



The month in Review



January seemed to have flown by very fast but is not without its tremendous accomplishments. Charlie Company began the month with the promotion of one of our Flight Operations Specialists (SPC Raposa) to Sergeant, and was culminated by a visit from the Battalion Commander to acknowledge the amazing work ethic of WO1 Thacker, and his dedication to Alamo Java, by presenting him with a coin. Amidst a demanding flight schedule for all, having to cover for those on leave, the members of Charlie Company continued to set a high standard for efficiency and mission readiness, while continuing to maintain an Operational Readiness rate of 90%. The month also brought about many changes by way of personnel. We gained a unit member back from Alpha Company (WO1 Kelley) , who gratefully accepted his new MEDEVAC mission, and were able to promote him to CW2. We received CW3 Greg Rollo to aid with the PC training, from FOB Normandy, and moved others out there to fill holes in the schedule while personnel are on leave. We were able to award CW2 Tyson Phillips his Pilot In Command (PC) status, which helps the company further accomplish its mission, as well as witnessed the re-enlistment of Flight Medic SGT Jeffry Dixon. Having been here five months already, a change in surroundings was welcomed with open arms with those personnel chosen to take part in the trip to the city of Ur with the Battalion Chaplain. We have celebrated the birth of a new child for CW2 Dustin McNeely and his wife back home, and provided a stable, supportive environment for those Soldiers having to go through tough times with family members at home as well. Our mission numbers have reduced since our first days of arriving here, but the members of Charlie Company continue to maintain a high level of professional readiness and dedication to their mission. During the time off the flight schedule, our Soldiers are continuously pleased with the new and fun activities our MWR staff (1Lt Kate Merriam and SPC Aaron Withrow) have planned. From a night of Alamo Dustoff Rummy, Scategories, or "Catch Phrase", to a "Tejano Night" supported by music, and the beans and rice medley made by SFC Juan Rendon and SSG Richard Ramirez (R&R) , Charlie Company is able to consistently maintain a high level of motivation and positive morale. Many unit members have become frequent fliers at the local indoor pool and find that it helps to increase their drive for physical readiness, as well as provide a break from "the Island" we know as Kelly Compound. As we turned the corner on a new year, we have implemented changes to give Soldiers opportunities to learn and grow in other areas of MEDEVAC and battalion level missions. One of our biggest projects is to prepare the new MEDEVAC compound for our replacements, and our guys are putting forth an enormous amount of energy to ensure it is ready to go in perfect time. Our missions continue to be very rapid, critical and tremendously rewarding; supporting our fighting forces on the ground, and civilian personnel, in their attempts at stabilizing the country to ensure it's successful future. It is with great pride and dedication that each and every member of Alamo Dustoff provides their technical and tactical proficiencies on a daily basis to those in the entire theater of operations. Until the day that every Charlie Company soldier leaves this area of operations and passes the torch to the next unit, we will remain vigilant and ready to sustain the fighting force and provide the best, and most proficient, MEDEVAC available to our fighting Soldiers and civilians..

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