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'You Saved LIVES'

N.C. Marine decorated for battlefield heroics during Afghanistan ambush

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – A lone Marine stood before a formation of his contemporaries as he was awarded for valor in a ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 2.

Gunnery Sgt. Robert L. Jernigan, a native of Gates County, N.C., received the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device from Maj. Gen. Michael G. Dana, the 2nd Marine Logistics Group commanding general.

"I've been doing this for 30 years, and this is the most impressive citation I've ever heard," Dana commented after shaking the Marine's hand.

While serving as a joint terminal attack controller attached to 2nd MLG (Forward) in Afghanistan last year, Jernigan's expert control of air assets was directly responsible for quelling an ambush and undoubtedly saved countless lives.

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Photo by Cpl. Jessica Gonzalez

Gunnery Sgt. Robert L. Jernigan, of Gates County, N.C., receives the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device from Maj. Gen. Michael G. Dana, the 2nd Marine Logistics Group commanding general, during a ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 2.

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'I loved every second of it'



Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Sgt. Maj. William T. Stables, the outgoing sergeant major for 2nd Marine Logistics Group, bows his head during an invocation as part of his appointment and relief ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 3. Stables relinquished his post to Sgt. Maj. George W. Young.

Stables Bids Farewell to 2nd MLG, Young Posts as New Sergeant Major

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – It is customary for units throughout the Marine Corps to honor the service of a senior enlisted Marine leaving a unit and to formally welcome the new senior enlisted advisor.

Sgt. Maj. William T. Stables relinquished his post as the 2nd Marine Logistics Group sergeant major to Sgt. Maj. George W. Young during an appoint-

ment and relief ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 3.

The occasion provided the opportunity for Maj. Gen. Michael G. Dana, the commanding general for 2nd MLG, to recognize Stables for his three years of service as the senior enlisted Marine of the Group.

"You are one of the best Marines I have seen in my 30 years of service," Dana explained. "You are the whole package. You are the whole Marine, and you are the whole human being."

Dana also highlighted Stables' particular leadership style, which he called 360-degree leadership.

"You mentor and teach up, laterally, down and all around," Dana expressed. "There is not one [service member] in the 2nd MLG who has not benefited from your great advice ... you are the epitome of a 360-degree leader."

Soon after the commanding general finished his speech, Stables said a few words to the Marines and Sailors present at the ceremony.

"Thank you for the honor of being your sergeant major," Stables expressed. "The 2nd MLG has been a learning experience for me ... I loved every second of it."

Stables assumed his post as the 2nd MLG sergeant major in 2009 and deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan with the unit, but after three years he said it is time to move on.

"I hate leaving the Marines of the MLG, but it is time to let another sergeant major take over this post," Stables concluded. "It has been a great experience with the [troops] in this unit."

Stables will become the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific command sergeant major at Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.

Young, who transferred from the 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, concluded the ceremony by expressing how much he looks forward to working with the service members of the 2nd MLG

"Marines and Sailors, expect to see me in the warehouses, in the motor pools and on the [physical training] field," Young concluded. "I want to get to meet you and see all the different aspects of the MLG."



2D MLG BLOTTER

7 May 2012 - A military policeman observed a Marine with 8th Engineer Support Battalion travel 35 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. Upon contact with the driver, a strong odor of burnt incense was noticed and the Marine consented to a search of his vehicle, which revealed a bag of spice. A record check also revealed the Marine to be driving on a suspended license. The Marine has a court date set for later this month.

7 May 2012 - A Marine attached to Combat Logistics Regiment 27 reported a Marine with Marine Special Operations Command threatened her life and lives of friends via voicemail on her personal phone. Naval Criminal Investigative Division assumed jurisdiction.

Carry, Colors!

Georgia native appointed 2nd MLG color sergeant

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CAMPLEJEUNE, N.C. – Not much can send goose bumps up the arm of a battle-hardened Marine better than watching a four-man color guard marching to the rhythm of the drums at the head of the formation of hundreds of troops.

This job is not easy to acquire though, and those who desire to bear the National Ensign and organizational colors have to endure a very rigorous selection process.

Sgt. Calvin D. Williams Jr., was recently appointed the color sergeant for 2nd Marine Logistics Group, a duty which is upheld by a person who embodies the warrior ethos of honor, courage and commitment.

This assignment is earned by a Marine who reflects the precision, sharpness and professionalism of the entire unit.

"I was very proud the command even considered me for the position," the Macon, Ga., native explained. "It is a very challenging position, especially because we are the face of the [2nd MLG], and I am responsible to maintain that image."

The selection process included a detailed check of each Marine's service background and an interview led by the command sergeant major and the outgoing color sergeant.

"A color sergeant has to be a leader of Marines, and a person who is able to function on his own with minimum supervision," expressed Sgt. Maj. William T. Stables, the sergeant major responsible for selecting Williams. "I look for the 14 leadership traits in the Marine ... I also want to see confidence and intelligence when he speaks."

Williams was one of six Marines qualified to compete for the position and interviewed by Stables.

"I think one of the things that made me stand out the most for this assignment was my confidence, enthusiasm and how seriously I take this job," Williams added. "The day I walked in for the interview, I knew I was going to be the color sergeant."

Williams is not new to this sort of task. He was also the color sergeant for Combat Logistics Regiment 2, a billet he held for nearly six months.

"I know this job is a big deal," Williams said. "A lot of people don't understand how much attention to detail and effort goes into being a color sergeant."

Williams also explained his drive to do this job doesn't only come from his desire to improve his

career and have more responsibilities, he says it extends far beyond the call of duty.

"One time colors were playing. Right after, I heard this [staff noncommissioned officer] screaming at this Marine because he didn't render the proper salute," Williams explained. "One of the things I heard him say to the Marine that stuck out the most was: 'this is your time to honor those who have died and been severely wounded defending this country.'"

"That impacted me greatly," Williams concluded. "Also my best friend was wounded in combat, so this is what I do to honor him and all others who fought for this country before me."

Williams understands the responsibilities and high expectations bestowed upon him by the 2nd MLG command, and as he explained, he will continue to serve and represent his unit with the best of his abilities.

"We are the face of the [2nd MLG], and I am responsible to maintain that image."

- Sgt. Calvin D. Williams

WARRIOR of the WEEK



**SERGEANT
CALVIN D. WILLIAMS**

HOMETOWN:
Macon, Ga.

OCCUPATION:
2nd MLG Color Sergeant

**I JOINED THE MARINE
CORPS BECAUSE:**
"I wanted to change my life."

**IF I COULD MEET ANY
MARINE IN HISTORY,
IT WOULD BE :**
"Gen. Michael W. Hagee. I think he's a great Marine and a great leadership figure."

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Fight Club



Easy Riders



MLG Marines roll out for east coast Corps motorcycle ride

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – More than 100 motorcyclists with 2nd Marine Logistics Group contributed to the 400-plus attendees at a Marine Corps Installations East rider's event, spanning the distance between Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., May 1.

The event started with a collective ride from the base to Bogue and served to promote motorcycle safety, riding skills and the overall cohesion in the Marine and Sailor motorcycle community.

"The purpose of today's event is to enhance your riding skills no matter what style of bike you ride," said Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Robbins, a maintenance chief with Engineer Maintenance Company, 2nd

Maint. Battalion, 2nd MLG. "What I got out of it today was knowing my limitations on cornering and the handling of my own motorcycle."

Expanding their skill set and level of knowledge is not only beneficial for senior-ranking riders, but also enables them to better counsel their junior Marines and fellow riders.

"[It's for] all of us to come together no matter what our rank or [type of] bike we ride," added Master Sgt. Thomas C. Sharpe, the operations chief with 2nd Maint. Bn., 2nd MLG. "We get out there on the course and have instructors show [us] what to do and improve [our] riding skills. We can pass that knowledge on to some of our junior riders to improve our mentorship program."

Throughout the day, the riders also had the chance to compete in a course, enter their

bike in a competitive show, and speak to multiple vendors and sponsors in attendance.

As the day drew to a close, the riders were treated to multiple speeches from influential motorcyclists and safety figures in the community. Among the speakers were Brig. Gen. Thomas Gorry, the MCI East commanding general, and Becky Wallace, the director of the North Carolina governor's Department of Highway Safety Program.

Gorry also awarded the competition winners with trophies and certificates before the day concluded.

Despite the range of experience levels, many riders agreed they learned something from this event and plan on attending others like it in the Marine Corps.

"I think this is a good training event, because after riding for 20 years, even I learned a lot," concluded Sharpe.



Photos by Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

(Above) Trophies were awarded to Marines and Sailors in attendance at a Marine Corps Installations East motorcycle event aboard Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., May 1. (Below) Marines and Sailors with 2nd MLG arrive at Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., for a Marine Corps Installations East motorcycle ride, May 1. The riders competed in a timed course and a bike show during the day-long event.



Photos by Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

(Top) A Marine in attendance at a Marine Corps Installations East motorcycle event practices on the course at Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., May 1. (Above) Marines and Sailors with 2nd Marine Logistics Group arrive at Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue, N.C., for a MCI East motorcycle ride, May 1. (Left) Brig. Gen. Thomas Gorry, the MCI East commanding general, greets law enforcement personnel at a MCI East motorcycle event May 1. More than 100 2nd MLG Marines rode together from Camp Lejeune to attend the day-long event, which centered around riding safety, course confidence and community cohesion.

CLB-6 earns 'Million Dollar Board' spot

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CAMPLEJEUNE, N.C. – Combat Logistics Battalion 6 was acknowledged recently by the Defense Logistics Agency for requisitioning \$1.8 million in gear during Fiscal Year 2011.

The agency's "Million Dollar Board" tracks reuse of gear already acquired by each branch of the armed forces. CLB-6, a subordinate command of 2nd Marine Logistics Group, cleared \$1 million in savings – the fourth highest amount by a single entity within the Corps.

The battalion achieved this remarkable feat while deployed to Afghanistan for seven months last year and according to 1st Lt. Hannah Paxton, the CLB-6 supply officer, savings is one side of a two part goal for every supply Marine.

"Given the nature of the combat environment, lead times for requisitions are significantly greater than in garrison," said Paxton, of Lima, Ohio. "That being the case, the goal is to obtain repair parts as expeditiously as possible using all means avail-

able, but to also save the most money."

Paxton explained that given the combat support mission of CLB-6, requisitioning and obtaining repair parts was of heightened importance in theater in order to maintain and repair the myriad of tactical vehicles needed for combat logistics patrols. This principle ensured the Marines on the ground received the support and supplies necessary for their own welfare and mission accomplishment.

While the immediate perks are obvious, reutilizing gear in any capacity has effects far beyond the battlefield and budget. Using already available gear reduces the need for a new product to be manufactured, thus reducing energy and resource consumption.

"It would be great if we could quantify the environmental benefits from reuse – extending the service life of any object clearly reduces natural resource extractions and energy consumption," said Kenneth MacNevin, the chief of public affairs for DLA Disposition Services. "Yes, it will eventually be worn out or totally obsolete, but discarding

something already paid for before you need to means we have to pay for its replacement sooner than we would need to.

"... And when you multiply that by the millions of kinds of things the [Department of Defense] uses, it's a big dollar and environmental impact savings."

Within the military, excess for one unit can equal a potential source of supply for another.

MacNevin noted that the potential for reuse can even transcend armed forces use. After an additional period of time, federal, state and local agencies can requisition items from DLA, which the military has no use for, though the military always has top priority.

"We hope that more and more units in all the services will turn to us as a normal source of supply, seeing if we have what they need before they spend the money," said MacNevin, while he also highlighted the importance of caring for property, even though it may be considered excess.

"... So when they turn it in to us it remains a useful asset for some other unit," he concluded.

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Approximately three-dozen enemy combatants armed with AK-47 assault rifles, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades attacked a Marine Air-Ground Task Force Support Battalion 11.1 fuel convoy Aug. 28, 2011. According to his award citation, Jerni-

gan maneuvered his team to vantage points where they could observe enemy forces and then accurately directed devastating airstrikes against their positions.

Throughout the engagement, Jernigan's vehicle was continuously targeted by the enemy, with rounds impacting the hull as he calmly performed his trade amid the chaos.

His actions ultimately halted the attack - a significant role for any one Marine to play considering the circumstances - yet Jernigan remained humble as he stood before family and friends with two-inches of red, white and blue-striped ribbon of hallowed meaning suspended from his chest. Though it was his moment, he recognized several other Marines in attendance for their own service and sacrifices over the course of the last deployment.

They were also awarded for valor at an earlier date.

"It's just surreal," said Jernigan when asked what the meaning of such an award meant to him. "I never expected anything."

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