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(Left) Members of the color guard with 2nd Dental Battalion stand at attention for the national anthem during the Dental Corps' 100th anniversary ball aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 18. (Directly Below) Lt. Cmdr. John J. Neal, a dental officer with 2nd Dental Battalion, speaks to the audience during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Dental Corps aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 18. (Bottom) Navy Capt. Francisco R. Leal (right) the commanding officer of 2nd Dental Battalion, presents a picture of the Beirut Memorial to Navy Captains James J. Ware and Gilbert Bigelow, two retired dental officers, during the Dental Corps' 100th anniversary ball aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 18.

# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

## 2nd Dental Battalion observes Dental Corps birthday

**Cpl. Bruno J. Bego**  
*2nd MLG Public Affairs*

**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** — The music and laughter could be heard from outside the Marston Pavilion here as servicemembers in their dress uniforms filed in.

Sailors and Marines from 2nd Dental Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group came together Aug. 18 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Navy's Dental Corps.

After guests settled in their designated places, a four-man color guard marched the colors into plain site to start the ceremony. The battalion's flag dipped as the national anthem echoed throughout the ball room.

Then Lt. Cmdr. John J. Neal, a dental officer with 2nd Dental Bn., took center stage to explain their history.

"The Dental Corps was established a century ago when dental issues were very common," he said. "The Navy relied on civilian dentists or hospital corpsmen to treat dental emergencies before the Dental Corps was established on Aug. 22, 1912."

At that time, Congress authorized the president to appoint and commission dental officers. The Dental Corps was then born, and they have served in every military campaign since.

Among the hundred or so guests were

Navy Captains James J. Ware and Gilbert Bigelow, two retired dental officers who were both present for the 1983 Marine barracks bombing in Beirut, Lebanon.

"During that time, the only medical officers there were these two dental officers who without hesitation started assisting wounded troops," said Navy Capt. Francisco R. Leal, the commanding officer of 2nd Dental Bn.

The attack in Beirut claimed the lives of 241 service members and injured 60 others — making the incident one of the Marine Corps' most traumatic events since World War II.

"These two men have played an incredible role in the history of the Dental Corps," Leal said.

As the ceremony continued, the two retired officers had the opportunity to speak to the crowd. Ware offered the dental officers in attendance words of encouragement, and Bigelow, with tears in his eyes, thanked the service members for fighting for America's freedom.

The battalion's command presented Ware and Bigelow with a token of appreciation for their actions in Beirut and their attendance at the ball. The commanding officer gave each one a framed picture of the

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# Servicemember of the Month

*Performance, professionalism  
puts Marine in spotlight*

**Lance Cpl. Paul Peterson**  
*2nd MLG Public Affairs*

**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** — Sometimes serving your country is a thankless job, but this month is an exception for a high-performing Marine with 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

The Military Affairs Committee for the Greater Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce recognized Cpl. Samuel L. Warman, a distribution management specialist with 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd MLG, as their servicemember of the month for August.

The committee honored Warman's accomplishments with a dinner at the Officer's Club here, Aug. 20.

The 28-year-old Savannah, Ga., native had an honest, down-to-earth Earth outlook about his selection.

"I have a by-any-means-necessary kind of attitude," Warman said. "I get a lot of things taken care of in a timely manner, and I'm always changing things to make the proficiency and productivity of the shop better."

The recognition nevertheless caught him by surprise. Warman, who lightheartedly referred to his nomination process as a "very surprising ordeal," had no idea he was being put up for the Servicemember of the Month award.

Warman was modest about his day-to-day work, but his importance to his unit was readily apparent.

He takes an active role in mentoring and training the Marines in his shop, and his record of service speaks for itself.

During his two deployments to Afghani-



Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

stan, Warman contributed significantly to the logistical needs of troops in Helmand Province. He worked to track and deliver equipment throughout the area as well as reuse what was available.

"I delivered 90 percent of all frustrated cargo in Helmand," said Warman. "We call it frustrated cargo because it will frustrate you. It's gear that doesn't make sense. It comes out, and it's missing paper work; there are no receipts and sometimes the box is destroyed. There's just a piece of gear and you have to figure it out."

Figuring it out is no small thing to the Marines in the field, added Warman. His unit was the largest transporter of supplies, and he knew the Marines in the fight relied upon him to complete their mission.

Warman's accomplishments within the Marine Corps were not the only things that set him apart. He is a husband and father of two. His maturity is quickly recognizable, and his interaction with his peers is both professional and relatable.

He graduated with a degree in criminal justice from Savannah University in 2007 but elected to join the Marine Corps in his search for a job that gave him a sense of meaning and accomplishment. Nearly four years after enlisting, he still refers to his service as the "best job in the world."

"If I have to stay here until 9:00 at night to help out, well that's my job," said Warman. "We're all one mind when it comes to the mission, and I have hard working Marines. They're outstanding. At the end of the day, we all go home knowing we got the job done."

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## WARRIOR of the WEEK



**CPL. SAMUEL WARMAN**

**OCCUPATION:**  
Distribution Management  
Specialist

**FAVORITE SPORTS  
TEAM:**  
"Georgia Bulldogs."

**FAVORITE M.R.E.:**  
"Chicken Fajita."

**FAVORITE  
NON-ALCOHOLIC  
DRINK:**  
"Monster energy drinks."

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
"Basic, an Army Ranger  
movie."

# Engineers improve security at patrol bases

**Cpl. Kenneth Jasik**

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**HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan** – In one of the most dangerous areas of Helmand province, a lone team of Marines with Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command operates daily from a pair of small patrol bases, which, until recently, had known vulnerabilities.

To reduce the risk to servicemembers living aboard the bases, Marines with 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward) improved the defenses and completed their mission in support of Special Operations Task Force West, Sept. 1.

“The purpose of this mission was to increase the force protection for the Marines here,” said Sgt. Derek C. Webb, a squad leader with 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st MLG (Fwd). “We rose the walls up higher to give the guys on the base more cover and concealment.”

The combat engineers enjoy supporting special operations forces, who are in turn willing to support the engineers any way they can.

“It’s always a good time when we get to support MARSOC,” said Webb, 23, from Shreve, Ohio. “The guys always appreciate the work we do. We enjoy providing them with a good product because we know everything we do helps them do their job a little bit better.”

The mission was completed by engineers with 8th ESB and Combat Logistics Battalion 2. The 8th ESB Marines are returning home soon, so they passed on the lessons they learned in Afghanistan to the newly arrived CLB-2 Marines.

“We got them to understand the changes in the way we operate, such as the share the road policy,” said 1st Lt. Christopher J. White, a platoon commander with 8th ESB. “I think a lot of my Marines were able to pass on good, tactical knowledge to them.”

The engineers are proud they supported MARSOC, and hope the force protection they set up will help the operators accomplish their mission.

“The Marines performed excellent, as always,” said Webb. “They put up the HESCO real quick. They took a five-day mission and did it in three days.” ■



Photo by Cpl. Kenneth Jasik

**Lance Cpl. Anthony M. Chapman, a motor transportation operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 2, refuels a Logistics Vehicles System Replacement in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Aug. 31. Marines with 8th Engineer Support Battalion and CLB-2 had just finished improving a patrol base for Marines with Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command.**

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Beirut Memorial, which is located in Jacksonville, N.C.

The participants proceeded to partake in a banquet, which was set up in a separate room. There they enjoyed a vast variety of food, and then spent the rest of evening celebrating the annual occasion with friends and colleagues. ■

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**2nd Dental Battalion keeps troops combat ready**



**Sailors celebrate Dental Corps' birthday, raise money for wounded warriors**



Jacquelyn W. Southerland, a financial technician supervisor with 2nd Marine Logistics Group's disbursing office, thanks the assembled Marines for their support during her retirement ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, Aug. 30.

## *Camp Lejeune disburser bids farewell after thirty-three years*

**Lance Cpl. Paul Peterson**  
*2nd MLG Public Affairs*

**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** — She forged a fierce loyalty with the Marines she considers family.

Jacquelyn W. Southerland, a financial technician supervisor with 2nd Marine Logistics Group's disbursing office, accepts no excuses. She is honest, blunt and fair. After 33 years of service to the military community, the Chinquapin, N.C., native retired here, Aug. 31, and begrudgingly bid farewell to her Marine Corps family.

It was her 61st birthday.

"I'm going to miss my work family," said Southerland, who is known in her office as a firm but caring leader. "I have obtained children along the way. Your work family becomes your family, so I'm a grandmother and a mother to many military members."

Southerland first came to Camp Lejeune in 1983. Her responsibilities covered key financial areas, which varied from pay and fiscal management to supervising the office's travel section.

Her experience and intimate knowledge of the Marine Corps'

financial system made Southerland a valuable asset to the disbursing community.

One of her colleagues, Vickie Bechtel, a customer service supervisor with the office, even joked Southerland could recite the Joint Federal Travel Regulations manual with her eyes closed. She in fact took the manual home occasionally to find answers for people seeking help.

"I was just amazed to sit and watch her work some days, and she always worked past her time," said Bechtel, who worked under Southerland's supervision for 17 years. "What you see is what you get. She is absolutely 100 percent authentic. She'll tell a colonel 'no' just as easily as she'll tell a Pfc. 'no'. If it can't be paid, it can't be paid."

Southerland drove 110 miles roundtrip to work at Camp Lejeune every day, but she said she did it for more than the job itself.

Over the years, many Marines returned as senior leaders to thank Southerland, and

many others sent similar sentiments through letters and phone calls from around the world.

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—Lance Cpl. James Sconyers

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# 2ND MLG HOSTS BARRACKS BASH FOR SINGLE TROOPS

**Cpl. Bruno J. Bego**  
*2nd MLG Public Affairs*

**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** - A torrential downpour could have sabotaged what was meant to be a day of fun away from work.

Despite the everlasting rain and menacing thunder, Marines and Sailors with 2nd Marine Logistics Group attended an event-filled barracks bash at the unit's enlisted quarters here, Aug. 22.

Marine Corps Community Services, the Single Marine Program and family readiness officers hosted the event for all 2nd MLG single servicemembers.

The Marine Corps has sponsored similar events for single troops for nearly 15 years, explained Kimberli Cooley, the 2nd MLG family readiness officer.

"The last four years we have really gone more in depth into having some more camaraderie and contests like tug-of-war," Cooley explained. "The Marines and Sailors let us know [through surveys] that they would really like a [flag] football tournament, so we tried it this year. It has been phenomenal."

The Barracks Bash kicked off in the early afternoon with a flag football tournament at Soifert Field here. Several commands, units and sections within the 2nd MLG each brought 15 players to compete for first place. Members of Combat Logistics Regiment 27 won first place.

"I am playing with my guys here as a team," said Lance Cpl. Austin R. Smith, a bulk fuel specialist with 2nd MLG.



Photo by Pvt. Franklin E. Mercado

**A group of Marines and Sailors with 2nd Marine Logistics Group participate in a flag football tournament during a barracks bash aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 22, 2012.**

"I think this was a great idea. I think sports are a great way for us to forget about work for a little bit and have fun."

Although football was the main event, there were also other attractions offered to those who were not into the sport. Servicemembers enjoyed the bouncy houses, rock climbing, sumo wrestling, tug-of-war and a hypnotism show at the end of the bash.

"I think this is a great event and a great opportunity for the Marines and Sailors to come out here and do something different," explained Gunnery Sgt. Shuntae T. Ellis, the radio operations chief with Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd MLG. "I think the best part of the event is getting together with the Marines and extending that brotherhood we have."

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Warman considers himself fortunate to be in his current leadership position, but his ambition continues to grow. He says he is working to model himself on the discipline and professionalism of his leaders, who allowed him to grow into the Marine he is today. It is a favor he hopes to return to his own Marines.

Selection for the award is predicated on an "outstanding record of conduct." However, it also recognizes candidates for their continuing potential in the Marine Corps, and selected individuals must be recommended for reenlistment. That is the path Warman hopes to follow. ■



Photos by Lance Cpl. Paul Peterson

**Cpl. Samuel L. Warman, a distribution management specialist with Supply Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, reviews paperwork for gear coming through the supply warehouse aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 16.**



Photos by Lance Cpl. Paul Peterson

Servicemembers with 2nd Marine Logistics Group's disbursing office honored Jacquelyn W. Southerland, a financial technician supervisor with the office, for her 33 years of service to the military community during a retirement ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 30.

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"My job is constantly training, mentoring and wanting them to learn [the job]," Southerland said. "That is the continuity and the glue that holds it all together. The military personnel come and go, so I'm always in constant training mode."

She is famous in the office for her down-to-earth, unflappable personality and disarming comments. Her colleagues still laugh over statements such as "he can call back when he puts a smile in his voice", which highlighted Southerland's outlook in challenging situations.

Her personality was a feature of the office, but the office's staff also respected her

dedication to the disbursing team.

Lance Cpl. James Sconyers, a travel business clerk with the office, said he considers Southerland to be a mentor, leader and a genuine friend. She was someone who helped the Marines in the office whenever they needed it.

"There is so much work she does and that goes through her that they have been trying to figure out who is going to take it over," said Sconyers. "She has done things for so long that people have forgotten they needed to be done."

Her blunt honesty and deep dedication to her staff created a strong, lasting bond with many of the Marines who passed through the disbursing office. Southerland says she regularly receives visits from past Marines.

Many still refer to her as "mom" decades later.

"She takes no [excuses], but she will love you like you are her son," said Sconyers. "You do not disrespect Mrs. Southerland. If one person ever did, she would have 40 or 50 Marines [backing her up]."

Southerland remains humble about her accomplishments and is unassuming about her impact on the disbursing community within the Marine Corps. She said she only hopes she "touched the hearts" of some of the people she worked with and demonstrated a strong work ethic.

Southerland plans to continue her financial work in a part-time job closer to home now that she is retired. ■



Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Marines and Sailors with 2nd Marine Logistics Group are hypnotized during a barracks bash aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 22.

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The participants also had the opportunity to purchase tickets for raffles to win gift cards, a TV, a DVD player and two bicycles throughout the event.

"This is the first bash I have been to, so I did not know what to expect," said Lance Cpl. Geoffrey R. White, a motor vehicle mechanic with 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd MLG. "So far it has been great. I really liked the variety of things to do." ■



Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Marines and Sailors with 2nd Marine Logistics Group dance during a barracks bash aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 22.



# Montford Point Marines receive highest civilian honor

**Sgt. Rachael K. A. Moore**  
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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. -- African-Americans flocked to recruiting stations on June 1, 1942, with eager minds to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. Instead of attending traditional basic training locations such as Parris Island, S.C., and San Diego, the new recruits went to a segregated site outside of Camp Lejeune, N.C., known as Montford Point. More than 19,000 African-Americans enlisted by 1945.

“To me, they were heroic for two reasons: they fought against the enemy

during World War II while they also fought for their civil rights and the respect of their fellow Americans,” Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, wrote in a letter. “It is fitting that we, as Americans, honor their selfless service and sacrifice with the Congressional Gold Medal and fully embrace their storied contributions to the history of our nation at war.”

The House of Representatives and Senate leaders awarded the medal to the Marines in a ceremony June 27 at the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center, but not all recipients could attend. The 2nd Marine Logistics Group had the honor to present



a few of the Montford Point Marines with the Congressional Gold Medal, which is the highest civilian honor. ■

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# CLR-27 brings the heat during Beach Bash

Story and Photos by  
**Lance Cpl. Paul Peterson**  
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**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** - Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group gathered at Onslow Beach for a beach bash here, Aug. 30.

Rain loomed in the background as four of the regiment's companies gathered in the mid-morning to kick off the day's events. Ahead of them lay six hours of sporting events to draw out each company's pool of talent for some friendly competition.

"The commander's intent was for our Marines to have a good time," said Jose Padilla, the family readiness officer for the regiment. "In the process of having a good time, adding some competition and some esprit de corps develops team work and rewards them for their hard work."

The four companies - Headquarters, Food Services, Landing Support and Communications - formed their teams to participate in the bash's events and vie for the Commander's Cup.

The teams went head to head in volleyball, basketball and an as-

sortment of other tournaments. While their teams competed on the courts, each company's senior leadership put their bodies on the line and battled for supremacy in sumo wrestling and pugil-stick matches.

"For a junior Marine coming here, it is a great opportunity to meet other Marines and Sailors who are in his unit and within the other companies," said Padilla, who took the lead role of running the schedule of events. "The more they know each other, the stronger their bonds, the better they are going to support the [Marine Corps'] commanders."

Headquarters Co. earned their place as the overall victors and claimed the Commander's Cup. Landing Support Co. fared the worst in the competition and received the Chalice of Hope, which is inscribed: "We Came, We Tried, We Lost."

The awards are a good spirited way to inspire each company to perform at higher levels while maintaining a friendly atmosphere of competition.

Lunch was provided for the troops, who received freshly grilled hotdogs and hamburgers midway through the competitions. The junior Marines were also able to raise money at the beach bash's "dunk tank",



where any monetary donation allowed them to attempt to dunk their senior leadership in a tank of water.

"It's good to get the junior and senior Marines to come together as one," said Sgt. Joseph Faw, an infantryman with the regiment. "It gets them out of the office and shows them that their unit cares about them."

Early afternoon signaled the end of the festivities just as the rain clouds relented and the sun began to pierce through the sky. The companies gathered their trophies and personal belongings and finished the event as one big family. ■



Photo by Lance Cpl. Paul Peterson  
**Marines from Combat Logistics Regiment 27 prepare to grapple in sumo suits as part of the regiment's beach bash aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 30.**

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