

CLR-15 (FWD) Transfers Authority



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Combat Logistics Regiment 15 (Forward), 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) transfers authority to 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), during a ceremony, March 30, aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.

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CLR-17 hosts maintenance stand-down

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—Marines with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, completed a 2-week maintenance stand-down here, March 25.

During the stand-down, the Marines

dedicated their time to repairing tactical vehicles organic to CLR-17, which are necessary to support other units within I Marine Expeditionary Force.

“[The maintenance stand-down] gives the unit an opportunity to do internal repairs,” said Staff Sgt. Albert J. Regalado, maintenance chief, HQ Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG. “Usually we focus on repairing other unit’s vehicles. This

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LS supports Air Show

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. – Marines with Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, conducted a Helicopter Support Team mission in support of the 49th Annual Marine Corps Air Station Yuma Air Show, March 26.

The event is hosted annually by the air station to showcase to the public the aviation capabilities of all branches of the nation’s military services, both past and present.

The air show also included performances from local high

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CLB-7 heads to Afghanistan



Photo by Cpl. Khoa Pelczar

Friends and family members of Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, Marine Logistics Group, gather at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30, to say goodbye to the service members deploying to Afghanistan.

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CLB-11 conducts machine gun live-fire shoot

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, conducted a crew-served weapons live-fire shoot here, March 28, during which they fired the 240G and .50-caliber machine guns.

The live-fire shoot was conducted after the Marines recently finished leaning about automatic weapons during the Basic Machine Gun Course designed to teach the Marines about various crew-served weapons.

“We had Marines at the [Basic Machine Gun Course] last week,” said Lance Cpl. France P. Horselooking, motor transportation operator, CLB-11, CLR-17, 1st MLG. “We came out here today to make sure they had hands-on experience and conducted live fire with these weapons on the range.”

“We were able to conduct live-fire drills from crew-served weapons on trucks,” said 1st Lt. Jorge A. Ornelas, motor transportation platoon commander, CLB-11, CLR-17, 1st MLG, who also stated that firing crew-served weapons is where motor transporta-



Lance Cpl. Fletcher M. Metten, motor transport operator, Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, fires a .50 caliber machine gun during a crew-served weapons live-fire shoot at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 28. Those who participated during the shoot recently finished learning about automatic weapons during the Basic Machine Gun Course designed to teach them about various crew-served weapons prior to putting rounds down range.

tion Marines are most likely to engage the enemy.

Several of the Marines training for their upcoming deployment with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit have already deployed to Afghanistan, and they are excited they will get a chance to experience another type of deployment later this year.

“I’m excited for [this deployment], I’ve been told it’s a lot different from a tour to Afghanistan,” said Lance Cpl.

Phillip J. Martinez, motor transportation operator, CLB-11, CLR-17, 1st MLG.

The experience many of the CLB-11 Marines gained in Afghanistan helped them teach the newer Marines the mechanics of the weapons.

“This is good training,” said Martinez, who has deployed to Afghanistan. “Many of these Marines [have never fired] these weapons before, and now they are getting a chance to

fire them.”

The course taught the Marines everything they needed to know about the two machine guns, and they accurately employed what they learned during the hands-on portion of the training.

“The Marines operated the machine guns very well,” said Ornelas, 30, a native of Los Angeles. “They put effective fires on target.”

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Landing Support Marines support Yuma Air Show

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school bands, a complete Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration and a showcase of modern and vintage military aircraft from the last 100 years of aviation. The entire show was free of charge to the public.

Landing support Marines with 1st MLG provided HST support to the air show, showing attendees how the military utilizes air support to transport vehicles, gear and equipment to war fighters in remote locations.

"We are supporting the air show by providing HST support to attach a Humvee to the [CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter], so it can be flown over the crowd," said Cpl. Justin R. Ronk, landing support specialist, LS Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG.

The Marines played a very behind-the-scenes role in making sure the crowd was 'wow-ed' by a helicopter's ability to externally transport a



Marines with Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, hook a Humvee to a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter, during a demonstration for the 49th Annual Marine Corps Air Station Yuma Air Show, March 26. The Marines in Landing Support Company supported the air show demonstrating how the military utilizes air support to transport vehicles, gear and equipment to war fighters in remote locations.

nearly 6,000 pound tactical vehicle. Several miles from the audience, the landing support specialists safely and successfully attached the Humvee to a hovering CH-53E Super Stallion.

"Even though we weren't at the actual show, we still had an important role in supporting it," said Cpl. Carlos

A. Gonzales, landing support specialist, LS Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG. "Without landing support, they wouldn't have been able to get the Humvee attached to the helicopter," said Gonzales, 21, from New York.

The Marines with Landing Support Company gladly took part in providing HST support

to the MCAS Yuma Air Show and accomplished the mission as a result of their dedication and hard work.

"We did a pretty good job out here," said Ronk, 23, a native of Grand Forks, N.D. "We got the Humvee rigged safely, and they took off without any problems."

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gives us a chance to focus on our own gear, and our gear has to work if we want to successfully support other units.”

Keeping a high level of maintenance readiness is hard work, but it is important for the Marines and sailors of CLR-17 to have working vehicles in order to be able to fulfill the requirements of their missions.

“We need [CLR-17] to have the trucks up because the other parts of the unit need to be able to accomplish their missions,” said Cpl. Joshua A. Lopez, motor transportation mechanic, HQ Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG.

The Marines worked for extended hours over the 14 day period. In two weeks, they were able to complete repairs on 17 vehicles. The maintenance personnel also completed inspections



Sgt. Kyle W. Daniels, floor chief, Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, cuts metal while making repairs to a Humvee on the last day of a 2-weeklong maintenance stand-down at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 25. During the stand-down, the Marines dedicated their time to repairing tactical vehicles organic to CLR-17, which are necessary to support other units within I Marine Expeditionary Force.

to induct more than 35 vehicles into the repair cycle for further maintenance.

“I think we’ve been doing a good job,” said

Pfc. Bret A. Levey, motor transportation mechanic, HQ Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG. “We’re getting a lot done and the mission is being ac-

complished.”

Due to many Marines being deployed supporting operations overseas, only a few mechanics were on hand to conduct the stand-down, but they were able to make a significant impact on the mission readiness of CLR-17.

“The Marines understand the work needs to get done,” said Regalado, 39, from San Antonio. “They understand the maintenance on these vehicles is important. [They performed] exemplary, they exceeded my expectations, and it reflects greatly on their characters.”

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(Left) Lance Cpl. Sterling L. Tronson, motor transportation mechanic, Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, works on a brake system while making repairs to a Humvee on the last day of a 2-weeklong maintenance stand-down at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 25. During the stand-down, the Marines dedicated their time to repairing tactical vehicles organic to CLR-17, which are necessary to support other units within I Marine Expeditionary Force.

'It's time!' 7th ESB Marines, sailors deploy with CLB-7

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.

—Marines and sailors with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group said their extended goodbyes to friends and family members as they boarded the bus here to begin their journey to Afghanistan, March 30.

More than 150 service members left Camp Pendleton as part of Combat Logistics Battalion 7, the 'Big Red Seven', in support of II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

For some first-timers, embarking on a deployment can be a nerve-racking and terrifying new experience, but for a few, such as Lance Cpl. Kalen M. Turner, combat engineer, 7th ESB, 1st MLG, he couldn't wait until they were on their way.

"I'm itching to go," said Turner, 21, from Scottsdale, Ariz. "Last night, I felt like a



Lance Cpl. Travis Moore, combat engineer, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, hangs out with his girlfriend during their last few hours before he boards the bus to leave Camp Pendleton and head to Afghanistan, March 30. More than 150 service members left Camp Pendleton as part of Combat Logistics Battalion 7, the 'Big Red Seven', in support of II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

little kid waiting to open my Christmas present in the morning."

Turner believes that the unit is prepared and ready for this deployment.

"This is the time for us to get over there and do what we've been trained to do," he said. "Times like these

are when we're able to show everyone that all the training we've done will pay off."

Before boarding the bus the warriors spent the last few hours with their loved ones, whether in person or via mobile phone. Although the Marines and sailors will be missed, it was obvi-

ous their friends and family members were proud of their service.

Lance Cpl. Travis Moore, combat engineer, 7th ESB, 1st MLG, is a second generation Marine and his father, who was present to see him off expressed how proud he was for his son becoming the man he is today.

"I'll miss my family dearly," said Moore, 19, from Apple Valley, Calif. "But I'm ready to go in and do what I need to do to support the battalion."

The separation is tough on everyone, but the Marines kept their composure and focused on their mission that lies ahead.

"I'll try not to think about missing my family too much because then I won't be able to focus on the mission at hand," said Turner. "After all, I'll get to see them again in seven months."

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Lt. Col. Michael J. Murchison receives a meritorious service medal during a ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, March 30.

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During their seven-month deployment, Marines and sailors with CLR-15 (Fwd) conducted 85 combat logistics patrols and traveled 5,780 miles across mine-laden terrain to supply forward operating bases throughout Helmand province, Afghanistan, in support of International Security Assistance Force operations.



Lt. Col. Kevin R. Scott (right), and Sgt. Maj. Clifford W. Wiggins (left), 2nd Maintenance Battalion (Forward) (-) (Reinforced) uncasing the unit colors during a ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, March 30.



Brig. Gen. Michael G. Dana, the commanding general of 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), speaks to Marines and sailors after a ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, March 30.