



# Red Cloud News

C O M B A T L O G I S T I C S B A T T A L I O N 6

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

- There will be monthly events planned once the BN Deploys so keep an eye out for the invites in your email. If you have not been receiving emails please let the FRO know.
- Deployment dates will be passed to the families through their Marine or Sailor directly.

**MARINE &  
FAMILY  
SERVICES**

LINKS classes	451-1299
CREDO	450-1668
Single Marine Program	451-4642
New Parent Support	449-9501
Counseling services	451-2864
Children Youth & Teen	449-9552
FRO	450-8400

**BATTALION COMMANDER:  
LTCOL. RALPH RIZZO**

Family, friends, and loved ones of CLB-6 I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying some much deserved time with your Marines and Sailors? We are wrapping-up our Pre-Deployment Leave block and about to get ready to ship out to OEF. I would like to re-cap the last month at Extended Mohave Viper (EMV) for you, our capstone exercise prior to deploying. Your Marines and Sailors performed superbly in everything they did and I am pleased with how hard they worked to insure we got the most out of every training evolution. I can tell you that even though the conditions were hot (95-109 temps for 35 days), sand storms and rigorous training were the norm, your Marines and Sail-

ors maintained a level of self and unit discipline that impressed the training cadre very much.

I am most impressed with the high state of morale and individual discipline that our Marines and Sailors displayed on a daily basis and I must give you all some of the credit for this. I have found throughout my 21 years in this club that Marines and Sailors who have the

positive support of our loved ones tend to go about our jobs with a higher state of morale, even when the conditions are less than pleasant (heat, sandstorms, fatigue). It is amazing how that positive reinforcement, from our loved ones, translates to Marines and Sailors rising above the obstacles that mother-nature can place in front of us. I would ask that you continue this trend while we are deployed on the front lines of our nation's defense. Every little bit is going to make the difference for us while we are in combat. The more we can harness that morale and individual discipline the

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**BATTALION SERGEANT MAJOR:  
SGT MAJ. PHILLIP ORELLANO**

Family, friends, and loved ones of CLB-6 I hope all is well with everyone and you all are excited to see your loved ones home again. As we transi-

tion from EMV to our leave block and then on to our OEF deployment, please let me say that I have observed nothing but professionalism,

motivation and discipline from our Marines and Sailors. Your Marines and Sailors performed outstanding

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## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

COMPANY COMMANDER: Captain Stanley Bednar  
 COMPANY 1STSGT: 1stSgt James Gillespie

Family and Friends of Crazy Horse (H&S) Company,

We have finally come to the end of a very hectic pre-deployment training period, and now turn our attention to the next mission, the deployment itself. However, I am sure I speak for the Company when I say that we are all looking forward to some much deserved leave to be spent with our loved ones. I will keep this message short, but I wanted to give a quick recap of what Crazy Horse Company accomplished during Enhanced Mojave Viper (EMV) 6-11 which, as you know, was the capstone pre-deployment training event we just returned from.

Administrative Section – With minimal staff, the Admin Section tracked and accounted for the over 600 members of CLB-6, supporting them with travel claims, promotion packages, awards, and the ever popular entitlements.

Intelligence Section – With only three people in the section, Intel produced products for, gave intelligence updates for, and de-briefed over 100 combat logistics patrols during EMV 6-11.

Operations Platoon – These hard chargers coordinated and supervised the execution of over 150 combat logistics patrols, and over 50 other

company level training events during EMV 6-11. When all is said and done, between day and night shift, the enormity of this accomplishment fell on seven to eight Marines at any one time.

Logistics Section – From equipment sourcing, to armory support, to food, to transportation support, to embarkation planning, the Logistics Platoon supported those 200+ events conducted during EMV 6-11, on top of getting the Battalion to and from in good fashion. This monumental training exercise would not have been possible without their efforts and hard work.

Communications Platoon – In my short few years in the Corps I have never participated in a battalion level exercise that benefited from constant and completely reliable communications until EMV 6-11. The Comm Platoon provided flawless voice and data support to the Battalion that facilitated much of the success the Battalion enjoyed.

Maintenance Platoon – With limited resources, the Maintenance Platoon kept all transportation and engineer companies rolling, no one of their events being delayed due to maintenance degradation. In fact, the Maintenance Platoon kept the Battalion's maintenance readiness as a consistent 98%+ for the 40+ day EMV 6-11 which took place in the harsh high desert of 29 Palms, California.

Landing Support Platoon – On top of conducting over 20 helicopter support team events, totaling over 120 gear and equipment lifts, during EMV 6-11 the 39 Marine LS Platoon also conducted arrival and departure operations at March Air Force Base, California, and served as an element of the base defense force during the nine day final exercise.

Battalion Aid Station (BAS) – Over the course of 40 days in the harsh high desert of 29 Palms, California, during arduous training the BAS treated well over 100 patients, getting the vast majority back into training in quick fashion. Those that were sent back to Camp Lejeune were not evacuated due to untreatable injuries sustained during EMV, but rather pre-existing conditions. In short, BAS worked many sleepless nights to keep the Marines and Sailors healthy and "in the fight". We could not have done it without our Navy brethren.

Supply Platoon – From sourcing over 150 pieces of equipment, to providing administrative and building material supply support to all units, the Supply Platoon worked tirelessly to afford the Battalion seamless and uninterrupted sustainment that equated to no unplanned logistically driven pauses as a result of a lack equipment or material.

Embedded Partnering Team (EPT) – Rated one of the most proficient combat logistic battalion partnering teams to go through the advisor program during EMV. Advised and

## MEDICAL PLATOON

**PLATOON COMMANDER:** LCDR Michael Green  
**PLATOON CHIEF:** CPO Donald Bow

Hello, from the Battalion Aid Station of CLB-6.

Since the last newsletter we have completed our final training evolution at 29 Palms, California. Throughout the training at EMV the corpsmen of CLB-6 worked tirelessly to ensure that all pre-deployment requirements were completed and medical coverage was provided for all training scenarios. The corpsmen participated in live fire ranges, tactical convoys, and various other training evolutions to help to ensure the Battalion had a successful training package. The BAS completed over 600 blood draws and over 150 immunizations to ensure that the Marines of CLB-6 deploy in the

highest state of medical readiness. Every night the BAS held Fleet Marine Force training to help ensure all Sailors achieve their Enlisted Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist (EFMFWS) qualification. In the near future we anticipate numerous Sailors obtaining their EFMFWS pin and many more advancements to the next higher pay grade. We would also like to congratulate HM3 O'Neill (Bravo Co.) and HN Besaw (Alpha Co.) on their selection as the JSOQ/BJOQ, 2d quarter. Their hard work and dedication over the last 3 months has been apparent and has not gone unnoticed. Lastly, all of us would like to extend our thanks and love to our family members. They have sacrificed time away

from us while we have completed BN FXI, BN FX II, and EMV. Without their love and support none of this would be possible. Until next time, the BAS wishes everyone a fine NAVY DAY!

LCDR Michael Green

Combat Logistics Battalion Six Battalion Surgeon



## CHAPLAINS PULPIT! LCDR HAGAN R. MCCLELLAN

This Month I would like to pass on this article on building a solid relationship with your partner with hopes that it will give you some great ideas on how to keep the lines of communications open during the upcoming deployment.

**Building Solid Relationships**  
Think of your significant relationship as a "work in progress." No couple has it all in place and perhaps no couple ever gets things right all the time. Being realistic and deliberate about your relation-

ship helps both of you plan for solid foundational activities which can serve to strengthen the bond between you both. The following ideas are shared to help build a good and lasting relationship.

Send a romantic handwritten note to your significant one.

Talk together about a favorite time you shared together.

Give each other a coupon book of favors which you can pro-

vide each other before or after the deployment, e.g., "Good for a 20-Minute Massage" or "Breakfast in Bed" or "All Expense Evening on the Town."

Add something totally different to your routine together.

Keep a journal of events, experiences, feelings, thoughts that you can share and talk about when you can be together or communicate in person.

**ALPHA COMPANY**

**COMPANY COMMANDER:** Captain Joel Schumacher  
**COMPANY 1STSGT:** 1stSgt Stephen Lutz

Dear families, and friends of Alpha Company,

Alpha Company's recent deployment to EMV was extremely productive. Your Marines and Sailors have demonstrated that they are trained and ready to deploy to Afghanistan. The training at EMV was difficult and pushed them outside their comfort zone and they performed superbly. The culminating event for EMV was the Mission Rehearsal Exercise (MRX). The Company was tasked to establish and secure a

Forward Operating Base (FOB). From this FOB, Alpha Company provide logistical support to RCT-5 and maintained security. We were challenged with many obstacles including night attacks from role players, indirect fire drills and combat logistics patrols in support of the infantry battalions. The Marines and Sailors actions drew significant praise and recognition from the evaluators. Alpha Company continues to set the bar high for itself and is prepared for this upcoming deployment. It is now time for the company to enjoy a well earned rest in order to refit

and spend time with family and friends.

Semper Fidelis.

Capt J. C. Schumacher  
 Company Commander

**BRAVO COMPANY**

**COMPANY COMMANDER:** Capt Jason Moore  
**COMPANY 1STSGT:** 1stSgt Ryan Hayes

Friends and Family,

With our upcoming deployment just around the corner, I know you are a little anxious about the days ahead. Every deployment is full of unknowns, and it is all too easy to "what if" yourself into a frenzy. Rest assured, however, that our Marines are well-prepared. We trained very hard at EMV, and I am confident that our training will serve us well in theater. As a company, we have made great strides since our month of training at the National Training Center, and I continue to

be impressed with the high level of discipline, morale, and professionalism demonstrated on a daily basis. Yet we could not have done it without you. Your support and encouragement help us keep pushing when we're tired and ready to throw in the towel. But you get tired as well: tired of the distance and long work days; tired of feeling like a single parent; tired of adjusting plans to accommodate last minute changes. Being away (whether on deployment or just training at EMV) is tough on everybody. And so it is that block leave

comes at just the perfect time. After a tough month of training, we get a few weeks to catch up and catch our breath before deploying to Afghanistan. It's the perfect opportunity to strengthen family ties, see old friends, or just kick back and relax. Whatever you do, I hope you are able to enjoy this time together, and make the most of these final days before deployment.

Semper Fi

Capt Moore

## ENGINEER COMPANY

COMPANY COMMANDER: Maj Michael J. Simek  
 COMPANY 1STSGT: 1stSgt Manual Gonzales

Dear loved ones of Engineer Company,

I'm writing this note on the eve of our pre-deployment leave, and like the rest of the Eng Co Marines, I am thrilled at the prospect of seeing my family again. Before I look forward to what leave might hold for us and our families, let me reflect on Eng Co's recent accomplishments.

We recently returned from the desert paradise of 29 Palms, CA where we completed our pre-deployment training. It seems as if God created 29 Palms for Marines; the terrain is trying, the heat unforgiving, and the wind relentless – the perfect place for our fortitude and combat mindset to be challenged and put to the test. Despite the rugged conditions, long days, and short

nights, Marines of Eng Co excelled.

The "graduation" exercise for our Company – General Engineering Exercise – was comprised of three different, but equally challenging missions; a road construction project, a Combat Outpost construction project, and the assembly of 66 Alaska Shelters. We were assessed in three different categories including horizontal and vertical construction, and survivability, achieving a perfect 100% in each of the categories and an overall assessment of 100% ready to complete the mission in Afghanistan.

Your Marines are incredibly good at what they do, as reflected in the evaluation. It's not just what they do, but it's how they do it. Even in the demanding environment and the high operational tempo, your Marines exhibited spirit that you would be proud

of: they worked together as a team, leaders took care of their Marines, and their enthusiasm was contagious. The will of Eng Co is strong and we're spiritually, mentally, and physically ready to deploy.

Please enjoy the time you have with your Marines while they're home on leave. They have worked extremely hard and they deserve this time with you. Keep them safe, as their nation needs them in just a few short weeks.

Congratulations to GySgt Brian and Heather Evans – proud parents of Leah Kay Evans, born on 21 June. God bless and Semper Fi,

Major Michael Simek



LCpl Haas proudly wearing the company shirt with the Eng Co emblem he created



Cpl Delao showing us how it's done



Eng Co – one last combat conditioning session prior to going on leave

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better prepared our Marines and Sailors will be to fight!

I would also ask that you all continue to use each other as you did while we were deployed to EMV. Both I and Mila were very impressed how much support you all gave to each other over face-book while we were gone for the month. Trust me when I tell you that every little bit helps when someone is having a bad day. The positive, encouraging comments we saw are exactly what that person needs in order to pull themselves up and move forward. Mila and I believe we have one of the strongest "Family Readiness Networks" that we have seen in 20+ years together in the Ma-

rine Corps. Keep reaching out to each other and our FRO Mrs. Mary Mathews because that support will help us all get through this deployment. Mila and I also feel we have one of the best FRO's we have been associated with in our time in the Corps as well....THANKS MARY!

In closing, Mila and I wish you all an ENJOYABLE and SAFE leave period and hope to see you all again before we deploy. Semper Fi. CO-sends.

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throughout their training at EMV and I am very pleased by their performance. Despite ranging hot temperatures and very long days, they continued to overcome any and all challenges of the training events. With everyone looking out for each other, we sustained ourselves.

This high state of motivation, morale, and impressive performance could not be accomplished without the great support from the home front and a superb FRO that also kept things

flowing smoothly back here. I am most impressed that everyone has been reaching out to each other on the battalions' website, sharing ideas and assisting each other. No doubt, this will be of great value to each of you throughout the battalion deployment. Please enjoy your block leave with your love ones and the great times you will all spend with family and friends.

Semper Fi!  
SgtMaj



## CHAPLAINS CORNER CONTINUED:

Keep a healthy Facebook profile with pictures and quotes for your partner to enjoy. Always be vigilant about OPSEC with your postings  
Encourage your partner to share their concerns or feelings

while you listen without interrupting, judging or trying to "fix" the issues.

Communicate with care and appreciation.

For more ideas like these, visit Marine Corps Family Team Building, LINKS, CREDO, militaryonesource.com and don't forget your

unit chaplain. Remember, your relationship is as solid as your plans, hopes and dreams. Make sure the foundation is solidly in place through positive interaction.

### Your Battalion Chaplain

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## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY CONTINUED

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mentored over 15 Afghan National Army role players in the conduct of proper direct logistical support to their supported infantry unit. Additionally, they achieved a 90% overall in the cultural and language evaluations given by the advisor team staff. EPT rounded EMV 6-11 off by conducting over 10 resupply missions during the course of the final exercise, which constituted over 100 hours of driving during over the course of a three day period. On top of these significant and noteworthy achievements, Crazy Horse Company was also able to promote a few Marines and present many awards, most notable a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal to a lance corporal in the Operations Platoon:

-GySgt Fraunfelder, Maintenance Platoon, was promoted on 1 July, 2011

-Cpl Malone, Operations Platoon, was promoted on 1 July, 2011

-Cpl Rafter, Supply Platoon, was promoted on 1 July, 2011

-Cpl Ross, Maintenance Platoon, was promoted on 1 July, 2011

-Lance Corporal Post, Operations Section, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal

I have said it before, but it continues to ring very true, that Crazy Horse Company would not be successful without the love and support from our family and friends. Our need for your support will only grow once we deploy, and I have no doubt that you will raise to the occasion.

We are counting on it and cannot thank you enough for all that you do.

Semper Fi,  
Stan Bednar

H&S Company Commander  
Crazy Horse 6

**FAMILY READINESS OFFICER  
MARY MATHEWS**

Hello Again Loved Ones of CLB  
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I have some information that I know you have been waiting on and I wanted to let you know that even though you have received the mailing addresses for your loved ones, please hold off from mailing anything out there until the 15th of July. There is the possibility if they receive mail to early that it will be sent back to the sender if it arrives before the Marine or Sailor.

I have posted the individual company mailing addresses so please make sure that you keep these handy but if you have any questions about them please feel free to contact me.

H&S Co, A Co, B Co, Engr Co, and EPT are all slightly different. Please let me know if there are any questions.

RANK NAME  
CLB 6 HQ CO  
SECTION  
UNIT 73870  
FPO AE 09510-3870

RANK NAME  
CLB 6 A CO  
PLATOON  
UNIT 73871  
FPO AE 09510-3871

RANK NAME  
CLB 6 B CO  
PLATOON  
UNIT 73872  
FPO AE 09510-3872

RANK NAME  
CLB 6 ENGR CO  
PLATOON  
UNIT 73873  
FPO AE 09510-3873

RANK NAME  
CLB 6 EPT  
UNIT 73874  
FPO AE 09510-3874

I also wanted to let you know about some of the mailing restrictions.

Obscene articles, prints, paintings, cards, films, videotape, etc., and horror comics and matrices are prohibited.

Any matter depicting nude or semi nude persons, pornographic or sexual items, or non-authorized political materials is prohibited. Although religious materials contrary to the Islamic faith are prohibited in bulk quantities, items for the personal use of the addressee are permissible.

Firearms of any type are prohibited in all classes of mail. See definition of firearms in DMM C024.1.1C. This restriction does not apply to firearms mailed to or by official U.S. government agencies. The restrictions for mail to this APO/FPO ZIP code

does not apply to firearms mailed from this APO/FPO ZIP Code, provided ATF and USPS regulations are met. Antique firearms are a separate category defined in the DMM C024.2.0 and ATF regulations; they do not require an ATF form.

**Prohibitions**

- Pork or pork by products are prohibited.
- Coins: bank notes; currency notes; securities payable to bearer; manufactures and un-manufactures platinum, gold and silver; precious stones; jewelry; and other valuable articles.
- **Musical letter or cards that play a sound recording when opened.**
- Perishable infectious biological substances.
- Perishable noninfectious biological substances.
- Radioactive material
- Fruits, animals and living plants are prohibited.
- All alcoholic beverages, including those mailable under DMM 601.8.0 are prohibited.
- Material used in the production of alcoholic beverages (i.e. distilling materials, hops, malts yeast, etc.) are prohibited.
- Express Mail Military Services (EMMS) not available in any origin.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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**Your link to your Marine and  
the Command,  
here for you always!**

## The MISSION of the FAMILY READINESS OFFICER!

To conduct official communications to service and family members on behalf of the Commanding Officer, providing information and referrals; assisting with readiness and deployment support; and managing the family readiness volunteers.

Your family readiness officers for this deployment are listed below, if you are unsure which one is the parent command for your Marine or Sailor please contact Mary Mathews and she will assist you.

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Family Readiness Officer  
4th Landing Support Battalion  
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Cell: 253-301-8051  
E-mail: Barbara.lewandowski@usmc.mil

Here are the links to several websites and our BN pages:

[http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group\\_124947497524081&ap=1](http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_124947497524081&ap=1) **this is the "Loved Ones of CLB 6"**

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Combat-Logistics-Battalion-6/164933343561903> **this is the CLB 6 Information page**

<http://www.marines.mil/unit/2ndmlg/clb6/Pages/default.aspx> **this is the CLB 6 unit page**

<http://www.marines.mil/unit/2ndmlg/Pages/welcome.aspx> **this is the 2D MLG unit page**

<http://www.mccslejeune.com/> **this is the base MCCA web site**