



## **Bravo Company “Bushmaster” 1-327 Family Readiness Group News Letter – DEC 2007**

MERRY CHRISTMAS Bushmaster Family! Christmas is a time for family and friends. Although we are thousands of miles away the love and support from you all can defiantly felt here at FOB Summerall.

As the Company Commander I would like to thank the families for all of your support during this long deployment. Without your strength and support we would never be able to do what we do. I also would like to thank the City of Burlingame, especially Don Dornell, for all of the care packages, cards, and emails. A special thanks goes out to the Kurth family as well. All of your support has kept our spirits high and reminds us of why we are here to our protect freedom.

The last month has been a busy one for Bushmaster. The company said goodbye to Company Executive Officer 1LT Mark Herlick. Mark was pulled to work in the operations cell at Battalion. Thanks for all your hard work Mark! Second Platoon’s Platoon Leader, 1LT Lulli, took over as the Company Executive Officer. The Company also rotated back to the original three platoon setup. 1LT Enlow (who was the PL for the forth platoon) replaced 1LT Lulli as the PL for second platoon.

Yours Soldiers have been busy over the past month. Second and third platoons participated one of the largest Iraqi Army missions ever conducted. There was an article on the front page of the Stars and Stripes Newspaper about the mission. The mission was a little rough due to the large number of Iraqi forces all trying to work as one but overall was a success.

First Platoon successfully discovered multiple IED’s and along with second platoon capture enemy based on intel provided by locals. While third platoon capture some important enemy targets that where trying to enter the city and continue to excel at engaging the local populace. In all the company actually went over a month without a single attack within the city of Siniyah where we patrol. This can be contributed to the many patrols and hard work by all of the Soldiers of Bushmaster.

Happy Birthday to the following individuals who celebrate birthdays in Dec and Jan:

SSG Aguilar – 9 DEC  
SPC Welch – 15 DEC  
PV2 Ullery – 17 DEC  
PV2 Levine – 20 DEC  
PV2 Daniels – 21 DEC  
SSG Streib – 21 DEC  
PFC McClain – 24 DEC  
1LT Spurling – 19 JAN  
PFC Grammo – 25 JAN

PFC Crestik – 1 JAN  
SPC Wilson – 1 JAN  
PFC Linseno – 2 JAN  
PFC Augustin – 6 JAN  
SGT Mistrik – 11 JAN  
PFC Ochoa – 14 JAN  
SPC Smith – 14 JAN  
PV1 Johnson – 27 JAN  
PFC Gilleland – 29 JAN



PFC Milichichi – 26 JAN

CPL Couch – 30 JAN

Happy Anniversary to the following couples who celebrate anniversaries in Dec and Jan:

SPC Tirserio – 2 DEC

PV1 Colvin – 15 DEC

SSGDees – 15 DEC

PFC Mills – 4 JAN

CPL Lewis – 16 JAN

SPC Meyers – 24



(Some 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT and HQ Bushmaster Soldiers on Christmas)

As for Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) recent upgrades to the Joint Security Station (JSS) with internet and phone capabilities increased the lines of communication between the Soldiers and their families. FSC created an indoor golf range that is available for Soldiers to use. There is a large gym on the FOB that many Soldiers take advantage of on their recovery days.

Thank you for supporting your Soldier(s) during this long deployment. I wish all of you God Speed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your family readiness group representative or my wife Tracy, the FRG Leader, at [TLynB13@AOL.COM](mailto:TLynB13@AOL.COM).

Thanks, again!

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