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TIP OF THE SPEAR

D.C. CELEBRATES ANNUAL MARINE CORPS MARATHON



The 37th annual Marine Corps Marathon held Oct. 28 welcomed 23,515 runners from every state and 54 countries, including 11,000 marathon first-timers and more than 140 wheelchair and hand cyclists, who raced against the clock and impending Hurricane Sandy. Army Spc. Augustus Maiyo placed first finishing the 26.2 miles with a time of 2 hours, 20 minutes, 20 seconds. Marines were on hand to motivate participants, whether they finished first or last. Runner Kim Phillips, who flew in from San Antonio for the event, said "The Marines wanted everyone to finish. And knowing that the race supports

the Marine Corps makes it more meaningful." For some runners the race took on a whole other meaning as they ran in honor of family members killed in combat. Regardless of the motivation, all was a testament to the Marine Corps Marathon mission: to promote physical fitness, generate community goodwill, and showcase the organizational skills of the United States Marine Corps. [Read more](#)

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Baseball Hall of Famer Willie Mays, Barry Zito, #75 of the San Francisco Giants, and Cpl. Nicholas Kimmel, United States Marine Corps, walk out to the pitcher's mound prior to Kimmel throwing out the ceremonial first pitch against the Detroit Tigers during Game Two of the Major League Baseball World Series at AT&T Park on Oct. 25 in San Francisco, Calif. *(Photo by Doug Pensinger/Getty Images North America)*



IN THE NEWS

III MEF COMMANDING GENERAL REINFORCES CORE VALUES



Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck, the III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, conducted an all-hands reflection brief at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan on Oct. 24 to address the importance of upholding the Corps' high moral standards, in light of recent alleged incidents by service members on Okinawa. "Every Marine on Okinawa became a diplomat the moment they landed on Okinawa. Conduct yourselves accordingly when interacting with our hosts and be the best diplomat you can be for our country and service...think about your actions and demonstrate that we are good stewards, neighbors and ambassadors and that we respect the

customs, traditions and the people of Japan," said Glueck. The three-star plans to visit all Marine installations on the island within the week to address the recent alleged sexual assault incidents.

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CAMP LEATHERNECK WELCOMES THE MAGNIFICENT SEVENTH



Marines and sailors in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan gathered for a relief in transfer of authority ceremony, Oct. 25. Regional Combat Team 7 (RCT-7) has taken over for RCT-6, who was deployed to Helmand province, Afghanistan for more than 10 months and will now be returning home to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. "I would like to tell you how proud I am of the Marines of RCT-6," said Col. John Shafer, RCT-6 commanding officer. "Every RCT headquarters that's deployed in support of [Operation Enduring Freedom] since the beginning of the surge has had daunting challenges. These Marines have met all the challenges and

then some." RCT-7 is expected to stay for a year with all of Helmand and Nimruz provinces as their areas of operations. [Read more](#)

PITTSBURGH NATIVE NAMED RESERVIST OF THE YEAR



Sgt. Dante Capane of the Marine Corps' Reserve Force was awarded the Reservist of the Year by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, for going above and beyond the call of duty and standing out among 39,000 other reservists. "Sgt. Capane's initiative, performance and tireless efforts have set the standard," said Capt. John Schneider, Capane's commanding officer and nominator. Since joining the Marines in 2006, Capane has served in Afghanistan and received a "Gung ho" award while in Corporals' Course. He now works at Recruiting Station Pittsburgh, Recruiting Substation Tri-County. [Read more](#)

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION

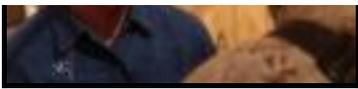


Service members and supporters alike gathered on Oct. 20 for a mile-long candlelight march to the Women In Military Service For America Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, Va., commemorating the memorial's 15th anniversary. It is the only national memorial honoring military women, and marks an important part of U.S. history. "We gather to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom while wearing the cloth of this nation," said Marine Maj. Gen. Angela Salinas, director of Manpower Management Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "There is no more appropriate venue then to pay tribute to the living memorial honoring all military women -- past, present and future." [Read more](#)

SECRETARY MABUS VISITS MARINES, SAILORS IN HELMLAND



Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, made his ninth visit to the Helmand province (10th to Afghanistan) on Oct. 28 to talk with the Marines and Sailors of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 7, at Forward Operating Base Geronimo. Mabus spoke on the drastic changes in Afghanistan security and the transition to Afghan-led forces. "What [the



Marines and sailors] are doing, you cannot underestimate the importance of," he said. "We are beginning to turnover security, turnover the defense of Afghanistan to Afghans, but in a way that will help keep America safe. There is no more important work they are doing." [Read more](#)

BRITISH FORCES HONE CLOSE-AIR SUPPORT CAPABILITIES AT CHERRY POINT



Marines at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., welcomed a team of British forces from the United Kingdom's 1st Armoured Division Oct. 15-26 to train in effectively coordinating air strikes with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252's Harvest Hercules Airborne Weapons Kit (HAWK). Harvest HAWK is an upgrade to the KC-130J Hercules tanker, which is a lethal asset for troops in Afghanistan. The training allowed forces to act as joint terminal attack controllers, ground warfighters in a forward position who direct combat aircraft engaged in close-air support. In Helmand province, Harvest HAWK teams regularly provide close air

support to U.S. and Coalition ground forces and can stay in the sky much longer than attack jets or helicopters. [Read more](#)

WOUNDED WARRIOR GETS BOOST IN REBUILDING LIFE



Sgt. Thomas "Trey" Humphrey watched as group of volunteers raised the walls of the 1,739-square-foot Reno, Nev. home being built for him and his wife Lindsey, Oct. 27. Humphrey joined the Corps in 2005 and served two tours in Iraq before being deployed to Afghanistan in 2010, where he suffered severe leg, arm, facial, and brain injuries when he stepped on an improvised explosive device. He has undergone 22 surgeries as a result, but is determined to get back on his skis -- a large motivation for his settling in Reno. The building of his new home is the first such project sponsored by the Reno chapter of the Texas-based organization,

Defenders of Freedom. [Read more](#)



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 1, 1983

Nearly 300 Marines of the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou, 15 miles northeast of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. Seventeen Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition and training sites were found. The next day the 22nd MAU left the Caribbean area and proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon to replace the 24th MAU.



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MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT RECOGNIZED AGAIN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



Retired Marine Chief Warrant Officer-4 Hershel "Woody" Williams, the last living Medal of Honor recipient in West Virginia, received another honor Oct. 18 when the West Virginia National Guard's newest training center in Fairmont, W. Va. was dedicated in his honor. The 68,000 square foot Hershel "Woody" Williams Fairmont Armed Forces Reserve Center will soon be home to the 901st Medical Battalion of the Army Reserve and the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery Battalion of the West Virginia National Guard. Williams earned the Medal of Honor during the battle for Iwo Jima in 1945. [Read more](#)

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