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Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, attach a sling load to a helicopter at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Dec. 14. Marines with CLB-5 supported Regimental Combat Team 5 during Exercise Steel Knight, a combined arms exercise aboard Camp Pendleton and Twentynine Palms.

(Photo by Cpl. Kenneth Jasik)

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MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – As Marines

return to their expeditionary roots, training the way they fight, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, supports Exercise Steel Knight with supplies to keep Marines in the fight against the notional enemy.

“[CLB-5] provided replenishment refueling points in which we provided [5th Marine Regiment] with fuel, water, chow and ammunition, personnel support and [helicopter support teams],” said 1st Lt. Christopher S. Scheckel, a logistics officer with CLB-5.

Exercise Steel Knight put the logistics Marines in a situation they had not witnessed for years: conventional warfare.

“Obviously we train for the non-conventional, because that’s the current fight we’re in,” said Scheckel. “Our next enemy could very likely be a conventional force, so we [need] to get back to our roots and learn how to fight a conventional enemy.”

The CLB-5 Marines provided direct support to Regimental Combat Team 5, who fought a notional enemy in the desert of Twentynine Palms.

“They definitely depend on us,” said Cpl. Vinh V. Vu, a landing support specialist with CLB-5. “If we can’t get supplies to them, then they simply have no supplies.”

The logistics Marines provided all the supplies necessary to the success of RCT-5 during the exercise.

“[According to] the feedback we’ve gotten, they have been more than happy with the support we’ve provided,” said Scheckel. “We developed a very good relationship with RCT-5.”

During the exercise, CLB-5 Marines accomplished an important first for the battalion.

“We practiced becoming the “first” CLB that was self-securing,” said Scheckel. “In the past, former MLG units required [military police] or grunts to provide security for them. This is the first time we were a self-securing CLB.”



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CLB-13 conducts Toys for Tots run



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Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 13, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, trekked through puddles during a Toys for Tots run at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 13. CLB-13 donated more than 150 toys to the local Toys for Tots program.



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Best of the West Champions

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - After winning the Camp Pendleton Cup football championship game with an undefeated season, the 1st Marine Logistics Group football team, the Beast, went on to destroy their opponent in the Best of the West game against the Combat Logistics Battalion 7 team from Marine Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, here, Dec. 8.

Winning the coin toss, the Beast deferred to the second half and kicked off to CLB-7.

CLB-7 started the first few minutes of the game using two timeouts in an attempt to be the first team to put points on the board. With no luck, the ball went back to the Beast.

At the far side of the field with third down and long, Beast quarterback Matthew Petree threw an amazing 18-yard pass caught by Jordan Ratliff for a first down.

At 7:49 in the first quarter, the Beast used the momentum and completed a pass to Jay Winters for the first touchdown of the game.

The extra point kicked by Christian Proud brought the score to 7-0. During most of the second quarter, both defensive lines prevented any points from being scored. With 3:40 left in the first half, the Beast decided to go for it on fourth down.

A short pass by the Beast helped continue its push to the end zone. The Beast made it to the goal line but a penalty caused the team a ten-yard penalty.

With seconds left in the half and the ball on the 13-yard line, Petree threw a pass to receiver Charles "Hester" Robinson for a second touchdown. The Beast kicked off to CLB-7 with 24 seconds left until halftime.

CLB-7 received the ball but fumbled it, giving the Beast another chance to score before the second quarter ended. Petree threw a pass in the end zone but CLB-7 picked off the ball, leaving the scoreboard reading 14-0 at halftime.

The Beast started the second half with the ball. At 9:46 in the third quarter, Petree threw his third touchdown pass of

the game, this time to Tony Ortiz. CLB-7 blocked the extra-point attempt by Proud, bringing the score to 20-0.

Although CLB-7 recovered a fumble by their running back, the team was incapable of scoring against the Beast. Going into the fourth quarter, Beast middle linebacker Matthem Daniels intercepted a pass from the CLB-7 quarterback.

With fourth down and four-yards to go, the Beast set up for a punt to CLB-7.

The Beast faked the punt and picked up the first down. Petree completed his fourth touchdown of the game, hooking up with Winters for a second time in the game. The Beast missed the extra point, but the score of 26-0 brought on the mercy rule. With 6:17 left, the rule prevented the clock from stopping for the duration of the game.

After getting the ball back with 2:30 left, the Beast pushed CLB-7 back into the end zone and gained two more points with a safety. The clock ticked away and the Best of the West reached an end with a final score of 28-0.



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Marines finish CLS class during Steel Knight

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▲ Lance Cpl. Judah Tatarsky, a generator mechanic with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, provides first aid to a simulated casualty at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 7. Marines with 1st MLG completed a combat lifesaver class while supporting Exercise Steel Knight.

◀ During Exercise Steel Knight, Pfc. Matthew A. Sundeen, a motor transportation mechanic with Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st MLG, drags a simulated casualty at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 7.

▼ Lance Cpl. Shay E. Kesterson, a motor transportation mechanic with CLR-15, 1st MLG, provides first aid to a simulated casualty at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 7.



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1st Dental Battalion supports Steel Knight

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BASE CAMP
PENDLETON, Calif. – A toothache can be a horrible thing, and without proper oral care, a tooth can bring a lot of pain to a Marine in a combat environment.

To help prevent an oral-related injury and provide emergency dental care, sailors with 1st Dental Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, set up a dental field clinic.

The dental technicians and dentists provide care and send

information from their work to the patient's dental clinic so the results are properly filed.

"We are providing anybody out here on the hit list with exams or cleanings," said Seaman Apprentice Tyler D. Walkem, a dental technician with 1st Dental Battalion, 1st MLG. "Then we will send the forms back to their respective dental clinics."

The sailors, operating out of a tent, provide daily dental exams and cleanings to Marines and sailors participating in Exercise Steel Knight.

"They brought us out here to get experience in the field," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Kayla M. Seim, a dental technician with 1st Dental Battalion. "[Operating in the field] is a lot different. In a clinic, you have a sterile environment and it's easier to disinfect. Here you have to plan for how many patients you are going to see and keep it as clean as possible."

For many of the dental technicians, working on teeth in a field environment is new, but they are up to the challenge.

"I like being out in the field," said Walkem, 19, a native of Covington, Tenn. "This is the first time I've seen dental out in the field, and everything is operational and seems to work pretty nice."

The sailors look forward to building on their capabilities in an austere environment.

"It's a good experience," said Seim, 23, a native of Boscobel, Wisc. "I feel that every single sailor that is stationed with the Marines should experience a field operation."



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^ Sailors with 1st Dental Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, completed an oral inspection at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 7. The sailors with 1st Dental Bn. erected and operated a dental field office to support Marines and sailors participating in Exercise Steel Knight.

To see more photos, [click here.](#)

1st MEB welcomes new commander

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Maj. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, outgoing commanding general of 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, relinquished command to Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow during a change-of-command ceremony at Camp Pendleton, Dec. 13.

Spiese, who continues to serve as the deputy commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force, passed the unit's colors to Broadmeadow to symbolize the

transfer of responsibility, authority and accountability of command from one officer to another.

The 1st MEB, which was reactivated October 2009, is a task-organized crisis response force of I MEF, trained to respond expeditiously to conduct self-sustained combat and humanitarian operations.

"When you take a look at the capabilities we're able to deliver, the range of weapons systems, our situational awareness on the battlefield, the ability to hit targets with

precision, to influence far beyond the space that we have ever done before, 1st MEB becomes a real player," Spiese said. "It's certainly not a substitute for I MEF, but in terms of warfare, the 1st MEB is a very significant capability."

The unit was designed to provide unique, agile force projection capabilities that are greatly enhanced when partnered with naval forces, from assaulting an enemy beachhead to bringing ashore food and supplies to supplement disaster relief.

Broadmeadow, who also maintains authority of 1st Marine Logistics Group, said one of the great things about 1st MEB sustained operations is that they have reinvigorating skills comparable to the Maritime Prepositioning Force, most notable during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and most recently during OEF in Afghanistan.

"We still have two MPF squadrons that provide the Marine Corps tremendous flexibility in responding to operations around the world," Broadmeadow said. "I know that we're looking into getting even more innovative in how we employ that force."

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I Marine Expeditionary Force

Technology Expo visits Camp Pendleton

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Marines, sailors and civilians were introduced to new technology during a semi-annual Technology Expo at the Pacific Views Event Center here Dec. 6.

"Our goal is to have as many base personnel as possible attend and gain product knowledge from this event," said Taylor O. Smith, federal events coordinator for National Conference Services Incorporated, about the emerging technologies.

The expo included everything from audio-visual systems and fiber-optic net-

works to ergonomic seating accessories. Also represented were institutions for higher learning, emphasizing technology-based programs and classes.

This event is beneficial because it allows everyone to see the products right here on Camp Pendleton, said Smith. "We bring the technology to them, and it's a great networking event."

Collaboration is becoming more important every day.

The new technology will enable clients to communicate, educate and innovate

more efficiently by simplifying AV technology for meeting, conference and training rooms, said Ray Phillipson, the account executive for an audio-visual systems company.

"It's not high-tech stuff; it's more like push-a-button and go," said Phillipson about how the products can make work easier and not more complicated.

Smith said she plans to continue bringing technology expos to Camp Pendleton to inform service members and civilians on the newest technology available to them.

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< **Master Gunnery Sgt. Antoine M. Brown, the communications chief for 1st Marine Logistics Group, and Col. Randy J. Lawson, chief of staff for 1st MLG, discuss some of the world's latest technology during the semi-annual Technology Expo at the Pacific Views Event Center here, Dec. 6.**

Logistics Marines embrace expeditionary energy

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Marines from Combat Logistics Regiment 15 recently installed several Ground Renewable Expeditionary Energy Network Systems [GREENS] at several locations throughout Regional Command (Southwest) to improve the communications reliability of critical assets and to develop new ways to employ expeditionary energy solutions.

The GREENS is an array of solar panels and rechargeable batteries that provide a continuous output of 300 watts of electricity, which is used to power electrical equipment and radios.

This installation is in step with the Marine Corps Expeditionary Energy Strategy and Implementation Plan that recognizes the direct link between energy efficiency and combat effectiveness.

The plan calls for Marines to adopt new technologies and

procedures to become less dependent on traditional energy sources.

The more energy efficient the Marine Corps becomes, the more capable they are of operating in expeditionary environments.

Marines from the communications section, CLR-15 installed GREENS at three different locations throughout RC(SW) including the Munitions Storage Area on Camp Leatherneck and two separate Role II medical facilities.

According to Maj. Denny Meelarp, an officer-in-charge with supply, CLR-15, the GREENS installation provides a backup power supply for the communications equipment at these locations. “We turned to the GREENS in order to provide uninterrupted communications to the commander’s priority location ... we installed the GREENS to run parallel but

separate to the existing power structure,” said Meelarp.

The Role II medical clinics located at Forward Operating Base Shukvani and FOB Payne in Helmand province stabilize injured coalition service members so they can be safely transferred to follow on medical care at higher levels. They are critical life-saving capabilities, and maintaining communication with these facilities is paramount.

“If [Role II clinics] cannot communicate due to a loss of power, their ability to send and receive casualties becomes severely degraded. Lives depend on reliable communications nodes at these locations,” said Capt. Arun Shankar, an officer-in-charge with communications, CLR-15.

Shankar explained that the installation of GREENS at the clinic at FOB Shukvani took only two hours and that it is

easy to use. “In the event of a power outage, users simply unplug network switches from the wall and plug them into the GREENS. Unlike a backup generator, the GREENS requires minimal maintenance.”

The GREENS installation has improved the reliability of communications at key locations throughout RC(SW) and is an example of expeditionary energy at work.

“The GREENS is the perfect power solution for communications infrastructure, and I definitely see this becoming a solution for tactical networks during expeditionary operations,” said Shankar.

Expeditionary energy is a pillar of modernization for the Marine Corps, and CLR-15 is giving strength to this concept by taking another step toward developing a lighter, more capable force to win our nation’s battles.

V Solar panels used to collect energy emitted by the sun are mounted to the roof of the Role II Clinic, Charlie Surgical Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, at Forward Operating Base Shukvani, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Nov. 19.

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Around the Group

CHANGE TO THE FEMALE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

ALMAR 046/12

1. THIS ALMAR ANNOUNCES A CHANGE TO THE FEMALE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST (PFT). EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2014. PULL-UPS WILL REPLACE THE FLEXED ARM HANG (FAH).

4.B. PULL-UPS SCORING FOR FEMALE MARINES:

EIGHT (8) PULL-UPS EQUAL 100 POINTS
SEVEN (7) PULL-UPS EQUAL 95 POINTS
SIX (6) PULL-UPS EQUAL 85 POINTS
FIVE (5) PULL-UPS EQUAL 75 POINTS
FOUR (4) PULL-UPS EQUAL 65 POINTS
THREE (3) PULL-UPS EQUAL 40 POINTS

4.C. TO PASS THE PULL-UP PORTION OF THIS EVENT, FEMALES WILL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE AT LEAST THREE (3) PULL-UPS.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FEMALE PFT WEBSITE
<https://fitness.usmc.mil/fpft>

Combined Federal Campaign

The Office of Personnel Management Director, John Berry, has extended the Combined Federal Campaign until Dec. 31 in order to accommodate end-of-year donations and close the year on a strong note.

Each year the CFC provides federal employees with an opportunity to join together and help those in need.

For more information, contact your unit CFC representative or click here to visit www.socalcfc.org.

Pendleton encouraged to stay safe during holidays

By Lance Cpl. Trevon S. Peracca
MCB Camp Pendleton

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires occurring during the holiday season injure approximately 2,600 individuals and cause over \$930 million in damages across the nation annually.

The Camp Pendleton Fire and Emergency Services is offering holiday safety tips to ensure service members and families have a safe and cheerful holiday season.

- Tips for selecting a fresh tree
- Tips for caring for your tree
- Maintaining your holiday lights

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Click here for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS!

August - October 2012 Quarterly Awards

Marine Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Quarter:

Cpl. Joseph Horsey

Navy Blue Jacket of the Quarter:

Seaman Ashley N. Hobbs

Navy Senior Sailor of the Quarter:

Petty Officer 1st Class Randyflor C. Rocero

Navy Junior Sailor of the Quarter:

Petty Officer 2nd Class Linda M. Yearley