

ALPHA COMPANY NEWS LETTER

FROM THE DIAMOND

Dear Wives, Family Members, and Friends,

We are now coming to the end of our first month in Iraq. Just in this short time the Battalion has been put to the test. As many of you already know we have taken KIA's and WIA's. I can assure that the best in medical care is being given and in a speedy fashion. As a Company, Alpha has had some close calls but has had no casualties thus far. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those injured and killed in Weapons Company, and Bravo Company.

A special thank you goes to Dawn Rowe who has served as Alpha Company's Key Wives Coordinator. She was invaluable during our preparation and deployment ensuring that the key wives; wives and family members of Alpha Company were also ready for this deployment. Her husband Maj. Rowe was killed in Action soon after arriving in theater. We will miss her hard work, devotion and special touch that she put into her efforts. A pavilion was constructed for the Marines so they can get out of the sun, eat chow, and hang out. It is named in his honor and will remain when we leave as a lasting memorial to a man that trained many of the Marines in this Company.

Christina Pirtle is stepping up to the plate and will be the new Key Wives Coordinator. Please support her in her efforts to serve the Company.

Congratulations go out to Cpl Clarke from 3rd Platoon and LCpl Medina from Weapons Platoon. They were recently selected by the Battalion for Combat Meritorious Promotions.

I will continue to take pictures of your Marines and post them on this web site. Some Marines have evaded me so far, so if you haven't seen your Marine yet it won't be long before you do.

Continue to support your Marine by snail mail, e-mail and packages. These are a force multiplier and will keep them in good spirits.

You can be confident that the Marines of Alpha Company are performing their mission in a highly professional manner. Even though they are very busy, and tired they have not forgotten those left behind. From all of us here in Iraq we thank you for your support.

Semper Fidelis
1stSgt Weir

