



## INCREASING OUR DEPTH AND RESPONSIVENESS



In a speech Tuesday, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, announced the restructuring of our logistics groups to increase the depth, availability and responsiveness of our combat service support. "To Marines, the notion of expeditionary is a state of mind that drives the way we organize our forces, the way we train and the kind of equipment we buy. This necessitates a high state of unit readiness and an ability to sustain ourselves logistically. We integrate logistics to provide the middleweight force the agility to get into position, the

endurance to allow it to last all 12 rounds and the power to deliver the knockout punch when the time is right. Our logistics capability is the equivalent of packing up Wal-Mart, Home Depot, AutoZone, and your local pharmacy and being able to place it ready to go anywhere in the world in 96 hours."

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During the speech referenced above, the Commandant also outlined a future in which the

Marine Corps would need to be frugal as a result of the budget reductions. In today's fiscally constrained environment, we must continue to improve our efficiency. Marines have historically been known as the Penny Pinchers, said Amos. At the end of the day, Congress and the American people know that the Marine Corps is a value and that we only ask for what we truly need. In fiscal year 2010, the Marine Corps consumed only eight and a half percent of the defense budget, yet provided 31 percent of the nations ground operating forces, 12 percent of its fighter and attack jets and 19 percent of its attack helicopters.

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## NEWS

### PENDLETON SAVES MONEY AND TIME



The Marine Corps annually grants "Project Excellence" awards for ideas that help improve the war fighting capability and readiness for Marines. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton's Facility Maintenance Department and the School of Infantry West were recently awarded that honor. The Facility Maintenance Department developed a project to reduce annual construction costs by \$9.2 million with potential future annual savings of \$10-15 million. The idea was to reduce response times for FMDs work, increase customer satisfaction and reduce the annual costs, said

John Magnus, business manager, business performance office MCB Camp Pendleton. The School of Infantry West was able to cut Administrative Separation time in half and reduce the annual cost by \$215 thousand in 2010. We cut out a lot of repetitive steps that were deemed unnecessary to administratively separate a student, said Staff Sgt. Marc-Antonie Harris, platoon commander, separations platoon, SOI-West, Cam.

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### SOLAR ENERGY PROVIDES 5 PERCENT OF DAILY USE



Camp Pendleton is going greener with the use of renewable energy, by developing a photovoltaic system or solar panels which



were unveiled in the Stuart Mesa housing community, Feb. 3. The project was first announced in July of 2010 and is now ready to ensure Camp Pendleton is one of the most environmentally friendly military installations. The photovoltaic system uses solar cells to convert light into electricity, generating 1.48 megawatts of renewable energy annually, and will also power five percent of the bases daily

energy use. The system has 225 panels, with each panel featuring 28-235 watt-modules tallying 6,300 photovoltaic components for all six acres. Totalling at \$9.4 million, the photovoltaic system was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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## MORE USE OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS SUPPORTED



The top Marine commander in Afghanistan is interested in giving Marines in combat more non-lethal weapons. Marine Corps Times reported Feb. 2 that Maj. Gen. Richard Mills, commander of Regional Command Southwest, said non-lethal weapons could prevent civilian casualties and give Marines and Soldiers the ability to better confront situations in which it isn't clear whether lethal force is necessary. Units trained and equipped with lethal and non-lethal weapons are more capable and versatile across a variety of scenarios. The Marines in

Afghanistan have received 20 of the Corps new Escalation of Force Mission Modules late last year. Stored in a transportable case, the modules can be tailored to specific missions, and includes everything from dazzling lasers used to temporarily blind civilians to translator devices. The Corps modules are organized into four categories: crowd control, convoy operations, dismounted patrolling and checkpoints. Each infantry battalion is equipped with hundreds of dazzling lasers in several sizes. They are used to warn people on motorcycles and vehicles away from sensitive areas and checkpoints without harming them.

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## WHAT BRINGS THEM TO PARIS ISLAND



After covering the Mohawk Bowl in Morgantown, W.Va., reporters Stacy Moniot and Justin Rose from WBOY 12 News were asked to join a Marine Educators Workshop. They found it a fascinating and awakening experience. About 5,000 Marine Corps recruits are training at the Parris Island Recruiting Depot year-round. During training, they are challenged physically, morally and mentally, so it was easy for Moniot and Rose to question what brings recruits to Parris Island. Recruit Katrina Jackson said she wasn't getting anywhere in her life in

Martinsburg, W.Va. "After high school, I moved out," she said. "And I was working three jobs, felt like I might as well do something useful with my life other than work at Cracker Barrel for the rest of my life. And when I do something, I do it 100 percent and the Marine Corps are the hardest and so that's the one I chose." Every Marine has a mission. For recruiters in the Eastern Region of the United States, that mission is to enlist half of the new 35,000 Marines the Department of Defense calls for each year.

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## FAMILY ADOPTS BOMB DOG

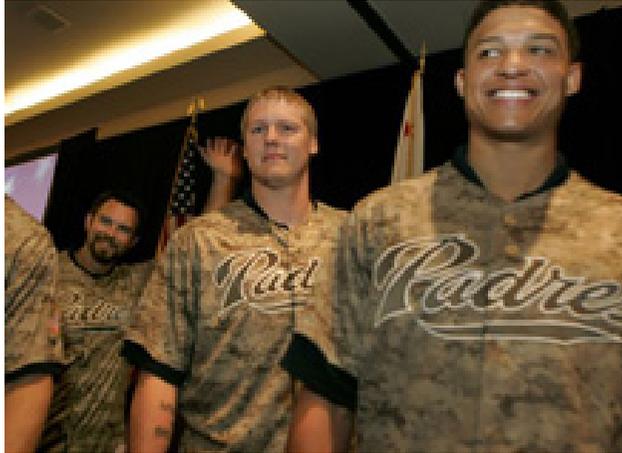


After Pfc. Colton Rusk was struck by a sniper's bullet, the first to reach his body was his best friend Eli, a bomb-sniffing, black Labrador. According to *USA Today*, Eli was so loyal he snapped at other Marines who rushed to his fallen handler. During an unofficial ceremony at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Eli will be given to Rusk's family. Military working dogs aren't always discharged from service after the death of their handler. Military officials said Rusk's commander had recommended retirement for Eli. Kathy Rusk told the Houston

Chronicle that she feels as if a part of her son has been returned to her. "I know that Colton passed his love on to this dog, and that's why he's so loving," she said. "He'll just be one of us, part of the family."

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## PADRES UNVEIL NEW "MARINE DIGITAL" JERSEYS



During the annual Military Appreciation Luncheon at Torrey Pines, the San Diego Padres revealed a new Marine digital camouflage jersey. The team has been wearing the camouflage uniforms since 2000, and this represents only the third different jersey top to be worn. The Padres, who proudly call themselves the Team of the Military also celebrated San Diego's military history by hosting their annual Military Opening Day with player appearances at military bases, donating game tickets to Marine recruits, wearing desert camouflage

jerseys for Sunday home games, providing military discount ticket programs and conducting on-field re-enlistment ceremonies before games as well as other outreach programs.

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## COMBAT DODGEBALL IN AFGHANISTAN



During the weekly Payne Games, Marines and Sailors played combat dodgeball. The Combat Outpost Payne, home to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, out of Twentynine Palms, Calif. is among the Corps southernmost outposts in Helmand province. The six teams who competed in the dodge ball game were wearing gas masks. The gas mask definitely made the air warmer and more difficult to breathe, said Lance Cpl. Nathaniel Snider, an administration clerk

with 3rd LAR. Depth perception and peripheral vision were thrown off, too.

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# HEROES OF THE WEEK

## TWO BRIDGEPORT MARINES AWARDED BRONZE STAR



Master Sgt. Louis A. Carrillo and Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Nagel, two Marines aboard the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for distinguishing themselves with heroism and meritorious achievements in combat situations. Nagel acted as a company advisor in Embedded Training Team 4-5 for multiple Afghan National Army companies. He led them on more than 50 combat patrols, aided in the discovery of multiple improvised explosive devices and the detainment of eight insurgents. Carrillo was recognized for his heroism in combat while serving in ETT 7-5 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. When he assigned to Firebase Vimoto, the only base run by Afghani security forces, he

participated in 60 patrols and 40 enemy contact situations.

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## TWO CAMP LEJEUNE MARINES AWARDED BRONZE STAR



Two Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit were awarded the Bronze Star for their actions while deployed in Afghanistan. Chief Warrant Officer Paul Sandy was given the honor for his efforts to help save a wounded Afghan army soldier, and 1st Lt. Tyler Kurtz was awarded for led Marines through a deep canal to engage the enemy. Maj. Gen. John Toolan pinned the award on both men. He told News 14 Carolina that presenting this award is always an honor.

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## EVENTS

## U.S. MARINE CORPS CELEBRATES HOMETOWNS IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The United States Marine Corps is launching a new multimedia campaign entitled *Where I'm From*, showcasing communities that Marines proudly call home. The campaign asks Marines to share why they choose to defend the nation and what about their hometowns they find most inspiring. The *Where I'm From* creative includes television, print, online display and mobile and will be featured nationwide during the month of February.

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## MARINE CHAMBER ENSEMBLES TO PERFORM MUSICAL KALEIDOSCOPE



The Marine Chamber Ensembles will perform a variety of musical styles and timbres at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13, at John Philip Sousa Band Hall in Marine Barracks Annex located at 7th and L Streets, SE, in Washington, D.C. The concert is free and tickets are not required. Coordinated by clarinetist Gunnery Sgt. Tracey Paddock, the concert will include David Baker's *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano*, Georges Enesco's *Dixtuor in D*, Johan Halvorsen's *Passacaglia in G minor* after Handel's *Suite No. 7*, and two pieces for brass quintet. The performance will also include Kevin Puts' *And Legions Will Rise*, and Jennifer Higdon's

*Splendid Wood*, written for percussion ensemble.

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