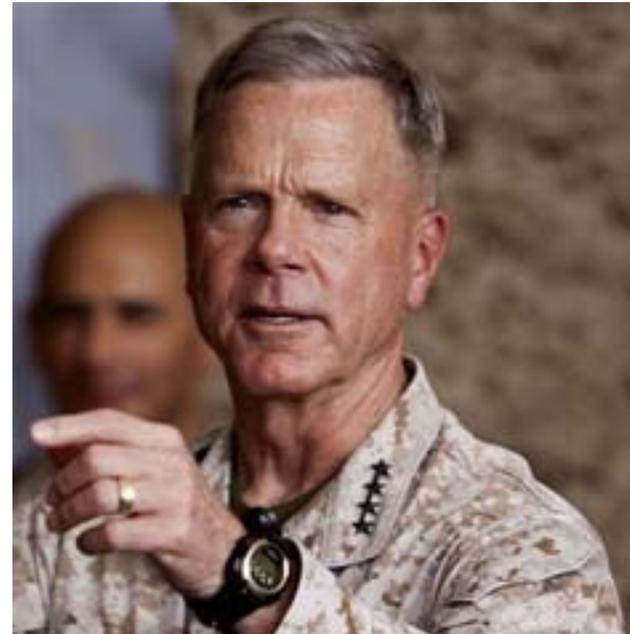


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BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD

In an in-depth interview in the September 2011 issue of *Seapower magazine*, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, describes the Marine Corps' role as America's crisis response force and discusses budget constraints, reset and other challenges that lie ahead. "The United States of America needs a force that can get out the door very quickly, a force that's in a high state of readiness -- all the time -- and a force that is willing to adapt to really any kind of environment, that is willing to live in harsh environments, that brings skill sets that range from full major combat operations to taking care of folks. ...We bring the whole package. We don't just bring airplanes, we don't just bring ground forces, we bring everything," he



said. Regarding budget constraints, which is the near-term challenge the Marine Corps is facing, Amos said: "Just last fall, we began to work on the force structure, what the Marine Corps would look like post-Afghanistan. [Then-Defense] Secretary Robert Gates challenged us to do that last September and we've done that. We ... briefed it to the secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, in January, and the Secretary of Defense in February. He approved it and that really reshapes the Marine Corps."

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MOTIVATED MARINE SUCCEEDS IN AFGHANISTAN



Marine Cpl. Austin Barton of Charleston, S.C., was recognized as his battalion's noncommissioned officer of the third quarter for fiscal year 2011. Barton serves as the combat operations center watch chief with the 2nd Marine Division's intelligence section in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. In his role, he analyzes activity in the division's area of operations and briefs the intelligence section. In addition, he acts as a liaison to ground commanders. Barton built a reputation for being a stellar Marine. "His job proficiency and leadership ability are well known in the intelligence section," said Marine Corps 1st Lt. Joseph Timoteo, the division's intelligence operations center watch officer. Barton, 22, has served in the Marine Corps for five years. He is a former rifleman who switched to the intelligence field when he re-enlisted. "The longer he's been here, the more enthusiastic he's become about his job. Then he pushes that off on others, and it's refreshing to see," Timoteo said. In a recent interview with the American Forces Press Service, Barton

said his drive to perform comes from his love of being a Marine in what he believes is the pinnacle of any Marine's career -- being deployed.

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CPL. JASON DUNHAM HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE



Cpl. Jason Dunham is a posthumous recipient of the Medal of Honor for heroism in Iraq. On Aug. 25, a section of State Route 19 and a bridge that crosses over Interstate 86 in the town of Amity, N.Y., was renamed the "Corporal Jason Dunham Memorial Highway" and "Corporal Jason Dunham Memorial Bridge." Dunham, a 22-year-old from Scio, N.Y., died in April 2004 while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. The

Marine threw his helmet on top of a live grenade and jumped on top of that to save the Marines on patrol with him.

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NEWS

TRAINING AFGHANS FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS



An elite group of Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP) is being trained by Marine Corps instructors at the Joint Sustainment Academy Southwest (JSAS) at Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, in a first-of-its-kind training program called the Provincial Response Company Course (PRC). During this six-week course, selected Afghan law enforcement officers are taught the skills required to engage terrorism, conduct hostage rescue operations and fight heavily armed criminals in

urban environments. The PRC is currently administered by a rotation of eight Marine instructors, 12 interpreters and two AUP class leaders. "The PRC unit's training gives it the ability to respond at a moment's notice and to handle situations outside the realm of the regular AUP's capabilities," said 1st Lt. Thomas L. Malone, a JSAS team leader and a native of Glen Burnie, Md. "They will provide the provincial police chief a quick reaction force for high risk situations." The training also stresses the leadership skills required in small teams and police units. Students will be well trained and prepared to operate in the field once they graduate in September.

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MARINES AND MALAYSIAN FORCES STORM THE BEACH



As part of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (Carat), a joint training exercise, combined force of Malaysian and American troops stormed the beaches of Tanjung Resang in Johor on June 6-15. This exercise, which has been held annually for the past 17 years, is part of an annual routine in which a largely US Navy and US Marine Corps centered military force travels around the South-East Asia region to conduct bilateral military maneuvers with the armed forces of the country it visits. The training involved 1,800 US Navy and Marines and 800

personnel from all three services of the Malaysian Armed Forces and the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency. "One of the most important outcomes of Carat will be face-to-face engagements or interactions between participants from both forces which will foster special bonds of friendship," said Vice Admiral Datuk Ahmad Kamarulzaman Ahmad Badaruddin at the launch of the exercise. Despite the fact that Carat was an exercise, the troops were all working hard and taking it very seriously. This attitude is very important as it enables participants to find out their weaknesses and be more prepared for a real battle.

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RETIRED MAJ. GEN. MYATT FOCUSES SAN FRANCISCO FLEET WEEK ON EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

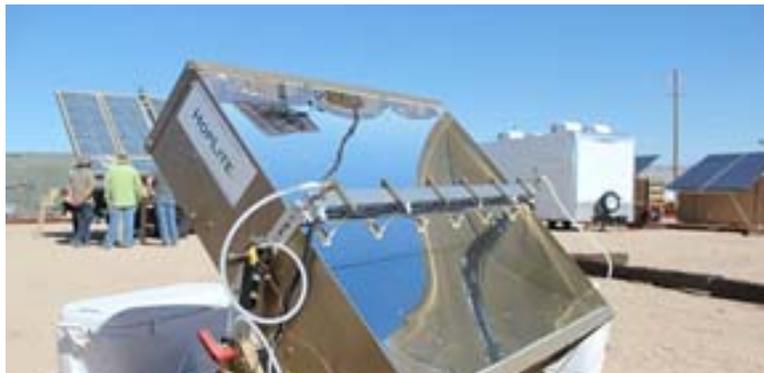


Come early October Maj. Gen. Mike Myatt (Ret.) will be the driving force behind the 2011 Fleet Week in San Francisco, Calif. Myatt turned the week from just a celebration of the sea services to one that's helping San Francisco prepare for future earthquakes. During Fleet Week 2010, an estimated 2,200 Marines joined thousands of Sailors and Coast Guardsmen to focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster response preparations. Firefighters trained military members on urban search and rescue, and Marines showed off how they could make water right from the

San Francisco Bay. "Why introduce yourselves on the battlefield," Myatt said of the Fleet Week exercises. "Get to know each other before." That's exactly what will happen this year. A seminar will be held for area mayors and their staffs to talk over what the plans and priorities would be in the case of an earthquake. Military planners will be showing area officials what they could bring and how they would be able to support.

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MARINES SEEK ENERGY EFFICIENT SOLUTIONS



During the week of August 18th at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif., the U.S. military demonstrated cutting edge clean technologies that can be quickly developed and deployed to help Marines and Soldiers on the ground in spots like Afghanistan. According to Earth Techling, an online



technology consumer publication, this is the third Experimental Forward Operating Base (ExFOB) event the military has held. However,

ExFOB 2011 has turned the focus toward two main areas: concentrated solar harvesting technology and tactical vehicle fuel efficiency. In the solar category, the military is seeking concentrated harvesting systems, such as lens-focused dished powering Sterling engines, as well as concentrated passive solar water heating systems. On fuel efficiency, the military wants ways to improve fuel efficiency for tactical vehicles while idling or static. Cogenera Solar and NEST Energy Systems were two companies that attended the ExFOB 2011.

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BEST KEPT SECRET REVEALED AT AIR STATION



Representatives of the Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard Recruiting, Advertising and Screening team visited the Air Station's Lasseter Theater, S.C., on Aug. 15. During their visit, the team informed interested Marines about the opportunities available and qualifications required to become a Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard (MSG). "For two weeks out of the month, we travel the East and West Coast visiting the various installations informing Marines about the opportunities MSG duty can offer," explained Staff Sgt. Anthony Lappe, member of the Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard Recruiting, Advertising and Screening team. During his visit, Lappe said that as MSGs Marines will have the opportunity to make connections with government officials and agencies, which could help them transition into their civilian lives. The duties of a Marine as a MSG are unique and come with great responsibility. "I've personally had to guard the

president four times," Staff Sgt. Cydney Rose, MSG, said, which brought some gravity to the situation. According to Lappe, the selection process is very detailed. Marines are required to have a secret clearance, be financially stable, earn a general technical score of 90 or more, and if they are sergeants or below, they must be single just to name a few. If a Marine fits that criteria and their package is accepted, they are then sent to Quantico, Va., where they will be given all the tools they need to survive three, 12-month tours in foreign countries.

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DEPOT GETS \$2.5 MILLION FOR 2012 GREEN PROJECTS



As part of the 2012 Energy Investment Program (EIP), the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego (MCRD) was awarded approximately \$2.5 million by Headquarters Marine Corps. This money was given to the Depot for additional saving upgrades in chiller units in the classrooms as well as the installing gray water recovery systems in some recruit laundry huts and roof top solar hot water heating systems in some recruit barracks. "The EIP program is run by

Headquarters Marine Corps to provide funding for energy reduction projects," said Richard Hatcher, energy manager, MCRD. According to Hatcher, the new air conditioning system to be put in building 626 features an oil free compressor. That compressor operates on a magnetic bearing system that reduces friction and increases efficiency. The new system is estimated to save approximately \$60,000 for the depot. "The gray water recovery systems are expected to save approximately 1,660,000 gallons of water in each building annually," said Hatcher. Gray water is any wash water used in the home such as sinks, showers and laundry. Water with human feces is not considered gray water, but sewage or black water. According to Hatcher, the government had mandated a goal to reduce energy use by 30 percent over a 10 year period since 2003.

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SCHOOL ASSISTANCE: PROGRAM EASES TRANSITIONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

In addition to the individual Marine, a Marine's spouse and children have to adapt to changes and new things when moving to a new station. They have to also be prepared to face new experiences with neighbors,



community and schools. Since they are constantly moving, military children have a hard time relating to fellow students. Now, through the military's school liaison program, teachers and parents are able to help children cope with the stresses they may encounter during these transitions. "The most important part of my job is making that connection between the families and the schools," said Donna M. Bagley, the school liaison officer for Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. "It is my job to reduce the impact of the mobile Marine Corps on our K-12 students, and help schools find ways to help students better cope with the stresses of a military life." As another part of her job, Bagley said she helps principals and teachers understand the military life.



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EXPANDED: TRAINING DEPLOYING GEORGIAN TROOPS



As part of an expanded program involving the U.S. Marine Corps, the nation of Georgia will double the number of troops it will send to Afghanistan next spring. According to the Marine Corps Times, about 1,600 Georgian soldiers will deploy on six-month rotations. It comes as the U.S. plans a gradual withdrawal of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan. The plan marks an expansion of the Georgia Deployment Program, in which Marines train Georgian troops at their Eastern European facilities to deploy alongside Marine

forces in Afghanistan. The program was launched in 2009 and first sent the 31st Georgian Battalion unit to Afghanistan in spring 2010. A seven-man team from the Marine Corps Training Advisory Group (MCTAG) deploys to Georgia to oversee the entire six-month pre-deployment training program for each battalion, with hundreds of Marines from across the Corps pitching in on short-term deployments to provide instruction. "An additional seven-man MCTAG team will deploy to oversee the second battalion's training," said Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Thomas Hall, a senior enlisted adviser for the Marine Corps Training

Advisory Group. Hall, who has traveled to Georgia extensively in the past 18 months, shared the details this month at the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Symposium, an annual gathering of senior enlisted leaders in Washington, D.C. The extension keeps Georgian troops in the fight in Afghanistan and continues their training at home, where tensions remain high with neighboring Russia. Sgt. Maj. Mike Barrett, the Corps' top enlisted Marine, told other sergeants major at the symposium that he was impressed with the Georgian soldiers while he was deployed last year as the top enlisted Marine in Afghanistan.

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MARINE BAND TOUR TO THE SOUTHEAST



"The President's Own" United States Marine Band will depart Washington, D.C., Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, for its annual fall concert tour, performing 29 concerts in 31 days throughout Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Alabama. Concerts are free, but tickets are required. Tickets can be obtained at www.marineband.usmc.mil. In the style of the band's 17th Director John Philip Sousa, who initiated the

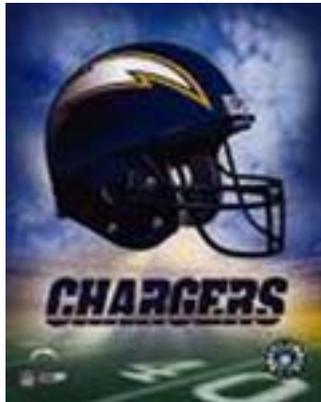


concert tour tradition in 1891, Marine Band Director Col. Michael J. Colburn has compiled diverse

programs, from traditional band repertoire and marches to instrumental solos. Tour concerts will feature a variety of soloists and will include Sousa's beloved marches "Semper Fidelis" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." The performances will also include music by Gustav Holst, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Georges Bizet, Carl Maria von Weber, Adam Gorb and Michael Gandolfi. Each tour concert will end with a Salute to the Armed Forces of the United States, featuring all of the military service songs. Upcoming tour regions include the Northeast in 2012 and the Midwest in 2013. Anyone interested sponsoring a Marine Band tour concert may contact Marine Band National Tour Director Andrew Linden at (703) 614-1405.

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SAN DIEGO CHARGERS PRACTICE AT MIRAMAR



Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar will host a San Diego Chargers practice session on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is open to all Marines, Sailors and their families, and it will consist of a practice session and autograph signing. The Chargers cheerleaders will be performing prior to the players coming on the field and will be available for autographs throughout. For more information, please visit

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