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Combat Center chases efficiency

Capt. Nicholas Mannweiler
Public Affairs Officer

The Combat Center Business Performance Office received recognition June 14 when three instructors were awarded certificates for earning senior instructor status in the Marine Corps' Continuous Process Improvement program.

The achievement isn't just a personal one for the program's instructors, it means the Combat Center is the first command to reach CPI self-sufficiency with the ability to train new instructors.

The program is a Department of the Navy initiative, borrowed from the corporate world and used by major global businesses. The Marine Corps uses the program's tools to improve combat readiness, increase warfighting capability and improve quality of life for Marines, sailors and their families. Practitioners of the program learn tools to make programs and procedures more efficient through reducing waste, standardizing work and fixing bottlenecks.

The BPO instructor staff has shared their knowledge across the installation with both Combat Center staff and tenant units, creating a talent pool of six black belts, 192 green belts and over 1,200 yellow belts. Each of these personnel returns to their unit or work center equipped to begin the transformative projects that will save their co-workers time, money and resources while meeting their individual unit missions. The Combat Center has even provided support in

"We've reached self-sufficiency. We're the first installation in the Marine Corps to reach self-sufficiency. But the goal now is to reach maturity in our program,"

— Dr. Alex Pacheco

teaching the program to other Marine Corps commands, such as 9th Recruiting District and the Marine detachment at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. To provide this training through commercial routes would have cost the Combat Center \$1.9 million.

Graduates of the program have completed over 60 projects aboard the Combat Center, saving \$7.9 million dollars by improving the way we do business. The return on investment is gaining the Combat Center more attention. Every year, the military services' CPI teams gather at the Performance Management Symposium in order to present their shining stars from the year's projects and compete for selection of the top project for the entire Department of Defense, and a year's bragging rights. This year, the Marine Corps will compete using a project from aboard the Combat Center.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Smith, Installation Personnel Administration Center, analyzed and tackled the complex process for new students to check into the Corps' largest technical skills school, the Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School. More than 44 groups of incoming students were processed by the IPAC during fiscal year 2010. From her analysis, Smith reduced total labor hours per new Marine by

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LANCE CPL. D. J. WU

MCLOG Activated

■ Combat Center establishes new unit

Lance Cpl. D. J. Wu
Combat Correspondent

The Combat Center is now home to the Corps' newest premier logistics training command, an addition that was welcomed with enthusiasm.

The Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group was activated at the Combat Center's Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Tuesday. Col. David J. Eskelund, commanding officer, MCLOG assumed command of the Marine Corps' newest tactical instruction and assessment team.

MCLOG will become the training agent for the standardization of the logistics community.

"The 35th commandant, in his

planning guidance, directed that we establish a logistics operation group along the lines of (Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1) and Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group," said Brig. Gen. George W. Smith Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.

"The will support the training and education of our logistics groups and logistics units throughout the Marine Corps."

Much like what the MCTOG has done to the operations field, MCLOG will do for the logistics field.

MCLOG is going to be in the forefront of training in the logistics community.

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"It's exciting to know that we have a new ultimate professional authority for our logistics combat element within our Corps."

— Brig. Gen. George W. Smith Jr.



LANCE CPL. D. J. WU

[Top] Col. David J. Eskelund assumes command of the newly activated Marine Corps Logistics Operation Group by unvieling the unit's colors at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Tues.

[Bottom] Col. David J. Eskelund salutes the colors as the National Anthem plays at the activation ceremony of MCLOG.

Marines clear town in Operation Jaws

Cpl. Timothy Lenzo
1st Marine Division

KAJAKI, Afghanistan — The Marines of 1st Tank Battalion and 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, added to their rich history when they trekked through Zamindawar, one of the few remaining insurgent strongholds in Afghanistan, May 26 through June 9 to disrupt the insurgents' leadership and logistics chain.

For 15 days Marines engaged the insurgents in and around the town located within the Kajaki district, taking small arms fire, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, as the enemy attempted to repel their attack.

The importance of the operation wasn't lost on the Marines.

"If this is one of their strongholds, and we came in and cleared the area the way we did, especially with no (combat-related) casualties, that's a success in our book," said Staff Sgt. John Wildman, platoon sergeant, Company G, 2/5. "I



CPL TIMOTHY LENZO

An M1A1 Abrams Tank, with Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, moves into position during a firefight in the town of Zamindawar, May 27, 2012. The tanks support Marines with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment during Operation Jaws.

believe people will talk about (the operation). We definitely made an impact."

The Marines targeted Zamindawar because of the strong insurgent presence, hoping to disrupt the leadership and logistics chain of the enemy.

"We definitely eliminated some of their key figures — high value individuals as we like to call them," said 1st Lt. Benjamin Royal, platoon commander, Co. G.

Marines eliminated more than 50 enemy insurgents during the operation, destroyed numerous fighting positions, all without any civilian casualties.

"You can definitely tell the (insurgents) are worried and confused," Royal said, a native of Clinton Township, N.J. "They held numerous meetings trying to figure out what to do with the Americans."

The Marines kept the insurgents guessing by using their superior night vision to move under the cover of darkness and employing M1A1 Abrams Tanks.

"The tanks came in and completely changed the landscape of the battlefield," said Lance Cpl. Geoffrey West, machinegunner, 2/5.

Company A, 1st Tanks supported 2/5 throughout the operation, eliminating insurgents

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Voting season approaching

■ Unit commanders prep Marines for election

Cpl. Sarah Dietz
Combat Correspondent

November 6 is election day for the President of the United States, all member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 34 U.S. Senators, 13 state and territorial governors and several state and local officials.

According to MarAdmin 327/12, June 28 through July 7 is Armed Forces and Overseas Citizens Voters Week.

During the week, Combat Center commands are directed to disseminate voting information to their Marines, civilian Marines and eligible family members. The goal is to contact 100 percent of the voting population on base and provide them information assistance needed to register to vote in their home state.

This week will be an opportunity to increase voter awareness and assist voters in completing in completing and mailing federal post card applications.

Individual commands are expected to

do their part during the voting season as well. Some ways commands can prepare and promote voting are spreading the word by advertising with posters, emphasizing at formations the importance of registering and voting in the general election and encouraging their Marines to vote and ensuring unit voting assistance officers are assigned and trained to assist voters with registration.

For questions, contact your unit voting assistance officer or contact the Combat Centers Installation Voting Office at 830-7441.

Or go online to https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page/portal/M_RA_HOME/MF/C_PERSONNEL/Voting for USMC Voting Program (Manpower and Reserve Affairs website), for Federal Voting Assistance Program (there are links to individual state voting websites on this one): www.fvap.gov/, and for the state of California voter guide: <http://voter-guide.sos.ca.gov/>.

'Watchdogs' welcome pack leader

Lance Cpl. Ali Azimi
Combat Correspondent

Lt. Col. Kevin F. Murray received command of Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 from Lt. Col. John B. Barranco June 14, during a change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field.

"I'm extremely excited to take charge of this squadron," said Murray. "It is a dream of mine to take command of a squadron, and the 'Watchdogs' are the most phenomenal squadron."

Lt. Col. Kevin F. Murray (center), commanding officer, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1, takes a picture with his children Kyle (right), 8, Alex (left), 7, and Emma (center), 3, and his predecessor, Lt. Col. John B. Barranco (far left) after VMU-1's change of command ceremony June 14.

"They are the tip of the spear when it comes to the new technology. Being kind a computer geek, that's right up my alley," he added.

Murray has more than 2,800 hours of flight experience in various aerial vehicles, holds a number of awards for combat and leadership, and has spent the past year as VMU-1's executive officer.

Murray has known Barranco for the past

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LANCE CPL. D. J. WU

This Week in

Combat Center

History



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Combat Center begins phase out of M-60A1 Tank

LANCE CPL. LADONNA AUSTHOF

Forty-six M60A1 tanks were shipped from the Combat center to Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow between May 30 and June 14 in the first step of the M60A1 phase-out here.

The M60A1 was introduced to the Armed Forces in 1960, replacing the M48 for the Marine Corps in 1977. The first M60A1 tank arrived at the Combat Center March 26, 1976.

The tank saw action in Lebanon and Southwest Asia.

It was originally intended as an interim vehicle while a better tank was being designed, according to Capt. Richard Mancini, 3rd Tank Bn. Operations officer. Roadblocks in development for the replacement tank meant more than 20 years of modifications for the M60A1. The sound design and adaptability of the M60A1 was fortunate, said Mancini.

The M60A1 is being replaced by the M1A1, a tank that was originally scheduled for implementation in January of 1991, but was introduced early to the Marine Corps in July of 1990 because of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The present plan is to completely phase out the M60A1 over the next year. The 715

M60A1s will be pared down to 392 this year. According to Lt. Michael Zanotti, track vehicle maintenance platoon commander, the last operator and mechanic training programs are finishing up this year.

“The Marine Corps can’t just stop the M60A1 without having people trained for the new vehicle,” said Zanotti.

Co. C, 3rd Tank Bn. Finished the M1A1 school June 6. All of 3rd Tanks will complete the school by Aug. 21, according to Mancini.

The tanks were shipped out on commercial heavy-truck transporters at a cost of \$725 per tank. The M60A1s were loaded the afternoon before shipment for early morning take-off. The transporters needed to be off the highways before 10 a.m. because of the heat, according to MSgt. Carl Bare, 3rd Tank maintenance chief. Otherwise the weight of the tanks would ruin the roads in the heat.

Plans have not been finalized for the tanks at MCLB Barstow. Two museum pieces are being kept at the Combat Canter to be on display at 3rd Tank Bn. Nineteen ranks will be kept in the Equipment Allowance Pool, to be maintained by 3rd Tanks.

“The M60A1 has served the Marine Corps well,” said Mancini. “However, with the weaponry now out, more is needed to protect our most precious asset, the Marine.”

Register and request your ballot for upcoming primaries

Voters from these States should visit FVAPgov to register and request their absentee ballot for the July, August, and September 2012 Presidential Preference Primary (P) and State Primary (S) elections listed below:

- North Carolina: July 17 (Primary Runoff)
- Georgia: July 31 (S)
- Texas: July 31 (Primary Runoff)
- August Primaries: (60-Day Notice)
- Tennessee: August 2 (S)
- Kansas: August 7 (S)
- Michigan: August 7 (S)
- Missouri: August 7 (S)
- Washington: August 7 (S)
- Hawaii: August 11 (S)
- Connecticut: August 14 (S)
- Florida: August 14 (S)
- Minnesota: August 14 (S)
- Wisconsin: August 14 (S)

July Primaries (30-Day Notice): NOTE for July Primaries: If you have not received your requested State ballot, submit the back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot at FVAPgov (see FWAB information below).

- Georgia: August 21 (Primary Runoff)
- Wyoming: August 21 (S)
- Alaska: August 28 (S)
- Arizona: August 28 (S)
- Oklahoma: August 28 (Primary Runoff)
- Vermont: August 28 (S)
- September: (90-Day Notice)
- Guam: September 1 (S)
- Massachusetts: September 6 (S)
- Virgin Islands: September 8 (S)
- Delaware: September 11 (S)
- New Hampshire: September 11 (S)
- Rhode Island: September 11 (S)
- Wisconsin: September 11 (S)

It may not be too late to participate in the July primaries. View the Primary Election Calendar at FVAPgov for more information.

Go to FVAPgov and get started! It only takes a few minutes! All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members, and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are residents from these States should submit an FPCA for these elections by going to FVAPgov or by following the instructions in the Voting Assistance Guide, also available at FVAPgov.

Be sure you include an email address, phone number, and/or fax number on your absentee ballot application in case your local election official needs to contact you. Remember, many States allow you to submit your form electronically, and deliver your ballot electronically, or provide online ballot access. Go to FVAPgov

or your State’s election website to see how you can return your form.

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office, or visit your State website.

Vote the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) The FWAB is a backup ballot. If 30 days before the election (or longer based on your geographic location) you think you will not receive your State ballot in time to vote and return it (especially in July Primary States), vote the FWAB at FVAPgov. The FWAB is also available in embassies and consulates and military installations around the world.

Additional information Check your State's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information, and links to your local election offices. Find your State's website at FVAP's web portal.

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- Village Pub, 266 S. Palm Canyon Dr.

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HOT TOPIC

MCMAP INSTRUCTOR COURSE

There will a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor course at the Combat Center’s dojo July 9-27. Students can contact the dojo at 830-0290, or check out their new Sharepoint site for more information. The site features information about MCMAP, instructor re-certification and how to sign up for the instructor course. Official link - <https://ehqmc.usmc.mil/org/mccdc/TECOM/subcmds/TRNGCMD/schools/mcces/dojo/default.aspx>

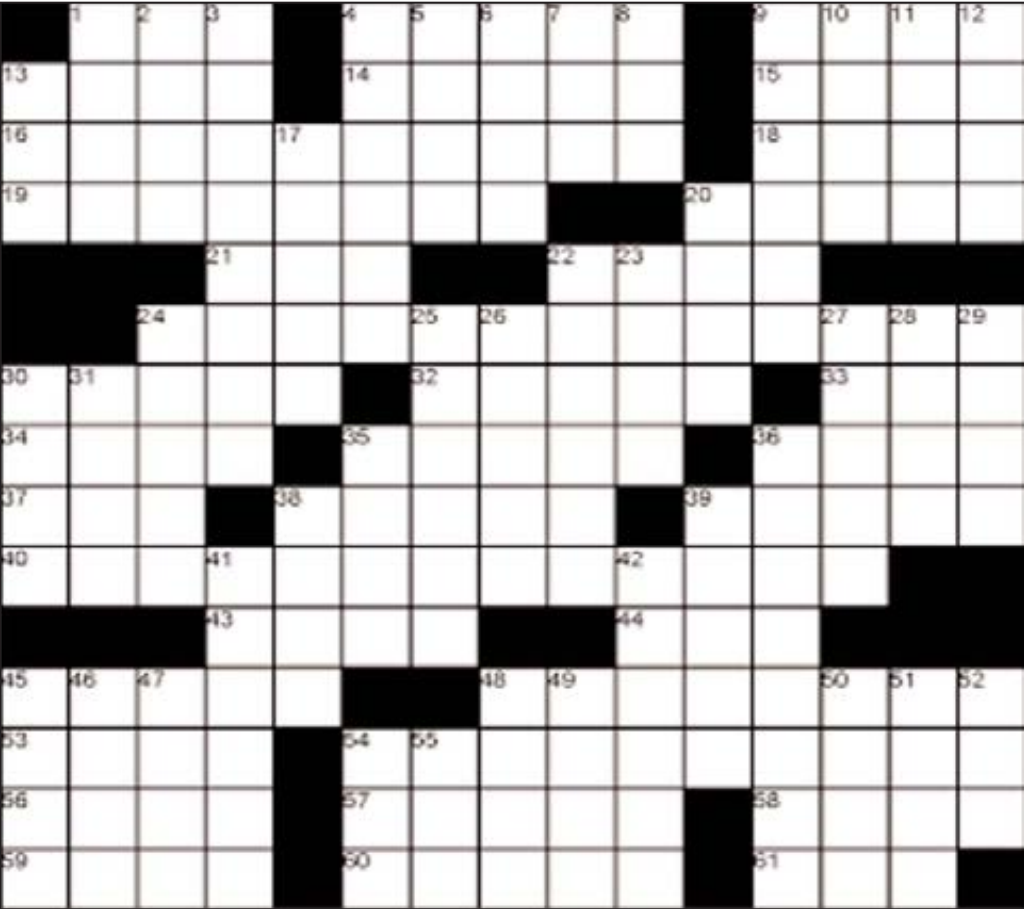
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14. King's proclamation
15. MP's quarry
16. Air conditioner alternative
18. Cry out loud
19. Ones learning the ropes
20. Brooklyn's ___ Island
21. "It's c-c-c-cold!"
22. Satirist Mort
24. One-in-a-million mishap
30. Worked the hayfields
32. Thumb-turning critic Roger
33. Summer sign
34. Geishas tie them on
35. Colonial diplomat Silas
36. 33-Across, astrologically
37. Dude, Jamaica-style
38. Loren's husband
39. Financial wherewithal
40. Kid's hobby, maybe
43. Role for Calista
44. Sothern or Reinking
45. Sudden outpouring
48. Self-denying sorts
53. Obey the sentry
54. Pecan, for one
56. Fall birthstone
57. Construction girder
58. Like a buttinsky
59. Fall off
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61. Pulver's rank: Abbr.

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3. Gun barrel diameters, to a Brit
4. Biological classifications
5. Beat by a nose
6. Layoffs, in govt. lingo
7. Label for many Elton John albums
8. Bus term.
9. Like half-price bread, maybe
10. "The Virginian" writer Wister
11. Lawn burrower
12. ___ May Clampett
13. Agt.'s take
17. How losses may appear
20. Voucher
22. Like an indirect route, maybe
23. 1/640 square mile
24. Kiltie's dance
25. With intensity
26. Die down
27. ___ Gonzalez (Cuban boy in 2000 news)
28. Gas in glass
29. A whole bunch
30. Hollywood turkey
31. "___ Ben Adhem" (Leigh Hunt poem)
35. Kewpie or kachina
36. Soprano Price
38. Global extremity
39. Worker with a pick
41. Branded beasts
42. Puget Sound city
45. Come in third
46. One of The Three Bears
47. Astronaut Shepard
48. Court coups
49. 32-card game
50. Look ___ (visit briefly)
51. Say "%@&#!"
52. Sloppy place
54. Sot's sound
55. "When Will ___ Loved"



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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

THE CREW CHIEF

Cpl. Jimmy Nash

Crew chief
Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167
Dallas

INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY
CPL. SARAH DIETZ
June 5, 2012

> I lived in Dallas, until I was five, then I moved to Missouri. I claim Texas as home though.
> I had a summer job all throughout high school in



Texas. I worked on a lake fixing boat lifts and jet skis. I went to Texas every summer.

> I loved my job. It was nice everyday waking up, going to the lake, getting to drive boats. I worked with my brothers. My oldest brother Jeremy still works on the lake.

> At first I was working concrete for my grandpa, I got tired of working concrete. It was a terrible job. I did it for a month and I told myself I was never going to do that again. So I started working with my brothers.

> I don't want to move back to Texas or Missouri, though.

> All through school I was really involved in sports. The only sports I didn't do were lacrosse, hockey and soccer.

> I hurt my back lifting weights, I put my face through a fence playing ultimate Frisbee, and I threw out my back and chipped a tooth in football. Every time I play sports something is bound to happen to me.

> I was told I'm not allowed to play sports anymore. I am too accident prone.

> I didn't get a scholarship for basketball because they told me I was too short. I'm 5 feet 8 inches. I had no clue what I was going to do.

> I didn't like the town I was in, so I just left. The town was bad into drugs.

> I was just like, I got to do something. I went to boot camp in July 2009.

> To be a crew chief, you have to be pistol qualified. The pistol range was pretty intense. They gave me a pistol, they said it was my practice round and I had to shoot 10 rounds. I had never shot a pistol before. I watched the guy next to me to figure out how to load it.

> I shot a few shotguns growing up but never got into it. I never knew what a firing pin was until I came in.

> The pilot's in front. The crew chief's in the back. We are like the back seat drivers. They're going to do what we tell them to do.

> I love my job. It's crazy hours. It's worth it to fly and shoot.

> We are stationed in the East Coast, so we had to fly all our aircraft out here cross country, a four-day trip.

> Here, one day it's 106 degrees and today it's 90 with 30 knot winds. It's different. It's good training though. The environment is good, relaxing.

> I love flying. There is this class I'm taking called Wings for Warriors, I just want to keep flying.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAYDEN LEE LYLES
Born on: June 4, 2012
Born to Daniel and Jade Lyles

ALAYA ELOISE BARTON
Born on: June 5, 2012
Born to Brandon and Kristal Barton

LILA TEMPERANCE ROSE EASTER
Born on: May 30, 2012
Born to Christopher and Mary Easter

ABBIE MAE COX
Born on: June 12, 2012
Born to Jesse and Brenda Cox

WYATT MATTHEW GULLICK
Born on: June 11, 2012
Born to Joshua and Sarah Gullick

GABRIEL CORBIN PFEIFFER
Born on: June 8, 2012
Born to Adam and Courtney Pfeiffer

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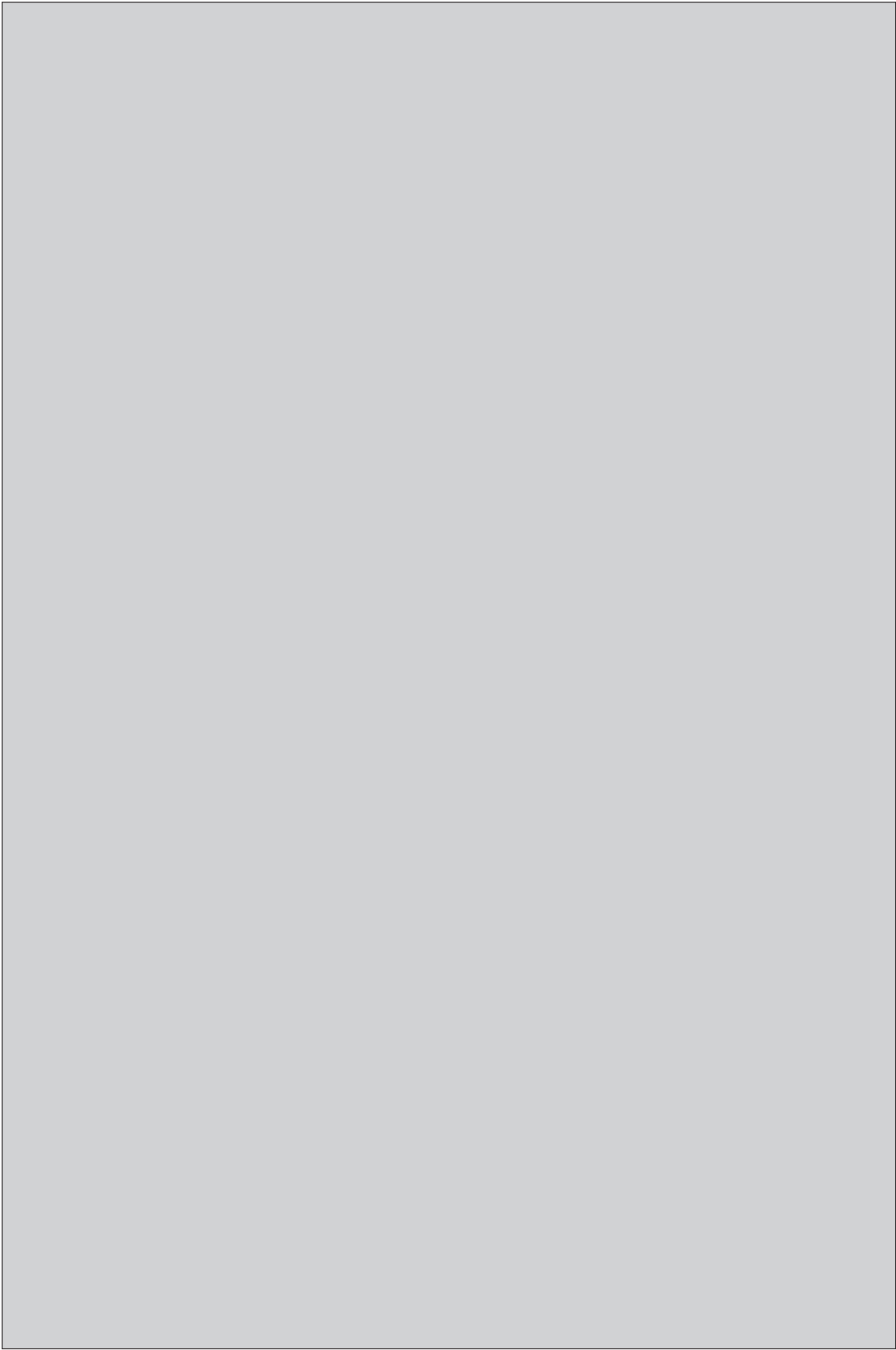
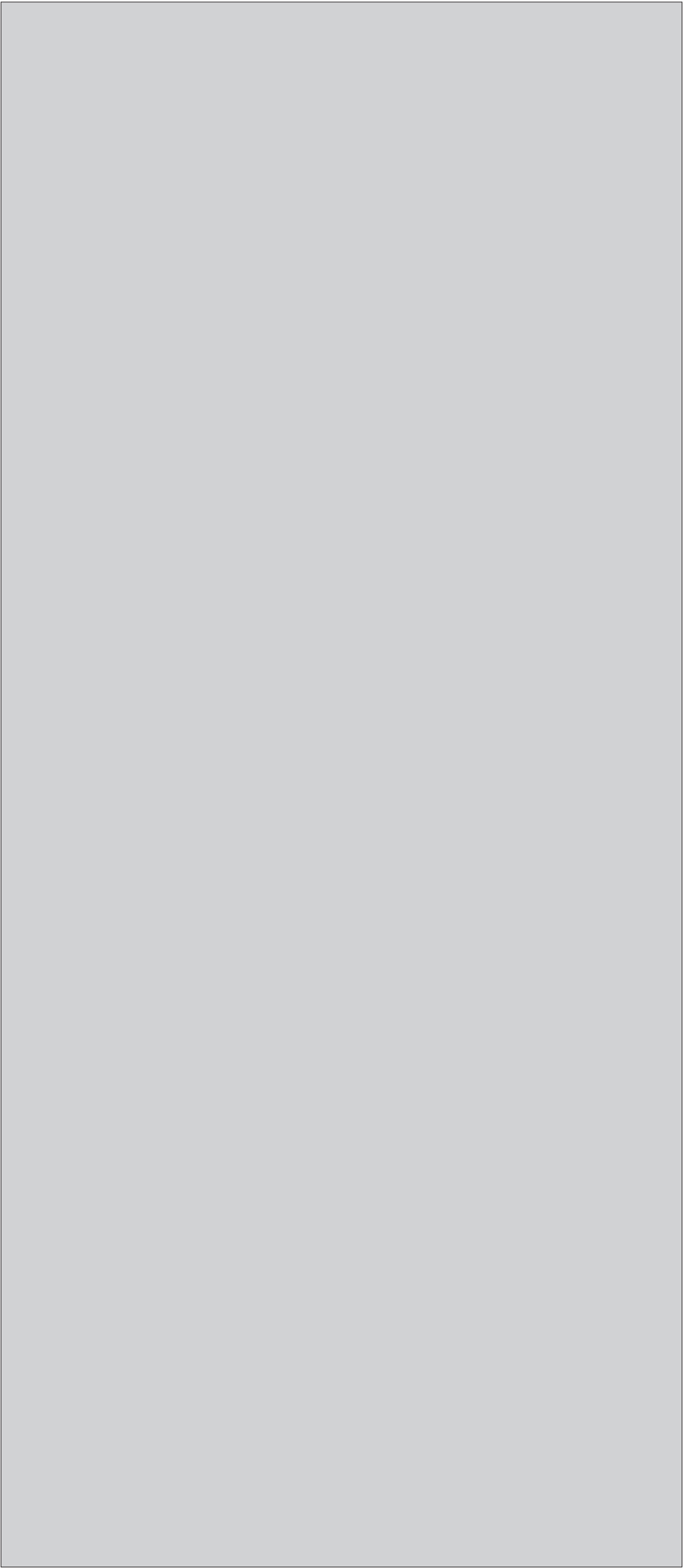

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[Above, left] Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jon McDowell, hospital corpsman, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, and native of Salcha, Alaska, scans the surrounding area for activity while providing security for Marines and members of the Afghan National Interdiction Unit as they conduct a counter-narcotics raid in Helmand province, Afghanistan, June 4. **[Above, right]** Lance Cpl. Nicholas Keller, machine gunner, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, and native of Charles City, Va., searches the surrounding area for activity while providing security for Marines conducting narcotics searches in Helmand province, Afghanistan, June 4. **[Left]** Marines with 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, and members of the Afghan National Interdiction Unit, a specialized counter-narcotics team, walk from one compound to another during a narcotics raid in Helmand province, Afghanistan, June 4.



The Summer Setup

Photos and Story by
Lance Cpl. D. J. Wu

Event preps families for summer season with tips, knowledge, activity schedule

The Combat Center’s Summer’s Here event invited families to find out the kinds of fun activities were available to their kids this summer.

Dozens of families came out to the Combat Center’s Community Center to see nearly 30 vendors from all over the Morongo Basin. The vendors came to help parents learn about educational activities their children can get involved with this summer. Vendors ranged from local libraries with reading events to the Boys Scouts of America.

Groups aboard the Combat Center set up booths as well for the event. The Armed Services Young Men’s Christian Association and Religious Ministries were two base programs looking for kids to participate in their activities.

“We had the event to educate and inform the Combat Center community on the opportunities that are avail-

able to kids from preschool to high school,” said Kristina Becker, community relations officer and host of the event. “We had a wide variety of vendors showing what they had to offer kids of all ages.”

Denise Perez, event attendee, brought her four children out to the event to the opportunities that Summer’s Here had to offer.

“It’s great to get the word out there for us to see and to see what’s going on in the community,” said Perez. “I’m glad to get all this information for my kids.”

Perez’s children are already boy scouts but she was looking for more things for them to do.

The vendors had small educational games to engage the kids so they would better understand the activities the vendors would be hosting. They also offered takeaways like pens and goodie bags.



[Above] Carmen Edson attends the Summer’s Here event with her friends and family at the Combat Center’s Community Center June 14. Carmen and her family were among dozens to explore the event for fun summer activities in the local community.

[Right] A family talks to a Summer’s Here event vendor about summer activities involving astronomy and how it works at the Combat Center’s Community Center June 14. The booth was one of nearly 30 vendors that were offering fun and educational summer opportunity for children in the Combat Center community.

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51 percent, from 29 hours of processing to just 15 hours. Over 22 steps of the process were eliminated based on her work and the IPAC met its three-day audit requirement for newly joined Marines’ service record books. The project is a case study in how the Combat Center implements CPI to make work life better for the Marines, sailors and civilians that live and work here. The Corps’ culture is one of innovation and constant improvement and this program is an extension of that culture.

“We’ve reached self-sufficiency. We’re the first installation in the Marine Corps to reach self-sufficiency. But the goal now is to reach maturity in our program,” said Dr. Alex Pacheco, director, Combat Center BPO. “We already have senior leadership buy-in and tremendous grass roots support for our efforts. But we need the middle management, the staff non-commissioned officers and company grade officers, to understand that this isn’t just something else on their plate.

“This can greatly impact and improve their workplaces and job performances. Once we have their buy-in, that’s where we’ll really take off,” he added.

MCLOG, from A1

tics field.

“The Marine Corps will utilize MCLOG to institutionalize and integrate individual and unit training across the Marine Air Ground Task Force. It will rapidly improve innovation in training, testing and conducting logistics,” according to a Combat Center press release announcing the unit’s activation. “During future Marine Air Ground Task Force operations and training exercises, this will make the Marine Corps faster, more efficiently supplied and able to react quickly and decisively when it matters most.”

The unit’s goal is to provide advanced individual training in MAGTF logistics operations, provide collective battle staff training to logistics combat element units, serve proponent lead for logistics operational training issues and facilitate, manage and perform logistics and doctrine programs.

MCLOG will offer two classes to senior staff noncommissioned offices and mid-level officers. The new unit’s first iteration of classes are slated to start Aug. 3 and consist of the Intermediate MAGTF Logistics Operations Course and the Logistics Operations Chief Course. The Marines will learn advanced skills in logistics command and control, planning and

integration techniques

“It’s exciting to know that we have a new ultimate professional authority for our logistics combat element within our Corps,” Smith said. “It’s going to make our LCE that much stronger, and it’s going to make our MAGTF that much stronger.”

MCLOG currently has six Marines under its command. By Oct. 1, there will be a support staff of 40 and is anticipated to grow to 140 by fiscal year 2014.

“I’m one of the only O-6 commanders who’s going into a new unit and knows the names of every single one of his Marines,” Eskelund joked.

MCLOG began at Camp Johnson, N.C., as the Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools and then later was redesignated as the MAGTF Logistics Operations School. In Feb. 2010 it re-designated again as MCLOG, a separate organization within MCCSSS. It is now a subordinate command of the Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force Training Command.

“We stand up MCLOG today in a very simple and brief ceremony,” Smith said. “This simple and brief ceremony stands in stark contrast to the complex challenges Eskelund and his staff are going to face over the next couple of years.”

“The impact that this will have here is tremendous,” Eskelund said.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. ALI AZIMI

Lt. Col. Kevin F. Murray receives command of Marine Unmanned Aerial Squadron 1 from Lt. Col. John B. Barranco June 14, durring a change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field.

JAWS, from A1

and destroying fighting positions.

West, a native of Los Angeles, added at times it seemed the enemy didn’t know how to react to the tank’s superior armor and accurate firing.

In one example, a tank took a direct hit from a rocket-propelled grenade. It briefly stunned the crew but otherwise the damage was minimal and they returned fire, eliminating the enemy.

The enemies used bunkers and an intricate karez system to attack the Marines. A karez system is a complex collection of connecting, underground waterways, allowing the insurgents to move around unseen.

Insurgents also used children to relay messages, often walking between them and the Marines in an attempt to gain any advantage.

“We spotted children watching us as well as being used as distractions before attacks,” said Lance Cpl. Jeremy Corea, assaultman, 2/5, native of Elk Grove, Calif. “It’s hard because we know they are being used against us, but what are you going to do? You can’t shoot (civilians).”

The Marines also battled the elements, patrolling and maintaining security in temperatures rising above 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

“The heat is something that’s new to us,” said Royal. “The first couple days were like 95 (degrees Fahrenheit) and by the end it (had) reached in excess of 120.”

The heat, combined with anywhere from 70 to 100 pounds of gear, meant staying hydrated was a priority.

WATCHDOGS, from A1

20 years, making working together the past year a memorable experience.

“We went to the Naval Academy together,” Barranco said. “There is no officer I hold in higher esteem than Lt. Col. Murray.”

As usual in change of command ceremonies, VMU-1 Marines marched to the center of the field. The “Watchdogs” looked onward as Barranco handed Murray the Marine Corps flag, symbolizing the transfer of leadership from one commanding officer to the next.

After the ceremony, Barranco was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his achievements while serving as commander of VMU-1.

During Barranco’s command, VMU-1 integrated the Link 16 network, combat testing and evaluation of Cargo Resupply Unmanned Aerial System, laser designation for laser-guided weapons from the RQ-7B Shadow, integration for the Fire Fly Signals Intelligence payload and as the first VMU to deploy to demilitarized zone in Korea.

“Working with such great people makes it hard to leave,” Barranco said, who will be attending the Top Level School in Washington D.C. this summer. “One of the things that makes it bearable is knowing that I’m leaving everyone in good hands.”

Daily resupplies of water became a necessity.

“The (Marines) faced a lot of challenges with the heat, but they’re Marines and (they) kept doing their job,” Wildman said, a native of Laurel, Miss.

The Marines’ objective extended beyond clearing an area in Kajaki. They helped disrupt the insurgent leadership structure, benefiting the Afghan National Security Forces.

“The biggest thing (the Marines) have to take away is setting up the Afghan Army and Afghan Police for when we leave here,” Royal said. “We are helping the Afghans and easing their transition after we leave.”

The area, which previously saw few coalition forces, will have Afghan forces conducting their own patrols, as the Marines begin to transition from combat operations to advising the ANSF.

After 15 days of firefights and mortar rounds the Marines left the town of Zamindawar ready for hot food and a warm shower.

“We accomplished a lot,” Royal said. “This was one of the final, largest operations that was U.S. led. I think anyone who was in Afghanistan during this time period is going to know about Operation Jaws and they’re going to know what happened in Zamindawar.”

The Marines added the battle to their history books.

“For most of our guys this was their first combat deployment and none of them knew what to expect, but they came here and did what they had to do,” Wildman said. “I can’t say that enough about our guys. They do what we ask and they do it well.”



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Operation Branding Iron

■ CLB-4 provides logistic support in Afghanistan

Photos and story by **Cpl. Mark W. Stroud** 1st Marine Logistics Group

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Marines and sailors with 3rd Platoon, Company A, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), provided sustained logistics support to Regimental Combat Team 6, north of Musa Qal’ah, Afghanistan, May 27 through June 11, in support of Operation Branding Iron.

The platoon transported supplies and equipment to and from a rearming, refueling and resupply point (R3P), as well as provided troop transport and vehicle recovery capabilities.

“Our role is to provide direct tactical logistics support to [2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, RCT 6] in support of their operations,” said Capt. Donald L. Hotchkiss, company commander, Co. A, CLB-4. “We provide a reach back capability to transport critical classes of supply and essential equipment in order for the battalion to continue sustained combat operations.”

Marines and sailors with 2/5 used the R3P site to rest and refit during the operation.

“The R3P site serves as a forward supply point in immediate proximity to the forward lines of troops,” said 1st Lt. Benjamin Gutek, platoon commander, 3rd Plt., Co. A, CLB-4. “We’re able to transport supplies rapidly and accurately because we were in such close proximity.”

This mission marks the first time during the deployment that CLB-4 dedicated an entire motor transportation platoon with internal command and control, security, and recovery capability, directly to an infantry battalion in support of a named operation, said Hotchkiss.

The CLB-4 Marines and sailors adjusted to change supply and equipment needs quickly to match requirements.

“The needs of the infantry consistently changed as the operation progressed and it is important for us to be flexible to meet their needs,” Gutek said.

The Alpha Co. Marines ensured they met the logistical support requirements of 2/5. They overcame every obstacle to maintain a high tempo during the operation, Gutek said.

“[The mission] was taxing physically, mentally, emotionally and psychologically,” Gutek said. “We were operating between 12 and 16 hours during the movement, and once we reached the objective we had another three to four hours of offload before we could rest.”

The high operational tempo was maintained despite an increase in the improvised explosive device threat and stiff

enemy resistance during the CLB-4 movements, said Gutek.

The Marines responded to the high-threat level in the area of operations by applying the fundamentals they first learned during combat training at the beginning of their careers.

“This mission gave the Marines a reality check, a reminder that they still need to retain and rely on the skills they learned in boot camp and [Marine Combat Training],” Gutek said. “This taught [the Marines] that they still need to maintain their basic field craft skills, such as finding creative ways to keep yourself clean, developing a reinforced fighting hole, familiarity with the crew served weapons systems, and establishing and maintaining a heightened security posture.”

The fighting holes, one of the examples of basic field craft skills that Marines utilized, were dug into the rocky ground of the R3P site and served to protect the Marines while they slept.

The temperature at the R3P site was another obstacle the Marines overcame.

“The hotter it is the more of a challenge it is to maintain your hygiene, and it is 120 plus degrees out here during the day, so people are sweating more and the dust starts coating everything,” said Sgt. Daniel B. Baker, loadmaster, 3rd Plt., Co. A, CLB-4. “If you don’t stay clean, you risk getting sick and once one person gets sick, it degrades our ability to achieve mission accomplishment.”

The direct support operation also marked the longest CLB-4 mission ever.

“Whether we plan for a three-day [combat logistics patrol] or a two-week support mission, the basics always apply,” Hotchkiss said. “The most important factor is engaged leadership, from the [non-commissioned officers] to the platoon commander, to ensure our Marines and sailors remain focused, remain disciplined and represent the battalion in a positive manner.”

The platoon accomplished their company commander’s goal of representing the battalion well by overcoming all of the challenges that arose during the operation, Gutek said.

“For the Marines and sailors participating in this operation, they see what the war fighter goes through on a daily basis,” Hotchkiss said. “The most important factor is the renewed energy they bring back to the Marines who have not had the opportunity to provide direct tactical logistics support to the forward lines of an operation.”

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— Capt. Donald L. Hotchkiss



[Top] Marines with Company A, CLB-4, 1st MLG (Fwd.), recover a damaged mineroller during a combat logistics patrol in Helmand province, Afghanistan, May 30. The mineroller was damaged while traversing the rough terrain north of Musa Qal'ah in support of Operation Branding Iron.

[Bottom] Lance Cpl. Adam R. Tornatore, wrecker operator, Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), operates a crane on a MKR15 Logistics Vehicle System Replacement while adjusting a pallet of water that shifted during a combat logistics patrol in Helmand Province, May 28.



Combat Center CLEANS UP

lending a helping hand

Photos and story by
Lance Cpl Ali Azimi

Eleven Marines with Wounded Warriors Battalion West volunteered their time at the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve in Morongo Valley, Calif. June 15. They cleaned up the trails for both the visitors and the animals that call it their home.

The 31,000 acre preserve is one of the largest cottonwood and willow riparian habitats in California. It is an area meant to protect rare and endangered wildlife, promote the growth and restoration of a wide variety of plants, and offer educational opportunities to children from schools in the surrounding areas.

The Marines regularly volunteer in outreaches to the community. They conduct about one event per week, working with different national and local organizations. Their mission – to build confidence in Marines and reach out to the community.

“It gives Marines a chance to give back to the community,” said Cpl. Norman Robinson, WWBn. West. “The United States sup-



ports Marines and this how we show we appreciate it.”

The Marines split up into groups and scoured the man-made trails, clearing the pathways and taking unwanted materials, such as broken branches and loose grass and leaves, away.

All the Marines contributed in one way or another, raking the trail, lifting heavy lumber out to recycling bins, or throwing the broken pieces of

plants onto a tarp to be taken away by another volunteer.

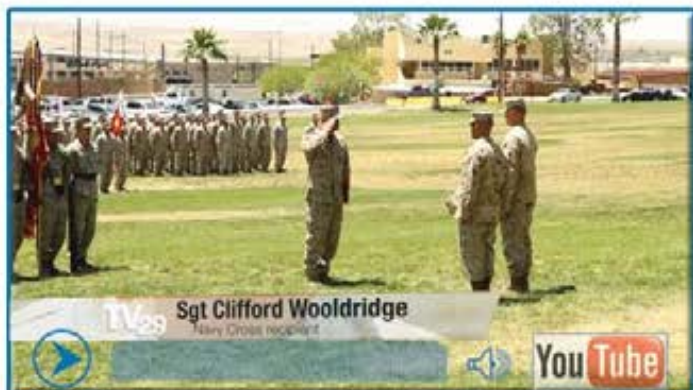
“A lot of our guys are wounded or injured and physically limited,” said Gunnery Sgt. Eric Esparza, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, WWBn. West. “None-the-less, they can still give back and support the community.”

By the afternoon there was a noticeable difference between what had been and what was. And just in time. As the Marines finished, a group of people entered the trail.

“I enjoyed giving back to the community,” Robinson said. “We did some work and had fun.”



[Top] Sgt. Justin Nance, Wounded Warrior Battalion West, helps carry a tarp full of broken pieces of branches and leaves off the trail at the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve in Morongo Valley, Calif., June 15, as part of a community outreach to clean up the preserve. **[Center]** Staff Sgt. Mathew Heinrich, Wounded Warrior Battalion West, carries abandoned wooden planks out of the preserve. **[Right]** Marines with WWBn West help clean up the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve in Morongo Valley, Calif. The Marines removed abandoned pieces of wooden planks from the trail.



Not so smooth SAILING

As told by
Cpl. William J. Jackson



How a corporal became a skipper in a weekend

I sat in a classroom

with 12 other Marines learning the language. I was absorbed in it. Luff, tack, jib, boom, gooseneck, capsizes, beam reach, close haul, cleat, sheets, lines.

I was learning to sail at the 29 Palms Seaborn Applications for Integrating Life Skills also known as SAILS course. It was Latin. No, Pig Latin to me.

I joined the trip to the Del Mar Marina because I thought of sailing as a leisurely experience fraught with the pleasures of the sea and a relaxed environment. I love the outdoors, and sailing is just be a certified skipper.

my bucket list. Soon I would be a certified skipper.

A couple two-hour classes scratched the tip of this brand new

experience. I already felt I was in over my head. I had just begun, and I was already capsizing.

My doubts soon faded. The instructors ensured all of us we'd catch on as soon as we hit the water.

My restlessness was put to ease on the second day of class. Later, during my capsizing practices, literally hitting the water gave me the jolt I needed to understand how a sailboat works.

I knew if my main sail was luffing, or flapping in the wind, I'd have to sheet it tighter. I knew my crew controlled the jib, that smaller sail in the front of sail boat, and I would have to steer with a rudder because I used to drive fishing boats back home in Nebraska. I knew I couldn't sail directly into the wind so I would have to turn, or tack and jib, back and forth across the wind to get somewhere.

What I didn't know was how much thought and finesse it took put all the pieces together. It was very apparent after a few classes I knew the techniques of sailing, but had not mastered the art of it. We all had the guarantee that we'd be good sailors by the end of the trip. I was focused.

I hit the water crawling, slowly making my way around buoys, tacking up wind in figure eight paths learning how to control the boat. I felt accomplished.

I slept on a 22-foot sailboat with three other Marines. It was a cramped space, but it was home for the weekend.

I woke up to the swaying of the boat, nauseated, I had found my sea-legs. The marine layer was thick, and it was a cool 70 degrees while a light breeze rippled the water.

I knew how to help guide them to the correct shape of the sail depending on my heading. I knew how to steer with a rudder because I used to drive fishing boats back home in Nebraska. I knew I couldn't sail directly into the wind so I would have to turn, or tack and jib, back and forth across the wind to get somewhere.

My mind had just grasped the concept of sailing in a bay the day prior. It was easy. There were no waves, hardly any traffic to look out for, and there wasn't the fear of floating off toward the horizon. You know, normal concerns. After breakfast we headed out to open waters. My new home for the weekend had now become my ride. To me, this was sailing.

The four of us on the boat were silent as we hit

the open water. I took my place next to the mast, careful not to slip off. It was serene and very relaxing. Then waves crashed into us and the wind screamed past our ears. Off into the distance dolphins broke the surface of the water.

I made my way to the tiller, the lever attached to the rudder. As soon as I thought, "Man, I hope I don't fall," I slipped and lunged forward with my head hanging over the side. I could tell by the panicked look on my crew's faces that had I slipped a few more inches, I could've been swimming, maybe for my life.

After my almost overboard experience, we headed back to the marina because I was going to be capsized. This was one of the prerequisites to becoming a certified skipper.

My partner for the exercise, Maj. Darren Jester and I set out together all decked out in full wetsuits prepared to be dumped into the depths of the Del Mar Marina.

It didn't take as long as we planned. We were overconfident. It wasn't even time to actually capsize the boat, but we did it anyway. The command to jibe the boat was called, and we didn't follow through.

A quick mistake took us overboard. We were shocked. My eyes were so big I could have made an owl proud. Training kicked in after a quick refresher, and within a minute we had regained control and were back to sailing.

Now if we would have capsized when we were told, I wouldn't have had that same kick in the ass I finally had to understand sailing techniques.

The whole experience had put me in a new mindset. I realized my own abilities to grasp something challenging now stronger. It goes to show that doing something challenging can offer great rewards.

Look at me, a landlocked guy from Nebraska can sail boats.





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Thursday: Social hour, 5 - 7 p.m.

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10:30 a.m. – **Free Matinee** Puss in Boots, Rated PG
12:30 p.m. – The Pirates, Band of Misfits, Rated PG
3 p.m. – The Avengers 3D, Rated PG-13
6 p.m. – Think like a Man, Rated PG-13
9 p.m. – The Raven, Rated R
Midnight – Safe, Rated PG-13
Sunday, June 24
12:30 p.m. – Dark Shadows, Rated PG-13
3 p.m. – Battleship, Rated PG-13
6 p.m. – The Avengers 3D, Rated PG-13
9 p.m. – Safe, Rated PG-13
Monday, June 25
7 p.m. - Five Year Engagement, Rated R
Tuesday, June 26
7 p.m. – The Pirates, Band of Misfits 3D, Rated PG
Wednesday, June 27
5:30 p.m. – Battleship, Rated PG-13
8:30 p.m. – The Raven, Rated R
Thursday, June 28
5:30 p. m. – Dark Shadows, Rated PG-13
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Kristen Stewart & Charlize Theron restore some of the fairytale’s original grit and gristle



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“Once up a time...” begins the narrator in the opening scene of this familiar tale of a beautiful young maiden with skin as fair as snow, seven dwarves, a wretched stepmother and a poisoned apple.

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“Snow White & The Huntsman”

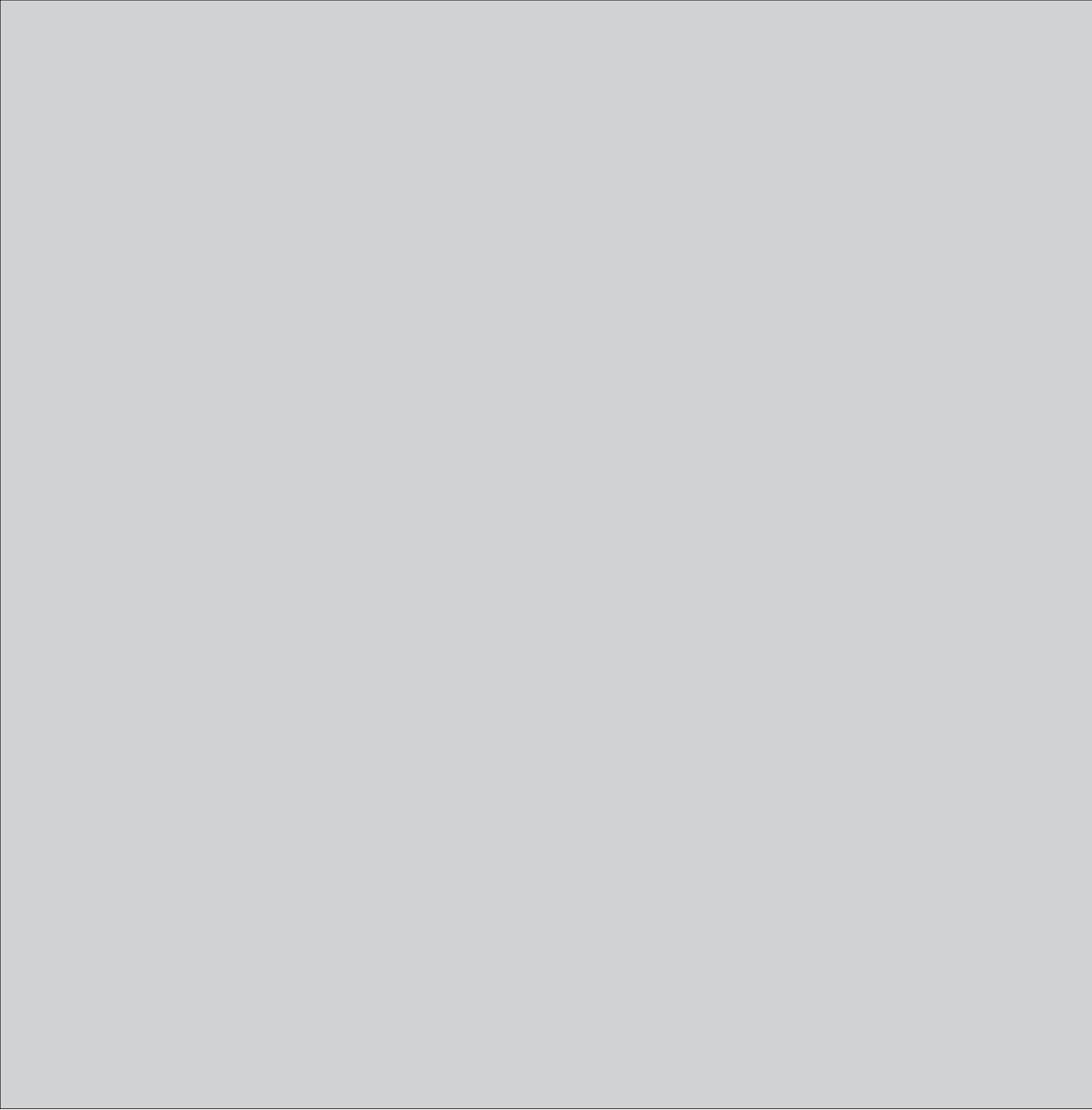
Starring Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron & Chris Hemsworth
Directed by Rupert Sanders
127 min., PG-13

The story of Snow White has been around for centuries. The Brothers Grimm published it as a German folktale in the early 19th century. But it really didn't enter the mainstream until 1937, when Walt Disney further distanced it from its dark, often disturbing Euro roots and made it into a colorful, movie-length musical cartoon. British TV commercial and videogame director Rupert Sanders makes a solid feature-film debut at the helm of this rip-snorting new version, which restores some of the fable's pre-Disney grit

and gristle and strips decades of candy coating off its grown-up edge. It's a far better stab at the story than the canned ham and soft cheese of “Mirror, Mirror,” this year's earlier version starring Julia Roberts. Charlize Theron is monstrously effective this time around as the wicked stepmother, who dispatches Snow's father, the widower king, on their wedding night and immediately reveals her true, blood-curdling colors, staging a toxic takeover of the kingdom and imprisoning young Snow. When the young princess becomes a teenager, she escapes into the Dark Forest before she can have her beating heart served up for one of her stepmom's black-arts beauty treatments. As the now “of age” Snow White, Kristen Stewart shows more spunk than she ever did in the “Twilight”

movies that made her famous. Tricked by the evil queen to bring her back, a drunken huntsman (Chris Hemsworth, Thor in this summer's “The Avengers”) becomes Snow's ally and teaches her how to fight. The dwarf woodsmen they later come across (played partly by several recognizably “full-size” actors, including Bob Hoskins, Ray Winstone and Eddie Marsan, shrunkened down by digital movie hocus pocus) are no little darlings. They ensnare Snow White and the huntsman, string them up and are about to kill them before realizing she's actually the daughter of the late, widely beloved king. Together, their grass-roots coalition sparks a revolution among the kingdom's displaced rebels and refugees, with Snow White leading the charge against a

torrent of arrows, streams of boiling oil and a battery of trebuchet-hurled fireballs. There's mud, blood, muck and mire, a monstrous troll, and a realistic-feeling sense that the Middle Ages weren't a whole lot of fun to traipse around in — unless, of course, you happen be traipsing with someone like Snow White. Pixie dust and fairies swirl around her, birds are her friends, aches and pains disappear in her presence, and glowing elk deities emerge from trees to feel her caress on their snouts. Snow has a pretty close call toward the end, but it all works out. And when she finally gets the crown she always deserved, it's not just a reclaiming of the throne that was rightfully hers, it's also a return of this “grim” fairytale legend to its own deliciously dark, magically malevolent roots.



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■ Combat Center Marines teach kids physical fitness

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Marines with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, and Mojave Viper Support Detachment, visited the students of Landers Elementary School to run a summer circuit course on the school's playground for the kids June 11.

"This shows what we do," said Cpl. Joshua J. Bosley, motor vehicle transport operator, Mojave Viper Support Detachment. "We support our country, but also help out our schools and volunteer."

Although a day playing with kids seemed like an easy day, Marines faced a challenge they had never encountered before — trying to control an entire school of children.

All 155 students, kindergarten to 6th grade, emptied out onto the playground, excited to meet the Marines. There was a lot of screaming and jumping around. The kids were two days away from summer

vacation and now they had Marines at their school. But even with their excitement bursting out, whenever the Marines began talking, the kids paid attention.

"They're a great influence for the kids," Tracey Madden, administrative assistant, Landers Elementary

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School. "The Marines are a really great role model for them to look up to, they don't have a lot of that out here."

Eight stations were setup in the playground with Marines manning each station. The kids were divided evenly between the stations where a challenge awaited them

and after an alarm was sounded they would move onto the next station in the circuit.

Many of the stations incorporated some type of water activity, to get the kids soaked and let them cool off in the summer sun, but the kids weren't the only ones to get wet. The students regularly ambushed the Marines with a surprise water fight, soaking them as they stood in their boots and utilities.

"I'd rather handle Marines, instead of all these kids," Bosley said, laughing. "They scare me. We have a bunch of kids that outnumber us. I'm just waiting for them to say 'dog pile.'"

The kids went through the day with the same level of energy they had come out with. If anything, the Marines were trying to keep up with them.

"This was awesome," said Joshua Maddox, Landers Elementary School 4th grader. "I love having the Marines here."



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[Above] Landers Elementary School students pull a boogie board with their classmate riding on top during a summer circuit course run by Combat Center Marines at the School's playground June 11.

[Below] Lance Cpl. Zachary Ceballos, supply clerk, Mojave Viper Support Detachment, retaliates with a water hose after being ambushed with a bucket of water by Landers Elementary School students.



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