



Col. James W. Clark (left), commanding officer of Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Lance Cpl. Jose G. Pineda (middle), maintenance management clerk, Headquarters and Support Company, CLR-17, 1st MLG, and Pete LeClair (right), operations manager, Hensel and Phelps Construction Company, cut the ribbon during the ceremony of four new bachelor enlisted quarters in 14 Area, Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 12.

New barracks improve Marines living condition, energy conservation

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Bachelor quarters for enlisted Marines have come a long way in not only the past century but decade, from living in quonset huts with wood floors to having recreation centers with movie theater rooms.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held here for the opening of four new bachelor enlisted quarters in the 14 Area, Sept. 12.

The new complex can house more than 1,600 Marines, and it includes a cast-in-place parking structure for 654 vehicles.

The complex was designed with modern green energy solutions including solar voltaic panels on the roofs that are estimated to generate 215 Kilowatts of power and a recycled gray-water system. Both systems are designed to make each of the four barracks 33 percent more efficient than the standard BEQ. The entire project was funded by Congressional funds

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Boiling point CLR-17 turns up the heat

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – As the entire base was consumed in darkness, the 13 Area football field was lit bright by the glow of reflective belts worn by hundreds of Marines and sailors in green-on-green and yellow-and-blue, preparing for a regimental run.

“Two hundred and twelve!” screamed the regimental sergeant major, “Turn up the heat!” responded the Marines and sailors with the regiment.

Two hundred and twelve is the temperature that water boils and the regimental sergeant major wanted his Marines and sailors to always push themselves to work hard and be at the boiling point.

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Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, participate in a regimental run aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 2. It was a chance for all personnel within the regiment to do something together as a unit, building unit camaraderie.

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A Marine with Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, taunts at a camera while participating in a regimental run aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 2.

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“One degree is the difference between hot water and boiling it,” he said.

Service members with Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, participated in their monthly regimental run aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 2.

“Every Marine that joined the Marine Corps wanted to be a part of something big—a brotherhood. They wanted something like a regimented lifestyle,” said Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Ledferd, regimental sergeant major, CLR-17, 1st MLG. “You can see the motivation these Marines and sailors are exuding out of their core and their sweat during events like this.”

Ledferd said Marines are often blinded by their section’s missions at hand and lose sight of what they’re a part of. A regimental run would bring everyone together and remind them where they came from and who they belong to. It’s like a wolf never hunts alone without its pack, Marines should always stick together.

“It’s a great social occasion and a great opportunity to get these Marines and sail-

ors together to address them all in the same place,” said Col. James W. Clark, regimental commander, CLR-17, 1st MLG. “It gets everyone in the regiment together so they understand they’re not just in their own company or battalion, they’re a part of the regiment.”

Ledferd added that it’s a great chance for him and the regimental commander to express their appreciations for everything that the Marines and sailors are doing within the regiment. He also challenged all regiments to take the lead and “get some” with their service members, showing them that they can lead from the front.

“It’s all about motivation, and motivation is contagious,” said Ledferd. “They’re enjoying it and they’re looking forward to it. This is what every Marine wants deep down inside.”

Being the second regimental run led by Clark and Ledferd since they took charge of CLR-17, Clark said the Marines and sailors were fantastic.

“They were outstanding, I was really proud of them,” said Clark. “I don’t really need to be paid to do this job. It’s such an honor to stand in front of CLR-17 to lead this regiment. It’s the thrill of my career.”

Clark was proud of his subordinates, not only during the run but also for all the accomplishments they’ve done both in combat and in garrison.

“These Marines and sailors provide support to the 1st Marine Logistics Group, as well as [1st Marine Expeditionary Force],” Clark said. “I don’t think there’s a finer regiment on this base.”

As the tradition established by Ledferd, the company or battalion that stood out from the rest within the regiment for the month received the ‘Motivation Award,’ who would have led that month’s regimental run, Ledferd explained. Every unit wanted to be the ‘top dog’ of the regiment.

“Although everyone was fantastic and great, Food Service [Company] was just a little bit above this time,” said Ledferd. “They had no incidents and were drinking the Kool Aide. So this month’s Moto Award goes to Food Service.”

As service members finished the run and headed back to their sections, Marines and sailors are straightening up, looking for ways to improve and prepare their unit to be the next recipient of the Moto Award.

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.

Korean War Memorial Concert Tour

The Korean National Military Symphony is scheduled to have a Korean War Memorial Concert Tour at Pacific View, South Mesa, Camp Pendleton, Calif., starting 7 p.m., Sept. 20. Admission is free.

Career and Education Exposition

Over 100 local and national employers and educators host an exposition for all service members at Pacific View, South Mesa, Camp Pendleton, Calif., starting 10 a.m., Sept. 22. For more information, call (760) 725-4737.

Chargers Game

Single Marine Program provides free transportation and admission to the Chargers Game, Sept. 25. Tickets sign-ups are on a first come first serve basis. Advanced sign up is required. Only 34 tickets are available each game. For more information, call (760) 725-6722.

Health Survey

The Commandant of the Marine Corps is encouraging everyone to participate in the ATSDR health survey to further improve military health care. The survey was sent to various Marines via government email.





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Marines take time to tour inside a room of the new 14 Area bachelor enlisted quarters aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 12.

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which amounted to \$130 million.

Each complex features many amenities such as a community center with a theater, lounges, café, large laundry facility, vending area, duty desk and duty hut. Outside the community center and surrounding the barracks are many outdoor recreational facilities including, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis court, covered barbeque areas, covered pavilions, horseshoe pits and even an amphitheater.

The complex was a joint effort by Hensel Phelps and Soltek Joint Venture construction companies. Before the ground was broken, the construction companies worked together to make the BEQ's less like typical Marine barracks and have more of a hotel feel, said Pete LeClair, operations manager, Hensel and Phelps Construction Company.

"We even had a hotel architect help design the barracks," said LeClair.

The rooms were built to be functional but durable in order to take change of occupancy, said LeClair.

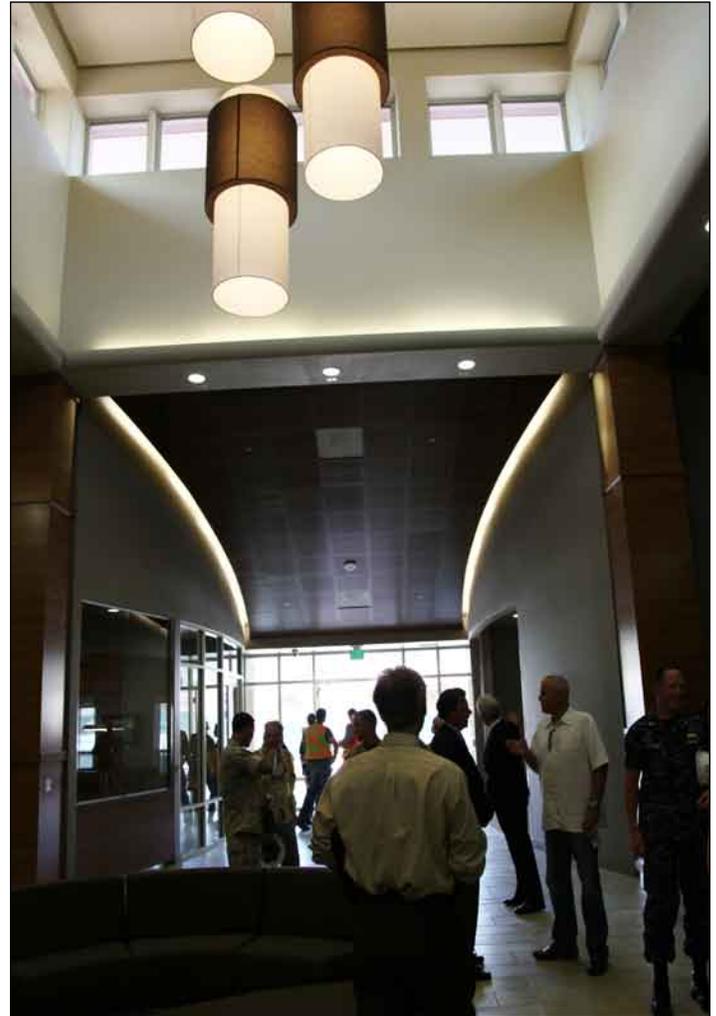
We call them best of breed BEQ's, where we take ideas from Marines and try to incorporate them into the complex, said Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group.

"The new barracks are a complete 180 degree turn from older BEQ's," said Staff Sgt. Auer J. Gregory, bachelor enlisted quarters manager, Headquarters and Support Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st MLG. "The overall living condition of the Marines will be a whole lot better."

Many of the junior Marines that are scheduled to move into the barracks described the new BEQ's as "awesome," including Lance Cpl. Ryan J. Griffith, data networks specialist, H&S Company, 7th ESB, CLR-1, 1st MLG. Griffith said he was excited and couldn't wait to move in.

"I think it's incredible," said Sgt. James Kallmbah, billeting manager, Headquarters Company, CLR-17, 1st MLG, "It's something that they definitely deserve and will greatly improve the quality of life for these Marines."

He added, "I think that the Marines will be happier and therefore,



Service members and staff tour the inside of the new bachelor enlisted quarters after a ribbon cutting ceremony, marking the completion of the new BEQ complex in 14 Area, Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 12.

the productivity in the office will be better because they're happier."

Broadmeadow also has a vision for the new barracks and the Marines that will move in them.

"My intent is to create a sense of community that reflects our Marine Corps life, but also gives Marines

the same sense of community as if they lived in an apartment out in town," said Broadmeadow. "But now, what I would like is to have the Marines that live in these barracks set the tone for how we create a sense of community that reflects our Marine Corps Values."



Marines and sailors with 1st Marine Logistics Group and guests participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony, marking the opening of four new bachelor enlisted quarters in the 14 Area, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sept. 12. The BEQ complex was designed to give Marines a facility they could call home.



GIVE HER ONE! NAVY LT. JUDITH SILVA

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"I watched my mother work in a factory, and she would come home with bleeding hands ... she worked really hard."

Navy Lt. Judith Silva, officer in charge of Health Services Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, decided at a young age that she wanted to make something of herself.

"We couldn't afford for me to go to college out of high school, so I enlisted in the Navy. That's how my career started," she said.

Silva, from Detroit, began her career in 1997 as a dental technician with the United States Navy, then worked her way up to become the medical planner for HSD, CLB-15.

"My job is to ensure that my doctors and corpsmen are trained and ready to deploy," said Silva. "Our mission is to support [15th Marine Expeditionary Unit] by providing medical care through a shock trauma platoon."

A shock trauma platoon is a mobile emergency room which provides immediate medical care to service members of the supporting unit, Silva explained. She said she's excited for her first deployment with the 15th MEU early next year and is eager to learn new ways of getting the job done while working with Marines.

After working in Navy units for the majority of her career, Silva requested to be stationed with a Marine unit and reported to CLB-15 on Feb. 14. She believes it was a good sign.

"It's definitely challenging. I feel like I just joined another service," said Silva. "I like the way the Marines

do business. In the Navy, you're set in your job and you stay there. With the Marines, they pull personnel from different organic areas to make up their team with various skill sets and backgrounds. I love the 'Semper Gumby' mentality – always be flexible – the Marines have."

To contribute to this jacks-of-all-trades team, Silva has shared all of her knowledge to her subordinates, as well as learning from them. Everything she has learned while working in the Navy, and new techniques she gained from her civilian counterparts as a board member of a local American College of Healthcare Executives chapter while stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, she has passed down to her sailors to improve the workflow.

"I absolutely love my job," Silva said. "I love being a part of 1st MLG. It's my first OIC billet and also my first time working with the Marines. I am very humbled and honored to be here."

Silva looks at the Marine Corps poster on her wall each day for motivation. The poster is titled 'Regrets,' with photo of a Marine, who lost both his legs, saying, 'No Mr. President, none that I can think of.'

"I love this poster," Silva said. "It reminds me everyday what I come to work for. I can't get too comfortable and complacent in my job because these warriors depend on us to medically care for them."

In order to care for those warriors, training is important and there can never be enough, Silva said. She's always looking for new and unique ways of training her subordinates, which means more lives saved on the battlefield.

"She's all about training. That's her number one goal – to make

sure that everyone is trained up and prepared for any situation, whether it's medical or combat," said Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Hachez, leading petty officer, HSD, CLB-15, CLR-17, 1st MLG.

In order to train successfully, Silva always plans ahead for the mission, such as getting to know the terrain they'll be operating in, figuring out which equipment and medicine to bring, and conducting air-evacuation and casualty-loading training.

When they aren't out in the field training, Silva spends most of her time getting to know her Marines and sailors, helping them with personal issues or figuring out ways to help them advance in their careers.

"She truly cares for her subordinates," said Hachez, from Vista, Calif. "She mentored me, set me up for my future and put me up for Sailor of the Quarter."

With Silva's help, Hachez won the battalion's Sailor of the Quarter board, and later moved on to win 1st MLG's Sailor of the Quarter board.

But she wasn't always in a leader's position. In fact, Silva started at the bottom of the totem pole just like any of her subordinates, she said. Silva served in the Navy as an enlisted member for 10 years until earning her commission in 2007.

"If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing," said Silva. "I would start from the bottom as enlisted and work my way up again. It's the only way to truly know and understand what my subordinates are going through."

Her enlisted background prepared her for her next role as she took charge of the Health Services Detachment within CLB-15.

"Being prior enlisted, it has helped me a lot with my job. It has really prepared me well for my role as an OIC," said Silva. "My sailors trust and respect me more because I understand what they're going through. The big secret to leadership for me is to remain humble and remember where I came from."



Navy Lt. Judith Silva, medical planner, officer in charge, Health Services Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, started her career from the bottom of the totem pole and worked her way to the top. Silva, from Detroit, served in the Navy as an enlisted member since 1997 until earning her commission in 2007.

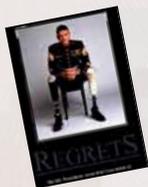
Hachez agreed: "Being on both ends of the table, Lt. Silva understands what we're going through as her subordinates. Sometimes it's hard to have a leading officer who doesn't truly understand what we do. She's definitely earned the respect of all ranks in the unit."

Not only is she trusted and respected by her sailors, but Silva is also a hero to her family.

Silva's mother was proud knowing that her daughter doesn't have to work in a factory like she did, and that Silva's job results in heroes' lives being saved every day on the battlefield.

Silva recalled her graduation day for basic training, where her mother proudly wore a T-shirt that says 'My daughter is in the Navy.'

"I forgot about that T-shirt until I went back to Michigan upon her death four years ago," she said. "My mother had left me my grandparents' old trunk that they brought to America from Czechoslovakia. Inside that old trunk was that T-shirt my mother wore so many years ago at my graduation. I think she was proud of me."



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- Navy Lt. Judith Silva
Medical Planner, HSD, CLB-15, CLR-17, 1st MLG

Staying Active

Marines, sailors participate Health, Nutrition Exposition



Story and photos by
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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The day was hot and humid, perfect weather to relax and enjoy an ice-cold soda while lying on the beach watching the waves in the ocean.

But that wasn't the case for the Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, as they spent the day educating themselves at a Health and Nutrition Exposition at 22 Area Parade Deck here, Sept. 1.

"The purpose of Health Day is to promote a healthy attitude and mind set," said Master Sgt. Mark A. Jerry, operations chief, CLR-15, 1st MLG. "It gets the Marines out of the barracks rooms and offices to enjoy the day and see what's available for them."

Kristy Harris, family readiness officer, CLR-15, 1st MLG, coordinated with Marine Corps Community Services and local businesses to set up stalls providing information about programs and tools on what service members can do to become healthier.

Each stall focused on a different topic, such as the effects of tobacco use, alcohol abuse, the risks and causes of diabetes, how to eat and exercise properly.

Local businesses from each stall also offered service members merchandise to try such as fresh fruits, smoothies, General Nutri-

tion Center supplements.

Service members were able to visit every stall to learn more about certain topics, including a chance to experience a 5-mile-per-hour crash and 'test' their drunk-driving skill at an obstacle course while wearing a pair of impaired goggles simulating drunk-vision.

"This is great," said Staff Sgt. Garival Perez, 35, from Bronx, N.Y., water technician, Headquarters and Service Company, CLR-15, 1st MLG. "How often do you get a chance to see exactly what it's like to do something stupid, especially drinking and driving. They need to know the consequences of their actions. This obstacle course shows them exactly that."

After learning about what not to do, service members challenged each other's physical fitness at a fitness station for a prize; they were tested on strength, endurance and speed, keeping their heart rates high.

"This organization is all about health and fitness, so you have to be ready to fight at all time," said Jerry, 41, from Bronx, N.Y. "Playing video games all day doesn't help promote a healthy lifestyle. The more these Marines and sailors know about what's available for them out there, the more they'll use it. Or else, these programs that the Marine Corps offers would just go to waste. I'm happy to see Marines out here enjoying themselves in a safe and healthy environment."

Staff Sgt. Garival Perez, water technician, Headquarters and Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, maneuvers a bicycle around a cone while wearing a pair of impaired goggles simulating drunk driving at a Health and Nutrition Exposition aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sept. 1. The program encouraged Marines and sailors to stay active and provided information about different programs service members could participate in to lead a healthier lifestyle.



Family readiness officers and the command of Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, coordinate with Marine Corps Community Services and local businesses to host a Health and Nutrition Exposition aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sept. 1.



Service members join forces to rig cargo to a UH-60 Black Hawk during a vertical replenishment operation at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 30.

CLR-17 Marines supply USS Bonhomme Richard

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – When ships are at sea and need supplies fast, they need the help of well trained and prepared landing support specialists.

Marines from Landing Support Platoon, Transportation Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, rigged cargo here for an external lift to the USS Bonhomme Richard, Aug. 30.

The Marines were assisting in a Navy vertical replenishment of the USS Bonhomme Richard. Two Navy UH-60 Black Hawks transported the cargo after the landing support Marines rigged it below the helicopters.

In a VERTREP operation, seaborne vessels are supplied by helicopter. It's the job of landing support Marines to rig the cargo below the aircraft in order for it to be transported to the ship, said Sgt. Scott W. Hayes, platoon sergeant, LS Platoon, TS Detachment, CLB-15, CLR-17, 1st MLG.

VERTREP is one of the most efficient ways to get supplies to a ship, said Hayes.

Hayes, 25, from Avondale, Ariz., said vertical replenishment is a faster way to supply a ship than using a ship-to-ship connection.

“Our job is to support the Marines from our side and make sure they have the supplies to keep fighting the fight,” added Lance Cpl. Caleb N.



Lance Cpl. Jason S. Matney, landing support specialist, Landing Support Platoon, Transportation Support Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 15, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, awaits his turn to rig cargo to a UH-60 Black Hawk during a vertical replenishment operation at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 30.

Morge, landing support specialist, LS Platoon, TS Detachment, CLB-15, CLR-17, 1st MLG.

To ensure the mission was accomplished, the Marines were given guidance prior to the lift to make sure every safety precaution was taken.

“All of the Marines [were] wearing appropriate personal protective equipment and watching out as the UH-60’s [arrived],” said Hayes.

The VERTREP supplied the USS Bonhomme Richard successfully with speed and efficiency.

“The lift went smoothly, a little fast, but we got the job done,” said Hayes.

The ship was given the proper cargo it needed and the members of landing support platoon received more experience to help their fellow Marines in the fight on future deployments.

Time for change

Marines welcome new program to account for gear

Story by
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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Supply Marines with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, will be implementing a new program called the Global Combat Support System - Marine Corps within the next few days to help keep track of military gear.

The system is designed to improve current logistical systems by allowing units to order and track supplies and provide services with the click of a mouse.

According to the Marine Corps Systems Command Web site, the system was developed by the Defense Information System Agency to respond to the operational concept of the fusion of logistics information and transportation technologies for rapid crisis respond, deployment and sustainment, the ability to track and shift units, equipment and supplies and the delivery of tailored logistical packages directly to the warfighter.

Its mission is to develop and implement deployable, leading-edge technology in order to enable logistics modernization and to maximize the combat effectiveness of the Marine Corps through improved logistics visibility.

"I believe that the overall efficiency of the ordering, receiving and requisitioning process will be improved," said 1st Lt. Alexander Mercer, regimental supply officer, CLR-17, 1st MLG. "It will streamline a lot of archaic algorithmic processes that are unnecessary in today's work place."

It does have its pros and cons, said Mercer, from Brooklyn, N.Y. "But all in all, it is a much better system."

"With the GCSS-MC I'm pretty sure there will be a few kinks," said Sgt. Abel Graciano, platoon sergeant, Supply, HQ Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG. "But with the oracle program, they will be able to update on the fly, not so much as to update the whole thing from scratch."

The Marines at supply are using the Asset Tracking, Logistics and Supply Sys-



Photo by Pfc. Timothy Childers

Lance Cpl. Tonya S. Lujan, supply clerk, Supply Platoon, Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, works on her computer to track, manage and order supplies for units within CLR-17, 1st MLG, aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 14. Supply Marines will be implementing a new program called the Global Combat Support System - Marine Corps within the next few days to help keep track of military gear.

tem (ATLASS) program now, which the GCSS-MC is supposed to replace. Along with the ATLASS program, GCSS-MC is slated to also replace Marine Corps Integrated Maintenance Management System (MIMMS) and the Supported Activity Supply System (SASSY).

Compared to the programs used by the Marines today, the GCSS-MC will provide commanders with accurate and timely information to sustain a new kind of warfare that relies on speed, agility, and mobility, according to GCSS-MC Web site.

When asked about the difference between GCSS-MC and ATLASS, Mercer said "Almost night and day."

Forms used in the GCSS, update automatically by using data from other systems eliminating the need to type in information more than once, said Mercer.

"A lot of the forms used in GCSS auto-populate (by communicating) to other systems and therefore negating the need to keypunch unnecessary information more than once."

Due to the design of the GCSS-MC, Mercer explained that a lot of functions he was authorized to do and manage will be managed at a lower level, responsibilities such as approving purchases to managing fiscal budgets will be handled at the shop level.

With implementing the new system, the Marines will most likely see changes.

"A paradigm shift of responsibilities will take place with this new system," said Mercer. "Supply will still be present for gear transfers and shipping and receiving. But when it comes to the actual creating of requisitions, requests and purchasing, all of that will be passed to the (shop level) and we just review and click a button."

By changing to the GCSS-MC, the Marines with supply will be able to process items in the system faster.

It looks like a pretty good system. It will help with fund management and will make it easier to move parts, said Graciano, from Los Angeles.

Train the trainer Marines prepare for vehicle rollover

Story and photos by
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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – In a dangerous situation, the right training can determine the safety of a Marine.

Marines from Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, participated in a train-the-trainer course for the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer here, Sept. 1.

The course informs the trainers how to educate service members on proper procedures during an evacuation of a turned over vehicle in a combat environment.

HEAT is used to simulate the experience of a rollover inside a Humvee, said Staff Sgt. Carl J. Wilderom, store supervisor, Service Company, CLR-17, 1st MLG.

HEAT instructors provide service members with the most realistic training provided by the Marine Corps when participants are rotated 360 degrees in a machine weighing more than 8,000 pounds to simulate a real life Humvee rollover.

“I thought it was good training,” said Cpl. Kymani R. Tate, disbursing clerk, Service Company, CLR-17, 1st MLG, “It’s good for the unit to have certified trainers when we’re getting ready to deploy.”

HEAT is a simulated vehicle designed to help Marines improve their techniques for safely exiting a vehicle and evacuating a wounded service member after a vehicle has flipped over or landed



Cpl. Christopher M. Kiss, license examiner, Headquarters and Support Company, 1st Marine Division, lectures Marines during a train-the-trainer course for Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 1. The HEAT is used to simulate the experience of a rollover inside a Humvee.

on its side. It provides training for emergency evacuation and removal of injured personnel if a vehicle is rolled over.

“It’s a good piece of gear for personnel who have never experienced a rollover to have peace of mind,” said Wilderom, 27, from Wichita, Kan.

The training equipment is easily controlled by a remote that allows

the instructor to determine what type of scenario the passengers have to adapt to and over-come. It also includes a smoke machine, which produces confusion and a more realistic fog of war.

Before the training instructors were shown the HEAT, they were instructed by PowerPoint on key aspects in safety, including: rollover prevention guidelines,

rollover procedures, egress procedures, and establishing security after a rollover.

“With the classes that were given and having the materials, I felt confident that I can teach other Marines,” said Tate, 25, from Clermont Fl., “If anyone else gets the chance to become a trainer, they will gain a lot of good knowledge that they might find useful in the future.”



Lance Cpl. Douglas R. Hopkins, licensing examiner, Headquarters and Support Company, 1st Marine Division, demonstrates the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer in front of Marines who participate in a train-the-trainer course at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 1.



Lance Cpl. Douglas R. Hopkins (right), licensing examiner, Headquarters and Support Company, 1st Marine Division, rotates the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, in front of Marines learning to operate the equipment during a train-the-trainer course at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 1.

Combat Life Saver

Stepping stone for Marine Corps life-saving skills

Story and photos by
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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – “Just because you’ve done all the steps doesn’t mean your patient is saved. Always look, listen and feel to make sure [the rescue-breathing] is working.”

Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Peters, leading instructor for the Combat Life Saver course, 1st Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, taught 12 Marines from 1st MLG the basic skills needed to save lives in combat during a CLS course here, Aug. 31.

The 3-day course was designed to teach any Marine, regardless of military occupational specialty, the basic medical skills needed to save an injured Marine on the battlefield, when a corpsman isn’t present, explained Peters, 22, from Rolla, Mo.

“The course is broken down with me teaching them how to recognize, treat and manage injuries during the first two days, as well as providing them with time to learn the equipment and do some [practical application],” said Peters. “On the final day, they’ll be tested through a performance evaluation on how well they treat and save the patient’s life in their given scenario.”

Marines learned about caring for a patient under fire, tactical field care and how to conduct a casualty evacuation, Peters explained. He demonstrated both the proper technique and location to apply a tourniquet, showed the students different techniques to open the airway, and taught them the basic rescue breathing technique.

“I’m teaching them the necessary skills they need to know to be the first responder to save someone’s life,” he said. “It’s their responsibility to care for



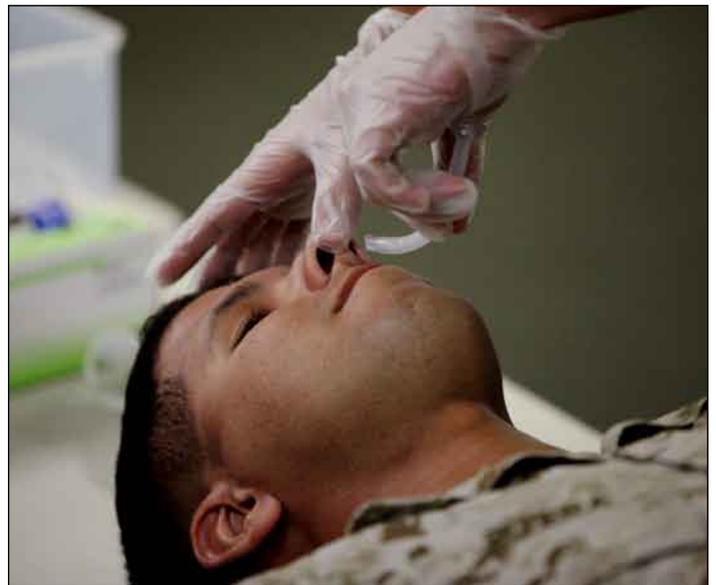
Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Peters, 22, from Rolla, Mo., leading instructor for the Combat Life Saver course, 1st Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, demonstrates different techniques to open the airway during a CLS course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 31. The 3-day course was designed to teach any Marine the basic medical skills needed to save lives in combat, when a corpsman isn't present.

the casualty until they can be evacuated to a safer location for proper treatment.”

Marines are constantly training, whether it’s for combat situations or for saving someone’s life, and the students were eager to learn, Peters said. They knew how important it was for them to pay attention as it could mean lives saved down the road.

“I hope to gain enough knowledge to have the tools to save someone’s life,” said Pfc. Brandon Phillips, 19, from Omaha, Neb., motor transport operator, Headquarters and Service Company, CLR-15, 1st MLG, on his first day of the course. “This is great information and I’ve learned a lot in only one day.

I can’t wait to get some more hands-on training during the next few days, and maybe I’ll be able to save someone’s life in the future.”



Cpl. Joseph Rivera, 23, from Penuelas, Puerto Rico, motor transport operator with Motor Transport Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, volunteers to be a patient during a demonstration of how to insert a tube into a patient's nostril to open an airway during a Combat Life Saver course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 31.

CLR-17 Marines support mortar exercise

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – As rounds violently hit the impact zone; forward observers quickly realized the mortars are landing too short. Readjust, was called over the radio to the mortar men on the gun-line.

Marines with Combat Skills Training, Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, called indirect fire support as forward observers while mortar men with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, sent rounds down range during a training exercise here, Sept. 7.

Forward observers are used to provide target location for indirect fire support, this is important because the mortar men on the gun-line do not have a visual of the impact area. The observers assist by calling in on-the-spot adjustments after the impact of the mortar, said Staff Sgt. Brian P. Holloway, enhanced combat skills chief, HQ Company, CLR-17, 1st MLG.

Along with assisting the Marines from Company K with indirect fire support as forward observers, the enhanced combat skills instructors provided the infantry unit with 60mm high explosive mortars to use during the training exercise, said Holloway.

The enhanced combat skills instructors were aiding in the exercise in order to accumulate enough training for certification required for joint fires observer school, said Cpl. Alfonso L. Paniagua, enhanced combat skills instructor, HQ Company, CLR-17, 1st MLG.

With the cohesion of both units working together, they were able to benefit from the joint exercise. The instructors were able to gain experience as forward observers and the mortar men were given the opportunity to train.

The Marines participated in the exercise to increase proficiency and to enhance crucial skills as joint fires observers, said Holloway, from St. Joseph, Mich.

After the exercise was completed, Holloway said it went well. The enhanced combat skills instructors were able to learn some valuable lessons to pass to their Marines, thus preparing them for future deployment with 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward).



Marines from Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, fire a 60 mm mortar, setting the base plate in the dirt during a live-fire training exercise at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 7. Enhanced combat skills instructors from Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, trained as forward observers during the exercise.



A Marine with Combat Skills Training, Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, spots the impact area and calls over the radio to give the impacted coordinates to mortar men on the gun-line during a live-fire exercise aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 7.



Marines from Company K, 3rd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, load a 60 mm mortar during a live-fire training exercise at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 7.



A Marine from Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, adjusts the fire direction during a live-fire training exercise at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 7.