

# Happy Anniversary 1st MLG



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Elvin Pena  
 Marines bow their heads in prayer during the 1st Marine Logistics Group anniversary ceremony.



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 Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow speaks during the 1st Marine Logistics Group anniversary ceremony on Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 1.



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 Marines stand in a formation during the 1st Marine Logistics Group anniversary ceremony.



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# 64 years of unwavering support

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On July 1, Marines and sailors of 1st Marine Logistics Group celebrated the 64th anniversary of its establishment as the provider of the six functions of logistics for I Marine Expeditionary Force.

From maintenance, supply and engineering to food service and facilities, the Marines of 1st MLG stand ready to support their brethren in arms.

More than six decades ago, in 1947, 1st Combat Service Group was formed on Hawaii and was re-located shortly after to Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Calif.

In 1950, the group deployed to Kobe, Japan and moved to Inchon, Korea, where they were attached to 1st Marine Division. The Group provided support in Inchon, Chosin and on the Eastern and Western Fronts of the Korean War.

Upon redeployment to the states in 1953, the unit was re-designated as 1st Combat Service Group, Fleet Marine Force.

After a 12-year hiatus, it was time for the group to re-enter the combat zone and deploy to the Republic of Vietnam. The Group operated from Da Nang Air Base through April 1971, where they were re-designated as the 1st Force Service Regiment, Fleet Marine Force, on Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Five years later on April 30, 1976, the unit's name was changed to 1st Force Service Support Group.

In 1990, the logistics group participated in Operation Desert Shield/ Desert Storm in Southwest Asia and in 1992 entered Mogadishu, Somalia to support the MAGTF in Operation Restore Hope from December 1992 to February 1993.

The 1st FSSG deployed to Iraq

in early 2003, in response to the eviction of United Nations inspectors, wherein the Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to the Group for unprecedented support to the warfighter for having traveled more miles and moved more supplies than ever before in American history.

Marines of 1st FSSG have been deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on four separate occasions.

The group was subsequently redesignated as 1st Marine Logistics Group in October 2005, in an effort to better reflect its ongoing mission.

In March 2010, 1st MLG deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and returned to the states in March 2011.

Information provided by <http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/mlg/history.asp> and <http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/external/1stmlg/history/history.jsp>

## HAPPENINGS

### Motorcycle Safety Courses

An advanced riders course will be held weekly 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.

### Sugar Ray Leonard

Mr. Leonard will be signing his new book 'The Big Fight' on mainside at the Country Store, Camp Pendleton from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., July 8. For more information, please call (760) 725-6233 x122.

### Non-contact Football Camp

The Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Athletics Department will host a non-contact football camp for children ages 5-18. Registration begins 11:30 a.m., July 23, at Paige Fieldhouse, Camp Pendleton. The first 500 are free to register. For more information, please contact the Athletics Department at (760) 763-5519.

### Red Bull Rivals: East vs. West

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Athletics Department will host the first ever surfing competition between East Coast Marines and West Coast Marines. The competition will take place at 10 a.m. at Del Mar Beach, July 30. For more information, please call (760) 725-6195.

### Youth Dance Camp

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Athletics Department will host a dance camp for children ages 5-18. Registration begins 10 a.m., July 23, at Paige Fieldhouse, Camp Pendleton. The first 150 people are free to register. For more information, please contact the department at (760) 763-5519.

After 60 years abroad, a soldier's remains are finally returned. Click picture to learn about a 1st MLG Marine's involvement.



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Elvin Pena

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# 1st MLG's Year in Review



Photo by Cpl. Khoa Pelczar

The 1st Marine Logistics Group football team, the Beast, holds up the championship trophy after defeating the 3rd Tracks' Gators 13-0 at the 2010 Camp Pendleton Football League Championship game on Camp Pendleton, Calif., Nov. 30, 2010. After two years of chasing the trophy, they've accomplished their dream. The Beast went on to win the Best of the West title against the champion of Twentynine Palms later that year.

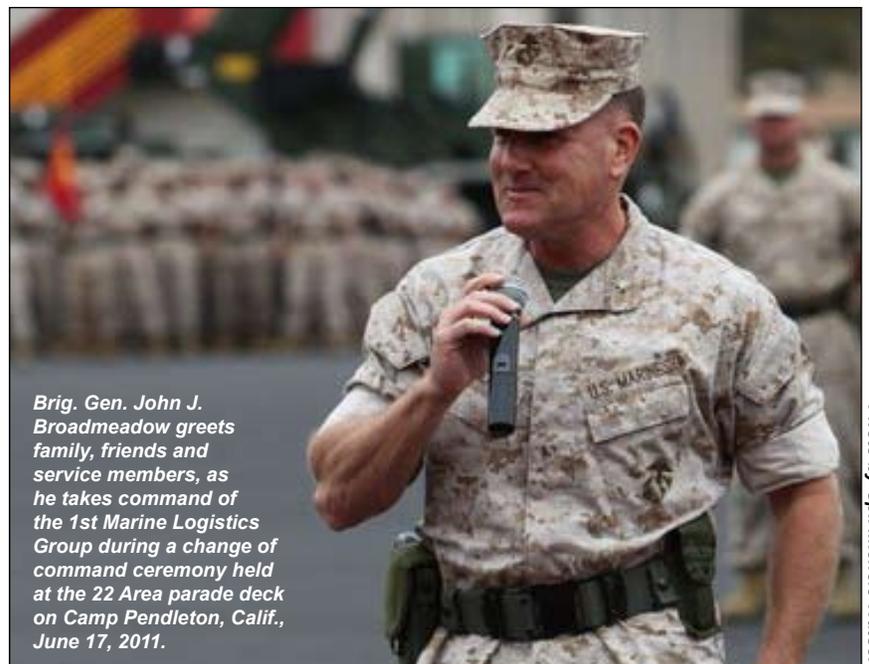


Photo by Sgt. Shannon McMillan

A Marine shows his holiday spirit as he participates in the 5 kilometer fun run aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Jan. 1, 2011. Approximately 750 participants started the run at the stroke of midnight to ring in the New Year.

‘We have some challenges ahead. As America’s focus turns away from Afghanistan and [toward] other threats that may be out there, our focus will be unwavering. I look forward to serving with you.’

- Brig. Gen. John Broadmeadow, Commanding General



Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow greets family, friends and service members, as he takes command of the 1st Marine Logistics Group during a change of command ceremony held at the 22 Area parade deck on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 17, 2011.

Photo by Cpl. Michele Watson



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Marines and sailors of 1st Marine Logistics Group pose for a photo while deployed to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.



# - GIVE HIM ONE! -

## COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 1

Story and photos by  
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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, spent a day volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House to make the day brighter for families with terminally ill children, June 30.

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego is to provide a home-away-from-home for families with a hospitalized child who is being treated for serious and life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

Service members provided assistance by preparing lunch for families by making salad, potatoes and rice. They also set the tables and served visitors.

“There are people out there that are worse off than you are,” said Cpl. Justin T. Vombaur, a generator mechanic, Alpha Com-

pany, Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group. “If you have the opportunity, it’s important to give back.”

For Cpl. Christopher E. Kane, water support technician, Alpha Co., CLB-1, 1st MLG, the Ronald McDonald House was one of the many community service projects he has volunteered for. Kane, 23, a native of Teptin, Mich., has performed more than 1500 hours of volunteer service during his time in the Corps.

“The civilians are the ones who support the military, so it’s important to help the community when they need it,” said Kane, who does most of his volunteer work with youth.

Some of the participants have a history with the Ronald McDonald House.

“My little cousin has cancer and I volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in Seattle for a month while he was in the hospital,” said Cpl. Heath A. Hart, a motor transport mechanic, Alpha Co., CLB-1, 1st MLG. “He’s been in remission for over a year now.”

Vombaur, 22, from Torrence, Calif., has been involved with charities through the Combined Federal Campaign fund, hosted by the Marine Corps.

“Every year I donate to the Ronald McDonald House and this opportunity came up and I thought it would be good to do,” said Vombaur.

The CLB-1 chaplain’s office tries to offer monthly volunteer opportunities. Petty Officer 3rd Class Aneisa Oxley, religious program specialist, Headquarters Company, CLB-1, said there is usually a good turnout when chances to volunteer come up.

“It builds character and you get to interact with people you don’t normally interact with,” said Oxley, 25, from Brooklyn, NY.



**Lance Cpl. Eran O. Edwards, engineer equipment operator, Alpha Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, prepares potatoes for a meal served to families of injured or terminally ill children at the Ronald McDonald House in San Diego, Calif., June 30.**



**Lance Cpl. Nicholas Deleo, heavy equipment operator, Alpha Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, spreads garlic butter on bread for a meal served to families of injured or terminally ill children at the Ronald McDonald House.**



**Members of Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, prepares a lunch for families of injured or terminally ill children during a volunteer opportunity, June 30.**

# Marines improve overseas communication

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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Marines with Communication Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, tested out one of the supporting wide area network dishes to determine the capabilities of long-range communications.

Currently, the small dish provides communication capabilities by connecting to larger dishes used by units aboard Camp Pendleton. The larger dishes then send radio waves to a satellite 22,000 miles away that provide an array of communications services.

The recent exercise aimed to connect the small dish directly to the satellite, which then transfers data to Camp Rogers, located in central California. The direct connection will eliminate the need to use the larger networks within other units aboard base.

If proven successful, the smaller dish will increase mobility within the MLG.

“It makes smaller sized units more expeditionary and self-sustaining,” said Cpl. David R. Decker, data chief, Comm. Det., CLB-15, 1st MLG.

While efforts to make smaller dishes more capable have been tried before, the Communications Detachment continues to improve its abilities. The actual connection between the dish and satellite is affected by multiple factors including polarization, azimuth, elevation changes and weather.

“Because of the weather conditions, getting our dish to connect to the satellite is the hardest part,” said Cpl. Matthew C. Foster, tactical data network administrator, Comm. Det., CLB-15, 1st MLG. “Everything has to be perfect. There are some days when you can get a connection in a thunderstorm and some days where a small whip of clouds will block the radio waves.”

Though it is not a simple task, the group will continue their efforts in the hope that success will improve mobility overseas.

“It will enable units to carry a smaller network package with the ability to provide land services to



**Lance Cpl. Gabriel Delafuente, data technician, Communications Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, adjusts the settings on one of the smaller dishes in an attempt to make a connection with satellites 22,000 miles away, on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 27.**

our users with less equipment,” said Decker, 23, a native of Lexington, KY.

Decker also said it’s important to keep trying over time, regardless of the results.

“Just because it doesn’t work right away, that does not mean it doesn’t work,” said Decker. “It’s incredibly complex but not really any different than getting a cell



**Cpl. Matthew C. Foster adjusts the settings on one of the smaller dishes in an attempt to make a connection with satellites 22,000 miles away. The SWAN connection will require the use of less equipment, making smaller units more expeditionary.**

# CLB-11 constructs SWA hut from ground-up

Story and photos by  
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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON Calif.** – More than 30 Marines with Engineer Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, constructed a Southwest Asia Hut from the ground up in a training support mission for the 11th MEU here, June 20.

The detachment is made up of Marines with five different military occupational specialties: electricians, water technicians, heavy equipment operators, bulk fuel specialists and combat engineers.

“We all have our certain position, but we all want to learn something new,” said Cpl. Matthew R. Flynn, assistant squad leader with Engineer Det., CLB-11, 11th MEU. “It makes it easier to work together when you’re teaching someone who wants to learn.”

The detachment is originally part of the 1st Marine Logistics Group but was attached to the 11th MEU in May to prepare for a deployment to the Western Pacific in November.

“It’s my first time being on a MEU,” said Flynn, 22, from Kansas City, MO. “I’m excited, it’s something new so I don’t know what to expect.”

The engineers have been on four field operations as part of the MEU to train for any situation they may come across during their deployment. Constructing the hut readied them for humanitarian assistance or disaster relief missions where infrastructure damage has occurred.

“This training mission is to showcase the vertical construction capa-

bility in a joint-training evolution with the Battalion Landing Team 31,” said 1st Lt. Jerad E. Birmingham, the officer in charge of Engineer Det., CLB-11, 11th MEU. “I planned for it to take two days, and they got it done in less than one.”

While construction is one aspect of the engineers’ job, their field covers many other expectations.

“We just came back from doing a demolition range with an array of different munitions, specific for obstacle reduction and counter mobility,” said Staff Sgt. Jon S. Nelson, the staff noncommissioned officer of Engineer Det., CLB-11, 11th MEU. “These field operations show the versatility of the combat engineer MOS, and I think these Marines are doing an outstanding job.”

Nelson, 33, an Austin, Texas, native, said for many of the Marines, constructing this hut was the first time they had built something that large.

“These young Marines are hungry for the experience,” said Nelson, who supervises the projects to ensure safety measures and timeliness goals are met.

While the Marines are eager for new opportunities, safety remains an important factor in all the missions they conduct.

“Safety is paramount, especially in this job where we work with high explosives and pneumatic tools,” said Birmingham, 26, a Stevensville, Mich., native.

Once the hut was completed, the engineers got to break it in by sleeping in their personally-constructed hut. With another project under their belts, the Marines are ready to move on to their next mission.



**A Marine with Engineer Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, cuts plywood to use in the construction of a Southwest Asia hut during a field operation on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 20.**



**Staff Sgt. Jon Nelson, staff noncommissioned officer of Engineer Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and Sgt. Richard Williamson, a squad leader with Engineer Det., CLB-11, 11th MEU, assist with placing a roof rafter on a Southwest Asia hut during a construction training mission on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 20.**



**Cpl. Dustin Lamb, a fire team leader with Engineer Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, uses a nail gun to secure the wall of a Southwest Asia hut during a field operation on Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 20.**

# Spreading brass across Pendleton

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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Weapons training is continuous aboard Camp Pendleton. It's normal to hear the sound of rifles popping off rounds or artillery causing loud explosions in the distance. From rifle to grenade to artillery ranges, Marines are always working to improve their war fighting skills.

Whether it's the School of Infantry, annual rifle range training, or an infantry unit preparing for an upcoming deployment, units are constantly in need of ammunition to support their mission. Marines with Ammunition Company, 1st Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group provide ammunition support to every unit aboard Camp Pendleton, including units from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

The company recently conducted a monthlong field exercise that establishing and operating a Field Ammunition Supply Point. With only 120 Marines working from the ground up, the FASP was completed and self sustaining within three days.

"Within 72 hours the entire FASP was established and operational from the showers to the mess hall and all nine field storage units," said Gunnery Sgt. Robert J. Gordon, the camp commandant.

The nine storage units are segregated by the type of ammunition contained inside, including small arms ammunition, ready-to-fire weapons and grenades. While the field exercise was in effect, the garrison ammunition supply point is out of commission, requiring all requesting units to pick up their orders from the field. Marines supplied almost four million dollars and 135,000 pounds of ammunition since establishing at the FASP.

The FASP has also provided the opportunity for ammunition technicians to

participate in multiple training courses provided. The company has conducted multiple Marine Corps Martial Arts Program courses, land navigation, combat life saving, non-lethal weapons training, a dog-handlers class and patrol packages utilizing night-vision goggles.

"While we are out here we are supporting every unit on Camp Pendleton, but we are also conducting a very aggressive training evolution to prepare these Marines for an upcoming deployment," said Gordon.

Some Marines advanced from a tan belt to a green belt during the month in the field because of the extra time offered by field life.

"There's more time to get more accomplished," said Lance Cpl. Daniel D. Hayes, ammunition technician with Ammunition Co., 1st Support Bn., CLR-15, 1st MLG. "There's also more time to sit down and learn more about my job."

Hayes, having participated in the majority of the courses offered during the field operation, said he feels more

comfortable with his job after completing the training. As one of 65 Marines in his company be deploying this spring, he said it's important to be as prepared for his job as possible.

"Doing this job makes me feel like I actually make a difference in the Marine Corps by supplying grunts with the ammo they need to do their jobs," said Hayes, 21 from Beaumont, Texas. "We haven't had any problems we couldn't fix quick, fast and in a hurry. I think a lot of that has to do with our leadership."

Hayes also said he is looking forward to the deployment and is glad the field exercise gave him an idea of what to expect. As an ammunition technician, Hayes said he realizes the importance of his job, especially where it really matters.

Hayes said he understands his role in supporting training in garrison but looks forward to the upcoming deployment.

"Being deployed we can benefit those that are actually out there in the atre," said Hayes.



(above) Lance Cpl. Neil G. Broman and Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Guzman, ammunition technicians with Ammunition Company, 1st Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, load a truck with ammunition during a field exercise at Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 22. (right) Sgt. Franco Loza, a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor demonstrates fighting techniques to members of Ammunition Company, 1st Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group during a field ammunition supply point field exercise at Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 22.

# CLR-17 conducts regimental run

Photos by Sgt. Shannon McMillan



(top) Col. James Clark, commanding officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, leads Marines and sailors on a regimental run on Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 1. The run was intended to build morale and unit cohesion. It also gave the regimental commanding officer a means in which to address his unit as a whole prior to securing for the Fourth of July holiday.



A military policeman from Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, bears the guidon for Military Police Co., during the regimental run on Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 1.



(top) Col. James Clark, commanding officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, addresses the Marines and sailors of CLR-17 after the regimental run on Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 1. (left) Gunnery Sgt. Darrick Lowery, company gunnery sergeant, Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, smiles for the camera after completing a regimental run on Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 1.