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INDIANA MARINE EARNS NATION'S THIRD HIGHEST  
AWARD FOR COMBAT VALOR

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER ★★☆☆

A DIVERSE CORPS IS A STRONG CORPS

This edition of *Continental Marines* magazine features a story about the Montford Point Marines who served in the 1940s. These African-American men in their teens and 20s were segregated for basic training at Montford Point, N.C., and endured racism while serving during and after World War II. In June this year – 70 years later – these 22,000 Marines were honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the two highest awards for an American citizen. The Montford Point Marines' legacy reminds us not only of how far we have progressed as a culture and as a Corps, but also the value of diversity.

Every Marine has a unique identity with numerous dimensions that shapes their self-image and worldview. Every one of us offers a variety of experiences, skills and values that can highlight different problem-solving approaches and solutions. When strategically managed, this type of creative, positive contribution works as a force multiplier that enhances readiness and mission accomplishment.

Ensuring an organizational climate of equal opportunity begins with each Marine. Be aware of your own cultural influences and assumptions. Be wary of judging others' behaviors and beliefs. Pay attention to your verbal and nonverbal communication behaviors and how they may create or mitigate interpersonal friction.

The Marines who began their service at Montford Point in 1942 proved that being different doesn't mean being less capable. Allowing our fellow Marines to live up to their full potential and exercise their unique strengths is part of what makes the Corps a professional organization known and respected throughout the world.

Leaders at every level must actively foster camaraderie among their Marines – regardless of age, color, gender, race, religion, or national origin. One team. One fight.

Semper Fidelis,  
Lt. Gen. Steven A. Hummer  
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North

## SNAP SHOT

Cpls. Dominick Nappi, Rialto, Calif., and Daniel Hulick, Rowland Heights, Calif., of 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance, completed the highly-challenging range 410A during Exercise Javelin Thrust on July 7. SGT. ALVIN D. PARSON



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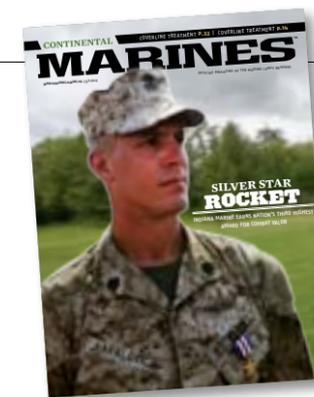
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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SGT. RAY LEWIS

Maj. Gen. James L. Lariviere, then-commanding general for the 4th Marine Division, congratulates Staff Sgt. Alec Haralovich after presenting him with the Silver Star Medal, the nation's third highest award for combat valor, Aug. 18.

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U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SGT. ALFRED TRIPOLONE III

# NAVY PIER PARK



## STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Marine Corps Band New Orleans performs at Navy Pier in Chicago, Aug. 15. The performance was part of an ongoing, three-year national celebration honoring the War of 1812 and "The Star-Spangled Banner." The festivities began in New Orleans in April with additional celebrations taking place in Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland and other cities. Marine Corps Band New Orleans undertook a seven-week trip to the Northern United States to perform during these events. The Marine Corps' role in this event reinforces its naval character and showcases the Navy-Marine Corps team. The band also joined Navy Band Great Lakes to perform during the War of 1812 commemoration celebrations in Chicago.

CPL. MARCIN PLATEK

## eMARINE:

MORE UNITS CAN NOW HAVE THEIR OWN eMARINE SITE

**T**he Marine Corps eMarine site is the single, authoritative source for unit, personal and family readiness communication and information. The expanded application is now available to all units at the battalion or squadron level and above. Individual units may request an individual eMarine unit site from their parent command.

**MARADMIN 474/12** features instructions on the process of requesting a new eMarine unit site. The requesting family readiness officer, local Marine Corps family team building office, and Headquarters Marine Corps family readiness office will work in collaboration to help each unit. ■



## SPECIAL OPS: SCREENING TEAMS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD SPECIAL OPERATIONS MARINES

**T**he team schedule and more details for the Marine Corps Special Operations Command screening process is published in **MARADMIN 498/12**. The MARADMIN features new and updated guidance for the screening and selection of enlisted Marines for MARSOC, critical skills operator billets, and details on filling special operations capabilities specialist billets in support of U.S. Special Operations Command.

Marines that demonstrate a strong desire for duties with MARSOC are encouraged to begin completing their MARSOC checklist, financial worksheet, clearance screening questionnaire and medical screening forms. ■

## EARLY OUT: COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS – GET A CHANCE AT AN EARLY OUT



**U**nder this new program, Active-Component Marine officers who are 12 months or less from their end of active service date can transfer to serve a minimum of two years in the Reserve Component. The opportunity is accompanied by a \$10,000 affiliation bonus for officers who obligate to serve three years in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve. As an added benefit, officers can also obtain an extension to existing Tricare benefits. For eligibility requirements and application details, see **MARADMIN 511/12**. ■



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# SILVER STAR

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# ROCKET

TALIBAN FIGHTERS HAD JUST AMBUSHED HIS PATROL OF DISMOUNTED MARINES WITH AUTOMATIC GUNFIRE. THE ENEMY'S AIM WAS ACCURATE. TWO BULLETS STRUCK HIS BODY ARMOR WITH SUCH FORCE THAT HE WAS KNOCKED BACKWARD INTO THE DIRT.



BY SGT. RAY LEWIS





Marines with 4th Reconnaissance Battalion congratulate Staff Sgt. Alec Haralovich following his Silver Star Medal award ceremony. After Haralovich was shot twice in his body armor by an insurgent, he destroyed an enemy stronghold with a rocket and led his Marines on a two-hour assault during an Afghanistan deployment in 2011.

**“I thought I was going to die,” Staff Sgt. Alec Haralovich**  
 ★ pondered as he lay on his back in Afghanistan. ★

Taliban fighters had just ambushed his patrol of dismounted Marines with automatic gunfire. The enemy’s aim was accurate. Two bullets struck his body armor with such force that he was knocked backward into the dirt.

Haralovich didn’t let his fears get the best of him though. He had survived two other combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. As a reconnaissance Marine who knows how to treat his own wounds, Haralovich applied pressure to his side while he checked for bleeding.

There was no blood.

Leading up to the attack, Haralovich had seen all the signs. It was quiet as they patrolled Ghorah -- a village that was usually filled with people.

“As we were pushing through, we were all feeling confident, like we were going to get a drop on these guys,” Haralovich thought out loud. “They’re not going to have anywhere to run to.”

He was wrong. The insurgents set up a complex ambush that lured his Marines into a death trap.

“I was really angry,” he recalled. “I was angry because it basically was like they had duped us. They had outmaneuvered us, outsmarted us.”

Immediately after Haralovich was hit, Cpl. Matthew Chen, a combat medic, bounded forward to treat a man who he thought critically wounded. However, assured that he had taken rounds only to his armor, Haralovich yelled at Chen to get back.

As Chen was returning, he was wounded in the leg, with a minor graze from an enemy bullet.

Seeing the injured medic, Haralovich grew even more emboldened.

“That’s when I was like, time for the rocket shot,” he said. “It’s time to end this now.”

He yelled for a Marine to bring him the M72 Light Anti-Tank Weapon, a rocket launcher that can deliver a warhead thousands of feet and penetrate more than eight inches of steel.

He knew this weapon well. He had trained extensively with it on active duty before he became a Recon Marine in the Reserves.

**“That’s when I was like, time for the rocket shot; It’s time to end this now.”**

Staff Sgt. Alec Haralovich’s father congratulates him after pinning on his Silver Star Medal. His father was one of many family members to witness Haralovich receive the nation’s third-highest distinction.



Staff Sgt. Haralovich gathers with his family after the ceremony. His family has stayed in touch with him throughout his three deployments overseas. The presentation took place at the same camp Haralovich’s grandfather deployed from during World War II in 1944.

Haralovich and his team sprinted forward through an open field and headed directly toward their attackers, while two of his Marines were sending rounds steadily at the enemy.

Haralovich armed his rocket launcher. He knew he had to hurry because the two Marines shooting were laying prone, with less than one foot of cover.

“Running out with a prepped LAW on your shoulder, you’re definitely a target, I realized like halfway into the field,” Haralovich remembered. “I had to basically hurry up, take the shot.”

Haralovich fired.

The explosion blew up the enemy stronghold and caused all of the attackers to cease fire and retreat. But Haralovich and the Marines weren’t finished. He wasn’t just going to let insurgents attack them.

Haralovich then tried to contact the other Marine team, but couldn’t. One of the rounds that struck his armor also destroyed his radio.

After finally making contact, both elements patrolled forward as a stronger, combined unit.

“We knew there was an enemy command-and-control element that was well known within the region that was near this mosque, so we pushed to the north,” Haralovich said. “We pushed toward that area, ran into a couple more fighters. They were surprised to see us; they took off.”

After hours of additional patrolling, and the insurgents nowhere to be seen, Haralovich gathered his men and headed back to the patrol base. His company commander, Capt. Jonathan Joseph, said he had to convince him to rest after he had returned.

After returning from deployment, Haralovich eventually left active duty, but continues to serve with the 4th Recon Battalion. During his assignment with the Marine Forces

Reserve, the process to award Haralovich for his heroism was completed.

Maj. Gen. James M. Lariviere, then-4th Marine Division commanding general, presented Haralovich the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in combat. The ceremony to present the award took place at Camp Atterbury, near Haralovich’s hometown of Bloomington, Ind.

More than 100 Marines, sailors, soldiers, family and friends attended the event.

This was the same place where his grandfather, an Army veteran, was stationed before serving in World War II in 1944. It made for a historical occasion for Haralovich and his family who attended the ceremony.

“I’d have to say that he’s made me extremely proud,” said Peter Haralovich, Alec’s uncle. “We followed his three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and communicated with him regularly by satellite phone and email. We’ve experienced the stress that any family experiences. And of course we’re relieved that he’s healthy and in one piece and looking forward to the rest of his career in the United States military.”

“I couldn’t be prouder,” said Joseph. “Not just because he got the award. What he did that day; he did that countless other times. It wasn’t just an isolated incident. He did that every day. He was, by far, the best team leader I have ever had.”

According to his uncle, heroics run in the family. Haralovichs’ have fought as Marines in the Pacific and executed bombing missions as soldiers in Germany during World War II.

Haralovich added a new daring chapter to his family’s long legacy of warfighters who have lived for something greater themselves.

LENON LATHAN



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*Getting the gold*

# RESERVE MARINES

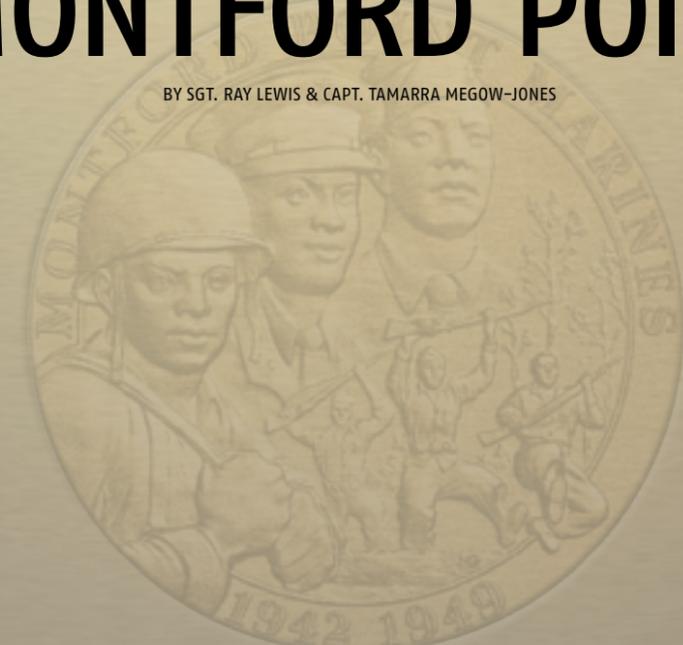
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## CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS

TO

# HEROES OF MONTFORD POINT

BY SGT. RAY LEWIS & CAPT. TAMARRA MEGOW-JONES





During and after World War II, the Marines of Montford Point risked life and limb for America, all the while fighting a second war on the homefront – a war for equality. Suffering through the violence and discrimination of racism, these black men were not allowed to enlist in the military until President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a directive requiring the armed services to recruit and enlist African Americans.

Segregation continued though. These men underwent recruit training at a separate facility known as Montford Point, located near Camp Lejeune, N.C. The training was rigorous to say the least.

“That was the worst thing that I have experienced in my life,” said Riley McCray, 87, a former Montford Point Marine corporal from then-violent west Philadelphia. “It was worse than my neighborhood at the time.”

Eventually, as Montford Point Marines were elevated to leadership positions, all of the drill instructors and most NCOs at Montford Point were also African American. In total, more than 22,000 blacks were trained at Montford Point before it was closed in 1949 and new recruits were sent to either Parris Island, S.C., or San Diego, Calif.

Nearly seven decades later, these Marines’ selfless service, heartfelt sacrifices, and resilience in the face of untenable circumstances, was recognized with one of the highest awards given to U.S. citizens – the Congressional Gold Medal. Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, symbolically presented the medal to more than 400 Montford Point Marines at Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol during a

ceremony June 27. However, many of their fellow Marines, most in their 80s, were unable to travel to the ceremony.

In an organization famous for “never leaving a Marine behind,” the Corps wanted to ensure all those who could not attend were given the same honors. That’s when Marine Forces Reserve stepped in.

Reserve units from more than 22 states set out to ensure that each Montford Point Marine was properly recognized, presenting nearly 100 bronze replica medals over a period of three months. The ceremonies ranged in format from formal events cited by U.S. Senators to community parades or as simple presentations at a Marine’s bedside.

Detachment 2, Beach and Terminal Operations Company A, 4th Landing Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group in Concord, Calif., reached out to two Montford Point Marines residing in northern California: Riley McCray and Lynn L. Williams, 87.

Initially planning a ceremony near their headquarters, the unit soon learned that McCray was on an oxygen tank and could not travel far from his Lafayette, Calif., home. Instead, the Marines of Detachment 2 held the ceremony at a local federal building,

carrying chairs and 50 state flags up three floors to prepare for the event.

McCray and Williams were honored with a ceremony that included the national anthem, a personal message from the President of the United States, and a message from the Commandant.

“They did a beautiful presentation,” Williams said. “They had a color guard, flags and they had young Marines as escorts. I liked their politeness and their demeanor. They helped us old folks get in and find our way into the auditorium.”

“I thought the ceremony was one of the greatest things in my career and something that I was proud to be a part of,” said 1st Sgt. Simon L. Sandoval, first sergeant for Detachment 2. “I’m happy I got to coordinate presenting this medal from the president to Mr. McCray and Mr. Williams. Can you image presenting a medal to gentleman that set the history for our Corps? You can’t ask for anything better than that.”

Another ceremony was also held in a federal building, this one in Cherry Hill, N.J., after overcoming some interference by Mother Nature. The Marines of 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group located in Folsom, Pa.,



initially coordinated the award ceremony at a local park, and rehearsed there extensively but ultimately had to relocate to the nearby federal building due to inclement weather.

The weather may have been dreary, but the ceremony was not. More than 100 guests to include local veterans, motorcycle club members, local police officers, local Marines, the mayor and state representatives were in attendance to witness Arthur Carmichael receive his medal.

The ceremony included standard fare like the invocation, a color guard, and the playing of the national anthem but also included a reading of the history of the executive orders and legislation by which former Presidents Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman eventually ended segregation. Carmichael was also presented with the Camden County service medal by a retired Marine.



Former Arthur Obee, takes a moment to gather himself after receiving the Congressional Gold medal in Wilmington, N.C., Aug. 18. The Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to Obee in recognition for his military service as a Montford Point Marine. LANCE CPL. DAVID MCKENZIE LANCE CPL. DAVID MCKENZIE

Capt. Travis A. Aiello, the Inspector-Instructor for 6th ESB, said the ceremony was an enlightening experience for all who attended as most of his Marines were unfamiliar with the history of the Montford Point Marines.

“It was great that the Marine Corps and the local community were able to come together to recognize the Marines that made sacrifices to make the Marine Corps better,” said Aiello, who is from Burlington, N.J.

Although Carmichael did not officially comment during the ceremony, Aiello said it was apparent that Carmichael realized the impact that he and other Montford Point Marines had made on the Corps.

“I can’t find the words,” said Carmichael, who is 89. “I feel more proud every day.”

Not every ceremony was held at a federal building; some were much smaller, conducted inside a Marine’s home as was the case for William Thomas, Jr., 86. The Marines of Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment in Fort Sheridan, Ill., coordinated with Thomas’ wife and son, a retired Marine lieutenant colonel and Harrier pilot, about the ceremony.

“He was reluctant to receive the medal,” said Lt. Col. John Thomas. “He didn’t think it was that big of a deal. I convinced him that it wasn’t just for him. I told him that the medal was for his fellow Marines who served and weren’t here. I told him that it was good for the country to recognize the Marines.”

They talked for two weeks until they decided to have the ceremony at Thomas’ home.

“I was very grateful for it because I was not able to do much walking,” said Thomas, who lives in Wilmette, Ill.

On Aug. 29, Staff Sgt. Kevin Jockell, the administration chief for Weapons Co., and a handful of Marines drove 15 miles to where Thomas lives. When the Marines arrived, Thomas was sitting in a red velvet chair, but when the ceremony started he stood as tall as his body would allow, supported by his cane – still a proud Marine.

Thomas’ son was glad that his father was able to receive the award while he was still living. Thomas’ health had been on the decline for a while.

“Every day that he has left is a precious gift,” Lt. Col. Thomas said. “I was proud to be there.”

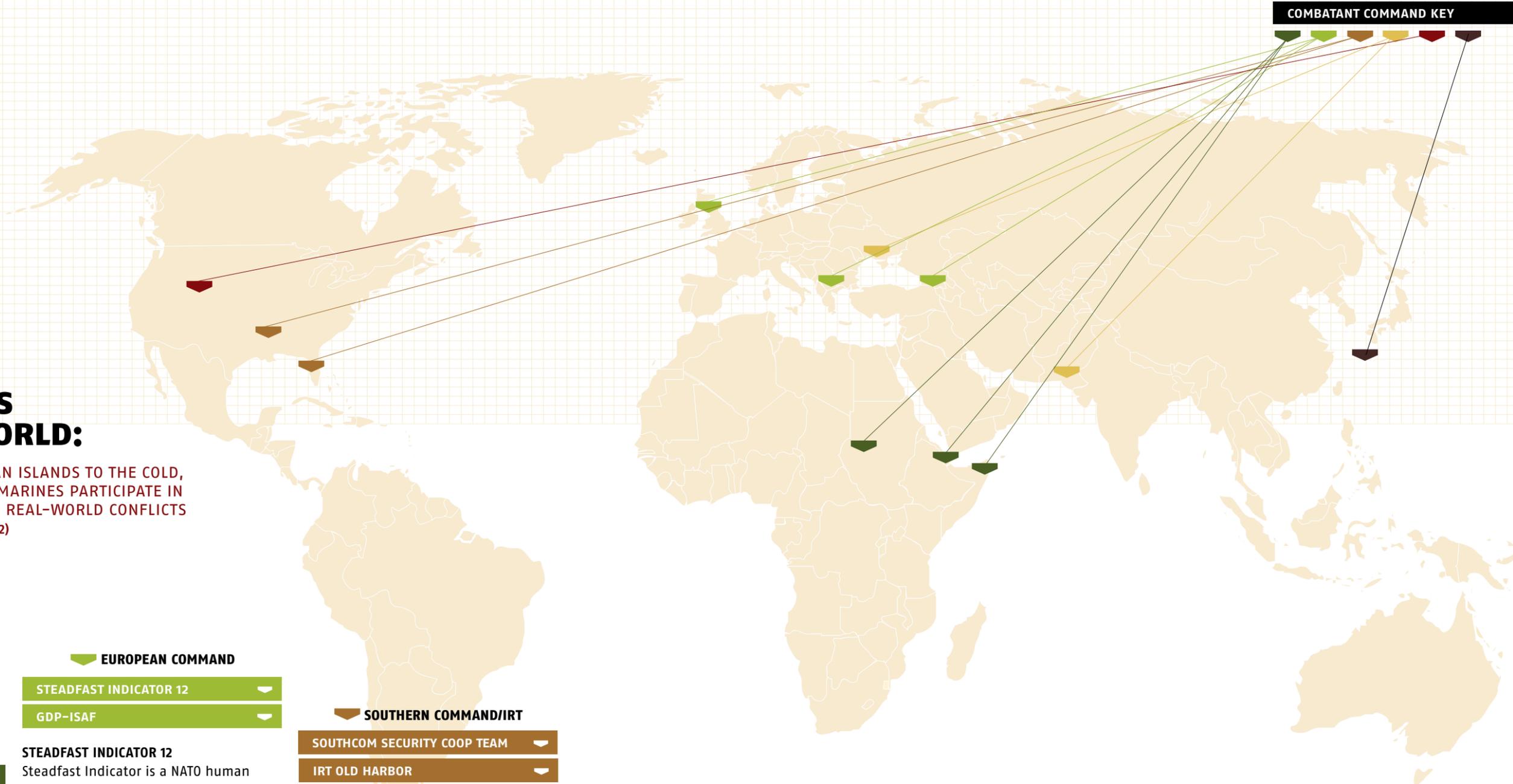
Exemplifying the very essence of “semper fidelis,” the efforts of Reserve units across the country have ensured that the legacy of the Montford Point Marines lives on. These ceremonies now serve as a reminder to Marines and to the Nation of the contribution these men made to a cause greater than themselves.

“Every Marine — from private to general — will know the history of those men who crossed the threshold to fight not only the enemy they were soon to know overseas, but the enemy of racism and segregation in their own country,” said Gen. Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps.



## RESERVE FORCES AROUND THE WORLD:

FROM WARM, TROPICAL CARIBBEAN ISLANDS TO THE COLD, SNOWY MOUNTAINS OF NORWAY, MARINES PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISES TO PREPARE THEM FOR REAL-WORLD CONFLICTS AND OPERATIONS. (AUG 2012-OCT 2012)



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### AFRICA COMMAND

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SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF 13.1

#### LONG HAUL COMMUNICATIONS DETACHMENT 12.2

Marines from 4th Marine Logistics Group provide a rotational communications detachment in support of Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa in Djibouti.

MAY 1 TO DEC. 8, 2012

#### SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF 13.1

A task force led by elements of the 4th Force Recon. Company that sends small security and logistics cooperation teams into Africa to train with native militaries facing regional terror threats.

JUNE 1, 2012 TO MAY 16, 2013

#### STEADFAST INDICATOR 12

Steadfast Indicator is a NATO human intelligence field exercise in Romania designed to develop and enhance human intel teams and individual skills by developing working relationships with NATO human intel coalition partners.

OCT. 4 TO OCT. 28, 2012

#### GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

A program designed to train nine Georgian Infantry Battalions designated by the Georgian Armed Forces in order to conduct Full Spectrum Operations in a Counterinsurgency environment and deploy Georgian Battalions to Afghanistan and increase the GAF capacity to train and prepare its forces for coalition operations.

AUG. 8, 2012 TO APRIL 13, 2013

### SOUTHERN COMMAND/IRT

SOUTHCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM

IRT OLD HARBOR

#### SOUTHCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM

A Navy and Marine Corps team supports theater security cooperation and stands ready to provide humanitarian assistance/disaster relief.

OCTOBER 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 2012.

#### IRT OLD HARBOR

Innovative Readiness Training provides real-world training opportunities for our service members and units to prepare them for their wartime missions while supporting the needs of America's underserved communities. IRT Old Harbor is a runway expansion project supported by Reserve Marines from the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing in Arkansas.

OCT. 1, 2012

### CENTRAL COMMAND

CENTCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM 12.2

#### CENTCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM

Marines conduct security cooperation events throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

APRIL 30, 2012 THROUGH JAN. 11, 2013

### NORTHERN COMMAND

NORTHCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM

#### NORTHCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM

Marines continue to provide Latin America and the Caribbean the training necessary to win the close fight by training them in urban terrain tactics, intelligence driven operations, and professional development for noncommissioned officers and junior officers.

OCT. 1, 2012 TO SEPT. 30, 2013

### PACIFIC COMMAND

UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

#### UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Marines deploy to Okinawa, Japan for six months in order to provide necessary training to maintain operational preparedness. Marines train in realistic scenarios and combined exercises, bringing many different units together. It highlights the Corps' strategic shift to the Pacific region.

MAY 2012 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2012



# PERSONNEL RETRIEVAL AND PROCESSING COMPANY



## MORTUARY AFFAIRS

STORY BY: CPL. MICHAEL ITO

Cpl. Luis Martinez carefully supervised his Marines as they delicately zipped close the Human Remains Pouch, remembering that the zippers needed to end up at the head.

The victim in the HRP, however, was not a Marine, or even real. It was a simulated corpse; a dummy. Martinez and his Marines were not in the cities of Iraq or the mountains of Afghanistan. They were in the forests of Alabama.

Marines from the Personnel Retrieval and Processing Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group conduct training like this each year to work on their military occupational specialty proficiency and ensure they are ready to handle the challenges of mortuary affairs.

Maj. Randy Velez, Inspector-Instructor, PRP Co., emphasized that it is the responsibility of PRP Marines to recover, process and evacuate the remains of fallen service members and Department of Defense personnel.

Velez said these dedicated Marines love what they're doing, and they train seriously, so much so, that there's no lack of volunteers for any deployment rotation.

The Marine Corps Reserve PRP Co. is the single source for the Corps' entire mortuary affairs operations. Anytime a Marine Air-Ground Task Force, Marine Expeditionary Unit or any type of Marine element needs mortuary affairs support, the Marines of the Corps' PRP Co. are called upon.

For their annual exercise in Alabama, the PRP Co. Marines conducted machine gun fires and familiarization with the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon as well as the M240 medium machine gun to ensure they maintain their entire core set of skills.

"We also completed mock remains processing, as well as mock search and recovery missions," said Gunnery Sgt. Octavius Shivers, PRP company gunnery sergeant.

"Our Marines have to be ready at all times. Our units are the most deployed in the Marine Corps."

Whenever those involved with PRP were asked about the high responsibility of caring for fellow Marines, they reinforced their deep commitment to the job they have volunteered to support.

"Not a whole lot of people know about who we are and what we do," said Cpl Luis Martinez, an administrative specialist and mortuary affairs specialist. "But we're the guys that make sure that our fallen Marines come home with respect. We're going to get them back in the best shape possible so their families can rest comfortably."

PRP was established in 2005, after the need for this specialty was identified during the early stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

PRP and Det. PRP are scheduled for constant deployment through the spring of 2014, and have already filled every spot with an entirely volunteer force.

At Mortuary Affairs Collection Point at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, empty flag-draped transfer cases are prepared for fallen heroes. Marines with Personnel Retrieval and Processing Detachment, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), have one of the hardest jobs in the Corps – preparing remains for their final trip home. **CPL. MICHELE WATSON**

Lance Cpl. Alexander F. Maloof, a personnel retrieval and processing specialist with the Personnel Retrieval and Processing Detachment assigned to 2nd Marine Logistics Group in Afghanistan, served on the team dedicated to bringing home fallen Marines from southern Helmand province. **LANCE CPL. BRUNO J. BEGO**

### MISSION

Provide mortuary support to a Marine Air-Ground Task Force or theater commander. Responsible in combat and non-combat environments for search and recovery, processing, tentative identification, interment, disinterment, and transportation of human remains and personal effects; establish collection points and interment sites.

### DEPLOYMENTS

2005 - Present: Continuous Operation Enduring Freedom PRP Detachments.  
2005 – 2009: Continuous Operation Iraqi Freedom PRP Detachments.  
Annual exercise operations focusing on mortuary affairs field training and hands-on training at local morgues.

**HISTORY** In the early days, PRP trained and organized volunteers from various jobs and units to conduct mortuary affairs operations. In 2005, they established PRP with Marines reassigned from Rations Company in Washington, D.C. and Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion in Smyrna, Ga. Today PRP Marines deliver continuous Corps-wide mortuary operations as well as annual support to the U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Activity Europe in Landstuhl, Germany, during European Command exercise Shared Resilience.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Operate mortuary affairs collection points.
- Search and recovery of remains.
- Interment and/or disinterment of remains.
- Mass fatality support operations.
- Manage temporary theater mortuary evacuation points.
- Provide mortuary affairs for disaster relief operations.



BEEN THERE  
**DONE THAT**



**4th Marine Division**

## **MORE AMMO**

Lance Cpl. Sean C. Slampak yells for more ammunition for his M249 Squad Automatic Weapon during a base defense training exercise in Latvia at Saber Strike 2012. Slampak, and other Marines assigned to 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, were defending a Marine stronghold by neutralizing simulated enemy targets. Slampak's squad leader ran up and down the firing line during the drill and provided ammunition for him and his squad.

**SGT. RAY LEWIS**



BEEN THERE  
**DONE THAT**



### 4th Marine Aircraft Wing

A crew chief with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 774, Naval Air Station Norfolk, Va., looks down at the Mojave Desert from a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter during Exercise Javelin Thrust on July 7. Javelin Thrust is an annual large-scale exercise at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., which allows active and Reserve Marines and sailors from 38 different states to train together as a seamless Marine Air-Ground Task Force. SGT. ALVIN D. PARSON

Lance Cpls. Ian Trainum, and Shane Coleman, observe and learn while Lance Cpl. Chase Mitchell, teaches them how to install safety wire on CH-46E rotor blade pins during regular maintenance. The flight line mechanics from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 774 were participating in Exercise Javelin Thrust 2012. MASTER SGT. CHRIS W. COX



### Force Headquarters Group

Marines from the 4th Civil Affairs Group conduct their combat fitness test as part of their annual training Oct. 13, at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The 4th CAG is based at Naval Support Facility Anacostia, Washington, D.C. CPL. DANIEL CASTILLO

### 4th Marine Logistics Group

Lance Cpl. Thomas Wilson, a military policeman from Military Police Company B, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, instructs partner nation forces during a crowd control drill at Barbados Defence Force Base Paragon, June 22, during Exercise Tradewinds 2012. Tradewinds is a multinational, interagency exercise designed to develop and sustain relationships that improve the capacity of U.S., Canadian and 15 Caribbean partner nations' security forces to counter transnational crime and provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. SGT. ALFRED TRIPOLONE III

Lance Cpl. Stephen Shomonta, a bulk fuel specialist with Engineer Company A, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, picks up excess asphalt to ensure the even spread for a presidential helicopter pad at Mt. Hope W. Va., July 12. The helicopter pad is part of an Innovative Readiness Training event that will last until 2016. CPL. MICHAEL ITO

Lance Cpl. Erik Ingerbretson, a combat engineer with Engineer Company A, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, welds a steel beam for a bridging project at Mt. Hope W. Va., July 11. The Marines of Company A worked on a variety of projects at the Summit Bechtel Family Scout Reserve as a part of their two-week annual training. CPL. MICHAEL ITO

Cpl. Igor Otero, Manhattan, N.Y., and Lance Cpl. Jeremy John, Brooklyn, N.Y., 6th Communications Battalion, troubleshoot the connectivity of a Ground Renewable Expeditionary Energy Network System being used to power an entry control point at exercise Javelin Thrust July 5. SGT. ALVIN D. PARSON



BE SMART,  
BE SAFE



Marine motorcycle operators with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command prepare to set out on the first joint ride of MARSOC's various motorcycle clubs Oct. 31 aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. The riders drove to Wilmington for a tour of the USS North Carolina and to explore local hobby shops. Experience among the motorcyclists ranged from three months to upwards of 30 years. The Motorcycle Mentorship Program at Marine Forces Reserve offers monthly group rides like this one that teach the best practices for riding, and provide a more hands-on approach to confidence building.  
CPL. KYLE MCNALLY

In addition to PME's, the monthly meetings consist of guided discussion and can even include guest speakers.

"We've got members that have seen everything you can possibly see on a bike," said Murphy. "Getting that experience and perspective can make you so much better of a rider."

But you can't get experience if you don't know how to ride.

"The Basic Riders Course is the first step if you've just purchased a bike, or are looking to get one soon," said Law. "This is a class that teaches you everything."

Riders begin in a classroom, so they can know what to expect when they do get on the road, Murphy said. Then an advanced simulator allows riders the opportunity to get a feel for the bike and to test out some of the stuff they learned in class. After that, they get to go out to a pre-set course and actually ride to test those motorcycle fundamentals, he said.

The BRC is a required course for any Marine that owns a motorcycle or has a motorcycle designation on their drivers' license. There are other courses, such as the Advanced Riders Course which is highly encouraged for any Marine that has completed the BRC, and the Sport Bike Course for those Marines that own sport motorcycles.

"These courses are the number one way to learn how to ride," said Murphy. "These courses offer the new rider a controlled environment where you can learn what you can and cannot do on a motorcycle."

But the courses aren't the only way to learn, Law said. The MMP conducts monthly group rides that teach best practices for riding, as well as providing a more hands-on approach to confidence building.

"It's given me more experience riding in

a group," she said. "When you're out there with other people, you can talk about what you did well, what you didn't do as well and other observations that a classroom can't give you."

The other most important thing, said Murphy, is PPE.

"Wearing the proper PPE is what keeps the skin on your body and your eyes in your head," he said. "There are people that complain about PPE; they say it's a hassle. But when you go down, you'll find out how important it is."

Law wholly agrees on the importance of protective equipment.

"PPE is so important because it actually works," she said. "I've been in a few wrecks myself and that is what kept me in one piece."

It's really the combination of all of those things that keep you safe on a bike, says Law. Training, experience and your gear are what make all the difference.

It works a little differently for Marines stationed at all of the satellite sites around the country, said Murphy. By order, every Marine that owns a motorcycle must at least take the BRC and inform their command of their motorcycle status.

"Once you register with your command that you do have a bike, or are planning to get one, MARFORRES will pay for you to go out in town and take a course that is MSF certified," he said. "The next step is just continuing to practice on your bike and make sure you're being safe. Riding should be fun, not stressful."

For more information on the Motorcycle Mentorship Program, contact Master Sgt. Tim Murphy at (504) 697-8803 or by email at timothy.murphy2@usmc.mil. You can also view Marine Corps Order 5100.19F visit the Marine Corps Safety Division at www.safety.marines.mil.

## PROOF IN NUMBERS

**DURING FISCAL YEAR 2012 THERE WERE 15 MARINE CORPS MOTORCYCLE-RELATED FATALITIES.**

OF THOSE 15...

**67%** WERE RIDING A SPORTS BIKE

**27%** WERE RIDING A CRUISER

**6%** WERE RIDING A DIRT BIKE

**54%** WERE STAFF-NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS/OFFICERS

**33%** WERE NCOS

**13%** WERE JUNIOR MARINES

**20%** HAD RECEIVED NO TRAINING

**33%** ATTENDED THE BASIC RIDERS COURSE

**47%** ATTENDED THE ADVANCED RIDERS COURSE OR THE SPORT BIKE COURSE

**9/15** FAILED TO NEGOTIATE A TURN RESULTING IN A COLLISION

**5/15** RESULT OF A COLLISION

**1/15** UNKNOWN

**5/15** WERE ALCOHOL RELATED

**14/15** WERE WEARING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

# SAFETY ON TWO WHEELS

STORY BY: CPL. MICHAEL ITO

**S**afety is the one thing you can't afford to ignore. That's the advice of Master Sgt. Tim Murphy, the motor transportation operations chief for Marine Forces Reserve and the president of the Motorcycle Mentorship Program for MARFORRES.

"This program accomplishes many things," said Murphy. "Firstly, it's commandant-directed. But besides that, it allows you to develop better skills as a rider, become confident on the road, and most importantly, keep yourself alive."

The MMP is a command-local organization that runs on a chapter-based system, Murphy said. Any battalion-level unit is supposed to have one, but the program presidents are noticing that it isn't happening everywhere.

At MARFORRES, the MMP has monthly meetings to go over various safety and motorcycle-related topics and periods of military education.

"We do PME's on everything from driver awareness to proper personal protective equipment to preventative maintenance," said Sgt. Charlee Law, an administrative clerk and Motorcycle Safety Foundation Advanced Rider Coach at MARFORRES. "The PME's are productive because they can teach you new things about your bike or give you a different perspective on riding."





## BALTOPS

BALTIC REGION

**DATE:** June 3-29  
**USMC UNITS:** Black Sea Rotational Force 12  
**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, and the United States.

**"I'M SURE THESE EXERCISES WILL FORGE THE BONDS BETWEEN ESTONIAN TROOPS AND THEIR ALLIES. THESE BONDS WERE CREATED WHILE ESTONIAN SOLDIERS WERE FIGHTING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH THEIR AMERICAN BROTHERS-IN-ARMS IN IRAQ AND ARE STILL DOING SO IN AFGHANISTAN."**

-Brig. Gen. Riho Terras, chief of Defense of Estonia

The Marines and sailors of BSRF-12 joined Lithuania, The Netherlands, Poland and 15 other Baltic nations for Exercise BALTOPS June 1 through 16. BALTOPS 2012 aims to improve maritime security in the Baltic region through increased cooperation among

regional allies both on land and sea. On June 11th, as part of the exercise and for the first time in the history of Lithuania, two U.S. B-52 strategic bombers flew in Lithuania's airspace over the operation area and conducted a landing operation on the Lithuanian seacoast.

Marines of Black Sea Rotational Force 12 disembark a Polish amphibious tractor while conducting an amphibious landing during Exercise BALTOPS 2012, June 4. The Marines and sailors joined Lithuanian infantry soldiers in the first amphibious landing in 40 years on Lithuanian soil.

STAFF SGT. NATE HAUSER



## TRADEWINDS

CHRIST CHURCH, BARBADOS

**DATE:** June 15-24  
**USMC UNITS:** HQ Co., 23rd Marines, 4th Marine Division; Military Police Co. B, H&S Bn., 4th Marine Logistics Group  
**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** Antigua-Barbuda, Barbados, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago

**"WHAT WE LEARN FROM HERE IS VERY BENEFICIAL BECAUSE WE GO ON A LOT OF PATROLS AND DRUG OPERATIONS."**

-Lt. Steve Benny of the Trinidad and Tobago Army Learning Center

U.S. Marines from the 23rd Marine Regiment and small unit leaders from 15 Caribbean nations trained in Barbados to build on common techniques and tactics that will make it easier for them to work with their neighbors

in the future to eliminate regional security threats. Police and defense personnel practiced joint maritime operations, crowd control, search and rescue, improvised explosive device recognition, and small arms training.

Sgt. Caleb Love, a military policeman from Military Police Co. B, H&S Bn., 4th MLG, fends off students for a crowd control practice at Barbados Defence Force Base Paragon, June 18.

CPL. NANA DANNSA-APPIAH

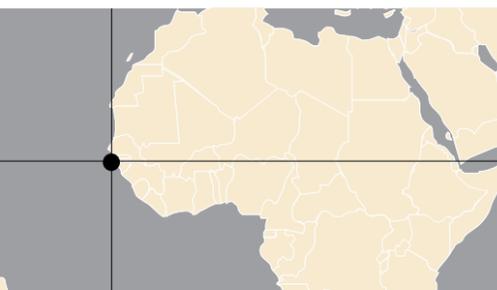


Reconnaissance Marines of the Ground Combat Element, Black Sea Rotational Force 12, move between buildings while conducting an urban raid during Exercise BALTOPS 2012, June 4. BSRF-12 is a Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force training event with 19 countries to help the forces learn to work together and promote regional stability.

STAFF SGT. NATE HAUSER



Cpl. Aaron M. Kappler, a diesel mechanic with HQ Co., 23rd Marines, 4th MarDiv, points out shot impacts to a Haitian Special Weapons and Tactics police officer at Barbados Defence Base Force Paragon, June 16.  
 CPL. NANA DANNSA-APPIAH



## WESTERN ACCORD

THIÉS, SENEGAL

**DATE:** June 25- July 24  
**USMC UNITS:** 3rd Bn., 25th Marines; MWSS-473; 11th Marines  
**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** Senegal, Burkina Faso, Guinea, France and Gambia

**“THE MARINES WILL BE TAKING HOME A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF WEST AFRICA AND THE CULTURE, THE LANGUAGE, THEIR MILITARY; IT HAS GIVEN THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEPLOY WITH FOREIGN FORCES.”**

-Gunnery Sgt. Brian Ross, operations chief for Marine Forces Africa



Cpl. John P. Maggard, a range coach from 3rd Bn., 25th Marines, inspects the chamber of a Gambian soldier's weapon to ensure it is safe to proceed to the next course of fire during a combat marksmanship range. Basic combat marksmanship focuses on techniques and maneuvers effective in urban environments and close-quarters battle.

SGT. TATUM VAYAVANANDA

Marines led a training exercise in Senegal that entailed live-fire and combat marksmanship training, peace-keeping operations, disaster response, intelligence capacity building, as well as a humanitarian-civic assistance project that provided primary medical and dental assistance to more than

2,000 residents of the local population. Participating nations shared tactics and trained individual troops to be proficient in convoy operations, demolitions, vehicle check points, riot control training, and other urban warfare techniques.

Lance Cpl. Colt McGinnis, a team leader with Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 25th Marines, instructs a member of the Guinea army on the correct way to execute baton strikes during non-lethal weapons training, July 12.

LANCE CPL. JESSICA ITO



## JAVELIN THRUST

CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA

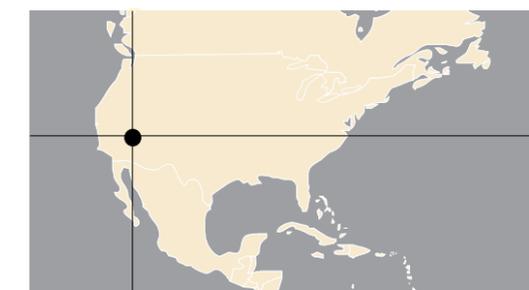
**DATE:** July 3-12  
**USMC UNITS:** 25th Marines; MAG-49; CLR-4; 2nd Tank Bn.; 9th Comm. Bn.; 1st Law Enforcement Bn.; 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Co.  
**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** Canada

**“THE INDIVIDUAL SKILLS THAT EACH MARINE GETS IN AN EXERCISE LIKE THIS, IN THIS DESERT ENVIRONMENT, AND COMBINED ARMS LIVE-FIRE SCENARIO IS WHAT EVERY MARINE NEEDS.”**

-Brig. Gen. James Hartsell, 4th Marine Division commanding general

More than 5,000 Marines from Marine Forces Reserve and I Marine Expeditionary Brigade took to the training grounds of Twentynine Palms, Calif., for a two-week, large scale exercise. The Marines focused on refining tactical skills for individual

Marines and units while commanders practiced command and control. Javelin Thrust featured heavy armor assets and a series of live-fire and combined-arms events designed to test Marines in a desert environment under a MEB command structure.



Marines with Golf Co., 2nd Bn., 25th Marines kneel during a patrol prior to executing a squad level assault drill on Range 410A in Twentynine Palms, Calif. Reserve Marines from 32 states trained alongside active-duty Marines and Canadian service members during Javelin Thrust.

SGT. JOHN ODETTE

Marines with Co. E, 2nd Bn., 25th Marines, 4th MarDiv, execute speed-reloading drills to refine relevant infantry skills so Marines are always ready to answer the nation's call.

SGT. ALVIN D. PARSON



## PARTNERSHIP OF THE AMERICAS

CAMP BLANDING, FLA.

DATE: September 3 -15  
USMC UNITS: 4th MLG; 23rd Marines; 4th MAW  
PARTICIPATING NATIONS: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay

**“THEY’LL LOOK BACK ON THEIR EXPERIENCES AT PARTNERSHIP OF THE AMERICAS, AND THE FRIENDSHIPS THEY DEVELOPED HERE ARE GOING TO BENEFIT THEIR MARINE CORPS AND THEIR COUNTRIES IN THE FUTURE.”**

-Lt. Col. Daniel Temple, operations officer of 23rd Marine Regiment

Marines lived and trained together with nine other nations from the western hemisphere to develop working relationships and learn from each other for possible future joint operations such as peacekeeping or

humanitarian assistance. The nations shared information from their areas of expertise and conducted multi-lateral training including: ship-to-land movements, military operations in urban terrain, and live-fire ranges.

Marines insert into a landing zone while conducting riverine training in order to reinforce their skills, essential tactics and techniques and build a strong foundation of professional cooperation for future operations.

CPL. TYLER J. THORNHILL



Sgt. Samuel Jimenez, Inspector & Instructor Staff, 23rd Marines, Las Vegas, Nev., and Petty Officer 1st Class Carlos Alberto Sanjinez, locate their targets during an AT4 light anti-tank rocket firing range. Marines, soldiers and U.S. sailors came together with nine other countries to learn together and practice common tactics and techniques during POA.  
CPL. TYLER J. THORNHILL



## RESERVE MARINES IN WORLD WAR II AND THE 5TH MARINE DIVISION

During World War II, Reserve Marines made up 68 percent of the Corps’ strength. They took part in every campaign active-duty Marines fought, from the Battle of Midway through the last Pacific Island objective, Okinawa, three-and-a-half years later. Reserve Marines received 44 of the 80 Medals of Honor awarded to Marines during the war.



**Pfc. William R. Caddy, USMCR, (1925-1945)**  
Company I, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division

### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

**“Fearlessly disregarding all personal danger, Private First Class Caddy instantly dived on the deadly missile, absorbing the exploding charge in his own body and protecting the others from serious injury.”**

### 5TH MARINE DIVISION QUICK FACTS

- ◇ ACTIVATED JAN. 21, 1944, AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF.
- ◇ RELOCATED DURING AUGUST-OCTOBER 1944 TO CAMP TARAWA, HAWAII, WHERE THEY CONTINUED TRAINING.
- ◇ ASSAULTED IWO JIMA ON FEB. 19, 1945, WITH THE 4TH MARINE DIVISION.
- ◇ PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN, SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 1945.
- ◇ DEACTIVATED NOV. 26, 1946 UNTIL THEY WERE CALLED ONCE AGAIN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, APRIL, 1967.
- ◇ THE DIVISION EARNED 14 MEDALS OF HONOR DURING WORLD WAR II, 10 OF THEM POSTHUMOUSLY.
- ◇ CASUALTIES ON IWO JIMA:
  - ◇ KILLED IN ACTION/DIED OF WOUNDS- 2,416
  - ◇ WOUNDED IN ACTION- 6,860
  - ◇ TOTAL CASUALTIES- 9,276

Marines of the 28th Regiment, 5th Marine Division, hoist the U.S. flag on a piece of pipe at about 10:20 a.m. Feb. 23, 1945 after they had captured the summit of Mount Suribachi. This was approximately 17 minutes before the famous flag raising immortalized by the Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal.  
STAFF SGT. LOUIS R. LOWERY



## NOW WHAT?

ADAPTING TO THE FORCE STRUCTURE REVIEW  
STORY BY: CPL. NANA DANNSA-APPIAH

Two years ago, the commandant directed a Force Structure Review be put in place to chart a way forward for the entire Marine Corps as it shifts from Iraq and Afghanistan-based conflicts and downsizes in response to fiscal restraints. The FSR will affect 147 of 183 Marine Forces Reserve sites as the Corps restructures and modernizes its units. After a decade of war, MARFORRES is shaping its capabilities for the future by increasing units such as civil affairs, intelligence, and military police.

The Corps sent a cadre of subject matter experts to help Marines affected by the restructuring. The group is known to the Reserves as the Personnel Transition Team, or PTT.

For more information about your options, contact Mr. Erik Cook at (504) 697-7187 or by email at erik.cook@usmc.mil.

Sgt. Jacob Caudle, a rifleman with Company D, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 4th Marine Division, jots down notes during a briefing on future career options available as his infantry company. Company D is being transformed into a military police company in Billings, Mont., October 20.  
CPL. NANA DANNSA-APPIAH

They travel to sites to advise Marines of their options and can waive requirements and approve packages on the spot for occupational changes, reenlistments, unit transfers and other career moves. These requests usually take several months to get approved, but the team can approve them in only a few days. For the PTT, it is all about keeping faith with Marines.

“The most important element we have here is the individual Marine,” said David Roberts, MARFORRES recruiting and retention officer. “The individual Marine tells the Marine Corps story, and I want them to tell good stories—about how the Marine Corps looked out for them—to their friends and brothers and sisters who may want to join in the future.” ■

### Let's talk options...

1. Marines can request a lateral move to a new military occupational specialty if there is no position for their original MOS or rank at a unit within a reasonable commute.
2. Marines can remain affiliated with a different Selected Marine Corps Reserve unit that has an opening for their MOS and rank.
3. Marines can affiliate with an Individual Mobilization Augmentee detachment or the Active-Reserve Program.
4. Non-contractually obligated Marines can request to transfer to the Individual Ready Reserve.
5. Marines can simply do nothing, remaining at the unit until their mandatory drill stop date. Marines are, however, encouraged to take another route because once the unit is mostly transformed, they won't be able to participate in unit training because they're no longer MOS qualified.
6. Request an inter-service transfer to the active-duty component of another military service.

## FORCE HEADQUARTERS GROUP

THE NEWEST MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMAND IN THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Maj. Gen. Tracy L. Garrett, the commanding general of Force Headquarters Group, passes the Marine Corps colors to the new commanding general, Brig. Gen. Paul K. Lebidine, the former chief-of-staff for force command element, Javelin Thrust, Aug. 6.  
CPL. DANIEL CASTILLO

Force Headquarters Group was formally activated during a ceremony at Marine Corps Support Facility New Orleans, Aug. 6, in which it was officially recognized as a major subordinate command of Marine Forces Reserve.

This MSC was established as a part of the command element for MARFORRES. It was activated July 18, assuming administrative and operational command of six MARFORRES Force-level units: 3rd and 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Companies, 3rd and 4th Civil Affairs Groups, 6th Communications Battalion, Law Enforcement Battalion and Intelligence Support Battalion. ■



## MARINE CORPS TRIALS

WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT CALLS TO ACTION

COURTESY STORY

Sgt. Eric Rodriguez from Wounded Warrior Battalion West and Cpl. Josue Baron also with WWBn. West, rush towards a loose ball during a game of pick-up wheelchair basketball  
CPL. LUCAS VEGA

The Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment will host the third annual Marine Corps Trials for the wounded, ill and injured aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 25 to March 7, 2013. Four teams (Wounded Warrior Battalion East, WW Bn. West, international militaries and veterans) will compete in archery, shooting, wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, swimming, cycling, and track and field, for a chance to win gold. Fifty Marines from the trials will be selected to represent the Corps at the 2013 Warrior Games, an event that brings together all branches to participate in a paralympic-style competition. Active-duty, Reserve and veteran Marines are encouraged to participate. Visit [www.woundedwarriorregiment.org](http://www.woundedwarriorregiment.org), [www.facebook.com/www.usmc](http://www.facebook.com/www.usmc) or email the Wounded Warrior Regiment at [wwsports@usmc.mil](mailto:wwsports@usmc.mil) for more information. ■

## NEW DTS 72-HOUR TRAVEL POLICY

ENSURE YOUR FLIGHTS AREN'T GETTING CANCELLED

COURTESY STORY

Under the new policy, if an authorizing official does not approve an authorization within 72 hours of departure, or if the tickets are not paid for with a government travel charge card, the airline reservation will be cancelled.

This applies to any Reserve Marines whose units use the Defense Travel System to schedule flights for drill orders, annual training orders, active-duty operation support orders, etc.

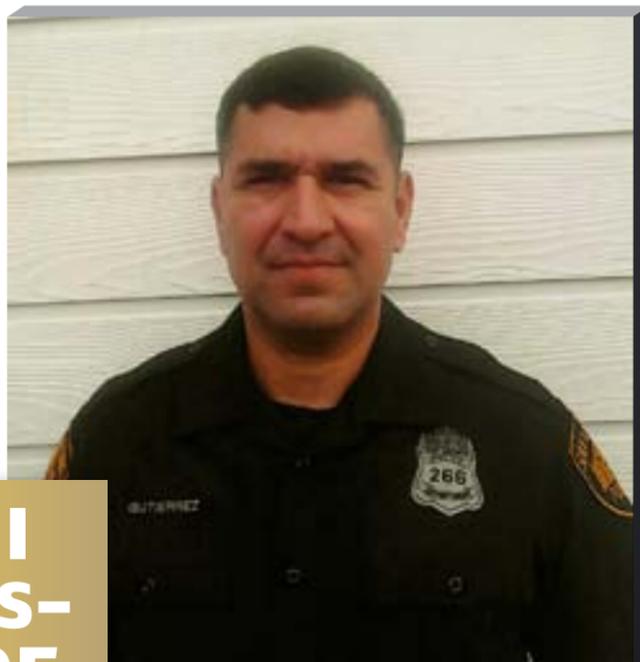
DTS TIPS FOR MARINES:

1. Monitor the status of your travel authorization.
2. Ensure your DTS personal profile is current.
3. Ensure your government charge card has been turned on.
4. Take your travel itinerary with you to the airport.
5. Keep a contact list of your travel chain of command with you during travel.
6. Don't assume your flight schedule can be fixed once you're at the airport.
7. Communicate to your authorizing official all last-minute travel needs. ■





DOUBLE DUTY



# GI -VS- JOE

## CAPT. MODESTO L. GUTIERREZ, USMC

**BILLET:** Platoon Commander

**LOCATION:** Company C, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, San Antonio, Texas

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 20 years

**ISSUED WEAPON:** 1911 Springfield (.45 cal.) and M9mm pistols

**FAVORITE WORK FOOD:** Omelet Meal Ready-to-Eat

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Lead a platoon of 30 hard-charging Marines

**REQUIRED TRAINING:** Bootcamp, Infantry School, Officer Candidate School, The Basic School, Coldweather Training, Basic Reconnaissance Course, Combatant Diver Course, Airborne School, S.E.R.E. School, and Martial Arts Instructor Trainer Course

**HEROICS:** More than a dozen firefights during four combat deployments. Earned two Navy Achievement Medals each with a combat distinguishing device.

## OFFICER GUTIERREZ, SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**BILLET:** Patrolman

**LOCATION:** San Antonio, Texas

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 13 years

**ISSUED WEAPON:** Glock 22 (.40 cal)

**FAVORITE WORK FOOD:** Taco Cabana

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Patrol through streets, enforce laws and protect people in the community of San Antonio

**REQUIRED TRAINING:** San Antonio Police Academy and prisoner handling training

**HEROICS:** Helped revive a 7-year-old girl after she fell 50-feet from a burning car on a bridge to the ground below. The girl left the scene without a scratch. She was the only survivor of the four people in the incident.

## MOTO TALK

Military expressions from around the Corps

**BAMCIS:** A ditty to remember the six troop leading steps: begin the planning, arrange reconnaissance, make reconnaissance, complete the planning, issue orders, supervise. Also used as an exclamation of success or accomplishment.

**SALTY:** A word used to describe a Marine or piece of gear that has been in the Corps a long time.

**PICKLE SUIT:** Refers to a Marine's service alpha uniform, an all olive-drab suit.

## QUICK FACTS

### EARLY DAYS

Rudimentary weapons were seen around the Corps such as flintlock muskets or pistols as well as bayonets and swords.

### CIVIL WAR

These battles saw the transition from older, smooth-bore muskets to the more-accurate rifle. This change brought with it a better rate of fire and a longer effective range.

### WORLD WAR I

The 1903 Springfield rifle and the Browning .30 caliber machine gun were the predominant weapons of this war. Large advancements included bolt-action rifles, automatic weapons, tanks and airplanes.

### WORLD WAR II

Infantry Marines battled the Pacific with the M-1 Garand rifle and the Browning automatic rifle in-hand during World War II. Tanks and aircraft also became a predominant part of the Corps' arsenal.

### VIETNAM

Three of the most influential weapons introduced in Vietnam were the M-16 rifle, guided missiles and the use of helicopters to transport Marines into the battle zone.

### OEP/OIF

During the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Marines have used a wide variety of weapons to accomplish the mission. Predominantly used weapons include: the M16-A4 rifle, the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, the M240 B machine gun and the M2 .50 caliber machine gun.

# M27

INFANTRY AUTOMATIC RIFLE

WITH THE GEAR



#### SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: 5.56x45mm NATO

Barrel: 16.5 in

Length: 33 to 36.9 in

Weight: 7.9 lbs (empty)

Action: Gas piston-operated, rotating bolt

Capacity: 30-round magazine

Rate of fire: 800 to 900 rounds per minute

For the past several years, the Marine Corps has been searching for an alternative to the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon. The gunners, whose job it is to man the weapon, have asked their leaders for a lighter, simpler and more reliable killing machine.

The Marine Corps has made its choice.

While it's not yet issued to every unit, some Marines have gotten the opportunity to test the new M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle—and they love it.

"It's better-balanced, it has a better cheek weld, it's got a nice pistol grip," said Cpl. Kevin S. Tucker, a reconnaissance Marine with 4th Recon. Battalion, 4th Marine Division. "It has a free-floating barrel, which makes it inherently better and accurate."

The automatic weapon is only about nine pounds and can also be used for rifle qualification, which Tucker said, was a plus.

The M27 IAR is expected to be in the hands of squad automatic riflemen by early 2013.

