



### Upcoming Events

- August 15th Town Hall
- August 23rd Pool Party

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# Cutting Edge News

## Message from the Battalion Commander, LtCol Greeley



Dear 3d Battalion, 7th Marines' Families and Friends,

I recently assumed command of "The Cutting Edge" and I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My wife Jess and I are honored and humbled to be a part of this incredible outfit and look forward to meeting the families and friends of our amazing Marines and sailors. Each Marine and sailor is a vital member of this organization and his service to the country is something you should be proud of.

The Battalion recently returned from Afghanistan and your loved one is already returning to the field or spending long days at work. I want you to know that I appreciate the sacrifices and the support you provide him every day as we prepare for another deployment. As the Commanding Officer, I am responsible for ensuring that every Marine and sailor is well trained and physically and mentally prepared to do his job during our next deployment. The profession your loved one has chosen necessitates long days, weeks, and sometimes months away from home. Because of these absences, it is imperative that I set the conditions to prepare our family members and relatives for the challenges that may arise while we are away from home.

My aim is to create and sustain a readiness program in which our families are encouraged, supported, and provided with the information and resources required to remain healthy, engaged, and educated. In short, I will do everything in my power to keep you and your service member informed. I strongly encourage you all to participate in any and all Battalion events, attend our Town Hall meetings, and volunteer to help out with projects that will be developed over the upcoming months. You will find that these events are a tremendous way to meet people, gather information and create a strong support network. Of course spouses are encouraged to participate, but so are girlfriends, parents, grandparents and anyone else who members of the Battalion hold near and dear.

Please talk to your Marine or sailor often about your family's readiness. Every single member of this Battalion is required to ensure he has taken the necessary measures to prepare his family for his absence during deployment. The very first step in this process is communication between you and your loved one. This is a team effort and as I stated before, I will support and facilitate communication between you, your Marine or sailor and the "Cutting Edge."

If you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, upcoming events or how to obtain information, please contact the 3/7 Family Readiness Officer Andrea Tatayon. She may be reached by e-mail at [andrea.tatayon@usmc.mil](mailto:andrea.tatayon@usmc.mil) or by phone at 760-830-1697.

I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to meet you.

Very Respectfully,

Edward C. Greeley  
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer  
3d Battalion, 7th Marines



**H&S Company Awards****Bronze Star**

Maj Alton Warthen  
 Capt Michael Simon  
 Capt Colin Chisholm

**Navy Achievement Medal**

LT	Adam Forrest
HN	Devon Walsh
HM1	Greg Wistain
HM3	Tam Nguyen
HM3	Simon Choi
ISTLT	Aaron Wolfey
SSGT	Marco Garcia
SSGT	Marcus Gonzales
SSGT	Matthew Williams
SSGT	James Ramsey
SSGT	Seth Collard
SSGT	John Soldner
SSGT	Beth Abbott
SSGT	Sydney Morrison
SSGT	Christoffer Knight
SSGT	Melbin Medina
SSGT	William Shuder
SGT	Tony Tran
SGT	John Hogan JR
SGT	Randy Spires
SGT	David Fisher
SGT	Adrian Solas
SGT	Peter Cornelius
SGT	Raymond Galban JR
SGT	Benjamin Lee
SGT	Ross Kloshiem
SGT	Clint Wojtowicz
CPL	Kelly Devon
CPL	Shakiem Smith
CPL	Tyler Fritz
CPL	Lamarcus Coats
CPL	Robert Iaulualo
CPL	Jeremy Carrillo
CPL	William Weeks IV
CPL	Edgardo Larregui
CPL	Bradley Borowski
CPL	Jarred Hargrove
CPL	Luis Maldonado
CPL	James Fraley
CPL	Andre Pawlowski
LCPL	Christopher King
LCPL	Joshua Pelfrey

**Navy Commendation Medal**

1STSGT Daniel Downs

**Certificate of Commendation**

SGT	Marcus Weston
SGT	Jonathan Howell
SGT	Jeremy Fuku
SGT	Lukas Vuckso
SGT	Stefan Sooter
CPL	Ulicies Rivas
CPL	Steven Hodges
CPL	Joshua McPeak
CPL	Frederico Gomez
CPL	Steven Colombo
CPL	Gregory Hudler
CPL	Shane Kelleher
CPL	Jerry Strand
CPL	Jeffrey Shute
CPL	Michael Brennan
CPL	Michael Waldron
CPL	Matthew Young
CPL	Vincent Campochario
CPL	William Oneil
CPL	Steven Ulrich
CPL	Brian Murphy
CPL	Samuel Velezortiz
LCPL	Cary Gross
LCPL	Aaron Gross
LCPL	Justin Hammett
LCPL	Robert Price
LCPL	Grant Moulden
LCPL	Jimmt Loja
LCPL	Christopher Wienstock
LCPL	Jared Slattery
LCPL	James Heiden
LCPL	Zachary Meyerle
LCPL	Scott Rucker

**Meritorious Mast**

LCPL Peter Santana  
 LCPL Paul Pugh

**Chaplain's Corner**

Dear Marines, Sailors, and Families of 3/7:

I am honored to be serving you. Like chaplains before me, I've dedicated myself to your spiritual health and well-being. It is my desire that your lives will be filled with joy, hope, love, and peace.

The spiritual health of you and your loved ones doesn't start and end with me, however. We must each take care of ourselves and each other. To release your own stress, use spare moments to breathe deeply, to think of the good things in your life, and, if you're so inclined, to pray. When you have a little more time, be intentional in getting quality rest and relaxation with loved

ones and friends, so that you'll be resilient to face life's demands.

To improve upon your relationships, use spare moments to send a quick text or to make a quick phone call to express your love. When you have time together, improve upon it by remembering to listen more, discipline your speech, and focus on understanding and responding to your loved ones' concerns and desires. Anger, pride, and insensitivity will ruin your relationships; but love, respect, and compassion will heal and restore your hearts.

If you are having trouble in your relationships, or with finding purpose, hope, and

happiness in life, then please come and talk to me. I am not only here to help, but truly want to help.

Faithfully Yours,

LTJG Seth L. Bryant

3/7 Chaplain

**Headquarters and Services Company**

Family and friends,

To begin, I would like to introduce myself; I am Captain Michael Simon and have recently taken command of Headquarters and Service Company. I cannot express how excited I am to be associated with such a diverse and dynamic company which is comprised of nearly 300 Marines and Sailors of dozens of occupational specialties.

While I thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Company Commander for India Company, I look forward to the next several months with H&S as we begin another audacious training workup to prepare for global deployments.

I certainly hope that all of you

enjoyed your time on leave and the recent holidays in June and July. The time with your loved ones was well deserved and judging from what the men have been saying, it was also time well spent. The completion of the Battalion's post-deployment leave also marked the beginning of our next training cycle.

You may have already noticed the pace of training and hours spent at work have increased. I would expect that our current tempo will remain the same for the foreseeable future. Know though, that the section and company leadership works hard to be good stewards of your Marine or Sailor's time. I

n this, we balance accomplish-

ing the required training with ensuring the men maximize time home with their families.

H&S Company has already fulfilled numerous training events. Gas chamber qualifications, rifle ranges, physical training evolutions, and company conditioning hikes have all been completed with similar training on the horizon.

Also, many of your Marines have been selected to attend specific schools to enhance their already stellar tactical and technical prowess. The phenomenal effort that your loved ones have put forth over the past few months has manifested itself in the form of awards and promotions.

As previously mentioned, there

## Headquarters and Services Company- continued

are numerous training evolutions and special events on the horizon. It is absolutely vital that each and every one of you be afforded the opportunity to see or hear about those items so you can properly plan your family's activities.

First, the best way for this to happen is that your Marine or Sailor simply tells you. Every man in the Battalion has the same information regarding our training schedule up to January. We are always prepared for changes but the vast majority

of the schedule will remain the same. Next, you are all invited to a Battalion Town Hall meeting on 15 August. The meeting will be in Building 1707 from 6pm to 8pm in the evening.

The Battalion's leadership and family readiness team will inform you of the upcoming schedule and detail other items that will be important to you. I would wholly encourage you to attend as it will be an open forum for you to see and hear exactly what is in store for H&S Company and 3d Battal-

ion, 7th Marines.

I hope this letter finds you all well. As usual, your unending support is humbling.

The men of H&S are will never be able to truly thank you for all the great things you continue to do for this storied organization.

Take care and God Bless.

Semper Fidelis,  
M. D. Simon  
Capt USMC



3/7 Marines displaying the company guidons.

## Headquarters and Service Company Promotions

### May Promotions

ISTLT Perkins  
MSGT Smith  
SGT Strand  
SGT Wistuk  
CPL Karpinski  
CPL Hommel  
CPL Goldtooth  
CPL Hammett  
CPL Roman  
HM3 Smith  
LCPL Vivaldo  
LCPL Dryman  
LCPL Salcedo

### June Promotions

LTCOL Greeley  
SGT Shute  
SGT Kelleher  
CPL Edwards  
LCPL Vasquez  
LCPL Byrd  
PFC Balderas  
PFC Benitez  
PFC Sanchez  
PFC Taylor

### August Promotions

CPL Caban  
CPL Fletcher  
CPL Loja  
CPL Madewell  
CPL Price

### July Promotions

ISTLT Vazquez  
CPL Slattery  
LCPL Perez  
PFC Bryant

*"Some people wonder  
all their lives if they  
have made a difference.  
The Marines don't have  
that problem"  
-Ronald Reagan*



Maj Alton Warthen receives his Bronze Star from LtCol Greeley.

## India Company



My name is Captain Matt Speers, and I am the India Company Commander.

I took command of India Company in May. My Company First Sergeant is First Sergeant Nunez. We both look forward to meeting the families of the India Company Marines and Sailors in the upcoming months.

Since the Battalion's return from Afghanistan, India Company has gone through many personnel changes and continues to rebuild. We are beginning a very busy training schedule in preparation for the Battalion's month long deployment to the Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, CA at the end of September.

Thank you for the continued support of your India Company Marine or Sailor.

Semper Fi,  
Capt Matt Speers



GySgt Nunez promoted to 1stSgt. 1stSgt Nunez is the India Company 1stSgt.

*This year's Marine Corps Ball will be held at the Planet Hollywood Hotel in Las Vegas. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and can be purchased at the company offices.*

## Kilo Company

Family and friends of Kilo Company,

My name is Captain Michael B. Harmon, and I recently had the privilege to take command of Kilo Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. On 10 July 2012, Kilo Company conducted its change of command ceremony and changed hands from Captain James Lindler to myself. Congratulations are in order to Captain Lindler and his family on a job well done, and success in his new billet in Virginia Beach at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic (EWTGLANT).

I recently checked into the battalion after completing Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, Virginia. My previous duty stations include a tour as rifle platoon commander, company executive officer and commanding officer in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. I was also stationed as an instructor at The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia. As the incoming Kilo Company Commander, you can expect the Marines to be well trained and taken care of to the utmost of my ability. It's truly an honor to serve your husbands and sons as their Commanding Officer, and it's my intention to improve them as Marines and as men.

I look forward to meeting the spouses and children of Kilo Company at upcoming Battalion events in August, namely the Battalion Town Hall meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August and the Battalion Pool Party on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is my intention to create and

inclusive and supportive command climate in the Company, one in which family members are empowered with information on upcoming training and deployment events and re-occurring family social events.

This summer the Company looks to prepare our small unit leaders for the anticipated arrival of new members of Kilo in January and to prepare for our upcoming deployment to the Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) in Bridgeport, California. As a member of Kilo Company and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines, it is my intent to build something special. This includes how we treat our family members, through establishing the command climate to include and inform you in the lifecycle of the Company. Again it is an honor to train your Marine, and lead him in war. I look forward to meeting you in the future.

Semper Fidelis,  
M. B. Harmon  
Capt USMC



CPL Batenhorst of 3/7 Kilo Company receives a Navy Achievement Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device.

## Lima Company

Family and Friends of Lima Company,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Lima Company Commander. It is an honor and a privilege to serve with the Marines and Sailors of this Company.

Having served with the Battalion on the Police Advisor Team, I had the opportunity to see firsthand the outstanding

accomplishments of Lima Company and I look forward to the Company's continued development and success. I am eager to meet the family members of our Marines and Sailors. There are several upcoming Family Readiness events which I would encourage spouses and families to attend. Events such as the Town Hall Meeting and the Battalion Pool Party will serve to increase the overall understanding of what the Company are doing and where we are going as an organization. More importantly these events give

the Company leadership an opportunity to thank the family members for the support that they give to their Marines and Sailors which allows them to accomplish their mission. I thank you for your continued support; I look forward to meeting our families in the upcoming months.

Semper Fidelis,  
Capt William Milana



Capt Milana, 3/7 Lima Company Commander receives a Navy Commendation medal.

## Weapons Company

Friends and Family, Ladies and Gentlemen-

Well, here we are again and the world feels like it's moving a thousand miles an hour. We've returned from deployment, been on leave, and resumed an almost normal work routine in preparation for our next deployment all in the three months it's been since I last had the opportunity to talk with any of you. One thing has absolutely remained the same, though: your Marines continue to do a phenomenal job.

In the upcoming weeks and month the Marines will all be busy with various exercises designed to develop their skills beyond even the high standards that they have already attained. Some Marines are preparing to leave, others are preparing to arrive, and the ones that are

staying from the last deployment will be moving up into positions of greater authority and responsibility. These are exciting times filled with much movement and energy.

Returning to the previous deployment, however, I would like to ask that you be especially watchful of your loved ones over the next weeks and months. Combat stress related injuries sometimes manifest later than we might think they would. Any indications of issues can be relayed to the company chain-of-command or to the battalion family readiness officer without any fear of getting your Marine in any kind of trouble. If you would like to remain anonymous or not have the Marine know that you were the one that contacted us, that is perfectly fine as well. The biggest concern is the

health and wellbeing of all the Marines in this company. Nothing is more important.

I hope this letter finds you all well and thriving. Best wishes and God Bless.

Semper Fidelis,  
Capt David Russell

**Is your Power of Attorney up to date?**

**If you need a new power of attorney the Base legal office can assist.**

**Call 760-830-6111 for office hours and more information.**



We would like to wish Fair Winds and Following seas to MSgt Egstad and his family. MSgt Egstad is retiring after serving 20 plus years in the Marine Corps.

**3D BATTALION 7TH  
MARINES**

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The Battalion Pool Party is on August 23rd from 5-8pm at the MCCS Family Pool. To learn more and to RSVP please click on the link here:

<https://invitations.afis.edu/inv/anm.cfm?i=123304&h=0363410A7B53>



OUR BATTALION COMMANDER, LTCOL GREELEY, WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL 3/7 SPOUSES TO A TOWN HALL MEETING ON AUGUST 15TH FROM 6PM-8PM AT BUILDING 1707

Come on out and meet our new Battalion Commander and the Command Team. Find out more about the road ahead for 3/7 to include the Battalion Training Schedule, the upcoming Ball and our Family Readiness Program. Dinner from DiCarlo's Italian Restaurant will be served to all attendees.

Base organizations to include Lincoln Military Housing, the School Liaison, FOCUS, the Red Cross, Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will be on-hand to educate you about important services offered aboard 29 Palms.

**Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.**

\*Please RSVP to the Family Readiness Officer, Andrea Tatayon by email at [andrea.tatayon@usmc.mil](mailto:andrea.tatayon@usmc.mil) or call 760-830-1697

\*\* Building 1707 is located on the corner of 8th and Bourke. The meeting will be held in classrooms B&D



**3/7 Marines and Sailors to register:**

- Go to [www.emarine.org](http://www.emarine.org)
- Click  (top right corner of the screen)
- Choose the  button
- Enter your name **AS IT APPEARS IN MOL**
- Enter your birthday in **MMDD** format (i.e., Jan 5 is 0105)
- Choose "1st Marine Division > 7th Marine Regiment > 3rd Battalion (California, UIC: M13160)"
- Register as a Sponsor, and fill in the required information

Once you've signed up, please take a moment to invite your spouse, significant other, parents, siblings, or other Family Members!