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'Magnificent Seventh' renovates barracks for deployed Marines

Story and photos by Cpl. Natalia Cuevas

Maj. Gen. William F. Mullen III, commanding general, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, and Col. William H. Vivian, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment, inspected renovations made in barracks 1404 and 1403 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 5, 2017. The renovations were done by Marines in the Remain Behind Element Company of 7th Marines and Public Works Division personnel with the purpose of providing improved living quarters for the deployed Marines of the regiment. "We want the Marines to come back to clean and fixed rooms," said 1st Lt. Ryan Petty, officer in charge, RBE company, 7th Marines. . "The work done here has readied the barracks into something the Marines can be proud of." By doing the renovations themselves and using scrap wood the Marines and





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PMO offers lost, found service

It happens from time to time; a Marine returns from unit physical training only to realize he left his wallet or ID at the track. What should he do when he returns to find his items missing?

Fortunately, the Provost Marshal's Office offers a lost and found for Combat Center personnel and residents who have lost an important item or are trying to return valuable property to its owner.

"It's important for personnel to know that the lost and found is here and they can drop off missing valuables with the desk sergeant," said Cory Ottum, security specialist, PMO. "The desk sergeant is present 24/7 for those turning in lost items. For those looking to reclaim a lost object, our hours are between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m."

According to Ottum, the majority of item's turned in are credit cards, IDs, driver's licenses, wallets and occasionally pieces of jewelry. Additionally, PMO receives objects collected by Marine Corps Community Services on a monthly basis.

"When you see something missing and don't now what to do with it: bring it in." said Ottum. "Things we don't take include disposable items such as used clothing and anything that has no value to the owner or is easily replaceable. Weapons and knives are turned into the Criminal Investigation Division for screening and are then disposed of. The process of claiming an item simply requires the person to describe in detail any distinguishing marking or features. Showing a picture or marking the item with name and contact information prior can accelerate the process further. For more information on PMO's lost and found services, contact the Physical Security Office at 830-5457.

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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 Sgt. Allison Lotz.



A Marine, CH-53 crew chief, assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One conducts an external lift exercise during Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-18 at Auxiliary Airfield 2, Yuma, Ariz., Sept. 27. WTI is a seven-week training event hosted by MAWTS-1 cadre which emphasizes operational integration of the six functions of Marine Corps Aviation in support of a Marine Air Ground Task Force. MAWTS-1 provides standardized advanced tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications to support Marine Aviation Training and Readiness and assists in developing and employing aviation weapons and tactics.



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Don't call him the New Breed

BY CPL. S. R. TINER

The U.S. Marine, fighting in this dirty little war in Vietnam, has been called the "New Breed." He is not.

The rifle he carries is different than the one he carried in the last war. Some wear jungle utilities and boots which are recent innovations, and the flag he fights under has added a couple stars since Korea.

In other respects the Leatherneck of 1965 is not unlike those who bought their glory with blood at Belleau

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Wood, Tarawa and the Chosin Reservoir.

At night, he sleeps in the same damp fox-hole, hand-crafted by the same entrenching tool that his forbearers used. His sleep is interrupted by the whine of mosquitos that must have been a familiar sound to men like Gen. "Chesty" Puller and Sgt. John Basilone.

In the morning, he can look forward to the ham and lima beans and coffee he will find in his box rations.

When he goes to search for, close with and destroy the enemy, more times than not he will travel on his feet and curse the many miles he covers with the same words used at Chapultepec.

In battle he is as fierce as ever, giving no quarter and expecting none. When he is wounded, the one word 'corpsman" still summons aid.

When he prays, he prays to the same God that the men on Wake Island must have knelt before.

For all his fierceness, he is soft on kids and dogs like the many legions before him.

The National League race is a good topic of argument with him, and the great debate on which car is best is as popular as it was at Inchon.

He has seen friends die by his side and the transition from boy to man was made in the process.

On his way back to the States, he will look over the rail of the same type ship that brought Marines back from

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Guadalcanal and smell that same salty Pacific mist.

When he is an old man, he will talk about the "Old Corps" and the way it was in Vietnam in 1965, and when someone comes along who wants to take away a people's freedom, he will see his son put on Marine Corps green with the eagle, globe and anchor and go off to fight that war.

Some will probably tell him that his son is a part of the "New Breed," but he won't be.

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- Get It On Shoppe, San Diego
- Main Street Motel, 3494 Main Street, San Diego
- Trolley Stations, Palomar Street & San Ysidro, San Diego
- Vulcan Baths, 805 W. Cedar Street, San
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- Dream Crystal, 1536 Highland Avenue, National City
- Sports Auto Sales, 1111 National City Boulevard, National City

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

ames East Dublin, Ga. Corporal, forward observer, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment WILSON

East Dublin, Georgia. I lived there my whole life, until I joined the Marine Corps.

>I had a lot of friends growing up. We got into a little trouble every now and then, but other than that I wrestled for 14 years and did two years of jiu-jitsu.

>I was adopted as a child. My adopted mother is 74 years old, and my adopted father passed away when I was in the 7th grade. Between my real parents and my adopted parents, I have six sisters and two brothers.

>My grandfather and his brother both served in the armed forces during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. My grandfather was in the Army, and his brother was in the Navy.

>I originally planned on wrestling throughout college, but that didn't end up working out. All of the on-campus housing filled up, so in order to go to school I would have had to work full time to pay for my apartment while also doing schoolwork and wrestling.

>Some of my friends joined the Marine Corps after high school. One day, one of those friends called me and told me to go talk to a recruiter and I figured, "why not?"

>I was born and raised in half years now. The Corps has given me a sense of direction in my life. Before I joined, I had this 'don't care' attitude and never had a job. Now that I'm in, I have a focus to better myself. The Marine Corps has opened my eyes to what the world really is.

>When I get out of the Marine Corps, I plan on going back home to live with my mom and help her take care of my little sister. While I'm doing that, I'm going to go to school to earn a nursing degree.

>If I hadn't joined, I may have tried to go to college but I don't know if that would have worked out. I could have ended up living at home, not doing much with my life.

>My advice for new Marines is to just do what you're told. It may be rough at times, but just stick with it and eventually things will ease up. If you do that, your first enlistment will fly by.

>One of my role models is my wrestling coach from when I was growing up. He was always there for me and always had his life together. He's a great man. Another role model is Goldberg from World Wrestling Entertainment.

>If I could go back to when I stepped on those yellow footprints I'd tell myself to just do whatever is necessary, when->I've been in the Marine ever it's necessary, to succeed. **Corps** for over three and a That's how I've gotten this far. WILSON GREW UP PRACTICING MULTIPLE MARTIAL ARTS. He wrestled for 14 years and did jiu-jitsu for TWO YEARS, AND HIS BIGGEST ROLE MODEL IN LIFE IS HIS WRESTLING COACH FROM HIS CHILDHOOD.



Interviewed and photographed by Lance Cpl. Isaac Cantrell

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Renovates From A1

PWD personnel saved over \$20,000 in materials and man power.

As barracks manager, Sgt. Rajyon Imes, barracks manager, 7th Marines, led most of the renovations and

was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal by Col. William H. Vivian, commanding generalofficer, 7th Marine Regiments, for his contributions. "We just ensured that

everything is in order and that the Marines' needs for the barracks are met," Imes said. "The Marines deserve the best possible environment for them to relax and live in.'



1st Lt Ryan Petty, officer in charge of the Remain Behind Unit, 7th Marine Regiment, explains the renovations made at barracks 1404 aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 5. Marines with 7th Marines and Public Works Division personnel renovated rooms and lounges for the purpose of providing improved living quarters for the deployed Marines of the regiment.



Sgt. Rajyon Imes, barracks manager, 7th Marine Regiment, was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal by Col. William H. Vivian, commanding officer, 7th Marine Regiment, Oct. 5, for his contribution to the renovations at barracks 1404 aboard the Combat Center. Marines with 7th Marines and Public Works Division personnel renovated rooms and lounges for the purpose of providing improved living quarters for the deployed Marines of the regiment.





PWD honors employees for dedicated service to Combat Center

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. ISAAC CANTRELL

The Combat Center's Public Works Division recognized five of their employees during an award ceremony at the PWD Compound aboard the Combat Center, October 10, 2017.

Glenn Grubbs and Kelley Vendecoevering, two workers with PWD, were awarded time in service awards for completing 10 years of service with PWD. Michael Ray, who is retiring from his PWD career, was awarded a certificate of commendation. Vickie Hatch was awarded a support excellence award and Marjorie Trandem received a meritorious civilian service award for their outstanding contributions to the Combat Center and PWD.

"It's nice to be recognized individually and know that the efforts we make on a daily basis are appreciated but what we do here is a team effort," Trandem said. "I couldn't do what I do without the support of my coworkers."



Lt. Cmdr. Juan Chavira, public works officer, Public Works Division, presents time-in-service awards to Glenn Grubbs and Kelley Vendecoevering, workers with PWD, at the PWD Compound aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 10. Grubbs and Vendecoevering received the awards for dedicating 10 years of service to PWD.





Michael Ray, a worker with Public Works Division, shows off a gift from his coworkers during an award ceremony at the Public Works Division Compound aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 10. Ray received the gift from his coworkers to show their appreciation for his hard work and dedication to his career.



Col. Jay Wylie, assistant chief of staff, Installation Support Directorate, presents Vickie Hatch, a worker with Public Works Division, a support excellence award during an award ceremony at the Public Works Division Compound aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 10. Hatch received the award for her hard work and dedication to PWD and the Combat Center.

Col. Jay Wylie, assistant chief of staff, Installation Support Directorate, presents Michael Ray, a worker with the Public Works Division aboard the Combat Center, with a certificate of commendation at the PWD Compound, Oct. 10. Ray, who is retiring from his career with PWD, received the award as a token of appreciation for the years he has dedicated to his career.



October is **Bike Month**

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division are sponsoring October Bike Month 2017. This will be the second time this event has taken place. Whether you bike to work or school to save money or time, preserve your health, offset your carbon emission footprint or simply to explore your community, October Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons we ride.

NREA encourages all cyclists to sign up, whether it be as individuals or as part of a team of up to 10 riders, and to log your miles throughout the month. Individuals and teams accumulating the highest number of miles will be recognized weekly. The winning team at the end of the month will get to hold the rotating Bike Challenge trophy in their work center.

To sign up and log your rides, visit www.strava.com. On Strava explore clubs, search Combat Center, "find a worksite" and join a worksite. If your worksite hasn't been established, contact Eddie Valls at 760-830-8480. Once you've joined, log your rides on Strava and your weekly and monthly miles will be tracked.

This program is open to everyone, including active duty, civilians, dependents and children. We encourage you to sign up and log your miles to and from the office and for recreational rides.

For any questions, contact Eddie Valls, email at joe.valls@usmc.mil, or conor tact Rick Buckles at 760-830-8239, or email at richard.buckles@usmc.mil.



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Marines conduct Assault Support Tactics Exercise during WTI 1-18

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A Marine assigned to Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, provides security during an assault support training exercise during Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-18 in Yuma, Ariz., on Sept. 28. WTI is a seven-week training event hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One cadre which emphasizes operational integration of the six functions of Marine Corps Aviation in support of a Marine Air Ground Task Force. MAWTS-1 provides standardized advanced tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications to Support Marine Aviation Training and Readiness and assist in developing and employing aviation weapons and tactics.



A Marine assigned to Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, uses a radio to during an assault support training exercise during Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-18 in Yuma, Ariz., on Sept. 28.





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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Sgt. Michael Vura and Cpl. Austin Cox, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Training Squadron (HMLAT) 303 helicopter mechanics, assisted in victim evacuation and casualty care following the mass casualty attack in Las Vegas, Nevada, Oct. 1. These Marines went above and beyond the call of duty and demonstrated characteristics that are instilled in every Marine during training and life in the Marine Corps.

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Marines react, save liv

STORY BY SGT. DAVID BICKEL

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"Myself and Sgt. Vura headed to the concession area of the festival, which is toward the back of the concert area," said Cox. "We heard the initial shots and didn't know if it was the speakers making noise or actual gunfire...then the shots went off again, and we knew there was a threat."

After identifying which side of the stage was targeted, both Marines ran toward the gunfire and started assisting in the evacuation of the crowd.

"People were trying to get out of the area but were trapped in by crowd control barricades," said Vura. "We positioned ourselves in between the stage and the barricades, and started assisting people in climbing the barricade and running for cover."

In the process of assisting victims trying to find cover, the Marines came across several individuals who had sustained gunshot wounds. Vura and Cox proceeded to evacuate the injured individuals while applying pressure and makeshift tourniquets when needed.

"We came across a man that was hit in the chest," stated Vura. "We moved some stuff out from under the stage and told his significant other to maintain pressure on the wound until rescue personnel could assist."

"As we turned to walk away, we found a girl that had a gunshot wound to her neck," said Cox. "We immediately pulled her over the barricade and started applying pressure to her neck. There was more blood coming from another wound, and we found that she had been hit in the back as well."

At this point, Vura and Cox separated. Cox stayed with the wounded woman and assisted in getting her to the hospital.

"I remember the last thing she did when we got

to the hospital was give me a thumbs up," recalled Cox. "I knew she was going to fight and that I could leave her in the hands of the doctors."

Vura continued helping victims escape and treated more wounded until the rescue teams arrived on scene.

"I started making my way around the barricades, and myself and another individual made some makeshift stretchers to carry the wounded to safety," said Vura. "During that process, we carried around five to six wounded individuals, as well as several deceased bodies, out. At that point, SWAT arrived and secured the area...I just walked to the strip, sat down and tried to process everything that just happened."

Many would say, these Marines went above and beyond the call of duty and demonstrated characteristics that are instilled in every Marine during training and life in the Marine Corps. However, they have no desire to be recognized for their actions.

"I went to this country concert to get away from all of my life's problems, and it became the realest moment of my life," stated Vura. "Remember the basics and know that something like this could happen at any moment."

With Sgt. Vura there, I had more courage than I would have had on my own," said Cox. "We were there when the people affected needed us ... We are Marines 24/7."

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- Sgt. Michael Vura



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