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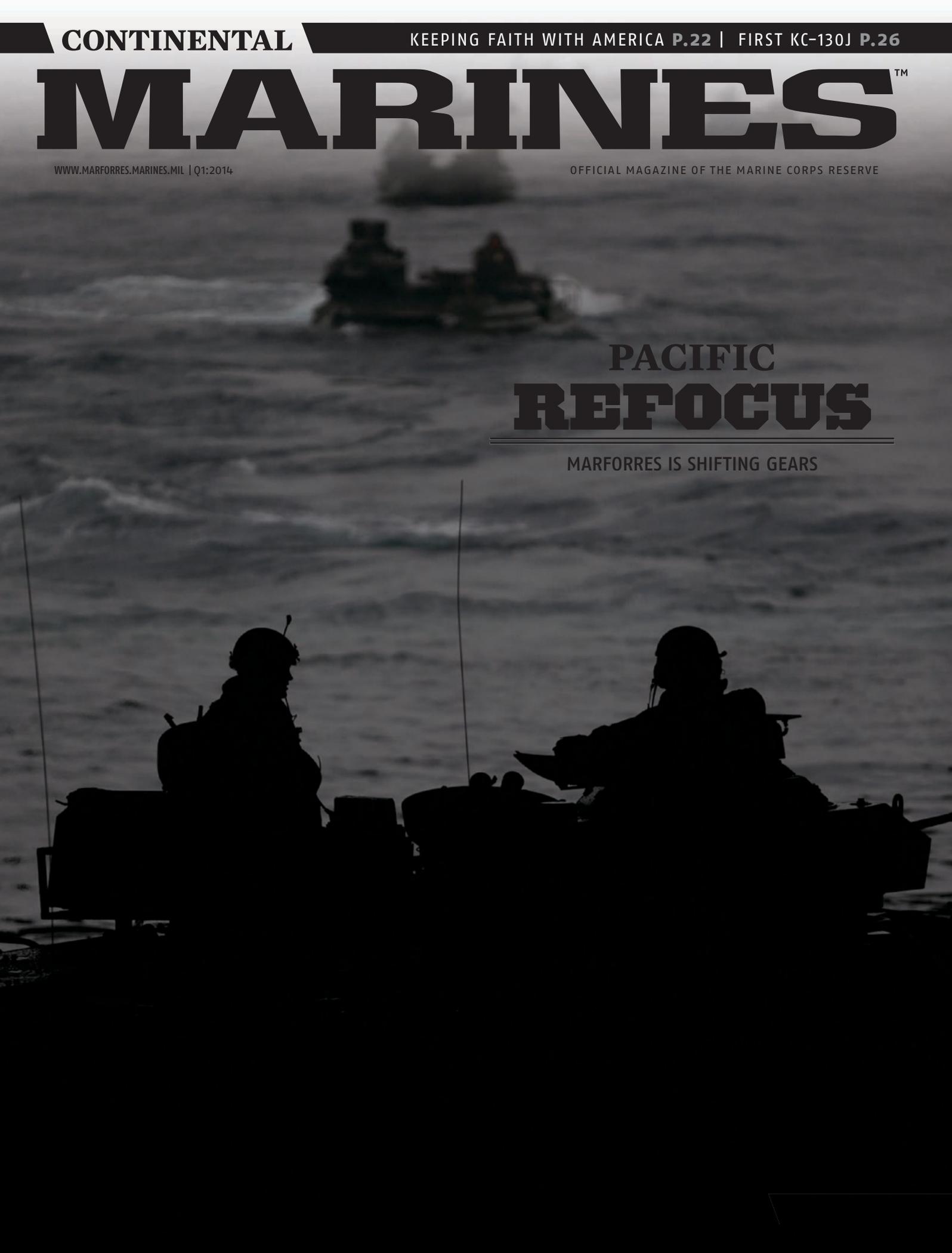
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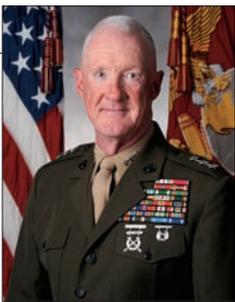
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

THE RESERVE FOOTPRINT

As part of the Marine Corps Total Force, Marine Forces Reserve's commitment to organize, man, train, equip, and provide forces to augment, reinforce, and sustain the active component remains so very vital now, and for the future. This is exemplified by our participation in exercises like Cobra Gold and MEFEX/Ssang Yong. At Cobra Gold, members of 4th Law Enforcement Battalion integrated seamlessly with 3rd LE Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group for training with the host nation of Thailand to promote our alliance and presence in the region. Additionally, 14th Marines and 4th Tank Battalion's participation in MEFEX/Ssang Yong, a Marine Expeditionary Brigade-level exercise, showcases the effectiveness of Total Force integration while bringing us back to our amphibious roots in the Pacific.

In a world of increasingly complex security challenges across the globe and fiscal uncertainty at home, we must stand ready, relevant and responsive to meet any current operational requirements. Combatant commander rotational and crisis requirements continue to give our Marines and Sailors the experience they need to remain ready in this uncertain environment.

In some cases, the newest technologies are enhancing our efforts; in March, the Reserve force saw its first delivery of the new KC-130J aircraft at Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234, in Fort Worth, Texas.

In addition to worldwide operations, Marines are serving their communities at home. The close of Mardi Gras season here in New Orleans served as a reminder of just that. The continued presence of Marines in cities all across America is critical to maintaining our legacy, and I thank you all for what you do as Marines.

Semper Fidelis,
Lt. Gen. Richard P. Mills
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve

SNAP SHOT



Cpl. Ivan Medramo with Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, observes the surroundings from a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System while driving off the firing position, during a Combined Joint Live Fire Exercise, at Rodriguez Range, South Korea, Mar. 26.
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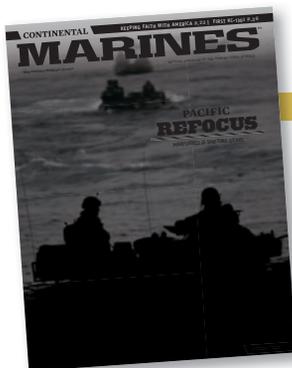
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CORPS
COMMUNITY





DANCING IN THE STREET

Cpl. Robert Flack, a saxophone player in the brass section of the Marine Corps Band New Orleans, entertains the crowd during a long break in the Krewe of Bacchus parade in New Orleans, March 2. Marine Corps Band New Orleans performed during the parade Sunday evening, bringing cheers from the supportive parade attendees.

LANCE CPL. BRYTANI MUSICK

TRANSFER REQUEST:

MARINE CORPS IMPLEMENTS NEW POLICY TO PROTECT VICTIMS

In order to further protect victims of sexual assault, a new policy allows the transfer of a service member accused of committing a sexual assault or related offense, balancing the interests of the victim and the accused. A transfer request must be initiated by the victim and approved by the chain of command. For members of the Selected Marine Corps Reserve or Individual Mobilization Augmentees, the Sexual Assault Initial Disposition Authority may elect to direct that the accused and the victim perform training on alternate weekends, at different times, or at a different unit in the home drilling location or geographic region on a case-by-case basis. For the full list of conditions, see **MARADMIN 031/14**. ■



LANCE CPL. KASEY PEACOCK

NEW DEADLINE:

EXTENSION GIVES MARINES MORE TIME TO ACHIEVE GOALS

M**ARADMIN 035/14** announced the new deadline requiring females to perform pull-ups during the annual physical fitness test has been extended until June 30, 2014. Upon approach of the initial deadline of Jan. 1, 2014, studies found females attending boot camp were not able to meet the minimum requirement of three pull-ups. The policy extends phase one, which allows females to perform either pull-ups or the flexed arm hang during their PFT. All females are encouraged to continue working toward the goal of eight to earn 100 points. ■

EDUCATION:

MORE MONEY IN TA BUDGET, BUT RESTRICTED USE



COURTESY PHOTO

The Marine Corps plans to spend \$44 million on the educational assistance program in fiscal year 2014, increasing allowances for each quarter and giving more students tuition assistance. Although there is more money for each quarter, Marines now receive only \$250 per course and pay the rest out of pocket. Marines are encouraged to visit their local base education staff to discuss available options for funding, including scholarships, grants, loans and more. See **MARADMIN 456/13** for more information concerning tuition assistance. ■



THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

Exhausted Marines of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, rest near a M4 Sherman of the 4th Marine Division. They are waiting for the tanks to attack the numerous pillboxes between Motoyama Airfield #1 and #2 on Iwo Jima, Feb. 22, 1945.

On the morning of Feb. 23, 1945, a patrol of 40 men from 3rd Platoon, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment assembled at the base of Mount Suribachi. Their mission was to take the crater in the center of the mountain and raise the American flag.

On their way up they encountered no enemy fire. Once they reached the crater, some Marines provided security while others looked for a way to raise the flag. At 10:20 a.m., the Marines hoisted the flag over the island on a steel pipe.

THE RAISING OF THE AMERICAN FLAG ON MT. SURIBACHI ENERGIZED THE EXHAUSTED AMERICAN FORCES AND INTIMIDATED THE ISLAND'S DEFENDERS.

This symbol of victory sent a wave of strength to the battle-weary fighting men below, and struck a further mental blow against the island's defenders.



SGT. JOSEPH R. JULIAN (1918–1945), USMCR
PLATOON SGT, 1ST BN. 27TH MARINES, 5TH MARINE DIVISION

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

During the seizure of Iwo Jima on March 9, 1945, Julian established his platoon's guns in strategic places and then advanced alone past deadly demolitions and grenades, killing two of the enemy and driving the remaining five out of a pillbox. Seizing a discarded rifle, he dispatched the five before they could escape. He obtained more explosives and knocked out two more cave positions. Immediately after, he launched a bazooka attack on the remaining pillbox before he fell and was mortally wounded.

THE HARD FACTS

- **THE GOAL**
TO CAPTURE IWO JIMA AND MAKE IT A STAGING AREA FOR AMERICAN ATTACKS ON THE JAPANESE MAINLAND.
- **THE INVASION**
THE FIRST AMERICAN ATTACK ON JAPANESE TERRITORY.
- **THE CASUALTIES**
THE FIRST BATTLE WHERE AMERICAN CASUALTIES OUTNUMBERED THE JAPANESE.
- **THE FIREPOWER**
U.S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AVIATORS MAINTAINED COMPLETE SUPREMACY IN THE SKIES OVER IWO JIMA.
- **THE ENEMY**
JAPANESE POSITIONS ON THE ISLAND CONSISTED OF HEAVILY FORTIFIED BUNKERS, HIDDEN ARTILLERY POSITIONS AND TUNNEL SYSTEMS.
- **THE ICON**
THE MOST FAMOUS IMAGE FROM THE BATTLE IS A PICTURE OF FIVE MARINES AND ONE NAVY CORPSMAN RAISING THE AMERICAN FLAG ON TOP OF MOUNT SURIBACHI.
- **TODAY**
THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS OF MARINE FORCES RESERVE CURRENTLY WORK AT THE LT. COL. JOSEPH J. MCCARTHY BUILDING IN NEW ORLEANS. ON FEB. 21, 1945, WHEN JAPANESE DEFENSES HELD UP HIS COMPANY'S ADVANCE ACROSS THE ISLAND, HE FEARLESSLY LED AN ATTACK ACROSS HOSTILE TERRAIN TO ATTACK A SERIES OF ENEMY EMPLACEMENTS. FOR HIS HEROISM, HE WAS AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

TOTAL FORCE
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RESERVE FORCES AROUND THE WORLD:

MARINES PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISES TO PREPARE THEM FOR REAL-WORLD CONFLICTS AND OPERATIONS. (QUARTER 1: JANUARY - MARCH 2014)



AFRICA COMMAND

LONG HAUL COMM. DET. ▾

SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF AFRICA ▾

EASTERN/CENTRAL ACCORD ▾

LONG HAUL COMMUNICATIONS DETACHMENT

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

14.1- SEPT. 1, 2013 TO JUNE 5, 2014

SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF AFRICA

A regionally-focused composite organization specifically tailored to conduct multiple, simultaneous, small and widely-dispersed security cooperation activities.

13.3- MARCH 12, 2013 TO FEB. 22, 2014

EASTERN/CENTRAL ACCORD

4th Marine Division and Force Headquarters Group lead exercises in Uganda and Cameroon designed to increase U.S. and partner nation defense capabilities and capacity to conduct medical disaster response, aeromedical evacuation and aerial resupply operations.

MARCH 1, 2014 TO MARCH 22, 2014

EUROPEAN COMMAND

GDP-ISAF ▾

GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

A program designed to train Georgian infantry battalions to conduct full spectrum operations in a counterinsurgency environment and deploy Georgian battalions to Afghanistan. Marines help increase the Georgian armed forces' capacity to train and prepare for coalition operations

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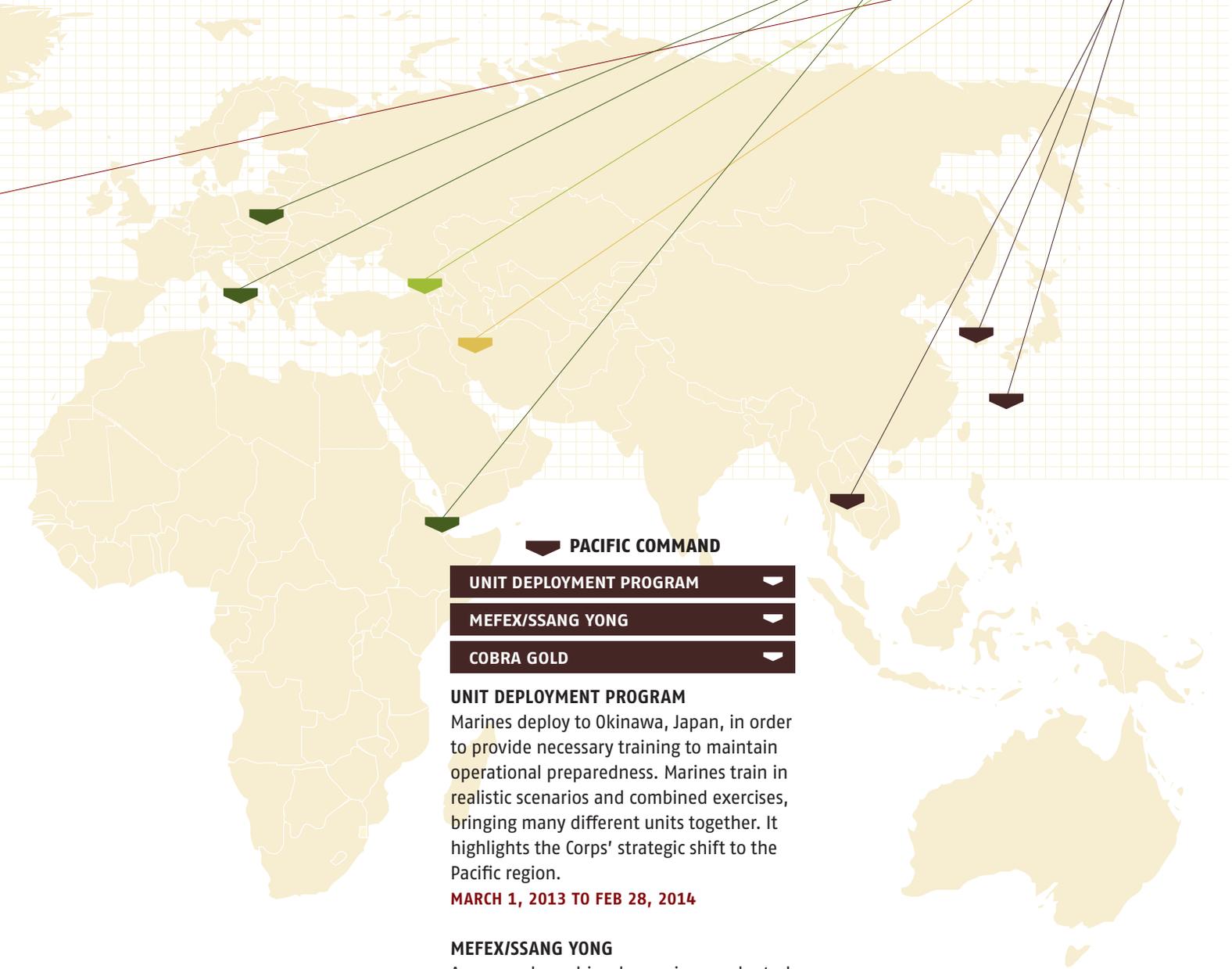
NORTHERN COMMAND

NORTHCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM ▾

NORTHCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM

Marines provide training in urban terrain tactics, intelligence-driven operations and professional development to the area of operations to include the Bahamas, Canada and Mexico.

OCT. 1, 2013 TO SEPT. 1, 2014



PACIFIC COMMAND

- UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM** ▾
- MEFEX/SSANG YONG** ▾
- COBRA GOLD** ▾

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

MEFEX/SSANG YONG
 An annual combined exercise conducted by Marine and Navy forces with the Republic of Korea in order to strengthen interoperability and working relationships across the range of military operations from disaster relief, to complex expeditionary operations.
MARCH 7, TO APRIL 20, 2014

CENTRAL COMMAND

CENTCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM ▾

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.
13.2- MAY 1, 2013 TO APRIL 10, 2014

COBRA GOLD
 The largest multinational exercise in Southeast Asia, which takes places annually throughout the Kingdom of Thailand. Cobra Gold demonstrates the U.S. and the Kingdom of Thailand's commitment to their long-standing alliance, regional partnership, prosperity and security in the Asia-Pacific region.
FEB. 11 TO FEB. 21, 2014

EXERCISE X3



MEFEX/ SSANG YONG

POHANG/OSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

DATES: March 7 to April 20, 2014

USMC UNITS: Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment; 3rd ANGLICO and 4th Tank Bn.

PARTICIPATING NATIONS: Republic of Korea

“MARINES, ALONG WITH OUR NAVY COUNTERPARTS AND ROK PARTNERS – ARE BUILDING A NARRATIVE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. WE ARE SHOWING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OUR ALLIES AND ENEMIES ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT WE HAVE NOT MISSED A BEAT.”

–Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy, deputy commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force and commander of Ssang Yong 2014



U.S. Marines with Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, fire a Reduced Range Practice Rocket from a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System during a Combined Joint Live Fire Exercise at Rodriguez Range, South Korea, March 28. This is the first time HIMARS have been deployed and fired within the Republic of Korea.
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Ssang Yong 14 is an annual combined exercise conducted by Marine and Navy forces with the Republic of Korea in order to strengthen interoperability and working relationships across the range of military operations, from

disaster relief to complex expeditionary operations.

Marines with the 14th Marine Regiment and 4th Tank Battalion joined the III Marine Expeditionary Force to participate in Ssang Yong.

South Korean Marines enter a CH53-E, Super Stallion with U.S. Marines during exercise Ssang Yong 14 in Pohang, South Korea, April 1. Exercise Ssang Yong is conducted annually in the Republic of Korea to enhance interoperability between U.S. and ROK forces by performing a full spectrum of amphibious operations while showcasing sea-based power projection in the Pacific.

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COBRA GOLD

THAILAND

DATES: Feb. 11 to Feb. 21, 2014

USMC UNITS: 4th Law Enforcement Battalion, 3rd ANGLICO

PARTICIPATING NATIONS: Kingdom of Thailand, United States, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Republic of Korea and Malaysia



“THE FIRST THING THAT STRIKES ME IS THE AMOUNT OF COMMITMENT IN TROOPS THAT YOU SEE DEMONSTRATED IN COBRA GOLD. WHAT YOU ARE SEEING IS AN ENDURING COMMITMENT HERE IN THAILAND AND THE REGION BY THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS.”

-Brig. Gen. Richard L. Simcock II, the executive agent senior representative of CG 14 and deputy commander of Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

Cobra Gold is an annual Thailand-U.S. co-sponsored joint and multinational exercise. Cobra Gold is the largest multinational and multiservice exercise in Southeast Asia, which takes place annually throughout the Kingdom

of Thailand. Cobra Gold, in its 33rd iteration, demonstrates the U.S. and the Kingdom of Thailand’s commitment to our long-standing alliance and regional partnership, prosperity and security in the Asia-Pacific region.



Royal Thai Marines participate in a civil disturbance training demonstration given by U.S. Marines during Exercise Cobra Gold 2014 at Samaesan Royal Thai Marine Base, Rayong, Kingdom of Thailand. 4th Law Enforcement Battalion deployed a ten-Marine detachment to integrate with 3rd LE Bn. in support of Cobra Gold.

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A Royal Thai Marine with 1st Infantry Battalion receives an electric shock from a taser while participating in a non-lethal weapons training class given by the U.S. Marines of 3rd Platoon, Company A, 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion during Exercise Cobra Gold 2014 at Samaesan Royal Thai Marine Base, Rayong, Kingdom of Thailand. 4th Law Enforcement Bn. deployed a ten-Marine detachment to integrate with 3rd LE Bn. in support of Cobra Gold.

SGT. MATTHEW TROYER



Marine Forces Reserve's **REFOCUS** to the **PACIFIC**

STORY BY SGT. MICHAEL ITO



Amphibious assault vehicles are parked side-by-side during the conclusion of the rehearsal for the combined amphibious landing demonstration conducted as part of Exercise Cobra Gold 2014, at Hat Yao beach, Rayong, Kingdom of Thailand, Feb. 13. Cobra Gold, in its 33rd iteration, demonstrates the U.S. and the Kingdom of Thailand's commitment to our long-standing alliance and regional partnership, prosperity and security in the Asia-Pacific region. The AAVs shown belong to the Royal Thai, U.S. and Republic of South Korea militaries.

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South Korean amphibious assault vehicles approach Dokseok-ri beach while U.S. Marines and South Korean Marines conduct an amphibious assault exercise during exercise Ssang Yong 14 in Pohang, South Korea, March 31.



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As outlined in the National Security Act of 1947, the Marine Corps has three purposes:

1. To seize and defend advanced naval bases and other land operations to support naval campaigns;
2. To develop tactics, techniques, and equipment used by amphibious landing forces in coordination with the Army and Air Force; and
3. To perform such other duties as the president may direct.

For more than a decade, the Marine Corps has been performing duties as a land-based force, providing an extremely effective counter-insurgency effort in Iraq and Afghanistan. As those conflicts come to a close and troops are returned to the United States, the Marine Corps aims to “get back to its amphibious roots.”

In congressional testimony in 2012, Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the

Marine Corps, said, “The Marine Corps is not designed to be a second land army, we are designed to project power ashore from the sea.”

New foreign policy initiatives have aligned with the commandant’s desire for the Marine Corps to return to its amphibious roots.

President Barack Obama issued a series of statements in the fall of 2011 suggesting that the United States would be expanding and intensifying its role in the Pacific region. During a visit to Australia, the president stated his vision more explicitly.

“As President, I have made a deliberate and strategic decision -- as a Pacific nation, the United States will play a larger and long-term role in shaping this region and its future, by upholding core principles and in close partnership with our allies and friends,” he said. “As we end today’s wars, I have directed my national security team to make our presence and mission in the Asia Pacific a top priority.”

President Obama alluded to the U.S. being a major player in the Pacific region, which is increasingly central to global commerce, politics, and security. According to the 2014 Department of Defense Quadrennial Defense Review, military spending in the region is rising, and will continue to do so in the coming years.

“AS WE END TODAY’S WARS, I HAVE DIRECTED MY NATIONAL SECURITY TEAM TO MAKE OUR PRESENCE AND MISSION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC A TOP PRIORITY.”
-PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

In a recent article penned by Amos, “An amphibious force for emerging demands,” he says, “U.S. economic and security interests are inextricably linked to developments in the arc extending from the Western Pacific and East Asia into the Indian Ocean region and South Asia. Accordingly, the U.S. military will continue to contribute to security globally, we will, of necessity, rebalance toward the Asia-Pacific region.”

So, the commander-in-chief and commandant have made it clear the Pacific region will be a priority. What does that mean for Marine Forces Reserve?

First, it means more training opportunities in the region. Historically, MARFORRES has played a role in most major Pacific-theater exercises like Cobra Gold, Talisman Saber, Ulchi Freedom Guardian and others. Take, for example, Exercise Ssang Yong 14; the exercise is being executed this spring in South Korea with forces from the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy and the Republic of Korea. Look for further MARFORRES participation.

MARFORRES will also continue to source the Unit Deployment Program, according to Lt. Gen. Richard Mills, commander, MARFORRES. UDP is a six-month training tour in Japan for infantry, aviation and artillery units based in the continental U.S. and Hawaii. “You will see more Marines in theater,” Mills said.

Both Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 773 and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 112 recently returned from

tours on Okinawa and Iwakuni, respectively. During their tours, they took part in training exercises with active-component Marines as well as international service members around the Asia-Pacific Region.

Second, it means more bases of operation for Reserve Marines when they are in theater. In late 2013, the U.S. and Japan reached a deal to relocate and consolidate the Marine base on Okinawa to a less-populated region, thereby reducing the American footprint on the South-Japanese island. Included in the deal was the

An AH-1Z, Viper, and a UH-1Y, Venom, provide close air support over a Korean ship while U.S. Marines and South Korean Marines perform an amphibious assault during Exercise Ssang Yong 14 in Pohang, South Korea, March 31.



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Marines navigate through a river under the cover of smoke during the culminating event of the Jungle Warfare Training Center's jungle operations course in Okinawa, Japan, Sept. 30, 2013.

SGT. JONATHAN WRIGHT



South Korean Marines and U.S. Marines take a seat inside a CH-53-E, Super Stallion, for the first time, during exercise Ssang Yong 14, Pohang, South Korea,

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relocation of approximately 5,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam.

Speaking about the deal, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, said, "Its implementation will ensure that we maintain the right mix of capabilities on Okinawa, Guam and elsewhere in the region, as we reduce our footprint on Okinawa and strengthen this alliance for the future."

Another new addition to the Marine Corps' map is Darwin, Australia. In November 2011, President Obama and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced the deployment of Marines to Darwin and Northern Australia for around six months at a time. During this period, they will conduct exercises and training on a rotational basis with the Australian Defence Force. According to the official Marine Rotational Force – Darwin website, the intent in the coming years is to establish a rotational presence of a 2,500-person Marine Air Ground Task Force. The presence of Marines in Australia reflects

the two nations' enduring alliance and common security interests in the region and improves interoperability between the U.S. and Australia

The idea behind the moves in the Pacific, according to Lt. Gen. Terry Robling, commander, Marine Corps Forces Pacific, is to establish a persistent presence.

"The United States has been a significant presence in the region throughout the post-war period," he said. "And that presence has been significant glue in the region, facilitating both security and economic growth. Our allies and partners certainly recognize this and are looking at new ways to work with us to get that persistent presence."

This persistent presence is just one facet in maintaining the Marine Corps as a middleweight force and what Amos calls "a vital crisis-response force." MARFORRES holds a unique position in these kinetic plans. According to Mills, the Reserve Force will continue to backfill the active

component in order to keep a normal battle rhythm and give active forces the dwell time they need.

President Obama makes our plans clear: "As we plan and budget for the future, we will allocate the resources necessary to maintain our strong military presence in this region. We will preserve our unique ability to project power and deter threats to peace. We will keep our commitments, including our treaty obligations to allies like Australia. And we will constantly strengthen our capabilities to meet the needs of the 21st century. Our enduring interests in the region demand our enduring presence in the region. The United States is a Pacific power, and we are here to stay."

So as the United States shifts its eyes more toward the Pacific, MARFORRES and the Marine Corps will not only follow suit, but take the lead.



“When the opportunity came to be the drum major, I jumped at the chance.”

FROM THE FRENCH QUARTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE

STORY BY LANCE CPL. BRYTANI MUSICK

Gunnery Sgt. Duane King comes from a musically-talented family. Starting in the 6th grade, he began to find his own musical talent. From these humble beginnings grew King’s high goals and aspirations. How high was unknown until recently, when King was selected as the most senior drum major in the Marine Corps.

King, drum major for Marine Corps Band New Orleans, was recently selected as the next drum major for “The President’s Own,” the Marine Corps’ premier band, which performs for the president, foreign dignitaries and the commandant of the Marine Corps.

“It’s something I’ve always aspired to do,” said King. “When the opportunity came to be the drum major, I jumped at the chance.”

King stepped on the yellow footprints more than 19 years ago. His long and eventful career has brought him to both coasts of the country, and to each level of military musicianship.

“For me, the drum major of ‘The President’s Own’ is considered the pinnacle of my field,” King said. “When I got the opportunity to become a drum major in the band field, it seemed to be a natural progression. There is not a higher position in the Marine Corps.”

King began the climb toward his new position in 1997. He was at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif., at the time, serving and learning as the assistant drum major. After getting a taste of his future, he attended the ceremonial conducting and drum major course at the Armed Forces School of Music.

He was then given a chance to test his mettle as a part of the band for Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, and again when he was transferred to Marine Forces Reserve.

His hard work paid off, when, in 2010, he was selected as the assistant drum major for “The President’s Own,” nicknamed the



Gunnery Sgt. Duane King, drum major for the Marine Corps Band New Orleans, leads the band during the Bayou Classic Thanksgiving Day Parade in New Orleans, Nov. 28, 2013.
LANCE CPL. JOHN-PAUL IMBODY



Gunnery Sgt. Duane King plays his trumpet in the bywater neighborhood of New Orleans.
SGT. TYLER HLAVAC

“Scarlet and Gold,” after the color of their uniforms.

Being a drum major is one of the highest leadership spots in the band field. As the drum major for Marine Corps Band New Orleans, King is responsible for such things as training, leading and mentoring Marines.

“It gives you a better, well-rounded view of being a Marine,” King said. “It helps you have a fuller understanding of everything Marines do, to make the musical mission happen makes it easier to accomplish the mission of being a Marine.”

Competing against his fellow drum majors, who are also the best in the business, has been King’s biggest challenge.

“There’s always someone better than you waiting around the corner to take your job,” said King.

But King didn’t let that well-known line discourage him in his battle to be in “The President’s Own.” He never doubted he would accomplish his goal to become the premier drum major of the Corps.

“I’ve been so dedicated to honing my craft and learning what it takes to become a better leader, a better drum major,” King said. “I knew if I kept doing that and the timing worked out, then it would all fall into place.”

More than just believing in himself, he’s had a lot of support along the way.

“Throughout my career, my senior leaders have been mentors of mine for as long as I can remember.”

King recalls how they always been there to answer questions and always made sure he asked the right ones. They also taught him to remember the most important part is taking care of the Marines.

It means everything to be the kind of leader who takes care of their Marines, said King.

“The Marines that I’ve worked with are one of the biggest reasons why I am where I am today,” King said.

He has learned the value of using his experiences with good and bad leadership to help lead his junior Marines today. Those Marines include everyone he’s worked with in a fleet band, which he says is going to be hard to leave. He recalls the best part of being in a fleet band is the camaraderie and intimate sense of family that is hard to find anywhere else.

King says the biggest thing he looks forward to is the professionalism of the Marines in “The President’s Own.”

“Their sole focus is to do absolutely the best job they can, every time they do it.”

King’s advice for other Marines looking to accomplish any big dream they have is to persevere.



BEEN THERE
DONE THAT

4th Marine Logistics Group

GET SOME

Cpl. Wilfredo Torresrivera of Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 45, holds a fellow Marine performing physical training exercises during a weekend drill at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 24. This was the first weekend drill Marines from Savannah, Ga., combined with Det. 1. LS Co., located in Puerto Rico, to perform military occupational specialty training.

LANCE CPL. BRYTANI MUSICK





BEEN THERE
DONE THAT



FORCE HEADQUARTERS GROUP

BRIG. GEN. PAUL K. LEBIDINE, commanding general of Force Headquarters Group, speaks to the Marines of the 6th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Feb. 8, at their home training center in Concord, Calif.

COURTESY PHOTO



4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

COL. JOSEPH BRICKLEMYER, the assistant wing commander of 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, gives a ceremonial key to Gunnery Sgt. Justin Grebenstein, the crew master with Marine Aerial Refueler and Transport Squadron (VMGR) 234, during a ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas on March 18. The ceremonial key represents the arrival of the Reserve's first KC-130J aircraft.

LANCE CPL. BRYTANI MUSICK



STAFF SGT. TRAVIS KELLEY, a Marine with Marine Aircraft Wing 49, takes a shot during a dribbling competition with the NBA's All-Star East Team players during the NBA's All-Star East Team and West Team Practice inside the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Feb. 15.

LANCE CPL. MACKENZIE SCHLUETER



4TH MARINE DIVISION

(TOP)

STAFF SGT. TARATH THLANG, the communications chief for Headquarters Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, helps a child into the turret of a High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle at the Armed Forces Adventure Area in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 30, 2013.

SGT. JESSICA ITO

(LEFT)

PFC. ROBERT PEREZ, a field radio operator with Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, double checks coordinates in a call-for-fire mission directed toward a mortar platoon, March 15, at a firing range at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Center, Ind.

CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

(BOTTOM)

A FOOT MOBILE M98A2 JAVELIN TEAM fires at a target down range during their Reserve forces drill period training, March 15, at a firing range on Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Center.

CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK





A Marine Corps color guard stands at attention Aug. 12, 2012 during a ceremony recognizing the closure of Naval Support Activity New Orleans.
SGT. ALVIN PARSON

JOSEPH J. MCCARTHY BUILDING

STORY BY SGT. MICHAEL ITO

Community Relations:
KEEPING
the
FAITH
with America

Marines with Marine Forces Reserve supported 17,075 funerals in 2013 -- 92 percent of the total funerals supported by the Corps.
CPL. MELISSA WENGER

They are our police officers, firefighters, emergency medical staff.

They are our business leaders, engineers, coaches, teachers. They span all 50 states and outlying territories. They are our volunteers. They are Reserve Marines.

In the 98 years the Marine Corps Reserve has existed, it has grown to more than 100,000 Marines in more than 160 units that cover the country they were sworn to protect and serve. In the course of their mission, Marines with Marine Forces Reserve have made improving the communities around them a priority.

“Marines not only have a sense of service to their Corps and their families, but to their communities as well,” said Lt. Gen. Richard P. Mills, commander of MARFORRES. “Whether it’s Toys for Tots, a color guard or funeral support, Reserve Marines are serving communities across the nation with pride and dignity. These selfless efforts demonstrate to the American public the values we hold dear, and serve as a constant reminder that their Marines are standing the watch.”

While standing that watch in 2013, MARFORRES contributed a staggering amount of time and energy keeping the faith with the public. Inspector-Instructor staffs and their Reserve Marines performed more than 17,000 funeral honors ceremonies and just under 400 community relations events, and that doesn’t even take into account Toys for Tots.

WHAT WE DO

The Marine Corps as a whole provides community service in many different ways, including color guards, volunteer events, speaking engagements, static displays and ground-support events. In providing these opportunities to the public, Marines shed a light on America’s Marine Corps, and get to know the people that are in their communities.

Rendering funeral honors is a task for which MARFORRES is well-suited. In addition to its decentralized nature, the fact that Reserve Marines are only with their units for 38 days each year has made MARFORRES especially good at keeping the faith.

Funeral honor details are just one way Reserve Marines uphold that respect. To them, it is an honor, not a job. They will carry the honors in any clime or place and conduct thousands of these ceremonies every year across the United States.

For example, Sgt. Andrew Portell, the funeral honors noncommissioned officer in charge and battalion color sergeant for 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment located in St. Louis, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his role in conducting 1,036 funeral honors last year. His battalion averaged 38 funeral ceremonies each month and sometimes up to nine per day.

While Portell’s story may exemplify the spirit of Marine Corps community service, it is not uncommon. In the past two years, MARFORRES has ensured proper honor to the colors at more than 500 events around the country, given guidance and insight by delivering more than 100 speakers to a variety of audiences, and even walked the streets of our communities in more than 100 ground support events and nearly the same number of static displays.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Toys for Tots program was founded in 1947 by Lt. Col. Bill Hendricks when his wife couldn't find a charity to which she wanted to donate a handmade doll. That Christmas season, Hendricks and his wife collected more than 5,000 toys for less fortunate children in the Los Angeles area. The following year, the Marine Corps Reserve adopted the program and took it nationwide, collecting nearly 5 million toys for children around the country.

Today, the program is coordinated by the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and executed by MARFORRES units and local community organizations around the country. To date, the program has distributed nearly half of a billion toys to more than 216 million children internationally.

With the help of LCOs, Marines have put in millions of man-hours to make those numbers what they are. However, many of the hours MARFORRES Marines invest in the program are volunteer hours. They come in on their own free time, don their iconic dress blue uniforms and get out in the community to make it a better place. If you'd like to volunteer alongside your local Reserve unit, visit www.toysfortots.org to find your nearest coordinator.

THE COMMUNITY LINK

Anytime a Marine graduates recruit training, they join a family of professional warfighters that will do anything and everything to protect one another. Reserve Marines are in the unique position of both joining this new family, and staying in the same community. Because of this link, Reserve Marines maintain the strongest ties to the locales in which those Marines reside.

Whether they are guarding the national ensign, marching in a parade, honoring a fallen brother, speaking to a high school, collecting toys for less fortunate children, MARFORRES will always hold their communities in the highest regard.



Marine Corps Band
New Orleans supports
community relations
requests all over the
country, as well as
local requests.
SGT. MARCY SANCHEZ

MARFORRES

receives its **first**

KC-130J

STORY BY LANCE CPL. BRYTANI MUSICK

The KC-130J aircraft rolled onto the airstrip for the first time during a ceremony March 18 aboard Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas.

The “Rangers” of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 234, Marine Aircraft Group 41 are celebrating their newest addition.

“Getting this new aircraft is giving everyone a fresh new attitude,” said Gunnery Sgt. Justin Grebenstein, a crew master with VMGR-234. “As Marines, we do well with what we have, but as the Reserve gets new gear, they’re also gaining a high morale boost.”

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Mills, commander of Marine Forces Reserve; U.S. Rep. Kay Granger and Orlando Carvalho, executive vice president of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, were present during the ceremony to show their support.

“The 4th MAW is as operationally ready and important to the security of this country as any element of the military,” Mills said. “This new capability that we have, the KC-130J, allows us to maintain interoperability. It allows us to operate with the first, second and third aircraft wings. It makes us a more lethal, a more ready, a more relevant air wing.”

The new aircraft has been updated with advanced technology that burns less fuel per hour, can take off in a shorter distance, has a higher cruise speed and can pump twice as many gallons per minute during air-to-air refueling.

The new “J” model of the KC-130 is an advanced platform and has about 30 percent more power than the “T” model, said Lt. Col. Patrick F. Tiernan, VMGR-

234 commanding officer. “It’s more efficient on the personnel side of the house too. The “J” model requires two less people to man the aircraft.”

Mills also commented on the “J” model’s improvements.

“It’s an aircraft that gives us greater range, greater speed and has electronic capabilities that improve its ability to get through enemy defenses should it need to do so. It carries 96 combat loaded troops, it puts them at the right place at the right time to do the nation’s business,” Mills said. “It’s an extraordinarily versatile aircraft that really gives us huge flexibility in our operations.”

The added features of the J model are only a bonus. Active-component squadrons have been operating with the KC-130J model for several years, and now the Reserve will be able to seamlessly integrate.

“Our job is to stay ready, relevant, and responsive to the needs of the Marine Corps as a whole,” Tiernan said. “It really allows us to take the fight to the enemy.”

Mills recognized the aircraft is valuable not only to the needs of the Marine Corps, but to the world.

“This kind of aircraft gives us that capability to respond immediately wherever this country needs us to go,” said Mills.

Whether around the Marine Corps, the nation, or the world; crew members, unit officers and the commander of MARFORRES are confident this new aircraft will make Reserve units better able to respond as necessary and integrate with the active-duty forces.





A U.S. Marine Color Guard with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 234 stands in front of the KC-130J during the aircraft's acceptance ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, March 18. The KC-130J not only brings more power and efficiency, but it allows Marine Forces Reserve aviation to seamlessly integrate with the active component to remain a ready, relevant, and responsive force.

LANCE, CPL. MACKENZIE SCHLUETER

UNIT
PROFILE



3RD AIR NAVAL GUNFIRE LIAISON COMPANY

LOCATION: Bell, Calif.

A Firepower Control Team from 3rd ANGLICO, Force Headquarters Group, directs combined aviation and mortar fires against targets on the Yuma Range Complex, Ariz.

CPL. URIEL AVENDANO

HISTORY: When the Marine Corps concluded its island-hopping campaign in World War II, they realized that the ability to coordinate the delivery of aviation, artillery and naval fires in close proximity to maneuver elements was essential to the future of Marine Corps warfighting doctrine. Out of the early Joint Assault Signal Companies came the present day Air Naval Gunfire Liaison companies.

Third ANGLICO originated from the 5th Signal Company, which was born during the Korean conflict and was redesignated to 3rd ANGLICO on July 1, 1962.

ANGLICO units can deploy as an entire unit, as 3rd ANGLICO did to Iraq in 2003, but are more often

utilized in smaller teams. Since 9/11, detachments have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan nine times.

The unit continues to support operational deployments in Afghanistan as well as joint and coalition exercises across the globe. As fire support professionals, the unit often deploys small elements to support other services, special operations units and allied partners that require this capability.

Throughout the years, 3rd ANGLICO Marines also remain engaged with numerous high-profile Los Angeles area community relations events to include Toys for Tots, Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies, the Armed Forces Day parade and military funeral honors.



ANGLICO QUICK FACTS

• Slogan: Not Many, But Much

• Reserve ANGLICOs are currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

• Fire support professionals who coordinate and control aviation, indirect and naval fires from the Company through Division level.

• Upcoming exercises include Exercise Joint Warrior in the United Kingdom and Ulchi Freedom Guardian in South Korea.

• Since their formation, ANGLICO units have deployed and participated in the Korean War, Vietnam War, Multinational Force in Lebanon, Invasion of Grenada, Operation Just Cause, Persian Gulf War, Operation Restore Hope, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

• The current ANGLICO units are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th ANGLICO, with 1st assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force, 2nd assigned to II MEF, 3rd, 4th and 6th with Marine Forces Reserve and 5th with III MEF.

COMMANDING OFFICER: Lt. Col. Brandon J. Frazee

SERGEANT MAJOR: Sgt. Maj. Francisco Serrano

MISSION: To provide Marine Air-Ground Task Force commanders a liaison capability, and to plan, coordinate, employ and conduct terminal control of fires in support of joint, allied and coalition forces.



BE SMART,
BE SAFE



Due to the rise in violent incidents in places ranging from primary schools to military installations, knowing how to protect yourself and your peers during an active-shooter scenario is crucial to your survival.

CPL. MARCIN PLATEK

WHEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS: **ACTIVE SHOOTER**

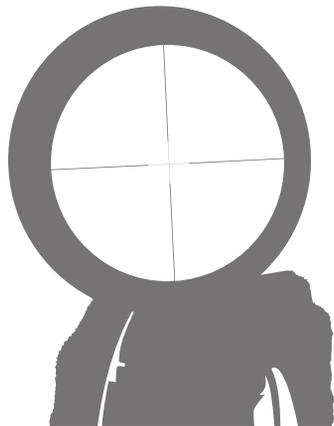
STORY BY SGT. JESSICA ITO

In response to an increase of active-shooter situations, the Marine Corps has adjusted its training requirements to include annual lectures discussing preparation for an active shooter as well as conducting live scenario exercises.

“The training that we now conduct prepares the Marines to identify the situation and be able to make a sound decision,” said Gunnery Sgt. Jeffrey Harilson, the operations chief for Headquarters Battalion, Marine Forces Reserve. “Either run, hide or fight. They have to make that decision quickly and stick with it.”

According to Harilson, this training will reduce the casualty count.

If an active-shooter situation does occur, Marines are to follow the “run, hide, fight” protocol.



THE PROTOCOL

RUN

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Keep your hands visible.

HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view.
- Block entry into your hiding place, shut off lights and lock doors.
- Silence your cell phone.

FIGHT

- Only as a last resort (if your life is in imminent danger).
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Commit to your actions with physical aggression and throw items at the shooter.

“The training that we now conduct prepares the Marines to identify the situation and be able to make a sound decision.”

—Gunnery Sgt. Jeffrey Harilson, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Forces Reserve

Harilson stressed the importance of not fighting unless it is your last resort.

“Marines who want to fight are more than likely going to become a casualty and are going to interfere with the police department’s ability to perform their job,” he said.

When law enforcement does arrive on the scene, there are a few things Marines can do to make things easier for them:

REMAINCALM

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid making quick movements toward officers.
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling.
- Do not stop to ask officers for help when evacuating, proceed in the direction from which the officers have come.

Training to respond to an active-shooter situation will reduce the casualty rate, but the best thing a Marine can do to prevent a situation from occurring is knowing his Marines, Harilson said.

“It is the NCOs who are responsible,” he said. “After an incident they will be the ones who look back and say, ‘Wow... that was one of my Marines; why didn’t I see that coming?’”

There is no one demographic profile of an active shooter, but there are some signs that may help leaders recognize their Marine is having problems:

WATCHFOR

- Abuse of alcohol/illegal drugs
- Unexplained increase in absenteeism, and/or vague physical complaints
- Depression/withdrawal
- Severe mood swings, and noticeable unstable or emotional response
- Increasingly talks of trouble at home
- Unsolicited comments about violence, firearms and other dangerous weapons and violent crimes

If a leader believes his Marine is exhibiting potentially violent behavior, he should notify his chain of command as soon as possible. For more information, visit the Department of Homeland Security’s website at: www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness.

THE COMMON DENOMINATORS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Active-shooter incidents often occur in small- and medium-sized communities where police departments are limited by budget constraints and small workforces.

The average active-shooter incident lasts **12 minutes**.

37% last less than **5 minutes**.

98% of incidents involve a single shooter, **97%** of which are male.

2% of the shooters bring IEDs as an additional weapon.

In **10%** of the cases, the shooter stops and walks away.

In **20%** of the cases, the shooter goes mobile, moving to another location.

43% of incidents are over before police arrive.

57% of shootings are in progress when an officer arrives; the shooter often stops as soon as he hears or sees law enforcement, sometimes turning his anger or aggression on law enforcement.

49% of attackers committed suicide.

34% were arrested, and **17%** were killed.

51% of the attacks studied occurred in the workplace.

17% occurred in a school.

17% occurred in a public place.

6% occurred in a religious establishment.

SOURCE: WWW.FBI.GOV



SAVED
ROUNDS



TROPICAL TRAINING

LANDING SUPPORT COMPANY VISITS DETACHMENT IN PUERTO RICO

STORY AND PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. BRYTANI MUSICK

Since there is only one Marine Corps unit located on the island of Puerto Rico, the Marines of Det. 1 Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 45, 4th Marine Logistics Group don't get the chance to interact with other Marines often.

The Reserve Marines of LS Co., held their first combined drill weekend at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 24 - 25, 2014.

The LS Co. Marines, located at Hunter Army Airfield base in Savannah, Ga., traveled to Puerto Rico to work with their counterparts in Det. 1, LS Co., stationed at Fort Buchanan.

The 55 Savannah Marines and the 60 Puerto Rico Marines were mixed and split into two groups to enhance unit cohesion.

One of the two groups started their

Marines of Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 45, give historian Eric Lopez a letter of appreciation for giving the tour of the Castillo de San Cristobal Spanish fort during a weekend drill in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 25. Marines got the opportunity to spend a day touring the fort to build morale and socialize on a personal level.

drill weekend with the opportunity to socialize during a tour of the Castillo de San Cristobal, a Spanish fort in San Juan.

During the tour, Marines from both locations interacted like they already knew each other and worked together often.

Marines received training on packing and securing pallets of supplies, loading and unloading pallets with the use of a forklift, how to find the center mass of vehicles and how to properly pack parachutes.

"I think it's huge because it creates better relations amongst both units," said Sgt. Darrell Haight, a motor transport heavy equipment operator. "We have more resources now, an insight to different cultures and lifestyles, and better camaraderie with fellow Marines is huge for mission accomplishment." ■

Tropical training breakdown

- Landing Support Company, based in Savannah, Ga., is a part of the newly-formed Combat Logistics Regiment 45, as a result of the commandant-directed Force Structure Review.
- Landing Support Company is split between the headquarters in Savannah and the detachment in Puerto Rico.
- Even though the units are based apart from each other, they will still deploy and train as one unit.
- Detachment 1 is the only Marine Reserve unit based on Puerto Rico.
- January marked the first occasion a unit has travelled to the island for training.
- During the training weekend, Marines from both units toured the island to build camaraderie and explore the culture.

4TH CEB RETURNS HOME

RETURN MARKS A MILESTONE FOR RESERVE, SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF AFRICA

CPL. TIFFANY EDWARDS



Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric Vanette, a corpsman with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa 13.3, gives a class on tactical combat casualty care to Uganda People's Defense Force soldiers aboard Camp Singo, Uganda, Aug. 2, 2013. LT. CMDR. ANTHONY GOIRAN

The Marines of 4th Combat Engineer Battalion returned home to their families and civilian lives Jan. 21. During their deployment, 4th CEB served as the primary element of Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa 13.3.

Joined by 32 other Reserve units, 4th CEB traveled to Ghana, Mauritania, Uganda, Burundi, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Djibouti. Special-Purpose MAGTF teams provided assistance and training to the African nations in areas such as logistics, counterterrorism, communications, non-lethal weapons training, maritime security force assistance, military planning, small-unit leadership and vehicle maintenance. ■



KEEPING FAITH

IRR MARINES ATTEND ANNUAL MUSTER TO PROVE THEIR READINESS, SEEK OPPORTUNITY

LANCE CPL. BRYTANI MUSICK

Sgt. Maj. Anthony A. Spadaro, the sergeant major of Marine Forces Reserve talks with an Individual Ready Reserve Marine during the annual IRR Mega-Muster in Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 11.

If Marines leaving active duty choose not to join the Selected Marine Corps Reserve, they transition to the Individual Ready Reserve for the remainder of their contracts. Marines in the IRR must remain ready for duty and are required to attend annual mega-musters.

During these events, a Marine is given the opportunity to address any issues and get assistance. They can complete a mental health screening, review Reserve obligations and opportunities, meet with military-friendly employers, meet prior-service recruiters and reconnect with fellow Marines.

The Marine Corps sponsors one IRR muster each month in locations across the country. Marines who live within a certain number of miles of the location are required to attend, but that comes with a bonus; they receive \$210 for attending.

During fiscal year 2013, Marine Forces Reserve mustered 9,684 Marines during 44 muster events. ■

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

RESERVE MARINE RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO CORPS AND COMMUNITY

CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

The Reserve component's 2013 recipient of the 2013 Geico Military Service Award was Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth J. Kuper, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Transition Section, Tenant Activities Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Kuper's selection was based on his contributions to fire safety and prevention.

The award recognizes one member from the Reserve/national guard components for their outstanding contributions to civilian and/or military communities in the areas of drug and alcohol prevention, fire safety and prevention, or traffic safety and accident prevention.

In the last two years, Kuper has contributed approximately 4,000 duty hours to the Falmouth Volunteer Fire Department. He completed 200 hours of coursework with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications. ■



The Reserve component's 2013 Geico Military Service Award recipient was Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth J. Kuper. In the last two years, Kuper has contributed approximately 4,000 duty hours to the Falmouth Volunteer Fire Department. COURTESY PHOTO



WITH THE
GEAR

SPECIFICATIONS

Flight time: 90 minutes
Operational range: 10 kilometers
Operational altitude: up to 500 feet
Assembly time: 5 minutes
Wingspan: 4.5 feet
Weight: 4.2 pounds
Operational capability: Operated by two Marines, man packable, hand launched

SOURCE: WWW.AVINC.COM

QUICK FACTS

UAVs in the USMC

Six types of UAVs

Target and decoy – provides ground and aerial gunnery targets that simulate an enemy aircraft or missile.

Reconnaissance – provides battlefield intelligence.

Combat – provides attack capability for high-risk missions.

Logistics – specifically designed for cargo and logistics operation.

Research and development – used to further develop UAV technologies to be integrated into field-deployed UAV aircraft.

Civil and commercial – UAVs specifically designed for civil and commercial applications.

RQ-7B Shadow

Designed to provide reconnaissance, relay communications and assist in target acquisition, the RQ-7B Shadow keeps an eye above the battlefield for extended periods of time, constantly relaying information between Marine air and ground controls. The Shadow was first deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom in September 2007.

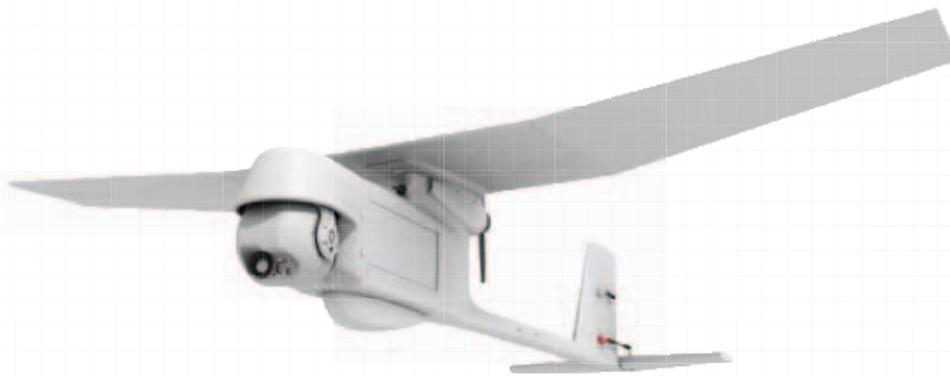
ScanEagle

ScanEagle is a light-weight, long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle that carries an electro-optical or an infrared camera. The four-foot-long ScanEagle system can provide more than 15 consecutive hours of “on-station” coverage and can operate in harsh weather environments, including high winds and heavy rains – conditions that can keep other UAVs on the ground. When airborne, ScanEagle’s onboard sensors and electro-optic or infrared camera system can take and relay imagery to ships, other aircraft and ground stations.

Wasp III

The Wasp was designed to provide beyond-line-of-sight situational awareness. The aircraft is equipped with two on-board cameras to provide real-time intelligence to its operators. It is also equipped with GPS and an Inertial Navigation System enabling it to operate autonomously from takeoff to recovery.

SOURCE: WWW.MARINES.COM



RQ-11B RAVEN

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE

The Raven B provides reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition and force protection for the battalion commander. No specific military occupational specialty training is required. Operator training is approximately 10 days.

“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. Joshua Phares, inspector-instructor, Headquarters Company, 25th Marine Regiment. Active-duty units have used UAVs for years, but this is the first UAV made available to the Reserve.

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

DOUBLE
DUTY



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**GI
-VS-
JOE**

SGT. ELVIN RIVERA RODRIGUEZ, USMC

BILLET: Platoon Sergeant, Det 1, Landing Support Company, CLR-45

LOCATION: Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

TIME IN SERVICE: 7.5 years

REASON FOR JOINING: I wanted to become a leader and contribute in the war against terrorism.

FAVORITE WORK FOOD: When I am in the field, I am always eating tuna fish, raisins and peanut butter, and drinking lots of water.

RESPONSIBILITIES: I supervise the timely and effective completion of tasks, ensure the accountability of Marines and mentor squad and fire team leaders.

MEMORABLE MOMENT: I still remember a few words from my senior drill instructor that have greatly influenced my career: "Learn our traditions, improve the Marines under your supervision, and reject everything that does not contribute positively to the Corps." I continue to live my life and lead Marines by these same words every day.

ELVIN RIVERA RODRIGUEZ

BILLET: Manufacturing and Packaging Supervisor at Aspen Surgical

LOCATION: Las Piedras, Puerto Rico

TIME IN SERVICE: 8 years

REASON FOR JOINING: It was my goal to obtain a lead position in the biotechnology industry

FAVORITE WORK FOOD: Seafood with tostones (fried plantains)

RESPONSIBILITIES: Lead and supervise medical device production and delivery, and oversee project development improvements.

MEMORABLE MOMENT: During a meeting, I was so overly passionate about a certain topic that I whipped out the knife hand at one of my co-workers and said, "Hey Devil, I'm talking!" As they say, we are Marines 24/7.

**MOTO
TALK**

MILITARY EXPRESSIONS FROM AROUND THE CORPS

CHIT: Voucher, receipt, letter, note, entitling the bearer to treatment (medical treatment).

DECK: Floor or surface of earth, floor levels in building.

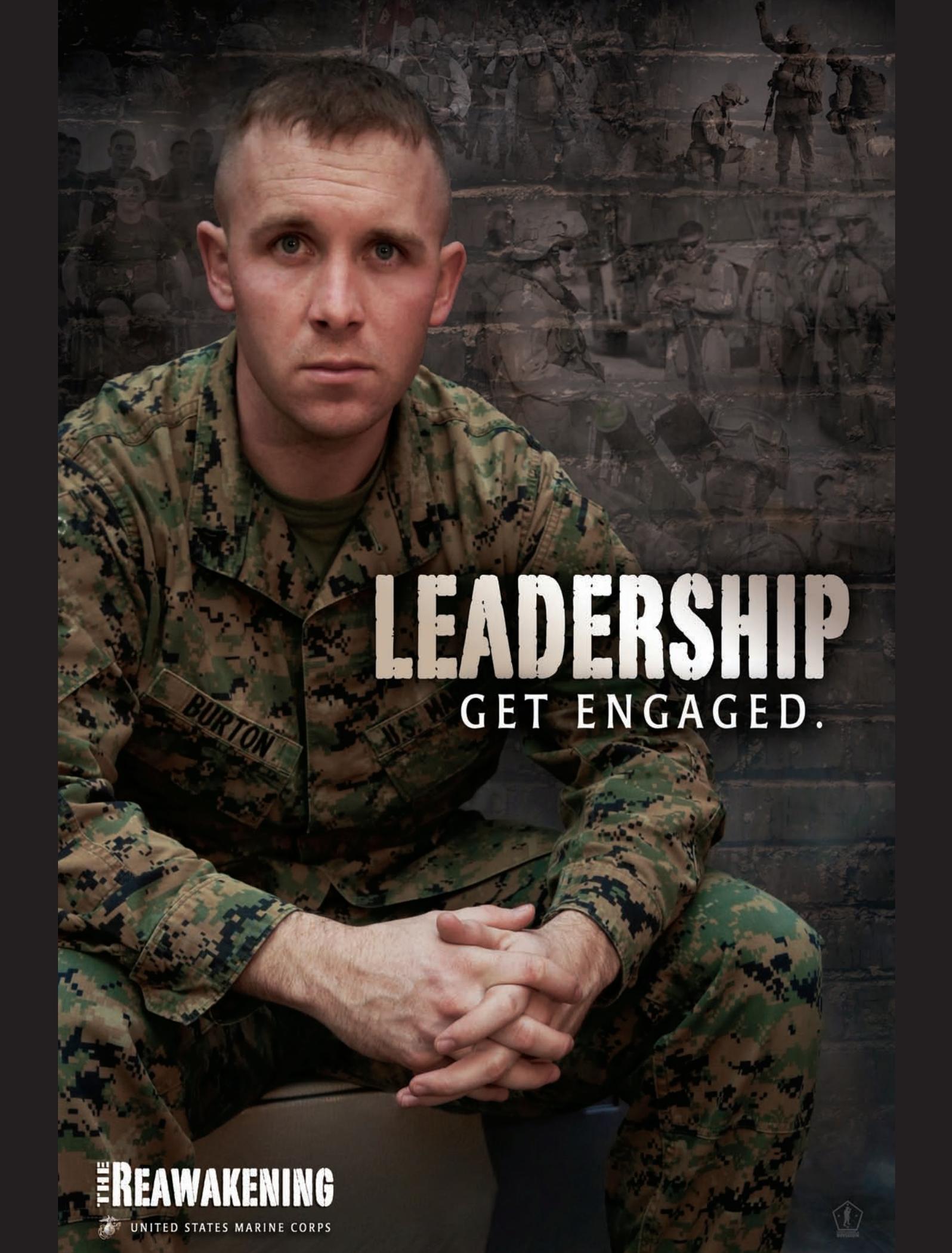
DUTY HUT: Room where duty noncommissioned officer is located in any given building.

FIELD-STRIP : Disassemble weapon or gear.

Commonly used in reference to discarding unwanted parts of an MRE.

GAFF OFF: Disregard or ignore a person or an order.

GRAPE: A Marine's head.



LEADERSHIP

GET ENGAGED.

THE REAWAKENING

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

