



TIP OF THE SPEAR

CMC SEEKS CRACKDOWN ON MARINE BEHAVIOR



Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, revealed a plan to incorporate tough new measures in barracks across the service during a General Officer Symposium, Sept. 23. The plan calls for a variety of new initiatives, including the installation of security cameras in each barrack, an increased number of staff noncommissioned officers (SNCO) and officers on duty, and the arming of all officers on duty and SNCOs on duty at all times. The commandant also called for renewed emphasis on established standards, including behavior,

turning to my leaders at all levels to refocus Marines on what we do and who we are," he said. **Read more**

physical conditioning, personal appearance, weight and body fat. "I'm



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A Marine assigned to Reconnaissance Platoon, Battalion Landing Team 3/2, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), conducts static line parachute operations over Djibouti Sept. 23. The 26th MEU is a Marine Air-Ground Task Force forward-deployed to the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility aboard the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group serving as a sea-based, expeditionary crisis response force capable of conducting amphibious operations across the full range of military operations. *(Photo by Cpl. Kyle N. Runnels)*



IN THE NEWS

WAR ON DRUGS REMAINS A CORPS PRIORITY



As the Marine Corps works to balance budget and readiness, it remains committed to training militaries fighting on the front lines of the drug war and developing new partnerships to aid humanitarian relief efforts and other types of crises across the Americas. "The problems they're having down there in Central America and parts of South America have a direct impact on our lives here in the United States," said Lt. Gen. Richard Mills, commander of Marine Corps Forces North. The Corps hopes to expand efforts in the area, building familiarity with allies in order to capitalize on existing relationships should crises emerge. [Read more](#)

MODERN DAY MARINE EXPO SHOWCASES TECHNOLOGY



Hundreds of companies that support Marine Corps operations showcased their technology alongside Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) at the Modern Day Marine Expo Sept. 24 to 26, at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Highlights included the Expeditionary Field Kitchen, which can feed up to 500 service members and execute cleanup within three hours. Another highlight was the Arctic Shelter System, designed to accommodate 15 Marines, gear included, at temperatures as low as 40 degrees and as high as 125 degrees Fahrenheit. Modern Day Marine is the world's largest military exposition focusing on enhanced capabilities for expeditionary forces. [Read more](#)

FIRST ENLISTED FEMALE INFANTRY TRAINING DRAWS 15

VOLUNTEERS



Fifteen female enlisted Marines began the Infantry Training Battalion (ITB) course at Camp Geiger, N.C., Sept. 25 as part of the Marine Corps' ongoing research into which additional jobs it could open to women. "We're not changing the standards on how we track performance," said Leon Pappa, a retired lieutenant colonel with Training and Education Command who oversees the research. "We're doing it the same way we do it for the males." The volunteers recently graduated boot camp at Parris Island, S.C. Of the 114 female graduates, 48 met requirements for ITB with 19 volunteering. The number dropped to 15 prior to the start date.

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FIGHTING 13TH RAIDS THROUGH DEVIL DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



Marines and Sailors of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) completed a rigorous summer of training, Sept. 22, as it concluded its first foreign bilateral training exercise with the Republic of the Philippine Army and Marine Corps. The 13th MEU is currently deployed and conducting training exercises throughout the Western Pacific region, including Exercise Iron Fist and Operation Tropic Thunder. "We have a use it or lose it mindset when it comes to preparedness," said Maj. Barret Bradstreet, operations officer with BLT 1/4. "Doing drills and straying sharp is the best recipe we've found to maintain the high state of preparedness." [Read](#)

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TWO GENERALS RETIRE FOLLOWING BASTION INVESTIGATION



Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, asked for the retirement of Maj. Gens. Charles Gurganus and Gregg Sturdevant Sept. 30, following an investigation of the attack at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan last year that led to the death of two Marines and destruction of U.S. fighter



jets. Fifteen insurgents entered a NATO airfield and destroyed almost an entire squadron of Marine AV-8B Harrier jets, the largest single loss of allied materiel in the almost 12-year Afghan war. Amos said the generals "failed to exercise the level of judgment expected of commanders of their rank," ultimately leading to their forced resignations. It is said to be the first

time since the Vietnam War that a general has been relieved of command for negligence after a successful enemy attack. [Read more](#)

MARINE RESERVES LOOK TO YEAR AHEAD



As the drawdown in Afghanistan continues, active-duty Marines may pick up some of the exotic training missions that have fallen to Marine reservists in recent months, according to Lt. Gen. Richard Mills, commanding general of Marine Corps Forces Reserve. Mills is determined to reset the force and keep reservists in the game, so-to-speak, leveraging the knowledge and experience gained over the past decade at war. To do that, he said, the reserve forces will continue to backfill the active-duty. "We are really paying attention to how the active force evolves and how we might have to adjust to support changes

coming out of that structure," he said. [Read more](#)

JAPAN, U.S. TO FINALIZE TRANSFER OF MARINES FROM OKINAWA



Japan and the U.S. are revising a deal this week on the realignment of U.S. Marine Corps personnel in Okinawa, Japan. The move is aimed at reducing the concentration of U.S. forces in Okinawa by accelerating their transfer to Guam. A preliminary April 2012 review led to a reduction in the number of Marine Corps personnel to be relocated to Guam (approximately 4,000 from the initially envisaged 8,000). The deal is expected to prompt Congress to free up funds by promising the personnel transfer in no uncertain terms. [Read more](#)



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 5, 1775

Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.



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USS RAFAEL PERALTA TO CARRY TRADITION OF HEROISM



The late Sgt. Rafael Peralta was honored during a ship-naming ceremony aboard Naval Base San Diego, Calif., Sept. 20. During the 2004 Battle of Fallujah in Iraq, Peralta led a squad of Marines through house-to-house urban warfare. After his squad kicked down a door, they were instantly fired upon -- Peralta was fatally wounded and fell to the floor, suddenly noticing a grenade only a foot from his head. He quickly grabbed the grenade, covering it with his body, and subsequently saved the lives of his squad. "That kind of heroism, that kind of love for his fellow men did not fall on deaf ears," said Lt. Gen. John A. Toolan, commanding general

of I Marine Expeditionary Force. [Read more](#)



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