

THE PARRIS ISLAND BOOT



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BACK ON THE BLOCK

Photo by Lance Cpl. David Bessey
Rct. Cody Clemons, 23, from Platoon 1042, Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, blocks a punch from Rct. Tyler Morrissette, from Platoon 1042, at the Weapons and Field Training Battalion physical training field April 18. Recruits were learning hand-to-hand fighting techniques in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. Delta Company graduates June 22.

DEPOT PREPARES FOR HURRICANE

Gunnery Sgt. Bill Lisbon
Public Affairs Chief

Parris Island and Naval Hospital Beaufort leaders recently immersed themselves in the path of an imaginary tempest to examine how - and if - the depot's robust evacuation plan would weather a real hurricane.

During the annual exercise, key personnel validated the depot's plan June 6-7, testing procedures and decision-making processes in the event of one of nature's epic storms.

Precariously positioned on the Atlantic coast mere feet above sea level, Parris Island stands virtually defenseless to the brute force of a hurricane and the deluge of ocean water as a storm's eye makes landfall.

So preparing for the annual hurricane season - June 1 through Nov. 30 - is major business for depot personnel.

"First and foremost, we learned we have a very solid hurricane evacuation plan and that the personnel aboard the Depot responsible for executing the plan are fully prepared to do so," said Lt. Col. Craig W. Hungerford, head of the depot's operations division.

For the exercise, several groups assembled to act out their roles. In the depot's emergency operations center, personnel practiced collecting information and tracking progress of the myriad tasks necessary to evacuate Parris Island, while reacting to various wrenches thrown into the game plan by exercise controllers.

Meanwhile, the depot's movement control center rehearsed the mammoth undertaking of coordinating a fleet of vehicles to transport recruits to safety.

The exodus of Parris Island's thousands of recruits and drill instructors requires a caravan of nearly 200 buses, along with tractor trailers.

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Photo by Lance Cpl. David Bessey
Marines and family day visitors eat at the Parris Island food court June 7.

Parris Island food court wins national award

Lance Cpl. David Bessey
Staff Writer

The Parris Island food court won a national award for its outstanding customer service and food preparation June 5.

For the first time in more than 10 years, Parris Island earned the Food and Hospitality Award, a Corpwide honor bestowed to Marine Corps Community Service activities.

"It's an honor," said Adynne Dilley, Parris Island food and beverage manager. "It makes you feel good about all the hard work we've put into this."

To win the award, Dilley had to make some serious changes.

"I had to make menu changes and compare food costs with vendors to get the best quality food at the lowest price," Dilley said.

However, food costs and training

were not the only things that contributed to winning the award.

"Food sanitation reports for this 12 month period were outstanding," said Robert Allen, director of business operations. "There were five periods without any discrepancies."

This could not have happened without the dedication and hard work of our staff, said Dilley.

The Parris Island food court serves more than 1,000 customers during graduation weeks.

The award was created in 2000, said Ric Pomeroy, the Marine Corps food and hospitality branch head at MCCS. In 2001, the now-defunct Ruthy's Espresso and the Parris Island Inn each earned the award.

Depot to celebrate Independence Day



Photo by Lance Cpl. F.J. Abundes
A family watches the fireworks display at the Peatross Parade Deck during the Independence Day festivities July 4, 2011.

Lance Cpl. Octavia Davis
Staff Writer

Parris Island's annual Independence Day celebration is scheduled to be held July 4 at 5 p.m. on the Peatross Parade Deck.

Last year's event was very successful, attracting more than 4,000 guests from Parris Island and the local community, said Ivey Liipfert, a commercial sponsorships and events coordinator for Marine Corps Community Services - South Carolina.

This year's celebration will be open to the local public. Marines are welcome to bring their families and friends to the event, said Cpl. Kevin Cummings, a Marine planning the event.

Vendors will be stationed across the parade deck for customers to purchase barbecue, ice cream, beer and other beverages. Attendees are welcome to bring their own food and coolers for the celebration.

The Parris Island Marine Band is scheduled to play festive music during a performance for the celebration at 7 p.m.

The celebration will close with a fireworks display that will begin at twilight, Liipfert said. The display will have more fireworks that will be bigger than last year.

The event will not effect on-going training at Parris Island.

This year's festivities should be as successful as last year's or better, Cummings said.

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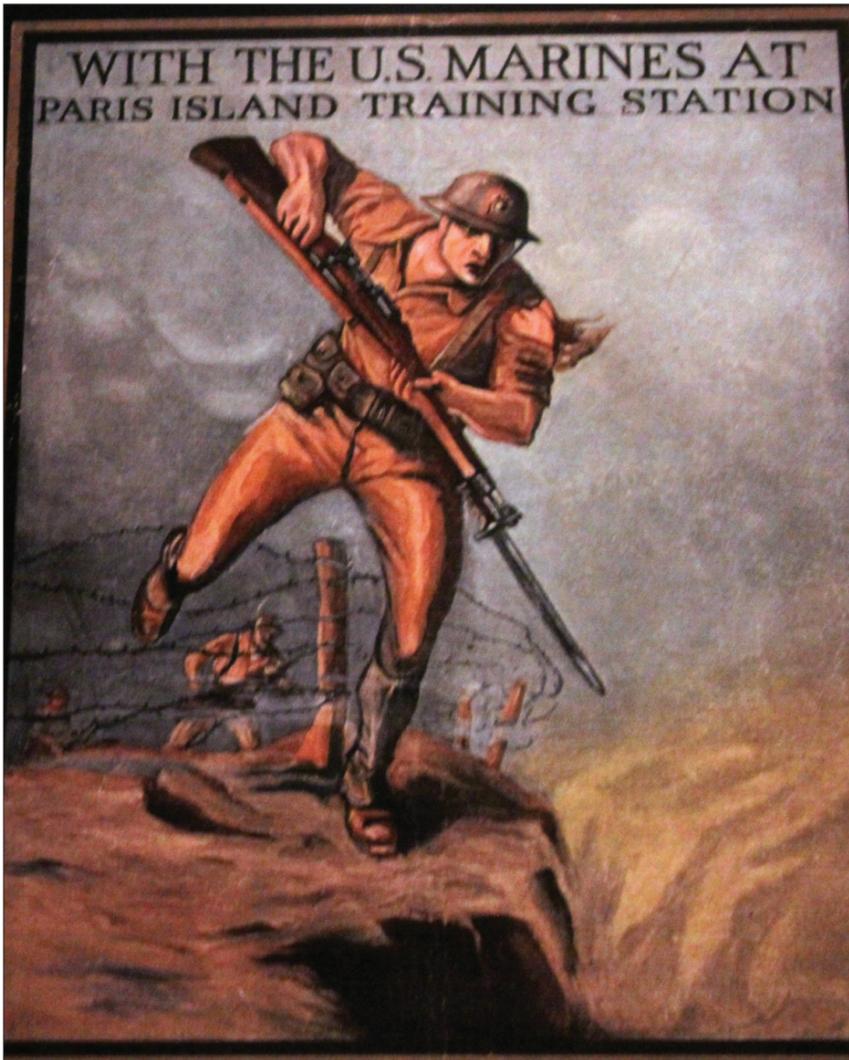


Photo by Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Dunn

A recruiting poster dating back to World War I depicts a recruit using a bayonet during recruit training at Parris Island. This poster is on display at the Parris Island Museum.

Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Dunn

Staff Writer

Marines have used bayonets to defend their brothers, sisters and country in close combat since pre-Civil War times, and bayonet techniques are still taught during recruit training today.

During the Revolutionary War, the Short Land Pattern Bayonet was the most common type of bayonet used. This blade fit on the end of a musket and was turned to lock into place, said Stephen Price, 48, a Parris Island Museum technician.

The introduction of the Blade Bayonet was during the Spanish-American War, and it was used for about 30 years, Price said.

In 1906, the 1903 Springfield rifle was introduced to the military, which also meant a new bayonet to go with it. The 1905 bayonet was 16 1/2 inches, and was also used to train Marine recruits.

The 1905 bayonet stayed in service until the 1940s when it was shortened to 10 inches long. It was shortened because the makers realized that it would save a lot of money and steel, it was more maneuverable in tight confines and fighting with bayonets was not a skill that was used as much as 100 years ago.

Later in the 1940s the length of the bayonet was cut down even shorter. Now it only protruded from the end of a rifle by 8 inches. The reasons it was cut down were the same as earlier that decade.

The ordnance department of the United States Army released a new type of battle rifle, the M14 and the M14 carbine, in 1957. When this

new rifle came out, it had a new type of bayonet. The Stiletto.

The Stiletto type bayonet had the same ideas as the socket-type used previously. It was just molded to fit the new time period's fighting needs. Instead of being thick and bulky, it was lighter and had smaller edges. The smaller sides made for a cleaner cut, said Price, a native from Savannah, Ga.

Shortly after the Stiletto type bayonet was introduced, the Marine Corps decided to take the knives made by KA-BAR, a hand-held fighting knife about 6-8 inches long, and make bayonets. The knives were being used more in the field than the bayonets because they were lighter and easier to wield.

There were bayonets made and used by other militaries than just the United States'. The French military made one to compete with the Marines in the Banana Wars in the early 20th century, and it was called the M1874 Sword bayonet. This bayonet was an accessory of the M1874 French Gras rifle.

The techniques used by Marines and their bayonets have not changed very much since the introduction of the weapon. Today, Marine recruits are given lessons during Marine Corps martial arts training with pugil sticks and the bayonet assault course.

Pugil sticks are long wooden poles with cotton-stuffed pads on both ends. One side is red to represent the bayonet, and the other side is black to represent the butt stock of the weapon. They are a way Marines can practice different techniques without injuring another individual.



Photo by Cpl. Jennifer Pirante

Fireworks should only be used in a safe and mature manner and only under the direct supervision of an adult. No personal fireworks or pyrotechnics are authorized on the depot, including sparklers and small firecrackers.

Firework safety stressed during holiday

Lance Cpl. Javarre Glanton
Staff Writer

The Fourth of July is a holiday marked by patriotism, grilling, family and, of course, fireworks.

During this holiday, safety should precede fun when around or using fireworks and other

types of pyrotechnics.

Pyrotechnics are not authorized for use on the depot, Laurel Bay, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort or Naval Hospital Beaufort, said Samuel Timmons, Parris Island explosives safety officer.

"Fireworks are classified as hazardous

substances under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act," Timmons said. "Adult supervision should be used at all times where children are involved, even when handling sparklers."

Anything containing more than 50 milligrams of pyrotechnic composition, such as M-80s and

cherry bombs, are prohibited under federal law.

Any violations of the policies are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and civilians would be subject to penalties and fines under federal law. Depot personnel are responsible for guests while on Parris Island.

The best way to avoid an incident is to identify the hazards around you at all times and develop a quick course of action in the event of a mishap, he said.

Although there is not an exact account of reported firework-related injuries, hundreds of firework mishaps occur

during the Independence Day celebration, he said. Most injuries span from minor burns, abrasions and lacerations, most of which are remedied with over-the-counter first aid and are never reported.

"It is a matter of simply being responsible and keeping others safe," he said.

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Initiative saves Depot more than \$30,000

Photos by Lance Cpl. F.J. Abundes

Cpl. Blair Kosa, a liaison at the Savannah International Airport, and Sgt. Jason Rice, noncommissioned officer in charge of the airport liaisons, ensure the new recruits of Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, get on the bus to Parris Island safely Monday. Parris Island ceased using contracted buses and started using its own buses after a business-efficiency process revealed the change would save the depot money.

Pfc. Caitlin Maluda
Staff Writer

Parris Island saved more than \$30,000 a year by using a business-process improvement strategy to re-evaluate how new recruits were transported to Parris Island and is currently employing this method to find other areas of improvement.

The Lean Six Sigma process is a method used to eliminate waste by finding problems or inefficiencies and removing them without using extra man power or money.

"Basically, it is the way that we make work more efficient," said Darrell Coleman, plans, programs and assessment director for the depot.

The process has been used for decades by top Fortune-500 companies such as the General Electric Co. and Motorola, said Deborah Flynn, senior management and programs analyst for the depot. The military adopted the program in 2006 based off its business success.

Efficiency and cost

reduction have become even more important due to economic woes, coupled with post-war drawdowns in the military.

"With our increasing budget constraints, we have to do more with less," Flynn said. "This process helps us do that."

Recently, the depot applied the Lean Six Sigma process in the transportation of new recruits.

Previously, recruits were transported to Parris Island on chartered buses, Coleman said. However, using the process revealed that Parris Island would actually save money by using its own buses to transport recruits from Savannah, Ga.

This process can be applied to any problem, Coleman continued. The quality of a work process can always be improved.

This same process is currently being used to evaluate the cellphones that are issued to some personnel throughout the depot.

"Our goal is to reduce cellphone usage by 30 percent," said Flynn.

"We want to make sure we have the right number of phones for the right number of people."

To accomplish this, the base is collecting data on the cellphones such as usage and call time, Flynn said. Once the data is collected, a plan will be developed aimed to reduce the usage and the associated costs.

Other projects recently completed on the depot include reducing overtime and improving other recruit-training processes.

Finding ways to improve business is no small task. To increase the effectiveness of the program, Coleman offers classes so others can learn and apply the LSS process to their own work place. To enroll, call 843-228-3538.

"Lean Six Sigma is a valuable process with the purpose to reduce time, increase quality and cut down the cost of the product," said Coleman. "Our control plan is to fix it, see how it happened and make sure it doesn't happen again."



Service members awarded for outstanding community service

Photo by Lance Cpl. Javarre Glanton

Sgt. Kelvin Carrington, with Support Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, received his "Military Person of the Year" award from the Beaufort Rotary Club at St. Peter's Catholic Church at Lady's Island, S.C., along with three other Beaufort-area service members June 6. Carrington volunteered his time, working with under-privileged children in the local area.

HURRICANE

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ers loaded with gear, to snake the 260 miles to Albany, Ga., where a Marine Corps logistics base, with its vast warehouses, await as temporary housing for the depot's displacement.

Absorbing situation reports and weighing various courses of action, the crisis management team is made up of senior leaders from Parris Island as well as nearby Naval Hospital Beaufort, who ultimately assist the commanding general to make decisions not only on whether to evacuate but also when Parris Island is ready to resume day-to-day training.

At the end of the exercise, success was measured with a validated plan that ultimately gets Parris Island evacuated safely while maintaining accountability

of all involved. Any of the plan's weak points uncovered during the exercise were targeted for quick remedy.

"After evaluating the lessons learned, we will make any necessary changes to simplify and streamline the evacuation plan," Hungerford said.

Hungerford doesn't see any major changes to the plan, though. Most involve improving coordination between the staff and other organizations to increase efficiency.

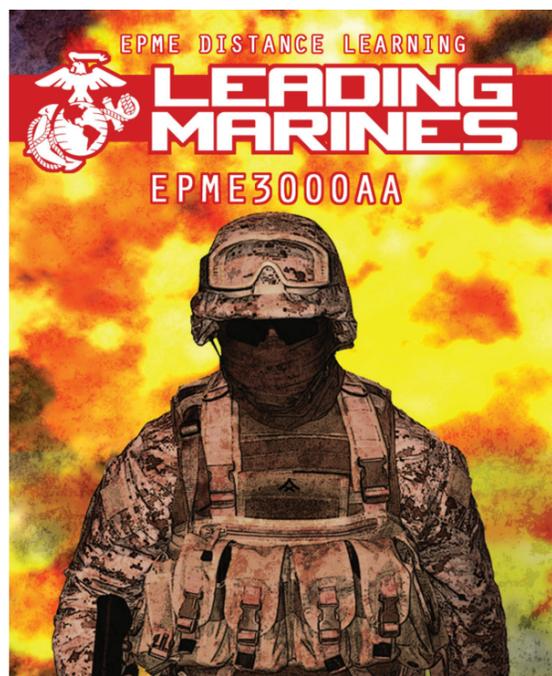
Despite the cyclical nature of hurricane season and the predictability of what it takes to empty Parris Island, the annual exercise is the depot's opportunity to ensure everyone involved in the evacuation has a full understanding of the plan.

"It is also prudent to annually verify nothing has changed significantly within the many agen-

cies and organizations involved in the evacuation plan that could potentially hinder our ability to successfully evacuate the Depot," said Hungerford.

Parris Island was last ordered to evacuate Sept. 14, 1999, after the extremely powerful Hurricane Floyd threatened the East Coast. More than 6,000 recruits and more than 800 personnel evacuated to Albany. For the convoy, Parris Island used 177 buses, many on loan from Beaufort-area schools.

Since the hurricane turned north and only brushed Parris Island, Floyd caused minimal damage and training resumed in less than 10 days. Should the depot be crippled for a long time, a domino effect of consequences would shake up the clockwork efficiency of shipping recruits to Parris Island and graduating new Marines 13 weeks later.



Corpsmen give a helping hand

Lance Cpl. Octavia Davis
Staff Writer

Earning the title Marine is no easy task.

Recruits push themselves beyond their comfort zones everyday as they strive toward their goal. However, illnesses and injuries can prevent recruits from reaching that goal. Fortunately, recruits have qualified medical caretakers readily available – Navy hospital corpsmen.

The Marine Corps uses Navy corpsmen because it does not have its own unique medical personnel.

Corpsmen undergo 14 weeks of schooling where they learn the basic skills needed for their jobs. The corpsmen also go through daily hands-on training to ensure they are always ready, said Navy Lt. Mayra Proano, 30, department head of acute care at the Parris Island clinic.

Most corpsmen at the clinic labor all day to take care of their patients. Corpsmen work from around 4:45 a.m. until sometimes as late as 7 p.m. to accomplish their various tasks of the day.

The staff see many recruits every day with injuries and sicknesses varying from cuts and abrasions to pneumonia, Proano said. The corpsmen aim to provide recruits with the aid they need at all times.

It is critical that the corpsmen make the recruits feel welcome at the clinic, said Seaman Talmadge Moore, 27, a hospital corpsman at the clinic. Recruits must be able to freely inform the corpsmen of what is bothering them so the corpsmen can get them the necessary treatment.

The corpsmen are not drill instructors, Moore said. They treat recruits like regular people when they come to the clinic.

“The corpsmen are good workers,” said Rct. Thomas Hagan, 18, of the Recruit Separation Platoon, and a native of Erie, Pa. “They were very helpful and showed that they cared.”



Photos by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Walker

Corpsmen at the Parris Island medical clinic practice offloading future patients from an ambulance May 16.



Corpsmen at the Parris Island medical clinic prepare an ice bath and test the technique on a fellow corpsmen May 16.

Corpsmen celebrate 114 years of service

Gen. James F. Amos
Commandant
of the Marine Corps

On behalf of Marines everywhere, it is my distinct honor to congratulate all hospital corpsmen as you celebrate the 114th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps.

Since June 17, 1898, Navy corpsmen, most commonly called

"doc," have continually earned the respect and admiration of all Marines past and present.

Aboard ship, in far off lands and in the fiercest of battles, these sailors have faithfully served shoulder to shoulder with Marines. They have done so carrying only a small bag on their backs and courage in their hearts.

Today, they do much the same – often disregarding their own safety to aid a wounded Marine. Although the tools and the training are vastly improved, the indomitable spirit of our corpsmen has not changed.

As you reflect upon your heritage, know that Marines around the globe salute the courage and sacrifice of the Navy Hospital Corps. The care you provide our Marines, in combat and in garrison, reflects your great devotion to duty. While you celebrate this anniversary, please take a moment to remember those that have gone before you and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

Happy birthday and semper fidelis.



Face of Defense

Illinois Marine Loves to Serve

Cpl. Ed Galo
Regimental Combat Team 6

DELARAM DISTRICT CENTER, Afghanistan – When he was living a simple life in a small Midwestern farm town, Michael Montgomery recalled he felt that he had to serve his country in a time of war.

“I think it’s everyone’s obligation to serve their country in the military or some sort of public service,” said Montgomery, now serving as a Marine Corps sergeant with E Battery,

2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment.

“I joined so I could deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan,” he said. In his seven years in the Marine Corps, Montgomery, of Potomac, Ill., has deployed twice to Iraq. Now he’s in Afghanistan.

Montgomery, 25, is a field artilleryman by trade.

“I love every aspect of artillery, but shooting and moving is my favorite part,” Montgomery said. “There aren’t blanks for the howitzer. We always shoot live rounds. So that means we

always train for how we fight.”

Montgomery says he believes his experience aids him in being a strong leader for his junior Marines.

“It has definitely helped me – the experience of how basic day-to-day life is, and going on patrols and maintaining security. I’ve learned a lot about that and try to teach it to the junior guys,” Montgomery said.

Although he’s traveled around the world, Montgomery said he’s still a farm boy at heart. He enjoys talking about tractors and farm life. He restores old tractors as a hobby.

“I don’t like working with new tractors with computers and stuff like that,” he said. “I like an older tractor that is just gears spinning and not computer programs on wheels. I was raised old school like that.”

Montgomery said he likes to talk about the farm equipment he encounters in Afghanistan.

“That one looks almost like the one I have back home,”



Photo by Cpl. Ed Galo

Sgt. Michael Montgomery, patrol base noncommissioned officer in charge, E Battery, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, briefs his Marines just before leaving for a patrol in Delaram, Afghanistan, on June 1. Montgomery has served in the Marine Corps for seven years and is currently on his fourth deployment.

he said with a smile to another Marine, referring to a piece of farm machinery while on patrol. “Mine has a bigger plow though.”

Montgomery said he probably won’t re-enlist because he has accomplished his goal of deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan. He said he plans on returning to Illinois to pursue a degree in criminal justice,

becoming a police officer and working on his farm.

“I don’t plan on making a lot of money out of the farm. That’s just more to keep it up,” Montgomery said. “We’ve owned it since 1828. I’m real big into history, and that’s history. It has a lot of sentimental value. I was raised on the farm, and if I ever have kids, I’ll raise them on that farm, too.”

“I think it’s everyone’s obligation to serve their country in the military or some sort of public service.”

Sgt. Michael Montgomery, patrol base noncommissioned officer in charge, E Battery, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment.

11th MEU hosts Republic of Korea marines



Photos by Cpl. Ryan Carpenter

Embarked members of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Republic of Korea marines visiting USS New Orleans practice fighting techniques June 9 during a martial-arts demonstration. The Republic of Korea visitors boarded the ship to sail to Hawaii for the Korean Marine Exercise Program 12-9, a regularly scheduled combined exercise involving a platoon of ROK marines from 1st Company, 21st Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and U.S. Marine forces from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.



Rifleman Young In Kim, left, a Republic of Korea marine visiting USS New Orleans, leads in a martial-arts demonstration for a group of embarked 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit members June 9.

Cpl. Ryan Carpenter

11th Marine Expeditionary Unit

PACIFIC OCEAN — U.S. Marines with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit hosted classes for Republic of Korea marines visiting USS New Orleans here June 3.

The embarked Marines held two classes that introduced the visiting platoon to U.S. Marine Corps small-arms weapons and martial-arts techniques.

Platoon sergeant Cpl. David Wainright said his platoon was glad to share its knowledge and establish good relations with another corps of marines.

“We introduced them to the basic characteristics of medium-machine guns and small arms used in our mechanized infantry,” said the 24-year-old Temecula, Calif., native and member of Headquarters and Service Company, battalion landing team for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment.

ROK marine and squad leader Sang Myung Lee said he was impressed by the scopes and optics on the U.S. weapons, and he marveled at the similarities between the two countries’ fighting techniques.

“(The ROK marines) were outstanding, re-

ally motivated, and interested in what we were teaching,” said Wainright. “They took to the practical application really fast; they were anxious to train, and my platoon had a great time working with them.”

U.S. Marine and company commander Capt. Sung Kim said the Marines in his charge took lessons from the exchanges of expertise.

“Working with our allies and exchanging ideas and training opportunities makes us a better unit on the battlefield,” said Kim. “For the Marines of the 11th MEU, it gives us yet another opportunity to be gracious hosts to our friends and act as ambassadors for our nation and military. Through these engagements we have built friendships and mutual respect as militaries.”

The visitors boarded the ship June 2 to sail to Hawaii for Korean Marine Exercise Program 12-9, a regularly scheduled combined exercise. Participating are a platoon of Republic of Korea marines from 1st Company, 21st Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and U.S. Marine forces from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. The exercise focuses on strengthening the ROK-U.S. relationship while enhancing tactical interoperability and developing ROK marine operational capabilities.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Fisher III

Crew members with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 261, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, fire an M2 .50-cal. machine gun from the inside of a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter during training May 17 during Exercise Eager Lion in Jordan. The exercise took place throughout May and was designed to strengthen military-to-military relationships of more than 19 participating partner nations.

Marines share sky with 'air' Jordan

Staff Sgt.
Robert Fisher III
24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

KING FAISAL AIR BASE, Jordan – U.S. Marine pilots with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit flew alongside the Jordanian air force in support of Exercise Eager Lion on May 15 - 19.

These flights allowed the Marines, from the 24th MEU's Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269, attached to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 261, to practice flying together. This would, in turn, facilitate future training opportunities scheduled during the exercise, according to Maj. Dale Behm, the Cobra detachment's commanding officer.

The flight included the Marine AH-1W Cobra and the Jordanian AH-1F Cobra.

"The purpose of the flight was to get them up together and practice flying in formation, practice working together," said Behm. "It was good flying with a different aircraft from another nation because there are a whole lot of considerations when we fly with other aircraft."

Several factors and how the Marines and Jordanians reacted to those factors would establish the pattern for future flights. These flights would enable the Marines and Jordanians to become comfortable with each other.

"It was a familiarization flight to see how we do business, how we use the radio, how we fly, how we call formations," said Capt. James C. Thompson, 31, Cobra pilot and Providence, R.I., native.

The opportunity allowed



U.S. Marine and Jordanian air force Cobras fly together during a training flight over the desert May 18 as part of Exercise Eager Lion.

the pilots to learn from each other and cultivate a relationship for future training opportunities.

"It was pretty cool flying with another variant

of the Cobra, especially from another country," said Capt. Emmanuel P. Jacinto, 33, Cobra pilot. "It was a good experience."

Eager Lion is an in-

ternational training exercise with more than 19 countries and 11,000 participants designed to promote cooperation and military-to-military

relationships among participating forces. The exercise scenario is intended to portray realistic, modern-day security challenges.



Marines with the artillery attachment for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit's battalion landing team post security while they wait for a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter to land May 17 during Exercise Eager Lion in Jordan.

MCRD PARRIS ISLAND EXPANDED FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

MCRD Parris Island has expanded the events and activities available to families who are coming aboard the Depot to see their son or daughter graduate and become a Marine. The adjacent schedule outlines the events that are now offered to our new Marines' families and loved ones. The times and locations of these events are subject to change. For the most current information, please visit <http://www.mccs-sc.com/recruitfamilies>.



Wednesday

Welcome to Family Orientation Day at Parris Island

- 6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
- 6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
- 7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
- 7:30AM-4PMDouglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival
Java Café (9AM-11:30AM)
Graduation Station (8AM-4PM)
- 9AM-4PMFamily Check-in at the Douglas Visitors' Center; Java Café open 9AM-12PM
- 10AM-12:30PM.....Marine Corps 101, including a "Behind the Scenes" tour, at Douglas Visitors' Center
- LUNCH.....Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club), Food Court, Subway, Golf Course, Back Yard Burgers
- 1:30PM-3:30PMFamily Orientation Brief at the Lyceum
- 5PM-8PM.....Steak Night at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club).
Reservations required

Thursday

Welcome to Family Liberty Day at Parris Island

- 6AM-4PMDouglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival
Java Café (6AM-2PM)
Graduation Station (6AM-4PM)
- 6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
- 6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
- 7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
- 7AM.....Motivational Run - Peatross Parade Deck
- 8AM.....Depot Museum Opens
- 8:15AMAll Weather Training Facility (AWTF) Opens
- 9:30AM-10AM.....Battalion Commander's Brief to Families & Liberty Ceremony (AWTF)
- 10AM-2PMMarksmanship Training Unit Open House
- 10AM.....Liberty Begins
- 10:30AM-1PM.....Family Day Buffet at the Lyceum - new Marines eat for free!
- 2PMWarrior's Prayer at the Recruit Chapel
- 3PMLiberty Ends
- 3PM-4PM.....Marine Corps 101 at Douglas Visitors' Center
- 5PM.....Meet & Greet with Depot Command at Traditions Lounge
- 5:30PM.....Welcome from the Command
- 5:45PM.....Family Day Dinner with Depot Command at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club)
Advance reservations guarantee admittance

Friday

Welcome to Graduation Day at Parris Island

- 6AM-2PMDouglas Visitors' Center open
Java Café (6AM-12PM)
Graduation Station (6AM-12PM)
- 6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
- 6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
- 7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
- 7:45AMMorning Colors at Barrow Hall
- 9AM-10AM.....Graduation at Peatross Parade Deck (weather permitting)
- 11AM-1PM.....Lunch Buffet at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club)

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