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Camp Lejeune: Past Water Contamination

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. Learn about research on past chemical contamination. - See more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/#sthash.SLw9Rrli.dpuf>

Scholarship's. MTA members,

it's not too early to talk to your children, grandchildren about the next scholarships. Remember one is awarded to a student going to attend a four year college and the other is for a student going to a vocational/technical school/college. June 30th is the submission deadline. Forms are available email auxpresident@usmcmta.org

MTA is hosting a breakfast

three Sundays a month (1 thu 3) at the VFW, on Sunday's from 8 am till 11 am. Thanks to all of you for supporting us there.

The monthly dutch treat luncheons

are continuing in the Jacksonville area; contact Shirley Prevatte or any one of the area auxiliary members for info or email auxpresident@usmcmta.org

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At the outset, wish you, your family a Happy New Year 2018. May the New Year bring in lots of cheer and happiness to all.

Our MTA has completed 20 years as an organization, knowing that our founder Barry O'Delp, deceased, would be proud as to how far we have come. A scholarship in Barry's name enables and touches students who continue their education, bettering the world I am sure.

Knowing the challenges MTA members faced in the past months, fires, hurricane, flooding, our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected.

With 20 years past, we look towards the future and what it holds for us as an organization. We set our sights on preparing for our 21st reunion, which is to be held in San Antonio, TX. Attending the reunion is the culmination of many months of negotiating, date planning, dinner menu selection, preparing for the coming together of Marines. Each location that we visit is honored to have us attend a reunion in their city.

If you have thought of or are to attend a reunion make plans now for it seems as though each reunion is just around the corner as they come about.

Thank you, to all our members in making MTA a success.

Take care, be healthy.

Dwight

Secretary

Marcel Arbelaez

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year Motor Transport members and families! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and safe travels.

As we enter a new year our goal is to have all our member information up to date. If you have a new phone number, email or mailing address please email me at secretary@usmcmta.org. Email is the best way to contact me if you have any questions due to my work and school schedule.

The MTA will be getting ready to start planning our annual open house. Information will be sent out in the coming months. Also to

mark tentative in your calendars is the 21 st. Annual MTA Reunion which will be held in San Antonio, Texas in September 2018.

Wishing you and yours safe travels.

Marcel Arbelaez

Webmaster

Don McCrary

I've returned to the computer once again, finally closed on my home in Florida and moved to Tennessee. Now I know what some think, warm in Fl. cold in Tn., found my way home after so many years.

A salute to the Marines stationed overseas during the holiday's in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, Norway and in places not mentioned to us at this time. Remembering my own deployment and what goes on during deployment brings special meaning of family, of home, a good tasting holiday meal.

As we continue into 2018 we strive to insure your visit and experience with our MTA website is a pleasant one and we can assist if and when necessary to achieve our goals.

We will be following up with how electronic "gadgets" speak to each other and the security or lack of in our homes as they are used knowingly and unknowingly. Please contact me at the webmaster@usmcmta.org for any questions you may have.

Don

MTAA President

Mary Jarvis

As I write this we are well into the holiday season..perhaps when you read this we will be in the new year. Let us all hope and pray that 2018 will be good for all and that we may reunite in San Antonio as a group. This year has been so filled with natural and man-made disasters I'm sure many are glad to see 2017 come to an end.

On the 16th of December the East Coast Christmas/Holiday party was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Jacksonville, NC. I think I can speak for the group in saying it was a wonderful evening with lots of fun and laughter.

The Auxiliary met in October with all officers; one trustee and our Sergeant at Arms present. Our membership at that time was at 51. I believe we have had 2 scholarship applications sent at this point. All bills are paid to date. The next audit will be completed in February. Our next Auxiliary Board meeting will be in late January. Remember the monthly luncheon in the Jacksonville area; check with Shirley or Tina for the next location and specific date.

To reiterate, it's not too early to start thinking about scholarship for your senior high school student. Please request it from Secretary Shirley or me and then continue to motivate the applicant to complete and return it when all their information is obtained.

We are aware of some of our members in need of prayer – Mary McKee and Masae Wilburn as well as continued prayers for MTA members John Stump, Robie Roberson, Jack Prevatte and Terry Hightower. We are pleased to see both Pat and Bob Boni looking well and overcoming their health scares. Unfortunately I'm sure there are others who are ill or injured as well and we send our prayers to them. Please let me know of any illness or (God forbid) passing.

I have had the pleasure of talking to some of our West Coast members and friends (Jack McDermott and Wilma and Dick Grimsley) who have been in harm's way from the terrible fires. At that time they assured us they are well and the fires were close but so far not bothering them. They sent their best wishes to both groups.

By the time this newsletter is in print we pray they are under control and there has been no further loss of life or property. I know there have been natural disasters in many other parts of the country as well and our thoughts are with you all .

On behalf of Marshall and I, may God bless each of you, keep you safe and may 2018 bring health, happiness and love.

May God Bless our Country, our troops at home, deployed and those whom we have lost. May He give strength to those who struggle daily with health issues, injuries and PTSD.

Until next time.....Mary

Around The Corps



Dec. 7, 2017 Camp Pendleton, California - LCpl. Juan Lomelli-Romero, a motor transport operator with Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, documents the serviceability of an MK-27 Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement during a quality control check on Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 5, 2017. The Marines are conducting a work-up prior to their deployment to Dubai in support of Exercise Native Fury, an exercise meant to increase our effectiveness when cooperating with allied nations. Photo By: Lance Cpl. Dylan Chagnon

Dec. 12, 2017 DAHLGREN, Va. - Marines conduct a field user evaluation for the Identity Dominance System-Marine Corps, or IDS-MC, in Dahlgren, Virginia. In September, Marine Corps Systems Command completed fielding of the IDS-MC, which is a new biometrics system to help deployed Marines identify and track the movement of individuals encountered on the battlefield, conduct entry control point operations, and determine who is a friend or foe. Photo By: Monique Randolph



Dec. 14, 2017 TRIANGLE, Va. - At Their Core, one of three of Marine Corps Recruiting Command's statues, is unveiled at the National Marine Corps Museum in Triangle, Virginia, Dec. 13, 2017. The sculptures were crafted by Kris Kuksi for MCRC's Battles Won brand idea and its advertisements, but also to represent the irreducible fighting spirit of Marines. Kuksi is an artist contracted to work with MCRC's contracted advertisement agency, J. Walter Thompson. Photo By: Pfc. Mitchell Collyer

Dec 18, 2017 ARTA BEACH, Djibouti - U.S. Marines with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and French Navy sailors offload from a French landing catamaran at Arta Beach, Djibouti, while conducting amphibious training during Alligator Dagger. Alligator Dagger, led by Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Expedition Brigade, is a dedicated, bilateral combat rehearsal that combines U.S. and French forces to practice, rehearse and exercise integrated capabilities available to U.S. Central Command both afloat and ashore. Photo By: Sgt. Jessica Lucio



MCRC UNVEILS THREE ICONIC BATTLES WON SCULPTURES

By Pfc. Naomi Marcom, Marine Corps Recruiting Command



MCRC Unveils Three Iconic Battles Won Sculptures A drill instructor figurine, part of a much larger statue, holds a steady salute on its day of unveiling at the National Marine Corps Museum in Triangle, Virginia, Dec. 13, 2017. At Their Core, one of three statues that were unveiled, was crafted by Kris Kuksi for Marine Corps Recruiting Command's Battles Won brand idea, but also to represent the irreducible fighting spirit of Marines. Kuksi is an artist contracted to work with MCRC's contracted advertisement agency, J. Walter Thompson. Photo By: Pfc. Mitchell Collyer

TRIANGLE, Va. -- A nearly seven-foot, bronze-colored United States Marine stands battle ready. He is clothed in history — Marines from as early as World War I prepare for battle, assault vehicles and aircraft patrol the area, a drill instructor holds a steady salute and hundreds of Marines execute their missions — truly embodying the essence and service of the United States Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps Recruiting Command unveiled three iconic Battles Won-themed sculptures at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia, Dec. 13, 2017.

"The mentality of a Marine is selflessness, camaraderie, brotherhood and kinship — all working together and fighting to the death for your fellow man," said Kris Kuksi, the creator of the sculptures. "I wanted to capture the fighting spirit."

The weapons, uniforms and machinery were meticulously crafted from toy soldiers, building blocks, model kits and 3-D printed accessories, which were painted to look like Marines in battle. When

an individual visits the museum and sees these sculptures, they will become lost in a place between artwork and imagination as they view products displaying centuries of battles Marines have faced.

"Kris really took the essence of the Marine Corps and materialized it through his imagination and into artwork," said Col. Terence Trenchard, the chief of staff of MCRC. "Winning our nation's battles is one of our promises as Marines, and it can be seen here — in a physical sense — as a long-carried tradition and culture."

The Battles Won brand idea, which was released in March of this year by MCRC and its contracted advertising agency, J. Walter Thompson, was designed to convey the fighting spirit of Marines, which is the irreducible essence of the Marine Corps; it's their willingness to engage and determination to defeat opposing forces — whether personal or on behalf of the nation and its communities.

"When I look at the statues, there's too much for me to take in

at one time," Lin Ezell, the director of the NMMC, admiringly said. "I don't think you can figure it all out at one time. It'll take some revisiting."

It took approximately seven months for Kuksi to complete production of the mixed-media sculptures. The names of the sculptures being displayed are, Nation's Call, Waged in Will and At Their Core.

Waged in Will and At Their Core.

"MCRC is proud to donate these sculptures to the museum so that all people, not only Marines, can experience who we are, what we do and why it matters," Trenchard said.

TRAIN HOW WE FIGHT

By Lance Cpl. Dylan Chagnon, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit



CAMP PENDLETON, California -U.S. Marines with 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, I Marine Information Group, fire M2 Browning .50 caliber machine gun during a live fire training exercise on Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 24, 2017. The importance of this exercise was to prepare the Marines for their upcoming deployment with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Photo By: Lance Cpl. Anabel Abreu Rodrigue

The Marines of Alpha Co., 1st Law Enforcement Battalion conducted firing drills throughout the day and into the night in preparation for their upcoming deployment with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit next June. This training introduced the Marines

to the M2 Browning 50 cal. and the M249 SAW machine gun. They also maintained proficiency on the M240B medium machine gun. The drills were conducted from firing positions on the ground as well as mounted positions on Humvees.

“In a deployed environment our main mission is convoy operations and security,” said Cpl. Collin Myers, a squad leader with Alpha Co., 1st LE Bn. “In a convoy we’ll be using all three of these weapon systems based

on the needs of a specific mission, so the Marines need to be familiar with how to thoroughly operate each weapon system.”

The Marines, alongside weapons training, conducted direct and indirect firing on targets at various distances during both the day and night training renditions. During the night live-fire, the Marines implemented the PVS-17 miniature night sight, a night vision optic, to enhance their ability to provide effective fire support.

Familiarization with operating vehicles and weapons at night is a vital skill when in a deployed environment, said 2nd Lt. Roy Axcellmckeever, a platoon commander for Alpha Co., 1st LE Bn.

The Marines’ expertise on multiple weapon systems is important to mission accomplishment and success during deployments.

“I think the Marines benefited greatly from this exercise,” said Myers. “They’re leaving here thoroughly seasoned with all three of the weapon systems.”

MASS-2 COMPLETES DASC OPERATIONS IN SOUTH KOREA

By Sgt. Laura Gauna, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing



CAMP STORY, Republic of Korea - Marines with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, offload gear in South Korea during exercise Midori Guardian 17, which was held from September 5 to October 15, 2017. Midori Guardian, a Unit Level Training event aimed at enhancing squadron readiness while in a field environment, utilizes simulated real-world scenarios focused on Direct Air Support Center and an Air Support Element operations, live-fire ranges, and Marine Corps Common Skills training to prepare the unit for future operations. Photo By: Sgt. Laura Gauna

More than 130 Marines and Sailors with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, deployed the Direct Air Support Center and an Air Support Element to Camp Story, South Korea, for exercise Midori Guardian 17 from September 5 to October 15, 2017.

Midori Guardian, a Unit Level Training event aimed at enhancing squadron readiness while in a field environment, utilizes simulated real-world scenarios focused on DASC and ASE operations, live-fire ranges, and Marine Corps Common Skills training to prepare the unit for future operations.

“After spending 30 plus days in the field together, the unit has really grown closer,” said Gunnery Sgt. Robert Giossi, a DASC chief with MASS-2 and native of Ortonville, Minnesota. “We’ve had to rely on everybody else in the unit to do their job and to do it well and I think we’ve done just that. I can see a greater confidence in every Marine’s ability to do their job. We certainly set the standard for future Midori Guardians.”

The DASC, the Marine Corps’ principal aviation command and control system and agency responsible for air operations directly supporting ground forces, is the glue that holds the Ground Combat Element and the Air Combat Element together. It facilitates and expedites the ACE’s ability to support the fight on the ground.

“We try to stay as integrated as we can with the ground troops so that we know when things are shooting and where they are shooting so we can warn pilots and keep everyone safe while still integrating everything the Marine Corps has into a small piece of air space,” said Capt. Matthew Paul, MASS-2 assistant operations officer and a native of Titusville, Florida. “If there are Marines on the ground that need to be integrated with the air, they

need some kind of DASC capability to make that happen.”

The DASC processes requests for immediate air support, including joint tactical air strike requests, CASEVAC requests and assault support requests, it integrates weapons capabilities on the ground with the aviation assets nearby, they procedurally control the air space between Air Traffic Control and their final destination, and they manage terminal control assets.

“This is one of those jobs in the Marine Corps that doesn’t get a lot of attention,” said Paul. “We aren’t the glamorous people out there charging the front lines. The mission or capability that we provide to the Marine Air-Ground Task Force as a whole really makes it an efficient war fighting machine. The war fighting functions are certainly enhanced by what we bring to the fight. We are one of the few countries in the world that have this kind of capability.”

Throughout the exercise participants experienced a high operational tempo, often working 9- 12 hour days and conducting 30-40 immediate request scenarios a day. More than 60 Marines were qualified on various positions within the DASC, significantly improving the percentage of unit readiness.

“Being able to set up the DASC and run continuous operations day after day for more than 30 days was a big win for us,” said Paul. “Just the sheer magnitude of hours and training that the Marines were able to get in the system themselves was remarkable.”

The unit was also effective in growing individual and unit readiness with respects to Marine Corps common skills. They successfully completed five live-fire ranges and multiple iterations of squad and platoon level defensive and offensive operations.

“It’s important to remember that today you may be in the DASC but tomorrow you might be called upon to something

much different,” added Paul. “You can never forget that you’ve got to keep your Marines well rounded. You can’t overly emphasize one area because it will be to the detriment of a different area that they need to maintain and focus on. Getting Marines at the small unit leader level back into the warfighter mindset was key.”

Since the beginning, this iteration of Midori Guardian stood out from the rest when motor transportation Marines successfully completed the first largest convoy on the peninsula. Driving from Pohang to Warrior Base, the Marines easily drove more than 7,000 tactical miles, considerably more than ever driven before during a single exercise.

“To physically move your own stuff and to be self-supportive in a country you haven’t been to before was new to us,” said Gunnery Sgt. Donald Marsh, a motor transportation chief with MASS-2. “We proved that we as a unit can do this with little outside help. This exercise was like my super bowl and our commanding officer was our coach. He put faith in us to do it and we achieved it and then some.”

A second significant milestone was achieved when U.S. and ROK Marine and Air Force leadership met to discuss a growing aviation command and control capability for ROK forces. In truth, simply conducting Midori Guardian in Korea was a milestone in and of itself.

“Being three miles from the [Demilitarized Zone] certainly adds a layer of realism that they absolutely won’t get back in the rear,” said Paul. “As much as you try to simulate the training there is nothing better than going out to a location where you have active mind fields around you, a very heavily guarded DMZ three miles north, and ROK Army and ROK Marines training right alongside you. That kind of realism you just won’t get in Okinawa.”

U.S., FRENCH FORCES FORTIFY LONGSTANDING PARTNERSHIP DURING ALLIGATOR DAGGER

By Lt.Cmdr. Sandra Arnold, TF 51/5



French forces secure the area in preparation to depart the simulated tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel mission during Alligator Dagger. Alligator Dagger, led by Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Expedition Brigade, is a dedicated, bilateral combat rehearsal that combines U.S. and French forces to practice, rehearse and exercise integrated capabilities available to U.S. Central Command both afloat and ashore. Photo By: Sgt. Jessica Lucio

U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS -- The French navy Mistral-class amphibious assault ship LHD Tonnerre, with embarked U.S. Marines and Sailors from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and USS Lewis B. Puller rehearsed amphibious operations and combat sustainment in the vicinity of Djibouti during Alligator Dagger, Dec. 12-21.

This iteration of Alligator Dagger marked the first time where this recurring U.S. training exercise was expanded to include French military partners participating in both the at sea and ashore evolutions.

Approximately 1,000 U.S. and French troops trained together during the exercise to hone critical skill sets that are essential to ensuring regional stability, freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in this dynamic and challenging environment. The exercise continued the close cooperation between the U.S. and French Forces deployed on Tonnerre and to rehearse possible contingency operations to provide a

highly ready and capable force for crisis response and combat operations.

“As the only standing, forward deployed and fully integrated Navy/Marine Corps command, TF 51/5 prides itself in its ability to synchronize forces afloat and ashore to provide immediate and robust crisis response options to the U.S. Central Command and the National Command Authority,” said Col. Howard Hall, TF 51/5’s director of operations. “While naval integration is the foundation of TF 51/5’s effectiveness and success, partnering with French land and maritime forces in Alligator Dagger represents both a manifestation and expansion of naval integration to include our partners and allies. Combating transregional threats requires multi-domain and multi-national solutions.”

The bilateral engagements focused on noncombatant evacuation operations; amphibious assaults; helicopter-borne raids; visit, board, search and seizure operations; air strikes; defense of the amphibious task force; integrated ground-and-air fires; tactical recovery

of personnel; ground reconnaissance; medical casualty evacuations; combat marksmanship and quick reaction force and casualty evacuation rehearsals.

Alligator Dagger is the largest regional amphibious exercise to integrate and synchronize TF 51/5’s warfighting capabilities with those of adjacent U.S. Naval Forces Special Operations Forces units to ensure they are postured and prepared to execute operations at sea, from the sea and ashore. The two-week combat rehearsal, launched from international waters off the coast of Djibouti and executed on land in the vicinity of Arta Beach, is synchronized with each incoming TF 51/5’s subordinate vessel’s entry into the U.S. 5th Fleet.

TAPS

To report a death, notify the USMC MTA Secretary, at secretary@usmcmta.org or call 910-450-1841. Names will be printed after notification of a member passing. The names will remain on this list until the ringing of the bell, in their honor, at the next Reunion. The Motor Transport Association would like to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the survivors during the time of bereavement for their loved ones.

Flihan, Fredrick J. Major (RET) Sept.18th.
Coleman, Ricky P. CW05 (RET) Sept.29th.
Page, Robert H. CW04 (RET)
Barratt, Hank Major (RET) Dec. 16th.

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties of my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted me to. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith, if I am tempted, make me strong to resist: if I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answers to my prayer.

Amen

National Chaplain
Marshal Jarvis

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 P.O Box 1372
 Jacksonville, NC 28541-1372

SHIP ORDER TO:
PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD INFORMATION	
(Circle One) Discover Card—Visa—MasterCard	
Card # _____	
Amount \$ _____	Zip Code _____
Exp. Date _____	*CVC # _____
Signature: _____	

There will be a \$10.00 Service Charge on any returned checks, debit or credit card due to NSF.

* Card Validation Code: For Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card; the CVC appears on the back of your in the signature section. The code is 3 digits long.

NEVER SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL

