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Over the course of the last year, the Marines and Sailors of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group continued their mission of providing top-notch supply and support services to assets across the globe. Perhaps most notably, 2nd MLG (Forward) took on the role of the primary logistics component for Regional Command Southwest in Afghanistan. As the last days of 2011 slip away, take a look back at the year in photos.

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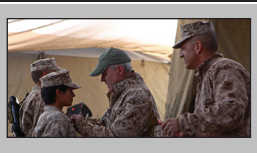

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Corpsmen with 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, lift a simulated casualty during a field exercise at Landing Zone Robin aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 28. The purpose of the exercise was to familiarize corpsman with their job in the field and other things they would encounter while on a patrol. This could include providing security, searching the area for improvised explosive devices and to tending to victims in a field environment.

Photos by Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

(Below) Marines with 2nd MLG participate in an air delivery exercise aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 7. (Bottom) Cpl. Joseph Hernendez, a landing support specialist with 2nd MLG, speaks with an air crewman during an exercise aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 7. The exercise consisted of a five to six-man team hooking imitation cargo to a MV-22 Osprey and waiting for its return to the drop zone so they could unhook the cargo, which simulates exporting and importing external lifts.

(Left) Marines with 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) take the first steps of their deployment by boarding chartered buses at the French Creek Reception Center aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 15. Members of 2nd MLG (FWD) embarked on a year-long deployment to Afghanistan's Helmand province in support of International Security Assistance Force operations.

Photos by Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kenneth Jasik

(Above) Marines and Sailors with Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd MLG (FWD) conduct improvised explosive device awareness training at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, Feb. 21. The course teaches the troops about the most common IEDs found in Afghanistan and the proper procedures when identified. (Right) A Marine with 2nd MLG (FWD) embraces a young family member prior to departing the French Creek Reception Center aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 15. (Below) Lance Cpl. Brian K. Steele, a combat engineer with 2nd MLG, gets a Purple Heart Medal pinned on his chest by Brig. Gen. Michael G. Dana, the commanding general for 2nd MLG, during a ceremony in front of the 2nd MLG Headquarters aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 14.

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Brig. Gen. Michael G. Dana and Sgt. Maj. William T. Stables, commanding general and sergeant major of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), uncase the 2nd MLG (FWD) colors during the Transfer of Authority ceremony at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, March 4, in which 2nd MLG (FWD) assumed the responsibilities as the combat logistics element for Regional Command Southwest in support of International Security Assistance Force operations.

Photos by Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

(Above) A Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle pushes a mine roller through a route to ensure the path is clear of improvised explosive devices during a five-day convoy to Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, Afghanistan, March 1. (Inset) Lance Cpl. Eric J. Sosa, a motor transportation operator with Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 2nd MLG (FWD), ensures his truck is ready for their convoy aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, March 1.

Photo by Lance Cpl. William M. Kresse

A Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 6, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, shoots a M-32 grenade launcher during field operations training at Fort Bragg, N.C., April 24.

Photo by Cpl. Melissa A. Latty

Cpl. Brock Wagner, a supply administration specialist with 2nd Supply Bn., CLR-25, 2nd MLG, and his wife and kids stand outside what is left of their home aboard Tarawa Terrace Base Housing Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 20. The Wagner family's home was destroyed by a tornado outbreak that swept from Oklahoma to North Carolina.

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Maj. William Barlow, commanding officer, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, CLR-25, 2nd MLG, and 1st Sgt. Marcelino Del Valle, the acting 2nd Maintainence Bn. sergeant major, pose proudly next to the Lieutenant General Chesty Puller Outstanding Leadership Award, which the unit received for their superior leadership, aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 28.

Photos by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

(Above) An Afghan National Army soldier proudly shows his graduation certificate to his fellow soldiers during a ceremony at Forward Operating Base Delaram, April 11. (Below) A Marine with the Embedded Partnering Team, CLB- 8, 2nd MLG (FWD), helps Afghan national army soldiers from the 5th Kandak untangle the tow rope on one of their vehicles during a driving course at Forward Operating Base Delaram, Afghanistan, April 11.

May

Photo by Staff Sgt. Theresa E. Seng

An Aircraft Recovery Fire Fighting team from Marine Wing Support Squadron 272, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, put out the blaze after a team from 2nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), detonated C-4 to remove the wings of a downed French F-2000 Mirage aircraft, May 27.

Photos by Sgt. Rachael K. Moore and Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

(Above) Sgt. Leland S. Watson, from Greenville, N.C., a Marine Corps Community Services Marine, with 2nd MLG (FWD), assists customers during the Marine Corps Exchange grand opening at Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, May 23. (Top right) A child's foot print is put on a post card for a deployed loved one during the 2nd MLG story time event at Marston Pavilion aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 25. (Bottom right) Gunnery Sgt. Wade A. Sparks, the senior mentor of the Embedded Partnering Team with Combat Logistics Battalion 7, 2nd MLG (FWD), assists an Afghan National Army soldier with fixing the tow bar on one of their vehicles, May 24.

Photo by Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski

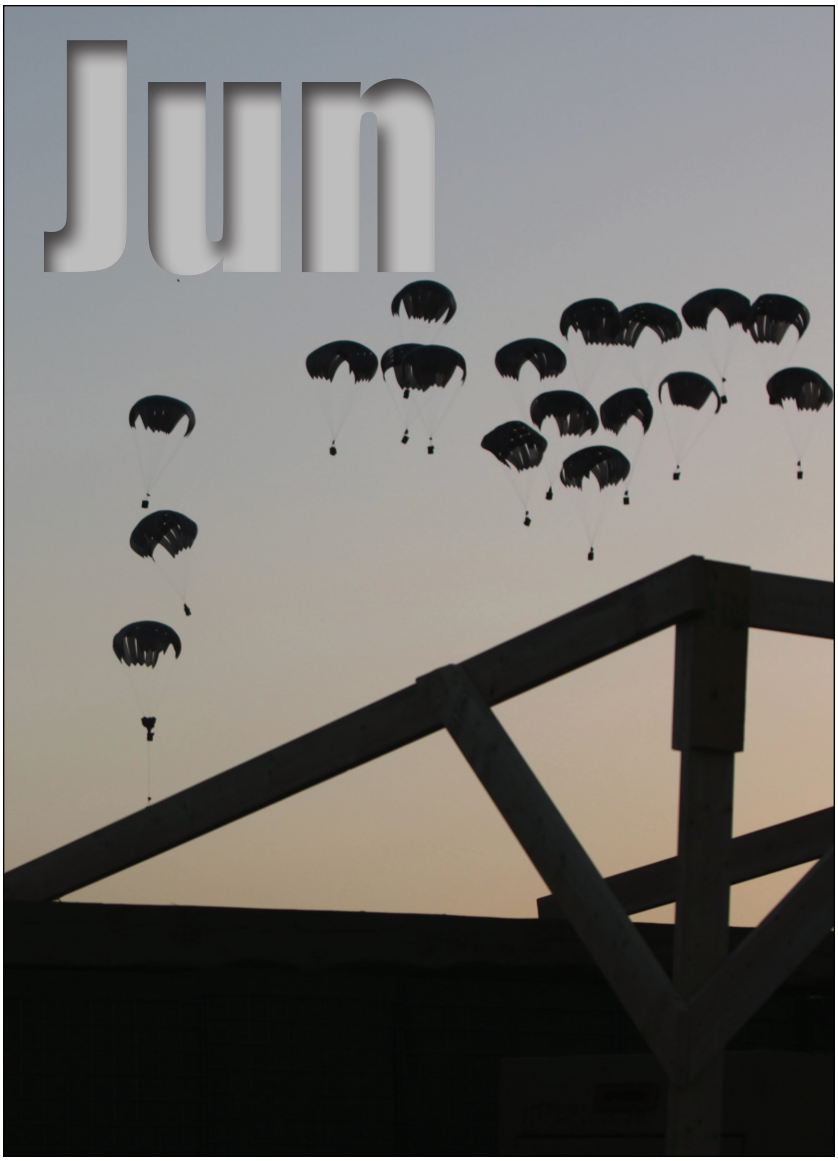
Lt. Col. Kevin G. Collins, commanding officer for Combat Logistics Battalion 26, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, renders honors to the unit's color guard during a change of command ceremony at the 2nd MLG Headquarters aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 23.

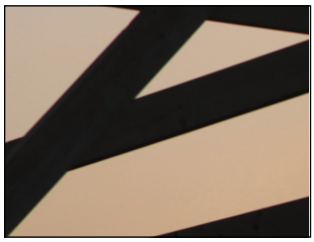
Photo by Sgt. Rachael K. Moore

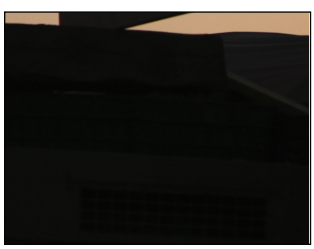
Capt. Michael Gasperini, the company commander of Maintenance Company, 2nd Maintenance Bn., 2nd MLG (FWD), explains what his Marines are doing at Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, Afghanistan, to Dr. Ashton B. Carter, the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, June 22.

Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Sgt. Dennis W. Ruff from Eureka Springs, Ark., an engineer equipment operator with 7th Engineer Support Bn., 2nd MLG (FWD), guides a fellow Marine operating a fork truck, as it picks up a drainage pipe piece from a trailer aboard Forward Operating Base Geronimo, Afghanistan, June 21.







(Left) Cargo drops to the ground outside of Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, Afghanistan, after a routine air drop, June 23. Landing support specialists with CLB-8, 2nd MLG (FWD), were responsible for coordinating air drops and collecting the cargo once it has landed. (Above) Cpl. Joshua McDermott, a landing support specialist with Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, digs deep in search of every last ounce of strength in the tug-of-war event during a field meet hosted by the regiment at the Goettge Memorial Field House aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 23.

Photos by Sgts. Justin J. Shemanski and Rachael K. Moore

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Cpl. Brock E. Callaway, from Bridgeville, Del., a combat engineer with Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), poses for a picture, July 1, aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. Callaway shows the boot he was wearing when he stepped on a defective anti-personnel mine June 26 near Patrol Base Shark Tooth, Sangin District, Afghanistan.

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(Above Left) Lt. Col. Brian N. Wolford (right) passes the organizational colors for CLB- 2, 2nd MLG, to Lt. Col. Denise M. Mull during a change of command ceremony at Soifert Field aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., July 7. By accepting the colors, Mull officially stepped in as the unit's new commander. (Above Right) A medical evacuation helicopter looks for the landing zone that was set up by Marines and Sailors of 2nd Maintenance Bn., 2nd MLG (Forward), July 1, near Now Zad, Afghanistan. Communicating with the pilots and ensuring the troops are ready to go for the medical evacuation are both responsibilities of joint terminal attack controllers. (Right) Staff Sgt. Robert Jernigan, a joint terminal attack controller with 2nd MLG (FWD), communicates via radio with a medical evacuation helicopter, July 1, outside of Now Zad, Afghanistan. Communicating with the pilots and ensuring the troops are ready to go for the medical evacuation are both responsibilities of JTAC teams.

Lt. Col. Ralph J. Rizzo, Jr., the commanding officer of Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), and Sgt. Maj. Phillip A. Orellano, the battalion sergeant major, uncase the unit's colors during a transfer of authority ceremony aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Aug. 11.

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Aug

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(Top) Lance Cpl. Michael S. Adams, from Pawtucket, R.I., a combat engineer with 7th Engineer Support Bn., 2nd MLG (FWD), cuts metal pieces from a drainage pipe while conducting repairs on Route 606, Aug. 20. (Above) Lance Cpl. Robert K. Collins (left), from Houston, an engineer equipment operator, and Lance Cpl. Michael S. Adams, from Pawtucket, R.I., a combat engineer, both with 7th ESB, 2nd MLG (FWD), pick up a culvert denial system, Aug. 19.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Henry Mensah, a religious program specialist with 2nd Marine Logistics Group, poses for a photo with Master Chief Kelly Mcnulty during an award ceremony at the 2nd MLG Chaplain Center aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Sept. 19. Mensah received the Junior Sailor of the Quarter Award for his outstanding work and determination.

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Sep

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(Above) Seaman Joshua L. McFarland (left), from Port Angeles, Wash., and Seaman Keene R. Davis (background), from Alma, Ga., two hospital corpsmen with the Embedded Partnering Team, 2nd MLG (Forward), assist medics with the 215th Corps Logistics Battalion, Afghan National Army as they take care of casualties during a mass casualty training exercise Sept. 10. (Top Right) An Oriental hornet lies at the base of its nest after being sprayed with a broad spectrum insecticide aboard Forward Operating Base Zeebrugge, Afghanistan, Sept. 24. (Bottom Right) Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel Walker, a preventative medicine technician with II Marine Headquarters Group, Regional Command Southwest, sprays a broad spectrum insecticide into an Oriental hornet nest at Forward Operating Base Zeebrugge, Afghanistan, Sept. 24. Walker, along with another sailor, visited the base for a series of pest treatments.

Oct

Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Families and friends snap personal photos of the buses arriving with Marines and Sailors with 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, during a homecoming aboard, Oct. 5, aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. The troops returned home from a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of International Security Assistance Force operations.

Photos by Cpl. Katheirne M. Solano

1st Lt. Hannah Paxton (right), a supply officer for Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd MLG (Forward), runs alongside her frequent training partner, 1st Lt. Jeffrey Clement, during the early morning hours aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Oct. 4 (Right) Brig. Gen. Michael G. Dana, commanding general of 2nd MLG (FWD), addresses Marines with CLB-7, aboard Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, Oct. 14, as their seven-month deployment draws to a close.

Photos by Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski and Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

Marines and Sailors with the 2nd Marine Logistics Group hit the pavement during the 2nd MLG Marine Corps Birthday run aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Nov. 8. (Top Right) Cpl. Zachary Meline, of Coose Bay, Ore., ground guides a fork truck laden with concertina wire into place at Patrol Base New Jersey, Afghanistan, Nov. 24. (Bottom Right) A Marine with 2nd Engineer Platoon, Combat Logistics Company 6, hauls building materials at Patrol Base New Jersey, Afghanistan, Nov. 23.

Photo by Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brandon Smith, the officer in charge of Heavy Equipment Platoon, Support Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd MLG (Forward), shakes hands with a local elder during operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Nov. 3. The Marines with 7th ESB repaired various points along Route 611 while working to improve relationships with locals.

Photo by Cpl. Brian Nygaard

Dec

Lance Cpl. Luis Holguin, a combat engineer with Alpha Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, and a native of Orlando, Fla., waits for a tractor to move so he can use his bolt cutters to dismantle a HESCO barrier at Firebase Saenz, Helmand province, Dec. 13. FB Saenz is the first of several patrol bases being demilitarized by the Marines of 9th ESB throughout the month of December.

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Far Right) Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus (middle) awards two Marines with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals aboard Forward Operating Base Nolay, Dec. 18. (Right) Steven James sights in on a target during the Combat Logistics Regiment 27 Jane Wayne Day aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Dec. 9.

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