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Behind THE MASK

MLG Marines get familiar with new XM50

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Marines participate in annual nuclear, biological and chemical training in order to remain competent with the equipment and procedures for proper usage should the need arise to protect themselves in a chemical environment.

As part of an update to the NBC program, the Armed Forces recently began fielding the new XM50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask.

Designed to replace the old M40 and M45, the new masks landed aboard Camp Lejeune September and October of last year, and the Marines attached to 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) have in-

corporated them into their pre-deployment training exercise.

"This mask is easier to maintain, it has a filter shelf-life indicator, and provides us with the ability to safely and quickly change filters while in a contaminated environment. It also has improved drinking system that is easier to use with a greater flow of liquids," explained Lance Cpl. Michael J. Pylican, a chemical biological radiological and nuclear specialist with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd MLG.

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2nd MLG incorporates new gas mask into pre-deployment training

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The new mask has reduced weight and bulk, lower breathing resistance, and improved equipment compatibility. It also has improved and increased periods of protection. JSGPM filter technology is the most significant change from prior protective masks; the new material is packed into a smaller canister, integrated into the mask, not only increasing the airflow into the mask but improving the field

of view significantly.

“Personally, I think this gas mask is more comfortable and it’s easier to breathe and drink water with it,” Pylican added. “The new filter reduces breathing resistance, so wearing the mask is much less tiring and much more comfortable.”

Marines with the MLG units are required to attend the gas chamber prior to their upcoming deployment to develop a sense of familiarity with the new gas mask and learn the proper way to operate it.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Lance Cpl. Michael J. Pylican, a chemical biological radiological and nuclear defense specialist with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group shows the new XM50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask fully disassembled aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 24, 2010. Compared to its predecessors, the new XM50 JSGPM has reduced weight and bulk, lower breathing resistance, and improved equipment compatibility as well as improved and increased periods of protection.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Lance Cpl. Michael J. Pylican demonstrate how to check the seal and clear the new XM50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 24, 2010. The 2nd MLG (FWD) has incorporated training with the new mask into pre-deployment exercises.



Joint Service General Purpose Mask

- Improved comfort
- Reduced weight/bulk
- Panoramic Lens
- Advanced Filters
- Reduced breathing resistance

* Compared with M40 and M45 models.

BLOTTER



21 Jan. 2011 - During a health and comfort inspection, a Marine found a packet of spice in the barracks room of a 2nd Supply Battalion Marine. A permissive search resulted in the discovery of two additional packets of spice, which were seized as evidence. The offending Marine was apprehended, processed and released to a unit representative.

25 Jan. 2011 - A homemade bong belonging to a Marine with Combat Logistics Regiment 27 was found in a bathroom. The bong was released to the command for destruction and the Marine was apprehended, processed and released to a unit representative.

'I've learned so much'

CBRN Marine talks past, present, future

Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado
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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Gas gas gas! Eight, seven, six ... two, one and done! So who doesn't have their gas mask on? If you've been to the gas chamber, chances are, you've had a Marine recite these words to you as you rush to put your XM 50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask. In many cases, the Marine is Cpl. Christopher Watson.

The 24-year-old native of Lewiston, Maine, is responsible for teaching Marines and sailors the ins and outs of the gas mask and everything having to do with the gas chamber and chemical defense.

Watson enlisted in the Marine Corps Dec. 2006 as a chemical biological radiological nuclear defense specialist, and like many, joined for the challenge.

"I wanted to challenge myself," he said. "... Prove to myself that I could do it."

As he's moved up the ranks and forward in his journey through the Corps, Watson says he enjoys his job and the different things it includes

"Whether it's dealing with Marines or tracking small items we must account for the gas masks," he said.

His favorite part of the job, however, was apparent.

"I love to teach," said Watson. "That's a large part of my job, training Marines."

He takes this from his senior leadership, Master Sgt. Lannie Parks.

"(Master Sgt. Parks) sets the example daily for all of his Marines"

The aspiring corrections officer will surely take those leadership skills as his enlistment comes to an end in Feb. 2011.

"The time I've spent here and in the Marine Corps was so valuable," said Watson. "I've learned so much in the four years I've been in. I've definitely gotten all I wanted out of this."



Photo by Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

Cpl. Christopher Watson, a chemical biological radiological nuclear defense specialist with Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, poses for a photo aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 25, 2011. Watson, a Lewiston, Maine, native, conducts gas chambers and other courses that are part of annual training for Marines in the regiment.

WARRIOR - OF THE - WEEK



CPL. CHRISTOPHER WATSON

JOB: CBRN Defense Specialist

AGE: 24

Q: What is your favorite part about your job in the Marine Corps?

A: "Definitely training Marines. I love to teach them."

Q: What is your favorite MRE?

A: "Pot Roast...fantastic."

Q: Do you have and hero? Why?

A: "Master Sgt. Lannie Parks. He sets the example daily for all of his Marines."

Q: What sports team do you root for?

A: "New England Patriots or whoever is winning."

Sutton relinquishes command of CLB-24

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Lt. Col. Scott D. Sutton relinquished command of Combat Logistics Battalion 24 to Lt. Col. Daniel J. Bradley in a ceremony at Marston Pavilion aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 21.

Dozens of family and friends crowded the room to watch as Sutton's two-year tour as the battalion's commander came to an end and another began.

"I had a great time here," said Sutton. "I am jealous of Bradley and his wife. I know they'll have a great time as well."

As Sutton continued his speech, he acknowledged many of the people in the audience who helped him arrive at this point of his career.

Sutton concluded his speech by thanking the friends and families of all the Marines

in attendance.

"Without you this wouldn't be possible," he said. "We do what we do because of you."

As Sutton took his seat and Bradley made his way to the center of the room, the crowd of approximately 40 people embraced him with a welcoming applause.

"Thank you everyone for attending," he said. "Replacing (Sutton) will not be an easy task."

During his speech Bradley also took the time to thank Sutton, his wife and everyone who came to the ceremony to watch the changing of the guard.

"Everyone has been very helpful in the past week," said Bradley. "They've made the transitional easy for us."

As the ceremony drew to a close, everyone congratulated both of the Marines as they embarked on separate journeys in their careers.



Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado
Lt. Col. Scott D. Sutton, formerly of CLB-24, speaks to friends and family during a change of command ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 21, 2011, where he relinquished command of the battalion to Lt. Col. Daniel J. Bradley.



8th ESB executes bridge op in Garmser district

Marines from 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, construct a bridge over a faltering Afghan bridge in the Garmserdistrict, Helmand province, Afghanistan, January 14, 2011. 8th ESB Marines provide engineering support for coalition forces throughout the province in support of the International Security Assistance Force. Originally activated in 1950 aboard Camp Lejeune as the 8th Engineer Battalion, elements of the unit have participated in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

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