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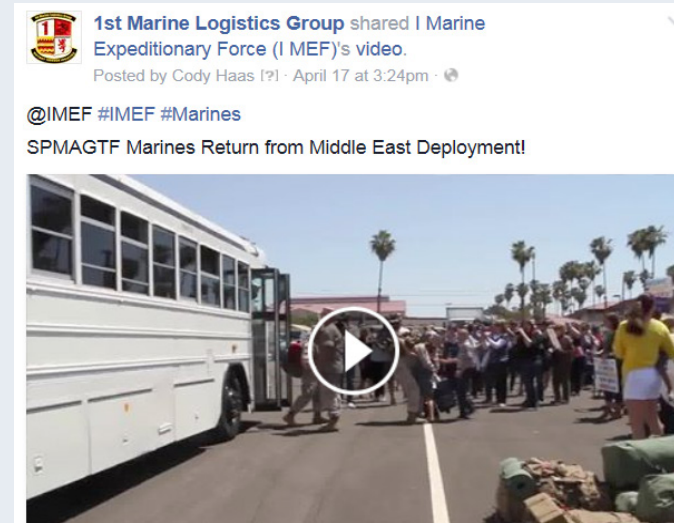
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1st Marine Division with Adrien Hervert Saenz

Marines with 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, fire an M777 howitzer during Exercise Desert Scimitar 2015 aboard Marine Corps Air Ground... Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., April 7, 2015. The tough, realistic live-fire training central to Desert Scimitar allows Division units to train in order to maintain readiness and meet current and real-world operational demands.



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# 7TH ESB SHOWS OFF VERSATILITY TO LAKE ELSINORE RESIDENTS



As Marines woke up to mist on their tents and fog on the lake, members of the Lake Elsinore community set up their chairs to observe the bridging missions the Marines would undertake over the course of the day.

Nearly 100 Marines with Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, showed off their versatility by conducting a combined water and land bridging operation as part of a readiness evaluation at Lake Elsinore, Calif., March 24, 2015, marking the first time that an Improved Ribbon Bridge was built as a continuous span across a wet gap since 2002.

“Three generations of Marines have gone through without this continuous span from shore to shore,” said Cpl. Kris Wickert, Bridge Master for operations platoon, Bridge Company. “It shows that we can span any wet or dry gap in the world in a moment’s notice.”

Marines built an improved ribbon bridge spanning more than 400 feet across a channel of the lake using bridge erection boats to emplace and

secure, what look like, pieces of a puzzle.

Upon completion, Marines drove vehicles and equipment across the IRB to assemble the medium girder bridge over a 53-foot dry gap on the adjacent shoreline. Here the Marines didn’t receive help from boats, but instead had to work together to manually lift hundreds of pounds of steel.

The month of training leading up to this exercise gave the Marines the skills necessary to finish the bridges that were

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each completed in about 3 hours. Each bridge is designed to take crossings from vehicles and cargo up to 140,000 lbs. The mission served as a good baseline for the Company’s ability to bridge a wet and dry gap as the mission dictates. Lake Elsinore offered the only geographic location within 250 miles of Camp Pendleton with a site capable of conducting both types of bridging at the same time.

“This was the first time I’ve done it and I was impressed with how quickly and flawlessly we executed the plan,” said Wickert. Bridge building provides Marines more versatile ways to overcome and adapt to obstacles or terrain features they may face on the battlefield or during humanitarian missions where we may need to respond rapidly, said Cpl. Clint J. Dean, Team Leader for Operations Platoon, Bridge Company.

According to the Marines, the support from the city of Lake Elsinore in providing this training site was critical for them to be able to train in dynamic scenarios that aren’t always available to them aboard Marine Corps Installations.

“We train like we fight so just because we would no longer be in Southern California doesn’t mean the [1st Marine Expeditionary Force] wouldn’t come across a set of wet or dry gaps,” said Capt. Andrew M. Hicks, Company Commander for Bridge Company, 7th ESB. “Should this be the case, the Marines of Bridge Company, 7th ESB are trained in the aspects of bridging and are ready to provide mobility support to the MEF.”

Photos by: Sgt. Adam Leyendecker



Lance Cpl. Alias A. Wentworth, a Deck Hand for Operations Platoon, Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, awaits a piece of the improved ribbon bridge during an exercise at Lake Elsinore, Calif., March 24, 2015. Marines built an improved ribbon bridge and a medium girder bridge. This event marks the first time the Marine Corps has built a continuous span bridge from shore to shore has been built since 2002.



Marines from Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, emplace a medium girder bridge at Lake Elsinore, Calif., March 24, 2015. Marines built an improved ribbon bridge and a medium girder bridge.



# LTJG Weedon E. Osborne Award

Ton earns prestigious dental award

Photos by: Sgt. Adam Leyendecker



Lt. Cmdr. Vinh T. Ton, Dentist for 1st Dental Battalion, receives the LT J.G. Weedon E. Osborne award from Maj. Gen. Vincent A. Coglianese, Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group at Pacific Views Event Center aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif, March 27, 2015. The award is earned by a dental officer who makes significant contributions to operational readiness. It is presented annually by the Marine Corps Association. The award is named in honor of Lt. J.G. Weedon E. Osborne, Dental Corps, U.S. Navy, who was killed in action during the battle of Belleau Wood in France in 1918. "When I reflect upon the pool of other extraordinarily dedicated and talented practitioners nominated for this award, words cannot express the depth of my humility for having been chosen for this honor," said Ton. "I would like to share the honor of this award with all those who were also nominated, truly any of you could have been selected for this award."



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# MAWTS-1, CLR-1 keep WTI soaring

Story and photos by: Sgt. Cody Haas

MCAS Yuma WTI

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz.— Before 4,000 troops arrive to take part in the bi-annual, seven-week Weapons and Tactics Instructor course aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., logistics officers with Marine Aviation and Tactics Squadron I have already completed months of planning and coordination.

“Two months before the start of the course, Capt. Craig Sisson, the Ground Logistics officer for MAWTS-1, and I will travel to the East and West Coasts to communicate the units’ needs during a logistics planning conference to key unit leaders planning for WTI,” said Gunnery Sgt. Ryan Lowe, the Logistics Chief for MAWTS-1. “During each class we have approximately 12 additional units. It’s our

job to coordinate with them to make sure they receive all of the right gear, such as generators, fuel bladders, shower trailers, mobile laundry facilities and tactical vehicles at the right place and at the right time.”

The quantity of supplies and resources it takes to successfully run a WTI course is something easily overlooked by participating units and spectators. Nearly all equipment comes from outside units.

“Approximately 3,329 tons of gear will be moved for this class,” said Sisson. “This is significant, because the majority of the gear came from the East Coast. There were approximately 447 tractor trailers sourced to transport all of this

gear to support the additional troops.”

Supporting units occupy more than 20 sites throughout the area of operation. This requires MAWTS-1 logistics officers to work around the clock to meet the demand of operations. Logistics is divided into four main sections, ensuring that no detail is overlooked.

“The major sections we manage during the course are the mobility cell, which mainly consists of the embarkation of gear; motor transportation, billeting and food supply.”

The course also plays an important role in demonstrating the importance of effective communication while integrating a logistical support plan for an air-ground exercise of this size.

**Top left:** Private First Class Brenen Tischner, left, a Motor Transportation Operator, with 1st Transport Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, attaches a fuel hose to an AMK-23 Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement with the help of two other Marines during routine refueling maintenance on the outskirts of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., April 10, 2015.

MCAS Yuma WTI

“Communication is always a challenge when you’re trying to coordinate everyone’s unit’s training in the same space,” said Sisson. “There is such a huge scale of Marines here with a full-range of military occupational specialties.”

The role of logistics changes for each iteration of WTI and depends on the training needs of the course and the fleet Marine force. It is important that logistics officers are always ready to ensure mission accomplishment.

“Logistics is never the exact same task day after day,” said Sisson. “It’s constantly a changing scenario with every

course. Logistics is crucial. If one unit does not receive its tactical gear on time, factor to the mission accomplishment of the WTI course. WTI is a seven-week course consisting of advanced tactical aviation training designed to produce weapons and tactics instructors. A WTI will serve in key training officer billets to act as training experts in the fleet, ensuring Marine aviation units continue to train effectively and to a standard across the Marine Corps. It is courses like WTI that maintain the Marine Corps’ role as the nation’s force in readiness.

it can back up other units causing a domino effect, in turn, affecting us to ultimately fail our mission. Failure is simply not an option.”

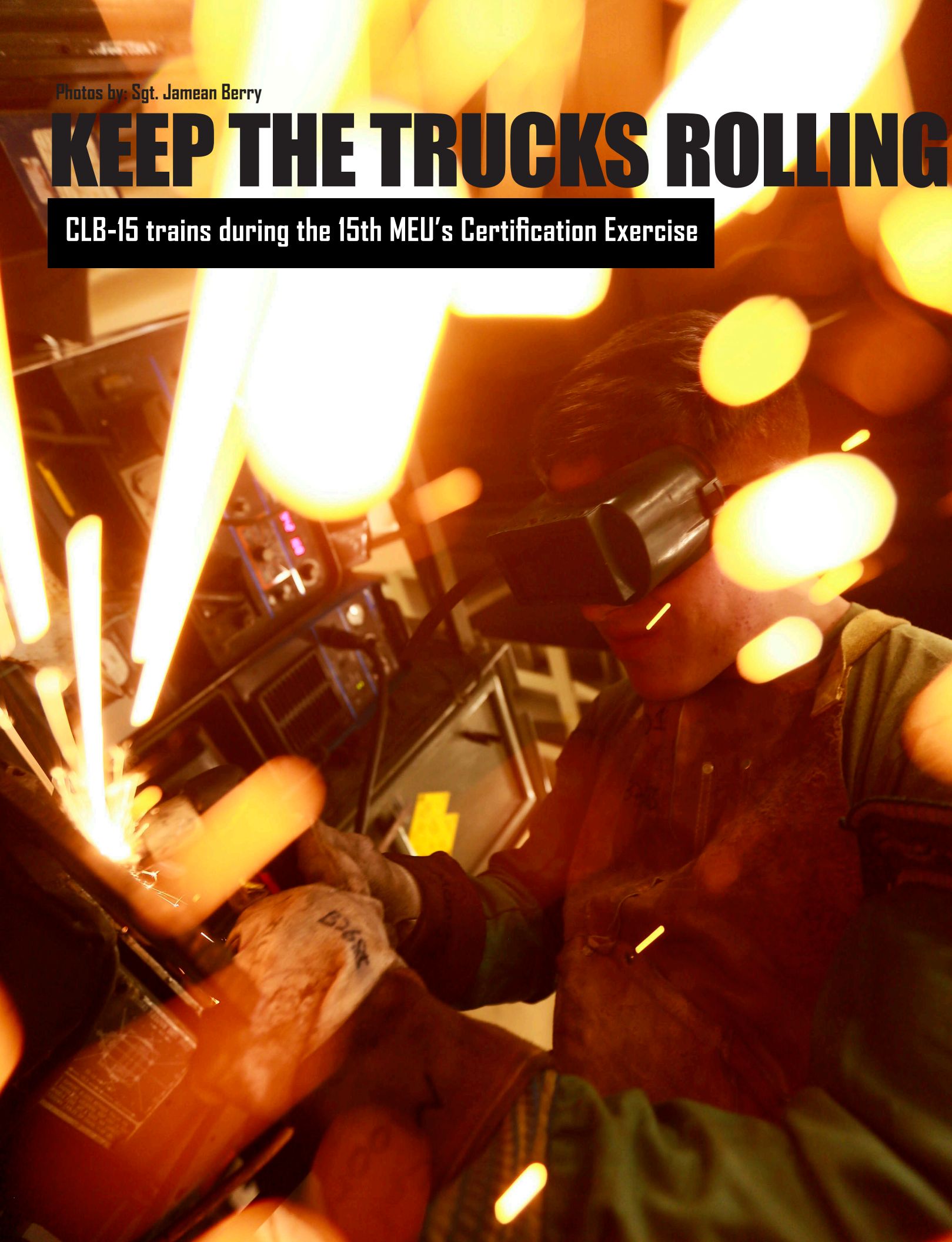
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Photos by: Sgt. Jamean Berry

# KEEP THE TRUCKS ROLLING

CLB-15 trains during the 15th MEU's Certification Exercise



Corporal Ayrton Borges fabricates equipment components during MEU Certification Exercise aboard the USS Anchorage (LPD 23) off the coast of San Diego, April 16, 2015. Borges is a metal worker with Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.



Corporal Benjamin Tingle performs preventative maintenance during MEU Certification Exercise aboard the USS Anchorage (LPD 23) off the coast of San Diego, April 16, 2015. Tingle is a motor transport mechanic with Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The Marines and Sailors of the 15th MEU constantly perform maintenance on their equipment to maintain combat readiness.





**Top Left: Marines with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit embark a Landing Craft, Air Cushion after the completion of a foreign humanitarian assistance training mission aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., during MEU Certification Exercise April 12, 2015. The 15th MEU tested their skills in providing humanitarian assistance and engineering support such as medical aid and water purification.**

**Bottom Left: A role-player acting as a foreign government doctor comforts an injured person during a simulated humanitarian relief mission during MEU Certification Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 11, 2015. The role-players offered the Marines and Sailors with the 15th MEU an opportunity to practice coordinating situations such as medical aid during a humanitarian crisis.**



**A Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, pours unfiltered water into a tactical water purification system to support a simulated foreign humanitarian assistance mission during MEU Certification Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 11, 2015.**

**Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, provide medical attention to simulated injured personnel from a foreign government during MEU Certification Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 11, 2015.**



**Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, adjust hosing for a water purification project to support a simulated foreign humanitarian assistance mission during MEU Certification Exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 11, 2015.**



# AROUND THE MEF



Photo by: Sgt. Cody Haas

Left: An MV-22B Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, approaches a refueling hose during an aerial refueling training exercise as part of Weapons and Tactics Instructor course aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., April 8, 2015. Aerial refueling mitigates the need for aircraft to land for refueling.

Top right: Marines with Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, prepare to pack up their gear and depart the area during a dive mission at Keyport, Wash., April 12, 2015. A small team of seven combatant divers with the company conducted a clandestine dive exercise at night to hone individual and team skills. Their mission consisted of a stealthy insertion, sub-surface swimming to each objective, site exploitation and a covert extraction with the information gathered.

Photo by: Sgt. Christopher J. Moore

Right: Marines with Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, nicknamed "America's Company," conducted a live-fire exercise with their M1A1 Abrams tanks during Exercise Desert Scimitar 2015 aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., April 10, 2015. Desert Scimitar enables 1st Marine Division units remain committed to consistently improving the quality of their training efforts and their resultant warfighting capabilities.



Photo by: Sgt. Joseph Scanlan



Photo by: Lance Cpl. April Price



Photo by: Sgt. Cody Haas

Middle Left: Cpl. Gerard V. Scparta, a Military Policeman and Dog Handler with 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, and his working dog, Quick, prepare to conduct a vehicle search during Exercise Desert Scimitar 2015 aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., April 9, 2015.

Middle right: Marines rappel from a UH-1Y Venom helicopter during a fast rope training exercise through Weapons Tactics and Instructors course on the outskirts of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., April 4, 2015.

Bottom left: Marines with Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, observe the drop zone from inside a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during a three-day reconnaissance and surveillance patrol aboard Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash, April 9, 2015.



Photo by: Sgt. Joseph Scanlan



# #InTheNews



Photo by: U.S. Navy

(Top) Sec. of the Navy Ray Mabus said the Lockheed Martin F-35 Joint Strike Fighter "almost certainly will be, the last manned strike fighter aircraft the Department of the Navy will ever buy or fly," signaling key assumptions in the Navy's aviation future as the service prepares to develop follow-ons to the Boeing F/A-18E/F Super Hornet.

(Left) Marine Corps Capt. Katie Higgins' dream as a little girl was to follow in her family's footsteps and become a pilot. Her dream came true in 2011, when she received her wings. But April 18, 2015, she flew even higher when she became the first female pilot with the prestigious Blue Angels.



Photo by: Bill Wechter

A Marine helicopter made a precautionary landing yards from the ocean in Solana Beach April 15, 2015. The pilot of the CH-53E Super Stallion landed on the beach near the Del Mar Shores after receiving a low oil pressure indicator about 11:40 a.m.



Photo by: Julia Craven

Little girls have told me that they **didn't even know** that ladies could fly aircraft, that **women could be in the cockpit.**

- Marine Corps Capt. Katie Higgins, Blue Angels' first female pilot



Photo Illustration by: HM3 Diana Quinlan

The remains of as many as 388 "unknown" US military members who died when the USS Oklahoma was sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor will be exhumed in Hawaii in an effort to identify them, the Department of Defense said on April 14, 2015.



Courtesy photo

(Middle left) Marilyn Olson, a 50-year-old Lewistown woman, honored injured U.S. Marines and other war veterans by recently hiking 26.2 miles with wounded warriors, veterans and other military supporters in the Bataan Memorial Death March in the desert of White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico while carrying a 39 lb rucksack.

(Middle right) Marines with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Crisis Response Central Command, board MV-22B Ospreys from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163 deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit to conduct an aerial insert and site security at the Baghdad Embassy Complex, Oct. 6, 2014.

(Bottom right) Private Paul Riege fought courageously in World War I, and was supposed to receive a purple heart for his service almost a century ago. However now, long after his death, his award finally came. Riege was 16 when he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he was wounded in battle. Upon his passing in 1990, he had yet to receive the prestigious honor for himself, so his grandson accepted the award in his name.



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Skyler E. Treverrow



Photo by: Stephanie Claytor



## VOICES OF THE GROUP

Voices of the Group is a monthly interview that features 1st MLG Marines and sailors



**With Gunnery Sgt. Quintana**

Story by: 1st Lt. Thomas Gray

**G**unnery Sgt. Requila Naomi Quintana, Supply Chief, Headquarters Regiment, 1st Marine Logistics Group, and a native of Alamosa, Co., was seeking a challenge and found it the day she joined the Marine Corps her sophomore year of college.

**Q:** How soon after high school/college did you join the Marine Corps?

**A:** “I joined during my sophomore year of college at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.”

**Q:** How long have you been in the Marine Corps?

**A:** “I have been in the Corps for 13 years and 7 months.”

**Q:** Do you have any family that was in the military?

**A:** “My two brothers joined the National Guard, Army. However, I have a few Veterans in my family.”

**Q:** What or Who inspired you to be a Marine?

**A:** “I would have to say myself because I loved the colors and traditions I saw when I researched the Marines. They are the best!”

**Q:** Why did you want to be a

Marine?

**A:** “I wanted to join the military because I knew once I signed those papers, I couldn’t quit. I needed a challenge that would embrace my own personal goals.”

**Q:** What was your hometown like?

**A:** “It was very small and full of lost dreams. My hometown was filled with alcoholics and poverty. This was my point of view as a child growing up there however, I loved the seasons and being able to play outside all the time. I have many good friends that still live there.”

**Q:** Was there anything you took away from growing up in your hometown that made you more prepared for your Marine Corps career?

**A:** “I wanted to do something that would carry me forever. I knew that the small town in Colorado was not my final

destination. I am a survivor and that has helped me throughout my whole career.”

**Q:** Why is your current job important to you? Why do you enjoy it day after day?

**A:** “My current job is a Supply Chief and it is important to me because I have been in a combat environment. I understand that what we do is significant to support the mission. We are vital to everything within a unit. We support every facet of the Marine Corps, big and small. I love working with Supply Marines but I especially love being a Marine.”

**Q:** What kind of an impact do you have on junior Marines?

**A:** “The kind of impact I have had on my Junior Marines are Leadership qualities, integrity, and knowledge about their Military Occupational Specialty. I allow my Marines to be themselves and show them



that they must carry themselves the way they want to be seen. I have made my mistakes as a Marine but please know that I learned from them and grew from them as well. I can only change the future and the future is my Junior Marines. I want them to understand that they are Marines first but that family is the most important.”

**Q:** What have you noticed about the Marines you work with in your unit and in 1st MLG as a whole?

**A:** “This question is very sensitive because we assume a lot as Marines. What I will say is that the MLG Marines that I have worked with have been great. I have had a few Marines with major personal issues but overall, they work hard and they want to be recognized for the things they do. This generation is different but that doesn’t mean that the old can’t blend in with the new. They have taught me to open my interventions to better decisions and leadership improvement within myself.”

**Q:** In what ways do you help or improve the Marines in your unit?

**A:** “Such as well-being or mentorship? The best thing I can do for my Marines is to lead by example, mentor them, hold them accountable, and always be honest with them.

Again, I am far from perfect and I know that I have made decisions I am not proud of, but I have always been honest with my Marines. I am always available for them and I try to ensure they get the information they need to become the next rank or civilian. I utilize book reports in my section because it gives me a better understanding of their mental state, intellectual limits, and their insight about the Marine Corps history.”

**Q:** As they say: “Once a Marine, Always a Marine,” – What will your legacy be on the Marine Corps/1st MLG?

**A:** “She never quit, always fought, took responsibility of her actions, and always had good intent. She never asked anyone to carry her pack. She was strong, survived, and conquered all that got in her way. She was not just a woman but always, she will be a Marine till her dying day.”

**Q:** How does your role at 1st MLG impact other units?

**A:** “The Headquarters Regiment’s role within the MLG impacts all units due to supporting outside units. My current billet as the Supply Chief impacts other units by redistribution of gear, supporting units with gear for field operations, and the

relationship that we have with MLG headquarters.”

**Q:** In 3-4 sentences, what mission does your unit fulfill?

**A:** “Provide command and control, administration, communications, food services, services, and terminal operations and security support to the MLG. Serve as the forward echeloning headquarters of the MLG or as the Logistics Combat Element headquarters for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Marine Air-Ground-Task Force. Provide the LCE for MEU’s.” – Col. Eric B. Kraft, Mission Statement.

**Q:** What do people from your home town think about your career choice?

**A:** “My family and friends are very proud and they appreciate my devotion to the Marine Corps. Of course, they think that I am mean so my current career choice fits perfect.”

**Q:** Where do you see yourself in 2 years?

**A:** “In two years, I will be working with FSMAO east to increase my abilities, knowledge, and impact as a supply Marine with all units on the east coast. I will have my Bachelor’s complete and enrolled in school to acquire my MBA.”

## AROUND THE GROUP

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# PARTING SHOT

By: Sgt. Cody Haas



Marines board a UH-1Y Venom helicopter during a fast rope training exercise supporting Weapons Tactics and Instructors course on the outskirts of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., April 4, 2015. WTI is a seven-week course hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One that provides advanced tactical training to certify Marine pilots as weapons and tactics instructors, preparing them to serve in key training officer billets.