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## 7th ESB leaves lasting impression at 1st Recon

Story by Pfc. Jeremy Fasci, 1st Marine Division PAO

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - With a little help, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division is about to get stronger.

For a little over two weeks, Marines from 2nd platoon, Company C, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group lent a hand by building a physical fitness park here April 13-30.

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Photo by Pfc. Jeremy Fasci

Lance Cpl. Samuel K. Usary, from Company C, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, cuts a tire in half to be used as a border for the pit behind a climbing wall.

## CLC-11 supports distant base with logistical assets

Story by Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Singsank, 1st MLG PAO

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. - With main component break downs at Miramar, there's only one combat logistical company that can provide the maintenance needed to get the entire air station operational.

Combat Logistics Company 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar provides a higher level of maintenance

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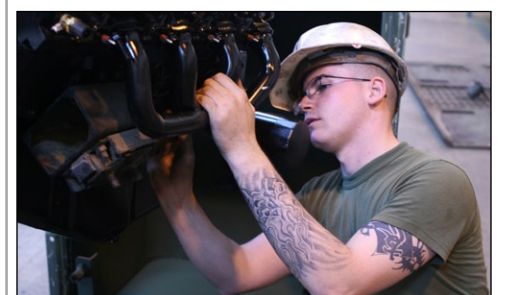


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Cpl. Michael J. Brazauskas, 23, Chicago, a motor transport technician, Combat Logistics Company 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, makes his final preparations on a Humvee engine prior to installing it, May 7. CLC-11 motor transport technicians conduct more in-depth work on vehicles, utility and heavy equipment.

## Fallen Marine honored by friends, family, Corps



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Singsank

Fellow service members and family members came to the Marine Memorial Chapel to pay their final respects to Staff Sgt. Mark A. Wojciechowski, 25, from Cincinnati, Ohio, an explosive ordnance disposal technician with 1st Ordnance Disposal Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, who was killed during combat operations while serving in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on April 30 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. See page 3 for more information.

## OMC repairmen keep Marines on the move

Story by Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Singsank, 1st MLG PAO

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Pulling the trigger is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to firing an accu-

rately placed round down range. Without proper working sights and optics, the trigger would pull and the round would fire, but there's no assurance it would hit the target.

Marines with Ordnance Maintenance Company provide all the in-depth main-

tenance and repairs on communication, optic and calibration equipment for Marine Corps Installations - West.

Communications, optics and calibrations Marines conduct a wide variety of services within their sections. Communication repairmen fix tactical switch boards, power sources and field wire electronics. Optic repairmen focus on fixing night vision goggles, thermal vision and advanced combat optical gunsights. Calibration Marines make sure all the

tools used to fix equipment are calibrated. All three sections work together to support the Marines in the fight.

"Every Marine Corps unit needs to shoot, move and communicate to complete any mission," said Sgt. Richard B. Coxe, the communication, optic and calibration platoon sergeant, Communications, Optics and Calibrations Platoon, Ordnance Maintenance Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group. "In order for them to shoot and communicate, they need to come through Ordnance Maintenance Company."

Communications, optics and calibrations Marines repair everything ranging from tactical switching modules to artillery gun optics. They also calibrate the tools that are used to fix all of the Marine Corps' equipment.

"The sights on the M-777 A1 need to be precise," said Coxe, 33, from Darlington, S.C. "Accuracy is a life and death matter for the Marines on the front line when artillery rounds are being fired."

Communications, optics and calibrations Marines are constantly fixing serialized gear

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Singsank

Lance Cpl. Frank A. Huizar, 22, from Sacramento, Calif., a communications electronic repairman with Ordnance Maintenance Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, repairs a tactical switching module, May 11.

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that can't be performed by ground level units.

Marines aboard MCAS Miramar are constantly using the base's tactical vehicles to load and unload cargo planes on the flight line. The strenuous use of these machines eventually causes mechanical problems that make the vehicles unusable until they're fixed.

CLC-11 is committed to providing a variety of combat logistics support to active and reserve units aboard and near MCAS Miramar.

CLC-11 motor transport technicians conduct more in-depth work on tactical ground equipment within the vehicle, utility and heavy equipment sections. They replace major components ranging from engines to transmissions. The Marines also fix electronics to a certain degree.

The Marines replace hydraulic pumps and hoses on tractor, rubber tired, articulated steering, multi-purpose vehicles that have blown out from the constant heavy lifting and movement. The Marines at the CLC-11 shop are capable of fixing simple mechanical problems, but their mission focuses them to work on more complex problems.

"Any gear that we receive here is usually non-mission capable," said Master Sgt. Jerome Sanders, 45, from Hackensack, N.J., maintenance chief, CLC-11. "We're repairing the equipment brought to us to bring up that unit's combat readiness."

CLC-11 offers main component replacement to an array of Marine Corps equipment ranging from portable generators to 7-ton trucks.

Prior to CLC-11 Marines installing a rebuilt component into a vehicle, they must transport the broken one to the fourth echelon shop at Del Mar, Camp Pendleton. That shop will trade CLC-11 a working engine for the old one. The Del Mar shop will then rebuild the broken engine so it can replace the next one that's brought in by the third echelon shop.

"Due to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, most of the Marine Corps is going to be rolling around in armored vehicles, whether it's mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles, Humvees or 7-ton trucks," said Sgt. Victor F. Virgen, 25, from Solvang, Calif., the floor chief, CLC-11. "It's important we do our jobs to keep the units' vehicles on the road so they can complete their mission."

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Singsank

Cpl. Michael J. Brazauskas, 23, from Chicago, a motor transport technician, Combat Logistics Company 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, installs a humvee engine here, May 7. CLC-11 motor transport technicians conduct more in-depth work on vehicles, utility and heavy equipment.



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Lance Cpl. Josh E. Shepard, 21, from Santa Fe, N.M., a motor transport technician, Combat Logistics Company 11, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, replaces a fuel water separator on a logistics vehicle system here, May 7.

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that's needed for service members who are scheduled for deployments. They frequently receive night vision goggles that break due to water damage, training or common wear and tear. The optic repairmen replace cracked lenses, reconnect stray wires and clean the sand out of the NVGs.

"The work tempo is always high here," Coxe said. "Units are always leaving and returning from deployments."

For Marines to be constantly on the ready, they need their gear to perform at the high level they do. If Marines operate without the proper working gear, it could negatively affect the set mission.

"We maintain unit's mission readiness by fixing gear immediately and sending it right

back to them," said Lance Cpl. Nelson A. Hoskins, 21, from Danville, Va., an electro-optical ordnance repairman with Ordnance Maintenance Company. "Sometimes it takes longer for us to fill out the paperwork than it does to repair the equipment."

By communications, optics and calibrations repairmen fixing equipment, the Marine ground units can continue firing accurately placed rounds down range.

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Lance Cpl. Nelson A. Hoskins, 21, from Danville, Va., an electro-optical ordnance repairman with Ordnance Maintenance Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, repairs night vision goggles, May 11.

# RECON

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Building the physical training site for the reconnaissance Marines allowed the engineers the opportunity to practice their construction skills on something that will be of use after they are finished building.

"Normally, if we want to build on base for training purposes, we would end up having to tear the project down as soon as we were done with the training, so it's nice to actually see our work is going to be used later on," said Sgt. Robert G. Spayd, the jobsite leader and a squad leader for 2nd platoon, Company C.

"We were looking on base for things that we could build to train our junior Marines on basic construction skills, and Recon offered us this idea," said Spayd, 25, who is from Albuquerque, N.M. "Not only will this site be used countless times after we are finished, it's one of the best ways to train because it's something different than we normally are able to build."

Doing diverse training gives non-commissioned officers the ability to pass knowledge on to their junior Marines.

"It's nice to get away from the company and work on something that can help another battalion," said Lance Cpl. Kendall V. Richardson, 23, from 2nd platoon, Company C., who is from Tulsa, Okla. "While we are out here, we also get to learn things from the different people who have been doing this type of construction for awhile."

With the guidance of their NCOs, the project went smoothly once all the necessary resources were allocated and delivered.

"One of the hardest things to deal with during this project was logistics," said Spayd. "Doing the physical labor needed to finish the project wasn't as hard as getting all the material and equipment on the site because of the many different units that we had to go through to get what we needed."

1st Reconnaissance Bn. had an idea of what they originally wanted the park to be and the

engineers worked off of that.

"During the planning stage we worked with the idea Recon had and showed them what exactly we could do for them, finally coming up with the design that is in place now," said Spayd.

The construction went quickly once the team actually got working on the project, surprising some of the engineers.

The hardest part of the whole project was getting the retaining wall done," said

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SGT. ROBERT G. SPAYD

Jobsite leader, Co. C

Lance Cpl. Frank A. Villalpando, 24, from 2nd platoon, who is from Riverside, Calif. "Once the wall was finished, the rest of the project turned out better than I had expected because at the beginning we had some difficulties with supplying the materials needed."

With Recon's physical training field complete, the engineers became a little bit more proficient as a team

and gained the satisfaction of helping another unit better themselves.

"I can't take any credit for this because I couldn't have finished the project without my Marines," said Spayd. "They put in the actual man hours and finished what needed to be done."

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Lance Cpl. Aaron M. McWilliams, an engineer with 2nd platoon, Company C, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, packs down the concrete that was poured to keep the new pull-up bars firmly in place. Marines from 7th ESB put up pull-up bars, dip bars, sit-up racks and a climbing wall while building a physical training park for 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 13-30.

# Blood drive and wellness fair

Day held to honor, support Marine suffering from leukemia

Combat Logistics Regiment 1 is scheduled to hold a blood drive June 3 for a Marine who was diagnosed with leukemia.

The blood drive is scheduled to last from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 11 area parade deck parking lot of the Paige Field House. The site will also host a health and wellness fair with representatives from base and local services who will discuss with service members the importance of taking care of themselves.



# Memorial service for fallen Marine

## Staff Sgt. Mark A. Wojciechowski honored by friends, family, Corps

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A Marine pays his respects at the Marine Memorial Chapel to mourn the death of a fallen Marine May 15. Staff Sgt. Mark A. Wojciechowski, 25, from Dayton, Ohio, an explosive ordnance disposal technician with 1st Ordnance Disposal Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, was killed during combat operations while serving in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on April 30 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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SGT. MATTHEW T. JACKSON

*EOD Technician, 7th ESB*

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Family, friends and fellow service members gathered at the Marine Memorial Chapel to remember a fallen Marine May 15.

Staff Sgt. Mark A. Wojciechowski, 25, from Cincinnati, an explosive ordnance disposal technician with 1st Ordnance Disposal Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, was killed during combat operations while serving in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on April 30 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“We are here today to pay our respects to a Marine who gave his life in defense of our nation,” said Lt. Col. Matthew N. Hess, commanding officer of 7th ESB, 1st MLG. “We are also here to celebrate memories from the all too brief time he spent with us.”

During the memorial, fellow service members spoke of Wojciechowski’s merit as a Marine and his qualities as a friend.

“He was always out and about making the most of his life,” said Staff Sgt. Bryan E. Carter, 26, Des Moines, Iowa, EOD Technician, EOD Detachment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Carter described Wojciechowski as an outgoing Marine who would always be there to get his Marines involved with activities that would get them out and enjoy the world.

“I can’t put into words or express to you what kind of a man Tony was,” said Sgt. Matthew T. Jackson, EOD Techni-

cian with EOD Company, 7th ESB. “Tony enjoyed every fire of life and wanted all those around him to do the same. He will surely be missed by us all,” said Jackson, 29, Calabasas, Calif.

They also mentioned his dedication as an EOD technician, spending his off-duty time studying the latest tactics, techniques, and procedures and practicing with the EOD robot.

While serving as an EOD technician in Iraq, Wojciechowski constantly put himself in harm’s way while responding to calls from units who located IEDs. His job then required him to render safe those roadside bombs, and destroy or recover them to learn from them, said Hess, 39, from York, Penn.

“His work in support of this vital mission not only reduced the hazards to coalition units and local populace, it also yielded intelligence about how the weapons were constructed, which enabled coalition forces to better defend against them in the future,” Hess said.

Because of Wojciechowski’s bravery and dedication to his job and the Marine Corps, the Iraqi roadways are now safer.

“We stand in awe of their bravery, and vow to carry on our own responsibilities, fueled by their resolve,” Hess said. “We want Staff Sgt. Wojciechowski here with us today – but we learn to accept that he is not, and re-dedicate our efforts to fighting the nation’s enemies in his place.”

Hess stated that Wojciechowski was a determined and patriotic man, and his example will continue to serve as an inspiration for us all.



Service members paid their respects to the traditional upturned rifle, boots and helmet which served as a memorial to Staff Sgt. Mark A. Wojciechowski, 25, Cincinnati, an explosive ordnance disposal technician with 1st Ordnance Disposal Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, who was killed during combat operations while serving in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on April 30 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# Photos from around the 1st Marine Logistics Group

A look at what Marines and their units are doing this week.



Photo by Pfc. Jerrick J. Griffin

Marines participated in a rock climbing race during the Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Health and Wellness Fair here May 15. The fair was held to promote a healthy lifestyle through eating right and exercise. There was food and several activities including a rock climbing wall and paintball range. There were also educational booths to teach Marines what food to eat and in what portions. The theme for the event was "Get Lean, Get Fit."



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Members of the Marine Corps Body Building Team pose for a photo during the Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group Health and Wellness Fair held here May 15. The fair was held to promote a healthy lifestyle through eating right and exercise. There was food and several activities including a rock climbing wall and paintball range. There were also educational booths to teach Marines what food to eat and in what portions.



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Lance Cpl. Masha Cook, 19, Dayton, Minn., warehouse clerk, Organic Supply, 1st Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, lifts an old wrapping machine using a forklift here, May 6. The responsibility of all the gear belongs to eight Marines with 1st Supply Battalion, and they supply the needed items in garrison and the proper equipment for when it's crunch-time during deployments.



Photo by Cpl. Tyler B. Barstow

Cpl. Nicholas G. Smith, 21, Helena, Mont., a range coach for Headquarters and Support Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, helps a shooter steady her shot during range week. Marines and sailors spend a week familiarizing themselves with the various shooting positions before firing their rifles at the range for qualifications. Smith, who normally works as a heavy equipment operator, is working as a range coach for six months where he will use his expertise, training and skills to better the shooters of the 1st MLG.

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