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# MAG-41 KEY VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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## A Letter from the Commanding Officer Col. Hawkins

Hello MAG-41 family – Happy Valentines Day! I am proud to write my first letter to you as your Commanding Officer. My concern for you and your Marines and Sailors is at the top of my priority list. My philosophy of command is focused on the long term health, happiness, and care of our families. Simply stated, if the family is well cared for, safe, and secure, then the Marine can focus on the mission. Also, as time passes, this Marine family is more inclined to stay Marine and continue to

serve. For the task at hand, we have a great Key Volunteer Network (KVN) to care for and serve the families of our deployed Marines. There will be many KVN meetings and events during this Operation Iraqi Freedom mobilization period. Experience shows that the more you are involved, the faster the deployment goes by.

I plan to join our deployed Marines in March in Iraq. Once I get my boots on the ground and find my way around, I will start sending digital

photos of your Marines back via email, websites and other means. Stay in touch with your KV for details. I will be the senior Marine from MAG-41 deployed to Iraq and will be another source of information for the MAG-41 KVN besides the I MEF, 3<sup>rd</sup> MAW, MAG-16, and MALS-16 family readiness officers. I will also send periodic updates and newsletters about our time in Mesopotamia and the Central Command area of responsibility.

Start planning for the MAG-41 Jane

### Greetings from Mrs. Colonel Hawkins The Key Volunteer Advisor

Happy New Year and Valentines Day

It is hard for me to believe that it is already mid-February 2004. It only seems like yesterday when Mant and I become a part of the MAG-41 family. We are proud and honored to be part of such a wonderful team!

This year we have already had to face some challenging times within our MAG-41 family. Currently, 35 reservists have been activated and have been sent to defend our great country. This not only affects

the Marines, but it also affects the entire family. I have had the great pleasure of meeting many of the families that have been affected and I look forward to meeting the rest of you soon. We are certainly blessed with the OUTSTANDING Key Volunteers throughout the units in the MAG-41 team. The volunteers are very dedicated and devote their personal time to help keep the families and Marines of MAG-41 informed and involved. I would especially like to recognize Michelle O'day, the KEY

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Wayne Day names are being gathered for participants. If you have never been a part of one of these events, you won't want to miss it. My intent for having a Jane Wayne Day is to give a better picture of what Marines do, how we train, and what we wear.

As a final note, let me just say how proud I am of each of you. I am not just talking to the Marines and Sailors, but all the MAG-41 family -- spouses, kids, parents, and families. No matter

what part you play in the life of our Marine or Sailor you are serving our country. Your service and sacrifice is greatly appreciated by the Marine Corps, our country, and me. We are living in pivotally historic times. The forces of evil that hate our way of life will look a this deployment of Marines, when America's number one team comes to Iraq to help stabilize and secure this country, as a defining moment. If they can beat, or even not lose to the USMC, they will see

that outcome as a victory, and it will build their confidence that they can sustain their efforts against America.

Honorable service is a must to preserve the way of life that we all love. If we all do our part, the burden of service is bearable for all. Elizabeth and I could not be prouder and more dedicated to our combined cause. Until my next letter from Iraq ... Semper Fidelis, Hawkins

## NAS JRB Salute to the Community Air Show

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Ft Worth will host a free air show for the community on April 10th.

The Dallas and Ft Worth community has generously supported the troops that have activated,

and they still support those involved in the continuing protection of our country.

Please come out to the NAS JRB and enjoy the air show provided by the Join Reserves.

## Family Day For April

The Mag 41 Headquarters is scheduling a family day for April during drill weekend, the third weekend of the month. All families are welcome to come and enjoy food and games at Pavilion #1 by the Lake front at the NAS JRB in Ft Worth.

## Greetings from Mrs. Colonel Hawkins The Key Volunteer Advisor

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** for MAG-41 headquarters. Michelle has organized and updated the Family Readiness Roster and worked endlessly at providing support to the MAG-41 team as well as ALL of the families! THANK YOU Michelle!

I would also like to welcome Elena Leal who has graciously volunteered to be Michelle's Co-

**Coordinator.** Elena has a tremendous amount of experience with the Key Volunteer Network and we look forward to her fresh ideas and advise which will take our program to the next level!

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

*Elizabeth*

## Inside Story Headline



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“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or

make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words. Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close

to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

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## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list

the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction. If space is available, this is a



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