



Lance Cpl. Aaron Copley, heavy equipment operator with Headquarters and Service Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, uses a 626 KR Tram to build a mechanized vehicle fighting position aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 8. Marines and sailors with CLB-5 are participating in ITX 2-16 in order to prepare their Marines for an upcoming deployment with Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Central Command, as well as increase the proficiency and capabilities of their unit as a whole.

CLB-5 prepares for deployment at ITX 2-16

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
 CPL. CARSON GRAMLEY

In the desert sand and wind, the Marines and sailors of Combat Logistics Battalion 5, test their combat skills during Integrated Training Exercise 2-16 aboard the Combat Center. Since mid-January, the Marines have refined their skills as a cohesive unit through various scenario-based exercises.

The ITX, designed to prepare units for future combat operations, combines the ground, logistics, and air combat elements of a Marine Air Ground Task Force and evaluates the participating units on their ability to support potential operations while deployed.

“For us, this is an opportunity to grow and receive an assessment on our training from an outside source that is not biased,” said Capt. Nicholas Rice, assistant operations officer for Headquarters and Service Company, CLB-5.

Serving as the Logistics Combat Element for the MAGTF, CLB-5 is responsible for providing fuel, transportation, food and water to the Ground Combat Element. In addition to the added experience of working in a fast-paced environment, the battalion completed several train-



Lance Cpl. James Cipra and Lance Cpl. Gregory Whitney, combat engineers with Headquarters and Service Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, use a circular saw to cut boards to build additional structures at Forward Operating Base 4 aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 8.

ing events assessed by the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, also known as coyotes.

“They have a wealth of knowledge that really allows the entire battalion, at every level, to hone their skills and build a stronger team,” Rice said.

The Marines were instructed and

graded on training events such as the Enhanced Motorized Operations Course; a convoy operation involving several enemy ambushes and fire support scenarios. The goal was to maintain the security of the convoy while pushing toward their

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Leaders come together for Suicide Prevention Symposium



Lt. Col. Kain C. Anderson, commanding officer, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1, asks a question during the 2016 Suicide Prevention Symposium held at the Officers Club, Feb. 24. The two-hour symposium dove into the analytics of suicide in the military and informed the leaders on the resources available to them and what they can do within their respective units to prevent it.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. JULIO MCGRAW

Each tragic loss due to suicide has far-reaching impacts on families, friends and the Marines and sailors left behind. At the unit level it affects morale, unit cohesion, and ultimately combat readiness.

Leadership from Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command and the Combat Center came together to address this critical topic at the 2016 Suicide Prevention Symposium held at the Officers Club, Feb. 24.

Combat Center senior leaders came to the consensus that one is one too many during the two-hour symposium, which dove into the analytics of suicide in the military and informed the leaders on available resources and what they can do within their respective units to prevent it.

“The symposium is held to link the important members of the team together and prevent service members that have serious issues from slipping through the cracks by actually getting them the help they need,” said Stacie Coduto, Behavioral Health Branch head, Marine Corps Community Services.

The leaders learned how Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital Mental Health Branch, Religious Ministries Team and MCCS Behavioral Health Team can work together to best leverage and communicate instances of high-risk service members to decrease risk and prevent suicide.

“At the senior leadership level, they have access to information that others within their command don’t,” Coduto said. “They can also set a tone within their command on how they are going to engage suicide prevention and support their Marines.”

According to hhs.gov, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act establishes national standards to protect individuals’ medical records and other personal health information. The military is not exempt from this act and commanders are not authorized to ask about certain information pertaining to their service members. According to Coduto, through open communication within the different teams, commanders can be as informed as possible about their service member without violating any

See **Leaders** pg. A6

Combat Center civilians receive honorary awards

PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. ANABEL ABREU



Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, and Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino, Combat Center Sergeant Major, honor Doug Peercy, unit movement control chief, G-4 Installations and Logistics, during the Civilian Honorary Award breakfast at the General's house, Feb. 26.

See **Awards** pg. A6

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 Cpl. Jodson Graves.



Marine Corps M-16A4 service rifles are stacked against a wall after urban operations training on Marine Corps Outlying Landing Field Atlantic, N.C., Feb. 18.



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Battle Color Ceremony to visit base Wednesday

It started in 1775 when a few good men answered the call of their country and the United States Marine Corps was founded. Since then, the Corps' tradition has grown and developed. Each successive generation of Marine inherits the tradition and pride the Corps has won through sacrifice, honor and duty to Corps and country. The Battle Color Ceremony reflects those qualities which are truly and uniquely "Marine."

Don't miss the world-renowned Battle Color Ceremony Wednesday at 10 a.m. on the Combat Center Parade Field.

The public is invited to attend the hour-long ceremony. Gates will open to the public at 9 a.m., and there is

no charge for admission. The Battle Color Ceremony is known across the country for its precision drill and exciting musical arrangements. The U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon, and the Marine Corps Color Guard are featured in this unique display of military pageantry.

The Drum and Bugle Corps, commonly referred to as the "Commandant's Own" is comprised of Marines recruited from various civilian drum corps and marching bands, as well as from other musical units within the Marine Corps. The unique musical style of the unit when presented in their now famous "concert in motion," provides an impressive audio and visual experi-

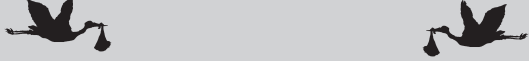
ence for thousands of spectators annually.

The Silent Drill Platoon's 10-minute precision drill routine exemplifies the discipline and bearing associated with Marines.

The calculated drill movements and precise handling of the M-1 rifles with fixed bayonets are the hallmark of this routine which is performed without verbal commands. The drill climaxes with the performance of a rifle inspection that includes an intricate series of tosses executed in unison.

After completion of the drill, the color guard marches on the field with the National Color, carried by the Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps, and the Marine Corps Battle Color.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Born January 13, 2016
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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Kaylei

Sacramento, CA. Sgt, watch commander, Provost Marshals Office

CURRY

Curry runs a nonprofit charity for newborns in need and is currently a watch commander at the Combat Center Provost Marshal's Office. While attached to Marine Corps Helicopter Squadron 1 she worked 21 presidential events.



>I am a watch commander at the Provost Marshal's Office where I provide oversight during my given shift.

>I originally wanted to join the Army and go to [The United States Military Academy at] West Point, but I was told I couldn't because I wasn't doing well academically in high school.

>The reason I chose to be a military police officer was because I didn't want to work a desk job and I wanted to carry a gun every day. When I enlisted, my recruiter said MP would be a good fit for me.

>I've been in the Marine Corps for 6 years. After my first enlistment I just stuck with it because it is something I want to do. That's why I'm pursuing my degree in criminal justice. I'm half way done with my bachelor's degree in law enforcement administration.

> Twentynine Palms is my second duty station. My first was with Marine Corps Helicopter Squadron 1 doing security for Marine 1, the presidential helicopter.

> While I was with HMX-1, I worked 21 presidential events where I saluted President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden as they got off the steps of Marine 1, which

was really neat.

>We did a lot of traveling. I have been to Cambodia, Kuwait, Hawaii, Guam and all over the Continental U.S.

> I have started 2 nonprofits. The first was a military nonprofit for teenage military daughters. My dad is in the Army National Guard and myself and another girl started it when we were 13. When we turned 18, it officially became a nonprofit.

>The Army National Guard sent us out to different armories and bases and we spoke to different teens about deployment. Because my dad deployed so many times, we saw a need for outreach because there weren't that many youth programs when I was growing up.

>In my opinion, military children grow up faster because instead of having our parents gone on business trips they were off at war, so we had a better sense of what was going on in the world. We used our common background as the basis for that nonprofit.

>Although we are the founders of the program, new teens have become the spokespeople for the program.

> Right now, I am the chapter director

for a local nonprofit for newborns in need.

> What we do is collect all kinds of baby items, new or used, for families that need it and we deliver the supplies to them.

> When I had my son I realized how much money it really takes to have a baby. I could not believe the amount of people everywhere that can barely afford the basic baby essentials.

>Being from California, it was sad seeing all the ads on Facebook and craigslist asking for baby clothes and diapers so I decided to start a chapter.

>My garage is full of baby products that were donated. I log everything that comes in and all of the products that we give to people. We log everything to ensure that it gets to the people that truly need it.

> I give everything directly to the families. It makes everything better seeing the reactions of the people that you help out.

>What I have learned from my time in the Marine Corps is that I can push myself to do things that are outside of my comfort zone. I'm at the point where the little skill sets that I learn add up and that has made me a better-rounded person.

Interviewed and photographed by Cpl. Julio McGraw

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Students explore careers at Combat Center



Officer Alan L. Steele, military working dog handler, MWD Section, Provost Marshals Office, commands Gabi, MWD, to bite Sgt. Darren Westmoreland, MWD handler, MWD Section, PMO, during the 13th annual Job Shadowing Event aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 23. The event began as a partnership between the Morongo Unified School District and the installation and provides students with insight on potential careers.



Twentynine Palms High School Students wait to meet their sponsors during the 13th annual Job Shadowing Event aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 23.



Lance Cpl. Eric Clayton, combat photographer, Headquarters Battalion, mentors Twentynine Palms High School students who have an interest in becoming photographers during the 13th annual Job Shadowing Event aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 23.



Anthony Marchisio and Wes Collins, fire inspection protectors, Combat Center Fire Department, show Twentynine Palms High School Students their firefighting equipment during the 13th annual Job Shadowing Event aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 23.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Many high school students may view finally leaving the nest and preparing for the future as a daunting task. For these young adults, a push in the right direction can go a long way.

To provide a glimpse into their considered career paths, various Combat Center Marines, sailors and civilian workers mentored more than 45 students from Twentynine Palms High School during the 13th annual Job Shadowing Event, Feb. 23.

“The program began as a partnership between the Morongo Unified School District and the base,” said Thomas Cruz

Jr., school liaison, Family Care Branch. “The program works with students that may have difficulty finding jobs after graduating by giving them that first-hand experience of exploring a career.”

According to Lori Jo Cosgriff, job coach developer, Career and Technical Education, MUSD, the 11th and 12th grade students are enrolled in the Workability Transition Partnership Program to help teach them life skills before graduation. The program continues to track the students, even after graduation, to assist them as much as possible in becoming successfully employed.

“It took a lot of coordination with the school district and the different units on base to make this event a success,” Cruz

said. “This year we tried to ensure the students were able to experience more than one-job in one-day to give them more opportunities to learn.”

The students were given a multitude of options, ranging from spending the day with Twentynine Palms Naval Hospital corpsmen to experiencing the day-to-day life of working in law enforcement alongside Marines from the Provost Marshals Office. For Justin Ornelas Perez, student, Twentynine Palms High School, his interest in a photography career drew him to the Combat Camera shop.

“I love to do photography on my own free time as a hobby,” Perez said. “The Marines [with Combat Camera] showed

us their cameras and how they take a portrait, which was really cool since I usually only take photos of nature.”

After spending the morning with Combat Camera, Perez went to Exercise Support Division to learn about a possible career in welding.

“It’s great being able to come here because it gives us a taste of what we want to be in life,” Perez said. “While there is a military focus, [job shadowing] also shows us what it might be like in a career outside of the military.”

Whether the students decide to pursue a career in the jobs they shadowed or follow their dreams elsewhere, the day they spent aboard the base will help them to keep in mind their many possibilities.

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Laying down some rounds at ITX 2-16



Cpl. Shannon Kunz, door gunner, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, walks off the flight line carrying a .50-caliber machine gun after completing a training mission during Integrated Training Exercise 2-16 aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 9.



Cpl. Shannon Kunz, door gunner, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, loads a .50-caliber machine gun belt, during Integrated Training Exercise 2-16 aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 9.

Cpl. Shannon Kunz, door gunner, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, cleans a .50-caliber and M240 machine guns after completing a training mission, during Integrated Training Exercise 2-16 aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 9.



Cpl. Shannon Kunz, door gunner, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, waits for engine start up in preparation for a flight during Integrated Training Exercise 2-16 aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 9.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
TECH SGT. EFREN LOPEZ

She pushes the trigger and feels the recoil from the .50-caliber machine gun as she lays down some rounds on the desert valley below. The adrenaline rush goes threw her veins as the bullets pelt the ground.

“Since I was in the sixth grade I wanted to be a Marine,” said Cpl. Shannon Kunz, door gunner, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369. “I decorated my room with all kinds of motivational posters of the Corps.”

She puts her life support vest on her sturdy frame as she prepares for another combat mission during her pre-deployment preparation, while participating in Integrated Training Exercise 2-16 aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 9.

A vignette of Kunz duties includes pre and post flight crew coordination; she serves as the aircraft’s maintenance manager, and door gunner which entails securing all cargo and personnel and providing extra eyes and ears for the pilots. Her role varies depending on the task given on a particular mission. When she is not flying, Cpl. Kunz helps other aircraft maintainers on the flight line by providing an extra hand with the aircraft maintenance.

With her hand covered with oil and grease she loads .50-caliber rounds on to a machine gun belt as she prepares for a close air support mission.

“The favorite part of my job is firing the .50-caliber,” said Kunz.

She describes the firearm as a highly accurate and destructive automatic weapon used for offensive and defensive purposes. When not manning the .50 caliber, she is operating the M240 Delta machine gun and performing inflight observer duties.

She describes the rigors of her job by explaining how mentally demanding her duties are and how fatigued she

is after working a 12-hour day in a desert environment.

“We had to shut down all the flights for safety reasons for two days because of the high winds and cold temperatures,” Kunz said.

According to Kunz, the most memorable mission for her has been the ground reaction training scenarios where she has to respond to enemies firing simulated missiles toward her helicopter.

After completing another combat mission, she walks off the flight line carrying an 84-pound .50-caliber machine gun on her shoulder and then completes her day by cleaning her weapon.

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objective. EMOC is intended to give the vehicle operators and passengers a worst-case scenario feel for what a convoy may encounter.

The sailors of CLB-5 and 1st Medical Battalion also got their share of specialized training. Mass casualty simulations and indirect-fire drills kept them on their toes. These types of drills force Marines and sailors to quickly respond to stressful situations. Attempting to treat 10 or more simulated casualties at a time is an experience some of them weren't accustomed to.

The missions tasked during the ITX simulated realistic operations the Marines may face while supporting 1st Marine Division during a deployment. To make the operations more realistic, TTECG utilizes role-players to act as foreign nationals to interact with the service members.

As a watch chief for H&S Co., Sgt. Jennifer Elder spent a lot of time in the combat operations center and says it has allowed her to see the effects that a large-scale exercise has on the individual

Marines and their sections.

"This is a great opportunity to see the bigger picture of what's going on," said Elder. "This causes everyone to become more proficient at what they do and also gives us a chance to cross train. Because of the size of this [exercise], there are a lot of things that we get to do here that we just wouldn't be able to do back in the rear."

Both Elder and Rice agree the junior Marines benefit vastly in these exercises.

"I feel like the junior Marines will walk away with a better understanding of what's expected of them and how the actions they take affect the whole picture," Elder said.

Rice said he's seen those junior Marines give nothing less than the top-notch effort needed to keep an exercise this large working properly.

With an upcoming deployment to Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Central Command, this ITX is a pre-deployment indicator of what these Marines will experience.



Sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, work to treat a patient during a mass casualty simulation drill during Integrated Training Exercise 2-16 aboard the Combat Center, Feb. 10. The drill began with taking hostile indirect-fire, resulting in multiple casualties with severe wounds. It tested Marines and sailors on their ability to react and work together to triage and treat patients accordingly.

Leaders from pg. A1



Stacie Coduto, Behavioral Health Branch head, Marine Corps Community Services, talks to Combat Center leadership about the analytics of suicide in the military during the 2016 Suicide Prevention Symposium held at the Officers Club, Feb. 24. Leadership from Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command and Combat Center tenant commands came together to discuss suicide prevention in their respective units.

privacy laws.

"We want leaders to understand the value of having that collaborative relationship with the health provider," Coduto said. "They can reach out to us for information and likewise they should expect us to reach out to them."

Warning signs of suicide can be subtle, but recognizing these signs can prevent suicide. Staying vigilant of Marines or sailors who appear overwhelmed by recent stressors, talk about feeling trapped, or begin to withdraw from friends and family are steps that can save lives.

In accordance with Marine Corps Order 1720.2, leaders provide their subordinate Marines and sailors with standardized training, on a yearly basis, that

demonstrates current knowledge about suicide prevention and up-to-date information on local resources.

"Leaders will always care about their Marines and sailors because one life lost is too many," said Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, battalion sergeant major, Headquarters Battalion. "If that means all of the leaders on the base need to come together to talk about this topic to save one service member's life, then it's worth it."

The DSTRESS Line, available 24 hours, 7 days a week, provides Marines, sailors and family members someone to speak with about everyday stress. If you or someone you know is struggling, contact the anonymous hotline at 1-877-476-7734 or visit www.dstressline.com.

Awards from pg. A1

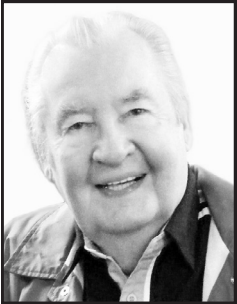


Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, and Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino, Combat Center Sergeant Major, honor Felicia Crosson, assistant manager health promotion, Semper Fit, during the Civilian Honorary Award breakfast at the General's house, Feb. 26.



Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, and Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino, Combat Center Sergeant Major, honor civilian employees during the Civilian Honorary Award breakfast at the General's house, Feb. 26.

**TOUGH MINDED
OPTIMISM**
by Lou Gerhardt



I recently officiated at a memorial service for a dear friend of mine at a private home in our Morongo Basin. During our time together I shared a note Darlene Morris wrote to me many months ago:

"I like how you say someone "physically" died in your articles, because I have learned in Christian Science that Life is spiritual and never-ending. Even though to human sense someone seems to die, actually their life is continuing where we cannot perceive it."

What a great statement! I agree with every word. It was the Apostle Paul who wrote "We look not on the things that are seen, but on the things that are unseen. The things that are seen are only temporary, but the unseen spiritual things are eternal." (II Corinthians 4:18)

I think it is important that each of us prepare now in a very practical way with the certain knowledge that our own physical death is inevitable. Here is what I have done.

After discussing the matter thoroughly with my wife Patty I have donated my body to the Bodies for Science Program at the Loma Linda School of Medicine, Loma Linda University. The body will be used to help train young medical scientists and enable that fine School of Medicine to continue making advances in medical science.

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Target is in the sky: U.S. Marines, Norwegian forces launch Stingers



A Marine with 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, fires the Stinger missile system during a live-fire event in Ørland, Norway, Feb. 24. The live-fire event was held in preparation for Exercise Cold Response 16, featuring 12 NATO allies and partner nations and approximately 16,000 troops.



A Marine with 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, prepares to fire the Stinger missile system during a live-fire event in Ørland, Norway, Feb. 24.



A Marine Corps Stinger missile prepares to ignite its flight motor as it's launched during a live-fire event in Ørland, Norway, Feb. 24. During this event, the Marines and the Norwegian military worked side-by-side as they took to the firing line to put their equipment to the test.1

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. DALTON PRECHT

ØRLAND, Norway – Marines with 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion and Norwegian forces launched Stinger missiles Feb. 24 and 25 in Ørland, Norway.

“The Norwegians are helping the Marines with range safety and host-nation support. We are supporting with everything from security on site, transportation, logistics and accommodation,” said Norwegian Air Force Maj. Michael Bottenvik-Hartmann, the G-bad officer of the 138 Air Wing staff and range safety officer for the training.

The Marines were firing the missiles at remote controlled aircraft piloted by Norwegian service members.

Cpl. Justin T. Heslep, low altitude air defense gunner, 2nd LAAD, talked about the partnership with the Norwegians and the interoperability the two units had throughout the live-fire.

“In order to fire the Stinger missile there are a few steps, but it all comes down to you being able to find the target and firing the system,” Heslep said.

The Marines shot down nine out of the ten R.C. planes launched during the live-fire.

“Exercises like this are important for future cooperation and Cold Response itself,” said Bottenvik-Hartman.

“It helps us familiarize and integrate in a better way.”

The live-fire exercise was held in preparation for Exercise Cold Response 16, a joint exercise comprised of 12 NATO allies and partnered nations and approximately 16,000 troops. Throughout the preparation for the exercise, Marines and Norwegian service members have worked side-by-side to include multiple live-fire ranges, cold-weather survival training and driving courses.

Cold Response will kick off in March and is designed to help bolster transnational relations while enhancing the participating countries’ abilities to respond to global crises.



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CAC Marines light up the Norwegian sky with artillery rounds



Marines with Combined Arms Company, step back as an M777 Howitzer fires a round during a live-fire shoot in Rena, Norway, Feb. 23. The training was conducted in preparation for Exercise Cold Response 16, which will include 12 NATO allies and partner nations, and approximately 16,000 troops.



Marines with Combined Arms Company, camouflage their trucks before a live-fire shoot in Rena, Norway, Feb. 23. The Marines will provide indirect-fire support for infantry units during the exercise.



Lance Cpl. Joany Echeverry, cannoneer, Combined Arms Company, assists other team members in collecting the ammunition for a live-fire shoot in Rena, Norway, Feb. 23.



Marines with Combined Arms Company use a ram rod to push a round into the chamber of an M777 Howitzer during a live-fire shoot in Rena, Norway, Feb. 23.

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Women's History Month:



STORY BY SGT. MAJ. TAMARA L. FODE

OKINAWA, Japan - Since 1775, Marines have proven themselves to be an elite fighting force, and for 236 years those who have gone before us have fought in every clime and place as noted in the lyric of the Marines' Hymn.

As we enter the month of March, Women's History Month, it is important to take the time to reflect on the women of our Corps, both past and present.

Only .06 percent of the United States population serve as Marines. Of that, only 6.2 percent are female Marines. Pvt. Opha Mae Johnson was the first woman to enlist on Aug. 13, 1918, in the reserves followed by 305 other women during World War I. For the duration of the war, women filled administrative billets so male Marines could fight the war in France.

After World War I was over, female Marines were separated from the Corps and it wasn't until World War II that women were able to enlist once again to "Free a Man to Fight." In 1943, the Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established and on June 12, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act making women a

permanent part of the Marine Corps.

During World War II, female Marines were able to perform a wider range of duties than during World War I. At war's end, Brig. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, the 18th commandant of the Marine Corps, stated that these women could

"feel responsible for putting the 6th Marine Division in the field; for without the women filling jobs throughout the Marine Corps, there would not have been sufficient men available to form that division."

Just as the great men of our Corps have carved their way through history leaving their indelible mark, in the past 94 years female Marines have done the same.

Marines such as Capt. Anne Lentz, who in 1943 became the first woman to serve as a commissioned officer, Margaret Brewer who was the first female Marine general officer, or Brig. Gen. Carol A. Mutter who was the first woman to take command of a Fleet Marine Force unit in 1994.

During the month of March, we will celebrate the women of our great nation, but we must never forget the uniform we wear washes away all differences as we serve together as United States Marines.

Since 1918, women have answered the call to serve proudly in the United States Marines and the role of women in the Marines has evolved and expanded. All Women Marines can look forward to the future proudly, while never forgetting the women who made this future possible.

Honoring past, present and future



Combat Center Events

Head down to the General's Lawn for a Battle Color Ceremony, March 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. The battle color ceremony features the U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon, and the Marine Corps Color Guard. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the performance.

Marine Corps Community Services is hosting a Motocross Jam Fest, March 12 from 12 to 4 p.m. Enjoy some entertainment with DJ Angie Vee and Emcee Kenny Bell. There will be food and beer concessions available. The event is open to all hands. For more information call 760-830-5086.

An Education and Career Fair is scheduled for March 23 at the West Gym from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to all hands and business dress or uniform of the day is suggested. For more information call 760-830-7225 .

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10:00 p.m. – The Finest Hours, PG-13

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2:30 p.m. – Norm of The North, PG
4:30 p.m. – 13 Hours:
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7:30 p.m. – Ride Along 2, PG-13
10:00 p.m. – Dirty Grandpa, R

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5:00 p.m. – The Choice, PG-13
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Tuesday, March 8
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Wednesday, March 9
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Friday, March 11
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Something Wicked

‘The Witch’ burrows into your head to where nightmares live

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*‘The Witch’
Starring Anya Taylor-Joy,
Ralph Ineson
and Kate Dickie
Directed by Robert Eggers
Rated R*

In the modern world, “devils” are mascots for sports teams and witches vex pretty Disney princesses. But once upon a time, such things were much more serious and much scarier.

That’s the serious, scary and seriously scary setting for The Witch, in which a devout family in early 17th century New England is exiled from their settlement—the father (Ralph Ineson, who played Amicus Carrow in the Harry Potter movies) is too overbearing in his religious

beliefs even for his Puritan neighbors to bear. When their one-horse wagon finally stops, they homestead on a scruffy patch of ground at the edge of a remote, dense forest.

Just as they’re getting into the rhythms of their new life, things start to go woefully wrong, beginning with the disappearance of their new baby boy, giggling in the grass one moment and gone the next. Did a wolf gobble him up? Or was it something more sinister—maybe a shape-shifting, spell-casting, baby-snatching sorceress?

All eyes look to the woods—and to the oldest child, teenage daughter Thomasin (19-year-old Anya Taylor-Joy), who was in charge of watching the baby. She can’t explain what happened, and her inconsolable mother (Kate Dickie, from TV’s Game of Thrones) can’t forgive her. Her little brother, Caleb (Harvey Scrimshaw), can’t stop casting guilty glances at her ripening signs of young-womanhood. And her very name itself includes the word “sin.”

Something wicked this way comes, indeed, especially when heinous

accusations start to fly, pious prayers fill the air, crops fail, the chicken lays a bloody egg, and and the family goat, ominously named Black Phillip, begins to look, and act, more malevolent ever minute.

This super-creepy, potently unsettling film bowled audiences over last year at Sundance, where it took top honors for director Robert Eggers. It’s being marketed as a horror movie, and it certainly is that, but it has little in common with many other contemporary flicks sharing the label.

It’s a period piece rich in precise historical detail (including language), dedicated to an unflinching depiction of religious obsession driven to unholy extremes. Eggers drills into the same demonic DNA that made such movie classics as The Exorcist, Rosemary’s Baby and The Shining such disturbing dynamite; some of his images get inside your head and nest deep into cracks where nightmares live and lurk. It’s the first movie I’ve ever noticed a credit for a mental health counselor.

The movie is an eerie, roiling brew of double,

double, toil and trouble, to be sure. But it also makes no bones about how Christian fanaticism in early America sometimes ran off the rails and plunged straight into the devil’s playground, especially when fear, superstition, hysteria and the suppression and oppression of females helped stir the cauldron. You don’t have to squint to see, a few decades down the road and just beyond the movie’s frame of reference, the notorious Salem witch trials looming in the distance.

The performances are riveting, especially from the youngsters, all newcomers. The soundtrack’s combination of synthesizers, dissonant orchestral tones and wordless choral pieces gives everything an unnerving underpinning of constant tension and dread. Director Eggers, a former production designer making his feature-film debut, is certainly a new talent to watch.

And The Witch, in limited release, is a knockout of a movie you should seek out—especially if you’re seeking something nightmarishly new that will chill you, and haunt you, like it’s the 1600s all over again.

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Exercise Iron Fist 2016: Two Cultures, One Warrior Spirit



Marines and Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force soldiers dine together during the closing ceremony of exercise Iron Fist 2016 at Camp Pendleton, Tuesday. Exercise Iron Fist brought together Marines and JGSDF soldiers to hone their ability to conduct combined amphibious operations to help preserve peace and prevent conflict in the Asia-Pacific Region.



Col. Clay Tipton, commanding officer, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, shakes hands with Col. Yoshiyuki Goto, regimental commander, Western Army Infantry Regiment, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, during the closing ceremony of Exercise Iron Fist 2016 at Camp Pendleton, Tuesday. The closing ceremony brought together Marines and Japanese soldiers, celebrating camaraderie and formally concluding the 11th iteration of Exercise Iron Fist.

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Forged in the wake of World War II, the U.S.-Japan security alliance has served as one of the Asia-Pacific Region’s most important military relationships and as an anchor of U.S. engagement in the Pacific. Revised in 1960, the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security grants the United States the rights to military bases in the Japanese archipelago in exchange for a U.S. pledge to defend Japan in the event of an attack.

“As security treaty allies, it is important for U.S. Marines and sailors to have working relationships with our Japanese military counterparts to continue honing our amphibious operations core competencies,” said Col. Clay C. Tipton, commanding officer, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. “Credible, ready maritime forces help to preserve peace and prevent conflict.”

Exercise Iron Fist 2016 started Jan. 22, and concluded with a closing ceremony March 1, 2016. Throughout the last five weeks, the Marines of 11th MEU worked alongside the soldiers of the Western Army Infantry Regiment, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, to com-

plete an aggressive training schedule. From Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton to the Combat Center and from San Clemente to the USS Somerset, the Marines, sailors and soldiers trained across the elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force and successfully conducted combined amphibious operations.

“Five weeks is a long time to sustain an exercise of this magnitude,” said Brig. Gen David Coffman, deputy commanding general, I Marine Expeditionary Force. “But all of [the participants’] hard work and dedication has, no doubt, increased the war-fighting capabilities of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and the Western Army Infantry Regiment.”

Iron Fist is the largest, bilateral amphibious training exercise conducted by I Marine Expeditionary Force and is designed to improve U.S. Marine Corps and JGSDF’s ability to plan, communicate and conduct combined amphibious operations at the platoon, company and battalion levels.

The training focused on advanced marksmanship, amphibious reconnaissance, fire and maneuver assaults, staff planning, logistical support and medical knowledge sharing, fire support operations, including mortars,

artillery, and close-air support and amphibious landing operations.

“It is important to know who is on your left and on your right when in a fight. If you’ve trained with a unit and know what they are made of — it can embolden your forces,” said Coffman. “Having camaraderie and respect for one another is fundamental for success on the battlefield; bilateral training and working side-by-side is extremely important to building this cohesion.”

The growing camaraderie and teamwork over the last 11 iterations of Exercise Iron Fist, reflects in the increasing combined operational capabilities between the Japanese and U.S. forces.

“Exercises like Iron Fist and last year’s Dawn Blitz provide key opportunities to further enhance the Japan Self-Defense Force and U.S. Marine Corps’ capability and proficiency to respond to crises with a combined effort,” said Coffman. “Make no mistake, the U.S. and Japan alliance is strong here in Southern California today. May our countries continue to nurture this relationship over the coming years, learning from each other and sharing in a common commitment to maintaining stability in the Asia-Pacific region.”



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