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Heroes' recognition EOD Marines earn awards for valor

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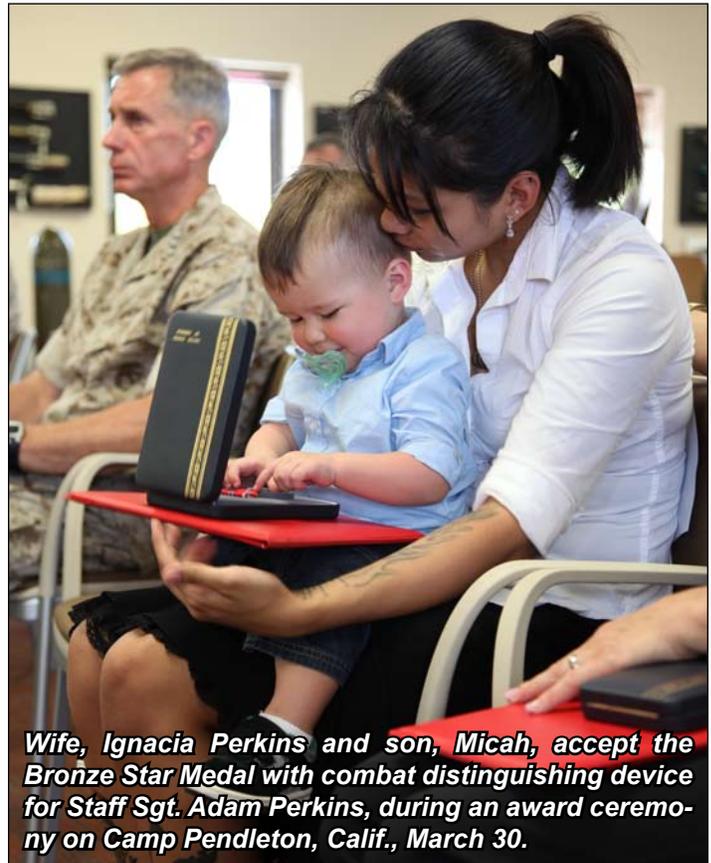
MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.

— Four Marines with 1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, were recognized and honored during an award ceremony here, March 30.

Master Sgt. Daniel L. Fedder, a platoon sergeant with First Platoon, 1st EOD Com-

pany, was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device for heroic actions while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The award was accepted by his wife, Diana Fedder.

According to the award citation, Fedder's courage, professionalism and strong leadership contributed to the mobility and operational tempo of Regimental Combat Team 2 and the British 40
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Wife, Ignacia Perkins and son, Micah, accept the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device for Staff Sgt. Adam Perkins, during an award ceremony on Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30.

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, climb arduous terrain during a battalion hike on Camp Pendleton, Calif.,



CLB-11 conducts battalion hike

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.

— Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, participated in a 3-mile hike with a full combat load here, April 1.

"The purpose [of the hike] was to increase camaraderie, esprit de corps and combat fitness," said Lt. Col. Andrew J. Bergen, commanding officer, CLB-

11, CLR-17, 1st MLG.

Events such as the battalion hike do more than make Marines stronger, they provide an opportunity for Marines to experience hardships and grow from them. The hike was also a chance to build unit cohesion.

"We all did a pretty good job," said Lance Cpl. Brian J. Delasbour, field wireman, Communications Detachment, CLB-11, CLR-17, 1st MLG. "When you turn around and look at your platoon and all the pain

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Gas chamber

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.

— Nine seconds is crucial when Marines have to don their gas mask, clear it and have a complete seal.

Those vital moments are exactly why more than 40 Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group attended Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nu-

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Culture Awareness: Marines prepare for upcoming deployment

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.

— Becoming culturally savvy for their upcoming deployment was a priority for Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, who participated in an Operational Culture General Course here, March 30.

Normally, deploying units would take a Center for Advanced Operational Culture Course, which would educate service members about the cultures strictly directed to the country they plan on deploying to, but Marine Expeditionary Units have multiple destinations throughout the world encountering many different cultures. The Operational Culture General Course fulfills their broad educational requirements for such a deployment.

“What we teach in the [Operational Cultural General Course] can be applied anywhere,” said Hamid Lellou, United States Central Command/United States African Command analyst, I Marine Expeditionary Force. “It gives the Marines tools to understand a culture by asking themselves two questions: How do I affect them? How do they affect me?”

There are some characteristics that are common to each culture, which are known as the five dimensions of operational culture: environmental, eco-



Hamid Lellou, CENTCOM/AFRICOM analyst, I Marine Expeditionary Force, educates Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, on how to be aware of cultural differences in various countries during an Operational Culture General Course at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30.

nomie, social structure, political structure and belief system. The entire course is based off of these dimensions.

Environment is a key dimension of culture because people adapt their way of living to their local surroundings. Economy is another characteristic of culture in which the nationals obtain, produce and distribute items they want or need to survive. People around the world have different roles, status or power, which affect their social structure in different cultures. Beliefs are shared by the community, they are not always based off religion but by history, family, education and cultural experience.

“Each one of these dimensions affect one another,” said Lellou, an instructor for the course. “You can’t help people by trying to change their culture.”

Each of the dimensions taught have key points that will help service members in critical situations. They can determine how to act and communicate with locals in social gatherings, events and congregations.

This course is very important to units who are about to deploy, said Dave Harlan, Liaison Officer, CAOCL, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

“Every deploying unit is required to take the CAOCL course,” said Harlan.

“The course has a lot of good information,” said Staff Sgt. Fernando Ramos, warehouse chief, Supply Detachment, CLB-11, CLR-17, 1st MLG. “It will be helpful for the Marines, especially the ones who haven’t deployed.”

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Happenings

Tax season

All taxes are due April 18th. VITA provides free individual income tax preparation for all military personnel and dependents. For more information, call (760) 763-2518.

Belvedere Vodka Tasting

April 8th, 4-6 p.m.

Patrons must be 21 years of age to participate in the free tasting at the Vineyard on Mainside, Camp Pendleton.

Basketball Championship

Camp Pendleton is hosting the All Armed Forces Basketball Championship at Paige Fieldhouse, April 10-18th. For registration and more information, call (760) 725-6614.

Mini Career Fair

Camp Pendleton is hosting a career fair, free of charge, at the Base Theatre, Thursday, April 14th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (760) 725-9477.

College Fair

San Diego State University is hosting a free basic training for higher education conference, April 15. The conference provides military and veterans of the San Diego area with information on how to gain admission and utilize their G.I. benefits. Lunch is provided. For more information, call (760) 725-3400.



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Commando's area of operations within Helmand province, Afghanistan. His countless acts of valor were routinely displayed while responding to, rendering safe and disposing of more than 25 improvised explosive devices throughout the area of operations for two separate units.

On August 27, 2010, while disarming an IED under small-arms fire, Fedder, 34, native of Pine City, Minn., was mortally wounded by a premature detonation.

"Dan was a mentor and a leader," said CWO2 John Hermann, operations officer, 1st EOD Company. "Everyone had admiration for him and his dedication to his community and the Marine Corps."

He was respected up and down the chain of command, said Hermann, 33, from Tucson, Ariz.

Staff Sgt. Adam Perkins, explosive ordnance disposal technician, 1st Platoon, 1st EOD Co., was also posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device for heroic actions. Perkins' wife, Ignacia and son, Micah, accepted the award in honor of the EOD technician.

According to the award citation, on May 17, 2010, Perkins, 27, from Antelope, Calif., was mortally wounded by a premature detonation while disarming an IED while at the same time under enemy small-arms fire. His decisive leadership contributed to the overall success of 1st EOD Company's mission in support of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 1st Marine



Sgt. William R. Ziervogel, 36, from Mesa, Ariz, assistant team leader, 1st platoon, 1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, receives the Bronze Star Medal during an award ceremony on Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30.

Division (Forward) as they assumed Musa Qa'leh, Afghanistan into their area of operation.

"He will be greatly missed," said Hermann. "The platoon was always his first priority, and he was always willing to help those who needed it."

Both Marines were highly respected members of 1st EOD, said Hermann.

"Top Fedder and Perkins definitely deserved being recognized for their dedication," said Sgt. William R. Ziervogel, assistant team leader, 1st platoon, 1st EOD Company. "They were very close friends of mine."

Ziervogel, 36, Mesa, Ariz, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device for heroic actions while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

According to the award citation, on May 17, 2010, Ziervogel and his team leader responded to a cordon of four IEDs near a patrol base. As his team leader began work-

ing on disarming the first IED, Ziervogel began sweeping for secondary devices when a device triggered the explosives seriously injuring his team leader. Despite being 10 meters from the blast and witnessing the injuries suffered by his team leader and friend, Ziervogel immediately took charge and instructed all personnel to remain in place until he cleared the area. His actions permitted the corpsmen to safely approach the critically wounded Marine. Ziervogel continued to sweep a path and clear a landing zone even as the patrol was engaged in a fire fight.

"I was only doing my job," said Ziervogel, "minimize further casualties and take care of the Marines who are injured."

Along with most of the explosive ordnance disposal specialist, Ziervogel became an EOD technician to help his brothers in arms.

"I wanted to save lives, not to take them away," he said.

Another Marine was also recognized for his actions while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Staff Sgt. Adam C. Roberts, explosive ordnance disposal technician, EOD detachment, Combat Logistics Regiment 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered from an IED blast when he was with 1st EOD Co., 7th ESB, 1st MLG (FWD).

On May 17, 2010, while responding to a request for assistance in the vicinity of Patrol Base Salaam Bazaar, Roberts and a fellow Marine were wounded when they struck an IED.

After receiving the medal, Roberts sees this as an opportunity to remember times of hardship and the Marines he deployed with.

"It's recognition for the tough times of last year and for those who didn't make it back to the States," said Roberts, 25. Whitesville, Ky.

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everyone is going through, everyone is still pushing, it's motivating."

CLB-11 is deploying with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit later this year. During their deployment, they will travel aboard U.S. Navy amphibious ships around the world serving as a force in readiness.

"Like any military training, shared, tough, realistic training builds camaraderie," said Bergen, 39, from Elmwood Park, NJ.

As well as training for their rapidly approaching deployment, the Marines are excited about their travels around the world.

"The whole command is excited, and the battalion is well-postured to complete training and deploy," said Bergen.

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1st Sgt. Jonathan L. Morris, battalion sergeant major, Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, leads the way during a conditioning hike, April 1. "The purpose [of the hike] was to increase camaraderie, esprit de corps and combat fitness," said Lt. Col. Andrew J. Bergen, commanding officer, CLB-11, CLR-17, 1st MLG.



(Top) Sgt. Christopher B. Gentz, landing support specialist, Landing Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, wades through knee-deep water during a battalion hike on Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 1. (Right) Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, wade through a water obstacle during a battalion hike on Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 1.



CLB-5 Marines attend confidence chamber

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clear training here, March 30.

The CBRN course, also known as the confidence chamber, provided Marines information about the history of CBRN and the proper way to use their equipment, such as the new M-50 field-protective mask and the Mission Oriented Protective Posture suit. The course also taught correct hand-and-arm signals, the safety kit and the decontamination process.

"Unlike what they went through in boot camp, this course was meant for them to build confidence in their equipment," said Cpl. Vincent Pritchett, CBRN chief, CLB-5, CLR-1, 1st MLG. "They must learn to trust their equipment so they won't freak out if [things go south in theatre.]"

Prior to going through the confidence chamber, Marines conducted prac-



A Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, tests the drinking function of his field-protective mask inside a confidence chamber during CLB-5's annual Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30. The course was designed to help Marines build more confidence in their equipment.

tical application to build confidence with their gear. Pritchett, 21, from Arab, Ala., showed participants how the new, field-protective masks are better, lighter, can self-seal and are more effective.

After completing the chamber, Pfc. Tiera Cowan, administrative clerk, CLB-5,

CLR-1, 1st MLG, grew more confident with her field-protective mask, she said. She believes that her gear would be effective even in strenuous situations.

"The instructor really knew his stuff," said Cowan, 20, from Detroit. "His instruction covered pretty much anything I wanted to know about CBRN. He helped us when we needed assistance and showed us to be confident and [have] trust in our gear."

Pritchett explained his personal goal is to prepare everyone to be ready for the unlikely event of a chemical attack. He wants everyone to know what they have to do during a time of crisis.

"The way I see it, we help them to help others to survive by teaching them to stay calm and take charge in the situation," said Pritchett. In order to make the information easy for the Marines to digest,

Pritchett kept the course interactive by asking questions and including everyone in all the demonstrations.

"The way he explained things, it was easy to pick up," said Lance Cpl. Dimas Cuevas, embarkation specialist, CLB-5, CLR-1, 1st MLG. "He showed us that the more we do it, the more confidence we'll gain. By not panicking, we'll be able to accomplish our mission."

Once everyone understood the course and was equipped with the proper gear, Pritchett took them to a confidence chamber filled with CS gas, commonly known as tear gas. Here, they performed and completed exercises given by the instructors in order to complete the course.

"If they can keep their composure and know what to do, they'll be able to save the others," said Pritchett.

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Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, exercise to raise their heart rates in a confidence chamber to test their equipment during CLB-5's annual Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30.



- GIVE HIM ONE - SGT. FRANCO LOZA III

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -- Some people are born to be leaders. Such is the case for one specific noncommissioned officer from Combat Logistics Regiment 17.

Sgt. Franco Loza III, a food service specialist with food Service Company, CLR-17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, leads by example and is a true role model and stellar Marine. The 21-year-old from Natalia, Texas joined the Marine Corps June 17, 2007 and since then has strived to be an example for others to follow.

"I was told to be on a constant pursuit of excellence," said Loza. "I did all the things I had to do to challenge myself, to make myself better."

By constantly striving for excellence, Loza was meritoriously promoted to the rank of corporal and to his current rank of sergeant.

Through out his career, there have been Marines who have motivated and pushed Loza to his current position. He named three that helped him the most: Sgt. Maj. Jason Perry, 1st Sgt. Curtis Rice and Gunnery Sgt. Antonio Hairston.

"[Sgt. Maj. Perry] sort of took me under his wing," said Loza. "By watching him and the way he carried himself, I learned how to talk to people in a respectful manner and how to lead."

Since Feb. 2010, Loza has been an instrumental NCO for CLR-17. He is the color guard sergeant and a black belt Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor for Food Service Company.



Sgt. Franco Loza III, food service specialist, Food Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, tests Marines for their grey belt in Marine Corps Martial Arts Program at Camp Pendleton Calif., April 1. The 21-year-old Natalia, Texas native recently received the 2010 Leadership Award from the Navy, Marine Corps Association.

"I love teaching MCMAP," said Loza. "Not only for the physical training it gives, but also for the mental training."

Loza does not stop at mentoring and leading Marines directly under his charge. He seeks to help any service members who may need assistance, such as students from his MCMAP course.

"He's a great leader," said Lance Cpl. Matthew Wooddell, disbursing office, CLR-17, 1st MLG. "If there's something you don't know, he will try to teach you to the best of his knowledge."

It is good for Marines to have a role model to take after, said Loza.

"I try to tell Marines that they can take after me, but don't be exactly like me," said Loza. "It's better for them to develop their own leadership skills and be even better than me."

But Loza doesn't stop there.

He plans on continuing to improve himself.

On his free time Loza likes to run marathons. So far, he has participated in nine of them and placed second in two.

To further influence Marines, Loza is currently putting in his package to become a drill instructor.

Loza recently received the 2010 Leadership award from the Navy, Marine Corps Association. Nominees were selected for the award based on how well they lead their troops and how they conduct themselves.

"I'm just honored that I was chosen to receive the award."

Loza credits his mother, Anna Loza, also from Natalia, Texas, for all of his success.

"My success will be with her," said Loza. "She was always there. If I called her, she would always answer

Marines train to save lives in CLS course

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – In combat, when a Marine is seriously wounded, Navy Corpsmen have the responsibility of treating to the individual, but when the doc is out of reach, the skills of fellow Marines may be the difference between life and death.

For this reason, eight Marines and sailors participated in the Combat Live Savers course here, March 31.

The CLS course is a program available to all Marines, which prepares them for combat by teaching advanced first aid.

The purpose of a CLS-trained Marine is to provide first-aid care related to many battlefield injuries. The Marines are trained to treat hemorrhaging, burns, broken bones, collapsed lungs and how to treat Marines in shock.

“Basically, my thoughts behind teaching CLS is that we are teaching Marines to save lives by getting them comfortable with the basics,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Alexander P. Moreno, corpsman, 1st Medical Battalion., Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics



Cpl. Kyle Dewey, ammo technician, 1st Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, inserts an IV into Sgt. Anthony M. Miller, ammo technician, 1st Supply Bn., CLR-15, 1st MLG, during a Combat Live Savers course at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 31. The purpose of a CLS-trained Marine is to provide first-aid care for many battlefield injuries including hemorrhaging, burns, broken bones, collapsed lungs and how to treat Marines in shock.

Group. “It enhances the knowledge and confidence of Marines to perform life-saving techniques under any circumstance.”

Corpsmen with 1st Medical Battalion conduct the CLS course on a regular basis for Marines.

“I love instructing CLS,” said Moreno, 29, from Oakland, Calif. “I know that by teaching

it, somewhere down the line it can save someone’s life. I’m empowering Marines with basic medical knowledge.”

Many Marines who go through the course enjoy learning what the course has to offer.

Learning about IVs was truly enjoyable, said Sgt. Michael R. Miller, ammo technician, Supply Bn., CLR-

15, 1st MLG. The instructors taught them how to use and administer an IV, and during the course, they used practical application.

“What we learned here is useable on the battlefield,” said Miller, “I learned a lot of good stuff.”

The class is useful for anyone who could possibly see combat in the near future. Life-saving skills are a major benefit on the battlefield and CLS Marines are properly trained to reduce the number of battlefield deaths.

“Marines need corpsmen,” said Moreno, “there will be times when a corpsman at their side goes down or cannot reach the Marine. That’s why CLS is there, and we preach self aid, buddy aid then corpsman aid.”

Life-saving skills are extremely important; first aid is literally a matter of life and death, because Marines never really know what type of situations may arise.

“I suggest people who are waiting to go to the fight, or just came back from the fight to take this course, basically anyone who needs to be operationally ready,” said Moreno.

If you are interested in taking a CLS course, please call 1st Medical Battalion S-3 at 760-725-4053.

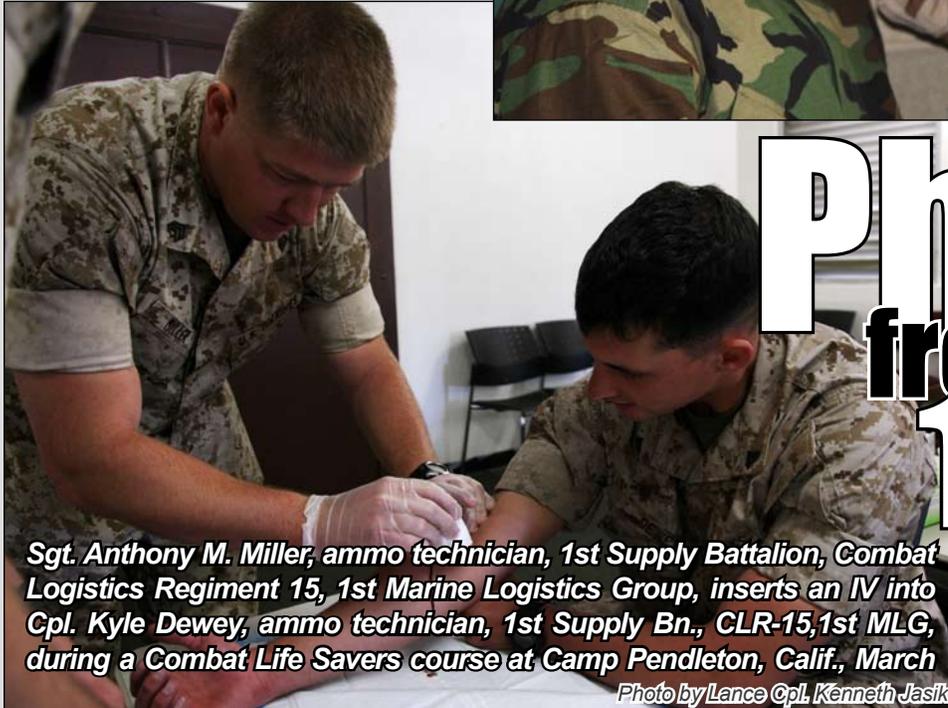
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(Right) Cpl. Vincent Pritchett, Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear chief, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, assists a Marine in clearing his field protective mask inside a confidence chamber during CLB-5's annual CBRN training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30. More than 40 Marines with CLB-5, CLR-1, 1st MLG, attended the training.



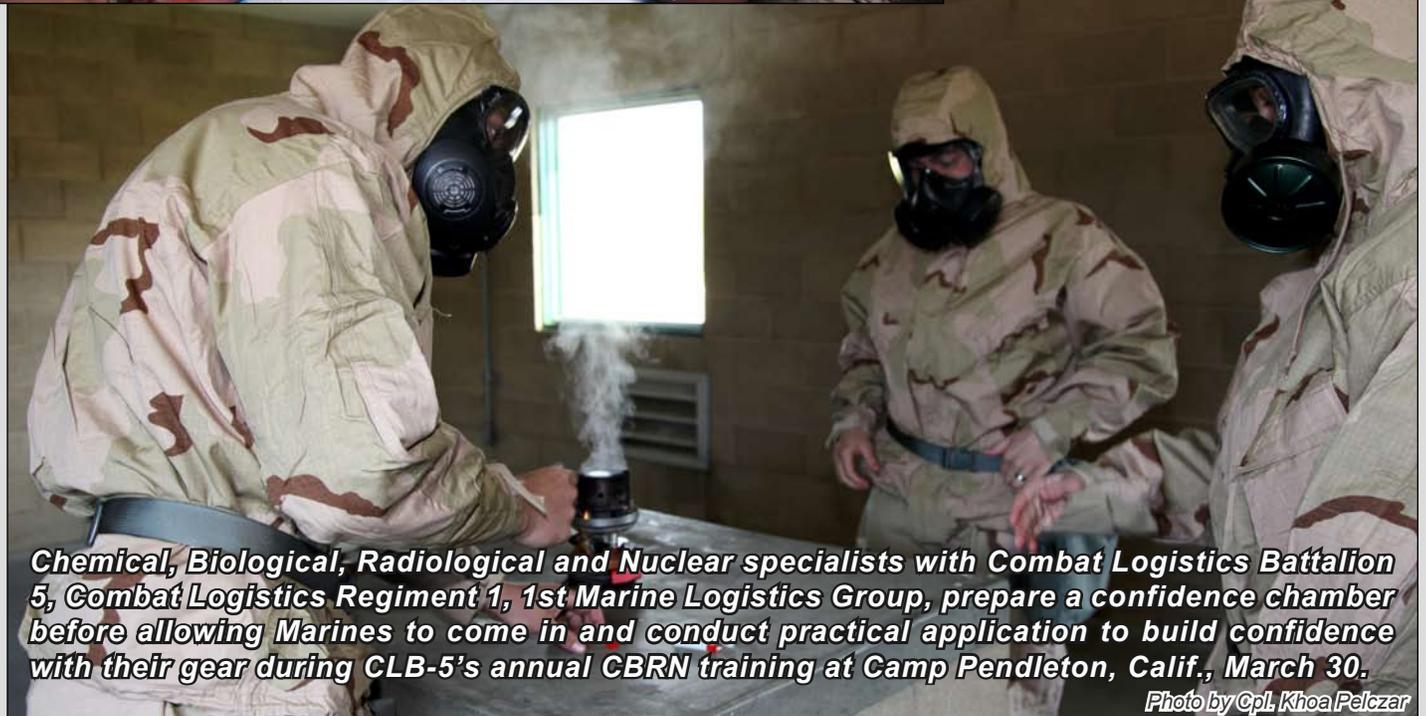
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Photos from around 1st MLG



Sgt. Anthony M. Miller, ammo technician, 1st Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, inserts an IV into Cpl. Kyle Dewey, ammo technician, 1st Supply Bn., CLR-15, 1st MLG, during a Combat Life Savers course at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kenneth Jasik



Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear specialists with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, prepare a confidence chamber before allowing Marines to come in and conduct practical application to build confidence with their gear during CLB-5's annual CBRN training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 30.

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