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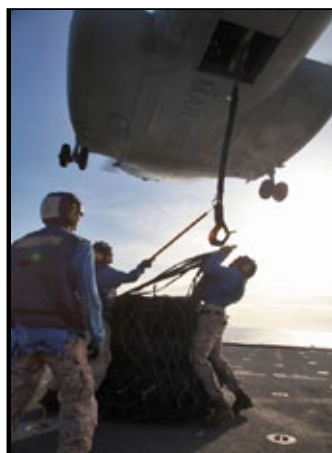
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Marines assigned to Transportation Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, connect cargo to the bottom of a CH-46E Sea Knight assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 (Rein.), 15th MEU, during an aerial lift aboard USS Rushmore, April 27, 2013. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Timothy Childers)

To read the story and see more photos, go to page eleven.

THROUGH LOGISTICS

Episode 3 features Marines and corpsmen with Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear defense section, Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, conducting a three-week-long CBRN training exercise to support the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 28, 2013.

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Padres salute service members during Military Appreciation Day



SAN DIEGO, Calif. – The roar of hundreds of cheering fans thundered through the stadium as service members marched across the San Diego Padres’ baseball field during a Military Appreciation Day event, April 14, 2013.

More than a dozen Marines with 1st Marine Logistics Group participated in the ceremony hosted by the San Diego Padres Major League Baseball team, to help represent the Marine Corps’ presence in the southern California area.

The Padres, known to many as the “Team of the Military,” invited all branches of the armed forces to participate in the team’s first Military Appreciation Day of the season.

“We do this to show our appreciation to the military,” said Krista Moffett, a Padres Squad team member and a native of Carlsbad, Calif. “This is something the Padres take pride in. Since we have so many retired and active duty fans in the stands, we wanted to show them that we care about them.”

The Padres began holding Military Appreciation Days in 1995. The tradition started shortly after the team hired John C. Ensich, a retired Navy captain, to be a liaison between the club and all branches of the armed forces serving in and around San Diego.

“We’re proud to be called the ‘Team of the Military,’” said Ensich in a San Diego

article.

For many of the Marines participating, it was the first time they had experienced something like this.

“It’s great to have the opportunity to be out here representing the Marine Corps in this manner,” said Sgt. Oswaldo Leal, a supply administrator with 1st Supply Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st MLG. “To have people come up and thank these Marines is a great thing.”

Despite losing a close game to the Colorado Rockies, the Padres fans and several hundred service members in attendance were happy to have been part of such a significant occasion.



Story and photos by:
Cpl. Laura Gauna
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Service members' spouses learn about military lifestyle



Spouses of Marines and sailors with 1st Marine Logistics Group run at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Apr. 13, 2013. Combat Logistics Battalion 1 and 1st Medical Battalion held a Jane Wayne day to teach their significant others about life in the military.

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Spouses of Marines and sailors with 1st Marine Logistics Group grapple at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Apr. 13, 2013.



Spouses of Marines and sailors with 1st Marine Logistics Group fire M4 carbines at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Apr. 13, 2013. Combat Logistics Battalion 1 and 1st Medical Battalion held a Jane Wayne day to teach their significant others about life in the military.

USS ANCHORAGE BEGINS JOURNEY TO ALASKA

SAN DIEGO - Marines and sailors with 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Division and 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, embarked and went underway on the Navy's newest amphibious transport dock

ship, the USS Anchorage, today.

The ship, designated as LPD-23, is en route to the city of Anchorage for the ship's commissioning ceremony, which is scheduled for May 4.

In addition to the commis-

sioning ceremony, the transport to and from Anchorage will allow the more than 200 Marines aboard the opportunity to train for expeditionary missions in the future.

Amphibious ships such as the USS Anchorage are crucial to the Marine Corps'

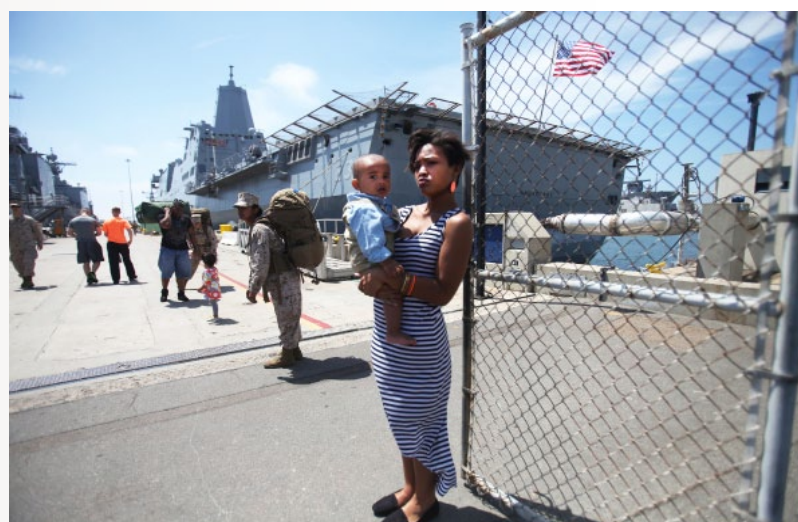
expeditionary role and allow Marines to respond to crises throughout the globe in a timely manner.

For more news, photos and video of the ship while it is underway and in Anchorage, please visit www.dvidshub.net/unit/1stMLG.

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Marines and sailors with 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Division and 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing board the Navy's newest amphibious transport dock ship, the USS Anchorage, at Naval Base San Diego, April 21, 2013.



Christian Lang: A diamond in data

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Persevering toward achieving excellence is a common career goal for military members.

Dedicated. Intelligent. Passionate. These are a few words that describe Sgt. Christian A. Lang, a mobile multichannel radio operator with Data Platoon, Communications Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group. He aims for perfection in each task he is given because he sees it as a way of life.

Lang was awarded the Herbert J. Littleton award, an award given for excellence in communications as a noncommissioned officer.

“Learning something new every day is just something I’ve strived for since I was a kid,” said Lang, a native of Chelsea, Ala. “It’s just a need, deep down inside me, to gain as

much knowledge as possible.”

Although Lang’s military occupation is a radio operator, he has been working with Data Platoon since his first field training operation in 2009.

After fixing some of the main network equipment during Mojave Viper at Twentynine Palms, Calif., he was recommended by his chain of command to stay with Data Platoon, and he has been there ever since.

“It’s about being able to see the bigger picture,” said the 25-year-old. “Once I can understand each little piece by itself and know how it works, I can start to see how everything comes together.”

Once Lang starts something, he will finish it. No matter how long it takes or even if it’s not something in his job description.

“Sergeant Lang is a great

teacher,” said Lance Cpl. Jacob Budvarson, a data network specialist with Data Plt., Comm. Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG. “He really takes the time to get to know us and teach us on the servers every chance he gets.”

It can be a task as simple as making a software program that makes the job of a logistics Marine easier or as complex as providing division specific software to more than 1,900 devices allowing them to upgrade without losing or disrupting recorded data for mission readiness.

“I’ll create a program, it’s not in my job description, but I’ll do it because it will make someone’s job that much easier,” said Lang. “Once I figure out how to create that specific program, I feel an overwhelming sense of pride and accomplishment. That’s what drives me.”

Although he just got back

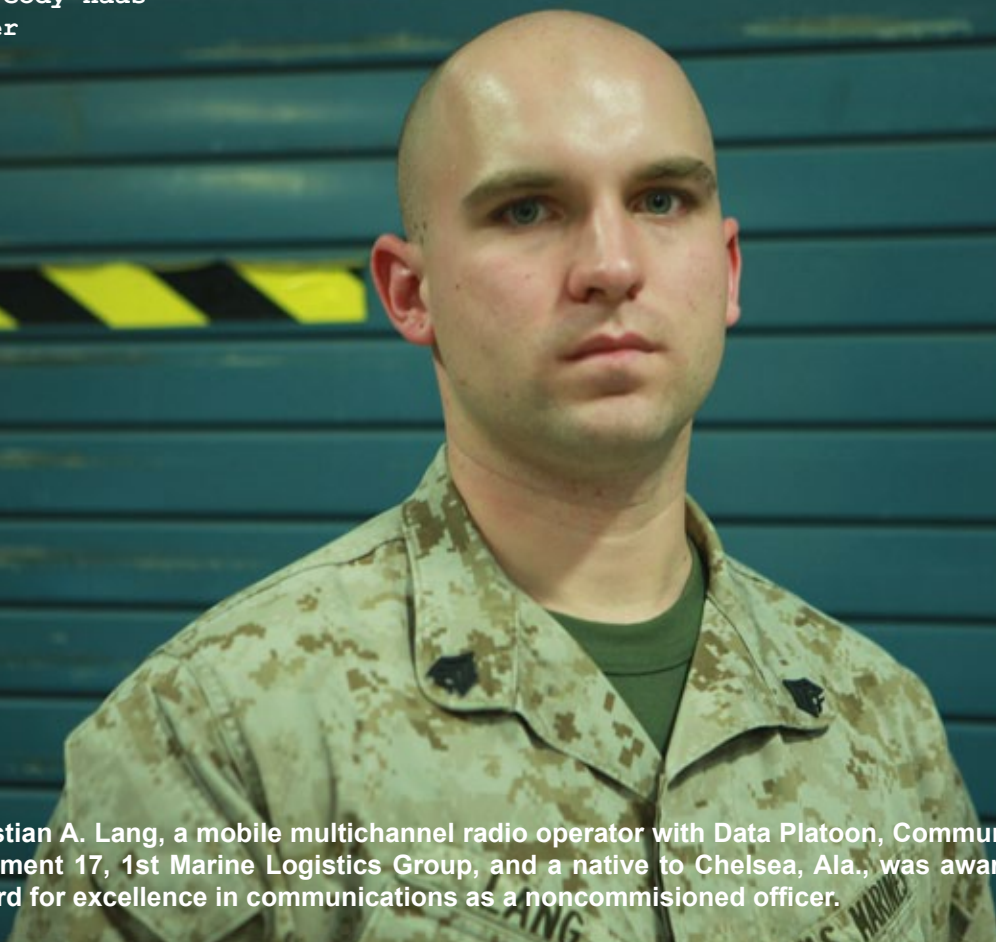
from a yearlong deployment, he insists on training junior Marines to his level of proficiency for future deployments.

“I’m here so that I can make a difference,” said Lang. “Basic military schools only teach them so much.”

Lang is a leader Marines can emulate. He was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal on his first deployment for working and improving the efficiency of five military occupational specialties. On his most recent deployment, he was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal for doing an excellent job filling a chief warrant officer data chief billet.

“At the end of the day when I’ve completed a project, that feeling of achievement is great. It’s almost overwhelming,” said Lang. “That’s what it’s all about.”

Story and photo by:
Lance Cpl. Cody Haas
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Sergeant Christian A. Lang, a mobile multichannel radio operator with Data Platoon, Communications Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, and a native to Chelsea, Ala., was awarded the Herbert J. Littleton award, an award for excellence in communications as a noncommissioned officer.

Marines get back to their roots

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Every Marine is a rifleman. This simple phrase carries a lot of weight and is what sets the Marine Corps apart from any other branch. But in order to uphold this tradition, Marines must constantly train in the basics, which is why Marines with 1st Maintenance Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, underwent the Basics Combat Skills Course.

The course, which was held aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., is designed to refresh units in the basics of Marine Corps combat skills in order to keep them ready for battle.

“We have fallen into the pretense that every Marine is a rifleman regardless of rank or (Military Occupational Specialty),” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan P. Couturier, a combat skills trainer with Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st MLG.

“Every Marine has been taught these skills in their career. We are just rehashing what they learned and trying to get them to a sustainable point where they can go back to their unit and conduct these skills efficiently. Every Marine should know these things. It is something that we all have to do as a Marine.”

Throughout the Basic Combat Skills Course, the Marines reviewed a broad range of subjects, including night and day land navigation, improvised explosive device awareness, establishing security, establishing a forward operating base, standing up a quick reaction force and unit command and control center, and vehicle and personal search procedures.

“I think it’s going to remind them that they are Marines and they don’t just sit at a shop and turn wrenches all day,” said Staff Sgt. Bridget

Bellman, a heavy equipment staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge with 1st Maint. Bn., 1st MLG, and a native of Saint Charles, Minn.

Throughout the course, Marines are reminded of the importance of leadership skills at all levels.

“Everything here is generated and built around the premise of small-unit leadership,” said Couturier, a 41-year-old native of Greenville, Mich. “Small unit leaders are the ones ensuring the mission gets accomplished. I hope that when they leave the course they come out with a better understanding of what it takes as a small-unit leader to carry out that mission to take care of the Marines.”

During the final exercise, Marines started off with a written test and later conducted a patrol, which incorporated all the topics covered in the course.

The instructors role-played as aggressors to give a realistic scenario for the patrolling squads.

Upon completion of the course, Marines gained a better understanding of basic combat skills that are essential to mission accomplishment.

“I think each Marine can take so much from every bit of this class,” said Bellman. “Just being with the Marines under the stars and getting back to basics is amazing in itself, but it also gives everyone a little more confidence in roles that they have in the Marine Corps.”

Story and photos by:
Cpl. Laura Gauna
Staff Writer



▲ Marines with 1st Maintenance Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, review a map to locate their checkpoint on a patrol during the Basic Combat Skills Course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 18, 2013. Approximately 40 Marines participated in the course designed to refresh Marines in the basics of Marine Corps combat skills to keep them ready for battle.

▼ Marines with 1st Maintenance Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, study a terrain model prior to a patrol during the Basic Combat Skills Course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 18, 2013. Approximately 40 Marines participated in the three-week course designed to refresh Marines in the basics of Marine Corps combat skills to keep them ready for battle.



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CLB-15 welcomes new sergeant major



Story and photos by:
Cpl. Timothy Childers
15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

USS RUSHMORE – The ship pitched over the rough seas of the Western Pacific as Marines and sailors gathered into formation on the flight deck. Challenged to stand firm, they stood as the battalion said goodbye to one leader and welcomed a new one.

During the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Western Pacific deployment, Marines and sailors assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 15 conducted a relief and appointment ceremony aboard the USS Rushmore, April 15, to bid farewell to 1st Sgt. Bradley Simmons and welcome the battalion's new senior enlisted leader, Sgt. Maj. JohnPaul Doring.

Marine Corps tradition dictates

that the noncommissioned officer's sword is passed from the outgoing to the incoming to signify the transfer of a sacred trust between enlisted leaders of Marines. Once the sword was passed and the enlisted leadership responsibilities were transferred, the battalion's commanding officer gave a few words recognizing the importance of the event and expressing gratitude for the dedication of Simmons.

"The relief and appointment of one battalion sergeant major to another is a significant event in the life cycle of any Marine battalion," said Lt. Col. John J. Wiener, commanding officer, CLB-15, 15th MEU. "Sergeants major serve as a senior enlisted Marine at the battalion, squadron and higher

levels. They are the commander's senior enlisted advisor who handle matters of discipline and morale amongst the enlisted Marines. We will sorely miss 1st Sgt. Simmons and his demanding, no-nonsense and aggressive leadership style."

Simmons was the 19th sergeant major of CLB-15. He came to the battalion in January 2012, and faithfully served the unit for the last 15 months. Simmons will move to Fort Bliss, Texas, to attend the Army's Sergeants Major Academy.

Doring was born in Tucson, Ariz., and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1991. Assigned as a military policeman, he has served four combat deployments and a tour as a drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit De-

pot San Diego.

"I want to thank the Marines and sailors for the ceremony and their hard work during this deployment. I hope I can serve them in any and every way possible," said Doring. "I'm here now to mentor, guide and take care of the enlisted Marines and sailors. It will be the CO and myself's job to stand this battalion up as we realign our strength as a whole."

Upon returning to Camp Pendleton, the unit has a heavy workload and a busy schedule, reorganizing into a new, full-sized logistical battalion. Significant personnel moves further compound the daunting task; however, the commanding officer is confident in their new leader to get the job done.



> **Gunnery Sgt. Brian Kendrick**, military police chief, Military Police Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, leads the color guard during the battalion's relief and appointment ceremony on the flight deck of USS Rushmore, April 13.

< **First Sgt. Bradley Simmons**, sergeant major, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, passes a non-commissioned officer's sword to Lt. Col. John Wiener, commanding officer, CLB-15, 15th MEU, during the relief and appointment ceremony on the flight deck of USS Rushmore, April 13.



Story and photo by:
Sgt. Christopher Duncan
MCB Camp Pendleton



▲ Brigadier Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse, left, presents awards to recipients at the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award Ceremony at Camp Pendleton's base theater, April 25, 2013.

Volunteers of the year recognized

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -- Marine and Family Programs hosted the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony at Camp Pendleton's base theater, April 25.

Awardees received celebrity treatment as they made their way to the theater on red carpet, were served hors d'oeuvres and stopped to take snap shots in the photo booth area before and after the ceremony.

"I'm still shaking from the whole experience; it was a total surprise," said Karen Broadmeadow, recipient of the Setting the Example Award. "I volunteer because there is a lot of value in coming together as a community to help others, and you meet so many wonderful people."

Brigadier Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse, base commanding general and regional authority for five Marine Corps installations in the Southwestern United States, presented awards to the following recipients:

- Volunteer of the Year-Civilian: Mike Bland

- Volunteer of the Year-Military: Cpl. Sean Bautista

- Volunteer of the Year-Team: L.I.N.K.S.

- Volunteer Unit of the Year-Small Unit: 9th Communication Battalion

- Volunteer Unit of the year-Large Unit: Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton

- Volunteer of the Year-Youth: McKenna Wade

- Setting the Example Award: Karen Broadmeadow

"It's very humbling to be able to present awards to the people who give of themselves and do so much for the base," said Brig. Gen. Coglianesse. "We're blessed to have them here, and it's a great honor to be able to do this for them."

Many of the volunteers expressed that what they do is out of appreciation for service members.

"My whole focus is taking care of Marines, sailors and their families. That's where my heart is," said Broadmeadow. "I do this because I like to help others."

For more information about Marine and Family Programs visit www.mccspc.com.

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▲ Chief Warrant Officer Eric Wojahn, maintenance officer, Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, hugs his children during a homecoming event aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 12, 2012.

▲ Lance Cpl. Derrick Q. Nelson, 19, from Wellington, Kan., a motor transport mechanic with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, 1st Marine Logistics Group, attempts to attach a wrecker to a broken-down vehicle during a recovery mission in Helmand province, Afghanistan, April 28, 2010.

Caption This Wednesday!



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TOP CAPTIONS

Marcos Rosa: "SHHHH this is only a CARTOON ... it wont hurt that much."

Marilyn Carmack: "You know what they say? As long as you look like you're working hard, they'll leave you alone :)."

Jennifer D. Brofer: "Maybe she's born with it. Maybe it's OC spray."

TOP CAPTIONS

Douglas House: "Omg its Soo pretty!"

Joe Munoz: "Break the seal."

Stephen Maddox: "BREATHE!!!"



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HST trains aboard USS Rushmore

USS RUSHMORE - When Marines need essential gear, vehicles or equipment in the field, they need it quickly. The helicopter support team, a group of landing support specialists, is called to support this vital mission.

During the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's deployment, Marines assigned to Transportation Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th MEU, practiced the planning and execution of an HST aerial lift aboard USS Rushmore, April 27.

The team of four conducted training that consisted of seven lifts of a cargo net filled with oversized tires to help them keep their skills sharp. The pilots and crew of a CH-46E Sea Knight assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 (Rein.), 15th MEU, participated in the exercise to bolster both the Marines on the flight deck and their own training.

"We conducted an exter-

nal lift with a (CH-46E), carrying one load of three tires inside a net," said Sgt. Andy Alonso, landing support specialist, Transportation Support Detachment, CLB-15, 15th MEU. "This was the first chance we've had to conduct an HST since the deployment began. It provided a unique opportunity for us to practice a major part of our job as LS specialists."

Each Marine within the team holds a job essential to the mission. The static Marine's job is to attach an anti-static wand to the hook hovering above the load. The helicopter's wings generate an electric charge on the hook the same way socks rubbed on carpet can produce a shock. But this charge is much more powerful and can be fatal if not grounded by the Marine with the wand.

The landing support specialists also used the training opportunity to cross-train three other Marines outside the LS field on the procedure.

"This was a great learn-

ing experience," said Staff Sgt. Julio A. Renteria, motor transportation operations chief, TS Detachment, CLB-15, 15th MEU. "It was my first time doing an aerial lift. It's great learning other military occupational specialties. It gets you out of the realm of your job and allows you to fill a variety of capabilities of what other MOSs can do."

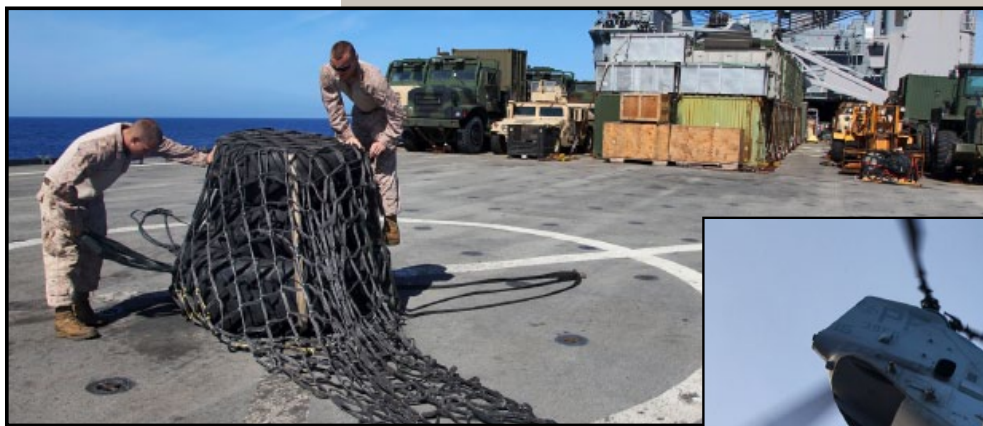
With the training finished, a group of landing support specialist refreshed their skills, trained three Marines outside their MOS, assisted in the training of the crew of a CH-46 and had a great time doing what they do the best.

The 15th MEU is comprised of approximately 2,400 Marines and sailors and is deployed as part of the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group. Together, they provide a forward-deployed, flexible sea-based Marine Air-Ground Task Force capable of conducting a wide variety of operations ranging from humanitarian aid to combat.



▲ A CH-46E Sea Knight assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 (Rein.), 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, drops its cargo after a helicopter support team assigned to Transportation Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th MEU, conducted an aerial lift aboard USS Rushmore, April 27, 2013.

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Cpl. Timothy Childers
15th Marine Expeditionary Unit



▲ Marines assigned to Transportation Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, secure a cargo net over three tires before a helicopter support team conducts an aerial lift aboard USS Rushmore, April 27, 2013.

> A CH-46E Sea Knight assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 (Rein.), 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, carries a cargo net after a helicopter support team assigned to Transportation Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th MEU, conducted an aerial lift aboard USS Rushmore, April 27, 2013.



Detection before detonation: 7th ESB trains with minesweepers

Photos by: Lance Cpl. Cody Haas
Staff Writer



Marines with Bravo Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, spend a day conducting mine-sweeper training aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 19, 2013.



Licensing instructor leads by example

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Service members strive to constantly improve themselves and for one Marine with Licensing, Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, it's his life's ambition.

Levester Markham II, a motor transportation operator and a licensing instructor, extensively trains Marines on how to operate Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected Vehicles and Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected All-Terrain Vehicles.

Corporal Markham was inspired to be a motor transportation operator by his uncle, who worked in motor transportation in the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"My uncle said it was a great job," said Markham. "I was a military brat. I wanted a

challenge. That's why I chose the Marines."

Markham's work ethic goes beyond the three-week licensing course's standard. Each student that goes through the course receives an in-depth, hands-on training experience.

"Markham is a strong [non-commissioned officer] and has stepped up as a leader and an instructor for licensing," said 1st Lt. Alexander C. Niederbuhl, licensing officer with Licensing, CLB-1, CLR-1. "He has gone above our expectations."

"Corporal Markham is an outstanding Marine," said Cpl. Lydia Yankee, a licensing instructor with Licensing. "He will do anything to help make the learning experience easier for the students."

Markham has learned the majority of what he knows from driving corpsmen and

doctors in Afghanistan while deployed with Bravo Surgical Company, 1st Medical Battalion, at Forward Operating Base Payne from February to September 2012.

"He's very patient and won't hesitate to pass on knowledge from past experiences," said Yankee.

At least 40 Marines each month are properly introduced and trained on how to operate MAT-Vs and MRAPs during the licensing course, thanks to the 27-year-old native of Fort Worth, Texas. Having properly trained operators at the wheel of these powerful vehicles gives deployed Marines a distinct advantage.

"Every Marine I license, I know has been trained thoroughly on these vehicles," said Markham. "One day, that Marine's life could depend on

this training and that's why I take so much pride in my job."

Markham is also the lead licensing instructor for the Advisor Training Cell course. The course trains staff non-commissioned officers and officers.

"He takes charge of all ranks for the duration of this course," said Sgt. Derek Desjardin, acting chief licensing instructor with Licensing. "He's diligent with his work and takes a lot of pride in it."

Markham continues to improve the classes taken by the students during the licensing course. Giving Marines the gift of unprecedented knowledge is his way of giving back.

"I definitely see how he continues to grow as a [non-commissioned officer] and a Marine," said Desjardin. "The sky's the limit for Cpl. Markham."



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Lance Cpl. Cody Haas
Staff Writer

Bulk fuel Marines test their endurance, skills



Photos by:
Cpl. Kenneth Jasik
Staff Writer



Marines with Bulk Fuel Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, begin a hose run during the Bulk Fuel Challenge aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Apr. 12, 2013. Each platoon in Bulk Fuel Company competed in a series of timed bulk fuel-themed events.



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CLB-7 enjoys family day

Story and photo by:
Cpl. William Jackson
MCAGCC Twentynine Palms

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. - Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 7 and Combat Logistics Company 13 enjoyed an afternoon with their families during the unit's field meet and family day events at Del Valle Field, March 28.

The Marines and sailors competed against each other in a variety of events testing their speed, strength and endurance. Along with the field meet, the service members' loved ones were invited to watch and take part in family-fun events like spouse softball, face painting and bounce houses for the kids.

"It's just to build camaraderie among our Marines," said Staff Sgt. Anthony Adams-Butler, S-3 training chief, Headquarters and Service Company, CLB-7. "We've gotten a lot of Marines that just checked in, so we're just trying to have a little fun out here before the weekend."

The battalion pitted the companies against each other as families cheered from the side. The competitions ranged from sports events to endurance challenges. The Marines and sailors took to the softball fields to start the day.

"We're playing softball. We'll be doing a tug-of-war challenge, a pushup challenge, relay races, what we call the 'run of the ranks' which is from (private first class) to company commander, where they run one lap with the guidon and pass it to the next rank," Adams-Butler said during the field meet. "We also have a tire flip that we're doing with 7-ton tires and that will be the most gruesome."

"We're staying motivated and staying warm in the desert," Adams-Butler added. "We're getting some (physical training) in and developing some more motivation within the unit, you know maintaining that unit cohesion."



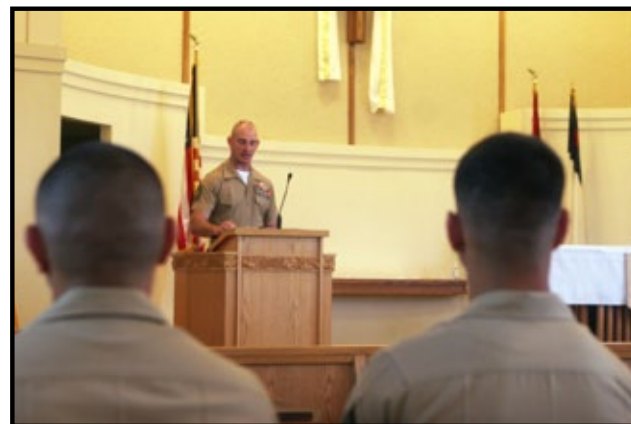
▲ Yasmeen Tejada, 5, cheers on her dad, Gunnery Sgt. Jose Tejada, administration chief, Headquarters and Service Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 7, during the unit's field meet and family day events at Del Valle Field, March 28, 2013.

NCOs graduate Corporals Course



▲ Sergeant Maj. Troy E. Black, battalion sergeant major, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, presents a Marine his diploma during the 1st MLG Corporals Course graduation ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 19, 2013. The Marines who graduated Corporals Course were taught basic leadership tools necessary to lead a team of Marines.

▼ Sergeant Maj. Troy E. Black, battalion sergeant major, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, speaks to the graduating Marines during the 1st MLG Corporals Course graduation ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 19, 2013. The Marines who graduated Corporals Course were taught basic leadership tools necessary to lead a team of Marines.



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Here are 3 quick FAFSA tips:

(1) **START THE PROCESS EARLY:** The FAFSA for the new year becomes available on Jan. 1. The application can be time-consuming, so you should start as close as possible to Jan. 1.

(2) **SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY APPLICATION:** To complete your FAFSA, you'll need your tax return information for the current year (see next tip).

(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

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Volunteers are needed for the Carlsbad Beach Fest, June 15, 2013 at Carlsbad State beach from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Valerie Madden at madval@roadrunner.com.

- El Camino High School is in need of service members to assist with a graduation on June 12, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, contact 1st Sgt. Gene LaRue at gene.larue@oside.us.

- 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.

- 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.

- La Paloma Elementary School in Fallbrook, will be holding their 7th Annual Jog-A-Thon on Friday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to participate in and attend the event.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

Need to talk? MFLC's will listen. They are available to help Marines, attached sailors, spouses, children, and staff.

MFLC's can address:

- Deployment and reintegration
- Marriage and relationship issues
- Parenting and family issues
- Communication challenges
- Stress and anxiety
- Sadness and anxiety
- Grief and loss
- Daily life issues

Counseling and training are free and anonymous. No records are kept by MFLC.

For more information, visit any Installation Family Centers, Family Advocacy Program Office.