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Cover Page:

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 13, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, conduct a three-volley salute at Patriot Day 2012, a 9/11 remembrance event, held in Vista, Calif., Sept. 9. (Photo by: 2nd Lt. Savannah Moyer)

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1ST MLG'S VIDEO FEATURE

KEEPING OUR HONOR CLEAN: This is part 11 of a series highlighting the work of 1st MLG (Fwd) noncommissioned officers deployed to Helmand province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This video package focuses on the NCOs with the Supply Management Unit aboard Camp Leatherneck.

Produced by Sgt. John Jackson.

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Tuition Assistance Class

Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Joint Education Center offers a College 101 class to inform service members about different college offers, on and off base, as well as providing information about tuition assistance and how to use it. For more information, call the JEC at (760) 725-6660.

Motorcycle Safety Courses

An advanced riders course will be held weekly, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. A basic rider's course will be held weekly Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Both courses will take place at Bldg. 200071. For more information, call Kevin Frantum at (760) 725-2897.

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CLR-15 takes logistics lead in Afghanistan

CAMP LEATHER-NECK, Afghanistan – After a successful deployment providing tactical logistics support to the International Security Assistance Force Marine Air-Ground Task Force, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward) relinquished responsibility as the MAGTF's logistics combat element in Regional Command (Southwest) to Combat Logistics Regiment-15 in a transfer of authority ceremony here, Sept. 10.

While the ceremony represented a change in leadership, it also symbolized continuity. CLR-15 was purposely embedded within 1st MLG (Fwd) from the start, so when it came time to execute a planned force reduction, CLR-15 was ready to emerge as the logistics combat element and provide seamless logistics support. CLR-15, led by Col. Stephen D. Sklenka, is now providing the same

range of logistics capabilities as its predecessor, supporting the MAGTF as its focus shifts to the security force assistance mission.

During their approximate seven month deployment, members of 1st MLG (Fwd), led by Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, helped to establish a new battlespace posture as RC (SW) shifted its focus from counterinsurgency operations to security force assistance. In the process, service members conducted 780 combat logistics patrols, traveled over 49,000 miles and delivered fuel along with other crucial supplies to units spread throughout Helmand province.

The personnel who now make up the regimental headquarters of CLR-15 have been deployed since January as members of 1st MLG (Fwd), and Brig. Gen. Broadmeadow used the ceremony as an opportunity to recognize their efforts.

"These are the Marines and sailors of CLR-15. They've been out here working hard, and I know they will continue to do a great job," said Brig. Gen. Broadmeadow. "I am proud to have worked with each and every one of you."

This transfer of authority from a logistics group to a combat logistics regiment is part of RC (SW)'s plan to meet the withdrawal timelines established by President Obama. This shift means reduced manpower and reduced capacity; however, CLR-15 is organized to support the same range of logistics functions and capabilities as 1st MLG (Fwd) and is perfectly designed to sustain the new security force assistance MAGTF.

Sklenka has established three priorities for CLR-15 as they take on this deployment: provide tactical logistics support to I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), establish support

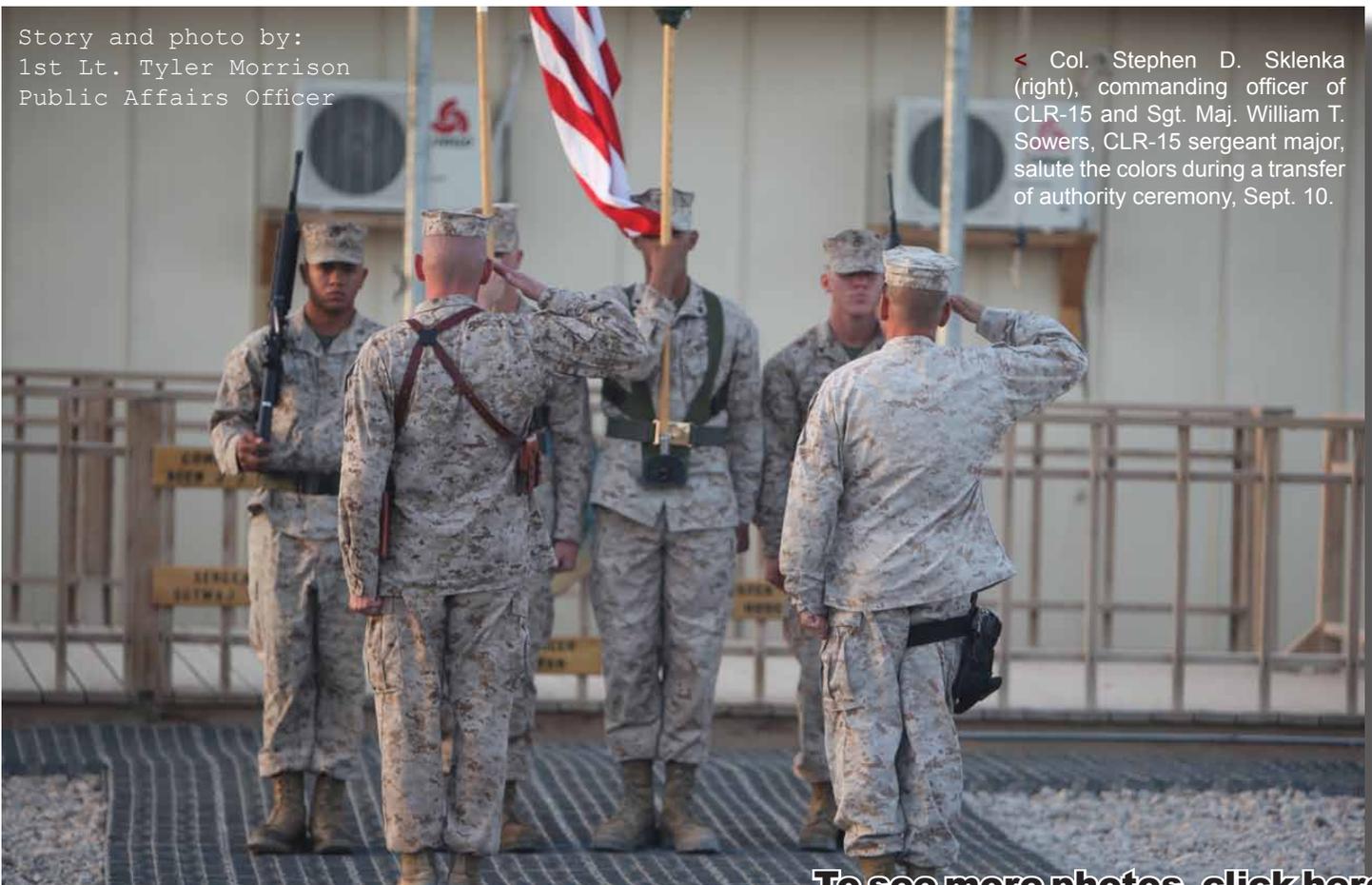
for the enduring security force assistance mission and continue to assist in the growth and development of our partners in the Afghan National Security Forces.

The security force assistance mission presents new challenges, and according to Sklenka, it is imperative that CLR-15 focuses on long term objectives as well as the short term tactical tasks. As the commanding officer explains, "We're here for the long haul, so it's imperative that we continue to refine, reposture and rededicate ourselves in support of the enduring security force assistance mission."

With seven months of experience already under their belts, the Marines and sailors of CLR-15 are eager to continue to provide persistent support across all six functions of logistics and aid the ANSF as they maintain the lead in Helmand province.

Story and photo by:
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< Col. Stephen D. Sklenka (right), commanding officer of CLR-15 and Sgt. Maj. William T. Sowers, CLR-15 sergeant major, salute the colors during a transfer of authority ceremony, Sept. 10.



To see more photos, [click here.](#)

Medical team maintains supplies in Helmand province

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – In a plethora of items needed in a combat zone, medical supplies and equipment easily fall near the top of the list.

Marines and sailors with the Medical Logistics Detachment, Supply Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion (-) Reinforced, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward) work to ensure every service member and unit throughout Helmand province, Afghanistan, have the right amount of supplies needed for any situation.

As the sole receiver for medical supplies and equipment entering Camp Leatherneck, the MedLog is responsible for pushing supplies out to medical facilities across the area of operations. In addition to filling medical requests for dozens of units, the team also has biomedical equipment technicians (BMETs) who conduct repairs when necessary.

“Part of our mission is to provide preventive maintenance for medical equipment,” said Lt. Ryan DiParisi, MedLog officer-in-charge.

The four BMETs on the team take turns traveling to forward

operating bases, patrol bases and combat outposts when a request comes in for a repair of medical equipment.

“I’ve been to multiple FOBs for maintenance and repairs on equipment,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Graham, BMET, MedLog. “It makes them 100 percent ready to receive any incoming patients so they can do their job to the best of their ability.”

Working out of the Supply Management Unit lot at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, the MedLog team fills requests daily to push out to various medical facilities.

“A customer submits their order which goes to our customer service and from there the clerk checks the system to see if the items are on hand,” said DiParisi. “Everyone that requires medical supplies gets them from here.”

At the beginning of the deployment, the MedLog team used an antiquated Army legacy system to receive the unit requests and fill orders. During their time here, they implemented the far superior Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support system, which is used to procure line items, manage

inventory, track requisitions, and monitor medical equipment requiring maintenance.

“Through the assistance of many dedicated professionals, our team was the first MedLog detachment in Afghanistan to execute the system,” said DiParisi. “The program helps MedLog conduct our mission more efficiently and effectively.”

In support of the command priority to provide excellence in tactical logistics support to the Marine Air Ground Task Force, MedLog has filled more than 13,000 items demanded valued at \$3.6 million.

“We have supported 79 individual units from the Marine Corps, Navy, Army, and Air Force spread across Camp Leatherneck and 15 isolated FOBs and COPs across the area of operations,” said DiParisi.

As part of efforts to transition security responsibilities to Afghans, this group was also the first MedLog unit to donate medical supplies to Afghan National Security Forces. They have also helped with retrograde efforts by reducing their footprint by 70 percent.

Though the draw down continues, and many supplies have been retrograded or redistrib-

uted, the team still ensures they can sustain all medical assets requested from supporting units.

To help run an administratively smooth operation, Marines make up part of the team, despite the medical aspect that requires the efforts of corpsmen.

“If we don’t have an item in stock, I order the supplies,” said Cpl. Thomas Bui, supply administrator, MedLog. “It’s my responsibility to find the fastest way to get customers their orders. My job is basically saving lives when you look at it from a distance.”

With the end of their tour, the MedLog team continues to dutifully accomplish their daily tasks to ensure their number one priority is met: taking care of the war fighters.

“I’m very proud to be serving my country by what I’m doing,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Exion Huynh, BMET, MedLog. “I know that if something was to happen to a Marine and they needed medical attention, they will have the supplies necessary to be cared for. I do my best to get the supplies they need out to them as soon as possible.”



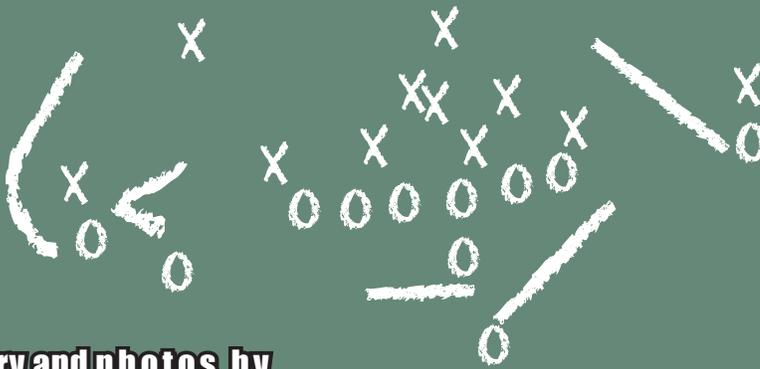
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Staff Writer

< Petty Officer 1st Class Fred Rhoads, biomedical equipment technician, MedLog Detachment, 1st Maintenance Battalion (-) Reinforced, performs maintenance on an oxygen purification system at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Aug. 20.

To see more photos, click here.

BEAST FOOTBALL

Record: 6-0



- Beast - 20 vs. 3rd AA Bn - 0
- Beast - 32 vs. MCRD - 0
- Beast - 48 vs. MASS-3 - 0
- Beast - 27 vs. 1st Marines - 0
- Beast - 16 vs. Miramar - 14
- Beast - 54 vs. 1st Radio Bn - 0
- 9/24 WFT Bn @ 7:30 p.m.
- 10/15 11th Marines @ 5 p.m.

**Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Miguel Carrasco
Public Affairs Chief**

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The 1st Marine Logistics Group Beast football team dominated again with a 56-0 victory over 1st Radio Battalion Freqs here, Sept. 17.

The Beast is still undefeated with a 6-0 record.

During the first quarter against the Freqs, the Beast scored 21 unanswered points with two running touchdowns by running back Thad-

daeus Haney. The Beast also returned an interception for a touchdown.

In the second quarter, the Beast added a fourth touchdown when fullback Eddie Morefield ran for a touchdown for a 28-0 lead.

Before halftime, the Beast scored again on a reverse run by #4 to make the score 35-0.

In the third quarter, the Beast went up 41-0 when Beast quarterback Matthew Petree completed a touch-

down pass to wide receiver Luke Boyd.

In the fourth quarter, Haney ran for his third touchdown of the day for a commanding 48-0.

Before the end of the game, running back Jay Winters ran the ball for a touchdown to make the final score 54-0.

The Beast plays its next game against the Weapons Field Training Battalion Raiders, Sept. 24, at the 11-Area football field at 7:30 p.m.



< Beast kicker Christian Proud, 12, kicks the ball off to 1st Radio Btn. Freqs, Sept. 17.



< Beast fullback Eddie Morefield, 13, runs it in for a touchdown against 1st Radio Btn. Freqs, Sept. 17.

> Beast running back Thaddaeus Haney, 2, ran for three touchdowns against 1st Radio Btn. Freqs, Sept. 17.



CLB-13 Marines recognized at 9/11 remembrance event

VISTA, Calif. – Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 13 teamed with policemen, sheriffs, fire fighters and emergency medical technicians to promote Patriot Day 2012, a 9/11 remembrance event, held at Faith Lutheran Church, Sept. 9.

“I now declare today CLB-13 Appreciation Day in the city of Vista,” said the Honorable Judy Ritter, Mayor of the city of Vista, during her speech in the ceremony.

“I am honored to be here today among all of our service members,” said Ritter. “We appreciate what you do

for us and for our country. Thank you for your service.”

Also in attendance were World War II veterans and a Pearl Harbor survivor, Al Bodenlos, age 92, who volunteers at the USS Midway Museum and Veterans Association hospital two days a week and travels to Pearl Harbor once a year to speak on behalf of survivors.

“I am honored to be here today,” said Bodenlos. “All survivors stand as one.”

Marines kicked off their morning by explaining static displays to many interested viewers. The displays included 7-ton trucks, hum-

vees, logistics vehicle system replacements, explosive ordnance disposal equipment and crew served weapons. Military working dogs were also present for those in attendance to see.

“It’s a nice experience showing people what we do and what we’re up against every day in hostile areas around the world,” said Staff Sgt. Anthony St. Dennis, explosive ordnance disposal technician, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment, CLB-13, after speaking with families interested in his static display.

Marines presented a color

guard detail, commanded by Sgt. Rodney Dabney, supply non-commissioned officer in charge, Supply Detachment, CLB-13, and three-volley salute, commanded by Staff Sgt. Ray Williams, intelligence chief, Headquarters Company, CLB-13, during the ceremony.

“It was a great opportunity to represent the Marine Corps, especially in a 9/11 ceremony,” said Williams. “A lot of Marines have never participated in a volley, and it meant a lot more to them because it was in honor of those lost to September 11th.”



Story and photos by:
2nd Lt. Savannah Moyer
Public Affairs Officer



To see more photos, [click here.](#)

The **BACKBONE** *Brief*

A message to the NCOs, the Backbone of the Corps

Marine: *1st Sgt. Sael G. Garcia*

Billet: *Company first sergeant*

Unit: *Reparable Management Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion, 1st MLG*

Marine Corps Experience: *15 years*

Hometown: *Orange County, Calif.*

Favorite Sports teams: *University of Southern California, Manchester United*

Favorite Quote: *"Man is a goal seeking animal, without goals his life has no meaning."*

Favorite Rank: *Sergeant*

- > What do you expect from your NCOs?
 - > *I expect my NCOs to carry out the orders and policies that have been laid out with enthusiasm. I expect for them to be firm but fair while they carry out these orders. My NCOs should also be accountable not only to themselves, but also to those Marines below and above them. I don't expect them to know everything, so I need for them to ask questions when they are not sure of an order or task. They are the future of the Marine Corps, and they should be striving to be the best Marine in and out of their MOS.*
- > What does leadership mean to you?
 - > *Leadership to me is the ability to positively influence those above you, below you and around you. I believe that any Marine of any rank can be a leader. If a private first class can influence me in a positive way and make me strive to be better, work harder and pick up my game then to me he is a leader.*
- > What leadership trait do you consider most important?
 - > *I consider integrity to be the most important. You need to have the trust of your Marines they should know that you are going to do what is right. They need to know that you will do right by them.*
- > What does "Backbone of the Corps" mean to you?
 - > *To me, the "Backbone of the Corps" is our NCOs. They are the core of our strength. If we have strong, capable Marines in those ranks, then we will succeed in any mission. The question is how do we build and develop our NCOs. I think you need to have a strong SNCO core that teaches, leads, guides and mentors our NCOs to be the future of our Marine Corps. If this is done correctly, we will have strength in all ranks because we are constantly developing every Marine in every rank to take the next, higher position.*
- > Anything you'd like to add?
 - > *Our Marine Corps has a bright future, but in order to get there we must never forget how we got here.*

I am the backbone of the United States Marine Corps, I am a Marine Non-Commissioned Officer. I serve as part of the vital link between my commander (and all officers) and enlisted Marines. I will never forget who I am or what I represent. I will challenge myself to the limit and be ever attentive to duty. I am now, more than ever, committed to excellence in all that I do, so that I can set the proper example for other Marines. I will demand of myself all the energy, knowledge and skills I possess, so that I can instill confidence in those I teach. I will constantly strive to perfect my own skills and to become a good leader. Above all I will be truthful in all I say or do. My integrity shall be impeccable as my appearance. I will be honest with myself, with those under my charge and with my superiors. I pledge to do my best to incorporate all the leadership traits into my character. For such is the heritage I have received from that long, illustrious line of professionals who have worn the bloodstripe so proudly before me. I must give the very best I have for my Marines, my Corps and my Country for though today I instruct and supervise in peace, tomorrow, I may lead in war.

Around the **Group**

Absentee Voting Week
Sept. 27 - Oct. 4

Combined Federal Campaign
Sept. 1 - Dec. 15

The Department of Defense has designated an Absentee Voting Week for Sept. 27 through Oct. 4.

According to a study conducted by the Federal Voting Assistance Program during the last election cycle, only 63 percent of military ballots were returned to their local election officials on time.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program encourages timely voting among service members and their families this election year.

Voters can request and receive absentee ballots from the Federal Voting Assistance Program website.

Click here to visit www.fvap.gov.

The Combined Federal Campaign season begins Sept. 1 and ends Dec. 15.

There are more than 2,500 charity organizations to choose from and you can pick one that means something to you.

Organizations such as the Wounded Warrior Project, American Heart Association and the Breast Cancer Relief Foundation need your help with donations.

Contact your unit CFC coordinator for more information.

Click here to visit www.cfctoday.org.

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1st MLG Officers' Ball

9 November 2012

1800

Manchester Grand Hyatt

San Diego, Calif.

Sept. Rates \$80-\$90

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CLR-17 Ball

16 November 2012

1730

San Diego Bayfront Hilton

San Diego, Calif.

\$85

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