunity to provide journalistic coverage of this dinner.

I expected an awkwardness that didn't exist – the conversations between the leaders were more reminiscent of old friends sharing a meal. The Afghans sat as equals with their allies. I guess in my mind I thought we were fighting the war for them. I was quite wrong.

I had the opportunity to speak to the highest ranking Afghan soldier present at the event. He was a large, very friendly man, who spoke enthusiastically about the strides the coalition has made here.

Afghan National Army Brig. Gen. Ghulam Farooq Parwani, the deputy commanding general of the Afghan National Army's 215th Corps, spoke of the vast increases in security and other benefits from the coalition working together in Afghanistan. His words were deeply rooted in the belief, that the coalition's help will keep their country from the grip of the Taliban and other oppressive militant groups long after coalition troops have left the region.

After speaking to the Afghan general, I realized that these men are fighting for their livelihoods. Long after I fly back home, kiss my wife and crawl back in my warm bed, our Afghan allies will still fight for the freedoms I take for granted.

This is their home where their families sleep and their children will grow up.

When I watch Afghan soldiers marching on Camp Leatherneck, I see the protectors of the future of Afghan. A place where the children here can grow-up fearless and free.

Throughout my life, being a veteran of the war in Afghanistan will be the proudest title I ever wear.



