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Colonel James W. Clark (left), outgoing commanding officer of Combat Logistics Regiment 17, passes the regiment's battle colors to Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group, during a relinquishing of command ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 22, 2013.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Laura Gauna)

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THROUGH LOGISTICS

Episode 4 features corpsmen with 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, successfully handling a simulated mass casualty disaster during exercise Black Mamba aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 27, 2013.

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Marines embark on field operation



Embark Marines with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, prepare to unload and weigh gear to gather accurate dimensional data so it can be properly staged aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 7, 2013. These Marines are preparing for CLR-17's COCEX, a pre-field training exercise to Dawn Blitz, an exercise designed to prepare Marine units for rapid crisis response.



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Motivating company hike



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Marines and sailors with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, conduct a conditioning hike aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 3, 2013.

CLR-15 welcomes new sergeant major

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Sergeant Maj. William T. Sowers relinquished his post as sergeant major of Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, to Sgt. Maj. Douglas E. Berry Jr. during a Relief and Appointment Ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 1, 2013.

Sowers, a former anti-tank assault man who began his Marine Corps

career 24 years ago, assumed the duties of regimental sergeant major during November 2010. While serving as CLR-15's senior enlisted Marine, Sowers deployed to Helmand province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

During the ceremony, Col. Tracy W. King, commanding officer, CLR-15, thanked Sowers for his leadership.

"I can't imagine doing this job without the wise counsel of what is the epitome of the finest Marine in the

regiment" King said. "You're one of the finest Marines I've ever known."

Sowers, a Martinsville, Va., native, is scheduled to assume the sergeant major billet for Training and Education Command at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., but prior to leaving CLR-15, he thanked the Marines and sailors of the unit.

"I would like to recognize the Marines. They represent the finest individuals this organization and country has to offer," Sowers said. "They are

outstanding individuals."

Berry, a former rifleman and 25-year Marine Corps veteran, looks forward to his new duty as the regimental sergeant major.

"It's a privilege and honor to be standing in front of you today as the newly appointed sergeant major of Combat Logistics Regiment 15," Berry said. "I look forward to being the sergeant major and maintaining that standard of excellence during the next few years."

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Sergeant Maj. Douglas E. Berry Jr., right, incoming sergeant major, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, is handed a noncommissioned officer sword from Col. Tracy W. King, commanding officer, CLR-15, signifying his new appointment as the regimental sergeant major during CLR-15's Relief and Appointment Ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 1, 2013.



Sergeant Maj. William T. Sowers relinquishes command of Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, to Sgt. Maj. Douglas E. Berry Jr., during CLR-15's Relief and Appointment Ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 1, 2013.



7th ESB Marine awarded Bulk Fuel Officer of the Year

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Bulk fuel Marines keep the war machine moving. Without the fuel they provide, planes, helicopters, tanks, Humvees and other military vehicles simply wouldn't move. For his dedication to perfection, one bulk fuel officer with Bulk Fuel Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, was recognized by the American Petroleum Institute as the 2012 Fuel Officer of the Year.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Daren D. Richardson, 37, from Columbia, S.C., was named the officer who best demonstrated pride, professionalism and support of warfighters in the bulk fuel field.

"His work ethic is unpar-

alleled," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jennifer A. Enno, executive officer, Bulk Fuel Co. "His dedication to the Marines and his dedication to training is unmatched."

Throughout most of 2012, Richardson was deployed to Afghanistan as the Regional Command Southwest fuels officer.

"As a chief warrant officer two, he was filling a chief warrant officer three position," said Enno, 33, from Springfield, Ill. "He was responsible for the strategic oversight of bulk fuel for both air and ground units in RC Southwest."

Out of the six regional commands in Afghanistan, the Marine-led RC(SW) had the most consistent numbers for

fuel accountability.

"Regional Command Southwest had the best reporting rating throughout Afghanistan," said Richardson. "For 10 months out of my time out there, we had a perfect reporting rating."

Richardson is honored to be recognized by the API.

"It gives me a sense a pride because this award is awarded based off your performance," said Richardson. "I was excited. It means you've been selected amongst your peers, and you've been selected as the top officer. And there is very good competition. It's noteworthy, and it gives you a sense of accomplishment."

The Marines Richardson works with are proud of him being named Bulk Fuel Offi-

cer of the Year, and believe it is a fitting title.

"He's very deserving," said Enno. "He's a great peer to have, and I'm very proud of him. He definitely deserves the recognition."

Richardson says the honors from the API would not have been possible without the hard work of the Marines under his charge.

"Everything was thanks to the Marines within the major subordinate commands," he said. "The job they did helped us out because they were the guys actually out there on the ground doing the right thing and reporting everything properly. I'd like to thank all the Marines who were out there. They made this possible."

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Chief Warrant Officer 2 Daren D. Richardson, a platoon commander with Bulk Fuel Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, was recognized by the American Petroleum Institute as the 2012 Fuel Officer of the Year.

Food service Marines excel in Desert Scimitar

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. - Deep in the Mojave Desert, 14 food service Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 17 were working through the night, preparing thousands of meals for the wave of hungry troops that were about to swarm their small makeshift dining hall.

These Marines, along with approximately 4,500 others with 1st Marine Division and 1st Marine Logistics Group, were participating in Desert Scimitar, one of the largest exercises held at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

For the first time in approximately a decade, the division deployed to the field as a complete headquarters element to practice offensive and defensive operations against a simulated enemy.

Undermanned and with few resources, the food service Marines were able to feed 2,400 mouths a day, often working through the night to ensure all Marines and sailors had the fuel

to keep them in the fight.

“Our job out there was so important because everyone was in such a harsh environment and under so much stress that the fact that we are able to boost the morale with a hot meal and cold drink pushed us to work harder,” said Staff Sgt. Manuel Ramos, a food service specialist with Food Service Company, CLR-17, 1st MLG, and a native of Clearwater, Fla. “That is what we are here for. We are here to make sure every Marine gets their meal so they have the fuel and energy to keep going.”

From the moment the exercise began, the Marines spent several hours setting up everything from the field kitchen to tents, decking, camouflage netting, storage units, and refrigeration systems.

Attention to detail was essential to mission accomplishment. A heavy significance was placed on the cleanliness and thoroughness of food preparation, erecting of field sites and proper conduct throughout the training

exercise.

“Sanitation was very big,” added Ramos. “You have to ensure your sanitation is to the point because you don’t want to get anyone sick out there. To stop an operation because of a foodborne illness is the worst thing you could do as a food specialist.”

As the operational side of the exercise progressed, there was an obvious increase in the level of cohesion amongst the food service Marines.

“The first couple of days were a little rough,” said Ramos. “But on the third day it was like clockwork. They were on it and my instructions were minimum. It was like second nature to them.”

Throughout the two-week exercise, they conducted extensive training on function checks, equipment, sanitation and proper setup. For several Marines, it was their first time operating in the field environment.

“Everything was completely different out there,” said Lance

Cpl. Alicia Woolard, a food service specialist with Food Service Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG, and a native of Prescott, Ariz. “You take the smaller things you have at home for granted. Everything is fast paced and harder to do. You are out of your element and you don’t have the convenience of home, but I think it was a really good learning experience.”

Several other participants said they were impressed with the proficiency of the food service Marines because they seemed to have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Even more impressed was the food service staff.

“After seeing these Marines out in the field, I would absolutely trust each and every one of them in a combat situation,” said Ramos. “I absolutely would trust them to go out and handle their business.”

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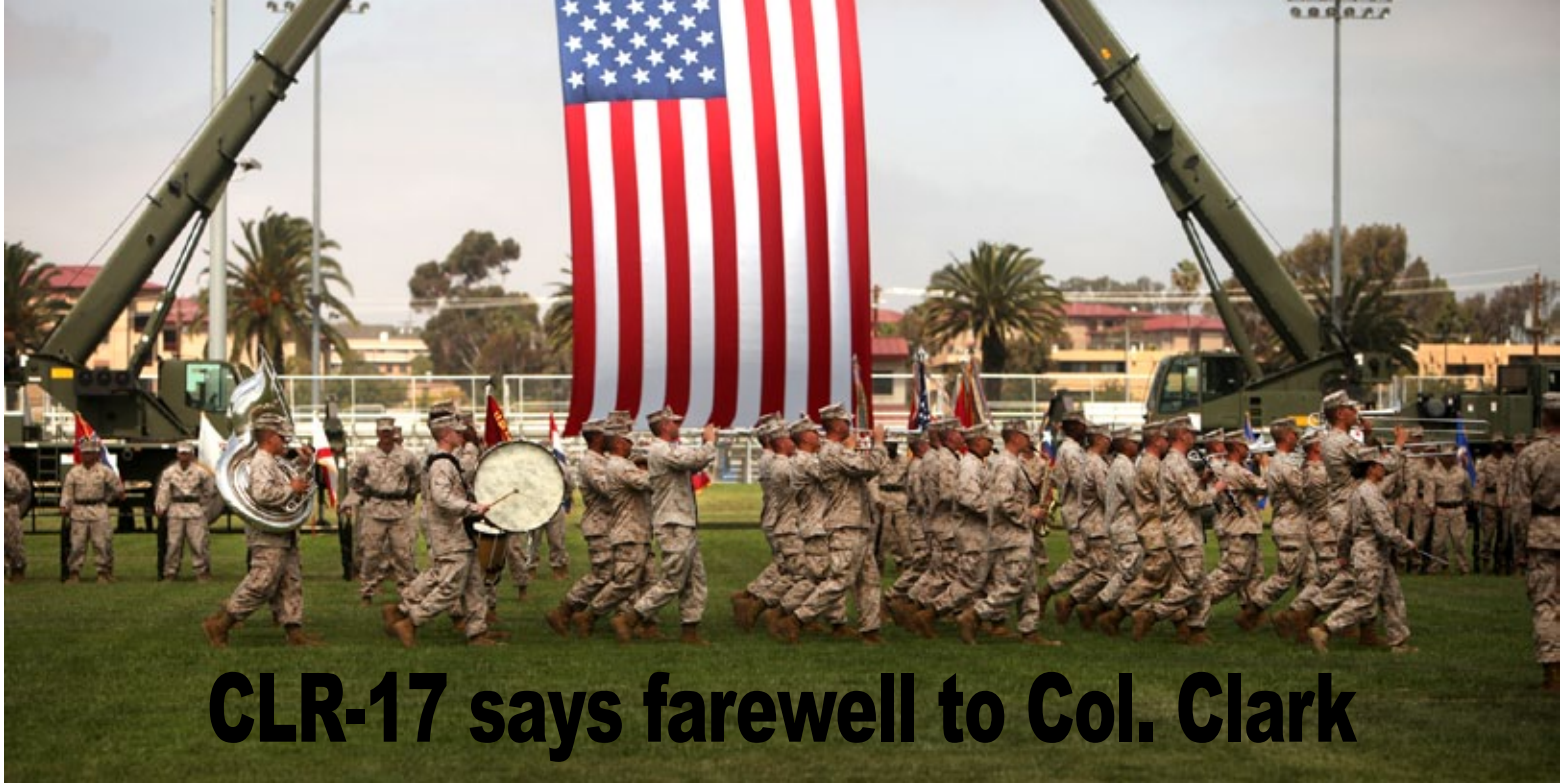


< Marines participating in Exercise Desert Scimitar, enjoy a hearty meal aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., May 1, 2013. Several food service specialists with Combat Logistics Regiment 17 were attached to the division for nearly two weeks to prepare and serve hot meals for more than 600 Marines and sailors. The team of food service specialists often worked more than 20 hours each day to feed the division.

> Sergeant Letty Y. Vazquez, a food service specialist serving with Food Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, serves dinner to Marines with 1st Marine Division during Exercise Desert Scimitar aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., May 1, 2013. Vazquez, a 25-year-old native of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, was attached to the division for nearly two weeks to prepare and serve hot meals for more than 600 Marines and sailors. Her team of food service specialists often worked more than 20 hours each day to feed the division.



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CLR-17 says farewell to Col. Clark

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Colonel James W. Clark Jr. relinquished his position as the commanding officer of Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, during a relinquishing of command ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 22, 2013.

Colonel Erik B. Kraft will be the regiment's new commanding officer.

More than 100 Marines, sailors, friends and family members attended the ceremony to bid farewell to Clark. The ceremony included the passing of the CLR-17 battle colors, remarks by the outgoing commander and performances by the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band.

Clark began his Marine Corps career 28 years ago and assumed command of CLR-17 in the summer of 2011. While serving as CLR-17's commanding officer, Clark deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the Reset and Reconstitution Operations Group with 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (forward).

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, commanding general, 1st MLG, recognized Clark for his leadership.

"His leadership has set the standard," Brig. Gen. Broadmeadow said. "As you and your wife step off to assume your new role, I can't think of a better team to go back to the East Coast to set

the standard as you have done here, to our East Coast brethren. I wish you fair winds and following seas my friend, and I look forward to serving with you one day in the future."

Clark, a native of Tollesboro, Ky., is scheduled to be the new deputy commander of Marine Corps Installations East, but prior to leaving CLR-17, he addressed his Marines and sailors.

"I love this unit because these Marines can do anything and are very capable," Clark said. "These Marines know what it means to be an expeditionary force. It's being ready when you don't know that you need to be ready."



^ Sergeant Maj. Brian D. Milton (left), sergeant major, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, passes the regiment's battle colors to Col. James W. Clark during a relinquishing of command ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 22, 2013. Colonel Erik B. Kraft will assume command of the regiment from Clark.



< Combat Logistics Regiment 17's color guard presents the colors during the regiment's relinquishing of command ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 22, 2013.

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CLR-1 supports Exercise Desert Scimitar



Courtesy photo

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. - Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, returned home after supporting one of the unit's largest exercises at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., from April 29 through May 5.

The exercise, Desert Scimitar 13, was a division-sized exercise that brought together approximately 4,500 Marines from 1st Marine Division and 1st MLG for a week of live-fire combat maneuvers at the Combat Center's Rainbow Canyon Training Area.

"First Marine Division is practicing their infantry skills and utilization of all assets," said Capt. Sarah Culbertson, the assistant operations officer with CLR-1, 1st MLG. "I am amazed at the amount of work these Marines put in."

This is the first time in ten years the exercise was performed. This year's scenario was designed for Marines to help a simulated nation retain

its sovereignty from its northern communist counterpart.

"We are practicing offensive and defensive operations against a simulated enemy to practice skill sets that can be later used in combat," added Culbertson, a native of Chicago. "As CLR-1, we are ensuring 1st Marine Division has the logistical combat service support they need to continue their fight."

The unit was there to provide both general and direct support to 1st Marine Division's live-fire exercise with all subordinate elements including Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 5 and 7. They provided the division with ammunition, food, water, fuel, transportation, security and communications.

The exercise assessed, validated and improved CLR-1's ability to provide support to 1st Marine Division and strengthened the CLR's expeditionary core capabilities.

"This training was designed to meet mission essential

tasks," added Culbertson. "It ensured we were rehearsing and reinforcing those tasks that we will use in combat, so the first time we encounter a scenario such as this isn't in combat."

One of the largest resources CLR-1 provided was maintaining a logistical combat operations center, where they commanded and controlled the battlefield to ensure each unit was properly taken care of.

"Logistics drives operations," said Staff Sgt. Julio Sandoval, a training chief with CLR-1, 1st MLG, and a native of Sabinal, Texas. "It is such an important piece of the puzzle. It's the heartbeat of operations."

Upon arrival, Marines immediately set up tents, communications, power generators, showers, laundry facilities, a field kitchen, computer systems, satellites and antennas.

Often working 20-hour days, Marines ensured all lo-

gistical needs were met. They trekked several miles through the desert sun, providing thousands of gallons of water and fuel a day to fellow Marines.

"Twentynine Palms is one of the most realistic training areas we have," said Culbertson. "It really gives the Marines a better understanding of what we would need to do in a real-life scenario."

As the exercise came to an end, its success was clear.

"The involvement of the Marines and of the leadership was key to our success," said Sandoval. "Everyone was heavily engaged in this exercise and that involvement motivated each and every Marine to push hard. It was a real accomplishment in my eyes."

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Corporal Sean Bautista, an administration specialist with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, and a native of San Jose, Calif., holds his daughter, Valerie Faith, alongside his wife, Wendi.

Marine gives back to community

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Serving in the armed forces may be selfless enough for some, but others, like Cpl. Sean Bautista, want to do more.

Bautista, an administration specialist with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, grew up in the Philippines.

Growing up in a religious family, he learned to love others and give to those less fortunate.

"I grew up in, I guess you could call it, the slumps," said Bautista. "My family had a nice place, but I played with the kids who lived in small apartments and around the dumps. It just made me realize how blessed I am to have what I have and it made me feel good to know that I could help them."

At a young age, Bautista volunteered at his uncle's charity, which helped less-fortunate children receive an education and also held Bible studies.

After living in the Philippines for 16

years, Bautista came to the states and joined the Marine Corps. Immediately, he started volunteering in his free time.

In this last year alone, he completed 612 hours of community service.

"I want to be an example to others," said Bautista. "Many don't realize that if you volunteer even a little of your time, it will make a big impact to someone. One person can help make a difference."

He has volunteered in youth centers, community centers, homeless shelters and countless retirement homes.

"No family ever comes to visit the majority of the people in retirement homes," shared Bautista. "They are alone and just want someone to talk to. It's a pleasure to be around them. I have met first sergeants and sergeants major that went to the Korean War. I even met a Marine who knew Chesty Puller. It amazed and motivated me. You don't get to meet people like that

every day."

He is also an avid member of the Single Marine Program counsel.

"I just love giving to other people," he added. "Not everyone will see what you have done or thank you for it, but it's not for them, it's for your own happiness. You know what you did helped someone else and it's such a great feeling."

Bautista recently received the volunteer of the year award. His wife, Wendi, could not be more pleased with her husband's accomplishments.

"I am so proud of him," she said. "He is always managing his time between his family, work and volunteering. He has such a good heart."

Bautista is also a new father and looks forward to dedicating his life to her.

"She is just a new joy to the family," he added. "I want to cherish the moments with her at this age now."

USS Anchorage commissioning ceremony



^ Marines with Task Force Denali man the rails during the USS Anchorage commissioning ceremony in Anchorage, Alaska, May 4, 2013. More than 4,000 people gathered to witness the ceremony. The USS Anchorage is the second ship to be named after the city and the first U.S. Navy ship to be commissioned in Alaska.

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^ (From left to right) Sgt. Wesley M. Slattery, Cpl. Nalton B. Antonio, Cpl. Wayne G. Watkins, Lance Cpl. Benjamin J. Johnson and Lance Cpl. Ryan M. Williams, heavy equipment operators with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group (forward), were presented the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal by the 1st MLG Commanding General, May 25, 2010.



#ThrowbackThursday

^ Master Gunnery Sgt. Orlando Zuniga, director of Combat Skills Training school, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, displays the Bronze Star medal he received during a ceremony held at Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 5, 2010.

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- Trent W. Fleming: "I hate mud, said no Marine ever."
- Kim Reed: "Mom always said... mud is good for the skin."



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Marines volunteer at local school

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 17 and 7th Engineer Support Battalion spent an afternoon running at La Paloma Elementary School with students during the school's jog-a-thon, May 3, 2013.

The 10 Marine volunteers helped motivate approximately 100 kindergarten through sixth grade students.

"It's good to support our children," said Staff Sgt. Dushawn Powell, a licensing director with CLR-17, and a native of Milwaukee. "With me

having eight kids, I especially think just getting out there helping kids is very important."

Students shouted with excitement upon seeing Marines, firemen and police officers join them in the jog-a-thon.

"When the kids knew they were coming it was all they could talk about," said Chad McGowgh, La Paloma Elementary School principal. "When they ran with them and encouraged them it just made their day. It gave them an opportunity to run and hangout with their

heroes."

After the run, Marines spent recess with the children playing basketball. For several Marines, the day could not have gone any better.

"Hanging with elementary kids is always fun and really rewarding," said Staff Sgt. Justin Hensley, a data chief with Communications Company, 7th ESB, and a native of Louisville, Ky. "They are always excited to see you no matter who you are. I just had a great time with them, and I was glad to come out."



▲ Staff Sgt. Justin Hensley, a data chief with Communications Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, and a native of Louisville, Ky., speaks with La Paloma Elementary School students after participating in the school's jog-a-thon, May 3, 2013.

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▲ Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 17 and 7th Engineer Support Battalion play basketball with several La Paloma Elementary School students after completing the school's jog-a-thon, May 3, 2013.

▼ Lance Cpl. Francisco Mende, an administrative specialist with Combat Logistics Regiment 17 and a native of San Fernando, Calif., runs with La Paloma Elementary School students during the school's jog-a-thon, May 3, 2013.



▲ Staff Sgt. Justin Hensley, a data chief with Communications Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, and a native of Louisville, Ky., runs with a La Paloma Elementary School student during the school's jog-a-thon, May 3, 2013.

Navy Captain retires after 33 years of service

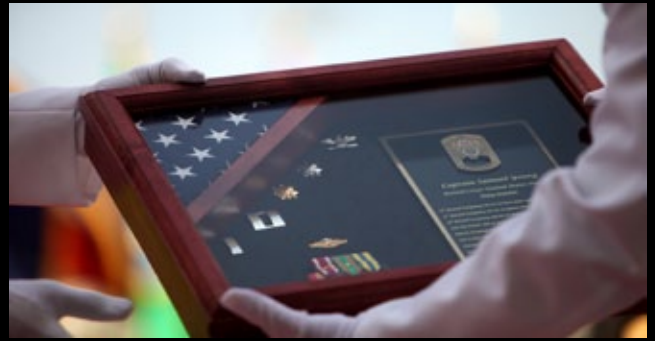
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Karla Young, Navy Capt. Samuel Young's wife, looks at her husband during his retirement ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 9, 2013.



Navy Capt. Samuel Young, an oral surgeon with 1st Dental Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, holds his retirement ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 9, 2013. Young, a native of Murrieta, Calif., served 33 years in the Navy and conducted approximately 35,000 oral procedures, assisted 13,000 patients and extracted more than 14,000 teeth during his last tour, here. During the ceremony, he received the meritorious service medal with a gold star, in lieu of his fifth award, for his exceptional work while in the Navy. Young is currently completing his Red Cross certification so he can continue to provide care to those in need.



CLB-1 named Motor Transport Unit of the Year

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, was named the 2012 Motor Transport Unit of the Year by the Marine Corps Motor Transport Association.

Combat Logistics Battalion 1 was selected as the unit of the year largely due to their accomplishments while deployed to Afghanistan from October 2011 to April 2012. While there, they helped retrograde supplies as the drawdown in Helmand province began.

“Motor Transport Company’s work ethic was unbe-

lievable,” said Gunnery Sgt. Charlie Collins, the CLB-1 operations chief during the unit’s deployment. “They were either on the road or in their racks only to rest for their next convoy. They wouldn’t stop.”

Their high levels of motivation, tied in with their tireless work ethic, brought out impressive numbers not seen in any other motor transport unit.

“They stood out because of the amount of materials they transported,” said Collins. “Their numbers simply blew the other units out of the water.”

Combat Logistics Battal-

ion 1’s motor transport Marines helped NATO service members prepare to leave Afghanistan. Their work in retrograding equipment significantly impacted the area of operations, said Collins.

“The Marines saw the light at the end of the tunnel,” said Collins. “They wanted to do everything they could to help (Operation Enduring Freedom) come to a close.”

For some of the Marines, providing motor transport support to International Security Assistance Forces was a particularly fulfilling assignment.

“I really like driving

trucks,” said Cpl. Rachel E. Allison, a motor transport operator with CLB-1. “When I was younger, I enjoyed driving tractors, so I chose motor (transport).”

The Marines are proud of their unit, and know it was their team effort that brought them the recognition as the Motor Transport Unit of the Year.

“Everybody works really hard,” said Allison, 23, from Jordan, Minn. “I feel honored to be a corporal in a unit where everyone worked so hard. There’ve been a lot of late nights and volunteering for more work from everyone in the company.”



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1st Dental Bn. competes during Sports Day



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Sailors with 1st Dental Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, participate in a volleyball tournament during the unit's annual Sports Day aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 10, 2013. Approximately 300 sailors and Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms and Camp Pendleton competed in almost a dozen sporting events.



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CLB-15 returns home

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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Newborn babies, wives, husbands, families, and a few dogs eagerly stood by welcome home signs and American flags, waiting for their loved ones to arrive aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 13, 2013.

The Marines and sailors of Combat Logistics Battalion 15 were returning from their eight-month deployment with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Slowly, the service members trickled in a few at a time.

"I'm super excited," said Corinna Guill, wife of Petty Officer 3rd Class Samuel Guill, a corpsman with CLB-15. "I just can't believe he is finally home."

Several had new additions to the family they had not yet met.

"He came back for four days when Trenton was born, but then had to leave," said Kailey Sauter, girlfriend of Cpl. Dylan Rupe, a motor transportation specialist with CLB-15. "I'm super excited for him to meet his son and to actually get to know his personality."

The Marines and sailors deployed to approximately ten different countries providing combat service support to the battalion landing team and air combat element for the 15th MEU.

"The biggest thing we achieved while out there was training with

foreign military and getting to see how they operate," said 1st Lt. Jeffery Pioszak, Transportation Support Battalion Officer-In-Charge, CLB-15, 1st MLG, and a native of Mason, Mich. "We got to share learning points and built some level of coordination between the militaries and, at the same time, built good will."

CLB-15 supplied the infantry battalion's needs by providing maintenance capabilities for all equipment on the MEU and by transporting gear, ammunition, food, water, fuel and personnel throughout the deployment.

"Having us out there is just so important because it makes people comfortable to know that we have the Marine Corps on call and available to provide support for any contingency," added Pioszak.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Roderick Shanks, a corpsman with Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, holds his daughter during CLB-15's homecoming aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 13, 2013.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Samuel Guill, a corpsman with Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, holds his daughter and prepares to head home during CLB-15's homecoming aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 13, 2013. Several Marines and sailors returned from an eight-month deployment with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.



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Hiring Heroes Career Fair

The Hiring Heroes Career Fair is coming to town June 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pacific Views Event Center. Make sure you bring your resume because representatives from defense contractors, federal, state and county agencies as well as other private sector firms will be on hand to discuss current and future opportunities. For more information, contact the event center at 760-725-2231.

Active Duty Surf Competition

A surf competition will be held at San Onofre Beach on June 11 from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. The competition is open to active-duty only. Friends and family are encouraged to attend. Registration is from 6 - 6:30 a.m. There will be three divisions: long board, short board and body board. For more information, call 760-725-6195.

Volunteer opportunities

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

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- The San Clemente Ocean Festival is in need of 300 volunteers on July 20 and 21. For more information, call Angelica Hurtado at 909-904-5403.

- 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.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

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

MFLCs 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 Center or Family Advocacy Program Office.