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Mourning fallen Marines

CAMP PHOENIX, KABUL – The headquarters of Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix held a ceremony in Patriot Square on Saturday 21 June to commemorate four young Marines of the 2nd Battalion 7th Regiment who were lost in an IED strike on June 14 in Farah province. The Pentagon named six TF Phoenix Marines and one Navy Corpsman killed in action since last week. More notices are imminent. Major General Robert Cone, commander of Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A) attended along with other senior leaders. Members of the 27th



COL Brian K. Balfe, CSM David Piwowarski, Chaplain (MAJ) Glenn McQuown and Chaplain (Capt.) Gildardo Garcia kneel before the Fallen Warrior Memorial in Patriot Square. The American Flag is brought to half staff and Air Force Capt. Heidi Baker joins in the moment of silence before honor to the

Brigade Combat Team, U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force, and the resident detachments from France and Romania comprised the formation. Two Marine friends of the deceased served as honor guards next to the Fallen Warrior Memorial. Chief Warrant Officer Michael Brignone sang the National Anthem and the Marine Hymn. Air Force Chaplain Father Gildardo Garcia delivered the invocation. Command Sergeant Major David Piwowarski read a biographical summary written by the Marines' friends. The task force commander COL Brian K. Balfe delivered the keynote and 27th Chaplain Maj. Glen McQuown delivered the scripture reading, reflection and benediction. The ceremony included a 21-gun salute with blank ammunition and taps and concluded with a silent dismissal.

SECFOR Rolls



CAMP PHOENIX, KABUL – Members of the security force battalion's Company D, known as SECFOR Delta prepare for a convoy to make a Humanitarian Assistance delivery to a school in Kabul. 1LT Chris Marion from Binghamton, leads a convoy briefing while CPL Ben Harrison also from Binghamton listens in. Every detail is covered from routes and call signs to the order of march. The purpose is to accomplish the mission safely and as efficiently as possible by preparing.



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