



Marines with Battery C, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, provide indirect fire with a M777 Howitzer during the final exercise of Integrated Training Exercise 3-16 in the Blacktop Training Area, June 1.

## 2nd MarDiv blasts through ITX 3-16

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
LANCE CPL. DAVE FLORES

2nd Marine Division concluded Integrated Training Exercise 3-16 with a three-day final exercise aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., June 1-3.

FINEX began with Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based 2nd MarDiv conducting a simulated assault on an enemy's defensive position. Marines with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, advanced toward an objective after batteries with 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, suppressed the enemy with artillery support. Once the Marines secured the enemy position, they turned it into their own defense. Marines conducted the exercise to simulate a day and night defensive, before concluding with a counterattack, also known as a breakout exercise.

"We do the breakout exercise because Marines are always on the offensive," said Lt. Col. Bradley Pennella, commanding officer, 1/10. "The Marines showcased the force and power of our unit during



Marines with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, advance to a simulated enemy defensive position in an Assault Amphibious Vehicle during the final exercise of Integrated Training Exercise 3-16 in the Blacktop Training Area, June 1.

FINEX, which is something that can only be achieved at the Combat Center because of the size of the training area."

Integrated Training Exercise is a 28-day exercise designed to assess Marine units' proficiency across a

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## HQBN receives new commander



Lt. Col. Dennis A. Sanchez, outgoing battalion commander, Headquarters Battalion, passes the battalion colors to Lt. Col. Michael Cable, oncoming battalion commander, Headquarters Battalion, during the battalion's change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Wednesday. During the ceremony, Sanchez relinquished command of Headquarters Battalion to Cable.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Lt. Col. Dennis A. Sanchez relinquished command of Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, to Lt. Col. Michael Cable during a change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Wednesday.

Sanchez assumed command of Headquarters Battalion July 2, 2014. While serving as battalion commander, he coordinated the unit's more than 60 different sections, each with varying missions and responsibilities to the Combat Center.

"One thing that stuck out about him was his true care and concern for the individual Marine as well as their families," said Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, battalion sergeant major, Headquarters Battalion. "He truly lived up to the battalion's motto 'Mission First, People Always.' He really put his heart and soul into

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Sgt. Maj. Avery Crespin, battalion sergeant major, Headquarters Battalion, salutes the colors during the playing of the national anthem as part of the battalion's change of command ceremony at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field, Wednesday.

## New Marine Corps Tattoo Regulations

STORY BY CPL. DAVID STATEN

The Marine Corps has released a new tattoo policy that seeks to balance the personal desires of Marines with high standards of professional military appearance and heritage. The Marine Corps Bulletin 1020, released June 2, 2016, explains the new Marine Corps tattoo policy, which replaces all previous tattoo policy guidance.

"The Commandant and I have been talking with Marines throughout the Corps during our visits and we've taken their questions and comments to heart because it continues to be important to Marines," said Sgt. Major Ronald L. Green, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. "The Commandant said it best in the Marine Corps Bulletin in that we've attempted to balance the individual desires of Marines with the need to maintain the disciplined appearance expected of our profession. I think we have accomplished just that with MCBUL 1020. We took the time we felt this policy deserved, we wanted to make sure we got it right."

Any tattoo, regardless of where it is cannot express sexism, nudity, racism, vulgarity, or anything that is offensive and is of nature to bring discredit to the Marine Corps or damage the nation's expectations of them.

Marines can have an unlimited number of tattoos that are covered by the properly fitting standard physical training uniform: green t-shirt and green shorts.

Marines are prohibited from getting tattoos on the head, neck, inside the mouth, wrists, knees, elbows and hands with the exception of a single band tattoo of no more than three-eighths of an inch in width on one finger.

"The Commandant put a lot of time and effort into

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## Marine Corps' Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans cast their votes for the best photograph posted on the Corps' Facebook page. This week's top shot comes from Lance Cpl. Sean Berry.



CH-53 Super Stallion with the 24th MEU demonstrates a landing at Massapequa High School in Long Island, New York, May 26. The Marines are visiting the city to interact with the public, demonstrate capabilities and teach the people of New York about America's sea services.





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Story by Lance Cpl. Anthony Martinez

# Midshipmen visit from Annapolis to experience life as Marines

Midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland are aboard the Combat Center experiencing the life and tribulation of junior grade officers.

The midshipmen are on their Marine Option Cruise and are living out some challenges that may occur if they decide to become Marine Corps officers vice naval officers. "We hope to give them a realistic view of life in the Marine Corps," said Captain Charles Chase, assistant operations officer for 27th Marines.

The 14 midshipmen arrived aboard the Combat Center May 28 and are scheduled to depart tomorrow.

"We separated them into three different units," said Capt. Chase. "We're trying to give them a wide variety of training."

"They were rotated and introduced to various problems and responsibilities encountered by 3rd Tank Battalion, 5th Battalion, 11th Marines and 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on a daily basis," he said.

Also including in this training was the witnessing of the Combined Armed Exercise (CAX) 8-65 kickoff.

"It was pretty exciting," said Midshipmen 1st Class Michael DiVerde about the CAX. "It's a lot more realistic than I anticipated."

Since their arrival, the midshipmen have experienced daily Bachelor Officer's Quarters (BOQ) inspections.

"We are not changing anything for them," said Capt. Chase. "We want to give them a clear view of the Marine Corps so when the midshipmen return to the Academy they will critique and be critiqued on the program."

"We are trying to help them make an educated decision in joining the Marine Corps," said Capt. Chase. "All we did was show them the Marine Corps and what Lieutenants do and these are some of the typical problems you may see from day to day."

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# ‘Magnificent Seventh’ Marine receives Road Warrior Award



Col. William H. Vivian, left, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment presents Lance Cpl. Edwin Salgado, motor transport operator, 7th Marines, the Road Warrior Award in building 1951, June 2. The award is presented to any military or government civilian employee who operates government motor vehicles and achieves mishap or violation-free driving in 2,500-mile increments.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
CPL. MEDIA AYALA-LO

Throughout the years, the Marine Corps has earned its reputation as the nation’s force in readiness. Training Marines effectively and safely is of utmost importance to mission effectiveness.

Col. William H. Vivian, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment, presented Lance Cpl. Edwin Salgado, motor transport operator, 7th Marines, the Road Warrior Award in building 1951 June 2.

“This recognition was unexpected,” Salgado said. “I just did my job; I stayed out of trouble and followed all the rules applied on the road. It’s important to adhere to the rules set in place for your own safety and the safety of Marines around you.”

The award consists of a certificate from the Commandant of the Marine Corps and is presented to any military or government civilian employee who operates government motor vehicles and achieves mishap or violation-free driving in 2,500 mile increments.

According to Vivian, in the case of motor transport, careful driving habits go a long way in preventing Marines from getting injured and allow the regiment to train while being safe and effective.

“To get an award signed by the commandant and then to have it described as road warrior is a thrill,” Vivian said. “I think this sets a really good example for Salgado’s fellow Marines. What a great day for the Marines of ‘Magnificent Seventh’.”



Lance Cpl. Edwin Salgado, motor transport operator, 7th Marine Regiment, is congratulated by fellow Marines after receiving the Road Warrior Award in building 1951, June 2.

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Lance Cpl. Edwin Salgado, motor transport operator, 7th Marine Regiment, is congratulated by Dan Mucuihill, tactical safety specialist, Safety Division, after receiving the Road Warrior Award in building 1951 June 2.

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Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, pins the Meritorious Service Medal on Lt. Cmdr. James Steward, public works officer, Public Works Division, at the PWD building June 2.

# PWD officer receives Meritorious Service Medal

PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. ERIC CLAYTON



Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Lt. Cmdr. Steward, public works officer, Public Works Division, at the PWD building June 2.



Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, Combat Center Commanding General, speaks to members of the Public Works Division after presenting the Meritorious Service Medal to Lt. Cmdr. Steward, public works officer, PWD, at the PWD building June 2.



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Marines with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division advance down range during the Eager Lion 16 final exercise in Al Quweyrah, Jordan, May 24. Eager Lion is a recurring exercise designed to strengthen military-to-military relationships, increase interoperability, and enhance regional security and stability.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. DEVAN BARNETT

Sgt. Martin Belden, a non-lethal weapons instructor of 4th Law Enforcement Battalion, Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve, observes Marines practicing take down techniques during exercise Platinum Wolf 16 at Peace Keeping Operations Training Center South Base, Serbia, May 11.



PHOTO BY CPL. JENESSA PON

U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Kyle Hardester participates in a traditional Mongolian wrestling match at a Naadam Festival during Khaan Quest 2016 at Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia, June 3. Khaan Quest is an annual, multinational peacekeeping operations exercise hosted by the Mongolian Armed Forces, co-sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command, and supported by U.S. Army Pacific and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. BOBBY YARBROUGH

Marines with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned from an 8-month deployment to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, June 3. The detachment of Marines were deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve as part of Task Force Spartan.

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## Marines kick off Predator Strike 2016

Pfc. Alexander L. Lay, a rifleman, posts security for movements from building to building during Exercise Predator Strike at Cultana Training Area, South Australia, Australia, June 5. Predator Strike, a yearly exercise taken place in Australia with Marine Rotational Force – Darwin, allows Marines to enhance their skills and train with the Australian Defence Force. Lay, from Fennimore, Wisconsin, is with Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, MRF-D.



Marines with Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, move from building to building to clear them during Exercise Predator Strike at Cultana Training Area, South Australia, Australia, June 5.

A Marine with Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, posts security during Exercise Predator Strike at Cultana Training Area, South Australia, Australia, June 5.

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# NREA recognizes Earth Day poster contest winners

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Representatives of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs recognized students from Twentynine Palms and Condor Elementary Schools June 2 and 6, for their participation in the 2016 Earth Day Poster Contest.

Community members who attended the Combat Center's Earth Day Extravaganza April 15 voted for their favorite posters. The top three will be used in the Consumer Confidence Report, which comes out every year and covers such topics as water quality and consumption rates for the installation.

"This year we had hundreds of posters come to us so it was difficult to choose only 12," said Chris Elliott, water resource manager, NREA. "We chose 12 finalists so that we could create a calendar featuring all the finalists and their posters. This way we could keep recycling and resource conservation a message throughout the year, as well as inspire more participation from the children next year."

The top three finalists received prizes that included scooters, helmets and activity books. The 12 finalists received calendars to take home.

"For the members of the NREA to come out here and recognize the students is a great way to promote the event for the rest of the students," said Paul Gattuso, principal, Condor Elementary. "The other students can see who won the contest. This will inspire them to participate next year. Having people from the base recognize their work is an honor for students."

NREA plans to hold the contest again next year to promote Earth Day and to continue to inspire to local students to conserve.



Audrey Roberts and Kecel Sabio, third Grader, and Shaylin Metcalfe, fourth grader, present their posters from the 2016 Earth Day Poster Contest at Condor Elementary School, Monday.



Lt. Col. Timothy Pochop, director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, congratulates Nicole Doten, fifth Grader, for being one of the finalists of the 2016 Earth Day Poster Contest at Twentynine Palms Elementary School June 2.



Lt. Col. Timothy Pochop, director, Natural Resource and Environmental Affairs, congratulates Christopher Halles, kindergartener, for being a finalist in the 2016 Earth Day Poster Contest at Condor Elementary School, Monday.



Destiny Martinez, second Grader, and Kyle Webber, first Grader, stand with their prizes for being the grand finalist and second runner-up in the 2016 Earth Day Poster Contest at Condor Elementary School, Monday.



Chris Elliott, water resources manager, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, gives Damien Lawrence, first grader, prizes for being the second runner-up in the 2016 Earth Day Poster Contest at Twentynine Palms Elementary School June 2.





**Combat Center Events**

The MMA Fight Night will be held at Del Valle Field on June 10 at 7 p.m. with special guest UFC Hall of Famer Forrest Griffin. There will be eight amateur bouts and a meet and greet following the fights. Food and drink concessions are available. For more information call, 760-830-5086.

Sandy Hill Lanes Bowling Center is holding their 60 Days of Summer event allowing children ages 5-18 to bowl free from June 12 through August 13. Adults can join by purchasing a family pass. For more information call 760-830-6422.

Head down to the Joshua Tree Community Center for the Joshua Tree Community Days Summer Splash June 18 at 9 a.m. The event will feature live music, barbeque, static displays and a K-9 demonstration.

Hashmarks Staff Noncommissioned Officer Club hosts Steak Night every Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday. The event is open to all hands Monday and SNCOs on Fridays. For more information, contact 760-830-5035.

**Sunset Cinema**

**Friday, June 10**  
5:30 p.m. – Ratchet and Clank, PG  
8:00 p.m. – Mother’s Day, PG  
11:00 p.m. – Captain America: Civil War, PG-13

**Saturday, June 11**  
12:00 p.m. – Ratchet and Clank (3-D), PG  
2:30 p.m. – The Huntsman: Winter’s War, PG-13  
5:30 p.m. – Captain America: Civil War (3-D), PG-13  
8:30 p.m. – Keanu, R  
11:00 – The Nice Guys, R

**Sunday, June 12**  
12:30 p.m. – Captain America: Civil War, PG-13  
5:00 p.m. – SNEAK PREVIEW – Central Intelligence, PG-13  
7:30 p.m. – Money Monster, R

**Monday, June 13**  
7:00 p.m. – The Nice Guys, R

**Tuesday, June 14**  
6:30 p.m. – Captain America: Civil War, PG-13

**Wednesday, June 15**  
7:00 p.m. – Mother’s Day, PG-13

**Thursday, June 16**  
5:00 p.m. – The Huntsman: Winter’s War, PG-13  
7:30 p.m. – Elvis and Nixon, R

**Friday, June 17**  
5:00 p.m. – Ratchet and Clank, PG  
7:30 p.m. – Captain America: Civil War, PG-13  
11:00 p.m. – Money Monster, R

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# Naughty & ‘Nice’

## Crowe and Gosling mix action and laughs in ‘The Nice Guys’

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*‘The Nice Guys’*  
Starring Russell Crowe & Ryan Gosling  
Directed by Shane Black  
Rated R

The opening shot of *The Nice Guys* pans across the back of the iconic HOLLYWOOD sign, grimy and tagged with graffiti, as the lights of the city below glitter in the night like a gigantic box of jewels.

After the *Temptations* set a ’70s groove to “Papa Was a Rollin’ Stone,” we’re off and rolling ourselves on a raucous, retro-rollicking comedy-adventure romp as a pair of mismatched investigators-for-hire (Russell Crowe and Ryan Gosling) team up to look for a missing girl (Margaret Qualley of TV’s *The Leftovers*). But soon they find themselves in a much deeper drama involving porn stars, pinkie promises, menacing thugs, Kim Basinger in full L.A. Confidential mode, and a shocking conspiracy of catalytic converters and high-ranking collusion.

Writer-director Shane Black made his mark back in the late 1980s with the screenplay for *Lethal Weapon*, starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. He went on to refine his format—a high-octane mix of cheeky quips and pulpy, explosive action—behind the camera with *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* (2005) and *Iron Man 3* (2013).

The movie takes place in 1977, and it revels in the details of its smoggy, sometimes smutty setting. The background hums with tunes from *Kiss*, *America*, *Rupert Holmes*, the *Band*, *Herb Alpert and Earth, Wind and Fire*. Chevy Camaros, Caprice Classics and Dodge Coronets line up for 69-cent-a-gallon

gas. Billboards trumpet the hottest movies: *Jaws 2*, *Airport 77*. Newspaper headlines spread the dread about killer bees from Brazil.

You’ll recognize versatile character actor Keith David as a villain. Matt Bomer from TV’s *American Horror Story* plays John Boy, an assassin sharing a certain facial feature with the *Waltons* TV character of the same name. And young Angourie Rice, 14 at the time of filming, almost steals the show as Holly, the daughter of Gosling’s character. She’s the soft heart of this rough-and-tumble story, the tender conscience in the midst of its outbursts of casual violence.

But the real treat throughout is the pair-up of two actors not known for baring their funny bones. Crowe’s Jackson Healey is a rumpled, jaded tough guy who leads with his fists—often sporting brass knuckles. Gosling plays Holland March as a mopey, bottom-feeding P.I. with a drinking problem and a tattoo that reminds him, “You will never be happy.” Their oil-and-water styles initially clash, of course, but eventually smooth into some major movie mojo. (Pay attention and you’ll even catch their nod to classic *Abbott and Costello*.)

It all builds into a spectacular shoot-out showdown at a gleaming auto expo, where everyone is scrambling to get their hands on a canister containing a reel of film as it rolls, bounces and spins across the floor, out a window, down a street and into the flames of a burning car. That’s one hot movie, as it turns out, in more ways than one.

And so is *The Nice Guys*, a juicy, slam-bang action-comedy cocktail punched up, pimped out and powered down with rowdy, new-fangled film-noir fun. Hot stuff—catch it.

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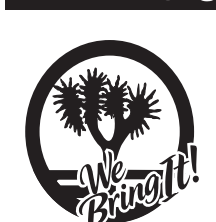
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