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Lt. Col. Ferdinand Liantero, (right), commanding officer of 8th Engineer Support Battalion, and Sgt. Maj. John Bankus, the battalion sergeant major, uncase the unit's colors during a transfer of authority ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, May 30.

Photo by 1st Lt. Tyler Morrison

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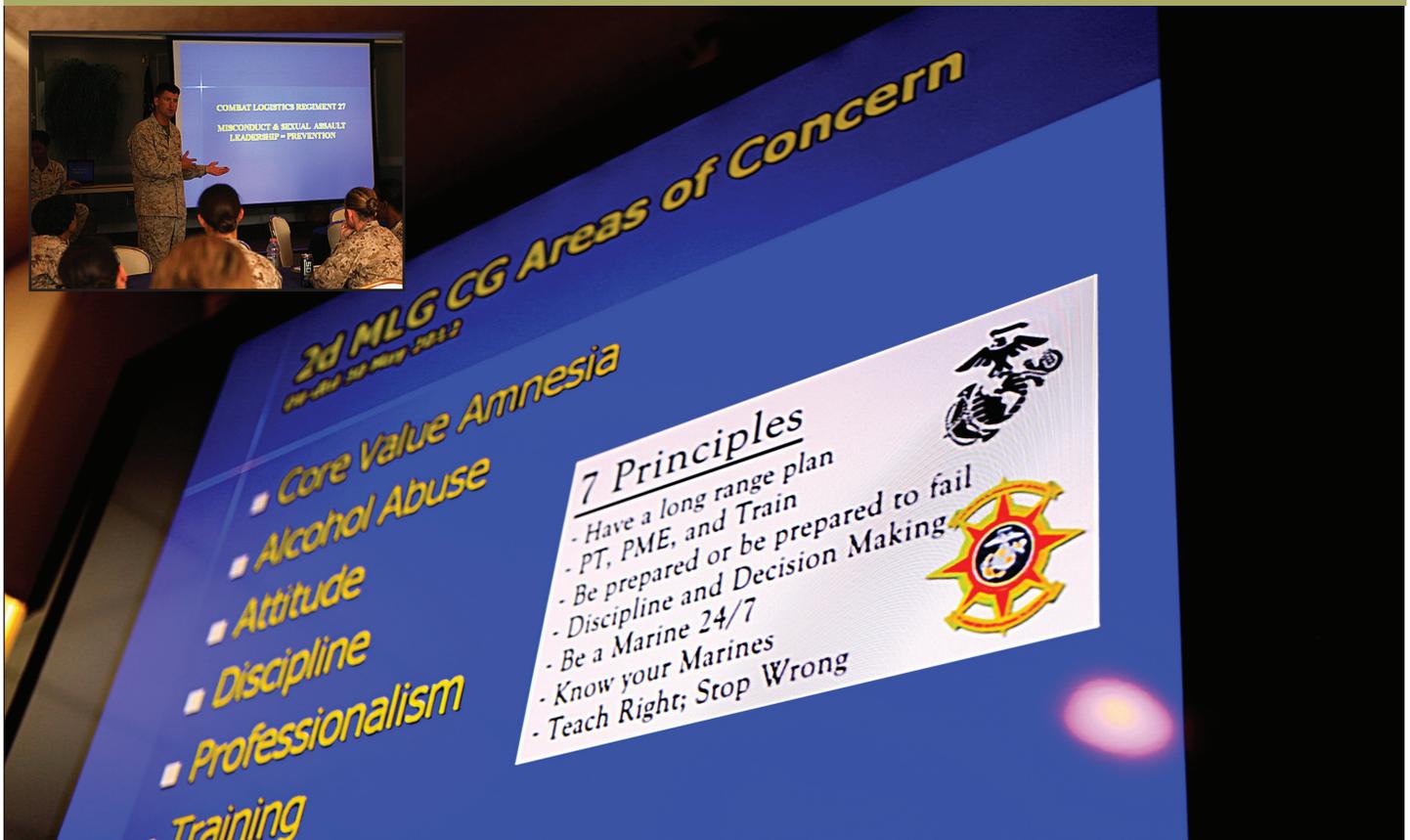


Photo by Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

The commanding general of 2nd MLG issued guidance on areas of concern and how to promote education on prevention throughout the ranks and groups of Marines. Combat Logistics Regiment 27 hosted a period of military education on sexual assault prevention for all female staff noncommissioned officers and officers, June 4.

Leadership Equals Prevention

2nd MLG conducts sexual assault awareness briefs

Cpl. Katherine M. Solano
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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – “You can all make a difference, you just have to step up,” stated the commanding officer of Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group during a misconduct and sexual assault brief here, June 4.

The meeting, led by the commanding officer, Col. Mark R. Hollahan, was the first of many

scheduled throughout the year and was geared toward all female staff noncommissioned officers and officers attached to 2nd MLG.

The symposiums will be broken up into groups based on rank and gender in order to narrow down topics and solutions to be addressed. For instance, this first brief covered the importance of leadership tactics as a tool against misconduct and sexual assault.

The meeting with enlisted males of junior ranks will focus more on health and

intervention and will include key speakers as opposed to static presentations.

“The biggest message we want to put out is prevention,” stated Sgt. Maj. Lanette N. Wright, the regimental sergeant major for CLR-27. “The senior leaders need to change up their approach and become a little more passionate about the welfare of the Marines. They need to take a step beyond what their leadership processes have been.”

She described how junior Marines needed to be more educated in order to intervene during sexual assaults and to combat misconduct.

Hollahan stated his strong feelings toward both misconduct and sexual assault, saying, “I’m willing to try anything, because one [sexual assault] is too many, and I don’t want anymore.”

“My view on misconduct is it’s a symptom of a bigger problem,” he added. “It’s a symptom of 10 years of war and coddling Marines. Bring back old fashioned Marine Corps leadership.”

This first brief is just one step senior leaders are taking toward positive change within the unit.

Hollahan concluded that no one else needed to experience either of these occurrences, finishing with, “not on my watch, not on your watch.”



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Life Saver

Decorated war veteran saves civilian life at local establishment

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – During lunch at a local establishment in Holly Ridge May 16, a small group of Marines enjoyed some authentic Mexican food before heading back to their respective occupations aboard Camp Lejeune.

Toward the end of the otherwise uneventful meal, they noticed an older woman beginning to choke.

After observing for a short period, it was determined that the first young man who had jumped in to try to give her the Heimlich maneuver was unsuccessful. Gunnery Sgt. David Dignan, an explosive ordnance disposal technician with 2nd EOD Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, immediately stepped in to perform the technique the proper way, which resulted in the dislodging of the food from her throat.

According to witnesses, Dignan's ac-

tions were quick, smooth and impressive. The woman herself was extremely appreciative and recovered from the terrifying experience quickly and without any further medical attention.

Despite his heroic actions, Dignan remained humble and modest.

"This was really no big deal for him," said Staff Sgt. Donald Baldo, one of Dignan's fellow 2nd EOD Marines who was

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- Staff Sgt. Donald Baldo

eating lunch with him that afternoon, "but the fact that he did this does not surprise me at all and is consistent with his character. Dignan is an excellent leader who consistently sets the example for his fellow Marines to follow."

Dignan didn't seek recognition for what he did, nor did he even want to speak about it after it happened. Baldo said Dignan just wanted to run some errands and get back to his normal work day.

"He didn't focus on the event," Baldo concluded. "He did what he did because that's the person he is, nothing more."

WARRIOR of the WEEK



**GUNNERY SERGEANT
DAVID DIGNAN**

OCCUPATION:
EOD Technician

MY FAVORITE MRE IS:
"Chicken and rice, though it has been about 7 months since I've had one."

MY HERO:
"Believe it or not, Barry Sanders."

WHY I JOINED:
"It was right after 9/11 and I wanted to defend America."

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:
"English Premier Soccer. I don't have time to follow much else."



Down for the COUNT

Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Sgt. James W. Bridger (left), an engineer equipment operator with 2nd Marine Logistics Group, and Cpl. Scott B. Przybylowics, a coach and competitor with the Camp Lejeune Grappling Team, practice moves during a training session aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 4, 2012. Five members of the team participated in a North America Grappling Association tournament in Charlotte, N.C., June 2, and received two belts, four gold medals, two silver medals and one bronze medal.

Marines tackle grappling tournament, earn medals

Cpl. Bruno J. Bego
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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - Marines have distinguished themselves in the theater of war since 1775, however, their combat nature and warrior ethos extend far beyond the battle ground.

Five members of the Camp Lejeune Grappling Team demonstrated that when they received two belts, four gold medals, two silver medals and one bronze medal during a North America Grappling Associa-

tion tournament in Charlotte, N.C., June 2.

Sgt. James W. Bridger, an engineer equipment operator with 2nd Marine Logistics Group and a member of the team, explained his experience at the tournament.

"Nobody on this team who participated in the tournament left without a medal for the division they competed in," stated Bridger, who earned the gold medal in the intermediate division that day. "But we are not out here to just go to tournaments and win medals - we love the sport and we put a lot of training hours into it."



Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Marines with the Camp Lejeune Grappling Team pose for a picture after a training session aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 4

The Marines competed against nearly 500 other competitors from different martial arts schools around the United States. They participated in the following divisions: novice, beginner, intermediate and expert.

Master Sgt. Edward J. Raimo, the organics chief with 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd MLG, and the team's noncommissioned officer-in-charge, explained the medals received are the direct result of a lot of effort, training and dedication put into the sport by the Marines on the team.

"When we train, we are not doing it to go out and fight other people out in town," Raimo explained. "In every session we give everything we've got, and that reflects on our performance when we go to a tournament and win."

Raimo explained the members of the team also embrace the warrior ethos of honor, courage and commitment in their daily lives as Marines and as martial artists.

"My guys don't get in trouble," Raimo concluded. "Training here is more important to them than to go out and party. We take the Marine Corps and our sport very seriously."

The Camp Lejeune Grappling Team is a Marine Corps Community Services sponsored organization run by Marines. The team is open to any service member who would like to train and learn Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at no cost.

Editor's note: For more information, stop by one of their training sessions at Building 500, across from the Mainside consolidated post office aboard Camp Lejeune. The training hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Lt. Col. Ferdinand Llantero, commanding officer of 8th Engineer Support Battalion, addresses guests during a transfer of authority ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, May 30.

Photo by
1st Lt. Tyler Morrison



'Ready to GO'

8th ESB takes over engineering duties in Afghanistan

1st Lt. Tyler Morrison
1st MLG (FWD) Public Affairs

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – After a successful deployment providing general engineering support to both 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) and 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), 9th Engineer Support Battalion relinquished their responsibilities to 8th ESB in a transfer of authority ceremony here, May 30.

Lt. Col. Scott Baldwin, 9th ESB commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Wesley Schaffer, the battalion sergeant major, took their place in front of a formation of Marines and Sailors from both units and added an Afghan Campaign streamer to their organizational colors.

The new streamer symbolizes all the hard work 9th ESB put forth throughout their deployment, and its addition to the unit colors will ensure their dedication is always remem-

bered. Ninth ESB's leadership then cased their colors, symbolically ending their deployment.

Conversely, Lt. Col. Ferdinand Llantero, the commanding officer of 8th ESB, and Sgt. Maj. John Bankus, the battalion sergeant major, uncased their unit's colors and assumed responsibility for providing general engineering support to 1st MLG (Fwd).

The commanding general for 1st MLG (Fwd), Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, took the opportunity to recognize 9th ESB for their successful deployment.

"I'm particularly proud of what 9th ESB has done. They have literally reshaped this battlespace, and this battalion has done marvelous things to set this [Marine Air Ground Task Force] and all of Regional Command (Southwest) up for success," he said.

Broadmeadow also welcomed Llantero and the Marines and Sailors of 8th ESB to Afghanistan and emphasized how their mission would differ from their predecessor's.

"Your deployment will be significantly different," he explained. "While you will pick up a lot of these projects, you will not only continue to help reshape the battlespace in a major way but will also reshape your battalion and set future units up for success. It really represents a change of scope and focus."

Llantero wished 9th ESB well on their journey back to their home station of Okinawa, Japan and emphasized his battalion's eagerness to get started and achieve great things in one sentence.

"Sir, we're ready to go."

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