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SILVER EAGLES MIGRATE TO PACIFIC

Participate in UDP

Lance Cpl. Josh Pettway
Staff Writer

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 left this week to participate in a unit deployment program to further support the needs of the Corps in the Pacific.

To prepare for the main body's arrival, the advanced party left Aug. 15.

The UDP is an alternate method the Corps uses to meet its manpower commitment. By deploying units in six-month increments, UDPs improve unit continuity while reducing the number of 12 month deployments which occur.

While deployed, the Silver Eagles' number one priority is to support Marine Aircraft Group 12 and the 1st Marine Air Wing.

The Silver Eagles will complete several joint exercises with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack

Squadron 242 and various Air Force units from Kadena Air Force Base. For the squadron as a whole to function, it takes all the individual shops working together to accomplish the mission.

"Not only are we doing our part to assist the Marine Corps, but we have a direct impact on the units we'll be working with, specifically, the Japanese, Thais, and possibly the South Koreans," said Capt. Christopher Melling, flight officer VMFA-115. "By conducting training in several areas with several units, we'll have the benefits of seeing how we can cooperate with the different forces out there.

"Personally, this will be my first deployment as a Marine," Melling continued. "I'm excited - no less than someone who's been on multiple deployments - I can't

wait to put my training to use and see a Fighter Attack Squadron fulfill its function."

Since returning from a deployment 16 months ago, the Silver Eagles have been preparing for the next deployment and have lost some senior Marines, in addition to gaining new Marines.

This will be the first time many of the Marines have left the country.

"I'm looking forward to deploying," said Lance Cpl. Joshua Oxendine, an intelligence analyst with VMFA-115. "It is bittersweet to deploy and leave behind loved ones, but it's not anything I'm going to let affect my work ethic because it comes with the job.

"I'm more than prepared for it and have been in the fleet long enough to know what's expected of me."

The squadron may



also face difficulties due to the region's climate.

"Because we have such a general mission, we may be moving to numerous locations like Okinawa and Thailand with the possibility of seeing South Korea and Guam," said Melling. "Weather concerns are common for that region of the world. Operating across vast distances can create difficulties with logistics and movement.

"However, we are so well trained that we are able to respond and go anywhere and deal with any scenarios should one arise. We have been extensively training for more than 16 months for this mission - not only are we very well trained at this point - but we are very motivated to go. I'm comfortable in saying that we'll accomplish any mission were assigned to do."



Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 is scheduled to deploy to various countries in the Pacific. The deployment will allow the squadron to see their impact on the different countries and train alongside the Air Force as well as foreign allies.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Josh Pettway

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 plane captain Lance Cpl. Matthew Kilby performs hand and arm signals next to Lance Cpl. Luke Perry Aug. 21. This will be one of the last flights of the week for the Marines before departing on their deployment. The Silver Eagles are expected to visit various countries and train alongside U.S. allies while supporting Marine Aircraft Group 12.

VMFA-312 prepares for future

Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan
Staff Writer

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312 is scheduled to participate in Mojave Viper in Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. in the upcoming weeks.

The Checkerboards will train in large scale exercises to hone the skills necessary to support ground units.

Some of the training will include close air support, convoy escorts, strike coordinations and many more exercises to help give the squadron an air-ground experience.

"This will give our squadron the chance to interact with other units and be able to employ ordnances in support of missions on the ground," said Capt. Shane Bursae,

the VMFA-312 quality insurance officer.

With both air and ground elements working together, Marines will gain experience needed to efficiently complete missions while on actual deployments. One of the main missions for the training exercise is to teach Marines how to complete tasks by combining arms.

The environment of Mojave Viper has been designed to simulate Afghanistan.

"Two of the hardest things about the training will be the harsh living conditions in the desert and everything being so fast paced," said Bursae.

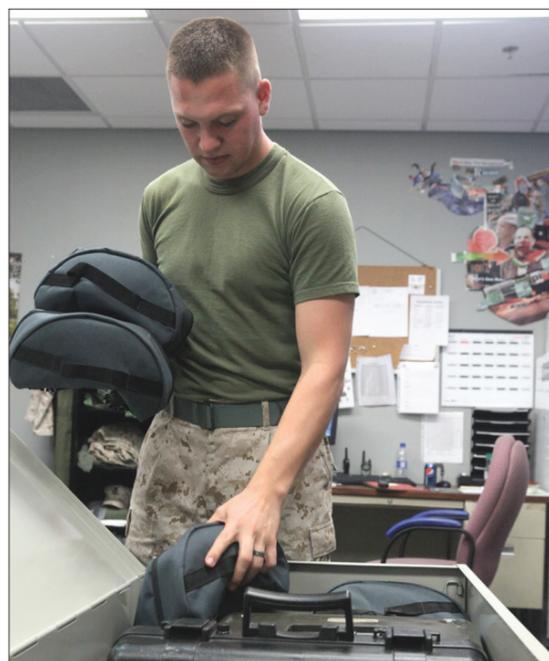
The Mojave Desert is able to reach a temperature as high as 110 degrees in the day and has the ability to drop down

into the mid-60's during the night.

"It is going to feel great to get off of the Air Station and go back to the roots of being a Marine," said Cpl. Jonathan Jimenez, a VMFA-312 flight equipment Marine. "The thought of being out there eating [meals ready to eat] and training is a great way to 're-green' the Checkerboards."

When the squadron returns, the Air Station is going to get back Marines who are combat ready and have training fresh in their minds.

"This training will give our new Marines a lot of experience in loading ordnances and the harsh environment, which will give them an edge over others



Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan

Corporal Ryan Nixon, a VMFA-312 flight equipment Marine, stores Joint Helmet-Mounted Queuing Systems into a cruise box Aug. 16 at the Checkerboard hanger. The pilots will get hands on experience with the newly received JHMQS.

Fightertown News Briefs

Officers' Club closed for renovation

The Officers' Club will be closed Sept. 2 through Sept. 13 for renovations, re-opening Sept. 14 during normal business hours.

concerns or questions about checking out audio visual equipment, call 228-7735.

Give your opinion

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MESS HALL MENU

Monday - Friday
Breakfast: 6 - 7:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays
Brunch: 8 - 11 a.m.
Dinner: 4 - 6 p.m.

MIDRATS

Sunday - Thursday
11:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

* Take-out window: Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10 p.m.
Sunday - Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Lunch Smoked ham and cabbage soup
Dinner Three bean chili and shrimp curry

Sunday

Lunch Baked fish with butter crumb topping
Dinner Pork chops with onions

Monday - Friday Breakfast

Hot farina, hot hominy grits and oven fried bacon

Monday

Lunch Cajun lightning chicken
Dinner Spaghetti with meat sauce

Tuesday

Lunch Louisiana chicken and sausage gumbo
Dinner Yankee pot roast and sweet sour greens

Wednesday

Lunch Maple mustard pork loin
Dinner Texas BBQ beef brisket and beans fiesta

Thursday

Lunch Cream of broccoli soup and succotash
Dinner Pork scallopini with tomato sauce

Friday

Lunch New England fish chowder
Dinner Turkey vegetable soup and lasagna



CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic
• 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass
• 11:15 a.m. - Weekly Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Protestant
• 9:45 a.m. - Protestant Church School (Sunday School)
• 11 a.m. - Protestant Sunday Worship Service
• 11:30 a.m. - Wednesday Bible Study
• 5 p.m. - Protestant Bible Study

Other Faith Groups
• For Jewish, Mormon and Islamic support, contact the Chaplain's Office at 228-7775

HIGH SHOOTER

Staff Sergeant Ramee Williams of Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, Golf Company qualified with an expert score of 366 during the week of Aug. 24.



HURRICANE HELP

Regular Shelters

- Bluffton High School, 12 H.E. McCracken Circle, Bluffton (capacity 1,128)
- Battery Creek High School, 1 Blue Dolphin Drive, Beaufort (capacity 1,086)
- Bluffton Elementary School, 160 H.E. McCracken Circle, Bluffton (capacity 439)
- Okatie Elementary School, 1657 Okatie Highway, Okatie (capacity 390)

Note: Beaufort County may use these shelters only in a Category 1. No shelters are opened locally for any storm that is a Category 2 or more. During a Category 2 storm or greater, alternate shelters will be set up in other counties. Law enforcement security will be provided at each shelter.

Special-Needs Shelters

- Beaufort Elementary School, 1800 Prince St, Beaufort (capacity 407)
- H.E. McCracken Middle School, 250 H.E. McCracken Circle, Bluffton (capacity 358)

Note: These shelters provide limited medical assistance from nurses/attendants such as helping patients with taking shots, cleaning a wound, changing a dressing, and basic first aid medical treatment. Patients that are on any type of equipment that requires electricity should not use this shelter, but should seek relocation to a facility that can accommodate them. Patients using the special-needs shelter will be required to have a capable caretaker with them.

Items to Bring

The American Red Cross asks that evacuees seeking shelter bring the following items with them to the shelter:

- Change of clothing (enough for several days)
- Linens (pillows, blankets, sheets and towels)
- Any necessary prescription medications
- Child's favorite toys or comfort items
- Formula, diapers and other supplies for your children
- Food/Water

Wind Damage

The extent of wind damage is based upon the hurricane's strength or wind speed. Flying debris or projectiles such as signs, trees, glass, roof shingles, lawn furniture and toys can cause severe property damage as well as major injuries or even death. The National Hurricane Center uses the Saffir Simpson Scale to classify hurricanes by their wind speeds into five categories.

Category 1

- Winds 74 to 95 mph
- Minimal structural damage
- Mobile homes at risk
- Power lines, signs and tree branches blown down
- Storm surge, four to five feet

Category 2

- Winds 96 to 110 mph
- Moderate structural damage to walls, roofs and windows
- Mobile homes at greater risk
- Large signs and tree branches blown down
- Storm surge, six to eight feet

Category 3

- Winds 111 to 130 mph
- Extensive structural damage to walls, roofs and windows
- Trees blown down
- Storm surge, nine to 12 feet

Category 4

- Winds 131 to 155 mph
- Extreme damage to structures and roofs
- Trees uprooted
- Storm surge, 13 to 18 feet

Category 5

- Winds in excess of 155 mph
- Catastrophic damage
- Structures destroyed
- Storm surge, 18 feet or more



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Fraud, Waste and Abuse

If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse aboard MCAS Beaufort, call 228-7777.
If you know of or suspect any fraud, waste or abuse within MAG-31, call (252) 466-5038.
The automated answering service on these lines are available 24 hours a day.

Sexual Assault

The contact numbers for a Uniformed Victim Advocate are 228-4784 and 228-4110. The after hours number is 592-0646.

Siren sound meanings

Upon notification from the weather office, Giant Voice pre-recorded messages will be broadcast. All destructive weather notifications begin and end with a 12 second wailing siren. Then follow on information is repeated twice between siren wails. The following are abbreviated examples of each warning that will be broadcast through Giant Voice.

- Lightning within 5 nautical miles... announced sounding "all clear".
- Thunder storm Condition 1, winds up to 50 knots and/ or hail up to 3/4 of an inch... Test tone - A steady tone will be broadcast for 10 seconds, followed by an alert stating "This is a test" and then another 10 second tone. For more information please call 228-7904, or for example warning tones, visit: www.whelen.com/outdoor/warningtones.htm.
- Tornado condition 1 a tornado is imminent...
- Tornado condition 2... observed within 60 nautical miles
- An all clear broadcast will be

Fightertown deployed:



VMFA-115 Silver Eagles are preparing to deploy as part of the Unit Deployment Program to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.



VMFA-312 Checkerboards are preparing to deploy to Mojave Viper at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

CORPS BITS



Recon Marines sharpen at-sea skills

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Japan — A team of force reconnaissance Marines stack up beside the door of a concrete building here, but in their minds this is a hatch along a passageway in a ship at sea. Silent signals move them quickly through the entryway in a fluid search for targets.

The Marines of Force Reconnaissance Platoon, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, practiced room-clearing operations and precision-fire drills as a way of building their Visit, Board, Search and Seizure skills, Aug. 18.

The 31st MEU is required to be capable of conducting specific at-sea operations before it deploys for patrols of the Asia-Pacific region. Among the scenarios which the MEU must be able to respond to is a VBSS, undertaken to secure a ship at sea which may be under the control of hostile forces.

To ensure the MEU's ability to respond to a hijacked ship, the Marines of FRP conduct this training annually to ensure a heightened state of readiness. Although the Marines were clearing a land-based structure, the methods used are very similar, and in some cases the same, as the ones used when searching and securing a ship.

"When assaulting houses and ships, the tactics remain pretty much the same," said Cpl. Derric Hardy a radio operator with FRP, 31st MEU. "There are a few things that change so you can still use both interchangeably to keep your training up."



CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, Japan—Marines with 3rd Recon. Bn. enter the water wearing M25 rebreathers off the beaches of Camp Schwab Aug. 9. The M25 rebreathers provided oxygen for the Marines during the training. *Photos by Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud*

DPD deploys underwater from combat rubber raiding crafts

By Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud
Marine Corps Bases Japan

CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, Japan — Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion executed a series of submerged movements off the beaches of Camp Schwab using diver propulsion devices Aug. 9.

The DPD is a battery-powered vehicle capable of carrying two divers and their gear while submerged out of sight.

"The (DPD) is the Marine Reconnaissance's miniature submarine, if you will," said Petty Officer 1st Class Donald R. Miner, medical deep sea diver, 3rd Recon. Bn., 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "It allows them to transit long distances using minimal amounts of energy and O2 on their diving rigs."

According to Miner, the training consisted of a series of submerged movements between checkpoints marked by large buoys, designed to improve the divers' underwater navigation skills as well as familiarize them with the DPD.

The Marines first had to complete dive training to be eligible for the follow-up DPD training.

"They qualify Marine combat divers at dive school and come out here, and we sustain them and grow them as diving supervisors and DPD pilots," said Miner.

"The course is roughly seven days long start to finish and includes night dives. Once they are qualified on the DPD, they will get together as platoons and do sustainment training, which would basically be a navigation dive



Marines with 3rd Recon. Bn. prepare diver propulsion devices for training off the beaches of Camp Schwab Aug. 9. The devices pulled two Marines with equipment underwater between checkpoints during the training evolution.

like this or a (simulated mission)," Miner added.

During combat operations, the Marines use the device for covert insertions onto beaches and shorelines.

"They would be able to take the DPDs and insert into a hostile environment quietly and covertly ... do reconnaissance on an enemy position or even potentially attack the enemy," said Miner.

The device allows Marines to conserve their energy during tactical operations as DPDs do the work of propelling them and their gear ashore, said Petty Officer 1st Class, Gregory Early, Navy diver, 3rd Recon Bn.

Marines are trained to cache the device out of sight once they have reached their objec-

tive and return to the device after actions-on-objectives for extraction, said Miner.

"It is designed to be cached and stowed underwater, or it can be carried and buried on the beach if they want to," said Miner.

Due to the size of the DPD, it is easily deployable from a broad range of platforms, said Early.

The DPD demonstrated this flexibility during the training evolution when it was deployed from a combat rubber raiding craft.

The Marines will continue training with the DPD here and abroad.

"We will be going (abroad) in January and doing this course again with (a partner) combat-diver unit," said Ear-

ly. "At that point, we will work together with (our partners). They will insert into shore, stow the DPD, go over the beach, recon a target, take pictures of it and return."

The end goal is to ensure Marines can proficiently use the DPD.

"We train them and get them qualified to perform these jobs without us, so they can go execute missions (independently)," said Early.

The DPD provides the Marines with another tool for covert insertions, helping them execute their reconnaissance mission.

"It is a very small portion of what the Marines do as a whole, but this type of capability is what keeps the enemy at bay," said Miner.

2nd MAW (Fwd) adjusts, reacts to aviation demands of war in Afghanistan

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan — Somewhere in the darkness, beyond the barbed wire and concrete walls of Camp Leatherneck an improvised explosive device detonates, killing one Marine and injuring another.

Shortly thereafter in a dimly-lit, windowless room on the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) compound, a phone rings. In many ways, the war is calling.

On the receiving end of the telephone, the burden now belongs to the Marines, sailors and coalition troops with the Tactical Air Command Center. They now must dispatch a medevac to carry the wounded warrior and fallen hero from the battlefield.

"No later than 15 minutes after a request comes in, we have an aircraft in the air," said Lt. Col. Robert Cooper, a senior watch officer for the command center, and a native of Tulsa, Okla. "The standard is to have the person back within an hour to get them the medical attention they need, and we're typically well inside that."

"We are the first link in getting someone back," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey T. Whitson, a native of Vidalia, Ga., and one of the corpsmen who stands medical watch for the command center.

2nd MAW (Fwd.), the aviation combat element for the southwestern regional command of NATO's International Security Assistance Force, is also a primary provider of close-air support, aerial reconnaissance, troop movement and aerial resupply.

The wing provides a dynamic array of support to ground forces as they work with the people of Afghanistan to rid the region of insurgent activity.



Corps Shot

Sgt. Elyssa Quesada

A column of amphibious assault vehicles moves south along Red Beach at Camp Pendleton, Calif. after disembarking USS New Orleans Aug. 21. The vehicles drove Company L Marines from ship to shore. The rifle company is one of three in Battalion Landing Team 3/1, the ground combat element for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Back to school Bash kicks off at the O' Club

Cpl. Courtney C. White
Community Relations Chief

Marines, sailors and their families were invited to the Back to School Bash held at the Officers' Club aboard the Air Station, Aug. 19.

The bash included a cookout, bounce houses, school supply giveaways and live music for a small fee. The event started at 4 p.m. and lasted until the Officers' Club closed, accommodating families' busy schedules.

"The first week back to school is usually pretty rough, this event helps Marines build camaraderie while the students get to meet new friends," said Chris Alexandre, the Officers' Club manager, of the event created for returning students.

Students were able to bring their friends and meet new ones while participating in the different activities.

"I brought my family out here to support the activity," said Jennifer Scherr, the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 533 family readiness officer. "My children came to meet more students since they go to school off base."

As each family entered the Officers' Club, the students received a goody bag with school supplies and fun items. The children

were able to spend time getting to know each other and enjoy themselves.

"The goody bag was my favorite part," said Mariaelena Lozano, a 10 year old daughter of a Fightertown Marine. "I like getting free things, especially the bubbles. I was able to spend time with my friends, eat and listen to the musician. He plays good music and even played my favorite song."

Chris Jones, a local musician, played guitar, a trumpet and sang music for the audience.

"Chris Jones is a musician that we use often for our events," Alexandre said. "He is very creative and audience engaging."

This was the Officers' Club's first year hosting the Bash and although there weren't many participants, the ones who did come were able to enjoy themselves and enjoy an affordable meal with their family. The Club plans to continue this program in years to follow.

"If more people come to these types of events then the Officers' Club would host more," Scherr said.

These types of events give military families the chance to bond and feel like a community.

For more information on upcoming events at the Officers' Club call 228-7600.



▲ Brook Scherr, a seven year old participant of the Officers' Club Back to School Bash, enjoys jumping in the bounce house, Aug. 19. The event offered a cookout, bounce houses, school supply giveaway and live music.

► Blair Scherr, a 13 year old participant of the Back to School Bash, grabs a hamburger during a cookout, Aug. 19. The Bash offered hamburgers, hotdogs, beans, corn on the cob and drinks.

Photos by Cpl. Courtney C. White



Amyah Todd, an eight year old participant of the Officers' Club Back to School Bash, enjoys jumping in the bounce house, Aug. 19.



Children listen to Chris Jones sing and play his guitar during the Back to School Bash at the Officers' Club, Aug. 19.



MOJAVE

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who have not received a taste of combat training," said Master Sgt. Wayne Moore, the VMFA-312 ordnance division chief.

Other Marines in the squadron will receive a good refresher on ordnances not

used regularly, such as fire bombs and cluster bombs.

"It is good to have Marines together in a combat environment away from garrison because it gives us the opportunity to see how they will perform and what their mentality is while being away from home," said Moore.

"It also gives them an idea of what to expect and

what they need to work on personally," Moore added.

Next week will continue as the Checkerboards prepare for Mojave Viper by packing, loading and taking account of their gear and personnel for the month-long exercise at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms, Calif..

"Two of the hardest things about the training will be the harsh living conditions in the desert and everything being so fast paced."

Capt. Shane Bursae, VMFA-312 quality assurance officer



Photos by Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan

Scratches or bites from wildlife can transmit many diseases and illnesses. Attempts to capture nuisances should be done by professionals only to ensure the safety of yourself and others.

Living life with wild life

Lance Cpl. Rubin J. Tan
Staff Writer

Nuisance animals are generally defined as wildlife found aggravating to anyone, such as animals appearing in places where they are not normally seen.

In the Beaufort area, the common nuisance animals are raccoons, opossums, armadillos, squirrels, deer, alligators and stray cats or dogs, which all look for shelter, food and accessibility when choosing a home.

“Due to hot weather conditions, animals will attempt to keep out of the heat and search for water,” said Gary Herndon, the Air Station’s game warden. “Rainfall creates puddles of water in the woods which helps in decreasing the ratio of nuisance to human interactions.”

Other ways to decrease the activity of nuisance animals is to cut tall, uncut grass and clear small piles of debris because they provide cover and concealment for nuisances.

“Snakes are attracted to debris piles because it attracts mice and gives snakes a home,” said Herndon.

According to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, ways to make your home inaccessible



Alligators are just one of the many dangers posed by indigenous creatures of the Lowcountry.

for wild life includes keeping your openings such as chimneys and dryer vents in your home repaired.

Other ways to give animals minimal access to your home is to keep property damage repaired at all times, insuring the safety of your home and family members.

The only reason nuisances will stay in a certain area is if food, water and shelter are easily accessible, which is why raccoons are commonly seen. They are scavengers by nature who are often seen out in search of food.

According to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, “Simple solutions to common nuisance wildlife problems include

feeding pets indoors, proper disposal of food scraps and securing trash can lids.”

Even though your home is properly secured and maintained, contact with nuisances is inevitable, so education on how to interact with wildlife is important.

Additional information on local wildlife in the Beaufort area can be found at the SCDNR website.

“When dealing with a nuisance, the first and most important thing to do is to leave the animal alone and to secure your pets and children, because it may be trying to protect children of its own,” said Herndon.

Call Gary Herndon at 228-7017 or the Provost Marshall at 228-6710 for any assistance with nuisances.

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