



# The Seahorse Standard

19th Engineer Battalion  
Kandahar, Afghanistan

Volume I, Issue VIII

December 28, 2009



**“Bridle and Reins—Stand Tall!”**



## The Commander's Column



Family and friends – I would like to wish everyone happiness and joy during this holiday season. The outpouring of holiday support from agencies, organizations, church groups and individuals from across the United States has been phenomenal. We have received over 800 care boxes to date and expect another 600-800 in the near future. Every Soldier has been touched by this awesome show of support from their fellow Americans. I wish I could name every organization and private citizen that has sent packages, but that would take up the whole page – so let me just say **THANK YOU** to you all – your support means so much to the Soldiers as they fight for America's interest over here in Afghanistan. Now to give you a quick update; everyone knows that the President has announced 30,000 additional troops to support operations here in Afghanistan. Engineers are leading this effort to make space for the surge of troops. This entails the construction of new Forward Operating Bases and Combat Out-Posts or expansion of existing bases. What all this means to your deployed spouse is that most of the battalion will be picking up from its current locations and shifting to where the work is - new areas. Don't be surprised if your deployed Family member gives you a new address to ship their mail. The moves have begun already with Team Blade (15E) and Team Jungle (80E) and Team Hammer (76E) will follow soon. Lastly, I would like to inform you that we are making a change with the Rear-Detachment Commander. CPT Paul Turbeville will be giving up the reins to newly arrived CPT

Amy Hutter this January. I'd like to recognize CPT Turbeville for his hard work and leadership – he and his team did a marvelous job supporting the deployed Battalion while taking great care of our Family members at Knox. CPT Turbeville will be transitioning out of the Army and heading off to graduate school. Please give a warm welcome to CPT Hutter and stop in and see her if you are near the Battalion HQ at Knox. I am confident she will do well these last four months of the deployment.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!  
BRIDLE AND REINS!!  
SEAHORSE 6



**LTC Heath C. Roscoe**  
19th EN BN Commander

### Insides This Issue:

<i>BC's Page</i>	1
<i>CSM's Page</i>	2
<i>502nd MRBC—Bridge</i>	3
<i>15th EN CO—Road Dogs</i>	4
<i>60th EN CO—Jungle Eaters</i>	5
<i>76th EN CO—Steel Hammers</i>	6
<i>HSC—Warriors</i>	7
<i>FSC—Reinforcers</i>	8
<i>72nd Survey and Design DET</i>	9
<i>Battle Desk</i>	10
<i>Soldiers' Section &amp; FRG Website Information</i>	11
<i>Chaplain's Corner</i>	13
<i>Alpha CO—Gators</i>	13
<i>FRG</i>	14



**Editor-in-Chief: CPT Jaime M. Miller**  
**Contributing Editor: SPC Jason Blythe**



# The Seahorse Standard

CSM Dixon  
Seahorse 7



60<sup>th</sup> Soldiers doing PMCS



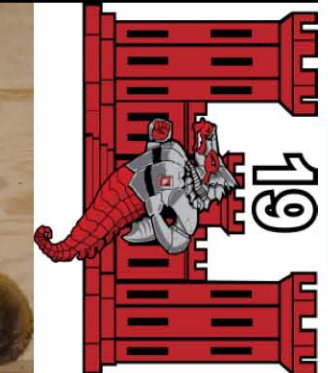
Best BN CMS in Afghanistan



BN S-6 keeps us communicating



Best Country in the world  
USA



15<sup>th</sup> Soldier playing  
Medalica



CSM talks to 15<sup>th</sup> Soldiers

Seahorse Families!!! I am extremely excited; I will be heading home on R&R to see my queen this month. We are eight months in with only four to go. Can you believe Christmas is already among us? The month of December has been a very busy month for me and the team. The S-1 section is working 24/7 reviewing and processing End of Tour Awards for your love ones. I really applaud my S-1 Section, not once have they wavered on this duty. The S-6 is aggressively making sure we can communicate and making sure when we return to home station we will be able to do the same as well. They are doing an outstanding job. The Construction Management Section is exceeding all theater expectations; I classify them as the best in theater. The Battalion made history with the Promotion Board for the first time since I took over the Battalion; everyone who attended earned a recommendation for promotion to the next higher rank. This has never happened in the 18 months that I've been the BN CSM. I CONGRATULATE them all. I have visited all of your love ones and they are doing extremely well and counting the days until they are back safely in your arms in April 2010. Motivation is extremely high, the highest it has been since arriving in theater. Some of our late arrivals received their Combat Patch; this is always an exciting time for me and my boss. Some of your love ones are moving from place to place because of mission requirements. I ask that you please be patient, as we get settled we will let you know our whereabouts. Attached are some photos from the month of December that I care to share with you. Always remember that we are proud to have you as our Seahorse Families. **Command Sergeant Major's Advice:**

Remember, our success here is partially dependent on you back there. Please continue to write your Soldiers, send emails/cards, goodies, and constantly remind them of how proud you are of them and how much you appreciate what they are doing. This is always a much needed boost from the home front. **CSM's words of the month: PASSIVE and DEPENDABLE**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



First time since my tenure, everyone passed the promotion board!!!!



2LT Hainman receives CBT Patch



BN CSM chillin with 502<sup>nd</sup> Soldiers



BN S-1 hard at work on End of Tour Awards 24/7



PBO keeps the Battalion out of jail

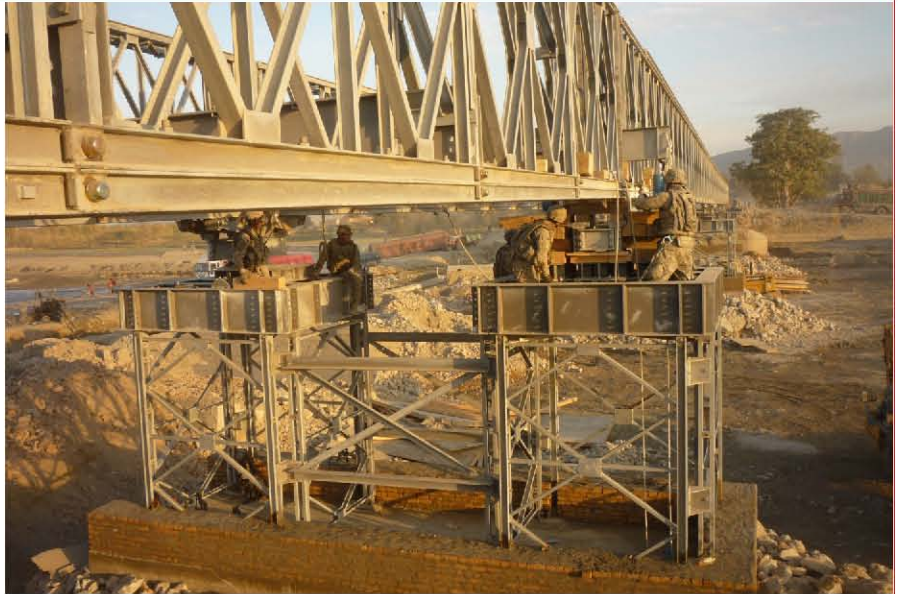


## Commander's Corner

What a month for the 502nd. Until now, the company has been mostly preparing for the missions to come, but we're finally moving forward with some great high profile missions. 2nd platoon was the highlight of the month of December. They deployed their platoon to the Jalalabad area and installed a 165.5 meter bridge on Highway 1, the main traffic artery in Afghanistan. The old bridge was washed out by a flood during the last wet season, causing strained movement through this area. The platoon faced many problems associated with coordinating such a large project with several other assisting units as well as the local population, but handled it all with aplomb. The result was a completed bridge within time constraints which will benefit the local population and coalition forces. 1st platoon is quickly preparing for an equally exciting project in the Helmand province. The platoon has spent the bulk of this month working out last minute training, testing all vehicle systems, and working on area specific tactics, techniques and procedures. This mission will greatly enhance the mobility of the Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Helmand and will come with quite a few technical challenges for the platoon. The troops are extremely excited about the mission and will certainly handle it with the poise and technical expertise that defines this group of Soldiers. Maintenance and support has become extremely busy as the company has nearly all of their required equipment in place. Maintenance has been performing technical inspections on all the vehicles and systems to ensure they are still operational after travelling half way around the world; and in most cases they have a lot of work to perform to get them up to speed. The company will rely on our amazing group of mechanics to ensure that we won't have mechanical issues when we leave the wire. Our trust in them is not misplaced, as they're truly the best when it comes to the technically challenging bridging equipment. Support platoon continues to volunteer for many projects on the FOB leading to acclaim from both the SeaBees and the Marines. They've assisted the Navy in completing an expansion to their current footprint, and as recently picked up several other projects that will allow FOB Leatherneck to grow to accept the expected increase of troops. Though we've been extremely busy, the Deuce is still finding time to relax. We'll be celebrating the holidays with a small get-together, and will allow Soldiers some time to observe the holidays as they see fit.

Please know that we're all thinking of you on the holidays, and thank you for the continued care packages and support.

Bridge 6 — CPT Lucas



**Top:** 2/502nd at the Saracha Bridge Site in RC-E  
**Middle:** 2/502nd Platoon at KAF before leaving for the Saracha Bridge Mission  
**Right:** Soldiers building bridge at





## Commander's Corner

We are all on the downhill slide of our deployment. The pace is not slowing down for our Soldiers as over half of the company moved on the 1st of December to FOB Deleram. The team at Deleram is tasked with constructing another FOB. The team at FOB Wolverine continues to work FOB Projects to help maintain Wolverine. Both locations are working hard. As the holiday season is upon us, we have received care packages and stocking from numerous locations. Please be careful this holiday season as you travel. Thanks to the FRG for sending out stocking for all the Soldiers.

Blade 6 — CPT Fairel

**Right:** SGT Jackson, PVT Strasser, and SPC Weatherford burring a communication line to run under the HLZ road



**Left:** SPC Wood and SGT Holliday conducting final inspections on their equipment prior to

**Right:** PFC Davis (gunner), SPC Long, PFC Prosser (gunner), and SPC Moore from 3/15 PLT helping each other prepare for the convoy





## Commander's Corner

Jungle Eater family and friends,

What a great month this has been for the Jungle Eater team. The Soldiers remain motivated and focused on the task at hand in order to enable other units to accomplish their mission. We have heard nothing but praise from our customers, the battalion, Brigade Commanders, and other branches of service. Truly, the Jungle Eater Team remains Army Strong. Also, we moved into our new TOC built by 2/60.

1<sup>st</sup> platoon completed the Counter-IED Building at the end of November and received praise from the customer, company, and battalion on multiple occasions as they were awarded coins and awards. Also, this month they completed the formwork and poured concrete for the 60' X90' concrete pad for our motorpool. 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon's new Platoon leader 1LT Shane Perento, arrived to Frontenac and is excited to take charge of this great platoon.

2/15 completed the COP expansion and returned to Frontenac. At Frontenac the platoon conducted a refit and devoted all assets to the continued construction on the new FOB landing zone and ammunition holding area. This platoon should complete this project by the middle of January 2010. Also, LT Zelenak was promoted to 1LT.

2<sup>nd</sup> platoon constructed a new operations center this month. Each squad worked on a different element of the project in order to ensure the Soldiers learned more about each element of the project. This platoon also complete the Class I concrete pad. 2LT Morris and Mr. Kone continued to build a strong relationship with the platoon.

We greatly appreciate your support during this past month. While Christmas is not the same without you, we appreciate you sending and supporting us with your Christmas packages and Holiday Cheer. Each day we step a little bit closer to our redeployment and each day your thoughts, prayers, and support enable us to continue to accomplish our mission with the utmost teamwork, excellence, integrity, and pride. Thank you.

Merry Christmas,

Jungle Eater 6 — CPT Vanessa Stolzoff



**Above:** Soldiers from 2/60 emplace



**Above:** 1/60 built benches and other pieces for the TOC as we settled into our new building.



**Right:** 2/60s SPC Douglas and SPC Cole sheath the floor

## Commander's Corner

Team Hammer Families,  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

As usual Team Hammer has been extremely busy. Unfortunately the weather has not been cooperating with us. The rainy season has started and it probably won't let up until the Spring. After a great group effort from the whole Team all of the tents now have wood floors and things are staying dry. The Team really came together to help each other out in the first hard rain of the season.

1/15<sup>th</sup> continues to work hard on their two main projects. Both projects, the new permanent burn pit and the ammo supply point, have taken a substantial amount of work. The burn pit is now open to the base so the guys working there are happy not to have to be wearing their body armor all day! The guys working at the ammo supply point are working really hard filling huge sand bags called HESCOs. 1/15<sup>th</sup> continues to stay positive and motivated about their missions. As we all know the busier you are, the faster time goes by. 1/15<sup>th</sup> has also been doing a lot of small work around the living areas. They have been dropping and spreading gravel around most of the base so that the Stryker guys and us don't have to walk in tons of mud! This is a huge help for everyone.

2/76<sup>th</sup> has done a great job finishing up the Stryker's troop tactical operations center (TOC). The hard work and dedication of 2/76<sup>th</sup> resulted in a successful inspection the first time through from the contractor. Members of 2/76<sup>th</sup> were recognized for their hard work on this project. Great job SGT Gerstemeier and SPC Hale! 2/76<sup>th</sup> also completed the Team Hammer TOC this month. The men took a lot of pride constructing the entrance to the TOC with an octagon shaped porch with stairs and octagon shaped over head cover for it. They did a great job! They have also begun building the Stryker's Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC). It is a great looking facility that should be done before the end of the year.

We have received tons of great gifts and packages in the mail this Holiday Season. We would like to say thank you to all of the families and friends of Team Hammer. We could not do half the things we do without your support and love. Happy Holidays!!



God Bless you all!!

Hammer 6 — CPT Riesel

**Left:** CPT Riesel promoting 2LT Calloway to 1LT.

**Bottom Left (from Left to Right):** 1LT Calloway, 1LT Hudalla, CPT Riesel, 1LT Wolgemuth.

**Bottom Right:** SPC Banks and SPC Mote digging a retention pond to drain out the water under Team Hammer's tents





## Commander's Corner

Hello to all the Warrior Families back there! Well time is definitely going by and we have a lot to look forward to. The Soldiers are doing great things here on KAF and elsewhere in Afghanistan. Its truly and honor to be associated with these outstanding Soldiers and leaders that keep making things happen.

We've had some promotions since the last time I wrote. PFC Hall has been advanced to SPC. PFC Flake has been advanced to SPC. SPC Hopkins has been promoted to SGT. Last but not least SGT Dubose has been promoted to SSG. It was a great showing. SPC Philson was outstanding at the promotion board receiving the highest score out of the junior enlisted. Really an awesome job by some awesome Soldiers.

As far as missions go, 3/76<sup>th</sup> has been busy improving the battalion area on Kandahar. They have built some new storage areas and started working on our 50x90 building that will house the company operations areas. It's a long way from the little corner of a tent that we occupied those many months ago. The 538<sup>th</sup> is getting ready for some pretty challenging missions ahead of them. They are going to be operating independently for some time and it's a lot of planning and hard work to get them ready. The PSD continues to run the roads for us. LT Enriquez and SSG Hall are doing great as a new leadership team. The Soldiers in PSD continue to take care of business and take care of our Soldiers and equipment on the road. 2LT Smith, SSG Hall and the S1 shop have been crazy busy with awards, Christmas mail, and getting us ready for our return home. Every time I go into S1 they are tackling another challenge that is essential to the battalion but invisible to most Soldiers. They are unsung heroes helping all of the Soldiers whether they know it or not. CPT Miller and SSG Mills and their shop continue to keep the battalion running. They are tracking our vehicles, the battalion's property and all of the transportation headaches that it takes to keep the battalion running every day. All in all it's a really busy time with missions and with the daily tasks that we have to keep on top of.

For Christmas this year we've put up the lights and the trees. I don't think that there is a tent or building around here that doesn't have a tree. It's a nice shift to come in from dreary Afghanistan and be met with a riot of Christmas colors and some holiday cheer. It's not home but it does make it seem like home isn't quite as far away. We're putting together a little pancake breakfast for Christmas and a platoon gift exchange. Thanks for all the mail and packages that you keep sending. It's been a real blessing to have so many people showing how much they care.

I would like everyone to keep the Evans family in their thoughts. Their daughter was recently struck by a car and SSG Evans has returned home to assist in her recovery. I also want to thank you all for all the great work that has been going on back there. I wish the best of luck and a warm welcome to CPT Hutter and SFC Mcbryar.

That's it from here in Afghanistan. Take care and Happy Holidays!

Warrior 6 — CPT Wittmeier

SGT Black advances PFC Hall to SPC, CPT Knott promotes SGT Dubose to SSG



SGT Wight leads SPC Herman, PVT Nguyen, and SPC Guptil in PSD weapons maintenance.



Right: PFC Crippen performed with his violin at the Boardwalk, playing Holiday Music for all



## Commander's Corner

Reinforcer Friends and Families:

First of all I want to wish all our Soldiers and family members a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Your Soldiers have kept an extremely high tempo with high morale and spirits. Everyday I take the time to go see your Soldiers in action and they are making a difference in the life of every 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Soldier and the local nationals that they interact with on a daily basis. I will ensure that each of your Soldiers will have the time and opportunity to call back home during the Holidays.

As I have said before, our success could not have occurred without the tremendous support of our Families and Friends. The sacrifices that you make, and the support that you give us, are critical to our ability to accomplish the mission.

As always, thank you for your continued support of your deployed Soldier and the company. I am truly proud to serve with each of you.

Reinforcer 6 — CPT Brown

### HQ PLT

The spirit of the holidays was kicked off with a 5K Turkey Trot in which 1LT Bosch, SFC Doby, SPC Hall, SPC Chuipka, SPC Moseley, and PFC

Kannenberg participated. On 26 Nov HSC and FSC enjoyed a Turkish style BBQ for our thanksgiving meal together. This was followed by a good will

gesture and morale booster BBQ on the 27 Nov in which FSC had some time off. To help alleviate the work in some aspects of the motor pool SGT Harner and SGT

Lyons from Distro Platoon conducted drivers training in which SP Swaso and SPC Hall qualified on the LMTV. SFC Doby and SPC Hall also had forklift training for qualification by SGT Lyons. In addition, FSC coordinated and completed the rearrangement of the motor pool by moving vehicles to newly assigned areas for proper cohesion and easier accessibility not only to vehicles but other equipment. Additionally, we would like to say thanks for all the packages we have been receiving from fellow Americans all across the United States. We look forward to Christmas and the New Year as we know we will be coming home to Kentucky soon!

SPC Barbara Swaso

### Maintenance

Maintenance Platoon has had a very eventful month! As we are approaching the holidays, we want to thank all of our friends and family who have been generous enough to send packages to the soldiers! We love getting them and we miss you greatly! As the deployment winds down, we are eagerly planning and preparing to come back home. We have been organizing the motor pool and all of our equipment in order to set up the next unit's success, and so we can go home! We have been busy fixing machines such as dozers, scrapers and generators and SEE trucks. SFC Williams, SPC York, SPC Toliniu and SPC Stewart, A. has also gone out on numerous convoys supporting FSC's own Distribution Platoon and the Person Security Detachment Platoon with our Wrecker. We want to wish all of our December babies a Happy Birthday and a special shout out to SPC Toliniu who is a Christmas baby! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

1LT Bridget Hug



### Distro

This month has been one of the biggest equipment and supply pushes for the Distro Platoon since the beginning of deployment. Distro has been on the road every week with PSD and with other friendly units. They have been in support mainly for 502<sup>nd</sup> EN CO receiving their bridging equipment into theater and sending out on local national trucks to an outlying FOB. In addition, Distro has been helping with the 15<sup>th</sup> EN CO new mission to another FOB by retrograding their equipment and pushing out necessary supplies to their new location. They have also helped push lumber to the Romanians at an outlying COP several times, and helped 402<sup>nd</sup> BSB retrograde Strykers. SPC Hopkins was promoted to SGT this month, and the platoon presented an award to their interpreter Mohibullah Popal, which has been with them since June. Distro is currently working on receiving local national trucks for the 502<sup>nd</sup> EN CO, 655<sup>th</sup> EN DET, and the 15<sup>th</sup> EN CO to push out the remainder of their equipment to two new FOBs. The platoon has already sent over 30 local national trucks with multiple pieces of equipment.

1LT Kim





## Commander's Corner

Laser Families and Friends:

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Soldiers are in high demand and have been extremely busy this past month. SGT Galbreth's team moved to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Delaram to begin work on (FOB) Delaram II. This will be an important project for the team because the base will be built up from nothing, and will support many troops that will be arriving in the future.

SPC JUSTICE and SGT Hamilton are working with the team at Frontenac providing quality control for the HLZ and the AHA missions, both are important infrastructure projects for FOB Frontenac. The team is also working on phase II of the UAV air strip project.

PFC Garvey is leading the team at Spin Boldak where they continue to work on base projects. Recently, the team staked out boundaries for a burn pit. The team also provides quality control over watch for the inner road construction.

The team at KAF has been working on computer aided design projects that include a 50'X90' company TOC, BDOC plans and a Motorpool fence layout.

The morale is high and we are staying busy. As the Lasers continue to support our great nation and build stability for the Afghan people, you, the families and friends remain at the forefront of our hearts and minds. Thank you again for all of your support from home.

**"SURVEY AND DESTROY"**

LASER 6 - Rodney D. Johnson



## Words from the Battle Desk

Seahorse Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for all the Christmas care packages and Holiday Wishes. The Christmas spirit was alive for the 19th Engineer Battalion in Afghanistan. You can see how we all enjoyed the holidays, even taking some time to wear our favorite Christmas hat and pose for a photo by the tree. We were able to have a Christmas Day pancake breakfast, but not without the support and supplies from family and friends back home. A special thank you to MAJ Lehman's family, Chief Brewer's wife, Laura, and my mother, Nan. Thank you for helping us make Christmas special for our Soldiers!

As we finish our 8th month of deployment, the Battalion Staff will be working diligently on redeployment along with keeping the mission here rolling. Your Soldiers will be working as hard if not harder the next four months as Engineers help prepare for the Troop Surge in Afghanistan. The 19th Engineer Battalion Staff wishes everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to ringing in the New Year, 2010!

Last, but not least, I would like to welcome 2LT Jack Dalton to the S-3 Shop. 2LT Dalton hails from Jacksonville, Florida. He is prior service and an OCS graduate. Jack with his wife, Seana, and two children, Stella and Julian moved to Elizabethtown, KY before deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. 2LT Dalton will serve as the AMR/TMR OIC in S-3 Current Operations and take a platoon in 2010! We expect great things from 2LT Dalton!

S3 Battle Captain - CPT Jaime Miller



**Left (from Left to Right):** SFC Staton, SSG Colon, and CPT Conrad

(S-2 Section)

**Right (from Left to Right):** SSG Rollins, 2LT Dalton, SPC Goodnite, and CPT Miller

(S-3 OPS)



**And Now a Word From the Soldiers....  
by SPC Jason Blythe**

In this article, in celebration of the NCAA bowl season, I have decided to ask a few simple questions to a number of Soldiers in the unit. What bowl game interests you the most? Who is your pick to win and why? The variety of the games picked were not too diverse. But, some of the responses are worth reading. It was hard to find any original responses. But none the less, I hope you enjoy.

**Seahorse Standard: What bowl game interests you the most? Who is your pick to win and why?**

**SFC Michael Staton, HSC:** The bowl game that interests me the most is the BCS national championship between Alabama and Texas, and of course Alabama Crimson Tide will win that game by stomping Texas all to hell.

**SPC William Baker, FSC:** The national championship. I think Alabama is going to win. Because, if Texas plays the way that did against Nebraska. Then they have no chance.

**SPC Nomi Brown, FSC:** I choose the BCS Championships. My favorite team is Texas. There is now special reason, I just like them.

**SPC Jared Dearing, 76<sup>th</sup> EN CO:** I am from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. So the National Championship game is the most important one. Alabama is going to win the sucker. Because they have the best defense and they are from the SEC. Nobody can beat the SEC.

**SPC Lonnie Shepard, FSC:** The bowl game, that I choose, is the Championship game. I pick Alabama. Because, That is where I am from, that's where I live, and that's what I know.

**SPC Ryan Smith, FSC:** My favorite Bowl is the Rose bowl. I have Ohio State winning. Because, they are from the Big Ten and I am a Big Ten fan.

**SPC Joshua Kamke, 1227<sup>th</sup> Concrete Det:** I pick the Champ's Sports Bowl, between Miami and Wisconsin. I pick Wisconsin to win because that's my home state. You got to stick with the roots.

**SSG Landress Hall, HSC:** I pick Texas to win the championship. Because I am from Texas and they are going to beat Alabama.

**SPC John Tillman, FSC:** The BCS Championship. I pick #2 Texas to win. I am from Texas and I have been a Texas fan since 1993.

**SFC Edwin Alicea, HSC:** I am interested in the Emerald Bowl, between Boston College and USC. Boston College is going to win because that's the team. Go Eagles!!

**SFC Eric Parsley, HSC:** I am interested in the Gator Bowl. I am rooting for the West Virginia to win because I am from West Virginia and I am a Hillbilly.

**SGT Albert Williams, HSC:** I pick the National Champions I pick Texas for the win because SPC Faircloth [HSC S-1] has been talking a lot of crap about Texas, and I am tired of it. There is no other reason.

**SSG Andrea Stokes, HSC:** I choose the National Championship game, Alabama and Texas. I like Alabama because they are SEC. and I am obligated to root for them because my team [Arkansas Razorbacks] did not make a bowl appearance.

**19th Engineer Battalion Website**

There are **over 2,000 new pictures** of the Soldiers in Afghanistan!

**Question: How do I see the site?**

**Answer:** To log in to the vFRG, go to [www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org) <<http://www.armyfrg.org>> , search for '19th Engineer Battalion' by clicking on "Find an FRG" on the top, right hand side of the page, and following the steps.

-If your Soldier is not in the database, an email will automatically be sent to the FRSA and Rear-D Commander. Your Soldier will then be verified and you will receive an email notifying you to log in again. This is an automated process, your Soldier's information will be verified as soon as possible. Please be patient and only submit once. If your Soldier is already in the database, activation of your account will take under 12 hours.

**Question: I can get onto the website, but the page looks scrambled. What can I do?**

**Answer:** Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 has some small problems. If you can not view the FRG page without the letters and pictures overriding each other, check to see if you have Internet Explorer version 8. You can check by clicking on Internet Explorer and at the top click on the "Help" dropdown menu. Choose "About Internet Explorer". For Internet Explorer 8: To fix the problem, log on to the vFRG page. At the end of your web address line, there is a symbol that looks like a page torn in half. Click that symbol, a compatibility view message will come up and the symbol's back ground will turn light blue. The web page will now look the way it should.

**Question: I log in, but the page is blank. What can I do?**

**Answer:** If you are currently using Internet Explorer version 6, you will have some difficulties viewing the Battalion vFRG. I recommend that you upgrade to version 7. If you do not wish to upgrade please note that when you log into the vFRG and go to the Battalion Homepage, it may appear as if there is no content. However, the content is located further down the page. You may use the up/down scroll bar at the far right of the screen to scroll down until you see the yellow colored Homepage.

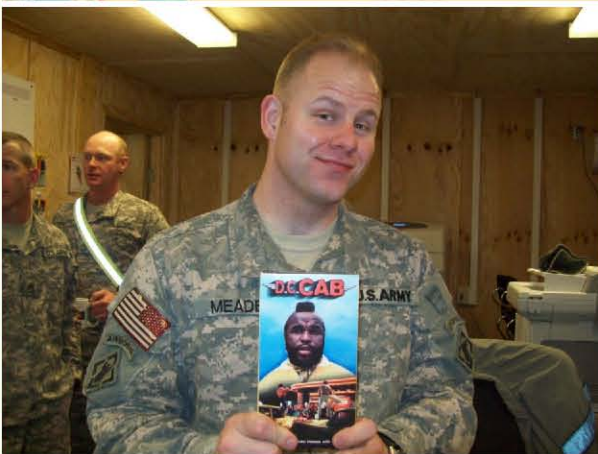
**Visit the 19th Engineer Battalion website soon!  
[www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org) <<http://www.armyfrg.org>>**



**Left:** CPT Conrad with Anna Kournikova during a USO Visit at KAF  
**Right:** Christmas Day set-up for the 1st Annual Seahorse Pancake Breakfast  
**Below:** CPT Wright and 1LT Underhill enjoying the Christmas Eve Pizzy Party



**Above:** NCO's enjoying Christmas Day Pancake breakfast  
**Left:** CPT Meade displaying his Christmas present from one of the many family and friends who sent presents this year  
**Below:** 1SG Gross "master flipper" making pancakes for the Soldiers



**Left:** Captains Miller enjoying a few Christmas Presents from




**19th Engineer Battalion  
Kandahar, Afghanistan**



**Chaplain's Corner**




19th EN BN Primary Staff


BN Executive Officer  
MAJ Daniel Segura 

BN Operations Officer  
MAJ Joseph Lehman 

BN Adjutant  
2LT Brandi Smith 

BN Intelligence Officer  
CPT Megan Conrad 

BN Logistics Officer  
CPT Troy Miller 

BN Signal Officer  
1LT Thomas Lopez 

To our friends and family and proud supporters,

We wish you a very Merry Christmas! Although right now SPC Raymond (my assistant) and I feel like Santa's Elves handling packages for each of the Soldiers, we know that your love has gone into each and every box. There is no greater love than that which bridges the gap of distance, whether physical, emotional or spiritual. Keep it up!

I have never seen such support from folks back home! Regardless of our differing views of the war, the politics involved, and the decisions made where to send the army forces of the United States; you, the people, have offered support through the time and effort and love placed in each box of goodies, games, toiletries, and media. For this, we thank you. Our Soldiers feel closer to home every day because of the love you send. The volunteer efforts have been absolutely amazing!

I can't tell you how much we appreciate this labor of love. We had to build a store just to help distribute (and even house) all those care items. We call it the Seahorse Goodies Store! It's also affectionately known as the Shoppette. There any Soldier can come and receive what they need/want. It's all thanks to you!

May God bless you all and give you peace this holiday season!

Chaplain Peter McDonald



**Rear Detachment Commander's Corner — Alpha Company Gators**

It's hard to believe that the Holiday Season is already here. The last few weeks have been a fun-filled here at Fort Knox. We had a few Families join us for Thanksgiving Dinner at Kouma DFAC. I hope that those who did join us enjoyed the meal. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, we had our Battalion Christmas party out at Camp Carlson. We had a great turnout for that event. Even Santa Claus was able to make it. We finished up the festivities the next day with a Soldier/Family Santa's Castle Toy March to the Red Cross building where we donated toys to needy families. MG Milano happened to stop by and commended the Soldiers and Families of the 19<sup>th</sup> for continuing to step up and help the post even while the unit is deployed.

December will be my last month commanding the Rear Detachment. CPT Amy Hutter will be taking the reins on January 7<sup>th</sup>. She is fresh off of a deployment with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ESC and will take command of one of the 19<sup>th</sup> Engineer companies late next year. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as the Rear Detachment Commander. I hope that I have helped make this deployment as smooth and successful as possible. I know that I am leaving you in good hands with CPT Hutter.

Rear Detachment Commander — CPT Paul Turbeville

**19th Engineer Battalion  
Kandahar, Afghanistan**



**Above:** Toy March at Fort Knox. All Toys were donated to the American Red Cross

**Below:** Santa visiting the children at the FRG Christmas Party at Camp Carlson



**Upcoming FRG Meetings:**

**HSC—January 21, 2010**

1800-2000hrs

Battalion Classroom

**FSC—January 12, 2010**

1800-2000hrs

BN Conference Room

**15th EN CO—January 19, 2010**

1800-2000hrs

Battalion Classroom

**76th EN CO—January 21, 2010**

1800-2000hrs

McDonalds in Radcliff (Lincoln Trail)

**502nd MRBC—January 12, 2010**

1800-2000hrs

Main Post Chapel Annex



# THE SEAHORSE STANDARD



★ **19th Engineer Battalion vFRG Website: [www.armyfrq.org](http://www.armyfrq.org)**

★ Click on “register” or “log in” if you already have a user account to access the 19th  
★ EN BN FRG site. If logging in for the first time, create a user name and password,  
★ you will need the last four of your sponsor’s SSN. Locate our FRG by clicking on  
★ the state of KY on the map. Scroll down to Ft. Knox and click on the 19th EN BN  
★ link. This will take you to the site where information, pictures, and news will be  
★ posted once it becomes available. The Army FRG site also offers many tools and  
★ resources to family members back at home. Here are some additional helpful web-  
★ sites we encourage you to explore:

★ [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)      [www.uasjobs.opm.org](http://www.uasjobs.opm.org)

★ [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com)      [www.usacares.org/about.html](http://www.usacares.org/about.html)

★ [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)      [www.goldstarwives.org](http://www.goldstarwives.org)

★ [www.nacrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/army.php](http://www.nacrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/army.php)

