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HEADQUARTERS, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION, 12<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT  
TF LETHAL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM  
BAGRAM AIR FIELD, APO AE 09354



**A Letter to the Veterans of 2-12 Infantry - Lethal Warriors**

On behalf of CSM Tim Speichert, I would like to take the opportunity to write to our great community of Lethal Warrior Veterans to update you on the state of the battalion. Since I last wrote you, Task Force Lethal has been busy setting the conditions for a smooth transition into Afghanistan. Our Soldiers started deploying in late February, and we are now on fully on the ground and executing our wartime mission. As some of you know, the months of January and February were some of the busiest of our previous year, as training, family readiness and equipment outflow required energy and focus. I am so proud of the effort put forth by our Soldiers, Leaders and Families to ensure that 2-12 is fully prepared for the mission that we are embarking upon in Afghanistan. Our final days at Fort Carson were highlighted by a very special visit by Larry and Kathy Walter, Arnold Krause and Craig Schoonderwoerd!



*1-12 and 2-12 CMD Teams with Arnold, Craig, Larry and Kathy*



*In front of the Regimental Colors and the American Flag that flew in Vietnam in front of 2-12's BN HQs – given to the BN by Mrs. Phillips (widow of LTC Shep Phillips)*

As I send this letter, 2-12 Infantry is hitting the ground running and moving to the sound of the guns! Task Force Lethal has assumed duties as the Theater Reserve Force (TRF), a mission that is incredibly unique in terms of our mission profile and the organizations with which we work. Moreover, as the TRF, 2-12 Infantry directly interacts with Resolute Support and United States Forces – Afghanistan Headquarters, a huge responsibility that requires our best each and every day. Of note, TF Lethal's first mission occurred on March 7<sup>th</sup>, with D/2-12 departing on a 2-week operation in support of Coalition Forces and Afghan National Defense & Security Forces (ANDSF) in Northern Afghanistan.



*Larry, Kathy, Arnold and Craig visiting with IVY 6, MG Randy George*

All Lethal Soldiers have settled into their new homes for the next nine months, and have adjusted to the battle rhythm which may require them to rise and bed down at odd hours of the day. The dining facilities and gyms accommodate all sorts of schedules, so our Lethal Soldiers always have the resources to stay in warfighting shape. Among other resources on base, the USO has many activities to help Soldiers continue to pursue their extracurricular interests and relieve the stress of deployment life.

Task Force Lethal continues to lead the way for the Warhorse Brigade – and we are approaching our newest mission with energy and enthusiasm. Despite our busy schedule, I am proud to report that the Leaders of 2-12 paused and honored our Veterans on March 21<sup>st</sup> with a Soui Tre “Leader Call.” As part of this special event, 1LT Joe Wade recapped the history and significance of the battle, leaders engaged in a practical exercise depicting the radio calls that were made at the time, and we watched an incredible video of the battle. Hats off to Arnold Krause for his ability to not only put the video together, but send it to us in Afghanistan within 48 hours notification! 2-12 closed the evening by smoking cigars and reflecting on many topics – one of which is the incredible group of Veterans that support us to this day



*Preparing to watch the historical recount of the Battle – supplied by Arnold Krause (C/2-12)*



*Leaders listen to a mock “radio call” during the Battle of Soui Tre*

CSM Speichert and I hope that this update finds each of you well and in good health. If there is anything the leaders of 2-12 Infantry can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me, CSM Speichert or LT Kevin Roake.

Having Been Led by Love of Country! Lethal Warriors!

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