



Lance Cpl. Nathaniel Delao, rifleman, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, scans the horizon at Range 400 aboard The Combat Center, Aug. 10, during Integrated Training Exercise 5-16.

MAGTF-7 conquers ITX 5-16

2nd Lt. Spencer Press, infantry officer, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, directs his platoon in an assault on Range 400 aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 10.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Integrated Training Exercise (ITX), formerly known as the Combined Arms Exercise and Enhanced Mohave Viper, is the longest-lasting training activity that occurs aboard the Combat Center. Comprised of an intensive training cycle, it involves a series of progressive live-fire exercises that assess the ability and adaptability of a Marine Air Ground Task Force.

MAGTF-7, a conglomerate of battalions and squadrons formed under 7th Marine Regiment's Headquarters as the command element, concluded ITX 5-16 today, which began July 22.

"Marines are continuing to be challenged to close with and destroy the enemy on a realistic battlefield," said Col. Bill Vivian, commanding officer for 7th Marines and MAGTF-7. "The Marines were tested on their ability to exe-

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1/7 Super Squad awarded for excellence

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
CPL. TIMOTHY VALERO

Marines and sailors of Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment put their close quarter training on hold to recognize the champions of 1st Marine Division's Super Squad Competition aboard the Combat Center, Monday.

The Super Squad Competition is a three day non-stop event that pins squads from 1st Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Regiment, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and 3rd Light See Squad pg. A6



The winning squad from Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment holds the 1st Marine Division Super Squad Mitchell Cup trophy with the company's two guidons aboard the Combat Center, Monday.

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A look inside ITX 5-16

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Marines Got Talent returns to Combat Center

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Marines and sailors from the across the installation performed and showcased their unique talents to the Combat Center community during the Single Marine Program's 7th Annual Marines Got Talent Show at the Sunset Cinema, Aug. 12.

Eleven competitors showcased a variety of talents, from performing rock and country songs to conducting a step performance.



Seaman Anthony Roxas, corpsman, Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, sings and plays his guitar during the Single Marines Program's 7th Annual Marines Got Talent Show at the Sunset Cinema, Aug. 12.

"There are three things that SMP tries to do things for our Marines; give them the opportunity to volunteer, contribute to their quality of life and provide recreation," said Lovetta Scipio, events coordinator, SMP. "This event does all three and it gives the service members on base the opportunity to showcase their talents."

For the Marines performing, the event provided them with an opportunity to express themselves while taking time to perform for their friends and peers.

"I chose to participate because I felt that it would be a good thing to do," said Pfc. Jason Mitchell, student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School. "I performed a song that I wrote because I wanted to do something that was meaningful to me."

Throughout the competition the audience gave all the competitors a warm welcome and a hearty applause upon finishing their performances.

"We have a lot of people doing some great performances," Scipio said. "All of the people gave their time to practice so they can participate and compete in this event. The people who come to watch love seeing the talents of their fellow service members."

Seaman Anthony Roxas, corpsman, Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, won first place in the competition with a compilation of songs from the 90's.

At the end of the competition, all the participants of the show were given one final round of applause and cheers as they walked off the stage.



Lance Cpl. Brian Quinones, warehouse clerk, Combat Logistics Company 13, competes in the Single Marines Program's 7th Annual Marines Got Talent Show at the Sunset Cinema, Aug. 12.

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. Nicole Zurbrugg.



U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Chris Lawler, a crewmaster with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, observes an F/A-18C Hornet with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 approach the refueling hose during Exercise Pitch Black 2016 at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Australia, Aug. 9, 2016. VMGR-152 provides aerial refueling and assault support during expeditionary, joint and combined operations like Pitch Black.



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Four Howtars Heli-Lifted To Position

Hue/PHU BAI, Vietnam, Aug. 3 – The choppers of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM)-161 wrote another page in the history being made by the Marine air/ground team in Vietnam when they carried four howtars into a landing zone recently.

A howtar is a 4.2 inch mortar configured to a pack howitzer chassis to make it mobile. It was

designed to be helicopter-transportable, and HMM-161 became the first squadron to carry it into combat.

Four of the guns were heli-lifted into a landing zone eight miles southwest of here to support a one-day, search-and-destroy, sweep by a battalion of U.S. Marines.

The field selected for the unusual artillery park had been cleared

by Marine rifleman at dawn. Then at 6:30 a.m. the first ‘copters whirred in, the howtars swinging gently beneath their fuselages. Other birds brought in the 53 men needed to set up, register and fire the weapons.

They began firing within minutes of setting down, lobbing shells in another landing zone where the assault force was to

be dropped off a half-hour later. Then, for the rest of the day, the gun crews remained ready to fire missions radioed back by the advancing Marines.

When the sweep ended, another wave of UH34D helicopters dropped in. They hooked to external cables, the crews loaded aboard and the history page flew back to Hue/Phu Bai.

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Joshua

Madison, Ala. Lance corporal, pay clerk, Installation Personnel Administration Center

BAILEY

Bailey is a volunteer for the Single Marine Proogram and holds a position on the organiza-tion’s executive council.



>I stared volunteering to help the community and give back to the people around me. Volunteering helps me make the best out of the times I’m in.

>I have volunteered for several events around here such as the a healthy eating program. I do as much as I can for the Single Marine Program. We just had an event that I helped with. Last year, I helped with the Stage Coach and Coachella events, which helped pay for my unit’s ball. Our efforts helped Marines get to the ball, bring their dates and all around enjoy the event.

>I spend a lot of my time volunteering with the Single Marine Program but I do like to spend time alone to help unwind from the work day.

>I enjoy playing video games that are quick-paced and full of action. I use video games to help calm down after difficult days.

>Right now, I’m reading the book, “Flags of our Fathers.” [by James Bradley and Ron Powers]. Books like those one are great for me because I feel like I can learn something to help better myself.

>Movies like “Saving Private Ryan” and other movies that depict that time period are some of my favorites. I enjoy being able to see how the events of the past have helped shape the present.

>I’ve enjoyed war films before I joined the Marine Corps. They kind of helped influence my decision to join the military but I joined the Marines for the challenge, the pride of belonging to something bigger and the acceptance for who I am and how I can better myself and those around me.

>I am really close with my mother. She has always pushed me to go further and test myself. She’s has been my biggest fan and even in my weakest moments she helped me up and kept me going.

>I never really had a father figure until my step-father came around. He filled that gap and he also pushed me forward. He helped support and challenge me to get started on a career as soon as I could. In the long run, it paid off.

>Throughout middle school and high

school, I was bullied and treated as an outcast. Fortunately, I found a place in the Marines Corps, where I’m accepted for me.

>Before I joined the Marines Corps, I would say that I was a pretty immature person. Since joining, my maturity has grown. I will never forget with where I came from in life. Where I came from is my foundation. If I ever fall on hard times, I know how to pick myself up. It is something that I have done from the get-go and continue to do throughout my life.

>I plan to stay in the Marine Corps for the long haul and make a career out of it. I want to become a drill instructor so that I can help make the next generation of Marines.

>As Marines, we are still humans. We all have emotions. Even though we put on these uniforms we all have different backgrounds and what unifies us is the title. It’s important to remember that while we all have different backgrounds, we are all in it together.

INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY CPL. THOMAS MUDD

Back to school tips

BY THE PROVOST MARSHAL’S OFFICE

With the new school year staring up there will be many children walking to school. Keeping that in mind, if your children walk to school, here are a few tips to keep them safe while walking to and from school.

- ✓ If at all possible, never walk alone.
- ✓ If you have no choice but to walk alone be sure to, walk on well-lighted, well-traveled walkways and plan your route ahead of time. Avoid places where attackers might hide (spaces between parked cars, overgrown shrubs, and dark

passageways) and areas where you might get cornered. Remember that it is best to walk facing traffic so vehicles do not have the ability pull up behind you without you taking notice.

✓ If anyone follows you, be sure to look confident and let him or her know you are aware of their presence. If they continue to follow you, cross the street and/or change directions when you have a chance to do so safely. If this doesn’t work, walk toward other people or occupied buildings

and stay away from places where you might get cornered.

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Staff Sgt. Joel G. Steinmetz, tilt rotor crew chief, Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Squadron 165, sits at the end of the ramp on a Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey while conducting resupply operations in the vicinity of the Combat Center, Aug. 12, as part of Integrated Training Exercise 5-16.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

A Marine with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, provides cover fire as Marines destroy an objective at Range 400 aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 10, during Integrated Training Exercise 5-16.



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Marines with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, move to provide cover fire on an objective at Range 400 aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 10, during Integrated Training Exercise 5-16.

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Staff Sgt. Joel G. Steinmetz, tilt-rotor crew chief, Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Squadron 165, checks his safety hook while riding in a Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey while flying over Southern California, Aug. 12, during Integrated Training Exercise 5-16.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. RYAN KIERKEGAARD

Marines with Kilo Battery, 3rd Battalion 11th Marine Regiment, fire the M777 Howitzer in support of Integrated Training Exercise at the Combat Center, Aug. 8.



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Marines with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, fire 84-mm unguided, portable, single-shot recoilless smoothbore weapons (AT4) at Range 400 aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 10, during Integrated Training Exercise 5-16.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

A Marine with 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, communicates with a role-player acting as a senior member of the local populace through a translator at Range 220, a Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain facility, aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 11, as part of Integrated Training Exercise 5-16.



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Pfc. Javier Barreracastrejon, rifleman, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, provides security through a window at Range 220, a Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain facility, aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 11, during Integrated Training Exercise 5-16.

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7th Marines celebrate 99 years

PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. TIMOTHY VALERO



Clockwise from top left:
Marines with 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, hold the regiment's campaign ribbons as they stand in formation for a ceremony for the regiment's 99th anniversary aboard the Combat Center, Sunday. The 7th Marine Regiment has a rich history spanning from the Banana Wars and Guadalcanal to today's Operation Inherit Resolve.

Marines with 7th Marine Regiment holds a ceremony for the regiment's 99th anniversary aboard the Combat Center, Sunday.

Cpl. Samuel Aceret, tactical switch operator, Headquarters Company, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, attaches a campaign ribbon to the regiment's colors during a ceremony for the regiment's 99th anniversary aboard the Combat Center, Sunday.

Col. William Vivian, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, addresses the Marines of 7th Marine Regiment during the unit's 99th anniversary ceremony aboard the Combat Center, Sunday.



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'Viper' Marine aims high



A Bell AH-1Z helicopter based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 sits idle with a canopy cover on the flight deck at the Strategic Expeditionary Landing Field aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 5. The covers were constructed by Staff Sgt. Daniel Plyler, flight equipment technician, HMLA-169, to reduce the effects of heat on the aircraft and the Marines who operate it.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. MEDINA AYALA-LO

Until recently, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., had been working through an ongoing dilemma. Instead of the squadron becoming derailed, one Marine used ingenuity to keep the "Vipers" moving forward.

HMLA-169 is currently conducting Integrated Training Exercise 5-16 aboard the Combat Center to prepare for their role in their upcoming deployment. When the squadron's aircraft are not in use they sit idle on the metal plates of the Strategic Expeditionary Landing Field, leaving them exposed to the various elements. In a different climate, that wouldn't be an issue. But in a setting as harsh as the southern Mojave Desert, much like the climates Marine aircraft encounter while forward deployed, it is.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Plyler, flight equipment technician, HMLA-169, recognized the issue at hand with the Bell AH-1Z helicopter and, in true Marine fashion, manufactured a solution. This solution will not only benefit the squadron here, but will continue to benefit Marines facing similar climates at home and abroad.

"It's called the Zulu canopy cover. It covers the outside of the cockpit, which protects the aircraft from outside elements like wind and sun," Plyler said. "The biggest concern is the heat."

Prior to Plyler's invention, there was nothing in existence to protect the Bell AH-1Z from extreme desert conditions. As temperatures rose, the lack of protection became a formidable challenge to the operations of the squadron. So, Plyler worked from scratch. He gathered materials for the cover and conducted research to find out which materials were thermal-based. From inception to completion, it took approximately six months before he created a usable cover.

"Without a cover, the heat is constricted and the cockpit has the same effect as a magnifying glass in direct sunlight," Plyler said. "The pilots



Staff Sgt. Daniel Plyler, flight equipment technician, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., stands in front of a Bell AH-1Z helicopter on the flight deck at the Strategic Expeditionary Landing Field aboard Combat Center, Aug. 5.



A Bell AH-1Z helicopter based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 sits idle with a canopy cover on the flight deck at the Strategic Expeditionary Landing Field aboard the Combat Center, Aug. 5.

would do quick pre-flight checks, but it would get so hot that their hands would start burning through their gloves, or the multi-function displays would overheat."

With the introduction of these covers, temperatures in the cockpit have decreased more than 65 percent and both the pilots and aircraft maintainers are able to conduct their duties without a hitch.

"I know that at the end of the day, everything we do has an impact on the safety and well-being of the Marines who are flying. It's a good feeling to know that the gear we provide keeps them safe and is actually effective."

—Staff Sgt. Daniel Plyler,
flight equipment technician, HMLA-169

"Conducting proper pre-flight operations are very critical for a pilot. They should be done the same way every time so that there are no missteps," said 1st Lt. Matthew Ganyard, AH-1Z co-pilot, HMLA-169. "The covers are in no way inhibitive to our pre-flights or our operations but instead a complete asset."

Currently, the covers are only being used by HMLA-169, but other squadrons have expressed interest in testing them to see how well they perform. Although Plyler is proud of what he built, he is more proud of being able to further guarantee the well-being of the Marines in his squadron.

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Combat Center Events

The Intermural Volleyball Tournament is now open for registration. Registration ends Aug. 23. The season will go from Sept. 7 through Nov. 16. There will be a mandatory coaches' meeting on Aug. 23. For more information, call 760-830-4092.

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6:00 p.m. – The Secret Life of Pets (3-D), PG
8:00 p.m. – Ghostbusters (2016), PG-13
10:30 p.m. – The Infiltrator, R

Saturday, Aug. 20
10:00 a.m. – The Angry Birds Movie (NDVD-Free Admission), PG
12:00 p.m. – The Secret Life of Pets, PG
2:00 p.m. – The BFG, PG
4:30 p.m. – Ghostbusters (2016) (3-D), PG-13
6:50 p.m. – The Legend of Tarzan, PG-13
9:20 p.m. – Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates, R
11:30 p.m. – The Infiltrator, R

Sunday, Aug. 21
12:00 p.m. – The Legend of Tarzan, PG-13
2:30 p.m. – Ice Age: Collision Course (3-D), PG
5:00 p.m. – Lights Out, PG-13
7:00 p.m. – Star Trek Beyond (3-D), PG-13

Monday, Aug. 22
6:30 p.m. – The Infiltrator, R

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Thursday, Aug. 25
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7:30 p.m. – The Legend of Tarzan, PG-13

Friday, Aug. 26
5:00 p.m. – The Secret Life of Pets (3-D), PG
7:00 p.m. – Ghostbusters (2016), PG-13
9:30 p.m. – Lights Out, PG-13
11:30 p.m. – Jason Bourne, PG-13



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Who You Gonna Call?

New Gender-Flipping ‘Ghostbusters’ Confronts Critics—Then Gets Back to Funny Business

NEIL POND

‘Ghostbusters’ Starring Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy, Kate McKinnon & Leslie Jones Directed by Paul Feig Rated PG-13

If there’s something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call? The Ghostbusters, of course! But which ones? The latest, if you haven’t heard, are an all-female crew headed by Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy, with Saturday Night Live cast mates Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones. Months before the new Ghostbusters movie was finished, some people didn’t like the idea of anybody futzing with the iconic 1984 original, starring Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Rick Moranis—and especially, apparently, changing the gender roles. The first trailer for the film ignited a firestorm of online trolling and ugly sexist criticism, mostly about bringing women into an all-boy’s club. The new movie confronts its critics head-on, in a scene where the new Ghostbusters see the doubtful—and hateful—comments underneath online clips of the first spooks they’ve ever

captured on video. “You’re shouldn’t even be reading this,” Abby (McCartney) tells her colleague Erin (Wiig). “You’re not supposed to listen to what crazy people write in the middle of the night.” Then it’s back to funny business—and girls busting ghosts. Mixing fresh new gags with respectful retro riffs, director and co-writer Paul Feig lets his funny bone point the way, as he demonstrated in Bridesmaids, The Heat and Spy. And he’s working with a cast of comedic dynamos. Wiig’s delightfully dry, droll wit is a perfect complement to McCartney’s bigger, brasher, bawdy physical bravura. They haven’t teamed up for a project since Bridesmaids, and it’s great to see them collaborating again. Leslie Jones gets plenty of laughs as Patty, a subway worker with a knack for Big Apple history who becomes the fourth Ghostbuster. Chris “Thor” Hemsworth seems to be having a ball as the gals’ office “himbo” receptionist, perhaps relishing the opportunity to parody his own macho movie image and the film’s flip of gender roles in general. But it’s Kate McKinnon who practically steals the show. Her wacky, tech-crazy, live-wire lab-nut weapons wonk feels some-

what of a nod to Dan Aykroyd’s character in the original, but she takes it to a totally new place in a unique role that may break her out beyond her hilarious SNL skits. The plot: Yes, there is one, but it’s hardly worth mentioning. There are fleeting cameos by former Ghostbusters stars and other folks too, including Ozzy Osborne, who shows up at a heavy metal concert. So does a big, bad winged ghost demon. The audience loves it—rock and roll! It all rises to a screaming crescendo, wobbles and then kind of falls apart, when all the ghosts come out to wreck havoc on the streets and there’s a big, swirling special-effects vortex, a bunch of goop and goo, a parade of giant ghost balloons and appearances by Ghostbusters Hall-of-Fame specters. Definitely stay for the credits, though, and beyond, because this is one movie that’s not over until it’s over—completely over. And when it is, as the final version of the familiar theme music (this time by Fall Out Boy and Missy Elliot) plays out and makes your toes tap, the message is clear: For good, ghostly summertime fun with a strong dose of freewheeling 2016 girl power, who you gonna call? You know who!

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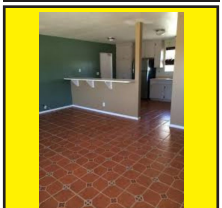
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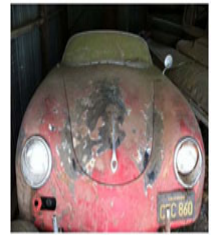
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A U.S. Navy E-2C Hawkeye assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 115, with Carrier Air Wing 5, taxis into hot refueling pits at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Wednesday.

PHOTO BY SGT. MATTHEW CALLAHAN

Marines and sailors with Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, participated in a Teufel Hunden, or Devil Dog, challenge Aug. 12, on Camp Lejeune N. C.

PHOTO BY CPL. KYLE TALBOT

Cpl. Colleen Moran, a U.S. Marine with the Black Sea Rotational Force 16.2 celebrates Romania's Navy Day with community members in Constana, Romania, Monday. Marines from BSRF 16.2 were invited to the ceremony as partners and allies to maintain and strengthen our relationships so we may collectively address common security challenges in the region.

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