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## CHANGING **THE GAME**

FIRST FEMALE STRIKE FIGHTER PILOT URGES NEXT  
GENERATION TO FIGHT FOR THEIR DREAMS



SEMPER FIDELIS



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER

As we enter the "101 Critical Days of Summer," which is the period from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, it is incumbent upon leaders at all levels to demand personal accountability from our Marines and Sailors while reinforcing our Culture of Responsible Choices to reduce or eliminate tragic mishaps.

Historically, more of our Marines, Sailors, and family members are injured or killed during these "101 Critical Days of Summer" than any other period during the calendar year. Although we do an excellent job mitigating risks and focusing on safety in the workplace while on duty, the challenge for all leaders begins when our Marines and Sailors leave the front gate of our installations or Reserve Training Centers.

The leading factors for tragic mishaps have not changed. Poor choices concerning alcohol consumption, lack of personal protective equipment use, driving while fatigued and driving at excessive speeds remain our most notable concerns that require unit leadership intervention. To be sure, unit leadership is the first line of defense in mishap prevention and is the key enabler for achieving our goal of mitigating unnecessary mishaps through close supervision, interaction, and a consistent use of operational risk management.

As a Corps, we pride ourselves on extensive planning for operations down to the smallest detail. We should apply these same skills for our summer activities as well, especially water sports activities, backyard barbecues, and recreational vehicle and watercraft operation. Plan accordingly to manage your risks to ensure you fully and safely enjoy your activities.

Enjoy your Memorial Day holiday and the "101 Critical Days of Summer," and do the right thing! Remember, life's tough, but it's tougher when you make bad choices.

Semper Fidelis,

Lt. Gen. Steven A. Hummer

Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North

## SNAP SHOT

1ST LT. HUBERT WILLIAMS, SPECIAL-PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE AFRICA 13 ADJUTANT, SUPERVISES MARINES DURING A JAIL AND BAIL FUNDRAISER IN SIGONELLA, ITALY TO SUPPORT THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY, MARCH 14.  
CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS



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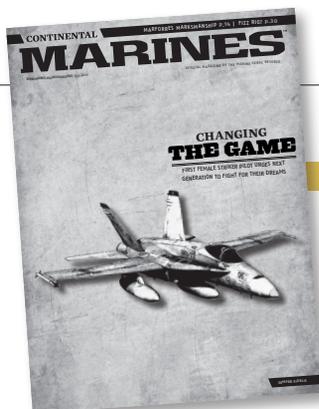
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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CPL. JESSICA ITO

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**CORPS**  
COMMUNITY





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LANCE CPL. TIFFANY EDWARDS



TOTAL FORCE  
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## RESERVE FORCES AROUND THE WORLD:

MARINES PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISES TO PREPARE THEM FOR REAL-WORLD CONFLICTS AND OPERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD. (JANUARY - MARCH 2013)

### AFRICA COMMAND

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#### LONG HAUL COMMUNICATIONS DETACHMENT 13.1

Marines from 4th Marine Logistics Group provide a rotational communications detachment in support of Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa in Djibouti.

OCT. 28, 2012 TO AUG. 6, 2013

#### SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF AFRICA

A regionally-focused composite organization specifically tailored to conduct multiple, simultaneous, small and widely-dispersed security cooperation activities, yet retain the ability to quickly aggregate for large-scale support to crisis response. (Refer to pg. 28)

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#### GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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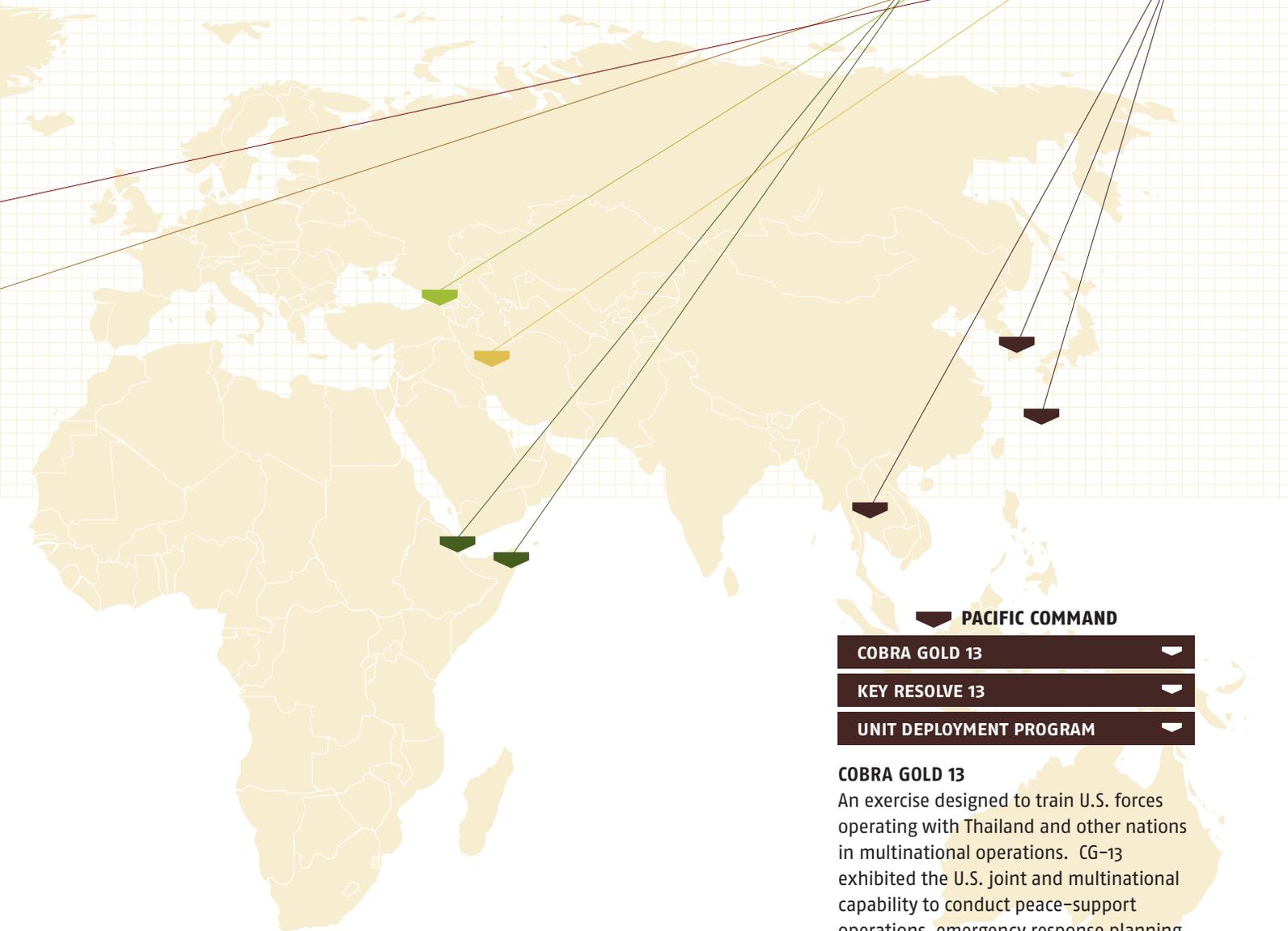
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SOUTHCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM ▾

#### SOUTHCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM

A Navy and Marine Corps team supports theater security cooperation and stands ready to provide humanitarian assistance/disaster relief.

OCT. 1, 2012 TO SEPT. 30, 2013



**CENTRAL COMMAND**

**CENTCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM 12.2**

**CENTCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM**

The Central Command Security Cooperation Team conducts security cooperation activities designed to increase partner nation capacity and build relationships to ensure access to facilities throughout the U.S. CENTCOM area of responsibility.

**APRIL 30, 2012 TO JAN. 11, 2013**

**NORTHERN COMMAND**

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**NORTHCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM**

Marines continue to provide training in urban terrain tactics, intelligence driven operations and professional development to Latin American and Caribbean troops.

**OCT. 1, 2012 TO SEPT. 30, 2013**

**PACIFIC COMMAND**

**COBRA GOLD 13**

**KEY RESOLVE 13**

**UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

**COBRA GOLD 13**

An exercise designed to train U.S. forces operating with Thailand and other nations in multinational operations. CG-13 exhibited the U.S. joint and multinational capability to conduct peace-support operations, emergency response planning and advance regional security.

**FEB. 11 TO FEB. 22, 2013**

**KEY RESOLVE 13**

This exercise is executed under various scenarios with the purpose of honing necessary skills to defend the Republic of Korea. The exercise is designed to increase alliance readiness, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula.

**MARCH 11 TO MARCH 21, 2013**

**UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Marines deploy to Okinawa, Japan in order to provide necessary training to maintain operational preparedness. Marines train in realistic scenarios and combined exercises, bringing many different units together. It highlights the Corps' strategic shift to the Pacific region.

**MARCH 1, 2013 TO FEB 28, 2014**

## BE PREPARED:

LEARN ABOUT THE CULTURES  
YOU MAY VISIT

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The Marine Corps is implementing a regional, culture and language familiarization program to ensure Marine units are globally prepared and effective at navigating and influencing culturally complex 21st century operating environments. The RCLF program serves Marines by imparting language, region, and culture concepts and skills that are relevant to a Marine's rank and level of responsibility.

Marines can access the courses through most internet-accessible computers as the program is delivered primarily through a distance education format on MarineNet. For more information about unique aspects of the program as they apply to Reserve Marines, visit *MARADMIN 196/13*. ■



LANCE CPL. PAUL TORRES



SGT. REBEKA S. HEITE

## IRR MUSTER:

WHAT IS A MEGA MUSTER  
AND HOW CAN YOU FIND  
OUT MORE INFORMATION?

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arines in the Individual Ready Reserve program receive orders to attend an annual muster.

The muster ensures IRR members are capable of reintegration and have their contact information up to date in case they receive recall orders. They are also screened for medical problems and provided with valuable information about educational benefits and job opportunities for veterans.

The Marine Corps Individual Reserve Support Activity is expected to hold seven mega-musters in the upcoming months and several smaller ones at sites throughout the nation.

To confirm these dates and other future events, contact MCIRSA at 504-697-8468. ■

## REGISTER WITH VA:

IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU ARE  
STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER NOW



ll Reserve Marines and sailors who are recipients of the Global War on



LANCE CPL. TIFFANY EDWARDS

Terror Expeditionary Medal or Iraqi or Afghanistan Campaign Medals are strongly encouraged to immediately register with the VA health care system. These individuals are eligible to receive health care benefits for five years from the date of discharge or separation from active duty service.

To register, use VA Form 10-10EZ, application for health benefits, available at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

Assistance with completing the form may be obtained by contacting a VA representative at 1-877-222-8387, or by visiting the VA website and selecting "Contact Us" tab. ■



**HARD CHARGERS &  
HISTORY**

## 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

From Baghdad and Ramadi to Fallujah, Reserve Marines have answered the nation's call in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom which marked its 10-year anniversary this March.

Reserve forces have played a vital role in the Global War on Terror for more than a decade, serving not just in the Middle East, but around the globe to combat terrorists and terrorism. From Sept. 11, 2001, to the present day, more than 1,000 Reserve companies have completed more than 1,500 deployments in support of OIF alone. At an average of 200 Marines per company, that is more than 20,000 Reservists who have supported the Marine Corps and the U.S. during the Iraqi Campaign - many serving multiple deployments.



**Lance Cpl. Todd Corbin, USMCR**  
Medium tactical vehicle replacement driver, Fox Co., 3rd Bn., 25th Marines  
**NAVY CROSS RECIPIENT**

"After being hit with a vehicle borne improvised explosive device, Corbin positioned his truck between the enemy and his wounded. He leapt into enemy fire, directing Marines to engage and mark targets. He ran to his platoon leader, threw him onto his shoulder, and carried him to safety while firing at the enemy with his off-hand. On five occasions he ran through enemy fire, recovered dead or wounded personnel, and returned them to his truck. Once all the personnel were gathered, he brought them to a battalion aid station. Due to his heroism, no Marine lost his life after the initial attack."

### RESERVE OIF QUICK FACTS

- **16,800** RESERVE MARINES RECEIVED AWARDS DURING OIF.  
(Navy achievement medal and above)
- **133** WERE KILLED IN ACTION.
- **222** COMPANIES WERE ACTIVATED IN 2003 AT THE START OF THE WAR.
- **136** COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN 2004.
- **249** COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN 2005.
- **104** COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN 2006.
- **173** COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN 2007.
- **117** COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN 2008.
- **129** COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN 2009.
- **0** COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN 2010-12.



# CHANGING THE GAME

Story by Lance Cpl. Tiffany Edwards





Lt. Col. Karen Fuller Brannen, the first female strike fighter pilot in the Marine Corps, poses on the island of Iwo Jima in 2001. Brannen was on her way to Guam returning from a unit deployment program on Iwakuni, Japan, when she and her squadron mates from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 242 were fortunate enough to make a stop at Iwo Jima.



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“I was definitely not prepared for what it would be like to be the first female Marine jet pilot. I didn’t think it was a big deal so I didn’t expect other people to think it was,” said Lt. Col. Karen Fuller Brannen. “I definitely had to prove myself for a long time, and then every time I flew with another pilot who I hadn’t flown with before, I had to prove it again.”

The Women in Aviation International Conference recognized Brannen’s accomplishments as the first female Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornet strike fighter pilot on March 16, when they inducted her into their Pioneer Hall of Fame. She is the first Marine to have been inducted.

Brannen was born in Athens, Ga. Her mother, a former college professor, chose to stay home and raise three children while her father worked to support the family. She credits much of her determination to succeed in the face of adversity to her parents, especially her father.

“I think the most valuable thing my father taught me was that gender doesn’t matter. To hear a man say that a girl can compete with the guys really helps you believe it,” said Brannen. “My dad was the driving force who always pushed for more and better. He would say ‘did you beat all the guys?’ and he expected a yes from me.”

She participated in sports throughout high school and college, which she said helped lay the foundation for her career as a strike fighter pilot, and later as a pilot for Gulfstream.

After graduating from Officer Candidate School and The Basic School, Brannen attended four years of flight school, including a year’s worth of F/A-18 training at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., earning her Wings of Gold in 1997. With her certification, she joined the ranks of famous Marine Corps female “firsts,” which include Sikorsky CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter pilot Lt. Col. Sarah Deal, the first female Marine Corps pilot ever. Subsequently, Brannen helped pave the way for more females to make history as pilots in the Marine Corps, like Capt. Elizabeth Pham, the first Vietnamese-American F/A-18 Hornet pilot.

Flight school is tough for any pilot who goes through it, said Brannen. But during her time there, it felt as if she were under intense scrutiny no matter how well she performed.

“There were ... plenty of men who did not want me to be there, mostly those that were a year or more ahead of me,” said Brannen.

Some of those students went as far as to speculate whether she was graded more leniently because of her gender, she said. However, some of her harshest critics were the ones responsible for her training.

“I had an instructor tell me in the airplane before we took off that no one wanted me (female pilots) to be in the Marine Corps and things of that nature, which is great to hear from the guy that is about to grade your performance,” she said sarcastically.

Despite the stream of negative feedback she received from students in the classes ahead of hers as well as from her instructors, Brannen excelled at her studies, opting to study on her own, by her own methods, as opposed to the group methods her instructors pushed for their students. While she chose to study alone, she maintained friendships with her own classmates, whom she had known from the beginning of her journey to become an officer.

“As far as being the only female Marine in jet training, I fit in well with my classmates as one of the guys,” said Brannen. “I had known most of these guys for several years by this time, so my peers were my friends and kept me sane when it was very stressful. I think it helped that I had done pretty well at The Basic School and did well on the physical fitness test and things like that.”

Brannen flew with various squadrons during her career, including Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101 in Miramar,

and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 321 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., in 2003. Her assignments have taken her around the globe: South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Guam, England, Denmark, France, Turkey, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Israel and Borneo are only some of the locations she has visited.

Brannen left active duty in 2007 and is now a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, serving as the officer in charge of the Peacetime Wartime Support Team in Savannah, Ga. She regularly visits schools to speak to children about following their dreams.

“I think that the right encouragement at the right time can really go a long way,” said Brannen. “Your words of encouragement can have a huge impact on kids and young people.”

Her ultimate goal, she says, is to help the next generation understand that a career, like respect, is not given, it must be earned. ■



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Lt. Col. Karen Fuller Brannen, the first female strike fighter pilot in the Marine Corps, poses with her first F/A-18 while she was attached to her first squadron, VMFA-242.





# Better than

Story by Cpl. Michael Ito

# EXPERT



Maj. Peter Rummer, the captain of the 4th Marine Division shooting team in 2013, readies for fire at the 200 yard portion of the team match.

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Master Sgt. Julia Watson, a senior member of the Marine Forces Reserve Marksmanship Training Unit, shoots during the 2012 Division Match.

CPL. MICHAEL ITO



There are **52** marksmanship badges that a Marine is authorized to wear in uniform. Expert Rifleman badge is ranked **47th** in order of precedence.

The Marine Corps Competition-in-Arms Program's mission, according to MARADMIN 016/13, is to stimulate interest and desire for self-improvement in marksmanship and to enhance proficiency within the Marine Corps in the use of individual small arms by refining precision marksmanship skills through advanced marksmanship training and competition.

The most accessible form of that training and competition are the four division matches hosted all over the U.S. as well as Okinawa, Japan each year. The matches are open to any individual Marine or unit team wanting to compete.

"Marines acquire higher levels of skills and knowledge while learning advanced marksmanship techniques and performing under the stress of competition, thus they return to their units with greater confidence and leadership potential," said Master Sgt. Julia Watson, a senior member of the Marine Forces Reserve Marksmanship Training Unit. "These competitors are

challenged well beyond the bounds of an annual requalification."

The Division matches are excellent, inexpensive training opportunities that may be exploited in order to spread marksmanship competency throughout the ranks, well beyond the few Marines units are able to send, said Col. Greg Kitchens, the officer in charge of the MARFORRES MTU. Unlike most active units located on large bases, Selected Marine Corps Reserve unit commanders must rely on organic talent to sustain their training schedules and keep their Marines ready.

MTU Marines hold Reserve Combat Marksmanship Coaches Courses each year to send capable coaches back to their home training centers able to run rifle ranges of their own. This allows all Reserve Marines to meet their yearly qualification requirement.

With the CIAP, the MTU Marines can inspire enthusiasm through advanced competencies for marksmanship.

***"These competitors are challenged well beyond the bounds of an annual requalification."***

- Master Sgt. Julia Watson, a senior member of the Marine Forces Reserve Marksmanship Training Unit

“2013 was the first year since before 2000 that any SMCR unit has fielded a team at a division match,” said Kitchens. “That team that 4th Marine Division sent to the East Coast division match placed second overall, with two individuals placing in the top 10. Capt. Justin T. Kratzer placed ninth overall and Maj. Pete Rummler won the entire match.”

MARFORRES has many more Marines capable of winning medals at the matches, said Watson.

“It would definitely benefit morale, professionalism and competitive spirit to add more CIAP medalists to our ranks,” she said.

Marines challenge themselves to earn higher Marine Corps Martial Arts Program belts, obtain a better swim qualification status, get a 300 on their physical and combat fitness tests and receive high grades in formal schools, but many Marines don’t know they can work toward a higher level of marksmanship, she said.

The opportunity to participate in division matches is easy and rather inexpensive, she continued. The MARFORRES Marine is typically within driving distance from his respective match, stays in the

shooters barracks for free, chows at the mess hall and may do it all for his annual AT since each match is two weeks in duration.

Any Marine or unit is eligible, Kitchens added. Active-duty Marines who are assigned to inspector-instructor duty and attached Navy personnel may also participate. Each team should consist of 6 to 8 members and must include at least one officer, one Marine who is a sergeant or below, and one shooter who has never competed in a formal marksmanship event.

Division Matches are, indeed, a unique and valuable resource for encouraging marksmanship excellence and teamwork among our ranks. The Division Matches represent an outstanding opportunity to enhance marksmanship proficiency, enthusiasm, safety, and professional pride while spending comparatively very little money.

Any Marine or unit within MARFORRES intending to participate in the 2014 Division Matches is highly encouraged to contact the MARFORRES MTU officer in charge for assistance and more detailed guidance: Col. Greg Kitchens; gkitch@bellsouth.net. ■

## 2013 4TH MARDIV TEAM MEMBERS

Lance Cpl. Robert D. Casamatta  
 Cpl. Howard J. Lynde IV  
 Sgt. Jarid W. Hundley  
 Staff Sgt. Erik Mortenson (Coach)  
 Staff Sgt. Matthew I. Prentice  
 1st Lt. George B. Remias  
 Capt. Justin T. Kratzer  
 \*won bronze in rifle competition  
 Maj. Peter M. Rummler (Captain)  
 \*won gold in rifle competition  
 \*was the tyro (highest scoring new shooter)  
 \*won the rifle match

The 4th Marine Division shooting team placed second out of 17 teams in the team rifle competition.

Members of the 2013 Reserve Marksmanship Training Unit pose for a photo. Although they are all wearing campaign covers, they are not drill instructors. These Marines are all chief marksmanship instructors and the campaign cover is an authorized piece of gear for them to wear.  
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## 4th Marine Aircraft Wing RE-DESIGNATION

In celebration of Marine Forces Reserve receiving their first MV-22 Osprey squadron, a Marine color guard was present to bear the nation's colors at Edwards Air Force Base near Lancaster, Calif., Jan 12. The ceremony included a change of command, the re-designation of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 764 to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 764 and the relocation of the unit to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. VMM-764 is Marine Forces Reserve's first tiltrotor squadron.

SGT. RAY LOTT



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## Force Headquarters Group

Marines with 4th Civil Affairs Group, Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve, march with M-16 rifles in-hand during the 57th Inaugural Parade from the Capitol to the White House Jan. 21. For centuries, Marines have supported the inaugural events and this year, more than 2,100 service members from each of the five branches marched in the parade.

MARVIN LYNCHARD



## 4th Marine Logistics Group

Lance Cpl. Joel Reeser, Detachment 1, Communications Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group communications specialist, operates a radio during a communication exercise at Grissom Air Force Reserve Base, Ind., April 13. The exercise was held to help validate the Marines' equipment capabilities as well as prepare them for a larger-scale exercise this summer at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. BEN MOTA

Marines with, Detachment 1, Communications Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group field radio operator, set up antennas during a communication exercise here April 13. The exercise was held to help validate the Marines equipment capabilities as well as prepare them for a larger-scale this summer at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. BEN MOTA





Marines assigned to 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment launch a rocket from a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System at Fort Sill, Okla., during their mission rehearsal exercise for African Lion 2013. This will be the first time the unit demonstrated both HIMARs and M777 howitzer capabilities.

SGT. RAY LOTT

A pilot with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa 13, throws a football as Marines board a KC-130T Hercules here before departing for Burundi, Feb. 16. The team of Marines primarily from 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division instructed the Burundi National Defense Force combat engineering skills and procedures.

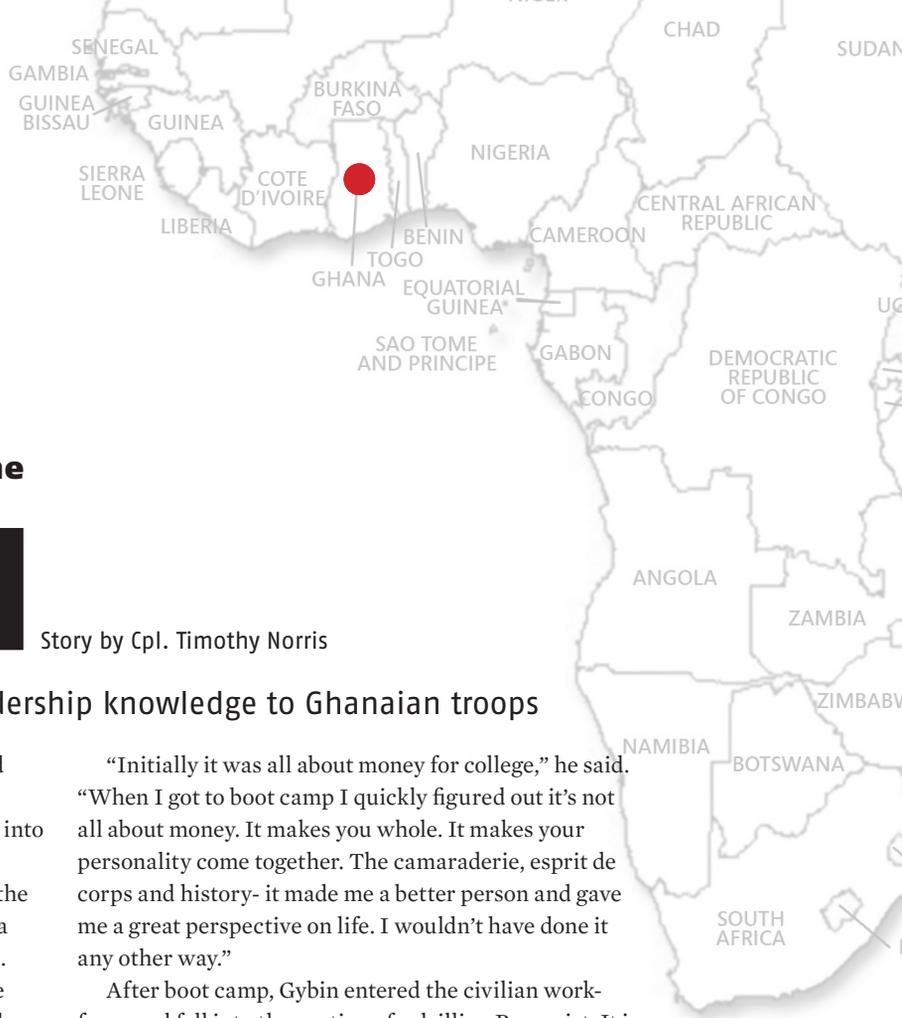
CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS

## 4th Marine Division

Marines with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa flip a tire as part of an Easter themed fitness competition to promote unit cohesion at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, March 28. Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa, primarily composed of Marines from 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, strengthens US Marine Corps Forces Africa and US Africa Command's ability to assist partner nations in addressing their security challenges.

CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS





# Passing the TORCH

Story by Cpl. Timothy Norris

## U.S. Marine from Ghana passes leadership knowledge to Ghanaian troops

**G**unnery Sgt. Richard Koffi Gyabin was born and raised in Ghana, Africa.

“When I was 19, we had the privilege to integrate into the culture in the U.S.,” he said.

His family settled in Chicago where he attended the University of Illinois. During his time there, he met a friend’s father who was a major in the Marine Corps.

“They had a long history of military service in the Marine Corps,” he said. “I would go to his house and see all his accolades, uniform and pride.”

His experience with the major led Gyabin to enlist in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1997.

“Initially it was all about money for college,” he said. “When I got to boot camp I quickly figured out it’s not all about money. It makes you whole. It makes your personality come together. The camaraderie, esprit de corps and history- it made me a better person and gave me a great perspective on life. I wouldn’t have done it any other way.”

After boot camp, Gyabin entered the civilian workforce and fell into the routine of a drilling Reservist. It is during this time he completed his economics degree.

Over the next 15 years, Gyabin deployed to Iraq, Kuwait and the Pacific with a Marine expeditionary unit. During each deployment Gyabin served as an



Gunnery Sgt. Richard Gyabin, Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa 13 administration chief, is a native of Ghana. He instructed more than 30 Ghana navy noncommissioned officers on leadership principles at the Ghana Navy Trade Training School in Takoradi, Ghana.

CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS



Ghana navy noncommissioned officers reviewed the importance of effective physical training with Gunnery Sgt. Richard Gyabin at the Ghana Navy Trade Training School in Takoradadi, Ghana, Feb. 5. Gyabin, Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13 administration chief, and Beatty, Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13 supply chief, instructed more than 30 Ghana navy noncommissioned officers on leadership principles to enhance their capabilities and effectiveness.

COURTESY PHOTO

administration clerk and eventually as an administrative chief.

Serving with Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13 was no different, until he was afforded the opportunity to return to Ghana and teach Ghanaian navy noncommissioned officers the principles of small-unit leadership. He was chosen for the mission because of his experience as a gunnery sergeant and his knowledge of the country's culture.

The first training day in Ghana revealed how unique the experience would be.

"When I introduced myself they were surprised and shocked," he said. "Seeing me come back made them more receptive. To see someone who understands where they are coming from, I was able to connect with them."

The five-day course included discussions of leadership mentality, leadership styles, how to mentor subordinates, dynamic physical training and teamwork.

"It was a short curriculum, but we gave them the best tools and techniques," he said. "We went out there to give them what they needed."

Being afforded the opportunity to teach Ghanaian natives was not the only special part about this trip for Gyabin.

"My favorite part is twofold: going back as a gunnery sergeant to teach on official duty and also the opportunity to see my family," he said.

The trip to Ghana provided a rare opportunity for him to visit extended family, including his 86-year-old grandmother.

He contacted her after arriving in country and once the leadership course was completed, he visited her.

"It was a good visit to be able to visit her as a Marine giving back to society," he said. "We had some conversation. When we talked it felt like we bonded again."

Gyabin said the rare opportunity to assist his native country and the brief but joyous reunion with his grandmother made the entire trip worthwhile.

"You can't always fish for someone, you have to teach them how so they can survive. As a native, giving back to Ghana and to the society as a whole personally was gratifying and a great accomplishment for me. It's priceless." ■

## SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF 13

Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13, is a pre-planned, rotational deployment of Reserve Marines and sailors from 32 units across the nation. The mission is to mentor partner African nations and security organizations in the basics of an effective military unit. Security cooperation engagements include; combat lifesaving, marksmanship, logistics planning, combat service support, operation of forward supply areas, combat engineering, and basic infantry skills. Leadership development for officers and non-commissioned officers is also a prominent subject within the training.



## 4TH LAW ENFORCEMENT BATTALION

### LOCATION: St. Paul, Minn.

The 2010 Force Structure Review consolidated the Corps' military police structure into Law Enforcement Battalions. The FSR included the establishment of a Reserve Law Enforcement Battalion to use the unique resources available within the Reserve Force – namely, Reserve Marines who serve as police officers and criminal investigators in their civilian lives.

4th Law Enforcement Bn. was established September 5, via Marine Corps Bulletin 5400 and will hold a formal activation ceremony in June.

4th Law Enforcement Bn. will focus on law enforcement activities such as investigations and forensics, police mentoring and investigative duties

which represent a significant shift to police-type missions vice “any-Marine” activities, such as convoy, area and flight-line security. Law enforcement is a specialized skill set and unlike traditional combat arms, law enforcement practitioners are trained and employed to refrain from lethality whenever possible, to reinforce and uphold the rules of law and evidence, and to ensure order and discipline.

**MISSION:** The 4th Law Enforcement Bn. will conduct law and order operations in order to enhance the security environment and promote the rule of law in support of Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations.



**INSPECTOR-INSTRUCTOR:** Lt. Col. Jordan D. Walzer

**COMMANDER:** Lt. Col. Sydney Parks

**I-I SENIOR ENLISTED:** 1st Sgt. Timothy Lehrke

**BATTALION SERGEANT MAJOR:** Sgt. Maj. Trevor Kent

**HISTORY:** 4th LE Bn's lineage can be traced back to the 4th Military Police Battalion activated Aug. 24, 1943 at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Originally known as the 4th Military Police Company, the unit was assigned to Headquarters Bn, Division Special Troops, 4th Marine Division and participated in the WWII campaigns of Kwajalein, Saipan and Tinian, and Iwo Jima before being deactivated Nov. 10, 1945.

The unit was reactivated Jan. 7, 1966 in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania as the 4th Military Police Battalion and assigned to Force Troops, FMF, USMCR. In Oct. 1971 the unit was relocated to New Orleans, La. The unit was deactivated again in the mid-1970s.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Conduct Law Enforcement Operations
- Conduct Policing Operations
- Conduct Police Advising/ Training
- Conduct Detainee/ Corrections Operations

“We began to realize we have 39,600 Reservists. Out of that, there are a lot of policemen and there are a lot of cops that are investigators... Now we are building in this Marine Corps...a law enforcement battalion...Notice I didn't call it a military police battalion - a law enforcement battalion. And it's going to be made up of Reserve police officers and investigators, and we are going to have that as part of our Reserve force.”

- **General James Amos Commandant of the Marine Corps**  
(Comments to Marine Corps Times; February 2011)



BE SMART,  
**BE SAFE**



# ABOVE THE STORY AND PHOTO BY CPL. FENTON REESE INFLUENCE

**A**ccording to the Headquarters Marine Corps safety center, the Marine Corps has a higher number of private motor vehicle fatalities relative to its size compared to other branches.

In 2012, the USMC experienced 31 PMV fatalities. PMV fatalities include all 4-wheel vehicles, motorcycles, and pedestrians, impacted or as passengers in a vehicle. Nearly 50 percent of those deaths were alcohol related.

“It is a huge issue, and it can hurt you big time,” said Staff Sgt. Orville Ancar, Marine Forces Reserve substance abuse control officer.

The largest contributing factors in PMV accidents are alcohol, speeding, distracted driving and fatigue.

Ancar has deep-rooted feelings toward this subject, not only because of his billet and role, but because at one point he struggled with alcoholism. He is now seven years sober, and has made it his mission to help Marines who make the same mistakes he did.

“Impaired driving is a very serious issue and it can hurt you in more ways than you know,” said Ancar. “The consequences are endless.”

Drinking responsibly does not only fall on your shoulders, it falls on your buddy's. If you are out with a buddy and you believe they have had too much to drink, don't hand over their keys!

Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Pere, the MARFORRES legal services chief for the staff judge advocate, said he knows all about consequences.

"Impaired driving is a serious crime, with lasting, expensive and potentially Marine-Corps-career-jeopardizing consequences," said Pere.

There are many consequences of a DUI depending on the severity and location of the incident, Pere added.

Aside from the most sobering consequence of serious injury, and of course death, one can face criminal penalties, jail time, driver's license suspension or revocation, mandatory alcohol education or treatment and vehicle confiscation.

These are all civilian-sector penalties if apprehended off base. However, if committed on base, one also faces actions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In addition to civilian or UCMJ action, a Marine's commanding officer can take administrative actions against them as well. These actions can include a letter of reprimand, loss of base driving privileges, mandatory referral to a substance abuse treatment program, corrective training, loss of rank and denial of reenlistment illegibility.

The maximum punishment at a court-martial is a bad-conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, nine months confinement and automatic reduction to E-1.

Finally, in addition to these repercussions, any of these consequences could cost a Marine thousands of dollars in legal fees.

That is an extreme case, however, all of these scenarios are a possibility and can seriously affect your career at any level, said Pere.

Ancar agreed.

"DUI's are no respecter of any rank or person, however, a trend is apparent," he said. "The average Marine demographic that

I have seen commit a DUI has been single and between the ages of 19 and 25."

Ancar added that one shouldn't misunderstand that statistic. There have been cases with many senior individuals as well.

Regardless of rank, age or walk of life, the responsibility falls on Marines to take care of each other, he said.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in fatal crashes, the highest percentage of drunk drivers was between the ages of 21 and 24 (34 percent), followed by ages 25 to 34 (30 percent) and 35 to 44 (25 percent).

"Ultimately, we all must look out for our fellow Marines, no matter what rank or age," said Ancar. "You never know what can happen. One day they can be smiling with you and the next, they are not smiling at all."

Many Marines have a serious problem and don't feel they can get a hold on a solution, but according to Ancar, there is hope.

There are multiple programs that are offered such as various 12-step programs and the Prime-for-Life organization.

"All professional repercussions aside, I encourage my Marines to think about everyone else you put in danger on the road when you choose to consume alcohol and drive," said Pere. "Think about the death of a child in your life due to a DUI caused by you or someone else. Under any circumstances, is it worth it?"

There is always another option to keep an individual from driving under the influence, said Ancar.

"Pick up the phone and call or text somebody," he added. "If need be, call me. I might be upset, but I'll be glad that you did."

For more information, or if you feel you have a problem, contact your leadership or the Substance Abuse Control Officer.

Don't be a statistic.

# CULTURE OF RESPONSIBLE CHOICES

A change in mindset where all Marines are asked to re-think how they conduct their lives to ensure their decisions lead to safe and healthy outcomes.

## MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE - THE RESPONSIBLE CHOICE

**0-0-1-3**

**0** DRINKS IF UNDER 21

**0** DUI'S

**1** DRINK PER HOUR

**3** DRINKS PER EVENT

CORC IS DESIGNED TO KEEP BLOOD-ALCOHOL LEVELS AT LESS THAN **.05**.

A DRINK IS ONE **12-OUNCE** BOTTLE OF BEER OR WINE COOLER, ONE **5-OUNCE** GLASS OF WINE OR **1.5 OUNCES** OF 80-PROOF DISTILLED LIQUOR.

WHEN DRIVING - EVEN **1 TO 3** BEERS MEANS A DRIVER IS **2 TO 6** TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN A CRASH.

**45%** OFF-DUTY MISHAPS HAD ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT IN FISCAL-YEAR 12



**EXERCISE  
X3**



**SPECIAL-PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE AFRICA 13**  
AFRICA

**DATE:** March 12, 2013 to Feb. 22, 2014

**USMC UNITS:** 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment

**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** Ghana, Burundi, Uganda, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Seychelles, Mozambique and Tanzania

**“THE REAL BASIS OF OUR MISSION IS THE PARTNERSHIPS WE DEVELOP. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE LONG LASTING ALLIANCES IN AFRICA. THIS IS A GREAT FIRST STEP AND IT IS NOT THE END.”**

-Capt. Nicholas Degregorio, team leader with Special-Purpose MAGTF 13



Sgt. Brian Hutchinson, Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa 13 motor transportation chief, provides security during the final exam of the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, March 14. The TCCC course teaches basic first-responder skills and helps service members prioritize casualty care in combat situations to maximize safety and effective care.

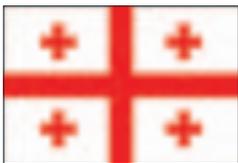
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Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13 is a pre-planned, rotational deployment of Reserve Marines and sailors deployed to the African region to conduct theater-security cooperation through multi-lateral training engagements to bolster military capacity, promote regional stability, support crisis response situations, and build mutually-

beneficial relationships with partner African nations, the African Union, and African regional security organizations. Special-purpose MAGTF Africa 13 is headquartered on Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy and rotates teams to the African continent to engage with host partner nations as directed by U.S.

Sgt. Balec Nelson, a Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa 13 radio operator from Kailua, Hawaii, and Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan McComb, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, treat a simulated bullet wound during the final exam of the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, March 14.

CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS



## GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

### GEORGIA

**DATE:** Feb. 1 to Sept. 30, 2013

**USMC UNITS:** 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment

**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** Georgia

**“IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE INTERACTIONS AMONG THE GEORGIAN SOLDIERS AND MARINES. THERE IS A SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN THE TWO.”**

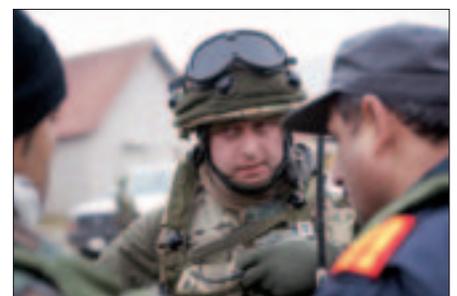
-Brig. Gen. Scott O'Meara, Marine Forces Europe Commander

Since 2009, the Georgian Armed Forces have answered the call to train and fight side-by-side with Marines and other International Security Assistance Forces, while participating in the Georgia Deployment Program.

The Program entrusts Marines with training and ensuring their Georgian counterparts have the skills and knowledge needed to supplement Marines and ISAF personnel in Afghanistan.

A Georgian soldier assigned to the 33rd Light Infantry Battalion provides security during a training patrol at the Joint Multinational Training Center in HOHENFELS, Germany, Feb. 20. The soldier is participating in the Georgia Deployment Program - Mission Readiness Exercise, where Marines served as observer/controllers and mentored the 33rd LIB before they head to Afghanistan this spring.

STAFF SGT. MATT LYMAN



A Georgian soldier assigned to the 33rd Light Infantry Battalion talks to an exercise role-player during a training patrol at the Joint Multinational Training Center in HOHENFELS, Germany, Feb. 20. The soldier participated in the Georgia Deployment Program - Mission Readiness Exercise.

STAFF SGT. MATT LYMAN

# SO, YOUR UNIT IS GOING AWAY

...now what?

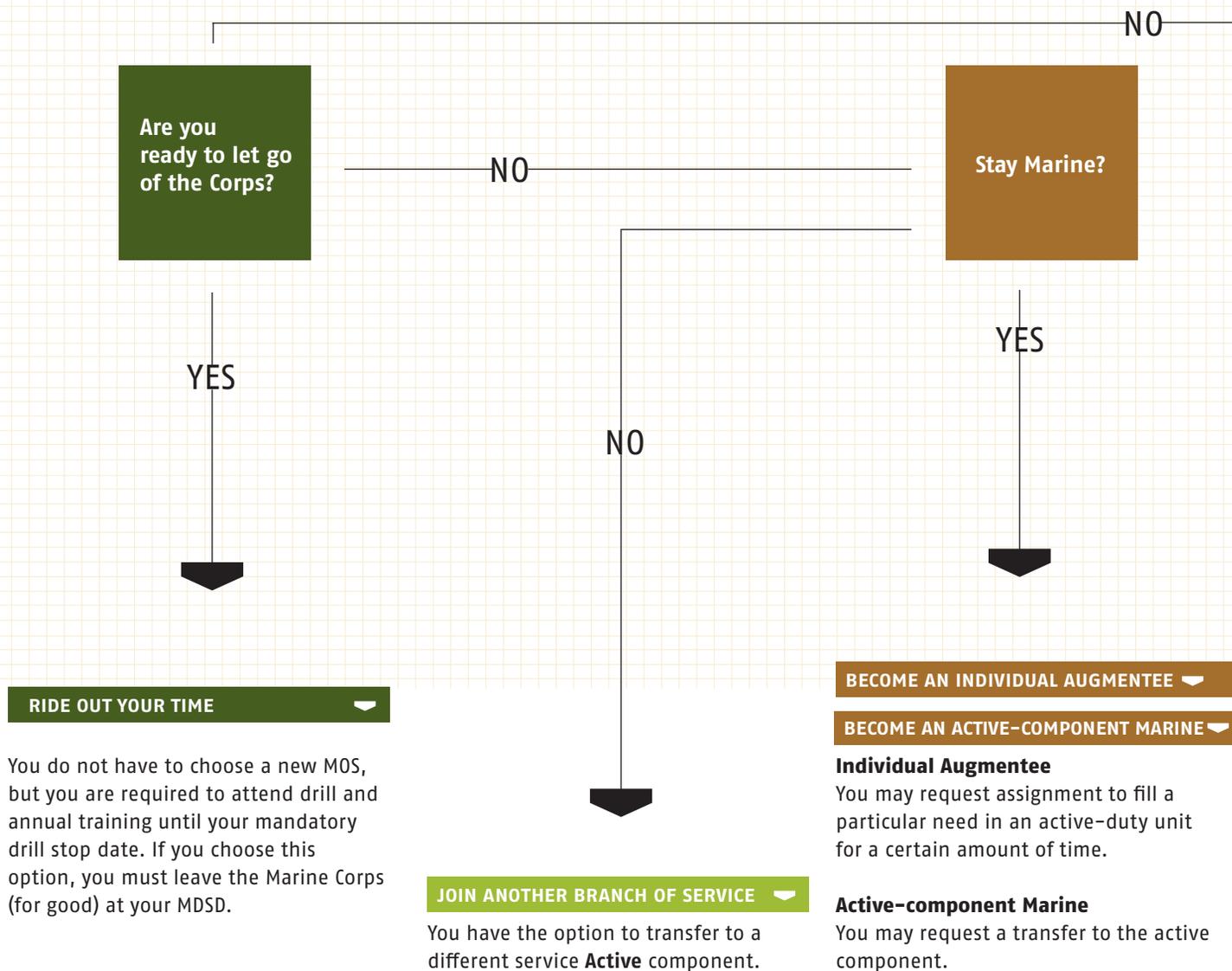
The **Force Structure Review** is affecting 147 out of 172 Reserve sites. In some cases your unit will become a new type of unit under a different type of command. For example, a 4th Marine Division rifle company may change to a 4th Marine Logistics Group bridge company. This means there will be new types of jobs to fill, which may require a new military occupational specialty. In a few cases, your unit may be leaving

the area with no unit to replace it. For those units, we have designed this flow chart to help you think about your options.

**Personnel transition teams** have been visiting units affected by the FSR to help Marines understand the changes and opportunities available to them.

**This chart does not apply to all situations.** For more information on PTTs and the FSR, please call **(504)697-7187**.

You may be eligible for any of the options below, except "riding out your time."



START

Are you required to keep drilling?

YES

Is there another unit within 100 miles of your home of record?

NO

YES

NO

Interested in some new skills?

NO

Are you a grade/MOS match?

YES

YES

COMPLETE A DISTANCE WAIVER

JOIN THE INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE

ACTIVATE/JOIN ANOTHER BRANCH

**Distance Waiver**

You may choose to sign a distance waiver if you would like to drill at a unit outside the 100-mile radius.

**Individual Ready Reserve**

You may request a transfer to the IRR. While in the IRR, you will be called on once a year to attend an accountability muster. You may be activated to supplement the active forces during a time of national crisis.

**Activate/Join another branch**

You may request a transfer to a different service **Active or Reserve** component or become an active-component Marine.

GET A NEW MOS

You may request a lateral move to a different primary MOS required by another unit. You will attend the full-length training for the new MOS and receive active-duty pay and benefits while at school (must be qualified to execute a lateral move).

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER UNIT

You will remain affiliated with a different Selected Marine Corps Reserve unit that has an opening for your MOS and rank.



## UAV PRACTICE FLIGHTS

A NEW ASSET FOR THE RESERVES

LANCE CPL. TIFFANY EDWARDS



A group of unmanned aerial vehicle operators and support personnel from Headquarters Company, 25th Marine Regiment and 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, ventured out to a snowy morning March 9 to conduct practice flights at Devens Reserve Forces Training Area at Fort Devens, Mass. The flights marked the first time UAVs have been employed by the regiment.

The training event's primary goal was to sustain the Marines' knowledge of procedures and techniques learned at UAV operator's school in Camp Lejeune, N.C. The RQ-11B, or Raven B, is the only UAV currently used by the regiment.

"It adds capability to our combat operations center by providing low-altitude surveillance and allows us to gather intelligence organically with quicker acquisition of information, instead of relying on a higher command resource," said Maj.

A group of Marines from Headquarters Company, 25th Marine Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, take a break during a UAV training exercise at Fort Devens, Mass., March 9.  
COURTESY PHOTO

Joshua Phares, inspector-instructor, Headquarters Co., 25th Marines.

The regiment spent the past 18 months training and certifying operators through formal schools and fielding the UAVs. During the event, operators successfully conducted five launches and recoveries of the Raven B.

"It definitely benefits the Reserve unit because it's an asset the unit never had before," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Cherhoniak, the radio chief for 25th Marines.

Phares said that while active-duty units have used UAVs for years, this is the first year these resources were made available to Reserve units.

"It's just another opportunity for Marines to close the gap between Reserve and active-duty unit capabilities," said Phares. "It's a bonus that adds value to a Reserve unit." ■

### The RQ-11B (Raven B)



1. The hand-launched, remote-controlled aircraft is man-portable, allowing for easier intelligence gathering for units.
2. The Raven B includes a color electro-optical camera and an infrared camera for night operations.
3. It weighs less than five pounds and has an endurance of up to 80 minutes.
4. Wingspan: 4.5 feet
5. Speed: 30-60 mph
6. Range: 8-12 km
7. Altitude: 100-500 feet
8. Cost: approximately \$173,000

## COMBAT PISTOLS:

THE CORPS REPLACES ITS CURRENT PISTOL QUALIFICATION WITH A COMBAT-GEARED PROGRAM

CPL. JESSICA ITO



Between the 3rd and 4th quarter of fiscal-year 14, the Marines at Quantico will host six train the trainer sessions for instructors from regional marksmanship training units throughout the Corps. COURTESY PHOTO

**I**mprovements to the Marine Corps' pistol training and qualification program have been under development since 2008. Marines in Weapons Battalion at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., have developed, tested and validated an improved pistol training program that results in Marines being able to effectively employ the pistol using basic engagement techniques. Marines at Quantico will host six train the trainer sessions for instructors from regional marksmanship training units throughout the Corps. For more information, visit [MARADMIN 168/13](#). ■



## IWO JIMA FORMER AND CURRENT MARINES GATHER FOR THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY

SGT. RAY LOTT

About 25 World War II Iwo Jima veterans were in attendance at the 68th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima luncheon ceremony at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco, Calif., March 13. SGT. RAY LOTT

**W**orld War II veterans and current Marines commemorated the 68th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima during a luncheon at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco, Calif., March 13.

The event connected WWII-era 4th Marine Division members and today's 4th Marine Division and Marine Forces Reserve troops.

"We want the Marine Corps community to know that we haven't forgotten... the Marines who were lost at 'Iwo' and the boys that were still serving," said Dale Cook, 86, Iwo Jima Veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

Following the ceremony, the veterans autographed a framed copy of an Iwo Jima tactical map. The art will be displayed in the 23rd Marines headquarters.

"My favorite memory was seeing the veterans come up and point to the map saying they 'landed here,' 'I went to Surabachi,' 'I was there,'" said Cpl. Cesar W. Rivero, an Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran. ■

## BRONZE STAR

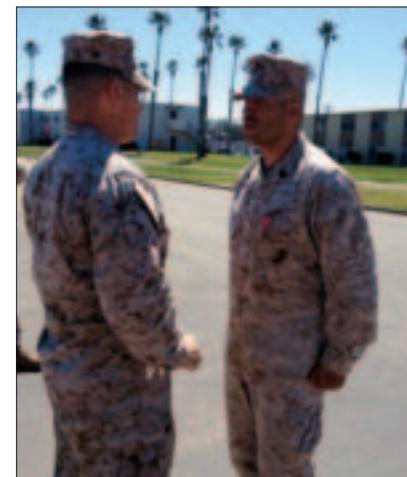
1ST SGT. VELARDE RECEIVES THE BRONZE STAR FOR COMBAT ACTIONS

CPL. MARCIN PLATEK

**U**1st Sgt. Anthony J. Velarde, the first sergeant with 1st Civil Affairs Group, Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with a combat distinguishing device during a ceremony at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 11.

Velarde was recognized for his actions during combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. The first sergeant, at the time a company gunnery sergeant with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, demonstrated acts of heroism during an eight-hour firefight near the town of Kashta Jelijay, March 22, 2012.

"This award is for the company. It's really for the Blackhearts," said Velarde, a native of Baldwin Park, Calif. "It was a company effort because we were out there hooking and jabbing all night and day. I am always going to be proud to wear that for the company." ■



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WITH THE  
**GEAR**

# MULTI-BAND RADIO

AN/PRC-117G



## SPECIFICATIONS

Distance: 300 meters to 24 kilometers
Operational Mode: Voice/Data (to 3.6Mbps)
Orientation: Omni-directional
Encryption: Embeded Sierra II based type I COMSEC
Data capability: IP Capable and ANW2

**T**he multi-band radio is an advanced, software programmable radio that provides interoperability with all currently fielded tactical radios and the following waveforms: VHF, UHF and SATCOM. It enables secure network connectivity to the company and platoon echelon for the MAGTF.

The MRB provides the Marine Corps with the capability to manage the digital communications network. Its major functions

are twofold: it provides the interface between transmission facilities and users and it provides the technical controller the capability to manage communications resources at a node. The MBR can interface with existing and planned message switches, circuit switches, tactical telephone, wire, fiber optic cable and transmission systems.

It extends voice, data and video to the deployed warfighter.

## QUICK FACTS

RADIOS IN WORLD WAR II

### THE 300

In World War II, units were assigned to complex missions across wide distances and they needed lightweight, reliable radios. The nickname "walkie-talkie" was first given to the SCR-300, or as the Marines called it, the 300.

The 300 was a backpack radio that allowed company and battalion commanders to maintain contact under mobile conditions. It was a low-power, portable, frequency modulated radio receiver and transmitter powered by dry batteries. It was designed for two-way voice communications over short ranges.

### SCR-536

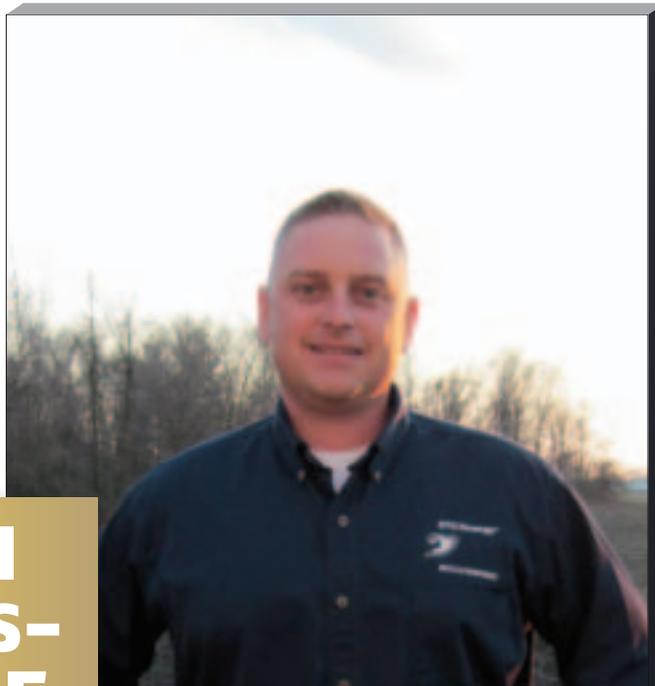
The SCR-536 was the world's first self-contained, hand-held radio specifically designed for ground troops.

This radio was capable of functioning on any channel within a certain set of bands. However, each set could only operate on one channel at any one time. The radioman could not change frequencies, as this was preset at the factory.





## DOUBLE DUTY



# GI -VS- JOE

COURTESY STORY

COURTESY PHOTO

### GUNNERY SGT. BRIAN EVANS

**BILLET:** Company gunnery sergeant for Bridge Co. A, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group

**LOCATION:** Battle Creek, Mich.

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 16 years

**REASON FOR JOINING:** I saw the Marine Corps as a way of gaining maturity and being a part of something larger after high school.

**FAVORITE WORK FOOD:** Brisket is my favorite MRE but I'll eat them all as long as I have a bottle of hot sauce.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Maintaining accountability of Marines and their gear while upholding standards. I also enjoy mentoring junior Marines.

**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT:** I was asked to be the guest of honor at the dining in after a long deployment while in Afghanistan even though I was no longer a member of that platoon. I was very appreciative after all that we had been through.

### MR. BRIAN EVANS

**BILLET:** Nuclear Maintenance Supervisor

**LOCATION:** Newport, Mich.

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 1 year at current position, 11 years in field

**REASON FOR JOINING:** It was a progression from being a pipefitter then becoming a supervisor for DTE Energy where the opportunities are endless for career growth.

**FAVORITE WORK FOOD:** Cashew Clusters

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Supervise the mechanical maintenance of plant equipment so operators have reliable equipment to operate, while maintaining nuclear, industrial and radiological safety. It is also my responsibility to uphold the standards set in place to ensure reliability of personnel and equipment.

**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT:** As a new supervisor to the team I was asked to provide oversight for a large generator outage that involved coordination with multiple work groups, contractors and vendors.

## MOTO TALK

Military expressions from around the Corps

**CIVVIES:** Another way to say civilian attire.

**RACK:** What a Marine calls their favorite place at the end of the day; their bed.

**PT:** Physical training, working out, getting some.

**BAH:** Basic allowance for housing. Officers, staff noncommissioned officers and Marines who have dependants receive this pay bonus.

**TERMINAL LANCE:** A Marine who gets out of the Corps as a lance corporal.

*Everyone deserves an equal opportunity*

# DON'T HESITATE



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## MARINE FORCES RESERVE

ACROSS THE U.S. & ACROSS THE WORLD

Gunnery Sgt. Marisa Bryant, MARFORRES EO Advisor