

### What is your favorite pastime at Camp Cajun?

“Playing chess and going to church. And I welcome all challengers.” CPT Thomas

“Hanging out with the Polish.” SGT Arlene Williams

“Hot showers. I’ve had one and I’ll never forget it.” SSG Kenner

“Talking to the hajjis.” CPL Corona

“Reading.” SPC Spillers



### Question of the Week

What do you miss most about being home, that you never thought you would miss?

*Submit answers to 1LT Townley*

“I plan on living forever! So far, so good...”

### WORDS FROM THE TOP

To all 769th soldiers serving in Afghanistan. It has been my pleasure to have served both Alpha and HSC, through the mobilization and deployment to Camp Cajun. Although there have been a few bumps in the road, overall I can say, that it is with pride that I serve with you all.

The last three months have been a challenge for all of us and the next three months can only hold more of the same. I know that as long as we continue to step forward in taking care of the missions as well as each other, we will complete this deployment and return home in fine 769th fashion.

Thank-you for continuing to impress me as you have in the past — 1SG Smith



## Major General Heines Visits Troops

This week we were fortunate to have been visited by Major General Heines, 416th Engineer Commander, shown here standing with LTC Boutte' and battalion staff.

MG Heines toured Camp Cajun and various projects and commented that he was impressed with the progress our soldiers were making on their missions and the quality of work that was taking place. Even the general recognized the fine work this battalion has been able to achieve in the short time since taking over from the 92nd engineers. We hit the ground running and we're still on the move.



## SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY TILLY VISITS BAGRAM

Three soldiers received coins from SMA Tilly. From left to right: SPC Reed, SFC Dykes, SPC Shelmire

Congratulations to these soldiers for being recognized by the highest ranking enlisted soldier in the US Army.

SFC Dykes will be happy to show off his one armed push-up!



## BRAGGIN' BOARD

Congratulations goes out to **PFC Steven Smith** on the birth of his new little bundle of joy. Jessica Marie Smith was born at 10:41AM, August 25, 2002. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs., length 19 1/2 inches.

**SPC Primas** received a coin from CPT Perkins for his hard work and dedication he has given to the 769th EN BN.

Congratulations and a pat on the back go out to **SSG McNaughton** for completing 36 consecutive days of supervising the Hydrema teams with no accidents or injuries. Safety first.

If you have someone you would like to congratulate or thank. Please submit requests to 1LT Townley.

**“POEM OF THE WEEK”  
3rd WORLD COUNTRY**

It's my first journey to a foreign land  
It's so horrific like not of God's plan  
I wonder if it's noticeable to the average man  
That America is the total opposite of Afghanistan

Many of the average folk fail to realize  
That the country that they live in is much more civilize  
Than being in Bagram and being force to compromise  
With the Hodgies, the dust, and every other surprise

Do you understand the words that are coming out of my mouth  
Obviously not; 'Cause at home when you have to go to work you pout  
You whine, you gripe and complain; your nose looks like a pig snout  
Your butt just probably realize what doing bad is all about

The predicaments that these people are in over here  
Should make you cherish everything back home so dear  
Would you like to live in a place where your kids walk there're bombs near  
Or where you dig a hole in the ground and bodies appear

You can't handle the power going out after a thunderstorm  
Just imagine no electricity being an everyday norm  
Back at home, when there's death, we come together and mourn  
Over here you should cry when another baby is born

Because he has been brought into a world of poverty  
Not having the choice to go to school or college you see  
Not even having the opportunity to become all that he can be  
Be grateful that you don't live in a 3rd World Country



SSG Shamory Gipson



**SSG Holman on the Prowl**

One of the duties at Camp Cajun is Sergeant of the Guard. This duty includes ensuring the base camp is secure and supervising the guard towers. It may seem like a medial task to some, but this is one time when all soldiers need to remember their basics, and how important they are during this deployment.

The Three General Orders are first taught at Basic Training and are now being used on a daily basis.

**General Orders:**

1. I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved.
2. I will obey my special orders and perform all of my duties in a military manner.
3. I will report violations of my orders emergencies and anything not covered in my instructions to the commander of the relief

If you have anything you would like published in the newsletter please submit to 1LT Townley.

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