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Elements of 2nd MLG (FWD), CLB-6 return home

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Photo by Cpl. Bruno J. Bego
A Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, enjoys the embrace of a young family member aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 1. The unit deployed to Afghanistan in July 2011.



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(From left to right) Petty Officer 1st Class Raymond R. Price, from Tarrant County, Texas, Petty Officer 2nd Class Donnell Proctor, from Baltimore, Kevin Jenkins, from Elmira, N.Y., the operations manager from a local business, Seaman Joseph R. Morgott, from New Orleans, Sgt. David A. Steiner, from Union Bridge, Md., and Cpl. Paul W. Vandewettering, from Kaukauna, Wis., pose for a picture Jan. 20, aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Marines and Sailors each received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, an engraved knife, and a Letter of Appreciation on behalf of the command in recognition for their yearlong efforts during an annual award ceremony.

Marines, Sailors receive recognition after year-long efforts

Cpl. Bruno J. Bego
2nd MLG Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – The 2nd Marine Logistics Group command recognized some of its members with annual awards during a ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 20.

Petty Officer 1st Class Raymond R. Price, from Tarrant County, Texas, was recognized as the Senior Sailor of the Year, while Petty Officer 2nd Class Donnell Proctor, from Baltimore, was awarded the Junior Sailor of the Year award. Seaman Joseph R. Morgott, from New Orleans, was honored as the Blue Jacket of the Year. Sgt. David A. Steiner, from Union Bridge, Md., was awarded Marine of the Year, and Cpl. Paul W. Vandewettering, from Kaukauna, Wis., was recognized as the Non-commissioned Officer of the Year.

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(Above) Kevin Jenkins, the operations manager for a local business, presents Sgt. David Steiner, of Union Bridge, Md., with an engraved knife to recognize his year-long efforts that earned him the title of Marine of the Year during a ceremony aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 20. (Left) Seaman Joseph R. Morgott, of New Orleans, is recognized as Blue Jacket of the Year in a ceremony, Jan. 20.



29 Jan. 2012 - A Marine with 8th Engineer Support Battalion was involved in a verbal altercation with his spouse, which escalated when she began to have a panic attack. The Marine was removed the residence and the Department of Social Services requested neighbors stay at the residence for the safety of the children.

'Amazing Experience'

Michigan Marine welcomes son to world via video chat in Afghanistan

Cpl. Katherine M. Solano
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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Cpl. Joseph Schank, a small arms repair technician with Marine Air-Ground Task Force Support Battalion 11.2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), is familiar with missing monumental occasions in his young daughters' life due to his responsibilities as a Marine.

He and his wife of three years have learned to communicate over long distances and support each other in crucial decisions without Schank's physical presence.

But now, Schank has experienced a first in parenting. His second child, a son named Leland, was born while Schank was deployed in Afghanistan. Missing birthdays is one thing, said Schank, but missing the birth of his son was admittedly harder.

"Being deployed and knowing that you are having a child is hard mentally and emotionally, but knowing what I get to come home to is what keeps me together," stated the native of Sandusky, Mich.

Thanks to a strong internet connection and video chat capability, the father of two was there to support his wife when their son was born. While he recounted the story, Schank seemed calm and collected, something he attributed to the fact that this was their second child and his wife was peaceful during the birth.

However, when discussing what he would tell his son one day about the experience, Schank became more animated, especially when talking about the pride he has for his wife, particularly at this time.

"I'm going to tell him [watching his birth] was an amaz-

ing experience that a lot of other military members don't get to do," he said.

He continued by explaining his pride in his wife and her ability to go to school full time and be a mother to two young children while her partner is deployed to Afghanistan.

"It takes a strong-minded, strong-willed woman, and that is what my wife is," Schank concluded. "I would like to thank her for being the best wife, mother, student and friend anybody could ask for."

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- Cpl. Joseph Schank

WARRIOR of the WEEK



**CORPORAL
JOSEPH SCHANK**

JOB: Small arms repair
HOMETOWN: Sandusky,
Mich.

FAVORITE MRE:
"Beef Brisket."

**FAVORITE SPORTS
TEAMS:**
"I prefer college sports, Michigan State University anything."

**IF I COULD HAVE ONE
JOB FOR A DAY, IT
WOULD BE:**
"DEA agent. It's what I
want to do after the Marine
Corps."

**IF I WAS STRANDED
ON A DESERT ISLAND:**
"I would just want my laptop
to watch movies the whole
time."



Family members await the arrival of their Marine aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 1. Elements of 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward)'s Headquarters and Service Company and Combat Logistics Battalion 6, returned stateside after a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan.

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Elements of 2nd MLG (FWD)'s HQSVC Co., CLB-6 return home after Afghanistan tour



A CLB-6 Marine reunites with his wife, Feb. 1.



(Above) Marines unload baggage aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 1. Elements of Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), returned stateside after a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan. (Left) A Marine attached to HQSVC Co. reunites with his family, Feb. 1.

Bold Alligator 12 begins



Photo by Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, participate in Bold Alligator 11 aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 2011. This year's exercise runs Jan. 30 through Feb. 13.

2nd MLG assets participate in large-scale amphibious exercise, showcase Navy & Marine Corps

Hope Hodge

Jacksonville Daily News

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. - With the end of a decade of ground combat in two wars in sight, local Marines are anxious to return to the amphibious training and warfare that makes their service branch distinctive.

During the next few weeks, they will have the chance to do just that. Bold Alligator 2012, a two-week shipboard training exercise, will involve a host of Navy and Marine Corps and allied units including 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, comprising over 14,000 troops from II Marine Expeditionary Force ground, air, and logis-

tics elements.

The exercise, billed as the largest amphibious endeavor since the 1990s, will conclude with a full-scale landing on Onslow beach, complete with air assets and a complement of amphibious vehicles and equipment. According to organizers, it is also the first exercise of this scale ever to blend live and synthetic training, with command centers shipboard and on the beach reacting to changing mission scenarios and elements and deploying real troops and equipment accordingly.

A future operations officer for Lejeune's 2nd Marine Regiment, Maj. Jacob Matt, said units with the MEB, including 2nd

Battalion, 8th Marines, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, and Marine Aircraft Group 29 from New River, were now in Norfolk, Va., preparing for embarkation early this week.

The exercise, he said, would center on a forced entry into a hostile country launched from the sea, with mandates not to intrude on or destroy the nation's infrastructure.

Working with Expeditionary Strike Group 2 out of Norfolk, Va. and about 25 U.S. and Coalition ships in total on the exercise, Matt said, would be an unfamiliar experience for many of the troops tapped to participate.

"We're reinvigorating our culture of conducting those exercises from the sea," he said. "Unfortunately, we've had a whole generation of Marines who haven't had the ability to train from the sea."

But from uprisings in Libya to an earthquake in Haiti, Matt said the recent past was replete with examples of the significance and continued potential of amphibious operations, in combat, peacekeeping, and aid capacities.

And an exercise of this size and scope, he said, would also allow for experimentation with new techniques and equipment, in as real-world a context as possible.

"We do have some limited experiments that are ongoing," he said. "Those range from different surveillance platforms, to putting different aircraft on different ships. Fire directions and command-and-control are all being tested with the doctrine that we've used forever. Every exercise we do, we test against our doctrine."

Bold Alligator 12 kicked off Jan. 30 and will continue through Feb. 13.

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