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Marines with Mobile Assault Platoon 4, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, patrol in the southern portion of the Washir district, Afghanistan, Oct. 4. The Marines of Weapons Company have been familiarizing themselves with the southern border of Task Force Belleau Wood's battle space in central Helmand since arriving in Afghanistan in September.(Photo by Cpl. Bryan Nygaard)

From the Editor

In the past 10 years, Marine Forces Reserve has been redefined. Serving alongside the active component, every Reserve unit was activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than 30,000 Selected Marine Corps Reservists, spanning 48 states, train for future engagements to augment and reinforce the active component, as an integral element of the Total Force. With over 1,900 Reservists currently deployed in support of OEF, and hundreds of others activated to meet missions globally, the Marine Forces Reserve is fully operational and very much active.

Each quarter *Continental Marines* magazine aims to illustrate what it means to be a member of the operational Reserve. In this edition, we highlight operations in Afghanistan and the AFRICOM area of operations, as well as theater security cooperation operations in the Black Sea region and South America. We also explain the Wounded Warrior Regiment's Reserve Medical Entitlement Determination section that specializes in Reserve-related elements of care coordination for wounded Marines.

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to perform a counterinsurgency interoperability demonstration for the closing ceremony of BSRF-11's deployment in Romania, Sept. 12. Marines of BSRF-11 officially marked the end of their deployment with a closing ceremony to commemorate their five-month deployment to the Black Sea, Balkan and Caucasus regions. The Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force had been operating in this region of Eastern Europe since April. (Photo by Cpl. Tatum Vayavananda)

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The colors detail honors the American flag and Marine Corps colors while the National Anthem plays at the 236th Marine Corps birthday ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Nov. 10. It is tradition that Marines across the world, regardless of operational tempo, take time out of their day on the Marine Corps birthday to honor their beloved Corps' history and legacy. (Photo by Cpl. Katherine Keleher)

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Enlisted Marines affiliating with the AR program with a primary MOS listed in this MARADMIN may be eligible for an affiliation incentive. The MARADMIN authorizes implementation of the AR EAB: \$10,000 for E-4 and \$15,000 for E-5. On a first-come, first-served basis, this incentive will be paid to Marines recruited by a prior-service recruiter who affiliate with the AR program for three years and fill a CMC (RAP) validated vacant billet. **See MARADMIN 565/11**

FY11 AND FY12 SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE (SMCR) UNIT AVIATION OFFICER AFFILIATION BONUS

A \$10,000 bonus will be paid to certain SMCR pilots who agree to affiliate with a Reserve aviation unit for a period of three continuous years. See MARADMIN 507/11

FY12 SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE (SMCR) LATERAL MOVE (LATMOV) PROGRAM

The SMCR LATMOV is a program for SMCR unit Marines who do not meet the MOS requirements for an open BIC in their unit (or adjacent unit) to attend the MOS training necessary for that BIC. Applicants must be E-3 through E-5, or an O-2 or O-3 and a current member of a MARFORRES unit/RUC at the battalion/squadron level or below. **See MARADMIN 567/11**

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (CFP) SELECTION BOARD FOR ACTIVE RESERVE OFFICERS AND ACTIVE COMPONENT SNCOS

The CFP offers Marine officers and staff noncommissioned officers the opportunity for enhanced understanding of the operations and functions of the legislative branch of the U.S. Government and receive instruction and hands-on experience in a full-time assignment on the staff of a senator or representative, committee, or support organization of the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C. **See MARADMIN 572/11**

FY12 SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE (SMCR) ENLISTED AFFILIATION AND RE-ENLISTMENT BONUS (EARB), AND MONTGOMERY GI BILL-SELECTED RESERVE (MGIB-SR) KICKER

A \$10,000 bonus for E-4, and a \$15,000 bonus for E-5 and E-6 Marines is available under the FY12 SMCR EARB and MGIB-SR kicker. See MARADMIN 573/11

FY12 ACTIVE RESERVE (AR) OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENLISTED MARINES

The AR Program provides a cadre of well trained and experienced full-time Reserve Marines that facilitate the integration of the Total Force. Benefits include career opportunties with active-duty pay and entitlements, including potential to attain active-duty retirement benefits. Applicants are processed through a prior service recruiter. Interested Marines unfamiliar with the supporting prior service recruiter in their area can contact MCRC PSR operations at mcrc-psr@ marines.usmc.mil or (703) 784-9664 for referral information. Limited lateral move allocations are available. Affiliation bonuses are avalable for certain rank and MOS combinations. Active component Marines can submit an application up to 180 days prior to the end of their active service (EAS). However, anyone interested is encouraged to contact a prior service recruiter up to nine months prior to EAS. See MARADMIN 602/11

WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR 2012 MARINE CORPS TRIALS

The Wounded Warrior Regiment will host the 2012 Marine Corps trials aboard MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif., 13-22 Feb. 2012 in order to train Marines and select the 2012 all-Marine Warrior games team. Participating athletes are wounded, ill, or injured active duty, Reserve, veteran Marines, Sailors that have served with Marine units, and allied participants. This includes, but is not limited to Marines recovering from or adapting to medical impairments such as amputations, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, post traumatic stress, visual impairment or cancer. See MARADMIN 688/11.



OUR LEGACY

September 16, 1814: A detachment of Marines under Maj. Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

September 20, 1950: Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured before, Sept. 27.

October 23, 1983: At 6:22 a.m. an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans, including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

October 28, 1962: An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2d Division units and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups were deployed at Key West, Fla., or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

November 10, 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as Nov. 10.

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Marines at Patrol Base Boldak were served a Thanksgiving meal by Lt. Col. Brian O'Leary, commanding officer of 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Maj. Bruce Stoffolano, commanding officer of Weapons Company, 1/25, Sgt. Maj. Andrew Tomelleri, sergeant major of 1/25 and 1st Sgt. Adam Sheinkin, company first sergeant of Weapons Co., 1/25. Leadership convoyed from Camp Leatherneck to spend the holiday with their Marines at the outpost.

Thanksgiving with 1/25 in Afghanistan

Story and photo by Cpl. Katherine Keleher

PATROL BASE BOLDAK, Afghanistan – In the barren desert of Helmand province, Marines with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, thought their Thanksgiving was going to be just another day. It was not.

The Marines were pleasantly surprised by a visit from leadership, who convoyed to Patrol Base Boldak from Camp Leatherneck, both in Helmand province, hauling a trailer loaded with a Thanksgiving feast.

As soon as Lt. Col. Brian O'Leary, commanding officer of 1/25, Maj. Bruce Stoffolano, commanding officer of Weapons Co., 1/25, Sgt. Maj. Andrew Tomelleri, sergeant major of 1/25, and 1st Sgt. Adam Sheinkin, company first sergeant for Weapons Co., 1/25, stepped foot on Patrol Base Boldak they knew it was time for business. Leadership quickly set out the pre-cooked food, supplied by Task Force Belleau Wood, before it cooled down and started serving the more than 40 Marines who were fresh off patrol.

"I got to spend this Thanksgiving with my Marines," said O'Leary, who calls St. James, N.Y., his home. "It was a fantastic, once in a lifetime experience that I'll never forget. It gave me a chance to really reflect on all that my Marines have been blessed with."

"We had turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing and all that good stuff," said Lance Cpl. Nathan W. Kirby, an anti-armor gunner with Weapons Co., 1/25.

For some, it was their first holiday away from home. For others, it was another holiday apart from loved ones in the United States. But for all of them, it was a day of looking back and being thankful to have one another.

Just being safe with the other Marines and getting time to enjoy a big meal made this Thanksgiving really enjoyable, said Lance Cpl. Sidney Riley, an anti-tank guided missile assaultman with Weapons Co., 1/25.

"I think Marines always appreciate a visit by their leadership on a special occasion," O'Leary said. "In this case, they got the bonus of being served by the battalion commander and sergeant major. I hope they enjoyed it half as much as I did. Aside from being home with my family, I honestly couldn't have asked for a better Thanksgiving."

FALL 2011

PERSONNEL TEMPORARY AUGMENTEE PROGRAM

(PTAP) NORWAY is a Norwegian armed forces-sponsored multinational invitational exercise focused on cold weather maritime/amphibious operations. Participants include forces from Great Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Austria and other NATO partners.

NORTHERN EDGI

AFRICAN LION is a joint and

bi-lateral exercise between the Kingdom of Morocco and more than 2,000 U.S. service members, mostly Marine Reservists and approximately 900 members of the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces. Task Force African Lion deployed to Morocco as a Marine Air Ground Task Force with the command element, 14th Marines, leading aviation, ground and logistics units.

NORTHERN EDGE is an

exercise where 6,000 active duty, National Guard and Reservists from the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy sharpen their skills through exercise scenarios. This exercise focuses on strategic capabilities in detection and tracking in air, land and sea spaces.

RESERVE FORCES AROUND THE

From warm tropical Caribbean islands to the cold snowy mountains of Norway, Marines are participating in exercises to prepare them for realworld conflicts and support operations.

JAVELIN THRUS

IAVELIN THRUST is a stateside exercise in the mountains of California and the badlands of Nevada that unites more than 5,000 Marines from across the U.S. to include air, ground and support units.

TRADEWINDS

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SOUTHCOM SECURITY

TRADEWINDS is an interagency exercise involving U.S. personnel from the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force, National Guard, Jointinteragency Task Force South, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation along with forces from: Antigua and Barbuda (host nation), Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Suriname and Trinidad-Tobago.

NEW HORIZON SURINAM

U.S. Military personnel deploy to the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti and Suriname to conduct humanitarian civic assistance exercises from February through September. Troops specializing in engineering, construction and health care provide much needed services to communities in need while receiving valuable deployment training and building important relationships with partner nations. BSRF is a Marine Forces Europe sponsored security cooperation task force in Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Georgia, conducting various security cooperation events from April through August.

PTAP NORWAY

AGHE SPHRIT is a joint operation exercise between approximately 350 Marines, from the Black Sea Rotational Force, and the Georgian Armed Forces to increase interoperability, exchange and enhance each others capacity in counter insurgency and peacekeeping operations.

OEF

AGILE SPIRIT

SEA-BRITZE is an annual combined air, land and maritime exercise with the goals of enhancing amphibious operations, improving multinational maritime capabilities and fostering trust and cooperation among participating nations. This year's exercise includes active and Reserve forces from the United States, Ukraine, Macedonia, Moldova and Georgia. Training will include amphibious operations, maritime interdiction, counter improvised explosive devices, convoy operations and other platoon level training.

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AFRICAN LION

MEDICAL CENTRA AND EASTERN European exerc

MEDCEUR is an annual regional and multilateral exercise designed to provide medical training and operational experience in a deployed environment for U.S. and partner nations. The countries who participated in MEDCEUR 2011 are Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia and Norway.

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AFRICOM SECURITY

Marines conduct security cooperation events throughout the African Command area of responsibility.

LONG HAUL Communications Detachment

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

LF CARAT

NDING FORCE CARAT

LF CARAT mobilized Marines to form an infantry company and assault amphibian vehicle platoon from 23rd Marine Regiment and 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion to conduct theater security cooperation and amphibious training with various partner nations.

TALISMAN SABER

PERATION ENDURING

1,614 Marine Reservists are currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

CENTCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM

Marine Reservists conduct security cooperation events throughout the Central Command area of responsibility. - TALISMAN SABER is a biennial joint exercise with the Australian Defence Force. U.S. Navy assets provide support for amphibious assault training and various U.S. Marine Corps fixed-wing and support squadrons. The exercise is designed to practice close air support with the Australian Army in preparation for future joint combat operations.

Reserve Medical Entitlement Determination program aids wounded Reserve Marines

Story by Aquita Brown, Wounded Warrior Regiment

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO,

Va., — Marine Reservists who are combat wounded, injured stateside or fall ill while in a duty status, can be assured they will have someone on their side.

Mark Brokaw, the program manager for the Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination section at the Wounded Warrior Regiment here, wants Reserve Marines to know this. Brokaw works at the Regiment as the program manager for the Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination section. Unique to the Marine Corps, the Wounded Warrior Regiment has an RMED section that tracks and manages the non-medical and medical care of wounded, ill and injured Reserve Marines.

Brokaw and his staff of 12, which consists of Marines and Sailors, maintain oversight of all Reservists' cases that includes those who require medical care beyond their duty period for service-connected ailments. Although all non-medical care support offered by the Wounded Warrior Regiment is provided to Reserve Marines, the RMED section specializes in specific Reserve-related elements of care coordination.

"The RMED section ensures Reserve Marines receive necessary treatment and timely processing through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System," said Gunnery Sgt. Ralph Slaton, RMED section administrative chief.

The IDES streamlines wounded, ill and injured service members' Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs benefit rating results by requiring only one physical examination and rating that serves both Departments. Prior to IDES, individuals had to complete the DoD system before entering the VA process. Brokaw, Slaton and the RMED section ensure Reserve Marines' administrative concerns are met throughout the IDES process by providing a checklist of procedures.

"We want each Reserve Marine to be 'worry free' of their administrative needs because their focus should be on recovering," Slaton said.

"This systematic process allows the RMED section to make rapid and appropriate decisions concerning all Reservists' cases," said Brokaw.

The process includes facilitating medical evaluations and determining whether a Marine should be placed in the medical hold program or Line of Duty benefits program. The medical hold program is for Reservists on active duty greater than 30 days who must be retained beyond their expiration of current contract for medical treatment.

For those who do not require extension on active duty, or who desire to return to their civilian life, their medical needs can be addressed through the LOD benefits program. The LOD benefits program is authorized for any wound, illness or injury incurred during or aggravated by service requiring medical care that extends beyond the termination of a period of duty.

To facilitate case management, the RMED section utilizes a Web-based system called the Marine Corps Medical Entitlement Data System. MCMEDS is used to submit, update and track medical hold and LOD cases.

The majority of the Wounded Warrior Regiment's staff consists of Reserve Marines that allow a heightened awareness with regard to Reserve-specific issues. The RMED section is engaged in the case management of all Reserve Marines from beginning to end. They have a high level of Reservist subject matter expertise that monitors, assesses and evaluates the options required to meet an individual's health needs. This includes providing administrative coordination of pay and entitlements, travel concerns and assisting Marines through the IDES process. Brokaw and the RMED staffs understanding of Reserve-specific issues, has led them to stress to Marines the importance of reporting their medical conditions.

"In order to best facilitate benefits and medical treatment, it is paramount that all Reserve Marines understand the importance of reporting to their unit corpsman and chain of command any wound, injury or illness incurred or aggravated during a period of duty as soon as possible after occurrence and prior to termination of such duty," said Brokaw.

About Wounded Warrior Regiment...

Established in 2007, the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment was created to provide and facilitate nonmedical care to combat and non-combat wounded, ill, and injured Marines, and Sailors, attached to or in direct support of Marine units. The Regimental Headquarters element, located in Quantico, Va., commands the operations of two Wounded Warrior Battalions located at Marine Corps Bases Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C., and multiple detachments in locations around the globe.

FOR UNIT LOCATIONS, GO TO: www.woundedwarriorregiment.org

<u>ATHLETES WANTED:</u> WOUNDED WARRIOR GAMES 2012

2012 MARINE CORPS TRIALS FOR WARRIOR GAMES

THE MARINE CORPS TRIALS IS AN EIGHT-SPORT COMPETITION FOR ALL WOUNDED, ILL, OR INJURED MARINES TO TRAIN AND COMPETE WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT WILL TAKE PLACE FEB. 13-22, 2012, AT MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. THIS IS ALSO A SELECTION EVENT FOR THE 50-PERSON ALL-MARINE TEAM THAT WILL REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS AT THE WAR-RIOR GAMES IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., IN APRIL 2012.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

ALL WOUNDED, ILL OR INJURED MARINES AND SAILORS WHO HAVE SERVED WITH MARINE UNITS. MARINES AND SAILORS CAN BE ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, OR VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED HONORABLY AND CAN INCLUDE THOSE FROM ANY ERA. IF MORE THAN 50 VETERANS REGISTER, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE MEDICALLY RETIRED FROM DOD (I.E., 30 PERCENT DOD RATING OR GREATER)

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS ARE OFFERED

ARCHERY (COMPOUND AND RECURVE), 10-METER INDOOR AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL, 10K, 20K, OR 30K CYCLING/HANDCY-CLING/RECUMBENT, TRACK (100, 200, 800), FIELD (SHOT-PUT, DISCUS), AND SWIMMING (50M FREE, 50M BACK, 100M FREE).

WHICH TEAM SPORTS ARE OFFERED?

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL, SITTING VOLLEYBALL AND A RELAY IN BOTH TRACK AND SWIMMING.

WHEN IS REGISTRATION DUE?

- COMPLETED REGISTRATION IS DUE JAN. 13, 2012. ACTIVE DUTY (WWR UNITS) - SEND YOUR REGISTRATION THROUGH YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND TO YOUR BN WAR-P OIC. ACTIVE DUTY (REGULAR UNITS), VETERANS, AND ALLIES - E-MAIL THE WARRIOR ATHLETE RECONDITIONING PROGRAM AT WWS-PORTS@USMC.MIL WITH YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND ASK FOR A REGISTRATION FORM. ANY WOUNDED WARRIOR CAN CONTACT THE REGIMENT'S WARRIOR ATHLETE RECONDITION-ING PROGRAM WITH QUESTIONS.
- REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.WOUNDED-WARRIORREGIMENT.ORG IN THE WARRIOR ATHLETE RECONDI-TIONING PROGRAM SECTION UNDER OPPORTUNITIES.



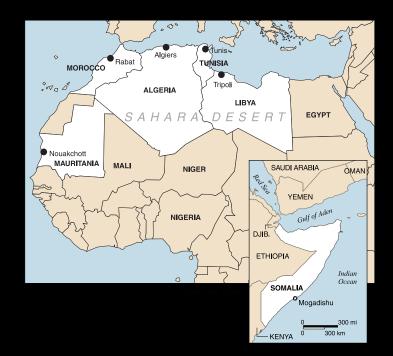
Chief Warrant Officer Shawn Dunn competes in the 2011 Warrior Games in Colorado Springs on the All-Marine team. He completed several events including swimming and volleyball, winning the Gold medal in volleyball. (Photo courtesy of Wounded Warrior Regiment)

- REGISTRATIONS MUST CONTAIN MEDICAL ENDORSEMENT THAT IS CURRENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE MARINE CORPS TRIALS STATING MARINE IS PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CAPABLE TO PARTICIPATE, NOTING ANY PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS. DATES OF TRAVEL ARE FEB,13-22, 2012 TO CAMP PENDLETON. GOVERNMENT LODGING AND MEALS ARE DIRECTED. BILLETING, INCLUDING ADA-COMPLIANT ROOMS FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE IT, WILL BE ARRANGED BY WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT. VETERANS WILL NEED TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THEIR DD-214; DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETE THE MARINE CORPS TRI-ALS REGISTRATION FORM AND MEDICAL QUESTIONAIRE FORM; THEN E-MAIL ALL THREE DOCUMENTS TO WWSPORTS@USMC. MIL. FUNDING FOR VETERANS WILL BE AT NO EXPENSES TO THE GOVERNMENT.
- SEE MARADMIN 688/11

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SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF -12: THE WORK-UP



AFRICOM: Special-purpose marine air-ground task force to help train militaries fighting al-qaida-linked groups in somalia, maghreb region

By John Vandiver Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — With an eye on insurgent movements in Somalia and volatile parts of northern Africa, a new Marine task force has been assigned to U.S. Africa Command as part of an effort to ramp up training partnerships with militaries fighting al-Qaida-linked groups on the continent.

The addition of the Marine infantrymen, coupled with the recent commissioning of an Africa-focused Naval Special Warfare unit based is Stuttgart, home of the AFRI-COM headquarters, suggests AFRICOM is starting to add some muscle. The Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force, expected to be based in southern Europe, will focus on training African troops deploying as peacekeepers to Somalia, while also bolstering militaries attempting to take on groups affiliated with al-Qaida that are operating across the Maghreb region. The force also could provide AFRICOM with the capacity to respond to a humanitarian crisis on the continent.

"We're not going to go hunt down al-Qaida in the Maghreb," said Col. Dale Vesely, plans and operations chief for Marine Forces Africa, which is also based in Stuttgart, "but we're training [African militaries] to go fight it."

The unit, which includes air and ground elements, could grow from 123 Marines to about 364 troops in the next few years, if the initial missions prove successful, said Brig. Gen. Paul Brier, deputy commander of MARFOR Africa.

The establishment of an Africa-focused Marine task force comes at a time when the Pentagon is attempting to apply more pressure to groups designated as terrorist organizations by the U.S. State Department, such as the Somali militant group al-Shabab. The U.S. recently committed \$45 million in military equipment aimed at helping Uganda and Burundi, which have forces deployed in Somalia, more effectively engage in urban combat, according to the Pentagon. The two countries provide the bulk of the 9,000 African Union peacekeeping force in Somalia.

The Washington Post recently reported that a U.S. drone attacked insurgent targets in Somalia in June.

The plan to send small numbers of troops to train other militaries to target terrorist groups is in line with a U.S. counterterrorism strategy in Africa that puts a premium on maintaining a low profile, said Rick Nelson, a counterterror expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"The United States is certainly in a challenging position because we constantly have to balance our presence against the potential negative impacts of that presence," Nelson said. "We've also learned a largescale military intervention to combat al-Qaida is no longer economical or politically feasible."

Sending in large numbers of troops for large scale counterterrorism training, or trumpeting the successes of drone assaults could serve as propaganda fodder for extremist groups that want to paint the U.S. as hostile to Muslim nations, Nelson said.

For its part, the Westerntrained African Union forces deployed to Mogadishu have pushed al-Shabab out of previously held positions, helping to prevent an insurgent takeover of the country's capital city in the past year, according to Sally Healy, a Somalia expert at the Londonbased Chatham House. Still, some human rights groups have raised concerns about civilians caught between al-Shabab fighters and the AU force, which has been accused of indiscriminately firing mortars at targets and killing non-combatants in the process.

"If AMISOM (the African Union Mission in Somalia) could stop using mortars to deal with attacks by Shabab, that would certainly make them less unpopular," Healy said. "If you give AMISOM better methods for dealing with them (Shabab), so much the better."

Though AMISOM troops and militia groups opposed to al-Shabab have pushed its forces back in recent months, containing the terror group still hinges on outside support, Nelson said.

"None of these organizations are overly effective, which is why international support in terms of training and logistics is important," Nelson

"There is massive room for improvement across the board, and that improvement is going to have to come from outside assistance from the

U.S. and others."

Marine officials say that is just what the new task force will aim to do as it provides local forces with better tactics for confronting the threats that surround them.

"We're refining their capabilities," said Col. James Bright, chief of staff at MARFOR Africa.

The Marines also will work with militaries in northern Africa, where al-Qaida affiliates have long been a concern for the U.S., as part of Operation Enduring Freedom - Trans-Sahara.

The plan to establish a Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force dedicated exclusively to AFRICOM missions has been in development for two years.

The unit's members have now been selected, and preparations are under way to forward-deploy them in Europe in a matter of months, according to Marines at the command's Panzer Kaserne headquarters in Stuttgart. However, officials say negotiatons are still underway with the host nation, so they are not yet saying exactly where the task force will be located. The U.S. maintains numerous military bases in southern Europe, including Italy, which hosts the Navy's 6th Fleet and also Army and Air Force units. The U.S. also maintains a naval presence in Rota, Spain.

As a back-up plan, the Marines could operate out of the U.S., if efforts to forward-deploy fall through, Vesely said. New troops will be rotated into the unit every six months.

Brier, the outgoing deputy commander of Marine Forces Africa, acknowledged the Special-Purpose MAGTF is being formed at a time when troops and resources are stretched thin. However, the unit should be able to grow over time as the Corps looks for efficient ways to return Marines to their more expeditionary roots after years spent on combat outposts in Iraq and Afghanistan, Brier said.

"We're doing it with the idea of, how do we sustain it for the long haul," Brier said.

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SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF -12: THE WORK-UP



CRASH COURSE : Marines ram and swerve their way through advanced driving course

Story and photos by Cpl. Jad Sleiman

MOYOCK, N.C. - The golden four-door sedan wears a Virginia Military Institute Mom sticker on the bumper. An expired Oscar F. Smith High School parking permit clings to the back windshield. It might have been a family car in a previous life. Today, it's a target.

The glass behind the sticker explodes along with the rear passenger windows as an Oldsmobile driven by two Marines makes deliberate contact with its rear axle, sending it screeching out of the way in a wide arc.

"I've been driving for seven years and it's just ingrained in you; don't hit anything." said Cpl. Taylor Rogers, a field radio operator and Modesto, Calif. native with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force 2012 "Then you come here and they say 'forget what you've learned, you will hit these cars."

Special-Purpose MAGTF-12, about 130 Marines and Sailors in total, is preparing to deploy in support of U.S. Africa Command. Rogers and his classmates came together at U.S. Training Center in Moyock, N.C., Sept. 11-14, to take the advanced tactical driving course. They were the latest of some 70 unit Marines to go through the training.

Throughout their travels across the African continent, the small Marine teams will mostly have to rely on civilian vehicles for transportation within individual nations. "It's about learning to use the car as a weapon," explained USTC tactical driving instructor, John. "The object is to preserve the equipment."

The equipment, or cars as most would call them, are used again and again, he explained, because if the students ram through obstacles correctly, their vehicles should still be able to drive off to safety.

"This is what cars are made out of these days," laughed John before tossing away a chunk of plastic and fiberglass composite that flew off of the obstacle car's front side panel.

As half the students crash like clockwork, the other half are on a nearby track practicing the "driver down" scenario. An instructor starts out at the wheel before going limp in his seat. It's the students' job to regain control of the vehicle, an armored SUV. Most do, but one tried to over steer and the vehicle ended up resting on its roof.

"Good Morning Marines, I'm Cpl. Deandre Nunn, and your next period of instruction will be on flipping Suburbans," said a Special-Purpose MAGTF-12 field radio operator from Redwood City, Calif., who was in the backseat of the vehicle when it rolled over. Earlier, he had attached his personal digital video camera to the hood.

The class watches the choppy video footage before an instructor reminds them that students have "turtled" vehicles before and most certainly will again. "It's better that this kind of thing happens here instead of out there," he said.

The staff must balance danger with realism in order to make sure students make it through the course prepared, but unharmed.

"You can't think you're a good boxer if you've never taken a hit, right?" asked Freddy, another TDI.

The next event pits the students, travelling in four-car convoys, against the instructors. The Marines drive what can best be described as bumper cars fit for grown-ups: typical four door sedans outfitted with gigantic metal fender guards.

Tires squeal and smoke bellows as the instructors ram the convoy vehicles and harass them with paintball fire and pyrotechnics. Earlier, the Marines had learned all the right ways to escape as Freddy drew out the vehicle maneuvers on a white board, but things aren't so simple on the black top.

"When you're actually doing it your adrenaline is rushing and you have to think a lot faster," said Cpl. Glendo G. Kerol II, a Marina, Calif., native and Special-Purpose MAGTF-12 field radio operator.

The final part of the training takes the class off-road. The course starts out with well defined obstacles, log heaps and steep ridges. Other parts appear to be little more than untamed wilderness. "You want me to go down there?" Lt. Noel Williams, a Special-Purpose MAGTF-12 security cooperation logistics team leader asked his instructor after being told to take a left turn off a steep hill and into the woods. The New York City native was used to street signs and pavement, not murky water rushing up around the brake pedal as he tried to cross chest-deep water in a fourwheel-drive SUV.

Much of what the class teaches flies in the face of accepted driving norms. Safety features, such as a fuel shut-off switch that kills the engine after the car takes an impact, can do more harm than good in a combat situation. If a tire goes flat or the muffler falls off, don't stop to assess the damage, they say, keep driving.

More than anything, however, the training strives to teach that preparation can make all the difference. A driver needs to know all the right moves beforehand in order to make the most of the precious split seconds that can make the difference between life and death during an incident on the road.

Freddy slams on the gas going down a straightaway.

"Can you guess how many feet per second we're moving right now?" he says as orange cones and trees blur past at what turns out to be 88 feet per second. It takes the average human about half a second to notice something and react to it, he explains. "That's 44 feet where you're not driving, you're being carried."



Marines with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force 2012 practice convoy operations while under attack during an advanced tactical driver course at U.S. Training Center, Sept. 13 ahead of a deployment in support of U.S. Africa Command.

SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF -12: THE WORK-UP



LOCKED AND LOADED

Story and photos by Cpl. Jad Sleiman

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. - On the afternoon of Sept. 19, in a stack of tan shipping containers meant to resemble a mosque, a group of grown men are using their imaginations.

About 130 Marines from Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force 2012, a newly formed unit preparing to deploy in support of U.S. Africa Command, are here to complete a Mission Rehearsal Exercise. The event serves as a kind of final exam before Special-Purpose MAGTF-12 goes overseas to start conducting training partnership missions across the continent.

Today, the faux mosque is a U.S. Embassy in a fictional African nation and the two Marines, sitting on wooden foot lockers surrounded by dried up leaves and cobwebs, are wearing sleek business suits.

Capt. Philip Gaffney and Gun-

nery Sgt. Bill Ross, the men in charge of Security Cooperation Team Tactics 1, are grilled by Marty Klotz, the stability operations officer-in-charge of Special Operations Training Group, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Wearing cargo shorts and a black T-shirt, he introduces himself as the U.S. Ambassador to "Amberland."

SCTT-1 is one of four teams going through the exercise. Each will first go through a meeting with the ambassador who will have them explain their intentions in Amberland as well as what their plans are for dealing with things like traffic accidents with civilian vehicles and injured Marines.

The real-life ambassadors of the nations the Marines will be operating in have the authority to pull the plug if they're not confident in the teams, explained Klotz.

Gaffney and Ross use the



Force reconnassiance Marines watch as role players practice assembling AK-M rifles during Special-Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force 2012's mission rehearsal exercise, Sept. 20. SPMAGTF-12 is slated to deploy in support of U.S. Africa Command.

alphabet soup of acronyms familiar to most Marines, but foreign to most civilians, as they answer Ambassador Klotz's questions.

"Get out of the habit of speaking Marine-ese," he told them later. "You have to speak English."

Team 1 met their first roleplayer class the next day at a firing range. An interpretor and a foreign commander were played by French-speaking West African contractors, while Marines from available units played the Kalishnakovtoting students. Ross greeted the class with a "Good morning." The Marines remained in character, returning a very American accented "Bon jour."

Over the next couple days the Marine teams taught the role players various classes through the interpreters, learning to simplify complicated technical terms so that little would be lost in translation.

"We want the scenarios, as much as possible, to reflect reality," said Gaffney, SCTT-1 team leader and Philadelphia native.

The subject matter was basic, things like how to change a tire or zero a rifle, but the exercise control group threw curve balls at every turn. Students would get bored and start impromptu soccer games and random, illegal checkpoints were simulated throughout the exercise area to challenge Marines driving between training sites. Often, control group Marines would sneak away at night to harass the teams staying in off-base hotels by attempting to steal gear or take intelligence photos.

"It's all the stuff that we think they could actually see in country," said Capt. Matthew Jenkins, Special-Purpose MAGTF-12 current operations officer and Columbia, S.C., native, adding that many of the lessons learned training militaries in Iraq and Afghanistan were still relevant.

The Mission Rehearsal Exercise was the culmination of roughly four months of predeployment training. Special-Purpose MAGTF-12 will make its way to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, and begin sending the teams into the continent on their first missions over the coming month.

Training

NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT-RESERVE BASE NEW ORLEANS, La. – Cpl. Talon M. Stott, administrative clerk with the Marine Forces Reserve G-6 section, attempts to "tap out" Sgt. Chad W. Robins, a career planner with the Marine Individual Reserve Support Organization, MARFORRES, during a mud grappling bout at the Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Course here, Sept. 14.

MARFORRES MARINES COMPLETE MCMAP INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Marcin Platek

NAVAL AIR STATION-JOINT RESERVE BASE NEW ORLEANS, La. - Marine Forces Reserve is the largest command in the Marine Corps. With roughly 40,000 Selected Marine Corps Reserve Marines spread over 183 sites, MARFORRES is successful in training them as well as the active component Marines stationed there. According to Manpower and Reserve Affairs, in fiscal year 2011, more than 10,000 Marines were trained in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program by 236 MAR-FORRES instructors.

With the challenging yet limited training opportunities, only few receive a chance to join the elite group of instructors by completing a MCMAP instructor course lead by a certified martial arts instructor-trainer. This year, a group of 10 instructors-in-training, most stationed around Louisiana and one out of I&I station Puerto Rico, underwent one final rigorous event here, Sept. 14, before earning the title of MCMAP instructor.

Marine Corps Order 1500.59 states MCMAP is a synergy of mental, character and physical disciplines across the full spectrum of violence. The students here spent three weeks learning about those disciplines, the obedience and higher standards that MCMAP instructors hold themselves to, said Sgt. Jose M. Galvan, MCMAP chief instructor from Headquarters Bn., MARFORRES. They learned each teaching technique and its safeties, studied each tiein (the mental and character discipline lessons taught to students) and rehearsed each step of the EDIP (Explain, Demonstrate, Imitate, Practice) process that instructors use to teach their students.

At the end of the cycle the students took two written tests and six different evaluations on such things as their proficiency in tan, grey and green belts of MCMAP. After that the students were ready to take on the final event.

"The final event culminates all the training that they've been through," said Staff Sgt. William B. McDaniel, a martial arts instructor-trainer from Headquarters Bn., MARFORRES. "It tests the students' mental, physical and character disciplines."

Beginning at 5 a.m., the instructors split the students into two squads and drove them out into the dark forest where they began a onemile run with flak jackets, Kevlar helmets, rifles and 60 pounds in the packs on their backs.

The sweat dripped down their faces as their movements began to slow. The fatigue became very evident as they low-crawled up and down the foggy hills at the next station.



NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT-RESERVE BASE NEW ORLEANS. La – Sgt. Terrell L. Pryor, an administrative clerk with the Marine Forces Reserve Installation Personnel Administration Center, flips a tire across a field during the final event of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Course here, Sept 14.

As the students traveled more than six miles on base, they stopped at a number of stations and performed different drills.

Most of the stations consisted of some type of fighting exercise. Students either grappled or practiced previous techniques they had been taught. Meanwhile, other students performed movement-to-contact exercises where they engage a simulated enemy. Other times, they performed conditioning exercises such as pushups, planks, mountain climbers and burpees.

Throughout the event they struggled through the obstacles together to complete the mission. A team could not move on at any point without having all its members finish the assigned task.

"This is one of the most physically demanding things I've ever done," said Sgt. Adam K. Smith, supply clerk from the G-4 Supply, Headquarters Bn., MARFORRES. "As a former grunt, machine gunner, now 32 years old and going with it, this is definitely one of the hardest things, if not the hardest, that I have ever done in my entire life. But I would do it over in a heartbeat, if I could do it over with these guys."

The camaraderie they build during this course has carried them through this event. As they grew closer as Marines and MCMAP instructors, now they will have to go on their separate ways to their different duty stations where they will be able to train more Marines.

Marine Corps Support Facility schedules one annual instructor course here while hosting ongoing courses for all belts. The next instructor course is scheduled for, Jan. 2012. Marines who want to attend should request within their chain of command or their station's training representative. Reserve Marines can also inquire to train at the Martial Arts Center for Excellence at Raider Hall aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico.

OPERATION SOUTHERN PARTNERSHIP STATION 2012 (SPS-12)

HMM-774: Me Eyes in the Sky, SPS-12

Story by Cpl. Josh Pettway

USS OAK HILL -- Thousands of feet in the air, across vast distances over the sea, one small, close-knit group of Marines fly knowing that the mission success of other service members weighs heavily on their shoulders.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 774 operated aboard USS Oak Hill in support of Operation Southern Partnership Station 2012. As part of SPS-12, USS Oak Hill supports a joint, interagency, mission where Marines, Sailors, soldiers, airmen and Coast Guardsmen conduct theater security cooperation.

Additional missions include humanitarian civic assistance and Subject Matter Expert Exchanges between the U.S., partner nation militaries and public security forces in South and Central America.

"This is the first time [Oak Hill] has had an aircraft like ours onboard for more than a few nights," said Sgt. Nathan Thomas, avionics quality assurance representative with HMM-774. "I've been on [larger vessels], but this experience is completely different. Being onboard takes a lot of the stress of flying away because there are fewer people to watch out for."

USS Oak Hill operates with a specially tailored package of forces and as a proof of concept deployer, but many of the missions are not new for this team of Marines.

"We've done a few exercises to prepare ourselves for the current mission," Staff Sgt. Paul Wood, a CH-46 crew chief. "One of the locations we've taken the Marines to is isolated and difficult to access via boat and we've established a pretty good reputation at getting them there."

HMM-774 successfully completed many missions during SPS-12, including airlifting 20 members of the Panamanian Public Security Forces to Oak Hill to strengthen ties with the U.S., while communicating with Panamanian forces regarding flight capabilities and training alongside the Coast Guard to test interoperability for various air and sea missions.

Joint Operation proved to be an interesting challenge, but everyone learned from one another.

"Training-wise, we had to get on the same page as the Navy because both branches have different tactical approaches concerning aircraft operations," said Sgt. Joel Farren, crew chief.

Before the CH-46 Sea Knight was ready to go to sea, the ship's crew trained extensively and qualified in order to embark the two CH-46s for the duration of SPS-12. USS Oak Hill had two Sea Knights aboard the flight deck, which normally is suited for one aircraft for a short period of time; however, both are employed

A USMC CH-46E Sea Knight prepares to land to transport Marines from Matuntugo, Colombia, to the Amphibious Dock Landing Ship USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), Oct. 16. Marines from Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force are in Matuntugo in support of Operation Southern Partnership Station 2012, an annual deployment of U.S. military training teams to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility for the purpose of conducting subject matter expert exchanges. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Juancarlos Paz)

when transferring equipment and personnel in order to optimize personnel capabilities and minimize mission duration.

"We can get a few hundred people to their destination in just a few hours depending on the distance we're flying," Wood said. "Generally, we'll cruise between 110 and 120 knots. We carry things internally and externally and sometimes we sacrifice fuel to do so. A lot of times it is unnecessary to carry a full tank of gas, so if we can complete something in an hour to an hour and a half we won't carry a full tank."

Carrying less fuel allows for greater lift capacity.

According to Wood, due to the narrow space of USS Oak Hill flight deck landing the Sea Knights posed challenges, however, because of the professionalism of the Marines and Sailors there were no issues.

The Sea Knight is a more than 40 year-old airframe but has been improved upon with each passing year.

"It's a good ride and we can carry a pretty heavy load underneath if we need to," Thomas said. "The Navy and Marine Corps are always going to have different operating methods, but safety is a number one concern for Sailors and Marines. There is a lot of relearning, but the crew here is a small close-knit group."

A lot of the Navy onboard came from different vessels than us, nonetheless, we came together to develop the standard of procedures for this mission, he said.

The effectiveness of the aviation combat element of the Special-Purpose MAGTF directly impacts the overall success of SPS-12 and the service members involved. This makes the HMM-774 vital to mission accomplishment.

"We could definitely deploy with two aircraft and a small maintenance packup," Wood said. "The success of the Special-Purpose MAGTF just proves that you can take small sections of each element and still complete the mission at hand just as effectively."

SPS-12



A CH-46E Sea Knight transports Marines from 2nd Amphibious Assault Squadron, back to USS Oak Hill after finishing up their subject matter expert exchange with Colombian military members on Oct. 16. The Subject matter expert exchange is conducted as a part of Operation Southern Partnership Station 2012, an annual deployment of U.S. military training teams to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Juancarlos Paz)



A U.S. Marine amphibious assault vehicle exits the well deck of USS Oak Hill to transport Marines attached to Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force to Turbo, Colombia, in support of Operation Southern Partnership Station 2012 Nov. 5. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Juancarlos Paz)



2nd Amphibious Assault Squadron and Riverines from Navy Riverine Squadron 3 form a working party to deliver cases of water that will be used to keep the Marines on shore hydrated during their subject matter expert exchange with Colombian military members, Oct. 16. SMEE's are held as a part of Operation Southern Partnership Station 2012, an annual deployment of U.S. military training teams to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Juancarlos Paz)

BLACK SEA ROTATIONAL FORCE 11



Aiming in on targets at distances of 200 to 300 meters, a Serbian infantryman fires a rocket-propelled grenade from a RPG-7 launcher during a combined forces live-fire range with U.S. Marines and Bulgarian soldiers. The Black Sea Marines conducted training with partner nations in counterinsurgency and peacekeeping operations with the Bulgarian 38th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Light Infantry Brigade, and the Serbian 21st Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade, to build the military capacity of partner and allied nations in the Black Sea, Balkan and Caucasus regions. . (Photo by Cpl. Tatum Vayavananda)

MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE MISSION IN EAST EUROPE SERVES AS MODEL FOR FUTURE TRAINING

By John Vandiver Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The Marine Corps' Black Sea Rotational Force will end a five-month mission in eastern Europe in the coming weeks, an operation that could serve as a model for how Marines conduct training missions in future.

Since April, Marine Reservists operating from a base in Romania have set up noncommissioned officer academies and conducted counterinsurgency and peacekeeping training with more than a dozen countries from the Black Sea, Balkans and Caucasus regions. Many of those nations have contributed troops to the mission in Afghanistan.

BLACK SEA ROTATIONAL FORCE 11



Dragging a simulated casualty, Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven A. Fox, hospital corpsman and Cullman, Ala., native, and Cpl. Scott D. Tynan, rifleman and Albuquerque, N.M., native, from Black Sea Rotational Force 11, run to safely evacuate him by vehicle during a counterinsurgency interoperability demonstration for BSRF-11's closing ceremony in Romania, Sept. 12. (Photo by Cpl. Tatum Vayavananda)

"What we bring to the table is the experiences of the last 10 years battling the war on terrorism," said Master Sgt. Daniel Devine, the platoon commander and training officer for the task force's ground combat element. That cooperation, he said, makes it easier to work together in places such as Afghanistan.

The unit of Reservists serves as a Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force. Two KC-130s have enabled the unit to travel great distances during the course of its rotation in Europe. In addition to operations in Romania, the task force conducted missions in a host of other countries, including Georgia and Ukraine.

At one point during the deployment, Marines were working in six countries.

"We did all that with 185 people," said Lt. Col. Sean Clements, spokesman for the Marine mission in Romania.

For Marine Forces Europe, with headquarters in Stuttgart, the Black Sea Rotational Force is an example of an efficient way to build up the capacity of foreign forces. That is expected to become a bigger focus for the Corps as the mission in Afghanistan dials down in the years ahead.

The Black Sea Rotational Force is an example of how to accomplish that, Marine officials said.



U.S. Marines and Romanian soldiers rush the parade field to demonstrate a counterinsurgency interoperability showcase for the closing ceremony of Black Sea Rotational Force 11's deployment, Sept. 12. (Photo by Cpl. Tatum Vayavananda)

"We do this with a very small expeditionary force, light infantry-focused," said Brig. Gen. Paul Brier shortly before departing his post at deputy commander of Marine Forces Europe earlier this summer. "We get a lot of engagement with a lot of different partners."

Last year, the Marines tested the concept of a rotational force in Europe with a three-month exercise in Romania. That was followed up with this year's five-month rotation, which includes Marine Reservists selected from units across the U.S. The rotational missions are expected to grow and continue through at least 2017.

"From my point of view, I will tell you, every one of us wants to continue to participate in these exercises," said Lt. Col. Nelson Cardella, commander of the Marine task force in Romania.

The special purpose task force deployment model, which combines air and ground troop elements under a single commander, offers great flexibility and reach, according to Marines. It has enabled the Marines to work alongside troops from Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia, Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine, Turkey, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan during the course of its current deployment.

Rear Adm. Mark Montgomery, deputy director of plans and strategy at U.S. European Command, said the group of rotating Marines has helped to augment EUCOM's training initiatives across eastern Europe.

While U.S. Army Europe continues to be the heart of EUCOM's efforts, deploying thousands of troops for numerous training missions during the course of the year, the Marines are breaking new ground, he said.

"The Black Sea Rotational Force is a very innovative and unique idea the Marines have come up with," Montgomery said.

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Capt. Charles A. Nassar, of Sterling Heights, Mich., officer-in-charge of the combat engineer detachment, and Lt. Col. Nelson S. Cardella, commanding officer of Black Sea Rotational Force 11, join Romanian Navy Rear Adm. Alexandru Mirsu, fleet commander, and Romanian Navy Capt. Cristinel Uce, Romanian director, BSRF-11, in cutting the ribbon for the new helipad at the Constanta County Hospital, Sept. 9. Combat engineers with Black Sea Rotational Force 11 contracted with Romanian excavation specialist to build a helipad for Constanta County Hospital that will alleviate flight time for patients to the emergency room and help to save more lives by getting casualties prompt and rapid medical care. The landing pad was part of the engineer's last community relations project for the country before they departed back to the states in November. (Photo by Cpl. Tatum Vayavananda)

THE LONESTAR BATTALION RETURNS FROM SIX-MONTH AFGHAN DEPLOYMENT

Story by Pfc. Jessica DeRose

NEW ORLEANS –Initially they were headed to Iraq, then the date was pushed back and headquarters received word their destination had changed. After about a year of knowing they were in rotation to deploy, suspicions were confirmed once they received an activation letter in June 2010: 1st Battalion 23rd Marine Regiment were Afghanistan bound in March 2011.

A certain amount of nervousness was felt among the Marines, but that is to be expected, said Lt. Col. Christopher Toland, executive officer, 1st Bn. 23rd Marines. "Most of them were just excited about the opportunities they were about to encounter," he said.

Opportunities were plentiful, but they were not all centralized. The battalion was shipped out and distributed across the country after completing pre-deployment training.

Alpha Co., based out of Houston, was designated as a security force for Forward Operating Base Delaram II. Their primary responsibilities included securing the FOB and working with the Afghan Highway Patrol to prevent enemy forces from having easy access to a key highway intersection in the country, said Lt. Col. Russell Todd Zink, the battalion's commanding officer.

Bravo Co., based out of Bossier City, La., became a security force for FOB Dwyer where they patrolled the perimeter, controlled more than 60 miles of battle space between FOB Dwyer and the city of Marjah, and rebuilt patrol bases which had been damaged.

Charlie Co., H&S Co. and Weapons Co., were all appointed to Camp Leatherneck. Charlie Co., patrolled aggressively, focusing their efforts on roadside bomb manufacturers. Weapons Co., conducted patrols and provided daily 24-hour security. H&S Co., focused on building relationships with the locals and understanding their needs.

Aside from their primary mission, the Marines' expertise was needed elsewhere.

"Marines also have trained tens of thousands of Afghan police and army at 15 locations throughout the country," said Zink.

One of the training operations, the NATO Training Mission Afghanistan, was responsible for training the Afghanistan National Army and the Afghan Uniformed Police. This operation aided in continuing the development of a self-sustaining Afghan National Security Force.

"I was pretty impressed with those soldiers," said Toland, "They were very professional, eager and motivated."

Student-teacher was not the only relationship the Marines formed with the ANA and AUP. While deployed, 1st Bn. 23rd Marines maintained an ongoing engagement with the local Afghan government, working on integrating ANA into all of their operations.

This newfound cohesion, an accomplishment in itself, was followed by even more success. Alpha Company was part of a historically large poppy seed seizure while in Delaram.

With the assistance of Alpha Company, AUP took the lead







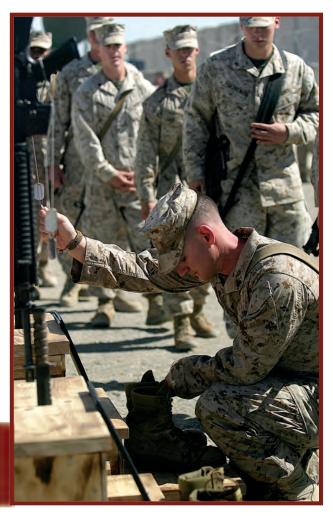


Sgt. Willie Torres, an Arlington, Texas, native and a squad leader with Company C, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, and Afghan National Army soldiers with the 215th Corps plan the layout of a vehicle checkpoint near Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, July 26. The ANA soldiers lead the searches, which help restrict movement of insurgent contraband and other suspicious activity. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Ross)

Global Operations- AFGHANISTAN



U.S. Marines seized narcotics worth about \$5 million during a vehicle search supporting operation Aero Hunter in an undisclosed location in Afghanistan, May 9. The Marines are with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines, Regimental Combat Team (RCT) 1. Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 463 and RCT-1 supported the operation, which is designed to disrupt suspicious activity and counteract enemy drug and weapons trafficking. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert R. Carrasco)



Cpl. Levi Pope, pauses in a moment of reflection in front of the battlefield memorials on Forward Operating Base Delaram Ii, Nimroz Province, Islamic Republic Of Afghanistan for Staff Sgt. Jeremy Smith and HM Benjamin Rast. Smith and Rast were killed in action April 6 while conducting a dismounted patrol in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Smith was 26 and from Arlington, Texas. Rast was 23, and from Niles, Mich. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Smith)

and confiscated more than 150 tons of poppy seed, said Zink.

This was not the only poppy seed discovery while 1st Bn. 23rd Marines were in-country, and their increases have lead to some concern.

The Afghan government is currently taking measures to eradicate poppy by supplying local farmers with wheat seed and alternative crops in order to make a living.

Solving agricultural issues is one example of how ANA and coalition aided local communities. ANA forces and coalition forces made serious efforts to become familiar with the local area, the people living there and problems they face. "I think the people are tremendously resourceful," said Zink. "They have a great deal of courage, and they're very proud of their heritage.

They're also quite hospitable once you get to know them as well, and I think we tend to underestimate what they're capable of doing."

To help give a boost with those capabilities, the ANA, assisted by coalition forces including 1st Bn. 23rd Marines, opened the first school the town of Abad has ever had May 5.

It is now an elementary school that young boys attend in the morning, while the girls attend in the afternoon. Both the ANA and coalition forces wish to build additional schools in the future to further benefit the surrounding areas.

After doing as much as they could in the time allotted, it was almost time for the Marines to leave Afghanistan. Before departing, the Marines were required to attend warrior transition briefs to assist in a smooth progression back into their civilian lives.

"I want to make sure that as successful as they were over here, they're just as successful when they return to being a citizen in the Texas area," said Zink.

The majority of the unit was flown back to Texas, Oct. 1, where they were met with a homecoming crowd at Ellington's Field Joints Armed Forces Reserve Center in Houston. They disembarked the plane, marched onto the field from the flight line and were dismissed to meet their families.

"Everywhere you looked, Marines were hugging their moms, kissing their wives, and playing with their kids," said Toland.

After being forward deployed for seven months, Marines from 1st Bn., 23rd Marines were in the arms of their loved ones again.

Comic book illustrates challenges Marines face

Coming Home is a comic book designed with adults in mind, and more specifically for members of the military who have returned home from combat deployments. With the help of service members who have experienced this situation, as well as military experts on reunion and reintegration, Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colón created a helpful tool for returning service members. Using realistic characters, the authors depict probable scenarios that many service members may find themselves in after coming home from combat. Some of these issues include marital stress, combat stress symptoms, alcoholism and depression, including suicidal depression.

The book comes equipped with a detailed list of resources that may help returning service members and their families to overcome the issues they face after homecoming.

Mr. Jacobson was managing editor and editor-in-chief at Harvey Comics, where he created characters such as Richie Rich. He was also executive editor at Marvel Comics.

Mr. Colón has worked at Harvey, Marvel and DC Comics. At DC he oversaw the production of Green Lantern, Wonder Women, Blackhawk and the Flash. Mr. Colón also served in the Army National Guard and in the Air National Guard as a gunner on B-26 during the Korean Conflict.



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Unit Profile

4th Civil Affairs Group: Anacostia Naval Station, Washington, D.C.



Mission: Support the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Commander with specially trained and organized personnel in order to facilitate the planning, coordination and execution of civil-military operations and to conduct civil affairs operations.

• The 4th Civil Affairs Group is one of only two permanent civil affairs units in the Marine Corps, both of which are Reserve units. Third CAG is the other unit and is based at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. The 3rd CAG tends to support the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force while the 4th CAG primarily supports II MEF.

• The group includes: engineers, professors, lawyers, mechanics, deans, law enforcement, bankers, computer technicians, students, accountants, reporters, congressional staffers, business managers, fire fighters and active duty Marines.

History:

The 4th CAG was activated Nov. 1, 1955, at Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va. In 1979, 4th CAG relocated to its current home at Anacostia Naval Station, Washington, D.C. Since then, 4th CAG has supported civil-military operations across the world to include Afghanistan, Iraq, Peru, Trinidad, Honduras, Liberia, Bosnia and Panama.

Honors:

- Presidential Unit Citation Streamer
- Iraq 2003
- Navy Unit Commendation Streamer with one Bronze Star
- Southwest Asia 1990-1991
- Bosnia/Kosovo 1997-2001
- Iraq 2003-2004
- National Defense Service Streamer with one Bronze Star
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Streamer

Engagements:

- Operation Desert Storm 1991
- Sent numerous detachments to the Balkans from mid 1990s until 2003
- Joint Task Force Liberia in 2003
- Operation Enduring Freedom: Horn of Africa in 2003
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 - > Designated main effort by 1st Mar Div in Phase IV of Operation Phantom Fury in 2004
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- Participated in numerous New Horizons / Beyond the Horizons missions.
- Operation Enduring Freedom 2009
- Operation Khanjar (Afghanistan 2009)
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