

Regional Command Southwest *Round-up*

Weekly Report, July 2, 2011

The following content summarizes a week's worth of activity from Regional Command Southwest, commanded by Maj. Gen. John Toolan and covering Helmand and Nimroz 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 Stories



UK troops launch helicopter raid on Taliban IED factory

A secret insurgent training school and a huge haul of deadly insurgent bombs have been destroyed by British forces in Helmand following a daylight helicopter assault and intense fire fight. [\(more\)](#)

A Military Operations news article

Female teams help win confidence of Afghan women

A key aspect of the Royal Marines' mission in Afghanistan is winning the confidence of the local population, and this effort is being greatly enhanced by the deployment of Female Engagement Teams (FETs). [\(more\)](#)

A People in Defence News article



Akron, Ohio native gives guiding hand to future of Afghan security

LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan - First Lt. Patrick Abell has one of the toughest and most important jobs a Marine can have: teaching future Afghan Border Policemen how to do their job after coalition forces leave Afghanistan.

[\(more\)](#)

Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Snodgrass, RC(SW)

M Company, 42 Commando leads Operation Zamrod Olai, reveals signs of progress in Helmand district

PATROL BASE KHAMAAR, Afghanistan – When a helicopter-borne force of Royal Marine commandos with M Company, 42 Commando, dropped from the early morning sky at the outset of Operation Zamrod Olai, June 25, they came ready for a fight. ([Print Story](#)) ([Watch Video](#))

Story by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Ross, RC(SW)



Lemoore, Calif. sergeant on the case in Afghanistan

FORWARD OPERATING BASE INKERMAN, Helmand province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan - Sgt . Michael P. Hodge and Cpl. Nicholas D. Pelusio owned the night in their slice of Sangin while conducting an observation post in an abandoned compound on a recent night in June. ([more](#))

Story by Cpl. Benjamin Crilly, RCT-8

Marine blown out of vehicle from IED, survives with only bruises

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – According to an article released by the Washington Post, improvised explosive devices were responsible for 268 U.S. troops killed and 3,360 other injured during combat operations in Afghanistan in 2010. ([more](#))

Story by Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego, 2nd MLG (Fwd)



Helmand Province Agricultural Forum Video Package

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Package of the first ever Helmand province Agricultural Forum where Afghan businessmen and Helmand province Governor Mangal speak about new agriculture and trade in Afghanistan. Includes soundbites from Lindsay Vandenburg - field manager for Peace Dividend Trust, Helmand province. ([more](#))

Produced by Lance Cpl. Daniel A. Wulz

British and Afghan forces build on success of joint operation

Less than a month after British and Afghan forces launched a major operation against insurgents in Helmand's Nahr-e Saraj district, locals there are benefiting from improved security and freedom of movement. [\(more\)](#)

A Military Operations news article



Military intelligence Marines speak on recent accomplishments
CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - The military intelligence community of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) said they are finding new ways to stay ahead of insurgents in Afghanistan. [\(more\)](#)

Story by Staff Sgt. Christopher Flurry, 2nd MAW(FWD)

Former enlisted Marine soars through ranks to fly helicopters in Afghanistan

CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan - "I grew up right in the flight path of Camp David," said Eric Lloyd. "I would see the presidential helicopter coming to and from the retreat there, and I remember thinking how I always wanted to fly helicopters." [\(more\)](#)

Story by Cpl. Rashaun James, 2nd MAW(FWD)





Combat marksmanship course graduates, Afghan army utilizes skills in field

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Twelve Afghan National Army soldiers graduated from the first Combat Marksmanship Training Course to be taught at the Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest, here, June 30. [\(more\)](#)

Story by Lance Cpl Katherine Solano, RC(SW)

Deployed Towson, Md., Marine stays involved in family's fundraiser

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – In 2010, after losing three family members to cancer, Capt. Elizabeth Hagner decided enough was enough. It was time for her to take an active role in helping cancer research. [\(more\)](#)

Story by Cpl. Katherine Keleher, RC(SW)



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