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MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER 65th ANNIVERSARY

MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, Calif. -

Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Calif., will celebrate its 65th Anniversary aboard the base, September 22, 2016.

In 1951, MCMWTC was established following the Korean War 15th Draft. Initially, MCMWTC was designated the Cold Weather Battalion, Staging Regiment, Training and Replacement Command, and taught all Marines going to Korea how to sustain cold-weather training. It was during the 1980's when MCMWTC became critically important due to the increased role of Marines in cold weather operations, research & development and operational doctrine.

MCMWTC's mission is to train service members during the winter and summer months on how to conduct combat operations as part of a Marine Air Ground Task Force or other task force in mountainous, high altitude, and cold weather environments. The training elevation ranges from 6,800 feet to nearly 11,500 feet above sea level.

The day's events will include a welcome aboard brief from the commanding officer, remarks from retired Maj. Gen. Orlo K. Steele, lunch at the base's dining facility, historical and military vehicle displays, and a training demonstration.

******MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS******

Media interested in covering this event must email the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at SMBPLMSCOMBATCENTERPAO@usmc.mil and must RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at MCMWTC's MAIN GATE located on California Highway 108 at 9:30 a.m. on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least 5 hours.