



LANCE CPL. ALYSA JESSE

Colonel Harold B. Eggers, former commanding officer, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, relinquished command to Col. Dom Ford, commanding officer, MCCES, during a change of command ceremony at the Dunham amphitheater aboard the Combat Center, Thursday.

MCCES receives new commander

BY CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Colonel Harold B. Eggers relinquished command of the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School to Col. Dom Ford during a change of command ceremony at the Dunham amphitheater aboard the Combat Center, Thursday.

During the ceremony, the transfer of the guidon, which symbolizes the transfer of responsibility and authority of MCCES, was performed by the outgoing and incoming commanders. MCCES was activated in 1942 in Quantico, Va., training Marines for various communications specialties during World War II. In 1971, the school was relocated to its present location aboard the Combat Center.

For his exceptionally meritorious conduct as the commanding officer of MCCES, Eggers received the Legion of Merit. His leadership
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Student from the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School bow their heads for the invocation during the unit's change of command ceremony at the Dunham amphitheater aboard the Combat Center, Thursday. During the ceremony, Col. Harold B. Eggers, former commanding officer, MCCES, relinquished command to Col. Dom Ford, commanding officer, MCCES.

IOC storms Combat Center

PHOTOS BY CPL. JULIO MCGRAW



Marine Corps officers with Infantry Officer Course fire an M240B medium machinegun during a live-fire training exercise as part of IOC in the Prospect training area aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday. The mission of IOC is to train and educate newly commissioned or appointed officers in the high standards of professional knowledge, esprit-de-corps, and leadership to prepare them for duty as company grade officers in the operating forces, with particular emphasis on the duties, responsibilities, and war fighting skills required of a rifle platoon commander.



A Marine with Infantry Officer Course sights in with a 60 mm mortar during a live-fire training exercise as part of IOC in the Prospect training area aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday.



A Marine with Infantry Officer Course prepares to fire a 60 mm mortar during a live-fire training exercise as part of IOC in the Prospect training area aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday.

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Marine Corps' Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans cast their votes for the best photograph posted on the Corps' Facebook page. This week's top shot comes from Sgt. Hector de Jesus.



Staff Sgt. Caesar visits the K9 training facility to boost morale of the volunteers during the K9 upgrade project aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 7. The Home Depot's Building Materials department and their vendor partners painted and repaired kennels as well as constructed a new shade structure and obstacle courses to increase the quality of training.

MCCES From A1

fostered a command climate that was mission focused and trained over 15,000 Marines in the two years he lead the school. Following the presentation of his award, Eggers took time to thank his family, those in attendance and the Marines in his command.

"It is abundantly clear to me that every single accomplishment we have had in this school can be traced back to one of the Marines or a group of Marines in this command," Eggers said. "Take care of them, lead them and they will give you absolutely everything. This is a great group of people."

Following Eggers remarks, Ford addressed his new Marines and expressed his excitement toward the future and serving as their new commander.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be your commanding officer. There is no place I'd rather be," Ford said. "I will expect and demand your very best. Do your duty in all things and I assure you, you'll get no less from me."

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of gifts to Eggers' and Fords' families, the retiring of the colors and the playing of the Anchors Aweigh and the Marines' Hymn.



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The Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Color Guard presents the colors during the unit's change of command ceremony at the Dunham amphitheater aboard the Combat Center, Thursday. During the ceremony, Col. Harold B. Eggers, former commanding officer, MCCES, relinquished command to Col. Dom Ford, commanding officer, MCCES.

IOC From A1



A Marine with Infantry Officer Course relays information during a live-fire training exercise as part of IOC in the Prospect training area aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday.



A Marine with 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion transport officers during a live-fire training exercise as part of Infantry Officer Course in the Prospect training area aboard the Combat Center, Tuesday.

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Ten Months Training Pays Off For Corps Newest Rocket BTRY

After ten months of constant training, education, and experience, the reward finally came when the 3rd Heavy Artillery Rocket Battery 3rd HAAB fired its first Honest John Rocket last Friday morning.

The outfit started from scratch back in August of 1961, and in the last 10 months, it has built itself into a highly trained, effective organization.

The 3rd HARB was originally organized in August of 1961 when Capt. William F. Farley took the job of commanding officer awaiting the arrival of Maj. Theodore S. Eschholz. By the time the major assumed command in October, the unit was at top manning strength. The new outfit was comprised of men from various artillery outfits throughout the Marine Corps.

The Battery immediately started training with the 1st HARB pending the arrival of their own equipment. In January of 1962, as equipment arrived, it was put to use immediately in conjunction with dry-run firing.

A keen interest in competition was started when the platoons were told

that the one that showed the most effort would be the first to fire the rocket.

Each of the two launcher platoons in the Battery has two firing sections hence, the Battery has four firing sections containing one launcher crew apiece.

All four sections were constantly trying to improve and learn their jobs.

The men developed pride in themselves and in their sections. Within a few months they had learned how to work all of the technical equipment, and through constant "dry-runs," they learned how to deliver, aim, and fire the big rocket.

Field work

The Battery has spent the last four weeks in the field, and they expect to spend the next two weeks finishing their fire missions. This will account for a total of six weeks in the field. The Communications Section, Motor Transport, Maintenance, Headquarters, and the Mess Section all contributed to the success of the

fire mission. All of these sections fall under the Headquarters Platoon, and they all have their hands full with their assigned tasks.

Pay off

But Friday was the climax, Friday was the answer; it was the reason for all of the months of study, the days, and nights of dry-firing, the weeks in the field.

Lt. J. R. Whalley, the firing point officer, is ready. Capt. J. E. Jerrell, the commanding officer of the 1st platoon watches his men perform their well-rehearsed tasks.

The moment of truth arrives when Lt. Whalley yells, "Fire!" and Cpl. L. B. Lira pushes the plunger. There is a roar, the air is filled with dust, and a streak of fire races to the target and then there is hand shaking and congratulations among leaders, and the troops move quietly to their equipment. They are proud of their success, but they know the work ahead — cleaning, polishing, correcting errors, more study, more practice—more rockets.

CROSSWORD

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 10. Dwell
 14. Plunder
 15. "General Hospital," e.g.
 16. ___ Minor
 17. Doubtful
 19. French Sudan, today
 20. An error in naming
 21. Truck-like popup trailer
 23. "Comprende?"
 24. Franchise
 25. 1/500 of the Indianapolis 500
 26. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
 27. Sway
 31. Stringed, fretted instruments
 35. "___ we having fun yet?"
 36. Drawn tight

37. Epic poetry
 38. Eucharistic plate
 40. Sundae topper, perhaps
 41. Above
 42. A pint, maybe
 43. Atlanta-based airline
 44. Some deodorant sticks
 46. Pandowdy, e.g.
 48. Camera setting
 49. "Aladdin" prince
 50. Chi follower
 53. Sharp ends
 56. Chirping bugs
 58. Boat in "Jaws"
 59. Having only one side
 61. Lentil, e.g.
 62. Bit
 63. ___ rock
 64. "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
 65. Deuce topper

66. Matter
Down
 1. Privets
 2. Cliffside dwelling
 3. Analyze, in a way
 4. 20-20, e.g.
 5. Replaces shoe bottom
 6. Specks in the sea
 7. Forbidding
 8. "Dig in!"
 9. Sample of a substance
 10. Deformed toe condition
 11. "By yesterday!"
 12. Anger, with "up"
 13. Au ___
 18. Black cat, maybe
 22. Matterhorn, e.g.
 25. Bog
 28. Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
 29. Cooking fat
 30. Ancient colonnade

31. "Laughable Lyrics" writer
 32. "What've you been ___?"
 33. Plane, e.g.
 34. Open space for walking
 35. Absorbed, as a cost
 38. Women's suit with slacks
 39. "Not to mention ..."
 43. Proving directly
 45. Away
 46. Exploit successfully
 47. Hip bones
 54. Assayers' stuff
 55. Frosts, as a cake
 56. Commend
 57. Atlantic City attraction
 60. "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge

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AVERY M. VASSAR
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JACK H. MADDEN
Born on May 15, 2017
Born to Travis and Jennifer Madden

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Last week's answers

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Kyle

Cape Cod, Massachusetts Lance Corporal, Tank Crewman, 1st Tank Battalion

CAVATORTA

CAVATORTA HAS BEEN PLAYING HOCKEY FOR 13 YEARS. HE JOINED THE MARINE CORPS TO EXPERIENCE THE UNIQUE LIFESTYLE AND GAIN SKILLS THROUGH HANDS-ON LEARNING.

>I've been playing hockey since I was five years old. I started with local youth hockey, then moved onto travel teams and also played varsity in high school. It's great getting on the ice with the guys and seeing who the best is. Hockey translates into the Marine Corps. Teamwork is vital in both. If people aren't working together, the job won't get done.

>I joined the Marine Corps because I'm a hands-on learner and I prefer being outside rather than in the classroom setting. I knew being a tank crewman would be a great job and I wanted to do something combat related.

>My grandfather was in the Army during the Vietnam War and I am the first person in my family to join the military since him.

>Just getting to operate the tank has been my favorite part of the Corps so far. Not many people get to do it and getting paid to shoot rounds is a lot of fun.

>I recently went on an operational prepositioning force to Korea for a month and a half. Our mission was to prepare all the vehicles that were on prepositioned ships for offload so we can be anywhere in a moment's notice.

>Every six months, we go to Range 500 to qualify as a crew. In February, our tank crew shot company high with a score of 973 out of 1000. We ran through multiple scenarios and were tested shooting distances ranging from 500 to 2500 meters. It helped the crew to be more effective.

>My leadership has been molded by my mentors. I learned a lot from Staff Sgt. Wademan and Sgt. Galloway, whether it's tactics or leadership. Everyday I'm learning something new and it's important to share that information with new Marines in our unit, so we can trust each other to get the job done.

>I recently graduated tank



commander's course. A tank commander is a sergeant's billet, but I was able to attend the course as a lance corporal. We were tested on gunnery and tactics.

>After that course, I was able to learn a lot of new things that

I can share with the platoon. It made it easier to explain how certain parts in the tank operate and how to fix them.

>If I get out of the Marine Corps, I plan on going to a four-year university and attending the

police academy. The lifestyle as a Marine is very similar to being a law enforcement officer. You set an example, follow the law, and set a high standard. I plan on getting my degree in business or criminal justice.

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LANCE CPL. TAYLOR COOPER

A girl tours the driver compartment of an M1A1 Abrams tank at Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 9. The Marines from 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tank Battalion participated in the 14th annual Tiger Competition, a rivalry between tank crews from 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tank Battalion, to determine the top performing tank crew in the entire Marine Corps. The crew that takes first place is scheduled to compete against the U.S. Army's best tank crew.



LANCE CPL. NILES LEE

Lance Cpl. Micheal Choi, a trumpet instrumentalist with Marine Corps Band New Orleans, performs at Times Square 42nd Street subway station in New York, Tuesday. The Marine Corps Band New Orleans traveled to New York to perform for the Marine Corps Reserve Centennial, scheduled for June 14-16 at various locations throughout the city.



LANCE CPL. MASON ROY

Marines, sailors, and Master Labor Contractors with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Fuels Division conduct hot refueling on a Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121 at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Tuesday. The hot pits allow aircraft to rapidly refuel without powering down their engines, which increases operational readiness and reduces the amount of time needed to get the aircraft back into action. The F-35B brings strategic agility, operational flexibility and tactical supremacy to the Indo-Asia Pacific region.



1ST LT. KRISTINE RACICOT

Polish soldiers operate PT-91 Twardy tanks alongside U.S. Marines and M1A1 Abrams tanks while executing a combined arms live fire exercise during Exercise Saber Strike 17 at Adazi Training Grounds, Latvia, June 9. Exercise Saber Strike 17 is an annual combined-joint exercise conducted at various locations throughout the Baltic region and Poland. The combined training prepares NATO Allies and partners to effectively respond to regional crises and to meet their own security needs by strengthening their borders and countering threats.

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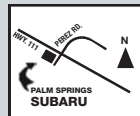
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1st Tanks blasts HQBN out of Championships



Headquarters Battalion's defense tries to recover possession of the ball from 1st Tank Battalion during the intramural soccer championship game at Felix Field aboard the Combat Center, Monday. Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit, hosts an intramural soccer league for units aboard the installation. Tanks came out victorious with a score of 2-1.

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First Tank Battalion claimed the intramural soccer trophy over Headquarters Battalion in the intramural soccer championship game at Felix Field, here, Monday.

Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit, hosts an intramural soccer league for units aboard the installation. This partnering affords active-duty service members and their family members who are 18 and older, as well as civilian and contract employees aboard the base the opportunity to compete in unit-level athletic competitions seasonally.

Tanks came out strong in the first half, scoring the first goal, but HQBN quickly equalized the standings before the end of the first half. HQBN and Tanks fought their hardest in the second half keeping the score 1-1,

forcing the game to go into overtime. Tanks ultimately took the game in overtime, scoring within the last few minutes.

"We give the Marines and their families an opportunity to get away from the stresses of their jobs through our intramural sports program," said Tommy Burke, sports specialist, MCCS.

Burke said the goal of the soccer program is for everyone to get together with people from their units and build camaraderie while having fun.

"It was great being able to play in the intramural soccer league with and against many of the different units across the base," said Miguel Torres, midfielder, Headquarters Battalion team. "Even though we didn't win, I still had an amazing experience getting to the championships with my team."



Miguel Torres, midfielder, Headquarters Battalion team, fights for possession of the ball against a Marine from 1st Tank Battalion during the intramural soccer championship game at Felix Field aboard the Combat Center, Monday. Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit, hosts an intramural soccer league for units aboard the installation. Tanks came out victorious with a score of 2-1.



First Tank Battalion hoists the intramural soccer league trophy after beating Headquarters Battalion during the championship game at Felix Field aboard the Combat Center, Monday. Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit, hosts an intramural soccer league for units aboard the installation. Tanks came out victorious with a score of 2-1.



Headquarters Battalion brings it in for a team chant during half time against 1st Tank Battalion in the intramural soccer championship game at Felix Field aboard the Combat Center, Monday. Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit, hosts an intramural soccer league for units aboard the installation. Tanks came out victorious with a score of 2-1.

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The Martinez family stands with their son, Manuel Martinez, a now incoming seventh grader.



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Teacher Karla Buchanan is comforted by students after a tearful reading of a poem written from the perspective of teachers to parents.



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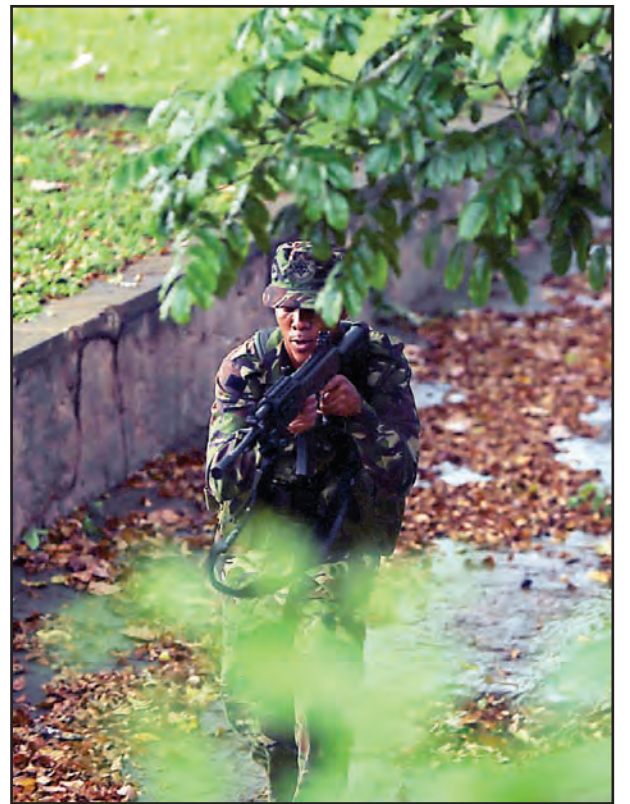
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Tradewinds 2017: Belize, Trinidad and Tobago conduct aerial, maritime raid

Photos by Sgt. Olivia McDonald



A Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force helicopter approaches its landing zone for insert as part of a simulated aerial and maritime raid during Exercise Tradewinds 2017 Phase II in Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuesday. Tradewinds, an annual U.S. Southern Command-sponsored exercise, brings together 20 partner nations to increase Caribbean security and the combined ability to counter transnational terrorism and organize crime, and enhance humanitarian and disaster relief capabilities.



Soldiers with 1st and 2nd Infantry Battalions, Trinidad and Tobago Infantry Regiment, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, advance toward their objective during Exercise Tradewinds 2017 Phase II in Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuesday.



A soldier with Trinidad and Tobago Infantry Regiment, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, takes cover before raiding his objective during Exercise Tradewinds 2017 Phase II in Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuesday.



A soldier with Trinidad and Tobago Infantry Regiment, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, prepares to throw an MK 13 diversionary hand grenade during Exercise Tradewinds 2017 Phase II in Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuesday.

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