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Colonel Stephen D. Sklenka relinquishes his duties and responsibilities as commander of Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, to Col. Tracy W. King during a change of command ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 28, 2013.

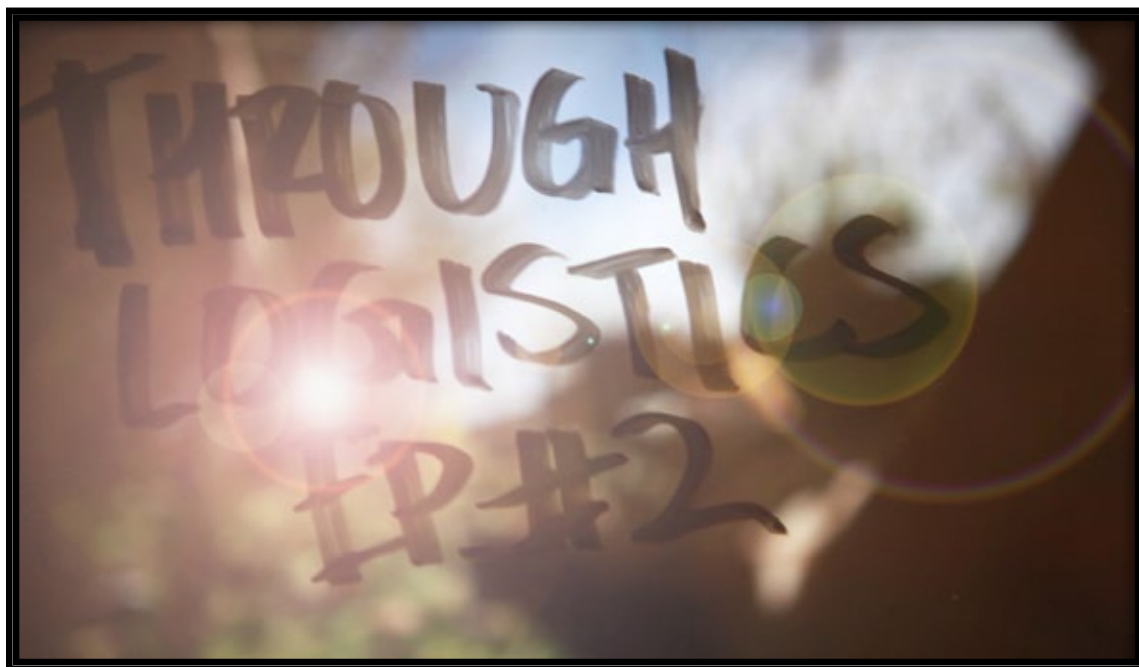
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THROUGH LOGISTICS

Episode 2 features Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, as they conduct basic infantry skills training aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 26.

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CLB-7 trains with non-lethal weapons

Tactical support Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 7 participated in a non-lethal weapons training exercise in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Defense Non-Lethal Weapons Program on March 21 at Range 800.

The Marines learned to use the Active Denial System 2, an advanced non-lethal direct-fire support system that projects a man-sized beam of heat-emitting, millimeter waves. It can effectively engage targets up to 1,000 meters.

One of the many roles the ADS 2 can play is suppressive fire. It can support troops in a number of different scenarios such as perimeter security, crowd control, and advance-to-contact if employed in-country.

Volunteers had the opportunity to step into the path of the ADS 2 and feel the effects of the system.

Following the individual exposures, a squad-sized element of Marines acted out a number of scenarios during a live demonstration to portray its versatility.

Instructors also gave Marines a chance

to see just how useful this non-lethal weapon is during the demonstration. The Marine patrol utilized the ADS 2 to deter the combatants from perusing the civilians. In a simulation depicting potential enemy combatants harassing the local civilian populous, Marines were able to see that a combatant standing within five feet of a civilian bystander could be safely engaged without causing undo harm to non-combatants.

“It is a directed energy and advanced system,” said Col. Tracy Taffola, director of the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate. “However, it is not new. We have studied this particular technology for about 20 years now.”

There have been approximately 11,000 exposures from volunteers and only two have required minimal medical treatment. The 95-gigahertz millimeter wave beam is safe and is only capable of penetrating a skin depth of about 1/64 of an inch, Taffola said.

“It provides a repel effect,” Taffola said. “It denies an area that you don’t want people to be in. It is quite a capability that we

don’t (utilize in combat zones) right now.”

The ADS 2 is designed to be able to withstand small-arms fire and stay in the field for up to a year in any temperature or weather. The system can be transported by truck and can be dropped off at different operating modules. However, when the ADS 2 is being used, it is made to work alongside lethal weapons.

“We don’t employ (non-lethal weapons) by themselves, it’s always best that you employ them with lethal systems,” Taffola said. “Just like you would have a lethal crew-served weapon mounted on to a gun truck. This just happens to be a non-lethal weapon that you would mount and be able to provide those suppressive fires.”

This is not annual training for the Marines of CLB-7 but training with non-lethal technology gives them a better understanding of its capabilities.

“We are not always in the fight,” said 1st Lt. Christopher Nguyen, CLB-7 adjutant. “But we are Marines and it is important to know about this technology so we can leverage its capabilities.”

Combat Center support personnel aid Combat Logistics Battalion 7 in non-lethal weapons training exercise aboard Twentynine Palms, Calif., March 21, 2013. CLB-7 employed the use of the ADS 2 exercise as part of their training.

**Story and photo by:
Lance Cpl. Alejandro Bedoya
Twentynine Palms**



Biological hazards are no problem for Marines



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear defense Marines with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, spent three weeks training Marines during a hazardous material course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., from March 11-28, 2013.

The Marines who participated in the training are preparing to deploy with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit and they came from various fields, such as explosive ordnance disposal, motor transportation, and engineering. The training evolution was designed to provide

additional methods of detection and exploitation for a variety of contaminated sites.

While most Marines associate the CBRN job field with running the gas chamber for annual training, these units do more than that, explained Warrant Officer Britni Burks, a platoon commander with CBRN defense section, HQ Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG and a native of Rochester, Minn.

The course covered everything from basic equipment operation to the practical application of the equipment during scenario operations.

“We’ve been doing multiple scenarios,” said Staff Sgt. Jer-

emy S. Meyers, a training staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge with CBRN defense section, HQ Co., CLR-17 and a native of Montague, Mich. “We’ve done six already. Some were chemical contamination scenarios and others radiological. We added the radiological contamination scenarios because (CBRN) gear may not always protect them from that and they need to figure out how to work in that environment.”

The Marines spent the final week in the field, where they treated simulated casualties and properly identified and disposed of hazardous material set up by the instructors.

Actual household chemicals, such as bug bombs, were used to simulate real world situations which brought the training to life for the Marines.

By the end of the three weeks the Marines in the class received a certificate of completion. Instructors felt confident the Marines would have the proper knowledge to take on possible CBRN situations.

“We gave them a better level of preparedness and understanding so that if they ever come across some kind of CBRN (hazardous material) environment then they can be involved in that operation,” said Burks.

Story and photos by:
Laura Gauna
Staff Writer

Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, train Marines during a hazardous material course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 28, 2013.



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Marines improve school, strengthen international relationships

Story by: Cpl. Kenneth Jasik
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DUMAGUETE, Philippines – One can have no better friend and no worse enemy than a United States Marine. For many in Dumaguete, Philippines, they understand the benefits of such a friendship, thanks to the efforts of the service members who participated in Pacific Angel 2013, an annual joint humanitarian assistance mission.

Pacific Angel had two main efforts: medical and engineering. While medical professionals helped heal Filipino civilians, military engineers repaired and renovated three schools.

The medical portion of the operation was held in a Dumaguete stadium. Doctors with the Army, Navy, and Air Force treated more than 1,000 patients.

Engineers with the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Filipino Army worked together and shared their knowledge of construction projects. This team included two engineers from 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group.

“We went out to three different job sites,” said Cpl. Cameron T. Grant, a combat engineer with Bravo Company, 7th ESB, 1st MLG. “Each [site] had a number of different branches in it. We had a good opportunity to not just learn about the militaries of other countries but the other services as well.”

The schools repaired were in dire need of renovation. They had no walls, electricity or windows, and the concrete fences around the campuses had dangerous rebar sticking out, according to the Marines.

“Before [the work began] there were no walls,” said Sgt. William L. Bain, a combat engineer with 7th ESB. “After, it had electricity, walls with fresh paint, fans, and windows. It was a complete 180.”

“[The Filipinos] were very excited and thankful that we were there. The locals were very helpful,” said Grant, 22, from Denver. “[Pacific Angel] was pretty heartwarming. It

wasn’t so much the work we were doing but the time we spent with the people is what made it such a great experience.”

The Marines used their experience as combat engineers to repair the dilapidated school. Because of their integration into the other services, it was both a chance for them to learn and to teach their methodology of engineering.

“Instead of going out and doing something for training purposes, I was actually out there using my expertise,” said Grant. “I was taking what I learned from the military and using it to help out a community.”

Each team of about 20 engineers took about 10 days

working on a school. In that time, the locals treated the service members like family.

“It was a short amount of time, but the biggest thing for me was getting to know the people there,” said Bain, 27, from Portland, Ore. “You got a chance to talk to them and learn from them.”

For the two 7th ESB Marines on Pacific Angel, the trip was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a truly rewarding experience.

“I loved it,” said Bain. “I wish I could do it again because it was so rewarding helping those little kids out. When we left, the kids were crying, because they didn’t want us to leave.”



Courtesy photo

^ Cpl. Cameron T. Grant, a combat engineer with Bravo Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, poses with children at an elementary school in Dumaguete, Philippines, while participating in Pacific Angel, March 3, 2013.

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Marines get back to basics

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – As the smoke begins to clear, the gunfire starts back up.

Ammunition casings litter the ground as the Marines of Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, execute an ambush attack aboard Camp Pendleton's vast hilltops, March 26, 2013.

The Marines put all the training they received over the last few days towards this moment.

"As soon as we got contact, it was an adrenaline rush," said Lance Cpl. Marilyn Flores, a motor transport operator with CLB-5 and a 21-year-old native of Bridgeport, Conn. "When things get

hot, that's when it gets exciting. We are all looking for that ten seconds of glory."

Brass rained from the hilltops as mock opposing forces took on a squad of Marines patrolling through a small valley. Using the basic infantry skills the Marines have learned during the last week, the squad aggressively reacted to the ambush.

"The ambush happened very fast," said Flores. "I'm glad that I knew how to react when I heard the fire and the (opposing forces) started shooting."

Once the assault died down and the patrol assessed potential losses, instructors intervened and explained to the Marines how they could im-

prove.

Though today's objective was only to locate and attack a patrol unit, a more serious scenario may one day arise for the motor transportation Marines, whose sole mission is to support infantry units with 5th Marine Regiment.

"With the withdrawal out of Afghanistan, we are trying to get back to the basics of what Marines do as riflemen," said Staff Sgt. Joshua J. Henderson, a heavy equipment operator with CLB-5 and a 25-year-old native of Conroe, Texas. "We should all master those skills and weapons we have. It's not just infantry. It doesn't matter your (job) these are basic skills we should all learn."

At this point, the instructors feel the Marines are prepared for a raid, using the skills practiced during the last week.

"The Marines gave a hundred percent no matter how tired they were," said Henderson. "They trekked several miles during the last couple days and they pushed through the tiredness and the hunger and they did great."

Although the training evolution comes to a close with the final exercise, the experiences here are not easily forgotten.

"For CLB-5, our main mission is to support the infantry mission," said Henderson. "That is our sole mission, so it's important we are out here. These Marines are more prepared now."

Serving those who serve

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Lance Cpl. Cody Haas
Staff Writer



▲ Kristina Harris, family readiness officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, coordinates events for Marine families to keep morale high within the unit.

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Building the morale of Marines, sailors, and their families is her daily goal.

Events such as Family Day, Jayne Wayne Day, deployment homecomings, and holiday parties help keep morale high for Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group. These events are made possible through the assistance of Kristina Harris, the family readiness officer.

Harris, a native of Jacksonville, N.C., spent the last year primarily focusing on the welfare of families whose loved ones were deployed to Afghanistan.

“The best part of my job is at the end of a deployment,” she said. “I get to make that first phone call and say their Marine is coming home on this date, at this time, and hear the excitement over the phone. That’s my way of giving back, and I enjoy it.”

Harris, having been a part of the CLR-15 family for the past five years, focuses on the families’ needs for future events.

Her motto is simple: “I treat [the

families] like I would want my family to be treated.”

Something as simple as putting on a pancake breakfast after a morning run can make a huge difference in the morale of Marines, she said. It’s a simple gesture of gratitude, a subtle thanks for their service.

“Normally, they would be talking about work like, ‘you have to get this assignment in?’ or ‘did you do this on time?’ and now they’re just talking about the run this morning, or weekend plans,” said Harris. “[The Marines] get to relax and I like seeing that.”

Harris still remembers the Christmas party she prepared for Marines who were staying on base during the holidays last year.

“I had about 100 Marines that were here and I was taking care of them and their families,” said Harris. “I have never had so many Marines come up to tell me that it was the best Christmas party they have ever been to. I wanted them and their families to have fun.”

The amount of planning that makes each of these events a suc-

cess is a lot of work. Thanks to the Marines who are always willing to help out and volunteer, she’s never alone.

By letting them contribute, it not only increases self-confidence, but also builds leadership skills and lets them decide on the specific events they want to do that day.

“They’re the ones that plan it,” she said. “That’s what makes it fun for them; they are doing what they want to do.”

A family event is a great way for Marines and their families to relieve their stress for the day.

Harris helps prepare families for upcoming deployments by organizing events such as family days. This is a day catered particularly toward the Marines and their families. They’re treated to a lunch and enjoy events such as a pie eating contest, football, and an obstacle course race.

Seeing all the families having a great time is what her job is all about.

“I think I have the best job, I have always felt that way,” said Harris.

Sgt. Villanueva: A leader of Marines

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – As a sergeant of Marines, a lot is expected from you. Just going through the motions was never Sgt. Frank S. Villanueva’s intentions and doing the minimum does not cut it in his mind.

Since childhood, Villanueva, a 29-year-old native of Phoenix, knew he was going to be a Marine.

“My uncle would tell me stories of when he was in the Marine Corps,” said Villanueva, staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge, Corporals Course, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group. “He told me it was challenging and I liked that.”

He became a bulk fuel specialist and over the last 10 years he has traveled to more than 20 different countries, including Greece, Spain, Turkey, Kuwait, Iraq, Africa, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Israel.

Villanueva has deployed four times, twice with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, once to

Africa as part of a small security unit, and recently to Afghanistan in 2011.

“On each deployment I learned so much about my job,” said Villanueva. “Seeing the different cultures helped me realize how good we have it here and helped me grow and appreciate life more.”

During his deployment to Djibouti in 2003, he witnessed things that he still remembers today.

“There was just so much trash everywhere,” he recalled. “I saw kids playing in it, with no shoes. It was just unfortunate for them to live in all that. I never want my kid to ever go through that. It gives me the motivation to work hard and keep myself and my family away from that situation.”

Throughout his career he has always stuck to a single thought, “don’t just talk the talk, but walk the walk.”

“I’ve seen Marines be hypocrites and I never wanted to be that way,” said Villanueva. “I tell myself and my Marines to not just

say it but live it. I really try to live by that motto.”

Now, Villanueva is in charge of Corporals Course and he enjoys the fact that he can pass on the leadership skills he has acquired throughout the years.

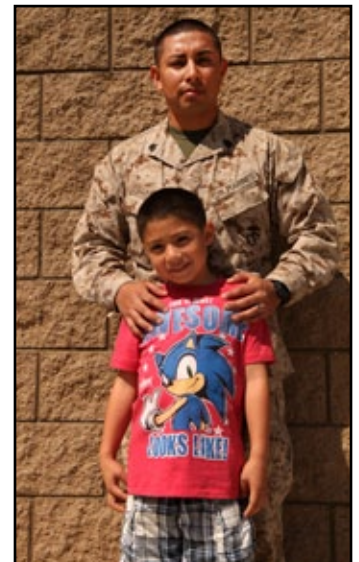
“Seeing them grow before my eyes is amazing,” adds Villanueva. “A lot come here not knowing much and then we bestow all this knowledge on them and their eyes open wide and they say, ‘Wow, I didn’t know this is how we do this and that.’ I really enjoy it.”

He has completed more than 73 hours of training, teaching each Marine everything from sword manual to how to counsel junior Marines.

“We teach them all they need to know to be a corporal,” said Villanueva. “What I enjoy the most is hearing the Marines say thank you for helping them grow as a corporal.”

The Marine Corps is in his blood and he hopes to continue his journey for another 10 years, with his wife Monique and son Frankie by his side.

“I love everything about (the Marine Corps),” he adds. “The camaraderie and being able to see different personalities from different people, from different places and backgrounds is a great thing. I feel like it helped me become a better man, the man I am today.”



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Navy chiefs celebrate 120th birthday

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif., - Chief petty officers from 1st Dental Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, gathered for the 120th anniversary of the chief petty officer rating aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Monday, April 1, 2013.

The annual ceremony is held to recognize what chief petty officers have done in the past and what they continue to do for the Navy.

“The phrase ‘ask the chief,’ is used throughout the Navy because we are trusted, we welcome challenge, and we take pride in mission accomplishment,” said Master Chief Petty Officer Charlotte Osborn, command master chief, 1st Den. Bn., 1st MLG. “I am

proud of the hard work and dedication of the chiefs in this command.”

During the cake-cutting ceremony, the eldest chief petty officer passes a piece of cake to the youngest, symbolizing the passing of wisdom and tradition.

Years before there were chief petty officers, superiority among petty officers on a ship was decided by the commanding officer. The official pay grade of the chief petty officer was established on April 1, 1893.

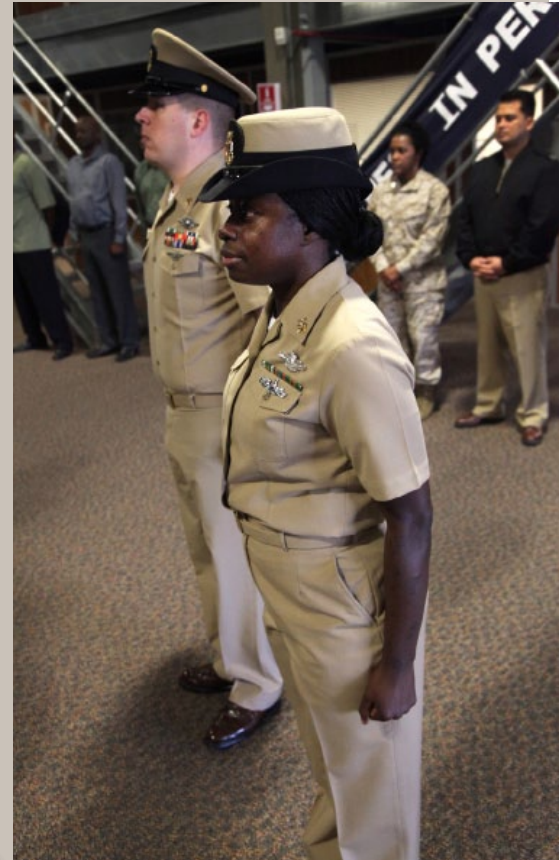
Naval traditions are the foundation upon which many of its core values are built. Navy chiefs take pride in understanding where they came from so that they can teach the next

generation of sailors these customs.

“People don’t realize how important traditions are,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Vidal Quintanar, leading petty officer with the operations department, 1st Den. Bn. “It all started with the chiefs. They have made the Navy that much stronger. I like to say they’re a jack of all trades.”

In addition to being the keepers of naval traditions, they are also the enlisted leaders of the Navy.

“The chief petty officer is the backbone of the Navy,” added Quintanar. “They are the technical expert not only in their job but about sailors in general. That is why I strive to be a chief one day.”



▲ Master Chief Carol L. Merricks, a senior enlisted leader with 1st Dental Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, and a native of Beaufort, S.C., stands at attention during the 120th anniversary of the chief petty officer rating aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 1, 2013.

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Cpl. Laura Gauna
Staff Writer



▲ Master Chief Charlotte Osborn, command master chief, 1st Dental Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, passes a piece of cake to Chief Petty Officer Sandra Go-Lubiano, a senior enlisted leader with 1st Dn. Bn., during the cake-cutting ceremony for the 120th anniversary of the chief petty officer rating, aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 1, 2013.

> Sailors with 1st Dental Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, prepare for the start of the 120th anniversary of the chief petty officer rating aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 1, 2013.



1st Medical Battalion trains to save lives

Story by: Cpl. Laura Gauna,
Staff Writer

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – When Marines are injured on the front lines, their Navy brethren must provide quick and efficient care to keep them alive. Exercise Black Mamba was formed with that responsibility in mind.

Approximately 90 Marines and sailors trained with physical, mental, and emotional challenges to prepare them for missions around the world.

The surgeons and corpsmen of 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, displayed a high level of work ethic while participating in exercise Black Mamba aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 27, 2013.

The main effort of the exercise was to efficiently set up and run a Shock Trauma Platoon [STP] in order to treat injuries in a quick and timely manner.

“We are training our corpsmen and doctors to respond to whatever mission that [I Marine Expeditionary Force] may call us for,” said Navy Lt. Paul Dalangpan, Officer-in-charge during Black Mamba and a native of Carson, Calif. “[This training] is critical because it

saves lives. The emergency medical care we provide to our Marines keeps them alive until we can get them to a higher echelon of care.”

“It’s like an emergency room but forward deployed,” added Petty Officer 2nd Class Shannon Shelton, a casualty-evacuation care corpsman and a native of Salinas, Calif.

An STP is equipped with everything needed to provide emergency resuscitative care on the front lines: operating table, anesthesia circuit, portable oxygen generator, monitors, ventilators, blood bank, ultra-sound device, X-ray machines, and surgical equipment.

“The goal is to rapidly assemble [the equipment], provide emergency resuscitative care if necessary, stabilize the patient, and evacuate the casualty to a higher echelon of care,” said Shelton. “We set these up on [forward operating bases] but it is also designed to be mobile. Essentially, we can break down and set one up in one hour.”

During the exercise, the corpsmen and surgeons were able to perform combined-forces medical training, including mock mass-casualty drills, medical emergency scenarios, and medical air evacuation procedures and tech-

niques.

“This is the first time we have trained with [MV-22] Ospreys,” said Dalangpan. “Our corpsmen coming back from [Operation Enduring Freedom] shared that they were not properly trained to deal with the difficulties that came with evacuating a patient in an Osprey, so we decided to incorporate it in this exercise.”

The Marines and sailors spent four days honing their skills as an emergency medical team and senior members felt it was a good learning experience.

“This is very important to go through because it shows them the atmosphere that they are going to have to get used to and it gives them an understanding of what they might see and how they can accomplish the mission,” said Shelton.

Black Mamba is one of many scheduled exercises that 1st Med. Bn. puts together to prepare their troops for deployments.

“We are here to train and test our capabilities to ensure we are ready when I MEF may call,” said Dalangpan. “We train to support the riflemen around the world.”



Photo by Lance Cpl. Cody Haas

Corpsmen with 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, drag a simulated injured civilian into the Shock Trauma Platoon tent during the unit’s Black Mamba exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 27, 2013. Black Mamba was a four-day exercise that put Marines and sailors in austere conditions and developed them into a more efficient emergency medical response team.

Combat Logistics Regiment 15 welcomes new CO

Photos by: Cpl. Laura Gauna
Staff Writer



Colonel Stephen D. Sklenka relinquishes his duties and responsibilities as commander of Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, to Col. Tracy W. King during a change of command ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 28, 2013.



The 1st Marine Division Band performs during a Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, change of command ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 28, 2013. Colonel Stephen D. Sklenka relinquishes his duties and responsibilities as commander of CLR-15, 1st MLG, to Col. Tracy W. King.





#ThrowbackThursday

^ U.S. Marine 1st Sgt. Johnathan L. Morris, battalion Sergeant Major, Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, leads the way during a conditioning hike, April 1, 2011.



#ThrowbackThursday

^ Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, exercise to raise their heart rates in a confidence chamber to test their equipment during CLB-5's annual Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear training aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30, 2011.

1st MLG social media



Caption This Wednesday!

TOP CAPTIONS

Devin Gardner: "If i hold this up long enough, everyone will return to color."

Marcos Rosa: "I can do more sir!"

Kim Reed: "Put some more weight on, I can handle it!"



Caption This Wednesday

TOP CAPTIONS

Garrett Goodyear: "You want ME to lead those Marines?"

Joe Munoz: "I can't hold it in any longer!"

Kim Reed: "Yay, my gun is fixed... thanks to the armory guys!"



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Pearl Harbor survivor shares story



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Cpl. Jennifer Pirante
13th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Allen Bodenlos, Pearl Harbor survivor, is escorted by GySgt. Fatima Herrera, S-1 Chief with CLB-13, during a tour at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 14, 2013.

1st Marine Logistics Group says farewell to retiring Marines



Lance Cpl. Cody Haas

Major Brian P. Chase, the Global Combat Support System Marine Corps Integration Officer with the staff logistics section, 1st Marine Logistics Group, shares a kiss with his wife, Amy, during his retirement ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 1, 2013.



Cpl. Laura Gauna

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Anthony L. Martino, executive officer, Charlie Company, Marine Special Operations Intelligence Battalion, congratulates Gunnery Sgt. Robert T. Philburn, an intelligence operations chief with the intelligence staff section, 1st MLG, during Philburn's retirement ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 2, 2013.



Cpl. Laura Gauna

Gunnery Sgt. Robert T. Philburn, an intelligence operations chief with the intelligence staff section, 1st Marine Logistics Group, addresses the crowd during his retirement ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 2, 2013.



Lance Cpl. Cody Haas

Colonel Tracy W. King, commanding officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, awards Maj. Brian P. Chase, the Global Combat Support System Marine Corps Integration Officer with the staff logistics section, 1st MLG, with the Meritorious Service Medal during his retirement ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 1, 2013.

Around the Group

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(3) **DON'T PROCRASTINATE - DO YOUR TAXES EARLY:** After submitting your FAFSA, you must complete your tax return as soon as possible.

For more information, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or call 760-257-2158.

Volunteer Opportunities

To view all volunteer opportunities, click [here](#).

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- The Camp Pendleton C.R.E.D.O. office is in need of a volunteer to help with office administration duties. For more information, email candi.heinberger@usmc.mil.

- The Temecula Valley Little League Challenger Baseball team is in need of volunteers at the Temeku Hills Park Baseball Fields from March 2 through June 1. For more information, contact Lori Brown at 760-822-9375 or Lori@temeculavalleychallengerbaseball.org

- Fallbrook Fire Safe Council is looking for Active Duty volunteers on March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Main Fire Station, 315 Ivy Street. For more information or to register, contact tmikep@recipes4linux.com.

- Ironman 70.3 Oceanside is looking for volunteers, March 28-30. For more information or to register, contact Karen at firststepkaren@aol.com or call 760-213-0480.

- North County Lifeline is in need of After School Program Assistants at Oceanside right off Mission Ave. & the 5 freeway Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, email malcazar@nclifeline.org.

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