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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – When service members return home from deployments, they understand a lot might have changed. Some changes are expected and some are surprises.

For Cpl. Christopher J. Gregor, a motor vehicle operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 6, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, there was an addition to his family.

Gregor, a Bridgton, Maine, native, who just returned from his second deployment to Afghanistan, met his newborn son and third child, Wesley, during a homecoming aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. Jan. 31.

“It is really nice to come back and see my children and my newborn,” Gregor explained. “Seeing him here in my arms makes everything worth it.

“I hate that I couldn’t be here for his birth, but I am glad everything went well,” he added.

Wesley’s birth isn’t the only one Gregor missed during his time with CLB-6. A little over a year after joining the Corps, Gregor deployed with the battalion while his wife awaited the arrival of their second child.

“During my second pregnancy, the situation was a little crazy,” Franki-lin, Gregor’s wife explained. “I worked full time, and I lived in Maine. I didn’t know what to expect with him away. It was a new experience for us.”

Although Gregor was on the other side of the globe, with the help of the battalion’s chaplain he was able to see the birth of his daughter, Addison, in an unusual way.

“We got to [video chat] during the birth of our now 18-month-old daughter,” Franki-lin added. “It was interesting, and I was very happy he was able to see that moment.”

The possibility of future deployments doesn’t faze the Gregor family since, according to Franki-lin, Wesley is their last baby.

“I really don’t want him to deploy again,” she concluded. “I want him to be here with his kids. But if he deploys again, we will make it through just the way we have so far.”



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Cpl. Christopher J. Gregor, originally from Bridgton, Maine, a motor vehicle operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 6, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, kisses his wife, Franki-lin, during a homecoming Jan. 31, 2012, aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. Gregor, who just returned from his second deployment to Afghanistan, was not only greeted by his two daughters, Carol-lin and Addison, but he also met his newborn son, Wesley. Wesley was born while he was deployed.



2D MLG BLOTTER

03 Feb. 2012 - A Marine with Combat Logistics Regiment 27 was charged with domestic assault.

06 Feb. 2012 - A Marine with 2nd Medical Battalion was driving with revoked registration when he was struck by another vehicle when the driver failed to maintain proper distance.

Motorcycles, mentorship

Safety officer makes mean combination

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Marines go through several months of preparation prior to deploying. They qualify on different ranges and during field training exercises, which prepares them to operate overseas in potentially hostile environments as well as in non-hostile locations.

Upon their return, most Marines are not only more confident, but the majority of them acquired quite a bit of money in their bank accounts, which will enable some to buy the motorcycle they've dreamed of.

Unfortunately, safety might not be their main focus while driving down the main road on their brand-sparkling-new motorcycle. It is, however, the main focus of Staff Sgt. Brent M. Sharp, the 2nd Marine Logistics Group safety officer and motorcycle safety officer, originally from Saint Paul, Minn., who has been riding motorcycles for 34 years.

"We have a pretty broad spectrum [in the safety office]; we cover everything such as laser safety, respiratory protection, radiation safety, hearing conservation, bloodworm pathogens, traffic safety and fire safety," Sharp said. "Obviously traffic safety is the most important one because about 76 percent of our mishaps are traffic related."

Traffic safety covers all aspects of safely operating a motor vehicle, especially motorcycles. In 2008 an article released by CNN explained how 25 Marines died in motorcycle crashes that year. All but one of them involved sport bikes, according to Marine officials. In the same period, 20 Marines were killed in action in Iraq. In response, Marine Corps top leaders implemented a Motorcycle Safety Program.

"I was brought over here as the motorcycle safety officer," Sharp explained. "It was a brand new billet created by the 2nd MLG

commanding general [at the time] because of the [increase in] motorcycle accidents we had."

Since then, the Motorcycle Safety Program grew in size, and so did Sharp's experience and knowledge about motorcycle riding. The program is comprised of five different courses specifically design for each individual level of expertise.

"Currently we have five courses on base, the Basic Rider Course, the Experienced Rider Course, the Military Sport Bike Riders Course as well as the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute Course and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Dirt Bike School Course," he said.

"Also during our free time, all the motorcycle safety officers go and ride together

out in town so we can correct each other when riding a motorcycle We can't teach others if we are doing the wrong thing."

According to Sharp, being a Marine is an honor, but being allowed to mix it with motorcycle-riding safety and mentoring is priceless.

All the courses he runs allows him to interact with the Marines and sailors, and mentor on a person-to-person level.

"The students and I share more than one thing in common; we are serving, and we love motorcycles," he concluded.

"Being able to teach motorcycle safety and knowing the [Marines] will go to the street with a good set of skills gives me a sense of relief and peace knowing I just saved some lives," he added.

The Marine Corps Motorcycle Safety Program made mandatory the use of Department of Transportation approved helmets, protective eyewear, long-sleeve shirt and jacket, long trousers, full-fingered leather gloves, hard-soled shoes with heels as well as attending the different motorcycle safety courses. For more information about participating in a motorcycle safety course contact your unit's safety officer.

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WARRIOR of the WEEK



**STAFF SERGEANT
BRENT SHARPE**

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SAINT PAUL, MINN.

**WHAT AWESOME THING
DO YOU DO FOR YOUR
UNIT:**

SAVE LIVES

**WHAT WOULD YOU
CHANGE ABOUT CAMP
LEJEUNE:**

ADD ABOVE-GROUND
PARKING GARAGES

**WHO IS YOU HERO AND
WHY:**

MY MOTHER, SHE ALWAYS
PUSHED ME TO DO MORE
THAN I THOUGHT I COULD
ACCOMPLISH.



Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles A. Hill, a preventive medicine technician with the Preventive Medicine Unit, 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, tests a thermometer on his hand during a Petty Officer Preventive Medicine Course at the PMU compound aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 3, 2012. During the training, sailors learned the procedures for inspecting chow halls. They also learned about food-borne illnesses and different types of inspections, such as routine, comprehensive and follow-up.

Preventive medicine: phantom unit

Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado
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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Whether it’s breakfast, lunch or dinner, Marines and sailors often venture to their local mess hall to enjoy a meal.

Service members head to the chow hall with such frequency that many of them know the menu for each day of the week, but many don’t know who to contact if they discover any circumstances deemed hazardous or harmful to their environment.

The Preventive Medicine Unit, 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group ensures any unsafe or unhealthy conditions that are reported or need to be addressed are handled appropriately.

The unit hosted a Petty Officer Preventive Medicine Course at their compound aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 3.

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Every Marine Corps installation has a unit like the PMU, but many service members never realize units like these exist.

When Marines are unaware of the unit, it is a good thing, explained Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles A. Hill, a preventive medicine technician with the PMU.

“If we are inspecting and keeping things in tip-top shape, there should be nothing wrong or to make complaints about,” he said. “Our job is to make sure the chow halls are clean, safe and a healthy place to enjoy your meals. If the chow halls meet all these standards patrons shouldn’t need to contact us. So we take pride in knowing we do our job well around here.”

The PMU is responsible for the greater French Creek area. Though thriving as the “phantoms” of the MLG, the work they do to ensure they don’t have to make an appearance is continuous.

“We inspect eight chow halls once a month at the least,” Hill said. “Depending on how the chow halls do on the inspection, we then determine if we need to reassess them during the month. We’ve inspected some chow halls up to three times in a month.”

The PMU is also responsible for training the employees at every chow hall on the knowledge they need to keep it running at a high proficiency. The sailors also test and maintain water quality, and work to combat the outbreak of mosquitoes during the summer months.

“We do such a broad realm of jobs,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Brandi Crocker, a preventive medicine specialist with PMU. “We’re in the field, and with units and hospitals in garrison. Our sailors are doing an outstanding job and work hard at what they do every day.”

Keeping Marines and sailors healthy aboard Camp Lejeune is a priority that supersedes all, and if the PMU maintains its diligence, they will remain the phantom unit aboard base.



Photos by Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

Marines with 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) put out a fire during safety training at the Supply Management Unit lot aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Feb. 1. The training course covered extinguishing methods, types of fires, and the compressed air foam system, which can be used to put out small and large fires of various compositions. During the training they learned how to operate the compressed air foam system to put out fires.

SMU Marines receive fire safety training

Cpl. Katherine M. Solano
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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - Marines with Marine Air-Ground Task Force Support Battalion 11.2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), participated in fire safety training at the Supply Management Unit lot aboard Camp Leatherneck, Feb. 1.

The course was led by fire brigade instructors who also work as firemen aboard the base. It covered the importance of safety in a deployed environment, but especially the significance of fire safety due to its preventability.

“We want to reinforce hazard recognition and elimination,” said Damian Gonzales, one of the civilian instructors at the course.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Tyrone Sidney, the company uniformed tactical safety specialist at the SMU, the training not only reduces safety mishaps, but it gives the Marines hands-on training with fire extinguishing equipment.

He said training such as this is important in order to “preserve life and property of the Marine Corps in order for the SMU to continue to support the Marines of Regional Command Southwest.”

Specifically, the hands-on training

covered the use of the compressed air foam system. The CAFS has the capability to turn 30 gallons of extinguishing solution into 300, with the application of 2,200 pounds per square inch of pressure.

“The CAFS is worth its weight in gold ... you can do a whole lot of extinguishing with it,” stated Gonzales.

Each of the Marines in the course had a chance to try out the extinguishing system

on a live fire. With their practice and diligent safety inspections, Gonzales said the SMU maintains a “state of readiness at all times.”

(Below) Marines with Marine Air-Ground Task Force Support Battalion 11.2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), attend fire safety training at the Supply Management Unit lot aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Feb. 1. During the training they learned how to operate the compressed air foam system to put out fires.



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