



Marines with Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, conduct dry fire drills in preparation for their direct fire shoot during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, June 13. ITX 4-18 is a live-fire and maneuver combined arms exercise designed to train battalion and squadron-sized units in tactics, techniques, and procedures required to provide a sustainable and ready operational reserve for employment across the full spectrum of crisis and global employment.

Mike Battery, 3/14, conducts high desert direct fire shoot at ITX 4-18

STORY AND PHOTOS
 BY CPL. ALEXIS ROCHA

The Reserve Marines of Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, based in Chattanooga, Tennessee, put their skills to the test with an uncommon mission when they took part in a direct fire shoot during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18, June 13.

With a maximum range of more than 20 miles, the M777 Howitzer is generally employed by Marine Corps artillery units to deliver effective indirect fire support, add depth to combat by providing long range support, and deliver counter fires to ensure freedom of action for ground forces.

Direct fire refers to the launching of a projectile directly at a target within the line-of-sight of the firer. It is a special technique that demands a high standard of training and requires an artillery section to operate as an independent unit. In addition, direct fire engages targets at distances less

See **Mike Battery** A6



Motor transportation operators with Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, unload ammunition for a direct fire shoot with the M777 Lightweight 155mm howitzer during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, June 13.



Marines with Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, conduct a direct fire shoot during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, June 13.



Lt. Col. Barian Woodward, off-going commanding officer, Communication Training Battalion, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, passes the battalion colors to Lt. Col. Russell Savatt, on-coming commanding officer, CTB, MCCES, during a change-of-command ceremony aboard the Combat Center, June 13.

CTB conducts change of command ceremony

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
 LANCE CPL. PRESTON MORRIS

The Communication Training Battalion, which is responsible for the training of groundside communication maintenance and operations for entry-level Marines and advanced schooling at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, conducted a change of command at the Thunderdome aboard the Combat Center on June 13.

Lt. Col. Barian Woodward relinquished command to Lt. Col. Russell Savatt in a ceremony that symbolized the

See **CTB** A6



Lt. Col. Barian Woodward, off-going commanding officer, Communication Training Battalion, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, gives his remarks at a change-of-command ceremony aboard the Combat Center, June 13.



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Focus on Marines participating in ITX 4-18

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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. Robert Knapp.



Marines with the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard march the National Ensign and the U.S. Marine Corps Battle Colors across the parade deck during the Sunset Parade at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C., June 12. This year is the first year the Barracks Marines are hosting Tuesday Sunset Parades at the Lincoln Memorial. The guest of honor for the parade was Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and the hosting official was Robert D. Hogue, counsel for the commandant of the Marine Corps.



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Summer Session Underway Here for Reservists

Five Marine Reserve units, representing 547 men, arrived at MCB, Twentynine Palms, over the weekend for their annual two week summer training session. This is only a small percentage of the 6,500 men that will be training here this summer.

The 5th 155 Howitzer Battery, from Spokane, Washington is commanded by Capt. Richard G. Fronen. The unit's training schedule calls for

regular firing missions, safety and survival in the desert and the art of living and working under hot, dry conditions. Arriving here from Eugene, Oregon was Company B, 5th Engineer Battalion, under the command of Maj. H. E. Summers. The 122-man reserve unit will be carrying a full work schedule while stationed here. They will be indoctrinated in such things as desert survival, mines, NBC, drill, demolitions and a number

of night problems.

Returning for another two week summer training session was the Treasure Island, San Francisco based Headquarters Battery, 14th Marines. The 212 men, under the command of Maj. Robert A. Bonadio, spent two weeks in training here last year.

The first week of the unit's training will primarily deal in the operation of Marine Corps weapons, while the second

week of training will concentrate on the unit's main job, firing of the "big guns."

Maj. Malcolm S. Underwood is commanding the 97 men of the 1st 105 Howitzer Battery and Maj. Frederick A. Smith is in charge of the 8th 105 Howitzer Battery. Both units are based at Richmond, Virginia.

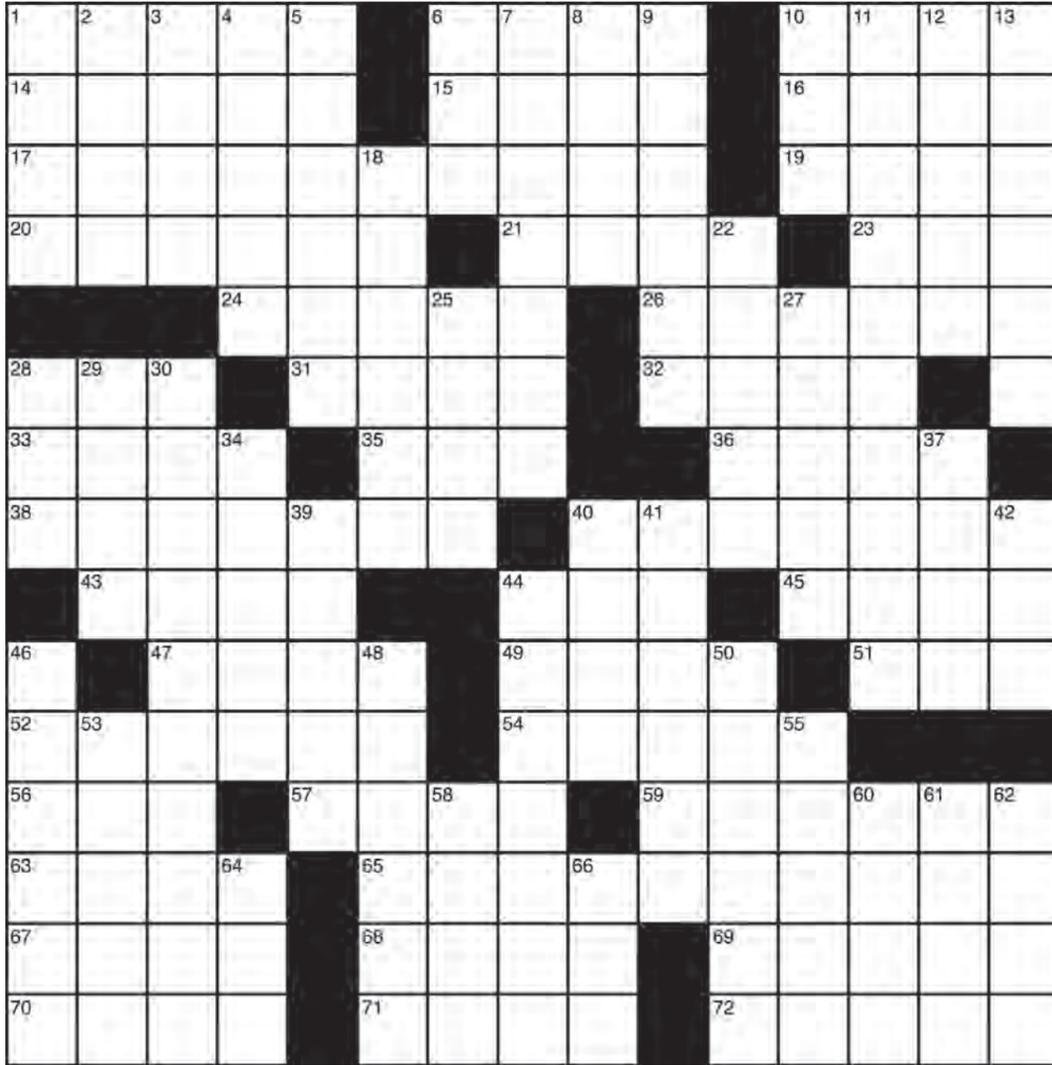
The first week's training will find the two batteries in the field putting to use their knowledge of field reconnaissance.

The second week will be utilized for artillery fire in the field.

The five reserve units will wrap up training on July 2 to enable the men to celebrate the July 4th holiday at home.

The Marine Corps Reserve celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. It was formed by an act of Congress during World War I, in 1916. The Reserve, now 45,000 strong, was called upon in both World Wars and the Korean Conflict.

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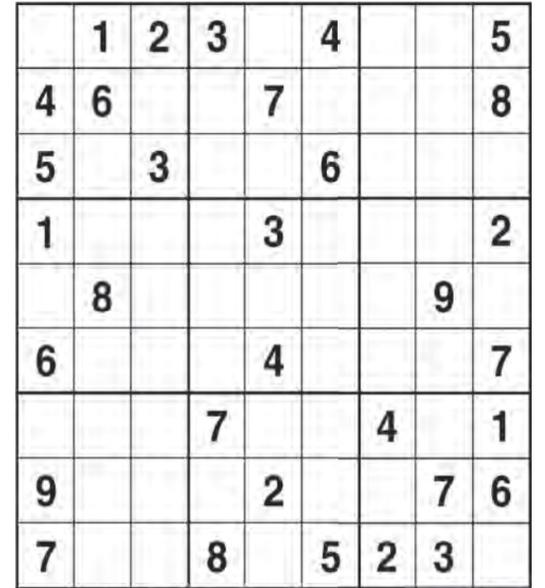
- Across**
- Careful control in following high standards.
 - Make offers to pay.
 - Acronym for Alaska State Employees Association.
 - Plant with leaves resembling spinach.
 - Sweet, pulpy tropical fruit with thick scaly rind and shiny black seeds.
 - Vast difference between points of view.
 - Pleasant to listen to.
 - Slender double-reed instrument.
 - Total assets of a person at the time of death.
 - Standard quantity of paper.
 - Resort providing therapeutic baths.
 - Motherless calf in a range herd of cattle.
 - Good shape.
 - Plural of "os."
 - Not widely distributed.
 - Character from 20 Million Miles to Earth.
 - Large in amount.
 - Ancient Egyptian city.
 - Islamic term denoting a person with special qualities relevant to the religion.
 - Person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection from it.
 - Detailed account of something.
 - Mara __, singer.
 - Sliding piece in a mechanical linkage used to transform rotary motion into linear motion.
 - New Zealand eel.

- Dependent on for support.
- Declare positively.
- Representation of a region of the earth.
- Spring forward on the hind legs.
- Distributed as if by measure.
- Traditional unit of weight in German-speaking countries.
- Article of clothing for the leg.
- Line on a map passing through all places with the same barometric pressure.
- Warm region wading birds.
- Branch of zoology dealing with mollusks.
- Traditional unit of land area in northern England.
- Highly excited.
- Display of skill in bronco busting and roping.
- Laboratory gas burner.
- Legal document specifying that a borrower must repay a loan at a certain rate within a specified time.
- Appointment to meet.

- Down**
- Set of behavioral expectations appropriate to an individual's social position.
 - Thin, contractile disc with a central opening in front of the lens in vertebrate eyes.
 - Make aghast.
 - Sequence of eight.
 - Orator.
 - Acronym for British Airports Authority.
 - Generate within.
 - Distribute to the poor.
 - Marked by deception.

- Back in the past.
- Material on which a plant grows.
- Run away in order to get married.
- Afraid.
- Show something to be the opposite of what was thought.
- Mira Sorvino film.
- Restrict.
- Acronym for over the top.
- Very rearmost section of a ski.
- Charge.
- Make lively.
- Supernatural force believed to dwell in a sacred object.
- Zero.
- Give an extremely enthusiastic review.
- Medicine that provokes vomiting.
- Movement once around a course.
- Richard Harris film.
- Long, narrow, thin strip of wood.
- Clerk in the navy.
- Act of turning for assistance.
- Machine built to resemble a human in behavior and sometimes appearance.
- One of the four signs of inflammation.
- Powdery starch from certain sago palms.
- External structure of a vehicle.
- Long period of time.
- Indian peasant.
- Popular music originating in 1960s Jamaica.
- Whole duration of a being.

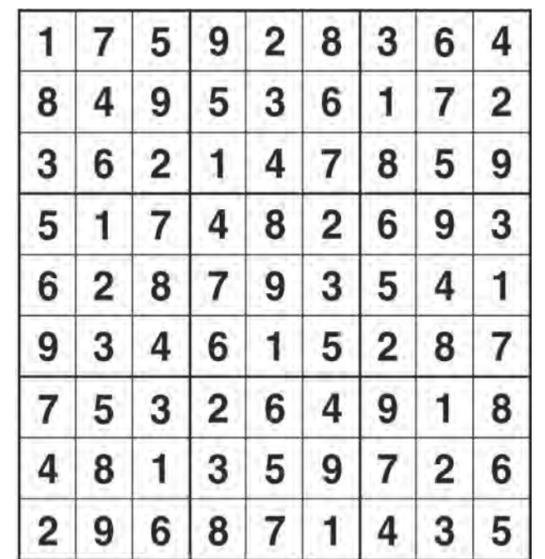
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Lost & Found Guidelines

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

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

It is important for personnel to know that the Lost and Found is here and they can drop off missing valuables with the Desk Sergeant. Those same items can be retrieved from the Physical Security department. For those turning in items, the Desk Sergeant is present 24/7 in bldg. 1407. For those looking to reclaim a lost object, Physical Security

is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The majority of items turned into our office are credit/debit cards, driver licenses, wallets, meal cards and even room keys. Occasionally, items such as jewelry and electronics are turned into our office, but may be damaged or even inoperable. Additionally, Marine Corps Community Services and the Commissary turns over Lost and Found items on a monthly basis.

If you see something missing and don't know what to do with it, please turn it into the Desk Sergeant. Items that will not be accepted are the following: clothing, disposable objects, and anything considered to be of no value. Weapons and knives are turned into the Criminal Investigation Division for screening and then are disposed of properly.

The process for claiming an item(s) simply requires the owner to describe in detail any distinguishing markings or features. Showing a picture ID or marking the item with a name and contact information can accelerate the process for reclaiming property.

For more information on the PMO's Lost and Found program and services, contact the Physical Security Office at 760-830-4561 or 760-830-5457.

*Note: Any Common Access Cards (CAC) that are turned in are immediately submitted to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) office in bldg. 1551. Any items that are not reclaimed within 45 days of receipt will be disposed of properly, so be sure to contact us as soon as possible.



Provost Marshal's Office encourages clean living

The Provost Marshal's Office encourages all readers to keep themselves away from the substance abuse trends of the world, which includes alcohol and narcotics, to name a few.

This month's focus is regarding the use of marijuana. As we know, the state of California approved the use and cultivation of marijuana for any persons 21 and older. However, this still does not supersede federal law, which is mandated aboard the installation and for all active duty service members, civilians and federal contractors.

Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I controlled substance. For any service member the use, possession and distribution of marijuana is in direct violation of Article 112A, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). For civil-

ians, they can be prosecuted under Title 21, Section 811, United States Code (USC). Additionally, any type of marijuana violation could land you debarment from the installation, result in negative actions with your unit/ employer and leave you with no home and out on the streets.

Understanding the effects of marijuana should be in the forefront of your mind. The use of marijuana will deter your mind from properly functioning. Just as with alcohol, it will impair you which will not allow you to operate a motor vehicle at 100%. Use of marijuana prior to operating a motor vehicle can subject you to a charge for Driving Under the Influence, Article 111, UCMJ and in California, Vehicle Code Section 23152(e).

Prevention of these

crimes all starts with knowledge in what not to do. Prevention also includes the steady mind to resist temptation of using, consuming, possessing and distributing marijuana. Abstain from groups of people who may be an influence to committing the crime. Teach your spouses, children, friends and other family members that it is a crime to be involved with marijuana. As stated previously, it could cost you your job, your career and your source of livelihood.

For further information please review Policy Letter 1-18 on the MCAGCC website, which is mandated by the Commanding General. Keep your family and friends clean, stay crime free and continue the fight.

Safety Equipment

The Provost Marshal's

Office encourages the proper Protective Measures/ Equipment needed for traveling in vehicles and on motorcycles.

Safety equipment saves lives and helps prevent serious injuries that may occur during routine training, traffic accidents or simple trips. To help avoid serious injuries during a traffic accident be sure to properly secure yourself with seat belts. Seatbelts save more than 10,000 lives in America every year.

Be sure to know the state laws. Seatbelts are required for all drivers and passengers. The following information pertains to children:

- Children under 2 years of age shall ride in a rear-facing car seat unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds OR is 40 or more inches tall. The child shall be secured in a manner that complies with the

height and weight limits specified by the manufacturer of the car seat.

- Children under the age of 8 must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.

- Children who are 8 years of age OR have reached 4'9" in height may be secured by a booster seat, but at a minimum must be secured by a safety belt.

- Passengers who are 16 years of age and over are subject to California's Mandatory Seat Belt law.

For many, riding motorcycles is an enjoyable pastime but be sure to follow state laws and the Combat Center regulations.

- You are required to wear a helmet, shatter resistant goggles or full face shields, sturdy boots/shoes that extend above the ankles, long sleeve shirts/jackets, long-legged trousers and full-fingered

gloves.

- For those who want to conduct off-road operations, you shall have knee and shin guards, off-road boots, and padded full-fingered gloves.

When choosing to not follow the safety regulations, there are penalties that will come about. Do not find yourself on the list of people who have traffic citations, which can lead to the loss of base access.

All safety equipment is designed to deter the risk of fatality and to ensure citations are the last thing to come across your way. The Provost Marshal's Office encourages you to follow the regulations, keep your families safe, and most importantly return home safe and in one piece. For any further information on guidelines, contact the Provost Marshal's Office or research online for California state laws.

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Mike Battery From A1

than 2,500 meters. The most likely direct-fire targets are enemy vehicles or dismounted personnel. Marines conducted drills in which each section and their respective gun displaced from their original position, moved the Howitzer 800 meters using a 7-ton truck, then dropped the gun to fire live rounds at metal targets, representing enemy tanks—all in under two minutes.

“Indirect fire is when you are shooting artillery and you can’t actually see the effects of the fire. You are going to get calls for fire from forward observers and grunts on the ground,” said Gunnery Sgt. William E. Potting, a field artillery cannoneer with Mike Battery. “With direct fire you will see the enemy. The enemy is actually coming after you, whether they’re on foot or mobile, and you have to eliminate them, and you’ll see all the effects of that direct fire.”

The artillerymen shot 80 rounds of high explosive ammunition, making large adjustments quickly between targets due to their close range.

“For direct fire, we’re using the high explosive ammunition, with both electronic time fuses and point detonating fuses,” Potting

said. “We’ll use the electronic time fuses in the open so that there’s an effect where it explodes in the air creating shrapnel on those troops.”

The Combat Center covers more than 998 square miles of high desert, making it ideal for training exercises using live munitions.

“We usually train at Fort McClellan in Alabama,” said Staff Sgt. Philip L. Skaggs, a field artillery cannoneer with Mike Battery. “But there is no direct fire range there. Twentynine Palms is the best place for artillery to practice. We have less restrictions and more space here.”

Artillery is an essential component of the Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force ground combat element, providing commanders an organic source of timely, close, accurate and continuous fire support.

“What artillery brings to the MAGTF is an organic, all-weather weapon. We are probably one of the only weapons systems that can operate under any condition,” said Master Sgt. David H. Marinelarena, a field artillery cannoneer with 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines. “When air cannot fly, or anything else cannot operate, artillery is always there.”



Marines with Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, set up the M777 Howitzer for a direct fire shoot during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, June 13.



A Marine with Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, plays an integral role in the setup of the M777 Howitzer for a direct fire shoot exercise during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, June 13.

CTB From A1

tradition of ensuring that the unit and its Marines are never without official leadership, and also signifies an allegiance of Marines to their unit’s commander.

“It has been a great pleasure to serve here with Communication Training Battalion,” Woodward said. “It’s been such a humbling experience to be able to provide world-class training for our Marines.”

Woodward will be reporting to the U.S. Institute of Peace, a federal, non-partisan think-tank in Washington D.C. that promotes international peace and cooperation among nations.

“I truly have some big shoes to fill,” Savatt said. “I’m looking forward to the opportunity to lead and instruct our entry-level Marines and those who have returned for advanced training.”



Lt. Col. Barian Woodward, off-going commanding officer, Communication Training Battalion, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, stands before the colors during a change-of-command ceremony aboard the Combat Center, June 13.

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Lance Cpl. Alberto Sepulveda, a motor transportation operator with Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, helps transport and unload ammunition for a direct fire shoot during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, June 13.

Lance Cpl. Alberto F. Sepulveda, a motor transportation operator with Battery M, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, based in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is one of more than 5,500 Reserve Marines participating in Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center.

Sepulveda has played an integral role in operations this year by transporting ammunition between the field ammunition supply point and training areas for live-fire training events.

Moving artillery munitions is no small matter. The 155mm M107 High Explosive artillery munitions used by the M777

howitzer are 23.9 inches long and weigh 95 pounds with a fuse.

"It's been a really good experience on this training exercise," Sepulveda said. "I've been learning a lot, like how to acclimate to the weather, how to prepare myself for the elements and the environment and, most importantly, I've acquired more knowledge and experience from the artillery and ammo side. Plus, I've been exercising and testing my MOS skills by driving through this rough terrain."

Sepulveda joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 2015.

"All my family is military," Sepulveda said. "I

always wanted to join the military too."

When Sepulveda is not participating in Marine Corps training exercises, such as ITX 4-18, he is working toward a degree in aircraft maintenance with Tennessee Technological Center and working full-time at Nashville International Airport as an aircraft fueler.

"I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to do something different," Sepulveda said. "The leadership I got from joining the Marine Corps has really helped me in school and my civilian job, and I love the leadership, standards, and history of the Marine Corps."



Lance Cpl. Alberto Sepulveda, a motor transportation operator with Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, helps transport and unload ammunition for a direct fire shoot during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, June 13.

Cpl. Jin W. Kang is a Reserve Marine and motor transportation operator with Headquarters Company, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, located in San Bruno, Calif.

Kang, who was born in South Korea, moved to California when he was just one year old.

"Every male in Korea has to serve in the military, but since I'm a U.S. citizen, that was never a requirement for me," Kang said.

Even still, he had aspirations to join the military from a young age.

In 2012, Kang began school at the University of California-Berkeley to study Mechanical Engineering. At Berkeley, Kang was a member of the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program before deciding that he wanted to enlist in the Marine Corps Reserve. In 2015, Kang left for boot camp.

"During my junior year, I decided I wanted to take a break and do something I always wanted to do, so I decided to join the Marine Corps," Kang said.

After returning from his initial Marine Corps training, Kang was recruited by Apple Inc. to work on the iPad product design team. After working with Apple Inc. for a year, Kang decided to return to Berkeley, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering in December, 2017.

Since then, Kang has been accepted to Biola University in La Mirada, Calif., to begin pursuing his master's degree.

Currently, Kang is focused on his military training, participating with his unit in Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, June 2-July 4.

Kang was meritoriously promoted to the rank of corporal just before coming out to ITX 4-18. This is Kang's second ITX, and this year he is leading convoys and conducting route reconnaissance to the desert training areas.

"In the Marine Corps, it is understood that everything is earned," Kang said. "This life skill is one of many I have picked up because of the Marine Corps."



Cpl. Jin W. Kang, a motor transportation operator with Headquarters Company, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, in San Bruno, California, conducts vehicle maintenance during Integrated Training Exercise 4-18 aboard the Combat Center, Sunday.



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Monday — June 25

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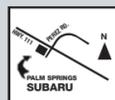
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