



A change of command ceremony for the Commanding General of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center takes place in the base theater aboard the Combat Center, June 8. The change of command ceremony ensures that the unit and its Marines are never without official leadership, and also signifies an allegiance of Marines to their unit commander.

General officers change command aboard Combat Center

STORY AND PHOTOS
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Maj. Gen. William F. Mullen III relinquished command of Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, to Brig. Gen. Roger Turner during a change of command ceremony at the base theater, June 8, 2018.

Marines and sailors from various units attended the ceremony and music was provided by the 1st Marine Division Band.

During the ceremony, Sgt. Maj. Michael B. Dutchin, sergeant major, Headquarters Battalion, delivered the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC battle colors to Mullen, who then passed them to Turner, signifying the passing of authority and accountability of command.

Mullen extended his gratitude toward the Marines, sailors and civilians who's

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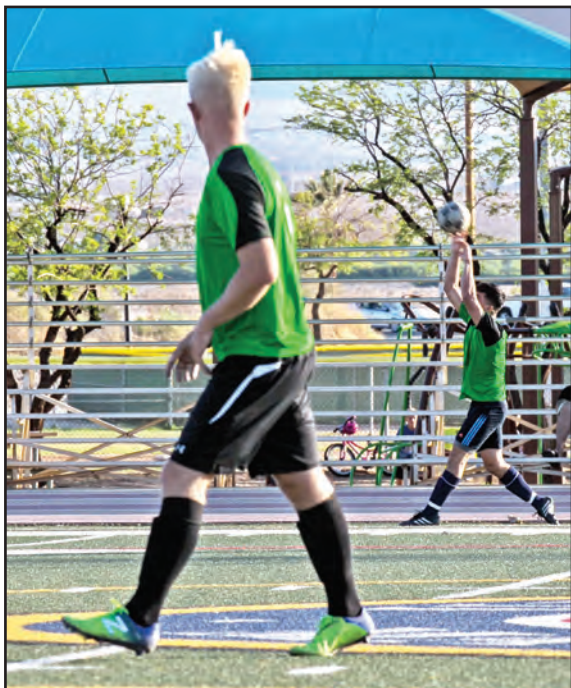
Maj. Gen. William F. Mullen III, off-going commanding general, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, passes the colors to Brig. Gen. Roger Turner, on-coming commanding general, MCAGCC, during the installation's change of command ceremony aboard the Combat Center, June 8.



Maj. Gen. William F. Mullen III, off-going commanding general, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, gives a speech during the installation's change of command ceremony aboard the Combat Center, June 8.

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MCCES beats Headquarter's Battalion in soccer finals

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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 Lance Cpl. Clare McIntire.



Aircraft with Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, fly in a formation as the sun sets along the Pacific Coast in Southern California, May 24. Marine Aircraft Group 11 commissioned August 1941 in Quantico, Va., as the Marine Corps' first aircraft group.



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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.

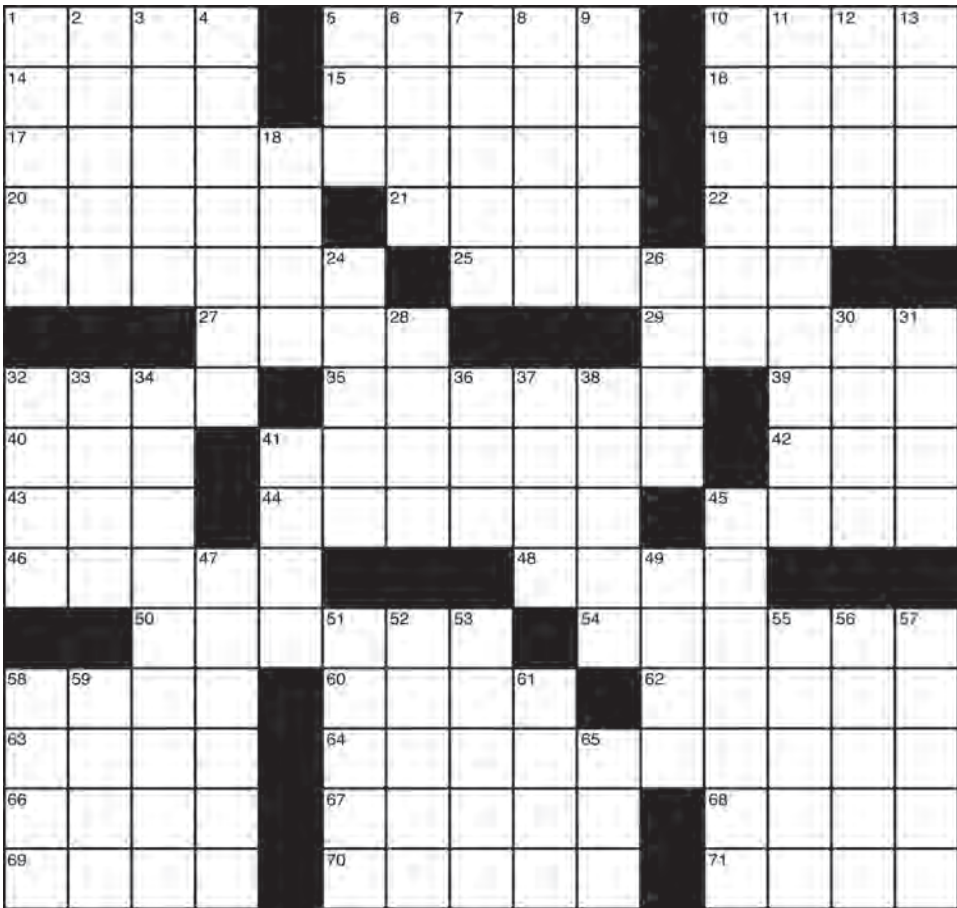
Lt. J.R. Whalley, the firing

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.

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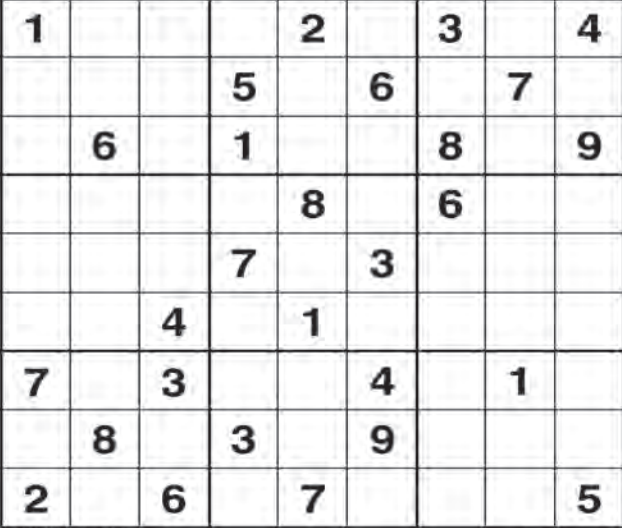
- Across**
1. Largest city in Italy.
5. Slightly wet.
10. Compressed, matted fabric.
14. Panchayat town in Toothukudi district in the state of Tamil Nadu, India.
15. Cargo ship designed to carry crude oil in bulk.
16. Succulent plants having rosettes of leaves, usually with fiber-like hemp and spikes of showy flowers.
17. Catecholamine secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress.
19. Fleshy, membranous covering of the base of the upper mandible of a bird through which the nostrils open.
20. Footballer _López Segú.
21. Impudent rejoinder.
22. Acronym for Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences.
23. Extremely irritating to the nerves.
25. Remove salt from.
27. Fastener providing a tight, perfect closure.
29. Acronym for Northeastern Regional Information Center.
32. Sheet of synthetic fibers.
35. Queen of Ahasuerus who was banished for refusing to appear before the king's guests.
39. South American wood sorrel cultivated for its edible tubers.
40. _ America.
41. Deviating from a straight course.
42. American musician _ Was.
43. Acronym for Source Data Automation.
44. Warning, especially a call to arms.
45. Coin worth 100th of the value of the basic unit.
46. Adult male singing voice above baritone.
48. Belgian comics writer Maurice __, who worked as artistic director of Spirou during its golden period.
50. Musical composition of 3 or 4 movements of contrasting forms.
54. Reddish-brown homespun fabric.
58. Various young herrings (other than brislings) canned as sardines in Norway.
60. Deeply moved.
62. State of deep mental absorption.



63. Acronym for University of Washington Aeronautical Laboratory
64. Having frequencies above those of audible sound.
66. Officer below the master on a commercial ship.
67. Decoration made by fitting pieces of wood into prepared slots in a surface.
68. Unit of measurement for advertising space.
69. Acronym for Onesource Information Service.
70. Editorial directions to be followed in spelling, punctuation, capitalization and typographical display.
71. Specified day of the month.
- Down**
1. Become rancid.
2. Degree in a continuum of size.
3. Perform a marriage ceremony.
4. Author of a mournful poem lamenting the dead.
5. Extinct, flightless bird of New Zealand.
6. Slippery liquids not miscible with water.
7. Greek epic poem describing the siege of Troy.
8. General conscious awareness.
9. Hairdo formed by braiding or twisting.
10. Performing adroitly and without effort.
11. Conductor used to make electrical contact with some part of a circuit.
12. Knowledge gained through tradition.
13. River in northeastern England.
18. Rapper with the minor hit "Whatchu Want."
24. Amall mallet used by a presiding officer.
26. Variety of anisette made in Spain and Latin America.
28. Child of Hindu god Rama and his wife Sita Devi.
30. Visual representation of an object produced on a surface.
31. Slope in the turn of a road or track.
32. Strong woody fibers obtained from the phloem of from various plants.
33. Basque numenistic deity of the air.
34. Change from one medium into another.
36. Archaic word for a title of respect used before a noun

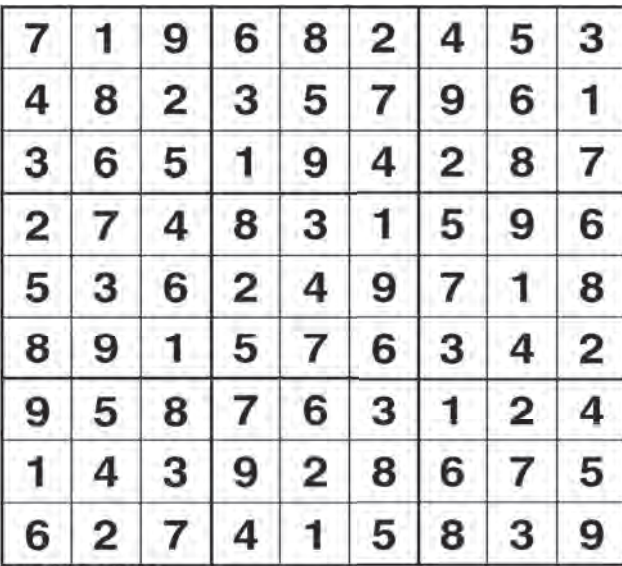
- to designate profession.
37. Period of time equal to 1/24th of a day.
38. Condition of being swollen.
41. Repair by sewing.
45. Resembling a cyst.
47. Large number or amount.
49. _ out, to work something out.
51. Elevation of voice now called metrical accentuation or the rhythmic accent.
52. Harass with persistent criticism.
53. Avail oneself to.
55. Body of traditional Islamic law and custom based on the words and deeds of Mohammed.
56. Formal proclamation.
57. Greek goddess of fortune.
58. Debut album of Australian band The Superjesus.
59. Vaulted portal opening onto a courtyard in Iranian mosque architecture.
61. Various small short-necked dabbling river ducks of Europe and America.
65. Hardy annual cereal grass widely cultivated in northern Europe.

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Last week's answers



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- Sports Auto Sales, 1111 National City Boulevard, National City

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Around the Corps

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CPL. JONATHAN SOSNER

Harry, a 6-year-old German shepherd military working dog with the Law Enforcement Detachment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, waits to board an aircraft aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima in the Atlantic Ocean as part of the culminating event for Combined Composite Training Unit Exercise, Dec. 7, 2017. The exercise allows all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force to join and train in realistic scenarios so the MEU as a whole can meet its Pre-Deployment Training Program objectives prior to their upcoming deployment at sea.



CPL. SANTINO MARTINEZ

Marine Corps MV-22B Osprey medium tilt-rotor aircraft, assigned to Marine Medium Tilt-Rotor Squadron 162 Reinforced (VMM-162), 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), departs after dropping off Marines and sailors, April 2. The 26th MEU trains to sustain expeditionary readiness across a range of critical capabilities both afloat and ashore in order to be prepared to respond to crisis in the U.S. 5th Fleet Area of Operations.



LANCE CPL. TOJYEA MATALLY

Marine 1st Lt. David M. Delong, left, a platoon commander assigned to the Tactical Recovery of Aircraft Personnel team, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, pulls in a cable to use for fast-rope training, Israel, March 12. The 26th MEU is participating in exercise Juniper Cobra 2018 to strengthen relationships and capabilities with the Israeli Defense Force.



STAFF SGT. DENGRIER BAEZ

Lt. Col. Christopher L. Bopp, left, battalion commander of Battalion Landing Team (BLT), 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and Lt. James E. Mills, platoon commander of Tank Platoon, Fox Company, BLT 2/6, 26th MEU, ride an M1A1 Abrams tank attached to Tank Platoon, Fox Co., BLT 2/6, 26th MEU, during a site visit for exercise Baltic Operations 2018 in Ustka, Poland, June 11. BALTOPS is the premier annual maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic region and one of the largest exercises in Northern Europe enhancing flexibility and interoperability among allied and partner nations.



CPL. DYLAN CHAGNON

Marines with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, sit inside of the Modular Amphibious Egress Trainer during underwater egress training on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 14. The MAET is a small, enclosed structure that represents the body of an aircraft. It flips Marines upside-down in the water, allowing them to practice escaping through a window of a sunken aircraft.

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It is important for personnel to know that the Lost and Found is here and they can drop off missing valuables with the Desk Sergeant. Those same items can be retrieved from the Physical Security department. For those turning in items, the Desk Sergeant is present 24/7 in bldg. 1407. For those looking to reclaim a lost object, Physical Security is

available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The majority of items turned into our office are credit/debit cards, driver licenses, wallets, meal cards and even room keys. Occasionally, items such as jewelry and electronics are turned into our office, but may be damaged or even inoperable. Additionally, Marine Corps Community Services and the Commissary turns over Lost and Found items on a monthly basis.

If you see something missing and don't know what to do with it, please turn it into the Desk Sergeant. Items that will not be accepted are the following: clothing, disposable objects, and anything considered to be of no value. Weapons and knives are turned into the Criminal Investigation Division for screening and then

are disposed of properly.

The process for claiming an item(s) simply requires the owner to describe in detail any distinguishing markings or features. Showing a picture ID or marking the item with a name and contact information can accelerate the process for reclaiming property.

For more information on the PMO's Lost and Found program and services, contact the Physical Security Office at 760-830-4561 or 760-830-5457.

*Note: Any Common Access Cards (CAC) that are turned in are immediately submitted to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) office in bldg. 1551. Any items that are not reclaimed within 45 days of receipt will be disposed of properly, so be sure to contact us as soon as possible.



Provost Marshal's Office encourages clean living

The Provost Marshal's Office encourages all readers to keep themselves away from the substance abuse trends of the world, which includes alcohol and narcotics, to name a few.

This month's focus is regarding the use of marijuana. As we know, the state of California approved the use and cultivation of marijuana for any persons 21 and older. However, this still does not supersede federal law, which is mandated aboard the installation and for all active duty service members, civilians and federal contractors.

Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I controlled substance. For any service member the use, possession and distribution of marijuana is in direct violation of Article 112A, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). For civil-

ians, they can be prosecuted under Title 21, Section 811, United States Code (USC). Additionally, any type of marijuana violation could land you debarment from the installation, result in negative actions with your unit/ employer and leave you with no home and out on the streets.

Understanding the effects of marijuana should be in the forefront of your mind. The use of marijuana will deter your mind from properly functioning. Just as with alcohol, it will impair you which will not allow you to operate a motor vehicle at 100%. Use of marijuana prior to operating a motor vehicle can subject you to a charge for Driving Under the Influence, Article 111, UCMJ and in California, Vehicle Code Section 23152(e).

Prevention of these

crimes all starts with knowledge in what not to do. Prevention also includes the steady mind to resist temptation of using, consuming, possessing and distributing marijuana. Abstain from groups of people who may be an influence to committing the crime. Teach your spouses, children, friends and other family members that it is a crime to be involved with marijuana. As stated previously, it could cost you your job, your career and your source of livelihood.

For further information please review Policy Letter 1-18 on the MCAGCC website, which is mandated by the Commanding General. Keep your family and friends clean, stay crime free and continue the fight.

Safety Equipment

The Provost Marshal's

Office encourages the proper Protective Measures/ Equipment needed for traveling in vehicles and on motorcycles.

Safety equipment saves lives and helps prevent serious injuries that may occur during routine training, traffic accidents or simple trips. To help avoid serious injuries during a traffic accident be sure to properly secure yourself with seat belts. Seatbelts save more than 10,000 lives in America every year.

Be sure to know the state laws. Seatbelts are required for all drivers and passengers. The following information pertains to children:

- Children under 2 years of age shall ride in a rear-facing car seat unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds OR is 40 or more inches tall. The child shall be secured in a manner that complies with the

height and weight limits specified by the manufacturer of the car seat.

- Children under the age of 8 must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.

- Children who are 8 years of age OR have reached 4'9" in height may be secured by a booster seat, but at a minimum must be secured by a safety belt.

- Passengers who are 16 years of age and over are subject to California's Mandatory Seat Belt law.

For many, riding motorcycles is an enjoyable pastime but be sure to follow state laws and the Combat Center regulations.

- You are required to wear a helmet, shatter resistant goggles or full face shields, sturdy boots/ shoes that extend above the ankles, long sleeve shirts/jackets, long-legged trousers and full-fingered

gloves.

- For those who want to conduct off-road operations, you shall have knee and shin guards, off-road boots, and padded full-fingered gloves.

When choosing to not follow the safety regulations, there are penalties that will come about. Do not find yourself on the list of people who have traffic citations, which can lead to the loss of base access.

All safety equipment is designed to deter the risk of fatality and to ensure citations are the last thing to come across your way. The Provost Marshal's Office encourages you to follow the regulations, keep your families safe, and most importantly return home safe and in one piece. For any further information on guidelines, contact the Provost Marshal's Office or research online for California state laws.



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Command From A1

contributions to the base continuously ensure training occurs.

“Nothing on the MAGTF training command side happens without what the installation folks do, both here and up at Bridgeport,” Mullen said. “You are the unsung heroes who keep the base running.”

Following Mullen’s remarks, Turner expressed enthusiasm for his new role as the installation’s commanding general.

“The training here is more difficult than the situations [the Marines] are going to face in combat,” Turner said. “That’s our charge and I think this place has [provided quality training] for me and for the units I’ve been fortunate enough to lead. We’re really excited to be here and we look forward to working with you and tackling all of these difficult challenges.”



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Balikatan 18: PHIL, U.S. Marines execute AMPHIBEX

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Marines assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment and Philippine Marines with 10th Marines Company ride in an assault amphibious vehicle during an amphibious landing exercise at the Navy Education and Training Command in San Antonio, Zambales, May 9, during Exercise Balikatan. This training is held to further interoperability between the U.S. and the Philippines while conducting amphibious exercises. Exercise Balikatan, in its 34th iteration, is an annual U.S.-Philippine military training exercise focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counterterrorism and other combined military operations held from May 7 to 18.



Philippine Marine Corps Cpl. Farday Orong radios in to his squad leader during an amphibious landing exercise on the beach of the Navy Education and Training Command in San Antonio, Zambales, Philippines May 9, during Exercise Balikatan. This training is held to further interoperability between the U.S., and the Philippines while conducting amphibious exercises. Exercise Balikatan, in its 34th iteration, is an annual U.S.-Philippine military training exercise focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counterterrorism and other combined military operations held from May 7 to 18.



Marines assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division and Philippine Marines with 10th Marines Company splash off the beach of the Naval Education and Training Command in assault amphibious vehicles at Naval Station Leovigildo Gantioqui, San Antonio, Zambales, Philippines, May 9, as part of Exercise Balikatan. By training together in events like AMPHIBEX the U.S. military and Armed Forces of the Philippines build upon shared tactics, techniques and procedures that enhance readiness and response capabilities during real-world challenges, to include disaster response efforts during operations ashore. Exercise Balikatan, in its 34th iteration, is an annual U.S.-Philippine military training focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counterterrorism, and other combined military operations held from May 7 to May 18.

Marines assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment and Philippine Marines with 10th Marines Company load into an amphibious assault vehicle during an amphibious landing exercise at the Navy Education and Training Command in San Antonio, Zambales, May 9. This training is held to further interoperability between the U.S. and Philippine militaries while conducting amphibious exercises. Exercise Balikatan, in its 34th iteration, is an annual U.S.-Philippine military training exercise focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counterterrorism and other combined military operations held from May 7 to 18.



Marines assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment and Philippine Marines with 10th Marines Company arrive on the beach of the Naval Education and Training Center during Exercise Balikatan, in San Antonio, Zambales, May 9. This training is held to further interoperability between the U.S., and the Philippines while conducting amphibious exercises. Exercise Balikatan, in its 34th iteration, is an annual U.S.-Philippine military training exercise focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counterterrorism and other combined military operations held from May 7 to 18.

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Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School was victorious in the installation's intramural soccer finals at Felix Field aboard the Combat Center, June 7. The MCCES team defeated the Headquarters Battalion team 3-0.

3-0: MCCES wins soccer finals

STORY BY LANCE
CPL. DAVE FLORES

Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School won the installation's intramural soccer finals against Headquarters Battalion at Felix Field aboard the Combat Center, June 7.

The purpose of the intramural soccer season, which was hosted by Marine Corps Community Services, was to not only boost camaraderie amongst units aboard the installation, but to keep Marines and sailors active during their time off.

After defeating 1st Tank Battalion in the semi-finals the day before, MCCES came to the finals ready to play. After a close first half of play, the team beat out Headquarters' Battalion 3-0.



CPL. FRANCISCO BRITORAMIREZ

The goalie of the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School's intramural soccer team takes a goal kick during the installation's intramural soccer finals at Felix Field aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., June 7. The MCCES team won 3-0, defeating the Headquarters' Battalion team. The MCCES team defeated the Headquarters Battalion team 3-0.



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Headquarters Battalion and Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School participated in the installation's intramural soccer finals at Felix Field aboard the Combat Center, June 7. The MCCES team won 3-0, defeating the Headquarters' Battalion team.

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