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On the Cover



A data network specialist from Communications Co, 1st Marine Logistics Group, communicates with an MV-22 Osprey pilot during an en-route care exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 28, 2015. During the four-day exercise, corpsmen trained to prepare a Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force group that is going to forward deploy later this year.

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1st MLG CG

visits Marines during MEFEX

Photo by: 1st Lt. Thomas Gray



Major Gen. Vincent Coglianesse, (left), 1st Marine Logistics Group Commanding General, talks to Brig. Gen. Daniel Yoo, (right), I Marine Division Assistant Commander, while visiting 1st MLG during I MEF Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 22, 2015. Brig. Gen. Yoo received a full tour of 1st MLG's operations in support of I MEF courtesy of Maj. Gen. Coglianesse.

1st MLG Chaplains

Provide religious support during IMEF Exercise

Photos by: Sgt. Cody Haas



Top: Navy Capt. Bill Appleton, Command Chaplain, 1st Marine Logistics Group, provides a sermon to Marines and Sailors during an I Marine Expeditionary Force Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 22, 2015. Appleton provided Marines and Sailors with religious services and spiritual support during the training evolution.

Top Right: Navy Lt. Stephen Zachary, Chaplain, 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, gives a sermon to Marines with 1st Maintenance Bn., during the I Marine Expeditionary Force Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 22, 2015. Zachary provided Marines and Sailors with religious services during the training evolution.

Right: Navy Lt. Stephen Zachary, Chaplain, 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, scribes an "ash cross" on a Marine with 1st Maintenance Bn. during the I Marine Expeditionary Force Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 22, 2015.



CLB-11 squad competition comes to a close

Story and photos by: Cpl. Demetrius Morgan

AT SEA – Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, completed their eight-week squad competition aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8), Feb 5, 2015.

CLB-11 has conducted various events on a weekly basis throughout the deployment as a part of their squad competition. Each event had its own theme, which focused on basic combat skills that all Marines should know. Events included MCMAP, physical training, communication drills, weapons handling skills, and close order drill.

“Things like this negate complacency and promote that well-rounded Marine Corps lifestyle,” said Sgt. Danyel Tactay, a Ground Radio Repairman and Material Readiness Platoon Sergeant with CLB-11, 11th MEU. “It’s important to reinforce those basic tenants of being a Marine, which Marines sometimes lose sight of.”

At each event, squads selected designated participants to compete against the representatives of the other squads. After the event is completed, each squad received points based on how well they performed. Upon completion, Gunnery Sgt. Justin

Burns, First Sergeant of CLB-11, 11th MEU, calculated the total amount of points accumulated and declared a winner.

“It was definitely a morale boost,” said Lance Cpl. Isaiah Gaddy, an Artillery Systems Technician with CLB-11, 11th MEU. “I got to interact and get closer with my

chain of command because I was working with them in a way other than how I usually do during working hours.” The multitude of events also served as a way to provide a level playing field for all the squads, while reinforcing those skills Marines may not frequently use.

“The competition made me understand

that our bodies can do more than we think [they] can,” said Cpl. Mohamed Yakubu, a warehouse supply administrative clerk with CLB-11, 11th MEU. “I pushed myself to the limit, while also pushing others as a leader.”

Competition in the Marine Corps serves as an effective way to properly teach, train and maintain skills, while establishing unit morale and cohesion. Above all, it helps individuals push past their previously perceived limits.

“Competition is essential for the highest level of training possible,” said Tactay. “As a leader, the competition helped me find out the strengths and weaknesses of not

only the ones participating, but myself.”

CLB-11’s deployed mission is to provide tactical logistics behind the scenes for any unit within the 11th MEU at any given time. Their mission readiness is essential to sustaining all elements of the 11th MEU.

“It’s important to just be ready all the time,” said Gaddy. “You never know when a unit needs us to support an operation, so you have to stay mentally and physically ready and I think doing all these events with all these different things taught us to be prepared for anything.”

The 11th MEU is an amphibious response force, capable of rapidly responding to crises or contingencies from the sea.



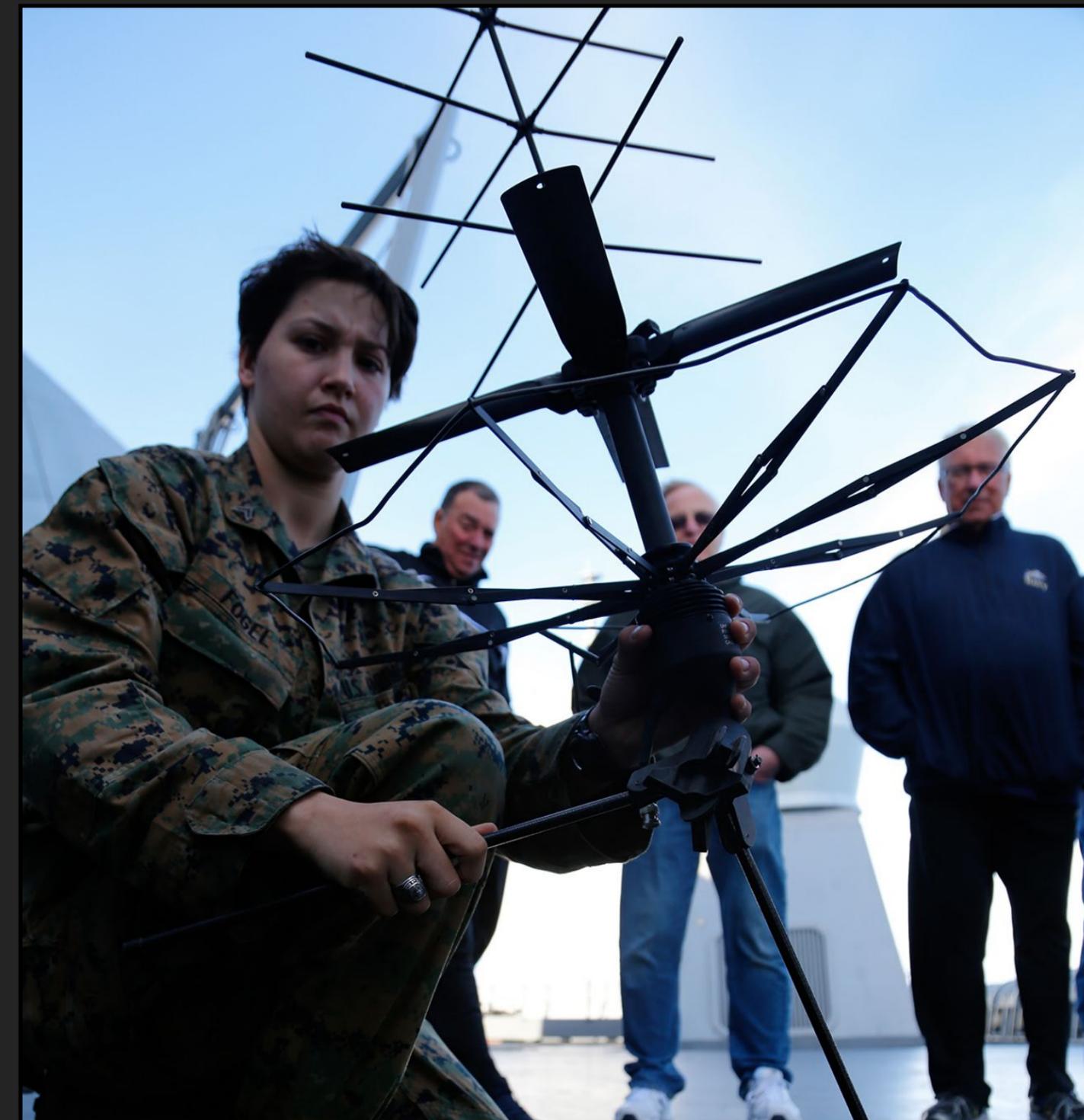
Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, finish a 5k run as part of a CLB-11 squad competition aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8), Feb. 1, 2015. The Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group and the embarked 11th MEU are deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.



Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, participate in a 5k run as part of a CLB-11 squad competition aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island, Feb. 1, 2015. The Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group and the embarked 11th MEU are deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

Tiger Cruise: Radio Familiarization

Photos By: Gunnery Sgt. Rome Lazarus



Corporal Shelbi M. Fogel, left, a Field Radio Operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, sets up a man pack satellite communication antenna during a radio familiarization event aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS San Diego as part of the Tiger Cruise from Hawaii to Camp Pendleton, Feb. 21, 2015.

Bottom: Cpl. Bryan-Malcolm A. Sison, left, a Radio Operator with 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company detachment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, shows a Tiger Cruise family member how to tie knots aboard amphibious transport dock ship USS San Diego as part of the Tiger Cruise from Hawaii to Camp Pendleton, Feb. 18, 2015.



Corporal Shelbi M. Fogel, left, and Sgt. Justin R. Swartzbeck, right, both Field Radio Operators with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, set up a man pack satellite communication antenna during a radio familiarization event aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS San Diego as part of the Tiger Cruise from Hawaii to Camp Pendleton, Feb. 21, 2015.



Local Marine awarded Purple Heart

Photos by: Lance Cpl. Caitlin Bevel



Marines with 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and 1st Marine Logistics Group, form up to recognize Sgt. Michael V. Hall II, a Field Radio Operator with 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, at a Purple Heart Ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 11, 2015.



Sergeant Michael V. Hall II, a Field Radio Operator with 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, salutes Col. William F. McCollough, Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment, after receiving a Purple Heart during a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 11, 2015. Hall sustained wounds in Afghanistan while serving with Georgia Liaison Team 10 in November 2013.



Colonel William F. McCollough, Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, presents Sgt. Michael V. Hall II, a Field Radio Operator with 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, with a Purple Heart during a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 11, 2015. Hall sustained wounds in Afghanistan while serving with Georgia Liaison Team 10 in November 2013.





En-Route Care Training

Emerging communications capability set to save lives

Story by: Sgt. Laura Gauna

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Whenever a wounded Marine needs critical care in a combat zone, aircraft often provide the means to get them to the care they require. However, during these casualty evacuations, each passing minute in flight subtracts from the Marine’s “golden hour.” Communication between the medical providers in the helicopter and the care facilities on the ground is critical and can often mean the difference between life and death.

Corpsmen from Alpha Surgical Company, 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, teamed up with data network specialists from Headquarters Regiment, 1st MLG, to add minutes to the first critical moments of a traumatic injury by leveraging an emerging communications capability called digital interoperability, during an en-route care exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 26-29, 2015.

“We are utilizing wave forms and tablet

computers to provide in-patient care tracking while in the air,” said Maj. Elishama Wheeler, G-6 Operations Officer, HQ Reg. “Right now the gap that exists between the patient tracking continuum is en route from point of injury to the care facility. The providers in the back of the plane don’t have any communications outside of the aircraft, so the care facilities don’t know the status of the patient until they arrive, which can become problematic.”

This exercise marks the first time that this method is being implemented in the medical field within the Marine Corps.

The advanced waveform network works just like the Wi-Fi network used in homes. Tactical radios are tuned into a specific frequency that is then transmitted to computer tablets. Radio signals can reach up to 20 miles and users are able to instant message and send data files simultaneously.

“There is great potential for this to save lives,” said Wheeler. “Instead of a patient coming off of a helicopter and having to share their status as they

get off, they could potentially already know before they arrive, giving them a chance to better prepare. A care facility knows, even if it’s only an additional 10, 15 or 20 minutes prior to a patient arriving, every second counts.”

Patient information is currently tracked on a piece of paper that stays on the aircraft until they land. The only way for the care team to communicate outside of the aircraft to provide critical information is through the pilot. This can prove to be slow and often leads to miscommunication, said Lt. Cdr. Joe Pinon, Alpha Surgical Company Commander.

During the four-day exercise, corpsmen trained to prepare a Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force group that is going to forward deploy later this year. The more than 40 corpsmen set up a shock trauma platoon facility, or mobile emergency room, to treat simulated casualties. The casualties were stabilized in the STP and then flown out via aircraft.

“En-route care is a very challenging job for a

Top left: Major Elishama Wheeler, G-6 Operations Officer, Headquarters Regiment, 1st Marine Logistics Group, explains an emerging communications capability called digital interoperability to Maj. Gen. Vincent A. Coglianese, 1st MLG Commanding General, during an en-route care exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 28, 2015.

Bottom left: Corpsmen with Alpha Surgical Co., 1st Medical Bn., 1st MLG, treat a simulated casualty during an en-route care exercise.

Right: A corpsman with Alpha Surgical Co., 1st Medical Bn., 1st MLG, treats a simulated casualty during an en-route care exercise.

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“There is great potential for this to save lives... A care facility knows, even if it’s only an additional 10, 15 or 20 minutes prior to a patient arriving, every second counts.” - Maj. Elishama Wheeler

variety of reasons,” said Pinon. “Just the logistics of knowing what equipment you have to have before you fly out and knowing how to set up your equipment on a litter so it doesn’t blow away adds a challenge. It’s a very different environment. Doing care in the air is very different because you don’t have the resources you would have in a hospital. In the air, you can’t call lab to come help draw blood or call radiology to come see how a tube is placed. It’s just you and your very small team of two or three people that are providing care in a very small space.”

En-route care has been around for a long time, since the Napoleonic war through the Vietnam era, but it wasn’t until World War II that the Army

established the first program of record for en-route care and not until the later part of Operation Iraqi Freedom that the Army again developed an en-route care program, said Pinon. As of now, it is the only en-route care program of record that the Marine Corps can use.

“The challenge for us is getting people in those programs because of our deployment tempo,” added Pinon. “Often times our deployments don’t line up with their course dates. So the medical battalions have been required to provide en-route care training to the individuals that are deploying so that we can be mission ready and meet the capability that we have been tasked with. What I’d like to see

is for the medical battalions to establish a program of record so that we aren’t relying on outside sources to provide the training that we need. This would enable us to be ready to meet any mission that comes up.”

AROUND THE MEF



Photo by: Cpl. Angel Serna

Left: Marines with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force conduct amphibious raids and military operations on urban terrain during Exercise Iron Fist 15 aboard Camp Pendleton on Feb. 3, 2015. Exercise Iron Fist 15 is an annual bilateral training exercise between U.S. and Japanese military forces

Top right: A Thai military instructor, known as "The Snake Man," demonstrates how to approach and catch a cobra using only his hands during a jungle survival training course for U.S., Korean and Thai Marines Feb. 12, 2015 at Camp Lotawin, Kingdom of Thailand. The course is part of training for exercise Cobra Gold 2015, an annual exercise designed to improve multinational operability in preparation for response to regional crises.



Photo by: Cpl. Joshua Murray

Right: Marines with Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Crisis Response Central Command 15.2 conduct a tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel mission aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, Feb. 11, 2015. The training was part of SPMAGTF Crisis Response Central Command Certification Exercise held in several locations across Southern California, Arizona, Nevada, and Idaho Feb. 5-14, 2015. Certification exercises are conducted regularly throughout the Corps, testing unit performance across a broad spectrum of mission sets and core mission essential tasks.



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Jonathan Boynes



Photo by: Cpl. Joshua Murray



Photo by: I Marine Expeditionary Force

Middle Left: Lieutenant Gen. David Berger, I Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General, speaks during the rehearsal of concept drill as part of the I Marine Expeditionary Force Exercise 2015 aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 17, 2015.

Middle right: Members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force depart on a Landing Craft Air Cushion headed for San Clemente Island as part of Exercise Iron Fist 2015 aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 17, 2015.



Photo by: Cpl. Joshua Murray

Bottom left: Thai medical examiners simulate washing radiation off a contaminated casualty during Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear response training Feb. 16 at Camp Samaesan, Kingdom of Thailand. Casualties must be completely decontaminated before their wounds are addressed when a chemical or radiological threat is present.

#InTheNews



Photo by: Sgt. Fareeza Ali

(Top) Marines and Sailors with the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, II Marine Expeditionary Force, practice their decontamination skills on a volunteer during a training evolution at the Guardian Center in Perry, Ga. on February 4, 2015.

(Left) As part of the annual training exercise Scorpion Fire, Lance Cpl. Clinton Lehner, a Crew Chief with Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 369 "Gunfighters," looks down range during close-air support maneuvers at the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., Jan. 29, 2015.



Photo by: Cpl. Paul Martinez

Marines with Amphibious Assault Vehicle Platoon, Company B, Ground Combat Element Integrated Task Force, assault targets downrange during a live-fire exercise at Range SR-10 aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Jan. 20, 2015.

Photo by: Sgt. Raquel Barraza



Photo by: 1st Lt. Maida Kalic

A service member with the Togolese Armed Forces conducts a personnel search on 1st Lt. Kyle Faherty during an armed sentry training engagement with U.S. Marines in Lome, Togo, Dec. 4, 2014.



Photo by: Cpl. Carson Gramley

(Middle left) Cpl. William Perkins, acting as a simulated suspect wrestles with a military working dog during controlled aggression training in the Central Command Area of Operations, Dec. 28, 2014.



Photo by: 1st Lt. Maida Kalic

(Middle right) A Marine greets his son during a homecoming event aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 14, 2015. Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 2 returned from a six-month deployment in support of Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response-Africa.

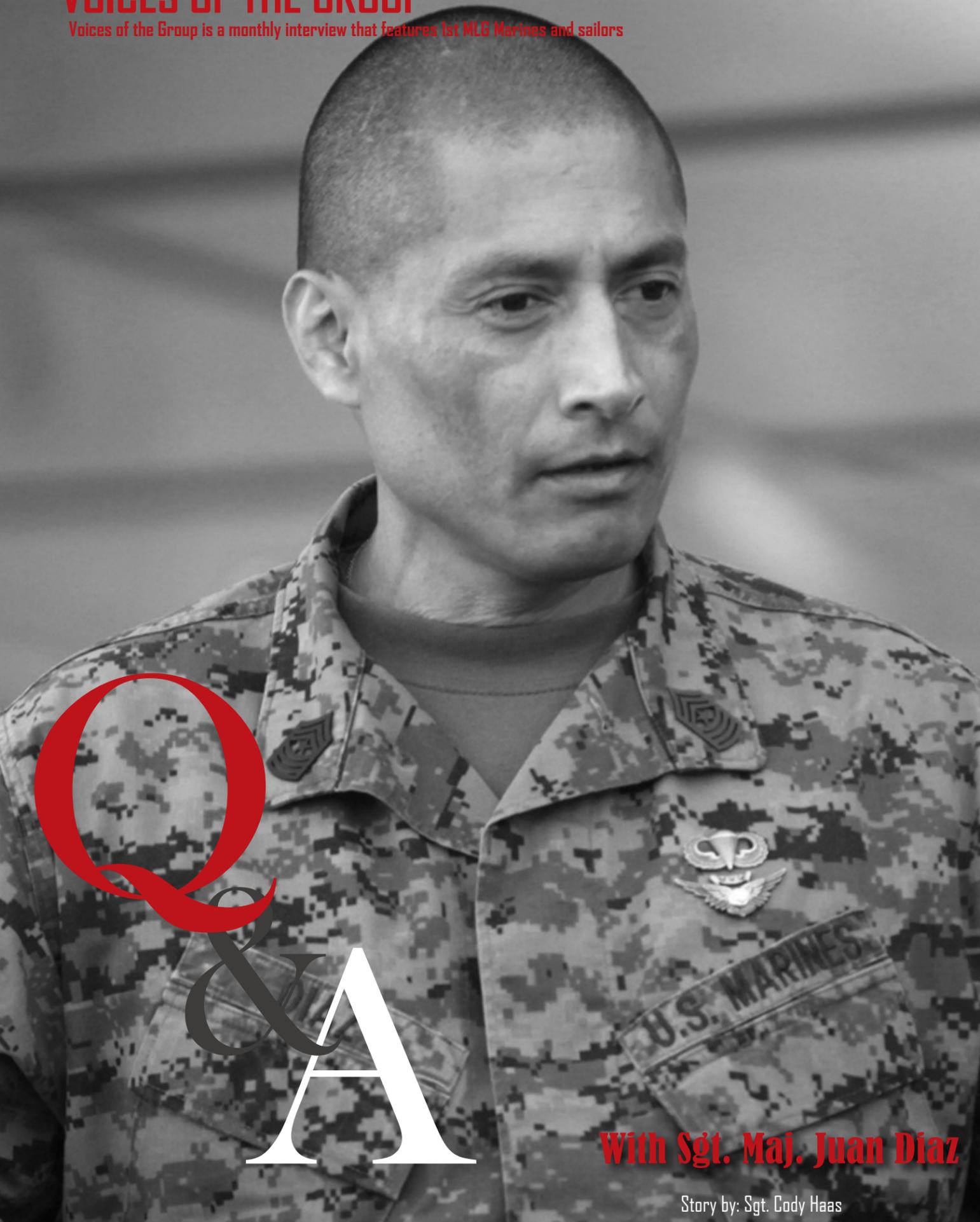
(Bottom right) Marines with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, teach Basic Maneuver Techniques for the Combat Rubber Raiding Craft to members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force aboard Camp Pendleton on Jan. 28, 2015, during Exercise Iron Fist 2015 to help develop the Self-Defense Force's understanding of amphibious operations.



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Angel Serna

VOICES OF THE GROUP

Voices of the Group is a monthly interview that features 1st MCG Marines and sailors



Q & A

With Sgt. Maj. Juan Diaz

Story by: Sgt. Cody Haas

Sergeant Maj. Juan Diaz, Sergeant Major for Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, has served in the Marine Corps for more than 30 years. Diaz, a native of Houston, talks about key moments in his career and his views on leadership in the Marine Corps.

Q: What inspired you to join the Marine Corps?

A: “When I saw that iconic Marine Corps commercial with the Marine in a perfect uniform, I realized right then and there the Marine Corps was for me. I wanted to be that Marine in a perfect, clean looking uniform. I knew that I wanted something better for myself and I knew the Marine Corps offered me a better way of life. I joined the Marine Corps as soon as I graduated high school and never looked back. Thirty years later I stand by my decision. The Marine Corps has supported me during my entire career and I cannot express my gratitude enough.”

Q: Why is leadership so important at all ranks in the Marine Corps?

A: “The changes in our Corps have been great. The requirements now as opposed

to what I had when I came in are much more competitive than ever before. Marine leaders are trained at a much higher level of Professional Military Education than in the past. Marines have so many more courses and opportunities available today than what I had when I joined. Yes, Marines are promoted much sooner in this generation, however, they are entrusted with more leadership and are proven to accomplish tasks on and off the battlefield, which will allow the Marine Corps to continue to win battles and prepare the Corps for any future operations where we are needed.”

Q: What have you taken away from the Marine Corps?

A: “Over the past 30 years of serving, I am overwhelmed at the support the Corps has given my family and I. If there is one thing I have learned

about the Corps, it is that no Marine is ever left behind or not taken care of. I have always strived to emulate my past leaders by wearing my uniform to the best of my ability every day. That uniform is what sets the Corps apart from everyone else. It is a symbol of discipline, which is why I believe that discipline is an essential cornerstone to good leadership. My leaders have taught me so much, so I can pass on what I have learned. I have always been taken care of by my leaders and I will always be in debt to the Corps.”

Q: Is there anything you would do differently in your past 30 years of service?

A: “What I regret the most over my career is that I did not take full advantage of every opportunity I received. I was always focused on what I was doing today or the day

after that. I took on every task in front of me to the best of my ability, however, I did not take full advantage of a lot of the opportunities that were offered. Marines need to take advantage of every opportunity they get. It may not come back around. There is no time to waste. I'm not saying don't have a good time, but take full advantage of all of the classes and courses available at every rank. There is so much more available to Marines now. Each course a Marine completes will in turn open a new doorway, offering

more opportunities.”

Q: If there is one piece of advice you can give to a new Marine, given your past experience, what would it be?
A: “I still remember to this day volunteering my time for a Thanksgiving party for Marines and their families after checking in with my first unit. Others will notice you doing the right things for the right reasons and that will take you far in your career. It is a single and simple way to get started on the fast track to a successful

career and it is never too late to start.

Q: What inspired you after joining the Marine Corps?
A: “I think what inspired me after bootcamp was my drill instructor. I liked how he carried himself; always looking good in uniform. He always squared himself away and that's who I wanted to be like. Then I came across my first sergeant major and I wanted to be a sergeant major and that was my focus in the Marine Corps and I've achieved it.”



Junior Marines with General Support Motor Transport Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, listen as Sgt. Maj. Juan Diaz, Sergeant Major of CLR-1, 1st MLG, gives a brief at the GSMT lot aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 8, 2014. Since he assumed his post as sergeant major of CRL-1, 1st MLG, Jan. 21, 2014, Diaz wasted no time making sure his Marines understand what he expects as it pertains to discipline, conduct, standards and morale.

AROUND THE GROUP

MARCH 1:

Army Air Corps Football Club vs Camp Pendleton Varsity Soccer Team Scrimmage:

11 Area Synthetic Turf Field, Mainside, near Paige Fieldhouse 1800
Active duty military, spouses, and veterans who are interested in attending this event can call (760) 725-6195 for more information.

MARCH 4:

Free Image Makers National Photography Exhibit:

Abby Reinke Youth & Teen Center, Bldg. 01019 1500-1730

Celebrate the accomplishments of our youth and teens as they learn the art and science of photography. The Image Makers club will be competing in the Image Makers National Photography Exhibit through the BGCA.

MARCH 4:

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Paige Fieldhouse Classroom, Bldg 1110 - Mainside 1100-1300

Learn about what is healthy and what is not in this monthly presentation.

MARCH 25-26:

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PARTING SHOT

By: Cpl. Angel Serna



Marines with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force conduct amphibious raids and military operations on urban terrain during Exercise Iron Fist 15 aboard Camp Pendleton on Feb. 3, 2015.