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FORCE IN READINESS

With the end of the year and holiday season quickly approaching, it may be easy to forget all of the milestones we have realized these past three months. We started celebrating the Marine Corps Reserve Centennial on Aug. 29, 2016, highlighting the achievements for the 100 years of our existence. But as we look back, we must remember to look forward.

Just as our processors were ready, we must be ready. We are a force in readiness. It is our responsibility to make the most out of our training opportunities and address the factors – all the factors – that could keep us from full readiness. My guidance is to move, shoot and communicate across the battlefield, pass the Administrative Analysis Team (MCAAT), Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office (FSMAO), and Commanding General inspections, and provide superb leadership and morale to our Marines and Sailors.

Always consider your next drill as the last one you get before you are activated and deployed. This was the reality of the Marine Corps Reserve for the past 100 years, and while we celebrate this milestone, we must not forget to be ready like those who came before us. Let us continue to show our fellow Americans how we prepare to fight tonight and win our nation's battles, and that the Marines among them can be counted on to be always faithful, always ready.

Semper Fidelis,
Lt. Gen. Rex C. McMillian
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve

SNAP SHOT

Lance Cpl. Joshua J. Bracken, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist with 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, prepares to receive a chemical sample at the site of a simulated chemical warfare lab in an abandoned hotel at Pilottown, La., July 29.

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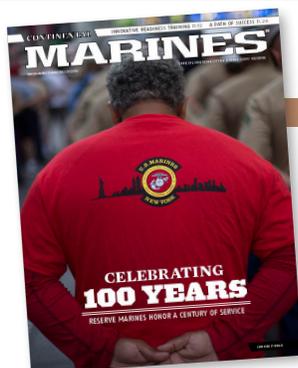
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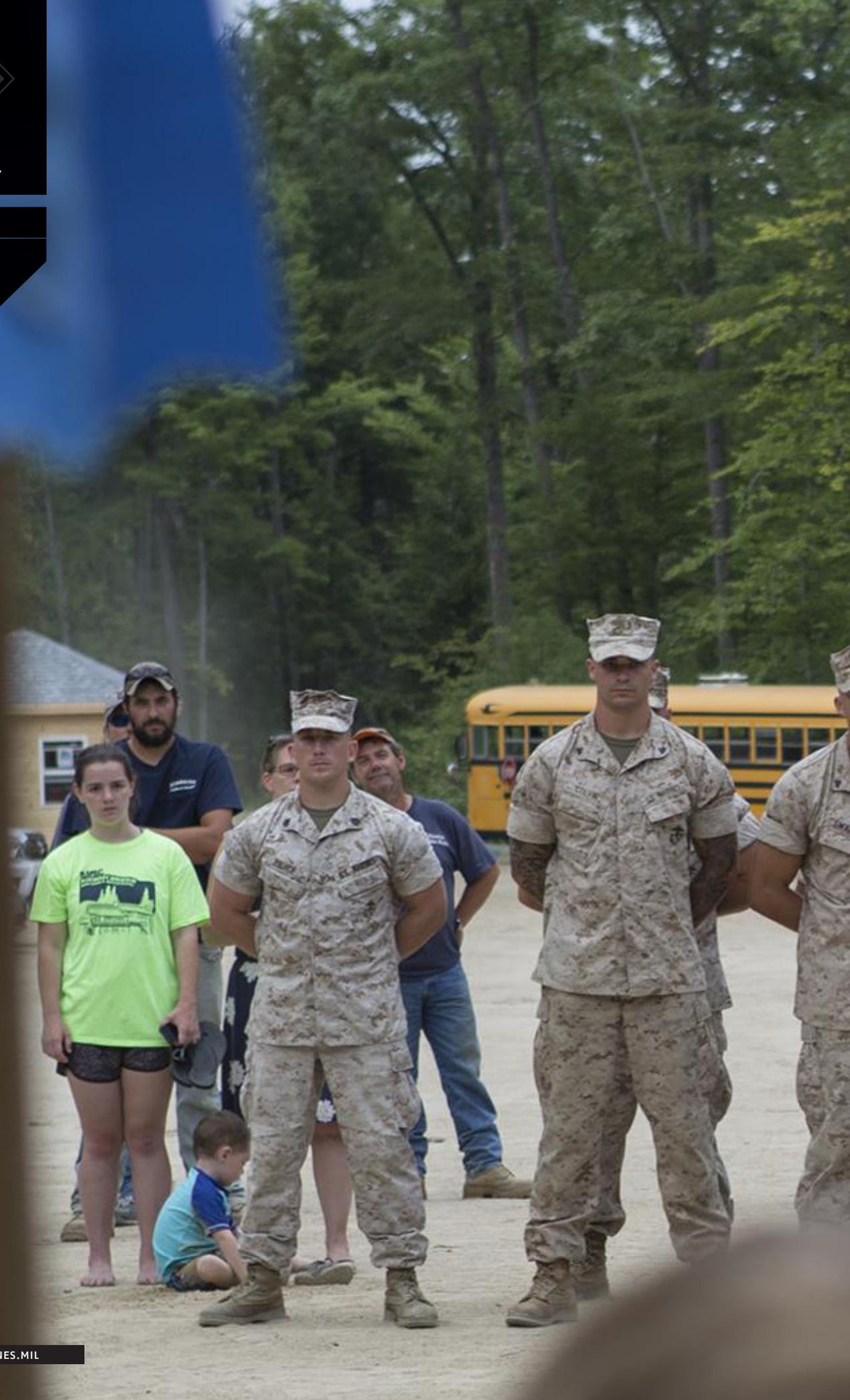


ON THE COVER

A Marine veteran stands at parade rest during a formation, Aug. 29. Marines gathered in Times Square for the "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" formation in celebration of the Marine Corps Reserve Centennial. For 100 years, the Marine Corps Reserve has answered the call, serving as our nation's crisis response force and expeditionary force in readiness. The centennial celebration is a way to honor that selfless service and commemorate the Marine Corps Reserve's rich history, heritage and esprit de corps.
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CORPS
COMMUNITY





Standish Beach

Marines with 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, stand by as they are thanked for their contributions to the community during the John H. Rich Jr. and Doris Lee Rich Memorial Beach and Ice Fishing Access Facility Dedication Ceremony in Standish, Maine, Aug. 12. The Marines helped make the beach more accessible to the community during their annual Innovative Readiness Training exercise.

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LEADING YOUR MARINES:

CMC REMINDS LEADERS TO STAY ENGAGED WITH THEIR MARINES

Gen. Robert B. Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps, issued an administrative message Aug. 3, 2016, as a reminder of his expectations of all Marine leaders. The Commandant says he wants every Marine to be successful; to set goals, compete, and achieve everything within their potential.

Proficiency and conduct evaluation of our junior Marines is one of many tools we use to remain decisively engaged as leaders. A critical component to success is receiving feedback from leadership. Marines must know where they are succeeding and where they may be falling short or missing the mark set for them by their leaders. They must also know what they can do to improve their performance and their conduct as Marines. The pro-con reporting period provides Marines and leaders an opportunity to have a dialogue between leaders and those they lead.

All Marine leaders are expected to be actively involved in counseling Marines at all times. In the case of proficiency and conduct marks, each individual Marine should be personally counseled on his or her markings by the first officer in their chain of command. As part of the leadership team, the individual Marine's enlisted leadership has an equal role in counseling. The leadership team of officer and staff noncommissioned officer is an integral part of engaged leadership when it comes to counseling Marines.

Engaged leadership is what sets Marines apart. Our responsibility to our Marines does not stop with the end of each work day. While the great majority of Marine leaders already actively counsel junior Marines, this MARADMIN provides a reminder to all leaders of the responsibility they have to teach, coach, and mentor the junior Marines in their charge. For more information, see *Maradmin 394/16*. ■

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH:

KNOW THE RESOURCES YOU CAN PROVIDE YOUR MARINES

According to the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Marine Forces Reserve and the MARFORRES Chaplain's office are reaching out to Marines and Sailors to make them aware of the numerous resources available.

Each year the Defense Suicide Prevention office releases suicide statistics, which reported an average of 20 suicides per day by veterans during the 2015 calendar year. Two readily available resources for Marines are the Psychological Health and Outreach Program and an anonymous phone hotline called DSTRESS. Both are accessible from every region of the United States.

Recognizing the signs of suicide is the first step to prevention. According to the MARFORRES website, conversations about dying, a change in personality or low self-esteem are notable signs that a Marine may be in need of support. Taking action to help a fellow Marine in need is the most important thing to do if you are concerned.

The MARFORRES Facebook page highlights available programs and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/marforres.

For a more comprehensive list of resources, see <http://www.marforres.marines.mil/General-Special-Staff/Marine-Corps-Community-Services/Marine-Family-Services/Suicide-Prevention/>. ■



MOBILE APP:

PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST MARINE CORPS APP CHALLENGE

The Marine Corps is continuously making information technology investments in order to ensure mission systems are ready to support warfighting needs. In support of these investments, the Marine Corps will host its first mobile application challenge.

The purpose of the challenge is to accept creative and innovative applications capable of running on either an Android or Apple device. The application categories include quality of life, physical fitness and warfighting.

Marines interested must submit applications by Nov. 5, 2016. Commanders are encouraged to support the participation of all Marines that desire to take part in this event.

The applications will be evaluated by a Marine Corps team and three selected winners will be announced no later than Nov. 21, 2016.

For more information, submission guidelines and eligibility requirements, refer to *Maradmin 447/16*. ■



KOREAN WAR: BATTLE OF THE CHOSIN RESERVOIR

Courtesy Photo

From late November to mid-December 1950, Marines with 1st Marine Division faced approximately 150,000 Chinese troops in the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. Aside from battling enemy forces, the Marines also combated freezing temperatures and blinding snowstorms during the worst blizzard of the century, which led to the surviving veterans of the battle becoming known as the “Chosin Few.”

Throughout the 17-day battle, the Marines fought constant waves of the

Chinese forces. Their determination to never see defeat left the Chinese army with approximately 35,000 casualties. Although the Marines were ultimately forced to withdraw, the battle serves as a symbol of the Marine Corps’ resolve, courage and honor.

“WE’VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE ENEMY FOR SOME TIME NOW. WE’VE FINALLY FOUND HIM. WE’RE SURROUNDED. THAT SIMPLIFIES THINGS”

—LT. GEN. “CHESTY” PULLER

For more information visit:

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Battle-of-the-Chosin-Reservoir>

PFC. HECTOR A. CAFFERATA (1948–1951), USMC
RIFLEMAN, COMPANY F, 2ND BATTALION, 7TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

Nov. 28, 1950, during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, Cafferata’s company was attacked by Chinese Soldiers. All members of his fire team had become casualties and Cafferata was left to fight alone.

While exposed to heavy enemy fire, Cafferata moved up and down the line and killed at least 15 of the enemy and wounded many others. This forced the Chinese to temporarily withdraw their attacking force, which allowed reinforcement Marines to infiltrate.

The next morning as the fire fight continued, a grenade was thrown into a gully filled with wounded Marines. Disregarding his own safety, Cafferata jumped in and tossed out the grenade, which exploded as it left his hand. This caused severe injuries to his hand and arm. Ignoring his pain, Cafferata continued to fight until he was evacuated.

Cafferata’s courage, perseverance and unselfishness saved the lives of of his fellow Marines and the nation’s highest decoration for valor was awarded to him in September 1951 by President Harry S. Truman.

THE HARD FACTS

- The Korean War is often referred to as the “Forgotten War.”
- The Battle of the Chosin Reservoir was one of the harshest battles of the war. Fought from November 27th to December 13th, the intense fighting occurred at a time when temps plummeted to -54 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Approximately 25% of the Americans who died in action during the Korean War were killed between August and December of 1950. The majority of those died either in the battle of the Pusan perimeter, the Chosin Reservoir or the Kunu-ri Pass.
- One survivor of the battle designed a bumper sticker that read: “Once Upon a Time Hell Froze Over. We Were There.”
- One of the heroes of the Korean War is actually a horse, known as Sgt. Reckless. The mare would bring ammo to the Marines and then carry the wounded off the battlefield. A statue, in her honor, is on display at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Source:

<http://armedforcesmuseum.com/interesting-facts-about-the-korean-war/>

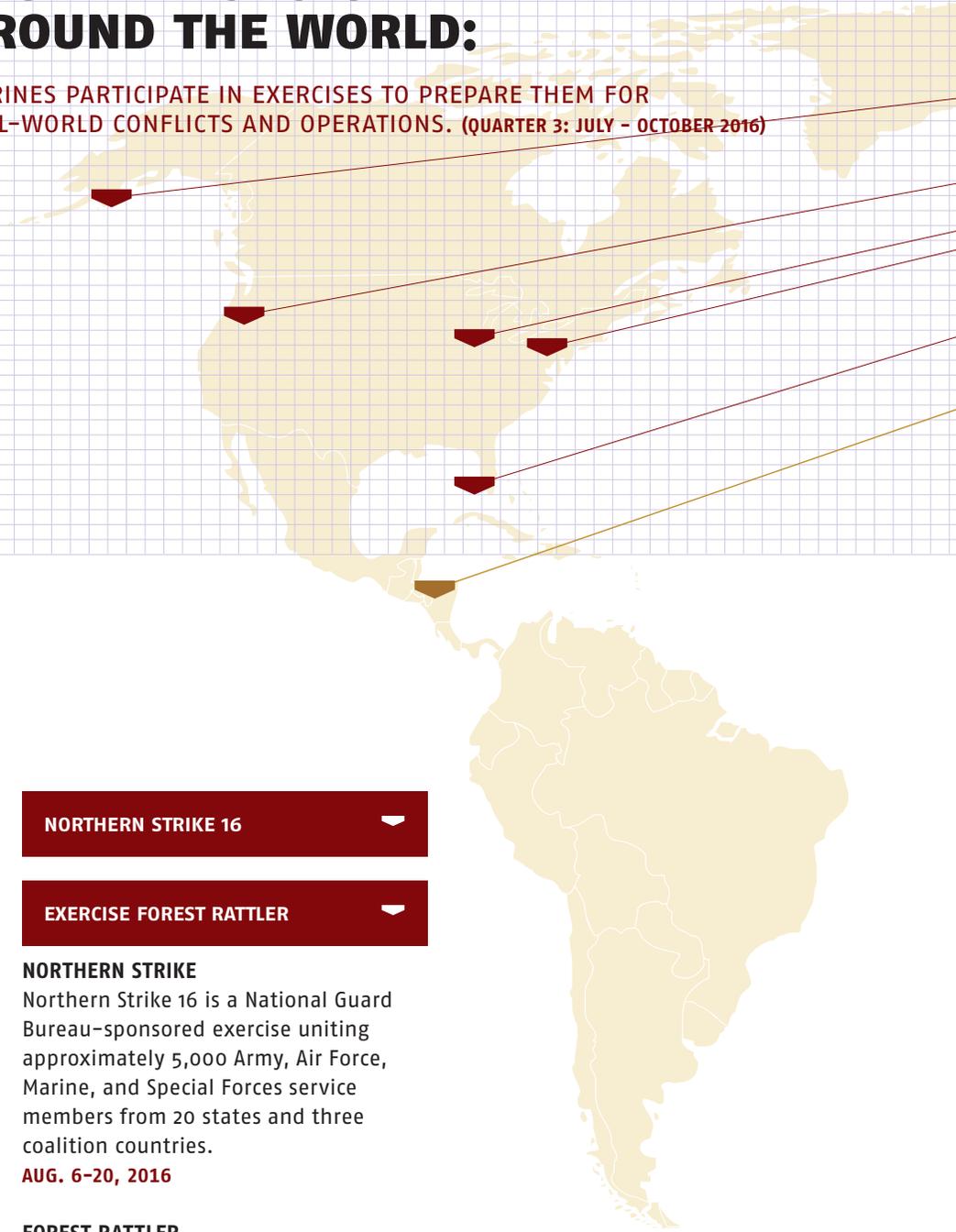


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RESERVE FORCES AROUND THE WORLD:

MARINES PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISES TO PREPARE THEM FOR REAL-WORLD CONFLICTS AND OPERATIONS. (QUARTER 3: JULY - OCTOBER 2016)



Northern Command

IRT OLD HARBOR

IRT DRY TORTUGAS

OLD HARBOR

Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor is part of a civil and joint military program to improve military readiness while simultaneously providing quality services to underserved communities throughout the United States. The primary mission of the exercise is to construct a 2,000-foot extension of Old Harbor's airport runway. This year marks the fourth year Reserve Marines have participated in this Innovative Readiness Training.

DRY TORTUGAS

The Marines joined members of the Air Force Reserve's 482nd Civil Engineering Squadron and 301st CES in a project to renovate the crew quarters at Fort Jefferson located within Dry Tortugas National Park. This year marks the first joint service and joint unit iteration of the Dry Tortugas project.

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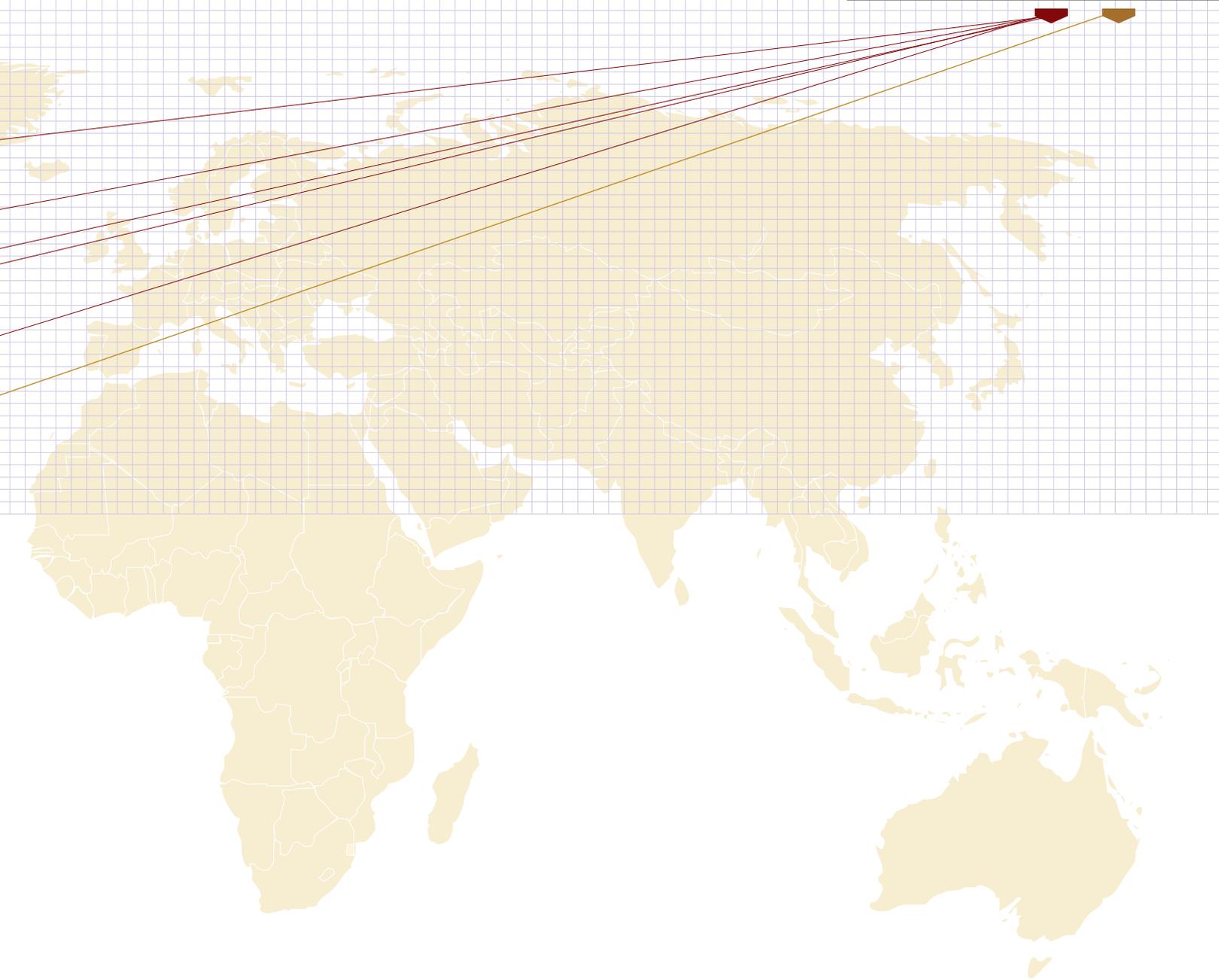
Northern Strike 16 is a National Guard Bureau-sponsored exercise uniting approximately 5,000 Army, Air Force, Marine, and Special Forces service members from 20 states and three coalition countries.

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FOREST RATTLER

Marines work closely with the U.S. Forest Services to sharpen their skills while providing community members engineering services needed to maintain the Willamette and Deschutes Valleys as a part of their annual training requirements.

JULY 13-26, 2016



Southern Command

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WHERE

The Reserve Marines of this Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force serve as an expeditionary, crisis-response force tasked with supporting operations, contingencies and security cooperation.

MARCH 1, 2016-JAN. 22, 2017



TRAIN LIKE WE FIGHT

FORT MCCOY, WIS.

DATES: Aug. 13-23

USMC UNITS: 4th Medical Battalion

PARTICIPATING NATIONS: United States

“FORT MCCOY HAS PROVIDED US WITH GREAT ASSETS AND IT’S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PARTAKE IN SOME OUTSTANDING MEDICAL TRAINING”

—NAVY CAPT. MICHAEL L. REINEKE, COMMANDING OFFICER OF GLOBAL MEDIC

Reserve Marines and Sailors from 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, participated in Exercise Global Medic for their annual training at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, Aug. 13-23.

The training was designed to put roughly 100 Marines and Navy medical staff of all different military occupational specialties in scenarios that mirrored what might be seen in a combat zone. This included motor transportation and communication Marines, as well as Navy medical staff including hospital corpsmen, doctors, nurses and surgeons.

“This is the first time the Marine Corps and Navy have participated in Global Medic,” said Navy Capt. Michael L. Reineke, commanding officer of the event. “Fort McCoy has provided us with great assets and it’s a great opportunity to partake in some outstanding medical training that we don’t always get at some of the other exercises.”

The bulk of equipment the service members trained on was geared

towards medical treatment and casualty evacuation. Simulated casualties with imitation wounds such as shrapnel lodged in the chest and lacerations to the face, tested Navy medical staff on their abilities to provide proper medical attention in a high stress environment where the Marines were needed to provide security.

Aside from providing security, Marines also transported casualties and the motor transportation Marines were afforded the opportunity to embark on virtual Humvee convoys and foot patrols with equipment provided by Fort McCoy. This was beneficial to the Marines as it placed them on a simulated mission where they needed to use their training to think quickly on their feet and reach the rally point at the end.

The simulated training the service members received ensures that when positioned in a combat situation, they will have all the necessary skills and knowledge to successfully accomplish the mission.

Sgt. Mathew W. Dearborn, data networking specialist with 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, searches a simulated casualty for weapons and contraband before he can be brought to the Shock Trauma Platoon for treatment during Exercise Global Medic at Fort McCoy, Wis., Aug. 17.
PHOTO BY CPL. MELISSA MARTENS



IRT DRY TORTUGAS

DRY TORTUGAS, FLA.

DATES: Aug. 1-29

USMC UNITS: 4th Marine Logistics Group

PARTICIPATING NATIONS: United States

“I’M LUCKY I CAME WITH A GROUP OF GUYS WHO ARE VERY EXPERIENCED AT WHAT THEY DO.”

-Senior Airman Michael Chinchilla, an engineering assistant with the 482nd CES



Marines from 6th Engineer Support Battalion and Combat Logistics Regiment 45, 4th Marine Logistics Group, participated in Innovative Readiness Training Dry Tortugas at Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida, Aug. 1 – 29, 2016.

The Marines joined members of the Air Force Reserve’s 482nd Civil Engineering Squadron and 301st CES in a project to renovate the crew quarters at Fort Jefferson, which is located inside the park.

The renovation of the crew quarters helped sustain larger groups working at the park.

“This year the National Park Service is having us renovate the crew quarters so larger groups can work in the park,” said Chief Master Sgt. David S. Hanck, the project manager for IRT Dry Tortugas with the 482nd CES. “Since we began this project we have worked on various construction projects at the request of the NPS.”

The involvement of the 482nd CES with the park dates back to the 1970s, but was discontinued in 2004 until it began again as an IRT project in 2010.

The Innovative Readiness Training program began in 1992 when the Department of Defense searched for innovative programs to serve American communities in need and provide realistic military training benefits. The three primary areas of emphasis were health care, infrastructure support and youth training areas. This year marks the first joint service and joint unit iteration of the Dry Tortugas project.

While building working relationships with another branch during the IRT, the Reserve Marines are able to keep their skills relevant and remain ready to respond to any future contingency.



According to the National Park Service, Fort Jefferson was built to protect one of the most strategic deep-water anchorages in North America, but was later abandoned by the U.S. Army in 1874. The fort now serves as a popular tourist destination as well as a place to house research groups from universities across the country coming to study marine ecosystems in the 46-square-mile Dry Tortugas Research Natural Area.

Courtesy photo

Cpl. Thomas A. Trinosky Jr., a combat engineer with Engineer Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 25, scribes a line on a slab of drywall during Innovative Readiness Training Dry Tortugas at Dry Tortugas National Park, Fla., Aug. 15.
PHOTO BY SGT. IAN LEONES

Gunnery Sgt. Brandon Watson (center), project coordinator for Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor, Alaska, briefs a group of distinguished visitors from different military branches and civilian agencies July 11.



RESERVE MARINES IMPROVE ALASKAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Marines from units across Marine Forces Reserve participated in Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor, Alaska, April 26–Aug. 6.

IRT is a U.S. military volunteer training opportunity that provides not only training and readiness for servicemembers but also address the public and civil-society needs.

IRT Old Harbor is part of a civil and joint military program to improve military readiness while simultaneously providing quality services to underserved communities throughout the United States.

The primary mission of the exercise is to construct a 2,000-foot extension of Old Harbor's airport runway. This year marked the fourth year Reserve Marines have participated in the program.

"Up to this year, the previous participants have moved up to 500,000 cubic yards of material," said Staff Sgt. John V. Geary, maintenance chief and camp commandant for IRT Old Harbor. This year we have moved about 155,000 yards so far and we are looking to move over 200,000 yards by the end of the project this year."

The Marines involved in this year's exercise come from Marine Wing Support Squadron 473, Marine Aircraft Group 41, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing; MWSS-472, MAG 49, 4th MAW; Marine Air Support Squadron 6, Marine Air Control Group 48, 4th MAW; 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, and Environmental Services Detachment. Also joining the Marines were augments from the Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Air National Guard.

The IRT program began in 1992 when the Department of Defense searched for innovative programs to serve American communities in need. The three primary areas of emphasis were health care, infrastructure support and youth training areas.

Old Harbor, a small community on Kodiak Island, is highly dependent on the fishing industry. In order to support economic expansion, the Old Harbor Native Corporation, the City of Old Harbor and the Old Harbor Tribal Council have been working to establish infrastructure needed to start a fish processing operation in the community. In order to develop a fish processing plant necessary to support this operation, a larger airstrip is needed to accommodate larger aircraft that can export fresh fish products.

"Without the support of the IRT program, the Marines, and all the other participating units, this project would be dead in the water," said Cynthia R. Berns, the vice president of administration and external affairs for the Old Harbor Native Corporation.

Aside from the runway construction, the Marines have supported the local community through other various projects.

"The Marines, in their off time, have helped with a lot of community projects," said Rick Berns, mayor of Old Harbor. "This includes gardening, small construction projects, and participation in our community events."

In addition to benefiting the community, the Marines have been able to tap into their expeditionary roots by training in this austere environment.

Heavy equipment operators from across Marine Forces Reserve move material to complete a runway extension project at Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor, Alaska, July 9.



PHOTOS AND STORY BY SGT. IAN LEONES

"This is no different than what they would be doing if they were deployed overseas," said Lt. Col. Vincent C. Dawson, commanding officer of MWSS-473.

"We've had construction of a forward operating base, construction of an airfield and vertical construction of support facilities. We have the whole gamut of Marine Wing Support Squadron military occupational specialties working out here. This is training we can't get when we go to drill two or three days a month."

"The location is probably the biggest challenge of the training," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 John W. Peskuski, project officer, IRT Old Harbor. "Moving equipment and personnel to this location is difficult because you have to come in by plane or by barge. The weather has hindered some of those movements."

Despite logistical setbacks, the Marines are still able to complete quality training.

"For every single Reservist coming to this annual training, they are doing training 10 to 12 hours a day in their military occupational specialty," Geary said. "If they are operating heavy equipment, they are getting a lot of stick time on different kinds of gear. If they are mechanics, they are doing maintenance work every single day."

For many of the Reserve Marines, this is critical training time they might not receive back at their home training centers.

"This has been a great experience," said Pfc. Kade A. Harner, a motor vehicle operator with Detachment B, MWSS-473. "I've

had a chance to run equipment that I've never had hands-on experience with."

Even for more experienced equipment operators, the value of quality training time is the biggest draw.

"It's good training because a lot of times as Reservists, we don't get a lot of hands-on time with the equipment," Sgt. Brian S. Warner, an engineer equipment operator with Det. B, MWSS-472. "For operators it is a really good opportunity for them to run equipment nonstop."

Although the Marines have made a tremendous amount of progress this year, there is still plenty of work to be done.

"To complete this project, we really need to get the drilling and blasting done," Cynthia Berns said. "To do this, ideally, we need to maintain the support of the IRT program and get the Marines who are familiar with the project to participate in it."

With a project the scope of IRT Old Harbor, the Marines have a unique opportunity to meet their annual training requirements while responding to a key infrastructure need in a small American community.

"This project is not only helping to build our infrastructure, but it is really helping to sustain our community and our culture," Cynthia Berns said. "There are a lot of villages in Alaska that are dying. People are moving to the cities and losing the connection with their home. We are really grateful for all of the support from the IRT program and the Marines. Without them, we would not be moving forward."

Cpl. Kuwyn Diggs, a semitrailer refueler operator with Detachment (-), Marine Wing Support Squadron-472, Marine Aircraft Group 49, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, performs maintenance on an AMK 970 semitrailer refueler during Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor, Alaska, July 10.



Cpl. Leon A. Demers, a motor vehicle operator with Detachment B, Marine Wing Support Squadron-472, Marine Aircraft Group 49, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, operates an excavator during a runway extension project at Innovative readiness training Old Harbor, Alaska, July 9. The project would extend the existing Old Harbor runway by 2,000 feet, which would allow larger aircraft to land in Old Harbor.

An aerial view of the Old Harbor runway in, Kodiak Island, Alaska, March 19, 2007. April 26-Aug. 6, 2016, Marines from across the Reserve participated in Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor to extend the existing runway by 2,000 feet in order to allow larger aircraft to land. Old Harbor is a small community on Kodiak Island that is highly dependent on the fishing industry. In order to support economic expansion, a larger airstrip is needed to accommodate larger aircraft that can export fresh fish products.

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Cpl. Phim P. Yang (left), an automotive maintenance technician with Engineer Support Company, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, and Pfc. Rafael Becerra, an engineer equipment mechanic with Detachment (-), Marine Wing Support Squadron-473, Marine Aircraft Group 41, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, perform maintenance on a 120M motor grader during Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor, Alaska, July 10.



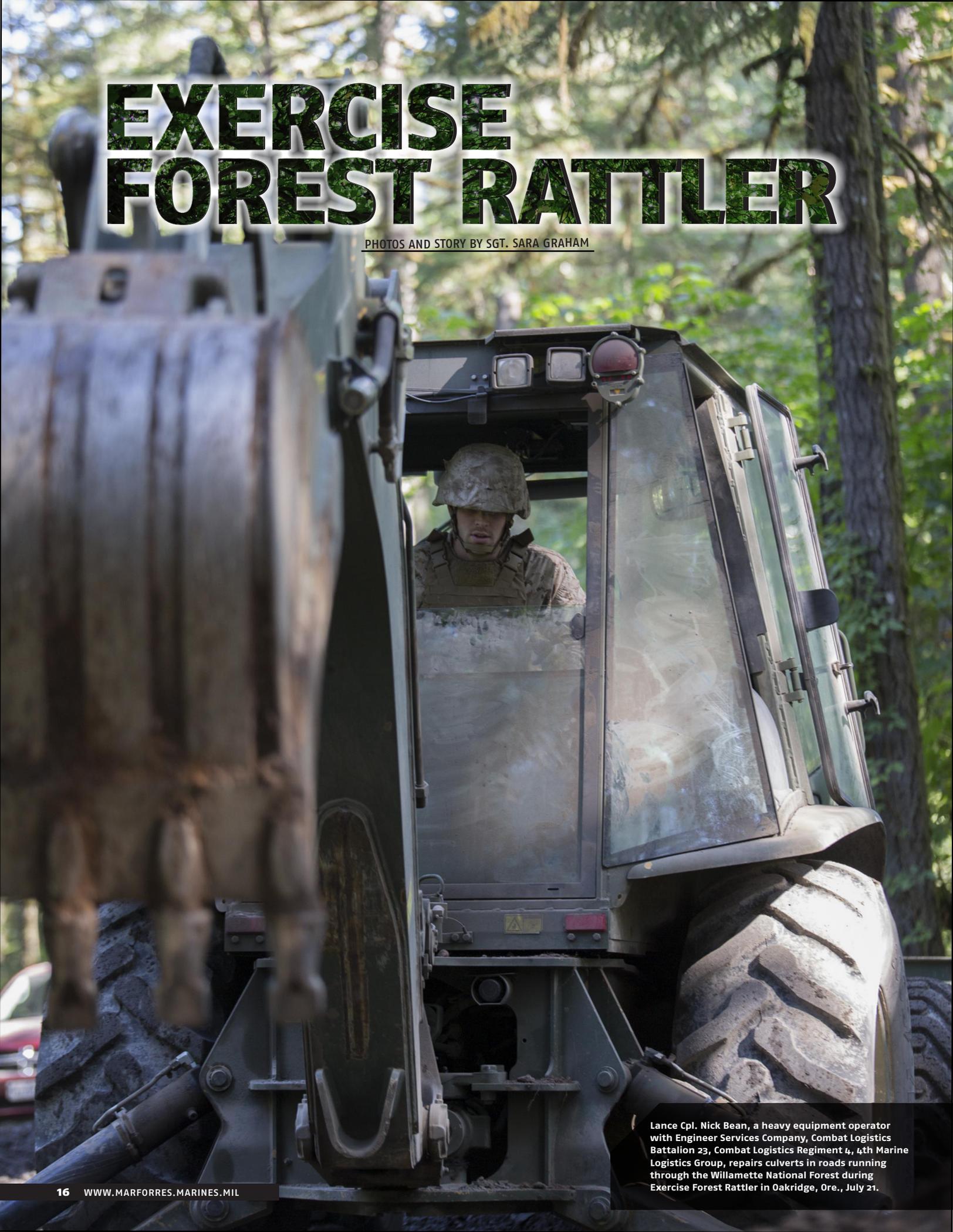
Petty Officer 3rd Class Jerry S. Pring (left), a hospital corpsman with Detachment B, Marine Wing Support Squadron-472, Marine Aircraft Group 49, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Lance Cpl. David J. Rowe (center), an aircraft rescue and firefighting specialist with Det. B, MWSS-472, and Lance Cpl. Benjamin A. Bakker (right), an automotive maintenance technician with Engineer Support Company, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, simulate a casualty evacuation at Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor, Alaska, July 9.



A civilian aircraft takes off while Reserve Marines move material in the background to construct a 2,000 foot extension to the existing Old Harbor airport runway during Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor, Alaska, July 10. The Marines are building the runway to make it possible for larger aircraft to land. IRT Old Harbor is part of a civil and joint military program to improve military readiness while simultaneously providing quality services to underserved communities throughout the United States.

EXERCISE FOREST RATTLER

PHOTOS AND STORY BY SGT. SARA GRAHAM



Lance Cpl. Nick Bean, a heavy equipment operator with Engineer Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 23, Combat Logistics Regiment 4, 4th Marine Logistics Group, repairs culverts in roads running through the Willamette National Forest during Exercise Forest Rattler in Oakridge, Ore., July 21.

Marines with Engineer Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 23, Combat Logistics Regiment 4, 4th Marine Logistics Group, discuss how to clean and repair a culvert in the road while working with the U.S. Forest Service during Exercise Forest Rattler in Oakridge, Ore., July 21.



Reserve Marines with Engineer Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 23, Combat Logistics Regiment 4, 4th Marine Logistics Group, teamed up with the United States Forest Service in Bend, Oregon, to participate in their annual training exercise and assist in completing various projects to better the community, specifically in Willamette and Deschutes Valleys during Exercise Forest Rattler, July 13–26, 2016.

The Marines assisted the forest service with several projects to improve the community while utilizing the opportunity to provide the Marines with realistic, cost-effective annual training. The Marines worked closely with the U.S. Forest Service over the two-week annual training period to complete multiple tasks including avian mitigation to reduce waste produced by birds entering an open roofing area, construction of a new storage shed to house all-terrain vehicles and extra equipment for the Forest Service during the winter, in addition to grading, rocking, cleaning culverts, cutting dangerous trees that can fall and block the roads, and repairing roads the community uses.

According to Maj. Justin DiRico, commanding officer of Engineer Svc. Co., CLB-23, CLR-4, 4th MLG, the focus of these projects is to ensure the Marines were trained in completing horizontal and vertical construction. Horizontal construction includes maintaining roads, which translates to keeping a supply route open to support a ground combat element and supplying them with logistics trains in a combat situation. They also focused on vertical construction projects where they worked on building upward while utilizing their carpentry skills, and learning how to complete a quality project.

“When these Marines are able to take these projects slow down a little bit and make sure our quality is 100 percent it allows them to see what a finished product looks like when there is no stress

involved or expedient factor,” said Sgt. Jamieson Reed, construction foreman, Engineer Svc. Co., CLB-23, CLR-4, 4th MLG. “That way when we get to theater and we have to be expedient with our work the Marines already know from their experience what the end result needs to be and are able to make those judgement calls to make it happen in an expedient manner.”

In addition to honing their skills as an engineering battalion, the Marines also worked on all aspects of being an engineering company including setting up camp support to include generators to cool their tents and provide power, water purification, a laundry system, and showers.

Many of the Marines have experience in the projects they have been assigned to complete, however, the exercise ensures they continue to have the skills to fight and accomplish the mission in combat if the need ever arises.

“The Willamette National Forest has over 6000 miles of road in the forest alone, a lot of those roads are in disrepair and they don’t have the money to keep them up, so it allows us to do that work to help them maintain those roads but also give our Marines an opportunity to operate that equipment, and that is the critical aspect of our training,” said DiRico.

While the Marines utilize this training to stay prepared they are also benefiting from the relationship they are building with the U.S. Forest Service to help ensure they are able to get as much training as possible during their AT.

The relationship built with the U.S. Forest Service has been a crucial component to the well-rounded training the Marines are receiving. It allows the Marines to maintain the ability to have the same skill set as their active counterparts and give back to their community at the same time.



BEEN THERE
DONE THAT

4TH MARINE DIVISION

SETTING SECURITY

A Marine with 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, provides security for his amphibious assault vehicle at Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center, Mich., Aug. 17. Exercise Northern Strike 16 is a National Guard Bureau-sponsored exercise uniting approximately 5,000 Army, Air Force, Marine, and Special Forces service members from 20 states and three coalition countries.

PHOTO BY CPL. DEVAN BARNETT





BEEN THERE
DONE THAT

4TH MARINE DIVISION

MARINES with 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, jump from the back of a C-130 during Exercise Northern Strike 2016 at Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center, Mich., Aug. 17. Reserve Recon Marines practice jumping from the back of C-130s to meet their mission requirements and perfect their occupational skill sets.

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4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

SGT. CHARLES P. RETTER (RIGHT), motor transport maintenance chief with 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, teaches Marines how to properly utilize new trailers for the 7-ton truck during Exercise Global Medic at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, Aug. 18. By explaining how new equipment is used, Retter is ensuring that his Marines will be ready in a combat zone to use their skills to fulfill mission requirements.

PHOTO BY CPL. MELISSA MARTENS

FORCE HEADQUARTERS GROUP

SGT. MAJ. William J. Grigsby (center), sergeant major of Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve, takes the colors from the FHG color guard during the change of command ceremony at the Federal City Auditorium, New Orleans, Aug. 13. The passing of the colors symbolizes the transition from one commander to the other.

PHOTO BY CPL. MELISSA MARTENS



4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

LT. COL. Daniel T. Smith, commanding officer, Marine Aircraft Group 41 Detachment Alpha, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, salutes the colors during an assumption of command and posting of detachment colors ceremony for the newly activated unit, aboard Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, California, July 21.

PHOTO BY SGT. KIRSTIN RODGERS

SERGEANT MAJ. Dallas Miller (left), sergeant major, and Lt. Col. Daniel T. Smith, commanding officer, Marine Aircraft Group 41, Detachment Alpha, 4th Marine Air Wing, uncasing the colors during an assumption of command ceremony aboard Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 21. The uncasing of the colors symbolizes MAG-41 Detachment Alpha's reactivation.

PHOTO BY SGT. KIRSTIN RODGERS

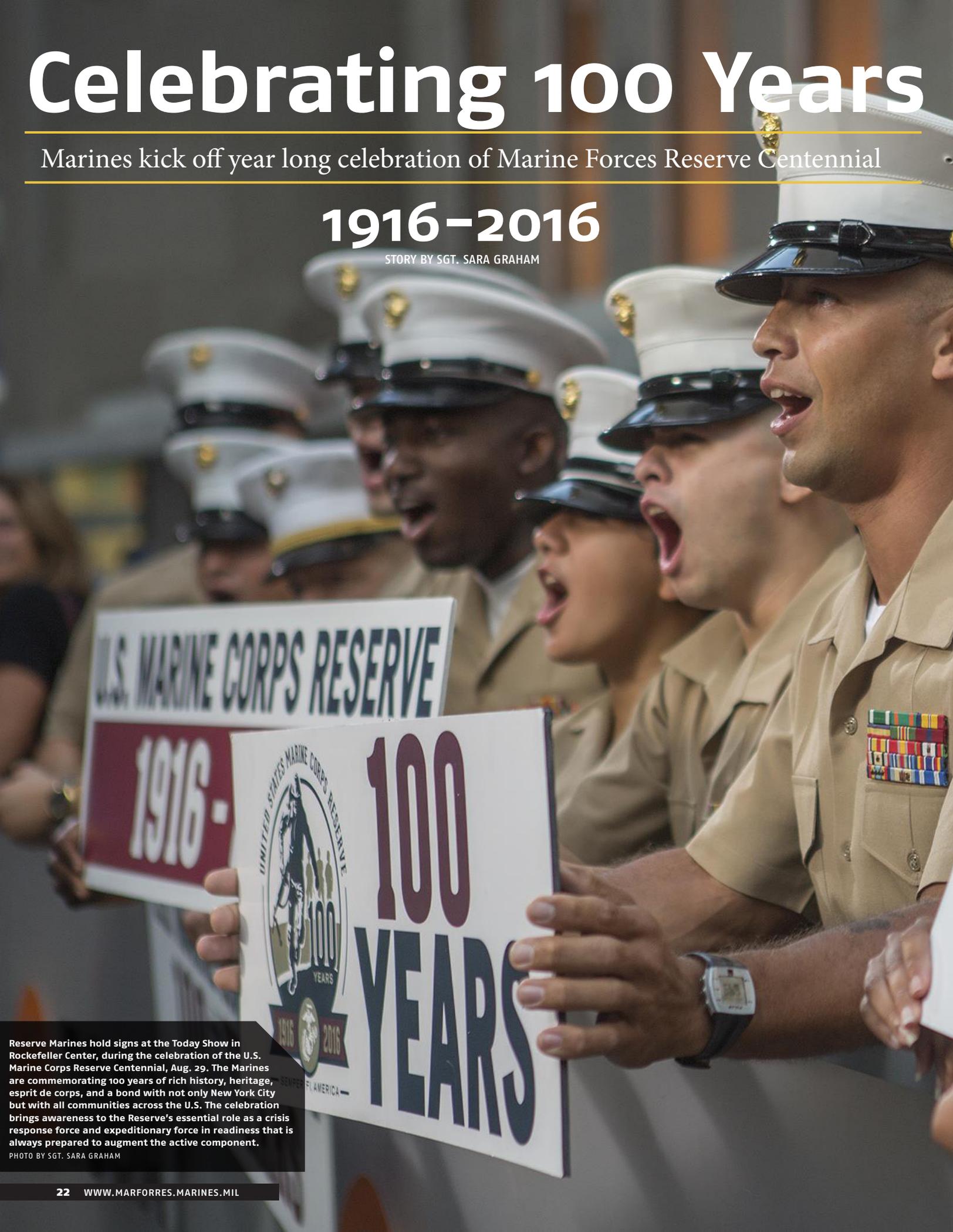


Celebrating 100 Years

Marines kick off year long celebration of Marine Forces Reserve Centennial

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STORY BY SGT. SARA GRAHAM



Reserve Marines hold signs at the Today Show in Rockefeller Center, during the celebration of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Centennial, Aug. 29. The Marines are commemorating 100 years of rich history, heritage, esprit de corps, and a bond with not only New York City but with all communities across the U.S. The celebration brings awareness to the Reserve's essential role as a crisis response force and expeditionary force in readiness that is always prepared to augment the active component.

PHOTO BY SGT. SARA GRAHAM





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MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTENNIAL

ALWAYS FAITHFUL. ALWAYS READY.



Lt. Gen. Rex C. McMillian, commander of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North, gives the oath of enlistment to potential recruits during the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve Centennial celebration at Times Square, Aug. 29. For 100 years, the Marine Corps Reserve has answered the call, serving as our nation's crisis response force and expeditionary force in readiness.

PHOTO BY SGT. SARA GRAHAM

An onlooker photographs Marine Corps Band New Orleans as they perform at Bloomberg Tower in commemoration of the Marine Corps Reserve Centennial, Aug. 30., 2016. The Marines are commemorating 100 years of rich history, heritage, esprit de corps, and a bond with not only New York City but with communities across the U.S.

PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. RICARDO DAVILA



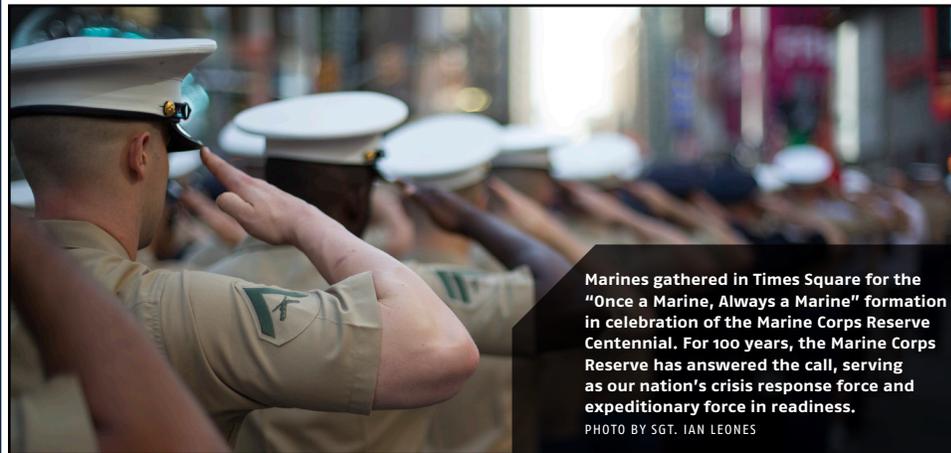
Marines with 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, present the colors during the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Centennial celebration at Times Square, Aug. 29. For 100 years, the Marine Corps Reserve has answered the call, serving as our nation's crisis response force and expeditionary force in readiness.

PHOTO BY SGT. SARA GRAHAM



Marines gathered in Times Square for the "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" formation in celebration of the Marine Corps Reserve Centennial. For 100 years, the Marine Corps Reserve has answered the call, serving as our nation's crisis response force and expeditionary force in readiness.

PHOTO BY SGT. IAN LEONES



Nearly 500 current and former Marines gathered together in the largest mass Marine formation in New York City's history, to celebrate the Marine Corps Reserve Centennial at Times Square, Aug. 29.

The "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" formation is one of the many kick-off events taking place in New York to mark the start of a yearlong celebration of the Marine Corps Reserve's 100 years of service to the Corps and the community. The formation brought together Marines from World War II to the present, including members of the New York Police and Fire Departments, community members and possible future Marines, to honor 100 years of selfless dedication to their country.

"The presence of these Marines is a reminder to our country that our nation's most treasured resources are the brave men and women who volunteered to serve when this country calls," said Lt. Gen. Rex C. McMillian, commander of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North. "With us today are New York's finest and bravest, from the police officers to the firefighters of New York, these brave men and women are on watch protecting our citizens. This gathering is a reminder to all Marines who ever served, that you are still a member of the Corps."

The anniversary celebration highlights the achievement and history of the Reserve throughout the years and their commitment not only to their nation but to balancing a life in the Corps and civilian world. It recognizes that Marines continue their roles in the community whether they are currently serving in the Corps or in their civilian lives.

"We are all Marines at the end of the day -- once a Marine, always a Marine -- so it was good to bring us all together in formation," said Cpl. Prince Mendis, a motor transport operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 25. "Since we are Reserve Marines it is good to show up and show who we are, what we do, and why we are celebrating 100 years of the Reserve."

The Reserve continues to serve selflessly to protect their nation while they balance the responsibilities of family, school, community and careers. Even while balancing their two lives, the Reserve Marines are a key component to the Marine Corps, as they serve as the nation's crisis response force and expeditionary force in readiness. They are continually ready to support and augment the active duty Marines whenever it is asked of them.

"Our role is to back up the active duty component, they go in for long deployments then we step in to help when they need a break," said Mendis. "We are very strong in what we do, so we back them up and push them forward."

To complete the celebration, potential new recruits stood before the formation and community and took the oath of enlistment to join the Marine Corps. Whether it is to serve on active duty or in the reserves, they are taking their first steps into a service with unmatched heritage and tradition. They represent a look to the future, and hope to become the Marines who will carry on the next 100 years of service and tradition.

Today, approximately 500 Reserve Marines are providing fully integrated global operational support to the Fleet and Combatant Commanders.

Following a path to success



STORY CPL. MELISSA MARTENS



Lance Cpl. Torffic Hassan (left), an engineer with 6th Communications Battalion, Force Headquarters Group, gives a lesson on generator system functions to his fellow Marines at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Butlerville, Ind., June 8. Hassan immigrated to the United States in 2009 to pursue his education.

PHOTO BY CPL. MELISSA MARTENS

In 2009, Torffic Hassan was ready to take a leap of faith.

He packed up, said good-bye to his loved ones and left his home country of the Republic of Ghana, Western Africa, to start a new life in the United States.

Education was the driving force behind his big move.

"It didn't scare me to come to the United States alone because I just viewed it as another assignment," said Hassan, a calm young man with a serious demeanor. "Coming here was like winning the lottery.

Through the Diversity Visa Lottery, a Department of State program that offers foreigners the opportunity to earn a legal permanent resident status without family or employment sponsorship, Hassan had the opportunity to begin his new life in New York City.

Hassan, now a naturalized citizen since 2013 and a Lance Corporal in the Marine Corps, has a drive that allows him to overcome any obstacle to achieve his goals and reach success.

After two years of getting to know his new home and settling in, Hassan was ready for new challenges. In 2011, he applied and was accepted to Lehman City College of New York in the Bronx.

After attending a few semesters of college, Hassan was ready to take on yet another challenge and enlist in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

"When I was in school, I had a friend tell me that the military will help you pay for your education," said Hassan. "I looked at my country and saw that everyone joined the Navy

and Army and I wanted to be different. I think that the Marines are the best and I wanted to be a part of them."

After graduating from recruit training, Hassan continued to take college classes. Not only is he now a full-time student and a volunteer at a local soup kitchen, but he also works full time for the Long Island Railroad as a car maintenance specialist and is an electrician for 6th Communication Battalion, Force Headquarters Group.

"I work the overnight shift at the railroad so that during the day I can go to school and do my assignments," said Hassan. "It's a lot of work but that's why the Marine Corps is perfect for me because I like to always be busy."

It wasn't just Hassan's education that reaped the benefits of the Marine Corps, but it was also his ever-evolving character.

"Joining the Marine Corps helped to build my confidence and allowed me to become more vocal in my everyday life," said Hassan. "It helped me find my voice."

Now just two classes away from completing his bachelor's degree, Hassan has hopes to commission as an officer in the Marine Corps. During the summer of 2015, he completed Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. Once his degree is complete in 2017, he plans to commission and attend The Basic School, also located in Quantico, to train as an officer.

Hassan's endeavors started with a bold and courageous move into the unknown, which has developed into a string of accomplishments. With aspirations to complete his education and accept a commission, Hassan hopes that he can inspire others and help them create a success story of their own.



Lance Cpl. Torffic Hassan, a Reserve Marine with 6th Communications Battalion, became a naturalized U.S. citizen March 22, 2013, during a Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Hall National Memorial. Hassan immigrated to the United States in 2009 from the Republic of Ghana, West Africa.
PHOTO BY CPL. JUAN D. ALFONSO



UNIT
PROFILE



Capt. David A. Arzouman, commanding officer of 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, visited the Marines and Navy personnel during Exercise Global Medic at Fort McCoy Wisconsin Aug. 20. Arzouman commended the service members on how well they performed during the exercise.

PHOTO BY CPL. MELISSA MARTENS

4TH MEDICAL BATTALION, 4TH MLG

LOCATION: San Diego, California

The lineage of 4th Medical Battalion dates back to July 5, 1943 when it was activated at Camp Lejeune as part of 4th Marine Division. A month later, the unit was relocated to Camp Pendleton where they then deployed to the Pacific Area to fight in World War II. Shortly after its return in 1945, 4th Med Bn. was deactivated.

Twenty two years later, the unit was reactivated in Tacoma, Washington, and since then has made significant

contributions to operations such as Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom.

Currently, 4th Med. Bn. falls under 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve, and continues to provide health support to the Marine Expeditionary Force. With recent participation in exercises such as Global Medic and upcoming exercises such as African Lion, 4th Med. Bn. leadership ensures that their Marines and Sailors maintain up-to-date skill sets to provide unmatched medical care and mission completion.



4TH MED. BN. QUICK FACTS

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- Most of what 4th Med Bn. does today is augment Special Marine Air Ground Task Force and Marine Air Ground Task Force operations around the globe.
 - Members of the medical unit provided operational support in Iraq before retiring in May 2016.
 - 4th Medical Battalion provides forward resuscitative care to units of the MAGTF by performing emergency medical and surgical procedures above the supported units' organic medical capabilities.
 - Awarded the Presidential Unit Citation Streamer in 2003 for the support the unit

COMMANDING OFFICER: Navy Capt. David A. Arzouman

SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER: Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Daniel Thomas

SERGEANT MAJOR: Sgt. Maj. Peter Mireles

MISSION: Provide health service support to the Marine Expeditionary Force.



BE SMART,
BE SAFE



U.S. MARINES

PHOTO BY SGT. IAN LEONES

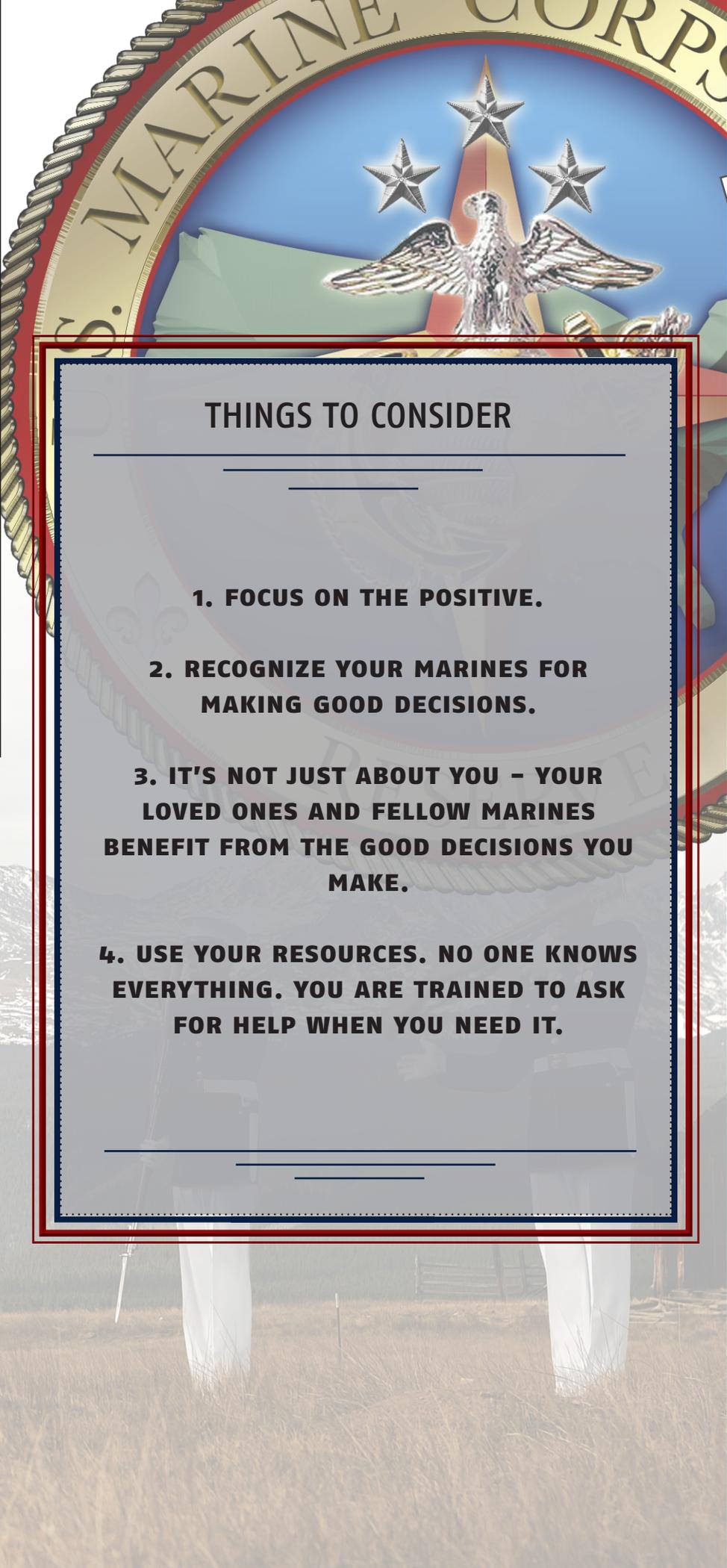
PROTECT WHAT YOU'VE EARNED

“Protect What You've Earned” is intended to emphasize good decision making in all aspects of a Marine's life. With PWYE, Marines are encouraged to think before they act.

By reinforcing a Marine's wish to protect what is most valuable to them, PWYE helps to emphasize core values of honor, courage and commitment. By encouraging these values and sound decisions, Marines can better emphasize their place in the Marine Corps.

PWYE's mission is to instill combat readiness and capabilities within a Marine's team and unit. By encouraging these personal decisions, leaders will be able to pursue and continue to maintain an open dialogue with their Marines and family members about risks and consequences of individual actions.

PWYE isn't just a campaign, it is a meant to open dialogue between Marines about how to acheive what they value most by making the right decisions.



WHAT DO YOU VALUE?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- 1. FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE.**
 - 2. RECOGNIZE YOUR MARINES FOR MAKING GOOD DECISIONS.**
 - 3. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT YOU – YOUR LOVED ONES AND FELLOW MARINES BENEFIT FROM THE GOOD DECISIONS YOU MAKE.**
 - 4. USE YOUR RESOURCES. NO ONE KNOWS EVERYTHING. YOU ARE TRAINED TO ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT.**
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1. Relationships
2. Career
3. Credit history
4. Rank
5. Property
6. Family
7. Reputation
8. Health
9. Future



SAVED
ROUNDS



Marines with Company A, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, fire a M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank during their annual training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 19. Marines fired the tanks to adjust their battle sight zero before the main event of their annual training.

4TH TANKS SEND ROUNDS DOWN RANGE ON CAMP PENDLETON

STORY AND PHOTO BY CPL. GABRIELLE QUIRE

Company A, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, conducted its main annual training event July 12-22, 2016, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California.

Starting from the sea, the exercise concentrated on training the Marines to conduct amphibious operations where Marines were transported from ship to shore aboard a landing craft air cushion in order to join their supporting units inland.

“It’s important to do this training not only for the Reserve Marines but the entire Marine Corps to go back to its amphibious roots,” said Maj. Anthony G. Davis, the assistant Inspector-Instructor executive officer for 4th Tank Bn., 4th MarDiv. “A Marine is a naval infantryman. The whole reason the Marine Corps was created is to project power from the sea and it’s extremely important for your heavily armored assets to be able to move off ship and forward against the adversary.”

The culminating event kicked off July 22, where Marines displayed their ability to execute a heavily armored, large scale attack while working with their active duty counterparts.

“One of the primary roles in combat arms is to be able

to shoot, move and communicate at the same time in a rigorous combat environment,” said Maj. Adam Lynch, the executive officer for 4th Tank Bn., 4th MarDiv. “The Marines conducted the exercise in seamless effort with their active duty counterparts.”

The culminating event was comprised of both offensive and defensive operations against a notional adversary, where 4th Tank Bn. took the lead up front as the most heavily armored asset. During the event, the tanks formed screen lines, a stationary force that established a series of positions along a designated line to provide overlapping observation and lines of fire.

“Conducting large scale training events like this shows all the aspects that a Marine Air Ground Task Force brings to the battlefield, and furthermore what the Reserves bring to the fight,” said Lt. Col. Christopher M. Long, battalion commander of 4th Tank Bn., 4th MarDiv.

4th Tank Bn. is the largest tank battalion the Department of Defense has in their arsenal. If the need to deploy occurs, Marines with 4th Tanks are ready to answer the call. ■

IRT MAINE

6TH ESB RECOGNIZED AT STANDISH BEACH DEDICATION CEREMONY

STORY AND PHOTO BY SGT. SARA GRAHAM

Marines with 6th Engineer support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve, were recognized for their contributions to the newly dedicated John H. Rich Jr. and Doris Lee Rich Memorial Beach and Ice Fishing Access Facility in Standish, Maine on August 12. The Marines made the beach more accessible to the community while they participated in their annual Innovative Readiness Training exercise.

During the training the Marines completed several projects including a horizontal construction piece including a road leading up to a parking lot able to hold 100 cars. They also completed a vertical construction piece consisting of four vertical structures and a 170 foot bridge walkway that allows access to the beach. The project provided benefits to both the Marines and community, enabling them to train in their military occupational specialties and help the community complete a project that they have not been able to kick off for many years.

“I think being a community with somewhat limited resources being able to draw from their crew (the Marines) and for them to come and help is probably one of the only ways we would be able to do a project like this,” said Jennifer DeRice, Standish Parks and Recreation director.

According to Capt. Brandon Bolhous, officer in charge of 6th ESB, the Marines worked closely with Roger Mosley, director of the Standish Public Works Department, forming a relationship over the last three months not only with the public works team, but with the Navy



Capt. Brandon Bolhous, the officer-in-charge with 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, gives a tour of the new boardwalk the Marines of 6th ESB completed during their annual Innovative Readiness Training in Standish, Maine, Aug. 12.

PHOTO BY SGT. SARA GRAHAM

and local community.

The Marines not only received essential training and were recognized for their hard work, they were simply happy to be providing something the community has needed and can take full advantage of.

“Most of the time when we build things we leave and go to another place and build something else, but here we are able to see what we built being in use,” said Cpl. Alexander Colvin, assistant squad leader with 6th ESB. “On top of that it is always good to get an ‘Atta Boy’, but the thing that hit me was how grateful they were, that is probably the best part about this, giving them an opportunity to have a beach because as a kid that is something you want.” ■

WORKING TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION:

INSPECTOR-INSTRUCTOR DUTY

STORY BY CPL. MELISSA MARTENS

Geographically dispersed around the United States and other parts of the world are Marines who instruct and assist Selected Marine Corps Reserve units in order to maintain a continuous state of readiness. These Marines are serving Inspector-Instructor duty.

I&I duty stations fall under Marines Forces Reserve’s four major subordinate commands. The Marines are stationed in the heart of communities and perform missions specific to their command and unit. I&I Marines work closely with the Reserve Marine leaders at their units to ensure operations run smoothly and to keep the lines of communication open between active and Reserve Marines.

“I&I duty is a combination of active component Marines, active reserve Marines and SMCR units,” said the Deputy Branch Head of the Training and Readiness Division, MARFORRES, Anthony T. Davis. “The AC and AR Marines are the day-to-day personnel that run the unit itself, plan the weekend drills for the Reserve Marines and help to prepare for possible mobilization.”

Marines serving I&I duty continue to support Reserve units and ensure that when the Reserve Marines come to train, they have everything they need to accomplish the mission. ■

MFR LEGION

NEW ORLEANS MARINES TAKE ON THE BATTLE OF THE BIG EASY

STORY AND PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. DALLAS JOHNSON

Marine Forces Reserve Legion, the new martial arts team at Marine Corps Support Facility New Orleans, competed in the Battle of the Big Easy American Grappling Federation tournament at the Alario Center in Westwego, La., Aug. 6.

Marines of all experience levels competed in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in front of a crowd of more than 600 spectators to show off the dedication and hard work the Marines have invested for over two months. With a training schedule that spans every day for almost two hours, MFR Legion demonstrated mastery of the fundamentals of grappling and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

“The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program is designed to give warriors a good, quick confident understanding of martial arts and prepare them for combat,” said Gunnery Sgt. Justino Vasquez, operations chief of G-3/5, Marine Forces Reserve. “Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a way of life, it gives you a way to challenge yourself and it takes something to get on the mat, give 100 percent and put it all out there and then tap out. It’s very humbling.”

On multiple occasions throughout the tournament, MFR Legion competed against their teammates, both eliminating each other from the competition and establishing the final podium hierarchy.

In almost every weight and rank division, MFR Legion took down their opponents with a team total of 22 medals with 10 gold, nine

silver and three bronze and an overall team finish of third place. ■



Marine Forces Reserve Legion, a mixed martial arts team comprised of Marines from Marine Corps Support Facility New Orleans, participated in the Battle of the Big Easy American Grappling Federation tournament at the Alario Center in New Orleans, Aug. 6.



WITH THE
GEAR

SPECIFICATIONS

LAUNCHER

Weight: 8,256 lbs.

Length: 35 ft.

Barrel Length: 200 in.

Caliber: 155mm, 39 Caliber

Max Rate of Fire: 5 rounds/minute

Muzzle Velocity: 827 m/s

Max Range: 18.6 miles; With Excalibur 25 miles

Crew Size: 5-8



QUICK FACTS

M777

• In May 2005, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, became the first Marine unit to begin fielding the new M777.

• When towed by a 7-ton truck, the M777 can be dropped, loaded and ready to fire in less than three minutes.

• The M777 is the world's first 155mm howitzer weighing less than 10,000 pounds. This is achieved by using titanium and aluminum alloys.

SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.MILITARY.COM/VIDEO/GUNS/](http://www.military.com/video/guns/howitzers/bullet-points-m777-howitzer/4903820474001?COMP%3D1199456081625%26RANK%3D4)
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M777 HOWITZER

The origins of the M777 date back to the early 1980s in an attempt to develop a lightweight 155mm howitzer for the export market. After receiving the name classification as M-777, production was approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy in November 2002. The first M777 came off the production line in February 2004, replacing the M198. The M777 is lighter due to the primary use of titanium and aluminum alloys.

Indirect fire for the M777 is aimed using a digital fire control system; a device that provides navigation, pointing and self-location for quick placement in combat. Using this system, the M777 Howitzer is easily placed to provide rapid and accurate firepower so that it may be quickly assembled and disassembled.

SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.MILITARY-TODAY.COM/ARTILLERY/M777.HTM](http://www.military-today.com/artillery/m777.htm)



DOUBLE DUTY



PHOTO BY CPL. DEVAN BARNETT

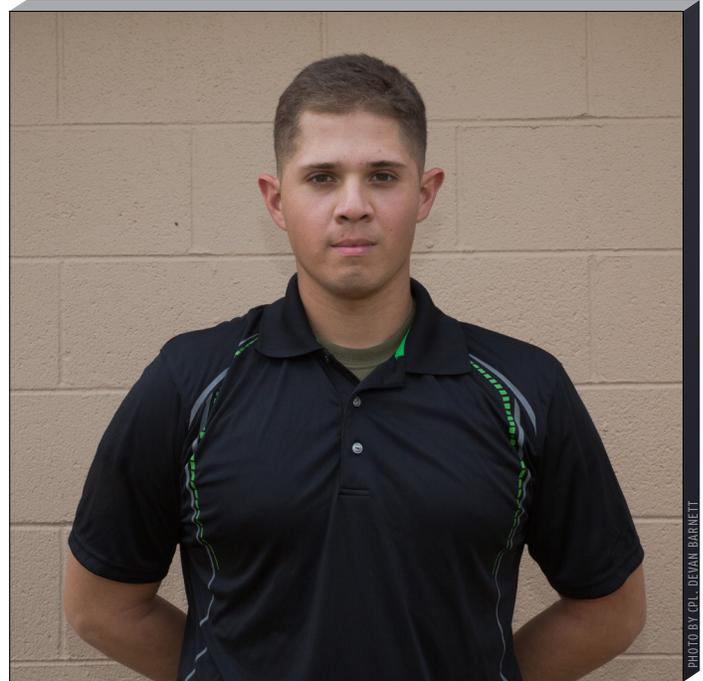


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LANCE CPL. ALFONSO REYES

BILLET: Amphibious Assault Vehicle Crewman, driver for 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division.

TIME IN SERVICE: 4 years

REASON FOR JOINING: No one in my family ever joined any type of military service. I wanted to be the first one in my family. The Marine Corps called my name, and I wanted the challenge.

RESPONSIBILITIES: My responsibilities are to maintain my track, keep it in good condition and order, and to get the job done no matter what.

MEMORABLE MOMENT: My most prized and memorable moment was at boot camp when I was given the Eagle, Globe and Anchor. That will never leave my mind. Sure, it was tough, but when I earned the title Marine, it was all worth it.

ALFONSO REYES

BILLET: Hurricane Construction Spray Foam Technician

TIME IN SERVICE: 2 years

REASON FOR JOINING: I did this to gain more experience and to better myself so I can increase my responsibilities and leadership.

RESPONSIBILITIES: I use compressor hoses to spray an expanding polyurethane foam material to insulate into places to make them hurricane proof. We usually do it during the construction process.

MEMORABLE MOMENT: My boss is a retired master sergeant and was part of my unit back in the 1980s. Meeting him and knowing I'm in good hands makes the job that much more memorable. He mentors me and teaches me things about my unit and about my civilian job.

MILITARY EXPRESSIONS FROM AROUND THE CORPS

MOTO TALK

THE HEAD SHED: The command post or other headquarters area where senior Marines gather.

COB: Close Of Business, or the end of working hours.

SECRET SQUIRREL: Works in classified environment, classified in nature.

TAD: Temporary Additional Duty

SCUTTLEBUTT: Gossip; or a drinking fountain on ship. Because people gathered around a scuttlebutt, gossip, rumors, and sea stories are also known as scuttlebutt.



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ENVIRONMENT
matter

your decisions
matter

PROTECT WHAT YOU'VE EARNED