



From: Battalion Commander

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Marines, Sailors, Families, and Friends,

We are at the end of our overseas tour! Over the last six months we have had our Marines and Sailors from 2/4 participate in four major exercises across 12 different countries and islands, including Okinawa, mainland Japan, Guam, Tinian, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Palau, and Farallon de Medinilla. Our Marines and Sailors have conducted themselves as outstanding ambassadors to the U.S. and our military leadership team is proud. Our Navy shipmates have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals our integration with Amphibious Squadron Eleven comprised of the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), USS Green Bay (LPD 20), and USS Germantown (LSD 42) had been outstanding. We want to thank our higher headquarters, the 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit for their professionalism, guidance, and overall teamwork during this entire deployment. They welcomed us like family and we appreciate the support they provided us.

I am proud to relay that during our deployment we have promoted over 250 Marines and Sailors, awarded over 75 Marines for outstanding work, and graduated over 400 from Professional Military Education schools. Despite a fast-paced and challenging schedule, our Marines and Sailors made time to volunteer in the local Japanese communities and abroad during our liberty ports and training opportunities. They organized park clean up initiatives, visiting and playing games at orphanages, to sporting events with our allied militaries across the Pacific.

Our next mission: coming home! Your Magnificent Bastards are working hard to complete a full turnover of accounts with another Infantry unit, and making sure we conduct a safe and expedient retrograde back to our friends and family in America. We have accomplished all that we set out to do, and continue to operate at a high level, ready to be called upon when our nation needs us. Thank you to all the friends and families who have supported your Marines and Sailors the past six months.

A special thank you our adopted city San Clemente for championing the care packages we received this week. We are truly blessed to have such a great city to call home. If you would like to see pictures of our training with the 31st MEU and updates on our battalion, please "like" us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/2dBattalion4thMarines>

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Greene".

Lieutenant Colonel Brian Greene (Battalion Commander)