



THE WARRIOR'S LOG

VOLUME 3, ISSUE 11

'Excellence, Innovation & Quality' for the Marines and Sailors of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group

APRIL 20, 2012

GIBBS: 'Be Proud'

2nd Supply
Bn. completes
7-month tour
in Afghanistan

See story on Page 4



Lt. Col. David Gibbs, the commanding officer of Marine Air-Ground Task Force Support Battalion 11.2, speaks during a transfer of authority ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, April 3.

Photo by Sgt. Michele Watson



INSIDE



HSTs build cohesion through training ... Page 5

2nd MLG Social Media



Follow us on the Web



Sgt. Maj. Roger F. Griffith (right), the incoming sergeant major of Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, receives the Sword of Office from the commanding officer, Lt. Col. Ralph J. Rizzo, during a relief and appointment ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 17, 2012. Griffith arrived after a tour with 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command.

Photo by
Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

Welcome Aboard

New sergeant major posts at CLB-6

Cpl. Katherine M. Solano
2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMPLEJEUNE, N.C. – The position of sergeant major of Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group was transferred from one Marine to another during a relief and appointment ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 17.

Sgt. Maj. Roger F. Griffith, of Tazewell, Va., received the Sword of Office from Sgt. Maj. Phillip A. Orellano, of Los Angeles,

symbolizing the trust emplaced with the incoming senior enlisted advisor.

Orellano addressed his Marines and Sailors during the ceremony, citing his appreciation for their hard work, especially during their recent deployment to Afghanistan.

“When I took the sword from the battalion commander, I told [everyone] I was here to work for you,” said Orellano. “Throughout the entire time that I’ve been here, you all have demonstrated nothing but professionalism and good conduct. My

hat is off to you for a great deployment.”

The next step in Orellano’s career is a tour at Marine Corps Recruiting Station Los Angeles.

Griffith followed with a short speech, stating he looks forward to leading the Marines and sailors of CLB-6 “wherever we may go next.”

He arrived at the battalion following a tour with 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command.



15 April 2012 - A Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 6 entered a barracks compound aboard Camp Lejeune with an unregistered, concealed and loaded handgun. The Marine admitted culpability and was subsequently apprehended, processed and released to a unit representative.

22 Mar. 2012 - A witness reported that a Marine with 2nd Medical Battalion pushed over two motorcycles at a parking lot aboard Camp Lejeune. When confronted, the Marine became combative and the witness had to physically restrain him. The offending Marine was subsequently apprehended, processed and released to a unit representative. The estimated value of damaged personal property is \$1,000.

2D MLG BLOTTER

Training with

CROWS

Motorized weapon system supplements Marines' abilities

Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group hosted an exercise where they tested a Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station at the battalion's maintenance bay aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 19.

The CROWS is a remote controlled weapon system that gives service members the ability to engage the enemy without leaving the safety of their own vehicle.

It is capable of being mounted on several vehicle platforms and holding

a Mk19 Grenade Launcher, M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M240B Machine Gun or a .50 Caliber M2 Machine Gun.

The Marine Corps is constantly striving to improve its capabilities in the fight against terror to include troops serving in a logistical capacity. Dozens of motor vehicle operators attended to gain valuable knowledge to aid them in a scheduled deployment to Afghanistan later this year.

One of the Marines who participated in the event was Cpl. German A. Benitez, a motor vehicle operator with CLB-2. The Little Elm, Texas, native has been participating in classes for two weeks.

"The system has its pros and cons,"

Benitez said. "Its new to us and whenever you are learning a new way of doing things it's a little difficult."

He furthermore explained the pros and cons of the system, which made quite an impression on his fellow Marines.

"The fact that you can stay in your vehicle is an obvious advantage and great safety feature," Benitez said. "It's also has thermal vision which is helpful at night.

"Some of the bad is you lose a sense of awareness when using the system.

It's easier to spot things when your head is on a swivel instead of staring at a screen, but I'm sure as we get more training on it we will adapt and over-

come the little things to use the system at its full potential."

As the Marines cycled through the class, others received the opportunity to test the CROWS and experience futuristic-like technology.

"It's my first time using a system like this and it seems great," said Lance Cpl. Brandon Willis, a radio technician with the battalion. "The CROWS is intelligent and responsive. I'm looking forward to getting more training like this in the future."

The Marine Corps is not currently using the system in a theater of war, but CLB-2 and its Marines are preparing for a future of more technology-rich warfare.

"The CROWS is intelligent and responsive."

- Cpl. Brandon Willis

WARRIOR of the WEEK



**LANCE CORPORAL
BRANDON WILLIS**

JOB: Radio Technician
HOMETOWN: Philadelphia

**IF YOU COULD MEET
ONE MARINE IN CORPS
HISTORY, WHO WOULD
IT BE AND WHY?**

"Chesty Puller, he's a legend. You don't have to explain why you'd pick him. Every Marine knows why."

FAVORITE UNIFORM:
"Dress Blues."

**WHAT REGULATION
WOULD YOU CHANGE:**
"Hands in pockets. I don't do it much, but I don't see what is wrong with it."



Photos by Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski

Lance Cpl. Darryl McLeod Jr. (left) reunites with his father, Darryl McLeod Sr., after a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 18. McLeod is attached to 2nd Marine Logistics Group's 2nd Supply Battalion.

Reunited

2nd Supply Bn. welcomes home last-remaining Afghanistan deployers

Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski
2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Welcomed with the warmest of receptions, the last remaining Marines and Sailors attached to 2nd Marine Logistics Group's 2nd Supply Battalion returned home to their loved ones, April 18.

Nearly 300 active-duty and reserve personnel ended their seven month-long tour of duty in Afghanistan in support of International Security Assistance Force operations in Helmand and Nimroz provinces.

"This is seven months drawing to a close right here," said Master Sgt. Herrick Ross, the operations chief for 2nd Supply Battalion. He was among those who began the unit's return when they arrived stateside nearly one month ago.

"They did a phenomenal job and their families are anxious to get them back," he noted.



A Marine attached to 2nd Supply Bn., 2nd MLG is embraced by a loved one aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 18.

The battalion served under the moniker of Marine Air-Ground Task Force Support Battalion 11.2 while deployed. They provided service and support within Regional Command Southwest to include equipment maintenance, general support motor transportation and medical services.

MSB 11.2 transfers authority to 1st Maint. Bn. in Afghanistan

Sgt. Michele Watson
1st MLG (FWD) Public Affairs

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Marine Air-Ground Task Force Support Battalion 11.2 relinquished their responsibilities to 1st Maintenance Battalion (-) Reinforced, 1st MLG (Fwd) during a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Leatherneck, April 3.

As MSB 11.2, an incarnation of Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based 2nd Supply Bn., released authority, the commanding general of 1st MLG (Fwd), Brig. Gen. John Broadmeadow, spoke of the impact the unit had during their tour.

"This battalion has done great things," said Broadmeadow. "It has started what is going to be a huge change as to how we are going to conduct operations in theater."

Maintenance efforts within MSB 11.2 provided rapid repairs and return of damaged gear to units throughout Helmand province. They also took the Supply Management Unit, a 17-acre supply area, and reduced it down to a size that effectively supports the next phase of combat operations.

Though redeployment and retrograde operations were an important component of MSB 11.2's mission, it was not their only focus.

The efforts of Surgical Company helped improve the care of casualties in combat while General Support Motor Transport Company covered hundreds of thousands of miles on the road, escorting civilian trucks that provided all of the fuel throughout RC(SW).

Lt. Col. David Gibbs, commanding officer, MSB 11.2, 1st MLG (Fwd), expressed his gratitude to the service members that contributed to the success of their tour.

"To the Marines and Sailors, this is your day to be proud of the accomplishments that you have achieved during this deployment," said Gibbs.



Pfc. Jonathon Younger, a landing support specialist with Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, signals a CH-53E Super Stallion during helicopter support training at Landing Zone Kite aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 11. The purpose of the exercise was to give Landing Support Company Marines a chance to sharpen their knowledge of their military occupational specialty.

Photo by
Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

HSTs build cohesion through training

Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado
2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Marines with Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group conducted helicopter support team training at Landing Zone Kite aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 10-13.

The purpose of the exercise was to give the company's Marines a chance to practice their trade in a field environment.

The Marines tackled the tedious task of connecting cargo to a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter using a sling as it hovered mere feet above their heads.

"Our job is dangerous, but that is what this training is for," said Cpl. John E. Wisniewski, a landing support specialist with CLR-27.

A landing support specialist's job, in this case, is done within 15 seconds under ideal circumstances. From grounding the hook on the bottom of the helicopter to take off, the pro-

cess is meant to be streamlined, explained Sgt. Kip Buedel, a platoon staff noncommissioned officer in charge with LS Co.

"You want to do it as fast as possible," Buedel said. "We have many jobs to do on the flight line, and they're crucial to the rest of the Marines out there."

Numerous things can go wrong while standing under the helicopter, from electrocution to the hitch swinging into a Marine. The seriousness of the job isn't hard to grasp.

"A big part of our job is safety," said Wisniewski. "You have to learn how to work as a team, it makes the job easier."

"If you look out for each other the job will go smooth. Whoever you are working with is going to have your back, so you need to be comfortable."

With practice comes comfort, so the company's platoons conduct approximately 10 helicopter support team training cycles every month to hone their skills.

COMMANDING GENERAL
MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL G. DANA

SERGEANT MAJOR
SGT. MAJ. WILLIAM T. STABLES

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
CMDMCM RUSSELL W. FOLLEY

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS
2ND LT. JAMES F. STENGER
2ND LT. NICOLE M. YUHAS

COMBAT CORRESPONDENTS
SGT. RACHAEL K. MOORE
CPL. BRUNO J. BEGO
CPL. KATHERINE M. SOLANO
PFC. FRANKLIN E. MERCADO

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHIEF
STAFF SGT. THERESA E. SENG

PRESS CHIEF
SGT. JUSTIN J. SHEMANSKI

