To the Families and Supporters of the Gunfighters: To the dads of the soldiers in this company and to the father’s who serve in Iraq, Happy Father’s Day. I can say that I speak for every father over here serving the United States of America and its citizens that we would pick no other place than to be at home with our family. I cannot begin to tell you all how important your support to each and every soldier remains to be over here. As I walk through the rooms of the soldiers in this company, I can see on the walls the pictures of girlfriends, wives, and of course, the pictures of the children. Some of the pictures are of newborns and others are of the older children; but one thing remains constant, they are all proud papas. I hear them talk with such excitement about their families and the accomplishments of their children. Each picture that hangs on a wall remains to be a constant reminder of why we serve and who we protect. It is a sacred duty of every soldier to endure these hardships with each other, such as time away from family, and these men are doing a great job. Be proud of them all.
As the days pass and the temperature reaches well past 110 degrees, we are only reminded that we have one less day until we rejoin the families that we love and miss. Of course the days are getting longer and now that we have surpassed our 6 month mark of this deployment the days will now gradually fade away even longer. But the men keep busy and they continue to do an exceptional job in every task they are given. From guarding this camp to securing a vital road for our resupply, from conducting maintenance on our fleet of humvee’s and tracked vehicles to conducting missions with the Iraqi Army, these men continue to serve each other.

However, the down time gives the men a chance to play practical jokes on each other (these men are not short of their sense of humor at all) and to share stories about a recent letter from home or to share a care package. They continually pass around DVD movies and the latest edition of whatever magazine or they spend some time watching television on one of the many satellite dishes provided by the Armed Forces Network (AFN).

This month we welcomed three more soldiers to the Gunfighter’s: Specialist’s McKinley, Arnold, and Dickson. These soldiers are not new to being in the Army and their experience and desire to serve in this unit will be exploited fully by SFC Ruble and LT Goshen in 3rd Platoon I’m sure.

Additionally, last month the Gunfighter Fister’s were assigned to overwatch a very critical position with D Company and their calling for indirect fire on the enemy has contributed greatly to reducing the enemy’s strength and denying the enemy to get to a known weapons cache. Great job guys!!!
I also want to offer a company’s worth of support to our brothers in arms who are at home still recovering from their wounds received here on the streets of Ramadi. We have NOT forgotten about you and I want you to know that you give every soldier here reason and strength to fight on every single day. To SPC Ramsey and SSG Shaw, our thoughts are especially with you both as we can’t even begin to know what it has been like to overcome your injuries. 1SG Edwards, SSG Bastean, SSG Irby, SGT Wilczek, SPC Reed, PFC Alvarez, and PFC Duncan: We’d like for you to join us back on the streets but keep up the great work, we are proud of you and we can’t wait to see you all again when we return home in November.

The overwhelming support that has come in to this company has been truly amazing. I can’t even begin to list the numerous donors of everything from sheets for the soldiers, personal hygiene items, food, the snacks, the cookies, drink mixes, and of course the letters, cards, and pictures. Please keep those letters and boxes coming in.

1SG Klutts’ Corner: Hello to everyone back home. To the wives that are holding down a job, taking care of the kids, cleaning the house, paying the bills, and still finding time to send out care packages to their husband’s over here in Iraq. To the kids who pull the extra weight of mowing the grass, taking out the garbage, and telling their Mother they love them at least once a week…Thank you for being there for your husbands and Fathers so they can do their jobs here in Iraq with determination and clarity of mind.

Soldier of the Month: SPC Richard Cruz. SPC Cruz demonstrated his leadership potential when he stepped up and took charge of the Weapons Squad without missing a step. He led his Men on several missions out in the Mala’ab doing an excellent job. As well as leading men SPC Cruz leads the way with his barbering skills. He keeps 3d platoon and many others in the Company well groomed. Thanks for stepping up and doing the right thing to ensure the Company stays on the path to success.

NCO of the Month: SGT Carlos Rojas. SGT Rojas is the Headquarters platoon sergeant who has his hands in everything the Company does. He is out providing CASEVAC on missions as well as ensuring the supply and arms room have the supplies and parts to keep the Company operating at high speed without a glitch. Thank you for being there to ensure every task is done to standard and that no one Soldier goes without.

God bless you and all the families of Charlie Company

1SG Charles Klutts
Gunfighter 7
I hear from so many of you back at home that ask me question’s about life here on the camp and you also display your frustration that there just isn’t any news coming out about Ramadi. Well, I can’t really fix the lack of news and information but I can tell you so much about Camp Corregidor and the city of Ramadi. The “dust bowl” is yet another nickname for Camp Corregidor. When we first arrived here we were complaining about how the rain turned the fine sifted sand into a muck of mud but now that the rainy season is over, the sand has gone airborne. It seems to find its way into and onto everything we own. You would probably even hear us begging for a bit of rain right about now. Our brand new chow hall is undergoing construction and should be finished by the beginning of next month. Our PX, which still remains to be no bigger than your living room, is open though it is hard to keep things in stock.

So as we celebrate the death of Al Qaeda leader Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, we realize that there is still much work to be done in our area. Though we didn’t have a hand in his death and capture, we would like to think that the vigilance and audacious way that we conduct our operations kept him away from the area now known as AO Gunfighter! After all, the best way to predict the future is to create it.

Once again, tell these men every chance you get that you are proud of them and of the work they are doing here. Despite the lack of coverage from the news, take my word for it when I tell you that these men in this company are accomplishing great things. They are real heroes and they don’t ask for anything in return for the long hours of hard work and sacrifice.

Proudly,
Joseph R. Claburn
“Gunfighter 6”
Captain, U.S. Army
Commanding

Congratulations to the following soldiers that were promoted on the 1st of June to the Rank of Specialist:

1st Platoon
Specialist Beattie
Specialist Gilstrap
Specialist White

2nd Platoon
Specialist Eckeberger

3rd Platoon
Specialist Duncan
HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

SPC Gaydos and PFC Brown with their new friends; the Iraqi Army

If it absolutely has to be destroyed overnight, give it to SPC Donahue

PFC Stott dreaming about his next shift in the Gunfighter CP

1SG Klutts on patrol in the M113

Yes ma’am, that is a rocket pointed at your sons head (SPC Shepherd in the back of his humvee)
**1ST PLATOON**

NOT the drive thru for McDonald’s

PFC Opitz wishing he had some McDonald’s

PFC Luna with the “Ma Deuce” in OP Hotel

Zzzzzz….

We never told them that there was a gate just to their left

PFC Pelke’s job that day…. look busy!
SPC Minton wondering if that water is clean enough to take a bath

SPC Nohelty trying to look cool for his fiancé

“What do you mean we took a wrong turn?”

Someone get that map away from PFC Eckeberger

PFC Groman and SPC Santoro

SFC Lewis in his Sunday Best

SPC Ferrari trying to figure out why his sunglasses won’t work

We haven’t told these guys yet that they’re not in L.A.
Let us know if you see any of these guys on America’s Most Wanted

Are they old enough to smoke?

SSG Boreman at his best!!!

SPC Rice NOT lost

PFC Busiek still smiling from his mid tour leave