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Sgt. Maj. Antonio N. Vizcarrondo (left), outgoing sergeant major, 1st MLG, carries the sword of office for the last time as he prepares to transfer authority to Sgt. Maj. Richard D. Thresher (right), incoming sergeant major, 1st MLG, during a relief and appointment ceremony at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 21. (Photo by: Staff Sgt. Miguel Carrasco)

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1ST MLG'S VIDEO FEATURE

KEEPING OUR HONOR CLEAN: This is part 12 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 Field Resuscitative Surgical System and Shock Trauma Platoon at Forward Operating Base Shukvani.

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.

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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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**Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Miguel Carrasco
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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The 1st Marine Logistics Group Beast football team overcame an early 16-point deficit to defeat the 11th Marine Regiment Cannon Cokers 34-28 here, Oct. 15.

The Beast complete the regular season with an 8-0 record and secure the number one seed for the playoffs, which start next week.

Before the start of the second quarter, Marvin Hill, head coach for the Beast, tried to motivate the team by letting them know they still had three more quarters to play.

Down 16-0, the 1st MLG answered with two touchdown passes by quarterback Matthew Petree to bring the score to 16-14 with 7:24 left in the second quarter. The first touchdown was a 16-yard pass to wide receiver Tony Ortiz and a 60-yard pass to wide receiver Luke Boyd.

Before halftime, the Cannon Cokers answered with an 8-yard touchdown pass to make the score 22-14.

The Cannon Cokers returned a fumble recovery for a touchdown to stretch the score to 28-14.

On the ensuing kickoff, returner Charles Robinson returned the ball for a touch-

down. Kicker Christian Proud missed the extra-point to make the score 28-20.

Petree would find wide receiver Chris Warder for a touchdown pass in the third quarter. The Beast would fail on the two-point conversion to make the score 28-26.

With 4:04 left in the fourth quarter, Beast running back Thaddaeus Haney sealed the victory with a 19-yard touchdown run. Petree tacked on the two-point conversion with a run to make the final score 34-28.

The Beast hopes to continue its winning streak as they enter the playoffs with the top seed for the Camp Pendleton Football League.



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7TH ESB BUILDS BRIDGE

Photos by:
Cpl. Joshua Young
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CLB-7 spouses step into husbands' boots for a day

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. - Combat Logistics Battalion 7 held a Jane Wayne Day for more than 20 spouses and girlfriends Oct. 10. The group of excited and anxious women arrived at 7:30 a.m. to be accounted for, check gear and hydrate. They were already starting off their day like their Marines would.

Sgt. Maj. Amerigo Walton, battalion sergeant major, CLB-7, welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation of CLB-7 family members supporting their Marines. The group then loaded in 7-ton trucks, sporting full battle rattle and headed off to Range 113A for live-fire weapons training.

"Shooting the rifle was pretty awesome," said Shae Sand, CLB-7 wife. "The weapon was heavier than I thought and the recoil was surprising."

Sand was one of many

women impressed with their husbands' ability to handle the M16-A4 service rifle.

"Holding the weapon the right way, alone, was pretty hard," said Becky Krohn, CLB-7 wife. "Being accurate with it, is a whole different story."

Confidence and camaraderie built as the Janes cycled through their firing relays, shared stories and once again loaded in the 7-ton vehicles to travel to their next location.

"Getting in the truck with all this gear on is not easy at all," Krohn said. "This stuff is heavy."

Once the women arrived at Range 215, they were given the opportunity to dine like Marines as well. The women gathered in a courtyard located in the heart of Range 215's Military Operations on Urban Terrain town and received their pre-packaged military rations.

The women rustled through

the boxes of meals, finding entrees that seemed the most appetizing and CLB-7 Marines walked them through the art of preparing the meals. As the women ate their chow, they were briefed on what was to come; patrolling in a fire team through a simulated combat zone.

CLB-7 Marines acted as enemy combatants. They hid in buildings, jumped through windows and ran through alley ways to provide targets for the wives to fire at while they patrolled.

"I definitely have a newfound respect for my husband," Krohn said. "Running around with (a flak jacket) is really heavy with the SAPI plates in it and in the desert, it's hot. When you're running around sweating and firing blanks, it's really an adrenalin rush."

The day was fast paced and ran well into the afternoon. The

women were then scheduled to experience the Combat Vehicles Off-Road Terrain Course in transit back to Del Valle Field. This was followed by an obstacle course and Marine Corps Martial Arts Program demonstration.

"I think it was definitely a really good experience getting familiarized with what my husband does when he's deployed," Krohn said. "I think that's a big key in a relationship; to understand what the spouse, who's in the military, does."

Many of the wives were part of the volunteer program for the battalion, but had never gotten together to meet one another and have fun.

The wives not only experienced the physical demands of what it takes to be a Marine, but also experienced the camaraderie and support that is thickly woven into the Marine Corps lifestyle.



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^ Loved ones of Combat Logistics Battalion 7 Marines receive a range safety brief before patrolling through a Military Operations on Urban Terrain town during CLB-7's Jane Wayne Day aboard the Combat Center, Oct. 10.

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MCAGCC, Twentynine Palms

CLB-1 conducts amphibious training with LCACs

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, conducted amphibious training for the first time with sailors from Assault Craft Unit 5, Naval Beach Group 1, Expeditionary Strike Group 3, at Red Beach here, Sept. 20.

The purpose of the training was to test and corroborate the units' ability to conduct tactical combat logistics patrols and amphibious operations in preparation for 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade exercises.

The training consisted of approximately 80 Marines and sailors.

As Marines are scheduled to transition away from desert operations, the focus is now on amphibious operations.

"It's important now because

for the past 12 years, we've been focusing on desert operations, and we kind of got away from the amphibious roots," said Gunnery Sgt. Charlie Collins, operations chief, Motor Transport Company, CLB-1. "We're getting back to the amphibious roots because we need to be experts on both."

The Marines and sailors launched three waves of Landing Craft Air Cushion vehicles, loaded with essential tactical equipment.

The approximate 87-foot-long Navy LCAC vehicles have the capability to transport 75 tons of military cargo, vehicles, and personnel from ships to land at speeds of up to 40 knots.

Navy LCACs also have a hovercraft capability, which allows the vehicle to turn and travel on land as it kicks up a

large cloud of dust all around it.

"With [ACU-5] being a Navy unit, it's a lot of coordination and making sure we're all on the same page to make sure everything goes right," Collins said. "We're all one team here, and the Navy knows they're here to support us, as well as, we are here to support them."

Petty Officer Second Class Derek Williams, hospital corpsman with NBG-1, stood alongside beach-watchers, who provided communication support during the beach landing.

As an LCAC approached the shore, the beach-watchers gave the go-ahead to come on land and offload their tactical vehicles.

"We pretty much control the beach and the landing area for landing craft operations," Williams said. "Once they get here,

we control the beach. We get them off the craft and get them to where they need to be in a timely manner. We make sure it's safe and make sure nobody's coming into the area of operation."

Amphibious training with Navy forces and LCACs also allows the units to develop a stronger humanitarian capability, should the need arise.

The Navy LCACs allowed service members to bring supplies and aid to the victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

The Marines and sailors of 1st Marine Logistics Group, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit and 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade demonstrated the humanitarian capabilities of the LCAC during San Francisco Fleet Week at San Francisco's Ocean Beach on Oct. 3.

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^ Marines and sailors perform a beach landing with Navy Landing Craft Air Cushion vehicles at Red Beach here, Sept. 20. The landing was a change for Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, to conduct amphibious training for the first time with sailors from Assault Craft Unit 5, Naval Beach Group 1, Expeditionary Strike Group 3.

Marines, Navy land on San Francisco's beach

SAN FRANCISCO - U.S. Marine and Navy forces displayed their capabilities of landing and setting up an expeditionary medical aid station in San Francisco's Ocean Beach, Oct. 3.

Sailors serving with Assault Craft Unit 5, a Navy unit out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., stormed the beach on a Landing Craft Air Cushion carrying heavy logistical equipment and tactical vehicles.

The LCAC departed from the USS Makin Island, a Wasp-class amphibious assault ship that's carrying the Marines and sailors of Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group and the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Aside from capturing the attention of the Bay Area community, who came out for the demonstration, the landing showed the ship-to-shore response capabilities the 13th MEU has when the Navy and Marine Corps employ an amphibious expeditionary task force.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Pendleton Johnson, an information technician with Beach Master

Unit 1, a Navy unit stationed in Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, Calif., said the landing gave the people of San Francisco the ability to see how emergency supplies can be brought in any scenario, such as a natural disaster.

"[The hovercrafts] can carry up to two [battle] tanks on each hovercraft," said Johnson, a Glendora, Calif., native. "So they can carry a great amount of supplies whether it's in a combat scenario or a civilian support scenario."

During an actual crisis response scenario, Navy medical personnel would set up a shock and trauma tent and a forward resuscitative surgical system tent on shore to collect and treat casualties within an hour of landing.

Sailors working inside the expeditionary medical center said their main mission is to save lives and limbs, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony Chow, a corpsman serving with 1st Medical Battalion, 1st MLG, at the forward resuscitative surgical system tent on the beach.

Lieutenant Commander Brian Beale, officer in charge,

advisory training group, 1st Medical Battalion, said the important thing to know about the expeditionary medical aid center is that when employed, they're highly mobile, rapidly deployable and can be almost anywhere in just a moment's notice.

"If something were to happen, and the Navy and Marine Corps medicine team were called upon, we want the people of San Francisco to know what it is that we have to bring to the table to help out in the event that there's some type of requirement for disaster relief," said Beale, a native of Houston. "It doesn't only have to be Afghanistan where we practice this type of medicine and this type of help. We can bring it to the forefront of the shores here at home and can provide the maximal amount of assistance that this setup allows to do for the city of San Francisco."

Anyone who came to see the Marines and Navy kick off San Francisco Fleet Week by storming Ocean Beach were also given the opportunity to take a look inside the tents and ask sailors questions. The medical aid station was fully set up as it

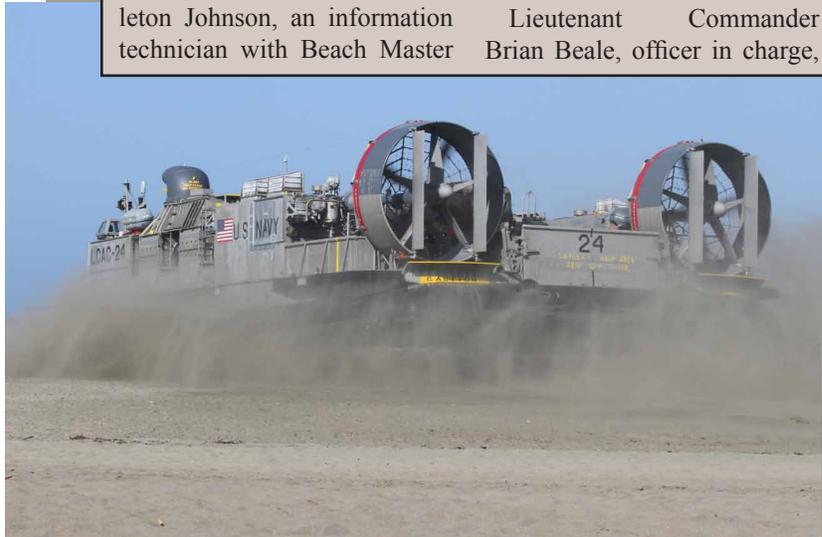
would be for a real-life scenario, but mimicked live casualties with dummies.

Chow, who was born in the Philippines, said everyone was impressed and fascinated with their capabilities of a rapid response and abilities to save lives in any austere scenario with their expeditionary medical equipment.

Sergeant Ron Reynolds of the San Francisco Police Department said he remembers working with first responders during the earthquake of 1989 in San Francisco and did not have the full capabilities for the first two days to help those in need.

The police officer of 30 years said it's important that the Bay Area community know what the Navy and Marine team can do for a city who needs help when disaster strikes.

"If we had a catastrophe here... we can be overwhelmed very easily. It's really reassuring to go home at night and know the Navy and Marines can be here providing help and aid right off the bat," Reynolds said. "I'm extremely impressed with the professionalism I've seen in this whole operation."



^ An LCAC hovers out to sea after a beach landing demonstration during San Francisco Fleet Week, Oct. 3.
> Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony Chow, middle, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Tara Mallari, right, corpsmen serving with 1st Medical Battalion, instruct how to properly treat casualties of a natural disaster during San Francisco Fleet Week, Oct. 3.



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Bay Area Marine values Corps' disaster relief capabilities

SAN FRANCISCO - U.S. Marine Sgt. Ivan Garcia said coming home for duty might be a bit more meaningful for him than for the average Marine serving at San Francisco Fleet Week 2012.

Garcia, a native of Fremont, Calif., who's stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and a group of his fellow unit members from Combat Logistics Regiment 1, landed in San Francisco Oct. 3 and kicked off their portion of Fleet Week with a static display of logistical and tactical vehicles and equipment at Marina Green, Oct. 5.

The Marines' mission at Marina Green is to show visitors the capabilities and assets Marines have when it comes to logistical support during disaster relief and humanitarian assistance operations.

"As Marines, we need to be ready for any contingency no matter what it is," said Capt. Sarah Culbertson, future operations officer and regimental engineer with CLR-1. "It's important that we show the world our capabilities."

More importantly, Garcia said the logistical support the Marine Corps offers can be the assistance a city could need if a natural disaster were to occur.

"We're here to help people know that Marines are not just a fighting force. We're the one's who could

provide aid and support to whoever needs - whenever they need," Garcia said. "By showing them our vehicles, our equipment and explaining to them our capabilities, it helps them visualize what we're able to do."

Garcia serves as a motor transport operator, driving armored tactical vehicles when training or while deployed overseas. He said luckily, his unit was chosen to represent the Marine Corps at Marine Green Oct. 5 at the static display - concurrent to the air show.

He takes his mission at Fleet Week very seriously, he said. He knows firsthand just how important having quick responding humanitarian assistance means when disaster strikes. Garcia was 5 years old when the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake shook the Bay Area. He lived just miles away from the epicenter.

Garcia said his most vivid memory of the devastation is running out the door with his mother and sister, as his TV, dishes and wall units came crashing down in his house.

With a surface-wave magnitude of 7.1, he said he couldn't even stay standing as the family waited outside his house for the 15-second quake to end.

"I remember seeing trees and telephone poles down all over the place. Cars crashed into each other. It was crazy," Garcia said. "We

couldn't go north. We couldn't get up to Oakland because the highways were closed and the Bay Bridge went down."

According to online records, the earthquake killed 63 people, injured more than 3,000 and left thousands more homeless.

Garcia said it took months for his city to recover. He shares the story with his fellow Marines to this day.

"Marines should understand that a 'force in readiness' doesn't necessarily just mean a force ready to fight a war," Garcia said.

"We're a force that's ready to come at a moment's notice to help and provide humanitarian services. If someone's down, Marines will be there to help, especially back at home."

Most of Combat Logistics Regiment 1 is supporting the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit for Fleet Week by providing the static display support.

Units like the 13th MEU are one of the Corps' most prepared landing forces when it comes to humanitarian aid operations, amphibious task force operations and combat operations. Two of the 13th MEU's sister units, the 22nd and 24th Marine Expeditionary Units, were the lead landing forces during humanitarian aid operations in earthquake-stricken Haiti in January 2010.

"We can get to any country in

the world," Garcia said. "The vehicles that we have, such as the 7-ton trucks and the [logistic vehicle system replacements], can provide the best humanitarian services by bringing in medical supplies, food and shelter."

Garcia said one of the highlights of Fleet Week he's waiting for is to see his family when they visit him at the static display on Marina Green Oct. 6.

"I'll also be able to explain to my family what [the Marine Corps'] capabilities are," Garcia said. "It makes me happy knowing they'll be a little more at ease as far as getting support if disaster were to strike. They know that the Marines and the sailors would be right here at a moment's notice."

Aside from showing the Bay Area community what the Marine Corps and Navy has to offer, Garcia and his Marines said they're enthusiastic to see what San Francisco has to offer them as well. Garcia said merchants and the city's people have welcomed the Marines and sailors graciously.

Culbertson, a Chicago native, said she also expects her Marines to have a good time in the city when they have the opportunity.

"It's a great time to interact with the public," she said. "We're in an amazing city with a lot of amazing people. We came out here with a great crew and we want San Francisco to meet them."

> Sgt. Ivan Garcia, a native of Fremont, Calif., stands in front of an amphibious assault vehicle, a few tactical 7-ton trucks and a tactical bulldozer, all used for a static display at Marina Green in San Francisco during Fleet Week on Oct. 5.

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1st MLG receives new sergeant major

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Sergeant Maj. Antonio N. Vizcarrondo, outgoing sergeant major, 1st Marine Logistics Group, transferred authority to the incoming sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Richard D. Thresher, during a relief and appointment ceremony here, Sept. 21.

Vizcarrondo, a native of Lynn, Mass., is scheduled to become the new senior enlisted advisor of the Defense Information Systems

Agency at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

"It was a great honor over the last 14 months to serve side-by-side with (Vizcarrondo)," said Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group, "I know you will step into the joint community continuing to lead Marines and sailors but now soldiers and airmen as well."

Vizcarrondo has served as the sergeant major of 1st

MLG since January 2010 and deployed twice to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"To the Marines and sailors I deployed to Afghanistan with, you are inspirational, you are phenomenal, continue to do the great things you are doing," said Vizcarrondo.

Thresher, a native of Arlington, Texas, recently served as the sergeant major of Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division and ser-

geant major of Marine Corps Base Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan.

"(Thresher), I am looking forward to working with you," said Brig. Gen. Broadmeadow. "You come here with a great reputation."

Thresher made sure the Marines present knew he would continue to hold them to a high standard.

"All I ever want to do is lead Marines," said Thresher, "I'm ready to go to work, sir."



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Staff Sgt. Miguel Carrasco
Public Affairs Chief

▲ Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow (left), commanding general, 1st MLG, transfers the sword of office to Sgt. Maj. Richard D. Thresher (right), incoming sergeant major, 1st MLG, during a relief and appointment ceremony at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 21.

▼ Sgt. Maj. Antonio N. Vizcarrondo (middle), outgoing sergeant major, 1st MLG, salutes during the singing of the national anthem for the relief and appointment ceremony at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 21.



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Around the Group

Pendleton joins in on Domestic Violence Awareness Month

*By Cpl. Michelle Brinn
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On average, three women in the United States lose their lives every day from domestic-violence incidents, according to President Barack Obama's 2012 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation.

In response, Camp Pendleton joined the national campaign this October to prevent such violence by heightening awareness and advertising intervention resources and programs.

Help is available online at www.militaryonesource.com or by phone at 1-800-342-9647. Help is also available by calling 760-725-9051 and 760-763-6940.

For more information [click here](#).

RECP officially begins aboard Pendleton

*By Cpl. Michelle Brinn
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Announced in a recent letter by the Base Commanding General to all family housing residents, the Resident Energy Conservation Program is set to begin aboard Camp Pendleton in the coming months.

The RECP rewards and incentivizes conservation, and the savings are reinvested to improve homes, playgrounds, community centers and all-around quality of life.

Wounded Warriors and those in the Exceptional Family Members Program who may consume significant amounts of energy due to unique circumstances may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for RECP waivers.

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