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(Above) Maj. Gen. John A. Toolan (second from left), commanding general of Regional Command Southwest, visits with Marines from the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) postal detachment at the Camp Leatherneck Post Office, Sept. 17. Toolan spent the afternoon touring several of the MLG's facilities including the Intermediate Maintenance Activity lot and the Concussion Restoration Care Center. (Left) Maj. John Flynn (right), commanding officer of Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd MLG (FWD), escorts Toolan through the grounds of the Camp Leatherneck Post Office, Sept. 17. Postal Marines presented Toolan with an all-access look at their daily operations.

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I MEF CG visits 2nd MLG (FWD) at Camp Leatherneck

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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Maj. Gen. Charles M. Gurganus, the I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) commanding general, visited Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Sept. 14, 2011, in preparation for his upcoming deployment and assumption of duties as Regional Command Southwest commanding general.

Brig. Gen. Michael G. Dana, commanding general of 2nd Marine Logistics Group

(FWD), accompanied Gurganus as he toured MLG facilities around the base, to include the Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Marine Corps Logistics Command, and Army Materiel Command lots, as well as the Combat Logistics Battalion 6 compound.

The visit gave Marines and coalition forces the opportunity to showcase equipment and logistical capabilities used in support of International Security Assistance Force operations. It also gave units the chance to express needs for certain equipment or logistical support.



(Top) Maj. Gen. Charles M. Gurganus (left), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) commanding general, walks with Capt. Michael Gasperini, the commanding officer of the Intermediate Maintenance Activity lot, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (FWD), during a visit to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Sept. 14, 2011. (Above) Lt. Col. Ralph J. Rizzo (left), commanding officer of Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd MLG (FWD), gives a tour of the CLB-6 lot to Gurganus (right), Sept. 14, 2011.

Photos by Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

BLOTTER



16 September 2011 - The spouse of a Marine with 2nd Maintenance Battalion reported an unknown white male attempted to enter her residence. Another witness corroborated her statement. An investigation revealed no leads or suspects.

19 September 2011 - Military police were notified when a Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 24 was reported to be fleeing from the custody of unit chasers. The Marine was observed executing a turn on Piney Green Rd., at which time Military Police attempted to make contact with the Marine who refused to stop and fled at a high rate of speed. The Jacksonville Police Department was contacted and a BOLO was issued for him and his vehicle.

'Giving My Gift Back'

Michigan Marine uses voice to unify deployed servicemembers

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Originally from Kingstown, Jamaica, Master Sgt. Mark A. Kennedy has been surrounded by musical talent since he was born. His grandfather and uncles played instruments with local musicians, and his mother and brother are natural-born singers. Kennedy says his own singing abilities are his 'God-given talent.'

Kennedy, who enlisted out of Pontiac, Mich., is currently deployed as an administration chief with 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward). During his deployment, he has used his voice to reach out to other troops during weekly religious services aboard Camp Leatherneck.

Recently, his involvement with the chapel gave him a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Kennedy was offered the chance to sing the national anthem at the memorial for the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. "Knowing there were so many people in

the audience who had family members that died on 9/11 or who lost friends in Iraq and Afghanistan, I wanted to give everything to my performance," Kennedy said. "To be standing there singing the national anthem, which so many people have given their lives for, made it so special for me."

His talents have opened other doors for him, as well. Stationed in Japan in 1996, Kennedy and some others went into a Japanese community and sang gospel music for the local citizens.

"It just kind of broke down the language barriers," Kennedy said. "They couldn't understand the words, but because of the music, they were very interested. They said they had never heard music like that before. It was phenomenal."

It is this passion for reaching out and touching others that Kennedy says will be a constant in his life, even after he retires from the Marine Corps.

"I want to keep giving my gift back and inspiring others," he concluded.



Master Sgt. Mark A. Kennedy, an administration chief with 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), sings the national anthem during a 9/11 memorial ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. Kennedy comes from a long line of musicians in Jamaica and has been singing since he was a young boy.

Courtesy Photo

WARRIOR - OF THE - WEEK



**MASTER SGT.
MARK A. KENNEDY**

JOB: Administration Chief
HOMETOWN: Pontiac, Mich.

Q: Why did you join the Corps?

A: "I wanted to be more disciplined and have more stability."

Q: What's your favorite MRE?

A: "I like them all except the veggie ones."

Q: If you were stranded on a deserted island with one piece of issued gear, what would it be and why?

A: "My M4 - I don't know what's on that island!"

Q: If you could do another job for a day, what would it be?

A: "Drill Instructor."

Well Done, MARINES

*RC(SW) CG thanks
money-saving CCR
technicians*

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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Two money-saving Marines with the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) Circuit Card Repair section were recognized for a job well done during Maj. Gen. John A. Toolan's visit to the Intermediate Maintenance Activity lot aboard Camp Leatherneck, Sept. 17.

The commanding general of Regional Command Southwest met with Cpls. Zachary Moats and Christopher Huber to personally give his thanks for their efforts as circuit card repair technicians.

The Marines recently hit \$105,000 in equipment repair savings. "This kind of stuff is amazing," said a proud Toolan, as he presented each Marine with a challenge coin, a tangible token of his appreciation.

He continued to quiz the Marines on the technical aspects of their job and they candidly explained their niche capabilities.

Since arriving in country more than six months ago, the Marines have been charged with repairing items such as battery chargers, laptop computers and radios down to the component level. By swapping out something as small as a transistor or capacitor, the Marines were able to repair existing equipment for approximately \$800 in repair parts, vice the much larger cost of completely replacing some of the gear.



Photo by Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski

Maj. Gen. John A. Toolan (left), the commanding general of Regional Command Southwest, quizzes Cpls. Zachary Moats and Christopher Huber on the technical aspects of their job at the Intermediate Maintenance Activity lot, Sept. 17. As circuit card repair technicians with the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), the Marines were able to save \$105,000 in equipment replacement costs and Toolan wanted to personally thank them for a job well done.



Chief Petty Officer Jeremy Miller, an independent duty corpsman with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), is pinned and covered as he is promoted to his current rank during a ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Sept. 16. Miller was among 13 others from across Regional Command Southwest who were promoted in front of dozens of their friends and colleagues.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Kaus

Miller joins 13 others across RC (SW) as Chief

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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - More than a dozen Sailors from across Regional Command Southwest attained the rank of chief petty officer during a ceremony here, Sept. 16.

One of 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward)'s own, Chief Petty Officer Jeremy Miller, was among 13 others who were promoted to the rank of "chief" in front of dozens of their friends and colleagues. Along with their new title, they were also pinned with the coveted anchor insignia.

"It's really all about performing at the

next level; doing what's necessary to take care of Marines and Sailors," said Miller, an independent duty corpsman with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward).

The path to the chief petty officer realm is often a long one - a 10 to 15-year journey in most cases depending on the Sailor's rate - but the rewards are many. With a history dating back 118 years, joining the Chief's Mess means becoming part of the oldest and largest voluntary brotherhood in the world, noted Senior Chief William Brown, the medical planner for 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward).

The ceremony was a true display of this shared sense of brotherhood as newly-pro-

moted chiefs and attendees came together from more than a half-dozen commands, to include Marine infantry and air wing units, Navy Sea Bees, and even individual augmentations attached to Army units.

"To be in Afghanistan and be able to complete the induction is unique, but to come together from all the different units really shows the unity of the Mess," Brown said.

Prior to selection as a chief petty officer, no matter their rate, each Sailor must demonstrate their abilities in technical expertise and caring for their subordinates. They are also judged on mission accomplishment at the unit level and how that factors into the overall mission of the Navy.

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