

RED WARRIORS

1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment



Soldiers stand in line at the DFAC during Christmas while 1LT Williams (C Co PL) waits to serve them.

A December to Remember

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Families and friends of the Red Warriors,

It is hard to believe that another month has already passed by; our seventh month in Afghanistan.

The month began with a promotion / awards ceremony recognizing over 30

deserving Soldiers for their achievement and contributions and ended with a Christmas / New Year celebration full of great food for all Soldiers in the Battalion Task Force regardless of their location. During Christmas we each celebrated in our own way. The Dining



SGT John Thomas (S1 NCO) dresses up for Christmas

FOB Wilson Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Center



CPT Peterson gets caught sorting mail

Facility put on a terrific spread of ham, turkey, fish, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, macaroni and cheese, and corn on the cob in addition to assorted salads and cakes. Everyone was in high spirits despite being away from our families and we made the best of it. Some enjoyed a little down time while others enjoyed various team building activities. It was a good Christmas. The outpouring of support of holiday goodies and decorations made this Christmas memorable for all of the Soldiers.

In addition to all the progress we have made with securing the Afghan population, the partnership with the Afghan National Security Forces, establishing four company outposts, and beginning developmental projects in our area of operations, we have made many improvements in and around Forward Operating Base (FOB) Wilson and surrounding outposts.

DynCorps, a United States

Government contracting agency, has been hired to improve our infrastructure, establish a new dining facility, establish morale, welfare, and recreation facilities, supervise safety projects, and other critical life support items. Although DynCorps has just begun its upgrades on the FOB, we have already seen a marked improvement with connectivity between the forward deployed Soldier and families and friends back home.

As the Soldiers of this Task Force reflect on the sacrifices made by our comrades and their families over the last seven months, we hope that all of you had a safe and happy holiday season.



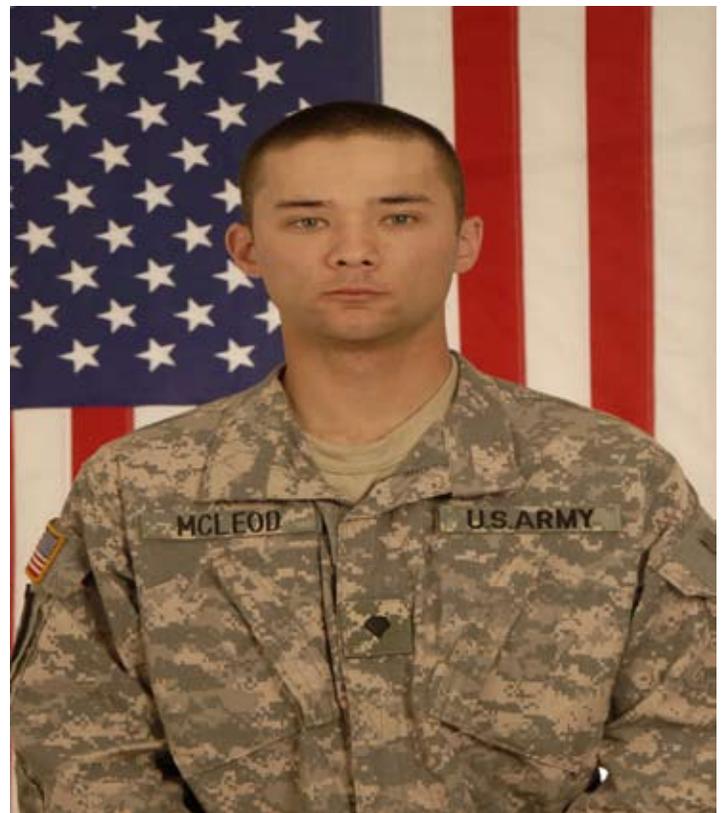
The FOB decorates for the Holidays



On November 28th we mourned the loss of one of our Red Warriors. SGT Jason McLeod was killed during a mortar attack on the 23rd of November 2009.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal w/bronze service star Global War on terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal w/bronze service star, and the NATO Medal. He was also awarded the Combat Action Badge.

SGT McLeod is survived by his wife Amiee, daughter Jocelyn, mother Barbara, and father Gregory.



Rest well Red Warrior your job is done.

Our Fallen Red Warriors are gone but never forgotten ... NEVER