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(Left) Sailors with the FCPOA fry turkeys for Marines and Sailors in the Barracks on November 17th, 2017.

(Below) LtCol Tinson cuts the first piece of the Marine Corps birthday cake on November 3rd, 2017



(Below) Families, Marines, and Sailors with Santa himself at our annual Christmas Party on December 3rd, 2017





COMMANDING OFFICER

TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF MCSFBN,

Happy New Year! I'm confident everyone enjoyed a much-deserved festive yet restful holiday with friends and family. First off, I want to thank the entire team (Marines, Sailors, civilians, and family members) for your

continued support and commitment to this Battalion. We are better because each of you care and want the best for our team. Now that 2017 is almost behind us, I hope you are ready for fresh opportunities and committed to those challenging New Year's resolutions that you set out to achieve.

As we entered a new fiscal year and accomplished all we set out to accomplish in First Quarter FY18, I want to update everyone. Firstly, we celebrated the 242nd birth of our Corps and Navy! The Balls were professionally coordinated and executed. I think all participants enjoyed a great evening with their shipmates and loved ones. We also successfully completed two major administrative inspections. The

team did well and from the experience, our Battalion is in a better place and I look forward to the results of our education. On the safety front, we exceeded expectations and crushed our goals for FY17! The FY17

data shows that our teams of professionals are serious about being good stewards of our resources. More importantly, our leaders are leading - Force Preservation.

I'd like to welcome all our new officers, Marines, and Sailors who have recently joined the Battalion. I also want to send sincere congratulations to all our newly-promoted Marines and Sailors over the past few months, all our parents to newly born MCSFBN babies, all our re-enlistees, our graduates of PME courses, and recently awarded high performers. Also a huge thank you to our volunteers who coordinated multiple holiday events for the Battalion!

Finally, I encourage everyone to continue to support each other at work and at home; maintain focus on a daily basis. I am thankful for all you do to keep our Nation safe and proud of all our team and individual accomplishments. We are successful due to the hard work, dedication, and teamwork that I see every day. The mission is clear; our members are our most precious asset; our machines enhance our effectiveness. Who are we? "The Pride of the Pacific Northwest"!

IN YOUR SERVICE ,
KARL TINSON
LIEUTENANT COLONEL, USMC
COMMANDING OFFICER





SERGEANT MAJOR



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO THE MARINES, SAILORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MARINE CORPS SECURITY FORCE BATTALION, BANGOR!

This time of year is filled with the hustle and bustle of getting gifts bought, travel arrangements made, and preparing our homes to host our loved ones. It is a time for joy, a time for reflection, a time for worship and unfortunately for some a time for remembering those that are not with us. As members of the military, our families are all too familiar with having to celebrate life's special moments without us at times; we sacrifice and so do they! As I am writing this letter I am reflecting upon the fact that this will be my 22nd Christmas on active duty. Out of those 22 Christmases, I have been fortunate enough to spend Christmas with my parents four times.

I can remember my first Christmas away from home in 1995. I was new to the unit and had not yet received the required security clearance to stand any of the inside posts. So, I stood the dreaded Post 4. Now, Post 4 was a walking post along the Potomac River in Quantico, Virginia. The wind would blow across that frigid water and chill you all the way down to marrow of your bones. The path along the water's edge was well worn through the scrub brush that would dance with the wind. The ground was always damp and soft and seemed to drain the happiness out of your being, like kryptonite drains Superman's strength. Post 4 was absolutely no fun and was absolutely walked by every Marine that had ever

reported to that unit. Since it was Christmas, post 4 seemed even worse to me. This was the first Christmas that I was away from my family. As I walked my post in a military manner with my rifle slung on my shoulder, my mind started to wander. I started to lose focus because I was consumed with the thoughts of what everyone back home was doing. I no longer smelled the cold, fishy Potomac. Instead, I smelled my mom's wonderful cooking. I could smell the mix of the savory holiday feast and the perfume of my grandmother. I could imagine my brother and sister's digging into the special cookies, cakes, and pies. Instead of the cold, dank sight of the river bank, I could see my family gathered around the tree exchanging gifts. For a moment my heart sank and I felt regret for joining the Marines and being away from home. I also remember being snapped back to reality by the radio crack requiring me to report my status.

I quickly regained my focus and remembered that my job was very important and that my family was extremely proud of me. I remembered that earlier that day I had spoken to my parents on the phone and they told me that this Christmas would not be the same without me. I remembered that even though I was away from home, I was never far from the hearts and minds of my family. I can remember to this day that I turned my sadness into pride and was able to face Post 4 with a new found motivation. To those that will have the watch, please know that you will weigh heavily on my mind. To the families that do not have your loved ones home with you this Holiday Season, please realize that their job is vital to the security of this nation and your pride in them is very well deserved.

Please stay safe and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year!

SEMPER FI,
JOSEPH CAPUTO
SERGEANT MAJOR, USMC



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MASTER CHIEF



MCSFBN FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND SHIPMATES,

As many of you may or may not have heard, I have assumed the role as the Battalion Master Chief. I want to thank Master Chief Tatum for his mentorship and commitment to the Sailors and Marines of this Battalion. We wish him fair winds and following sea's on his next assignment!

In this quarter we had a great time promoting our newest petty officers to the rank of Petty Officer First Class, Second Class, and Third Class. They were as follows:

Master at Arms Petty Officer First Class: Heather L. Paredes

Master at Arms Petty Officer Second Class: Samuel L. Akerson III, Justin B. Byers, Neno F. Coehlo, Nicholas R. Cullison, Orlando Delacruz, Ruben A. Flores, Jakarie K. Jackson, Alonda D. Powell, Jason D. Reyes, Logan G. Sad, Warren Z. Salyer

Master at Arms Petty Officer Third Class: Arica T. Aguirre, Kirkland J. Banker, Ernest O. Barnes, Blaine W. Beckerefaw, Michael L. Binyon Jr, Noah T. Buckingham, Jose A. Castruita, Drew A. Dodson, Abigail K. Dyer, Colin J. Elmquist, Joseph J. Estillore, Jesus Fernandez, Cristian A. Flores, Alexis L. Griffin, Kimberly E. Griffin, Brandon K. House, Austin T. Kindley, Adam C. Knight, Sharelly Landamoreno, Jace C. Lobert, Deon Love, Mario A. Martinez, Chase M. Meyer, Brandon M. Miller, Rosendo Nalam Jr., Samuel W. Pierce, Jesse R. Reyna, Andrea Rincon, Colby W. Riner, Devin M. Ritter, Jonathon A. Sayre, Adam D. Schroeder, Christian M. Stack, Melissa R. Trevino, Jose L. Uriarte, Joslynn D. Watkins.

I would like to add that if you would like to see your name in future newsletters, starting in January 2018, I will be putting on a MAA study group for all pay grades. This will run Monday through Friday every week until the March Exams. Don't miss this opportunity!!!

Thank you for your family's commitment to our Battalion, our Navy, and our Nation! Go Seahawks!

JASON WILLOUGHBY
MASTER CHIEF, USN



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF MCSFBN,

I recently received this letter
from a military mother:

"Hey Sailor/Marine-

Thank you so much for being the kind of person who is willing to leave home and family for such a cause. My son is in the Army (I know, I know, but he's still a great guy) so I know the depth of that sacrifice and I have a glimpse into your hearts and the hearts of your loved ones. The thing you do—serving your country—is no light commitment—it takes such a strong, loyal and steadfast individual.

In this frightening world today, it comforts my heart so much to know there are people like you in the world. So keep your head held high and know that all over this nation there are people who pray for you and think of you and thank you silently but sincerely for your great gift."

Many of you Sailors and Marines will be away from home, and perhaps even standing watch throughout Christmas. Many of you spouse's may also be alone, with your loved one on duty. What you sacrifice really is a gift for all Americans. It is not easy. Sometimes it is not fun. This is a reminder that there are people out there who really and truly care about you and are thankful for you. I am also incredibly thankful for you, and I am here to support you in any way that I can. There is a popular verse from my faith tradition that states, "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God". I truly believe that. Thank you for what you do, and your willingness to do it.

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FAMILY READINESS OFFICER



DEAR MCSFBN FAMILY,

Coming in 2018, there will be a number of changes coming to beneficiaries with their TRICARE benefit. The changes will expand beneficiary choice, improve access to network providers simplify beneficiary copayments, and enhance administrative efficiency. PLEASE ensure your dependent information is updated in DEERS. There will be a number of changes coming to beneficiaries with their TRICARE benefit including a change to the current TRICARE regions. Additionally, the TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra options will be replaced with a new TRICARE Select option. To learn more about changes, go to <https://tricare.mil/About/Changes/Select>

In preparation for these changes, enrollments in TRICARE health plans will be delayed. The delay period - or enrollment freeze - will begin on December 1, 2017 and last approximately three weeks, or until the data transfer is complete. To learn more, visit: www.tricare.mil/changes/enroll

We do not have a regional Tricare Office. If you have questions, reach out to Tricare directly at <https://tricare.mil/ContactUs> or call UnitedHealthcare for TRICARE WEST at 1-877-988-WEST (1-877-988-9378)

If you're looking for updates on Tricare, information and referral, other resources and benefits look no further than here to stay plugged unto our unit and base! Our unit site <https://www.facebook.com/BangorMCSF/> always has updated photos and events. <https://www.facebook.com/BangorMCSF/> Naval Base Kitsap has something for everyone, especially with the holidays coming up, be sure to check their website out at <http://www.navylifepnw.com/>

If you're looking for information on the area, things to do, or ever need resources, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am available by e-mail, phone, and response to message on our unit Facebook page. Thanks for everything you do—our Marines and Sailors are great because our families are!

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ALPHA COMPANY

GREETINGS ALPHA FAMILY,

Happy Holidays! Since our last newsletter the company has been busy. The Recapture Tactics Team has been furiously preparing for the upcoming Close Quarter Battle School with all school seats filled. These Marines will be attending the course in January. The holiday leave periods are in effect and each Marine and Sailor has been afforded time off that is offset with our continuing mission requirements. These leave blocks are well deserved and a great opportunity to relax and spend time with friends and family as we begin a new year.

Congratulations are in order for our Navy platoons who recently held advancements for a large pool of our Sailors. Company A had great representation at this event and demonstrated that we continue to lead the way. Our Marine Platoons swept Marine of the Quarter and NCO of the quarter for the second consecutive period as well as securing two meritorious promotions. Company A is knocking it out of the park!

I look forward to what 2018 brings and am proud of the accomplishments and accolades that your Sailors and Marines continue to achieve.

SEMPER FIDELIS,
JOSEF H. WIESE
MAJOR, USMC



(Left) Alpha Company Leadership: Master Chief Willighouby, Major Wiese, and 1stSgt Game





BRAVO COMPANY



(Left) Bravo Company Leadership: GySgt Basan, Major Walker, and Senior Chief Scott



(Above) Corporal Banker, Lance Corporal Martinezzamora, Corporal Halfacre, and Lance Corporal Wolf from Bravo Company Marines were promoted in a ceremony on November 1, 2017.

GREETINGS BRAVO FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

Bravo Company has continued to excel during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2018. Our job remains a significant feature of our national defense strategy; and your professional excellence, conduct, and capabilities have kept us ready to overcome any challenges. We celebrated both the Navy and Marine Corps 242nd birthdays this year with an outstanding ceremony for the Navy in October and the Marine Corps Ball in November.

Bravo Company Sailors and Marines have demonstrated professionalism and tactical proficiency through rigorous training over the last quarter. We conducted several live-fire qualification ranges at Joint-Base Lewis McChord and Small Arms Training Center at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor to maintain proficiency in all of our weapons systems. Our resolve in completing our mission is the driving force behind our success.

Moving into the second quarter, we will continue to succeed in our primary mission, and we will refine and enhance our dynamic combat potential. Most significantly, we will demonstrate our superior warfighting capability in a series of Waterfront Restricted Area company-level defensive drills

As we head into the holiday season, remember to celebrate safely and take care of each other. This is a special time of year so I urge you to spend time with loved ones if you can and reflect on the positive things you have experienced in the past year. On behalf of all Bravo Company Leadership I would like to wish you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

SEMPER FIDELLIS,
FRANK WALKER
MAJOR, USMC



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HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY

GREETINGS H&S FAMILY,

I had the privilege of taking command of Headquarters and Service Company in October and am truly honored and excited to join our Marines and Sailors as being a part of MCSFBn, the Pride of the Pacific Northwest! I would like to take a moment to thank Lieutenant Geilenfeldt on the outstanding turnover and congratulate him on his pending retirement - fair winds and following seas Tim! First Sergeant Fontenot is also departing the company as he will be reporting to 1st Maintenance Battalion in Camp Pendleton in January. He will be replaced by First Sergeant Metzger, who is coming from 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion in Camp Lejeune. Additionally, Staff Sergeant Yuen joined the Company and filled the previously vacant role of Company Gunnery Sergeant. Despite the turnover in the company office, our Marines and Sailors continue to excel and provide superior support in the accomplishment of MCSFBn's mission. I truly appreciate the time and effort that our Marines and Sailors put forth to make us successful. During this holiday period, I hope that all of you have the opportunity to take a reprieve from the high operational tempo, and spend some well-deserved quality time with your loved ones. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DYLAN BAKER
MAJOR, USMC

*(Below) H&S Company Leadership: Chief
Garcia Maj Baker, 1stSgt Fontenot*





NAVY PROMOTIONS



Petty Officer Third Class

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Petty Officer First Class

Heather L. Paredes



MARINE PROMOTIONS



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS: James Cothorn, Caleb Diekema, Matthew Epps, Collin Flynn, Jareth Francisco, Bryn Hart, Connor Land, Matthew Laub, Jackson Litle, Matthew Maloy, Kody Sweet, Caleb Tobola, Hunter Twining



LANCE CORPORAL: Adin Croft, Austin Nagl, Bailey Costa, Billy Fea III, Brett Webb, Carlos Merazromero, Chase Aagard, Christopher Austin, Dillon Lee, Dominic Olmedo, Hunter Jenkins, Jack Davis, Jackson Rigler, Jacob Dahm, Jamir Judd, Jayson Zito, Joshua Richardson, Jovani Martinezzamora, Lai Saechao, Logan Swinderman, Matteo Vasile, Matthew Indorato, Michael Johnson, Nathan Smith, Nelson Dominguez, Nelson Wolf, Nicolas Hernandez, Noah Longo, Paris Sitchler, Ryan Mcdaniel, Saul Bautista, Shane Raines, Tony Green Jr, Trevor MacDougal, Ty Eddie, Tyler Gill, Warren Johnsen, Wesley Rodd, Zachary Berger, Zachary Mcauley, Zack Smith



CORPORAL: Adam Jakubowski, Andrew Banker, Andrew Guardiola, Andrew Longest, Austin Parker, Benjamin Elisha, Charles Black, Christopher Stockwell Jr, Dalton Bridenstine, Eric Capo, Eric Maginnis, Jace Peterson, Jacob Featherly, Jacob Pursch, Jason Vultaggio, Jeffrey Reaves Jr, Jesse Johnson, John Dron, Jordan Glegola, Joseph Nall, Joshua Xiong, Juan Quintero, Kevin Mack, Kevin Stanley, Kyle Perry, Luis Silva, Marco Espinoza, Nathan Barbian, Phillip Tran, Ryan Lopez, Steve Tejada, Timothy Halfacre, Travis Pierpoint, Wyatt Olson



SERGEANT: Abran Brambila, Cameron Brower, Hector Razo, Jose Cortez, Ryan Walker



STAFF SERGEANT: Daniel Ryan, Joshua Lee, Justin Warren, Kevin Brown, Samuel Kolar, Zachariah Korte



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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE QUARTER

(Left) Celebrating the Navy's 242nd birthday on October 13th, the oldest and youngest Sailors in Battalion shared the first piece of cake, Master at Arms Seaman Blairs who is 18 and Master at Arms Senior Chief Falany who is 47. MASN Blairs is celebrating her first Navy Birthday on active duty while MACS Falany is celebrating his 26th Navy birthday, passing the rich Navy heritage along to our newest members.

(Below) Major Walker presents Master at Arms Petty Officer Second Class Orlando Delacruz with a Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance. .



(Above) LtCol Tinson and SgtMaj Caputo about to step off for the Marine Corps Birthday Moto Run November 3rd, 2017



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(Above) S4 building team comradery with a paintball PME

(Below) Battalion Color Guard at the Kitsap Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th, 2017

(Right) The MWR Committee provided the Battalion with Christmas Trees for all of the Bn Bldgs, shown here is the Quarterdeck Tree





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(Above) The graduates of Corporals Course 3-17 who celebrated their mess night prior to graduation on October 19th 2017. The honor graduate was Corporal Daniel S. Molina and the Gung-Ho recipient was Corporal Taylor J. Macom-Hilton. The Guest of Honor for mess night was David Borders (USMC, retired), he shared some valuable guidance with the NCO's moving forward:

*Listen to your team , Communicate as efficiently as possible , Talk less, Be the example, Be passionate, Be consistent, Make firm decisions, Identify the next generation of mentors and role models
Thank you Mr. Borders and all of the facilitators and leaders involved with Corporal's Course 3-17 for leading from the front and setting the example!*



(Left) SSgt Piemonte with the S4 shop after his re-enlistment ceremony

(Right) MWD at the H&S Change of Command





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(Above) GySgt Basan goes over water survival qualifications and tactics with Marines



(Above) SSgt Eric McLeish re-enlisted for another 4 years of faithful service. His re-enlisting officer was Capt Scott Suess

(Below) Sailors and Marines volunteering at the Base Trunk or Treat

(Below) On Bravo Company Sailors and Marines commemorate the 242nd birthday of the United States Marine Corps with a cake cutting ceremony on November 10th, 2017.





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(Above) Bravo Company Sailors and Marines participate in a re-enlistment ceremony for MA3 Begley and MA3 Vasquez.



(Above) Marines from Bravo Company 1st Platoon conduct training exercises in patrolling, immediate action drills, fire and maneuver tactics and vehicle employment drills