



**April 3, 2011**  
*Weekly report*

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## **Afghan Border Patrolman exemplifies leadership**

Wali Jan has been serving in the Afghan Border Police for the past five years and is currently enrolled in the non-commissioned officer's course at the Joint Security Academy Southwest ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Lance Cpl. Bryan Nygaard, RC (SW)*

## **Unclogging arteries brings lifeblood back to Zaranj**

Twenty kilometers of newly excavated canal reopened in Zaranj, Nimroz province, Afghanistan. ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Lance Cpl. Daniel Wulz, RC (SW)*





## High maintenance vehicles run by high performance Marines

Assault Breacher Vehicle platoon, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, adapts and overcomes obstacles... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Cpl. John McCall, 2<sup>nd</sup> MarDiv*

## Operation Watchtower: Fox Company searches for insurgents, finds peace

Fox Company concluded the three-day operation, March 25, without firing a single shot ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Sgt. Jesse Stence, RCT-1*



## Relics of defeat: Marines uncover insurgent caches

Like tomb raiders, the Marines unearth the deadly treasures of those who no longer rule Helmand province... ([Read Story](#))

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## RCT-8 spreads goodwill to neighbors

Marines with RCT-8 left the security of Forward Operating Base Delaram II and made a short journey to the village to spread goodwill to the neighboring area by distributing toys and candy to the children and talking to the village elders ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Lance Cpl. Clayton Vonderahe, RCT-8*



## KC-130J Harvest Hawk: Marines teach old plane new tricks

One of the U.S. military's most seasoned aircraft has found a new purpose as a one-of-a-kind weapon for the Marine Corps in support of troops on the ground in Afghanistan ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Staff Sgt. Christopher Flurry, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW*

## Untouchables touch down: New River support squadron lands in Afghanistan

Marine Wing Support Squadron 272 accepted authority of support operations for the air combat element of RC Southwest ... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Lance Cpl. Samantha Arrington, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW*





## Joint operations increase resupplies, ease burdens

The Air Delivery Platoon, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) completed its first air drop with the Air Force since the beginning of operations in Afghanistan... ([Read Story](#))

*Story by Staff Sgt. Theresa Seng, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLG*

## Helicopter Support Team delivers Bobcat to FOB

Helicopter Support Team, Landing Support Detachment, Headquarters and Support Company, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) attached a bobcat to a Sikorsky CH-53E ... ([Read Story](#)) ([Watch Video](#))

*Story by Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLG*  
*Video by Sgt. Rachael Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> MLG*



## Irish Guards continue to drive out insurgents

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion Irish Guards have further stamped their authority on an insurgent-occupied area of Helmand's Nahr-e Saraj district... ([Read Story](#))

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## **British Army medics train Afghan nurses**

Three British Army medics serving in Afghanistan's Helmand province have begun teaching their skills to a group of Afghan nurses...  
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