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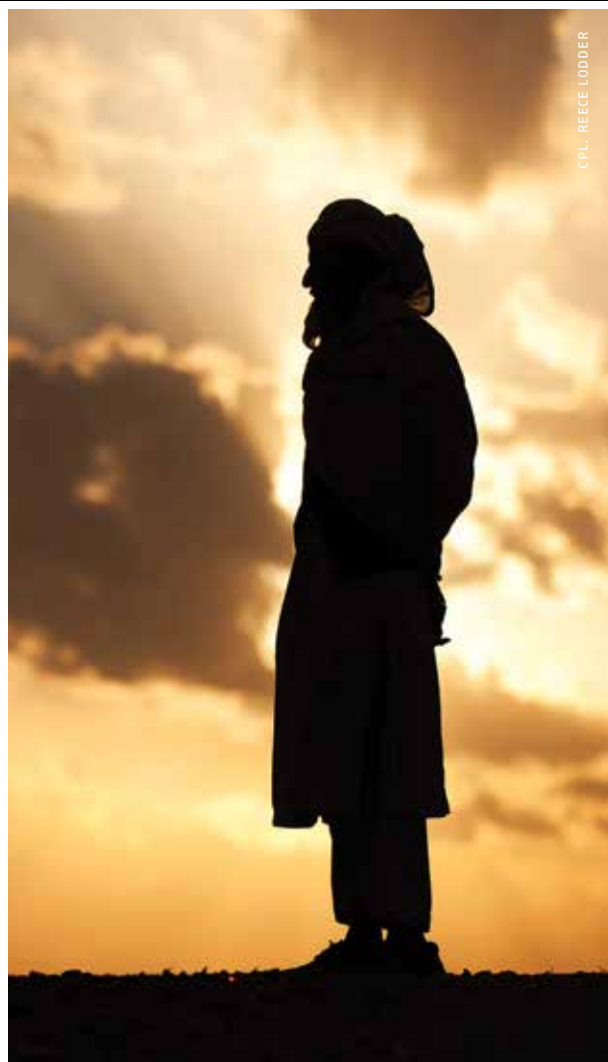
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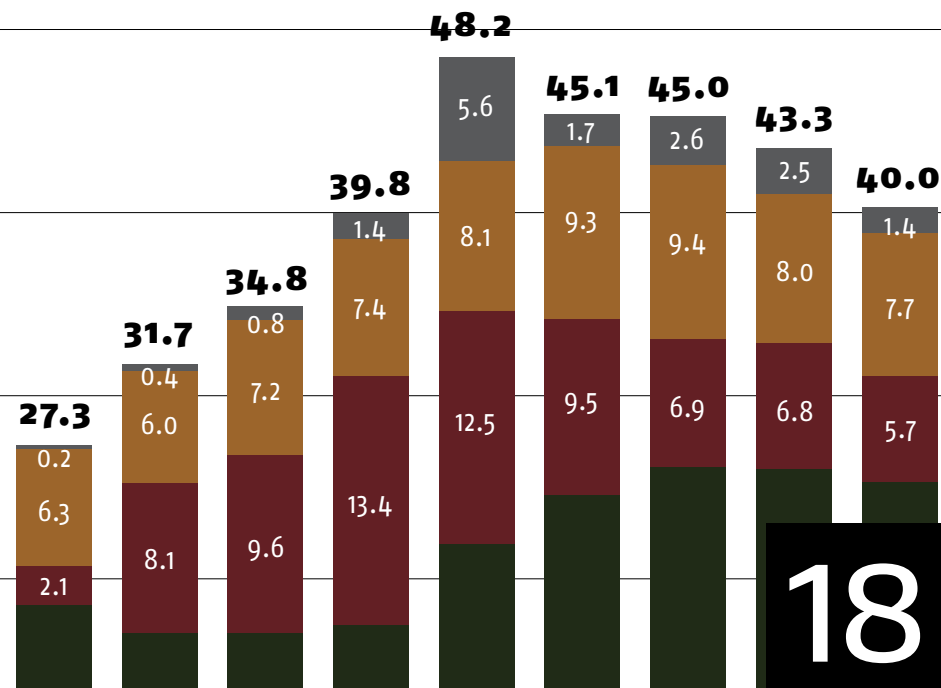
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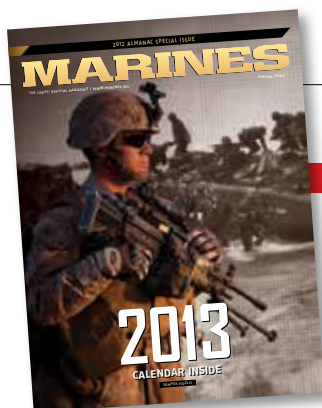
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GENERAL JAMES F. AMOS

As the nation's premier crisis response force, we Marines remain ready to respond to today's crisis, with today's forces, today. We exist to support our Constitution, and defend the American people and the interests of our nation. Whether conducting counterinsurgency operations in Afghanistan, conducting partnership and training missions throughout the globe, reinforcing our embassies, or assisting our friends and allies in responding to natural disasters, your Marine Corps remains ready to act – to strike, or to help – anywhere around the globe on a moment's notice.

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e are at a critical time in the history of our Corps. For the past decade, Marines have been engaged in combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are now entering a period of transition and fiscal restraint. We have recovered our forces from Iraq after establishing the conditions for success in Al Anbar province and are in the process of transitioning our responsibilities in Helmand province, Afghanistan, as directed by the President by 2014. This year portends to be a year of change and opportunity as our national focus moves to the Asia-Pacific region. Marines will be an integral part of that shift in strategy as we work to forward deploy more than 22,000 Marines west of the International Date Line and further develop our relationships with our allies throughout the region.

The Marine Corps is changing our internal structure to ensure we will fully support the new defense strategy. We are right-sizing the Corps at 182,200 Marines by 2016, rebalancing our forces and resetting our equipment. We are capturing the lessons learned from the past decade at

war and providing Marines of every rank new, innovative training and educational opportunities. As we can afford, we are also modernizing the Marine Corps across our ground and aviation procurement accounts while keeping true to our frugal roots, asking Congress for only what we truly need, and understanding we must live with what's 'good enough.'

Through it all, the Marine Corps will maintain its high standards of leadership and discipline, and our unflagging commitment to excellence, while contributing to joint force capabilities across the spectrum of military operations. Americans from every walk of life can rest assured that when they call the Marines to action, we will deliver swift and decisive action in support of our national objectives.

While this almanac is full of facts, figures, charts and graphs, let us never forget that these numbers describe a force of patriotic young men and women who sacrifice for our great nation everyday.

Semper Fidelis,
Gen. James F. Amos
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FOLLOW THE LEADER

GARMSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan

Regimental Combat Team 5, 1st Marine Division
Story and Photos By Cpl. Colby Brown



Lance Cpl. Ryan Meyer momentarily halts during a security patrol. Meyer is a rifleman with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. A point man led each of these partnered Afghan National Police and Marine patrols.

Sgt. Nathan Foersch sights in on something suspicious during a security patrol. Foersch is a squad leader with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. The squad leader used this partnered Afghan National Police and Marine patrol as an opportunity to teach his Marines the role of a point man.



Someone always has to go first.

In Afghanistan, the Marine who goes first is the point man. He is the first to jump across a canal, enter a farm field and tread ground that is potentially laced with improvised explosive devices.

“Our squad’s area has good security,” said Lance Cpl. Tyler Wilson, a point man with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. “Knowing that there hasn’t been very much IED activity in our area is a good feeling. But when you come across something you need to check out or looks like an IED, it’s definitely an ‘oh shit’ situation.”

The responsibilities of a point man are of high importance.

His first responsibility is sweeping the patrol route for IEDs. Like a metronome, the point man’s arm sways back and forth with a combat metal detector attached. The constant, weighted motion causes most point men to build more muscle in their sweeping arm.


“During the first couple of weeks my arm was numb from sweeping everyday,” said Wilson. “But you get used to that pretty quickly.”

There is a certain tone that every Marine dreads. It alerts the CMD user to a metallic presence in his immediate vicinity. Unlike the metal detector of an old man at the beach searching for loose change, this sound means danger is likely buried nearby.

“You have to make sure you know how to operate the metal detector,” Wilson added. “There is a beep that means metal is below you and another beep that means the batteries are about to die. You need to know how to get a good sweep, every time.”

The point man’s second task is to find a route. During the first weeks in Afghanistan, a point man must study his area of operation and make mental notes of natural landmarks.

As his deployment progresses, the point man will become more comfortable with his surroundings and more knowledgeable on every piece of his AO. When his squad

A full-page photograph of a Marine walking through a field of tall corn and poppy plants. The Marine is seen from behind, wearing a camouflage uniform and a helmet. The plants are tall and green, with some showing signs of being eaten. The background shows a clear sky and some distant trees.

"Not everybody is knowledgeable of their AO or can sweep for hours at a time. I take pride in my job."

Marines patrol all parts of the countryside, from rugged terrain to fields of corn and poppy. "You have to know your area," said Lance Cpl. Tyler Wilson, a point man with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.



Lance Cpl. Ryan Meyer surveys the area ahead during a security patrol. Patrols are part of the daily grind of an infantryman, and having a responsible, dedicated point man is critical piece of a successful daily operation.



An Afghan National policeman follows the same path the point man takes during a climb up a bank of the Helmand River.



Lance Cpl. Tyler Wilson sweeps for improvised explosive devices during a security patrol. The point man plays a critical role in daily operations for coalition forces in southern Helmand.

leader holds a patrol brief, the point man will eventually no longer need a map. Carrying a global positioning device for backup, the point man sets the pace and route to the villages his squad will visit on a given patrol.

“You have to know your area and be just as knowledgeable about your area as the squad leader,” Wilson said. “My squad has a pretty big area, but the squad leader could give me a place to go and I would know how to get there, anywhere in the area of operation.”

The task of finding a safe patrol route is complicated by insurgent IED operations. A point man must think like an insurgent, remaining cognizant of IEDs placed at choke points in trails or regularly trafficked areas.

While the point man may be in front of the patrol, in the back of his mind lingers the worry of missing an IED.

“Always knowing that there’s a possibility that I could miss an IED and be hit by it stays in my head,” Wilson said.

The variety of IEDs found in southern Helmand makes catching everything laid by insurgent forces a nearly impossible task. Despite this reality, point men still hold themselves responsible for every missed IED and, more importantly, for the safety of their fellow Marines.

“I miss something and one of the guys in my squad gets hit,” said Wilson. “That’s definitely a thought that stays in my head - that I could miss something and someone could get hurt.”

Marines on patrol frequently play a high stakes version of follow the leader. It is important for members of a squad to follow exactly where their point man goes while on patrol. If Marines stray from the point man’s path, they put themselves in unnecessary danger of stepping on an IED.

For Wilson, being a point man came naturally.

“Not everybody is knowledgeable of their AO or can sweep for hours at a time,” said Wilson. “I take pride in my job.”

As the battalion nears the end of its deployment, Wilson remains in front of his fellow Marines, diligently clearing a path for them over the rugged Afghan terrain. **M**



INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides a brief snapshot of the Marine Corps at the end of FY 2011. It includes a brief description of Marine Corps demographics, fiscal posture and the age of primary equipment. As such, it gives some insight into the resources that we fuse together to create the world's premier fighting force.

ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER ACCESSIONS

Type	Number
MECEP/ECP/MCP	218
NROTC	212
Officer Candidate Course	344
Platoon Leader Course	591
Military Academies	267
Warrant Officer Program	277
Other	13
Total	1,922

ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER AGE DISTRIBUTION

Age	Number	Percent
<22	17	0.1%
22	311	1.4%
23	778	3.6%
24	1,114	5.1%
25	1,238	5.7%
26	1,299	6.0%
27	1,177	5.4%
28	1,137	5.2%
29	1,097	5.0%
30	1,083	5.0%
31-35	4,505	20.6%
36-40	4,215	19.3%
41+	3,851	17.6%
Total	21,822	100%

ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Rank	Number	percent
Warrant/Chief Warrant Officers	2,076	9.5%
Second Lieutenant	2,785	12.8%
First Lieutenant	3,841	17.6%
Captain	6,509	29.8%
Major	3,915	17.9%
Lieutenant Colonel	1,915	8.8%
Colonel	693	3.2%
General Officer	88	0.4%
Total	21,822	100%

ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER OCCUPATIONAL FIELD DISTRIBUTION

Primary MOS Code	Description	Female Officer	Male Officer	Total Officer
01	Personnel & Administration	188	563	751
02	Intelligence	82	1,335	1,417
03	Infantry	0	2,590	2,590
04	Logistics	185	1,580	1,765
06	Communications	82	1,188	1,270
08	Field Artillery	0	1,077	1,077
09	Training	0	3	3
11	Utilities	3	41	44
13	Engineer	43	652	695
18	Tank & AAV	0	374	374
21	Ground Ordnance Maintenance	3	139	142
23	Ammunition & EOD	2	138	140
26	Signals Intelligence	2	37	39
28	Ground Electronics Maintenance	4	105	109
30	Supply Administration & Operations	87	671	758
31	Distribution Management	4	22	26
33	Food Service	5	35	40
34	Financial Management	38	334	372
35	Motor Transport	1	101	102
41	Marine Corps Community Services	2	11	13
43	Public Affairs	41	120	161
44	Legal Services	81	527	608
46	Combat Camera	3	18	21
48	Recruiting & Career Planning	0	15	15
55	Music	2	21	23
57	CBRN Defense	2	118	120
58	Military Police & Corrections	20	277	297
59	Electronics Maintenance	1	75	76
60	Aircraft Maintenance	27	446	473
63	Organizational Avionics Maintenance	1	132	133
65	Aviation Ordnance	3	88	91
66	Aviation Logistics	27	268	295
68	Meteorology & Oceanography	1	31	32
70	Airfield Services	1	37	38
72	Air Control, Support & Anti-Air	58	626	684
73	Navigation Officer	0	12	12
75	Pilot/NFOs	194	5,365	5,559
80	Miscellaneous Requirements	132	1,325	1,457
Total		1,325	20,497	21,822

ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED AGE DISTRIBUTION

Age	Number	Percent
17	310	0.2%
18	8,426	4.7%
19	15,512	8.6%
20	18,724	10.4%
21	22,921	12.8%
22	19,441	10.8%
23	14,322	8.0%
24	11,950	6.7%
25	11,199	6.2%
26-30	31,368	17.5%
31-35	13,577	7.6%
36-40	8,089	4.5%
41+	3,496	2.0%
Total	179,335	100%

ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Rank	Number	Percent
Private	12,864	7.2%
Private First Class	20,361	11.4%
Lance Corporal	46,866	26.1%
Corporal	37,409	20.9%
Sergeant	30,047	16.8%
Staff Sergeant	16,916	9.4%
Gunnery Sergeant	9,245	5.2%
1stSgt/MSgt	4,026	2.2%
SgtMaj/MGySgt	1,601	0.9%
Total	179,335	100%

RESERVE OFFICER AGE DISTRIBUTION

Age	Number	Percent
<22	1	0.03%
22	8	0.21%
23	14	0.37%
24	27	0.71%
25	47	1.23%
26	58	1.52%
27	63	1.65%
28	94	2.47%
29	81	2.12%
30	93	2.44%
31-35	657	17.23%
36-40	918	24.08%
41-45	954	25.02%
46-50	639	16.76%
51-55	143	3.75%
56-60	15	0.39%
61+	1	0.03%
Total	3,813	100%

RESERVE OFFICER GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Rank	Number	Percent
Warrant Officer/Chief Warrant Officer	306	8.0%
Second Lieutenant	231	6.1%
First Lieutenant	148	3.9%
Captain	686	18.0%
Major	1,091	28.6%
Lieutenant Colonel	1,022	26.8%
Colonel	319	8.4%
General Officer	10	0.3%
Total	3,813	100%

ACTIVE AND RESERVE ENLISTED ACCESSIONS

Non-prior Service Accessions	29,726
Prior Service Accessions	15
Total Active Accessions	29,741

Non-prior Service Accessions	5,730
Prior Service Accessions	4,058
Total Reserve Accessions	9,788

Total USMC	39,529
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ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED OCCUPATIONAL FIELD DISTRIBUTION

Primary MOS Code	Description	Female Enlisted	Male Enlisted	Total Enlisted
01	Personnel & Administration	1,788	5,838	7,626
02	Intelligence	421	3,063	3,484
03	Infantry	0	32,749	32,749
04	Logistics	483	3,698	4,181
05	MAGTF Plans	40	351	391
06	Communications	1,265	14,085	15,350
08	Field Artillery	0	4,912	4,912
11	Utilities	223	2,845	3,068
13	Engineer	293	8,313	8,606
18	Tank & AAV	0	2,983	2,983
21	Ground Ordnance Maintenance	80	4,436	4,516
23	Ammunition & EOD	204	2,026	2,230
26	Signals Intelligence	387	2,819	3,206
28	Ground Electronics Maintenance	146	4,928	5,074
30	Supply Administration & Operations	1,495	5,848	7,343
31	Distribution Management	121	503	624
33	Food Service	396	1,995	2,391
34	Financial Management	245	1,152	1,397
35	Motor Transport	675	14,087	14,762
41	Marine Corps Community Services	13	127	140
43	Public Affairs	124	357	481
44	Legal Services	119	432	551
46	Combat Camera	111	431	542
48	Recruiting & Career Planning	71	375	446
55	Music	170	828	998
57	CBRN Defense	61	884	945
58	Military Police & Corrections	358	4,619	4,977
59	Electronics Maintenance	87	1,593	1,680
60	Aircraft Maintenance	484	5,150	5,634
61	Aircraft Maintenance (Rotary Wing)	231	6,697	6,928
62	Aircraft Maintenance (Fixed Wing)	144	3,691	3,835
63	Organizational Avionics Maintenance	336	4,193	4,529
64	Intermediate Avionics Maintenance	216	2,768	2,984
65	Aviation Ordnance	180	2,651	2,831
66	Aviation Logistics	395	1,852	2,247
68	Meteorology & Oceanography	47	371	418
70	Airfield Services	208	2,104	2,312
72	Air Control, Support & Anti-Air	112	1,954	2,066
73	Navigation Officer	11	186	197
80	Miscellaneous Requirements	511	6,909	7,420
84	Career Recruiting	12	523	535
89	SgtMaj/1stSgt	89	1,657	1,746
Total		12,352	166,983	179,335

ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED GRADE BY GENDER					
Rank	#Male	%Male	#Female	%Female	Total
Private	12,091	7.2%	773	6.3%	12,864
Private First Class	18,681	11.2%	1,680	13.6%	20,361
Lance Corporal	43,422	26.0%	3,444	27.9%	46,866
Corporal	34,836	20.9%	2,573	20.8%	37,409
Sergeant	27,998	16.8%	2,049	16.6%	30,047
Staff Sergeant	15,884	9.5%	1,032	8.4%	16,916
Gunnery Sergeant	8,710	5.2%	535	4.3%	9,245
1stSgt/MSgt	3,819	2.3%	207	1.7%	4,026
SgtMaj/MGySgt	1,542	0.9%	59	0.5%	1,601
Total	166,983	100.0%	12,352	100.0%	179,335

ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED RACIAL AND GENDER DISTRIBUTION									
Rank	Black Female	Black Male	Hispanic Female	Hispanic Male	White Female	White Male	Other Female	Other Male	Total
Private	117	1,168	124	1,598	481	8,852	51	473	12,864
Private First Class	251	1,654	291	2,275	1,034	13,867	104	885	20,361
Lance Corporal	514	3,662	414	3,907	2,231	33,722	285	2,131	46,866
Corporal	396	3,230	396	3,958	1,526	25,524	255	2,124	37,409
Sergeant	340	3,058	413	3,937	1,066	18,644	230	2,359	30,047
Staff Sergeant	214	2,382	222	2,595	471	9,681	125	1,226	16,916
Gunnery Sergeant	133	1,449	113	1,412	233	5,228	56	621	9,245
1stSgt/MSgt	73	777	35	485	85	2,284	14	273	4,026
SgtMaj/MGySgt	20	410	10	139	27	910	2	83	1,601
Total	2,058	17,790	2,018	20,306	7,154	118,712	1,122	10,175	179,335

RESERVE ENLISTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION		
Rank	Number	Percent
Private	1,714	4.77%
Private First Class	3,721	10.35%
Lance Corporal	15,135	42.09%
Corporal	6,438	17.90%
Sergeant	5,068	14.09%
Staff Sergeant	1,988	5.5%
Gunnery Sergeant	1,251	3.50%
1stSgt/MSgt	447	1.24%
SgtMaj/MGySgt	197	0.55%
Total	35,959	100%

ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED MARINE FAMILIES			
Civilian Spouses	Military Spouses	Guard/ Reserve Spouses	Children/ Other Dependents
75,575	6,959	441	86,971

RESERVE ENLISTED AGE DISTRIBUTION		
Age	Number	Percent
17-18	388	1.10%
19	1,750	4.87%
20	3,193	8.88%
21	3,925	10.92%
22	3,901	10.85%
23	4,048	11.26%
24	3,858	10.73%
25	3,120	8.68%
26-30	7,368	20.49%
31-35	2,331	6.48%
36-40	1,102	3.06%
41-45	689	1.92%
46-50	227	0.63%
51-55	52	0.14%
56-60	7	0.02%
60+	0	0.00%
Total	35,959	100%

RESERVE ENLISTED OCCUPATIONAL FIELD DISTRIBUTION

Primary MOS Code	Description	Female Enlisted	Male Enlisted	Total Enlisted
01	Personnel & Administration	337	1,305	1,642
02	Intelligence	35	542	577
03	Infantry	0	8,430	8,430
04	Logistics	101	1,252	1,353
05	MAGTF Plans	1	38	39
06	Communications	153	3,215	3,368
08	Field Artillery	0	1,138	1,138
09	Training	0	1	1
11	Utilities	57	681	738
13	Engineer	93	3,174	3,267
18	Tank & AAV	0	716	716
21	Ground Ordnance Maintenance	15	890	905
23	Ammunition & EOD	26	478	504
26	Signals Intelligence	9	34	43
28	Ground Electronics Maintenance	9	661	670
30	Supply Administration & Operations	232	1,342	1,574
31	Distribution Management	25	125	150
33	Food Service	47	501	548
34	Financial Management	6	29	35
35	Motor Transport	135	4,032	4,167
41	Marine Corps Community Services	0	0	0
43	Public Affairs	3	17	20
44	Legal Services	2	19	21
46	Combat Camera	5	5	10
48	Recruiting & Career Planning	6	62	68
55	Music	0	3	3
57	CBRN Defense	4	230	234
58	Military Police & Corrections	27	843	870
59	Electronics Maintenance	4	111	115
60	Aircraft Maintenance	39	363	402
61	Aircraft Maintenance (Rotary Wing)	8	335	343
62	Aircraft Maintenance (Fixed Wing)	5	237	242
63	Organizational Avionics Maintenance	16	185	201
64	Intermediate Avionics Maintenance	8	126	134
65	Aviation Ordnance	12	174	186
66	Aviation Logistics	41	195	236
68	Meteorology & Oceanography	4	30	34
70	Airfield Services	28	332	360
72	Air Control, Support & Anti-Air	15	161	176
73	Navigation Officer	1	19	20
80	Miscellaneous Requirements	47	2,132	2,179
84	Career Recruiting	1	38	39
89	SgtMaj/1stSgt	5	196	201
99	Miscellaneous Requirements	0	0	0
Total		1,562	34,397	35,959

ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER GENDER DISTRIBUTION		
	Number	Percent
Female	1,325	6.1%
Male	20,497	93.9%
Total	21,822	100%

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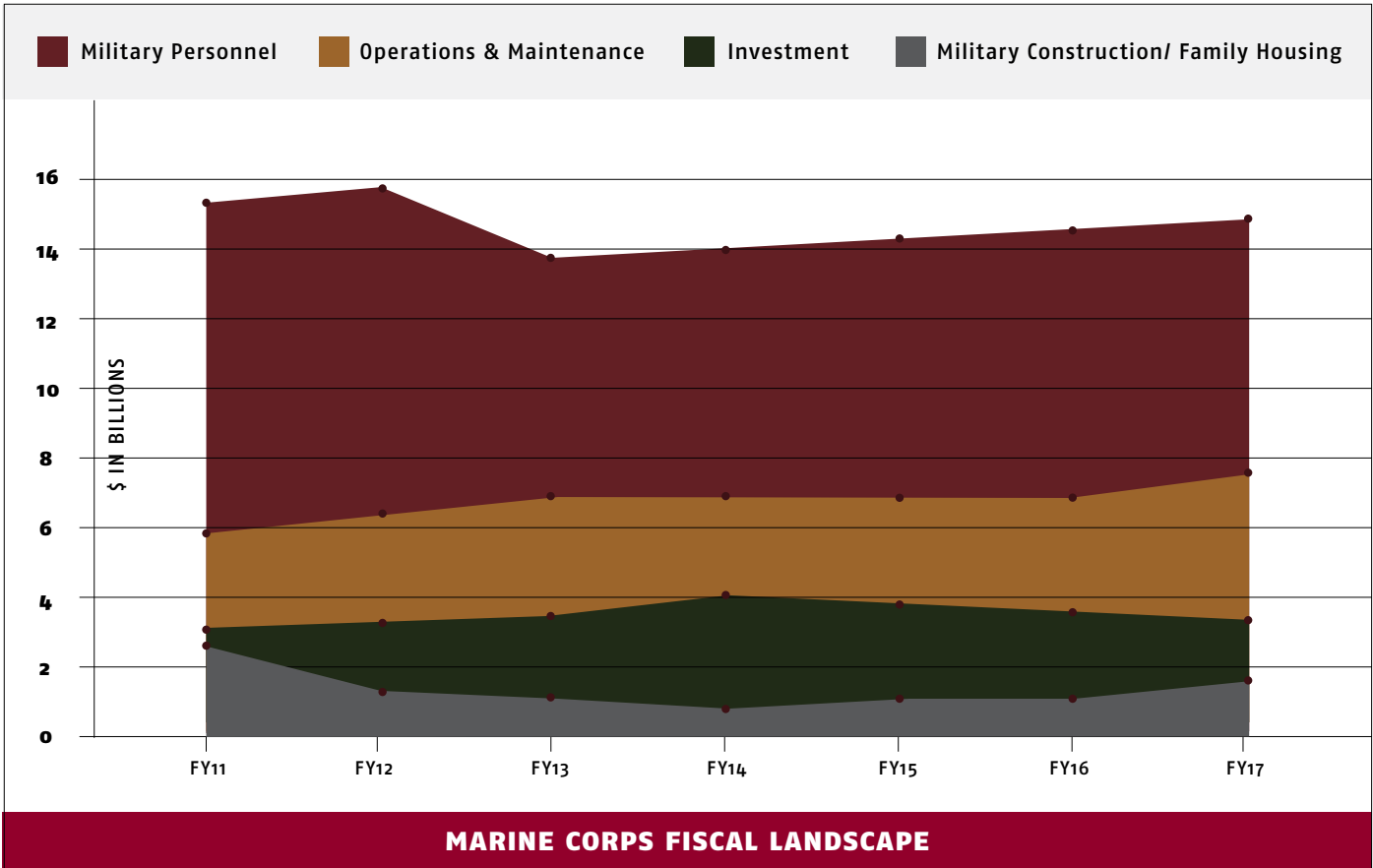
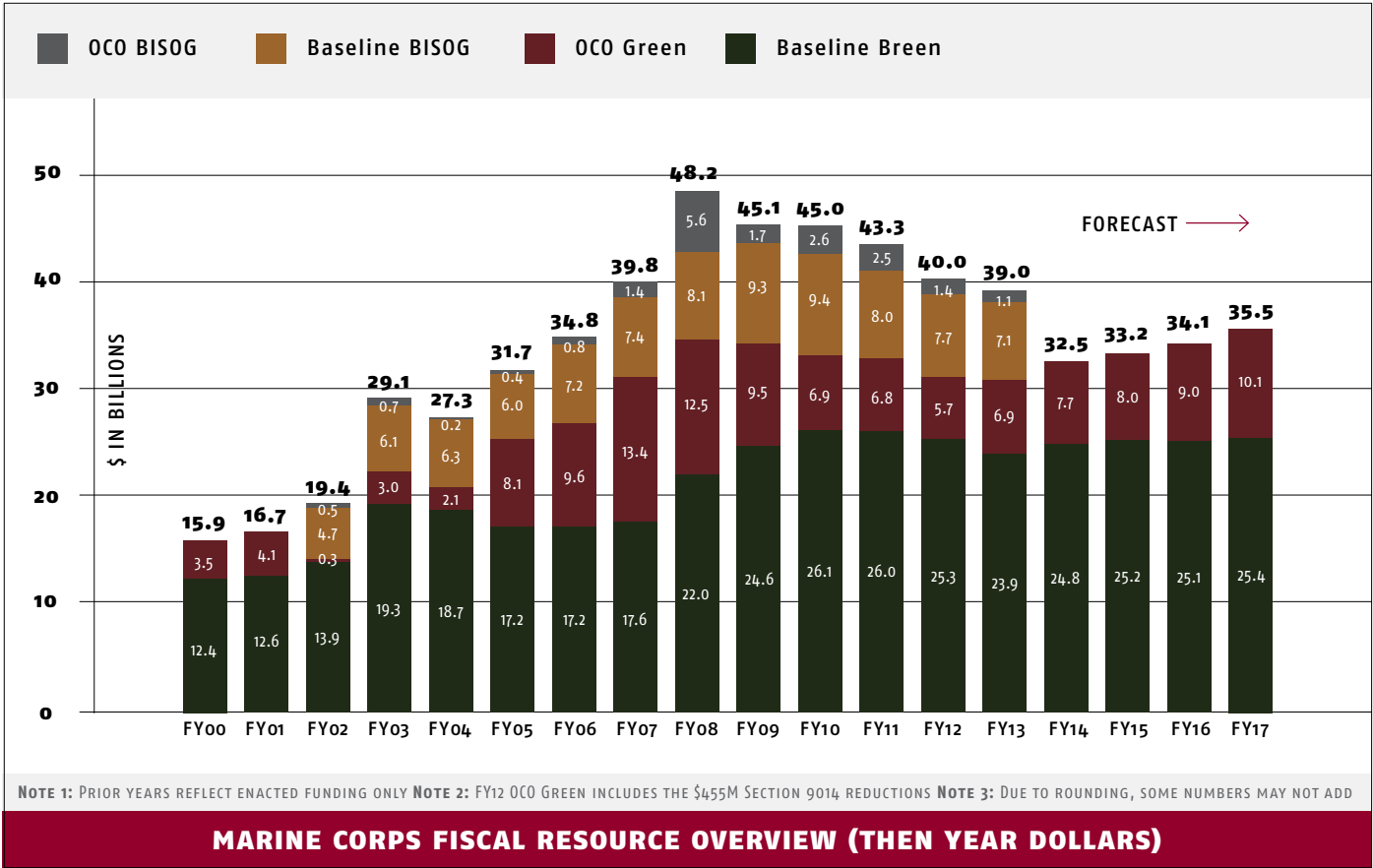
ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER GRADE BY GENDER					
Rank	#Male	%Male	#Female	%Female	Total
Warrant Officer 1	248	1.2%	10	0.8%	258
Chief Warrant Officer 2	846	4.1%	42	3.2%	888
Chief Warrant Officer 3	509	2.5%	36	2.7%	545
Chief Warrant Officer 4	271	1.3%	11	0.8%	282
Chief Warrant Officer 5	96	0.5%	7	0.5%	103
2nd Lieutenant	2,526	12.3%	259	19.5%	2,785
1st Lieutenant	3,549	17.3%	292	22.0%	3,841
Captain	6,091	29.7%	418	31.6%	6,509
Major	3,726	18.2%	189	14.3%	3,915
Lieutenant Colonel	1,876	9.2%	39	2.9%	1,915
Colonel	672	3.3%	21	1.6%	693
General Officers	87	0.4%	1	0.1%	88
Total	20,497	100.0%	1325	100.0%	21,822

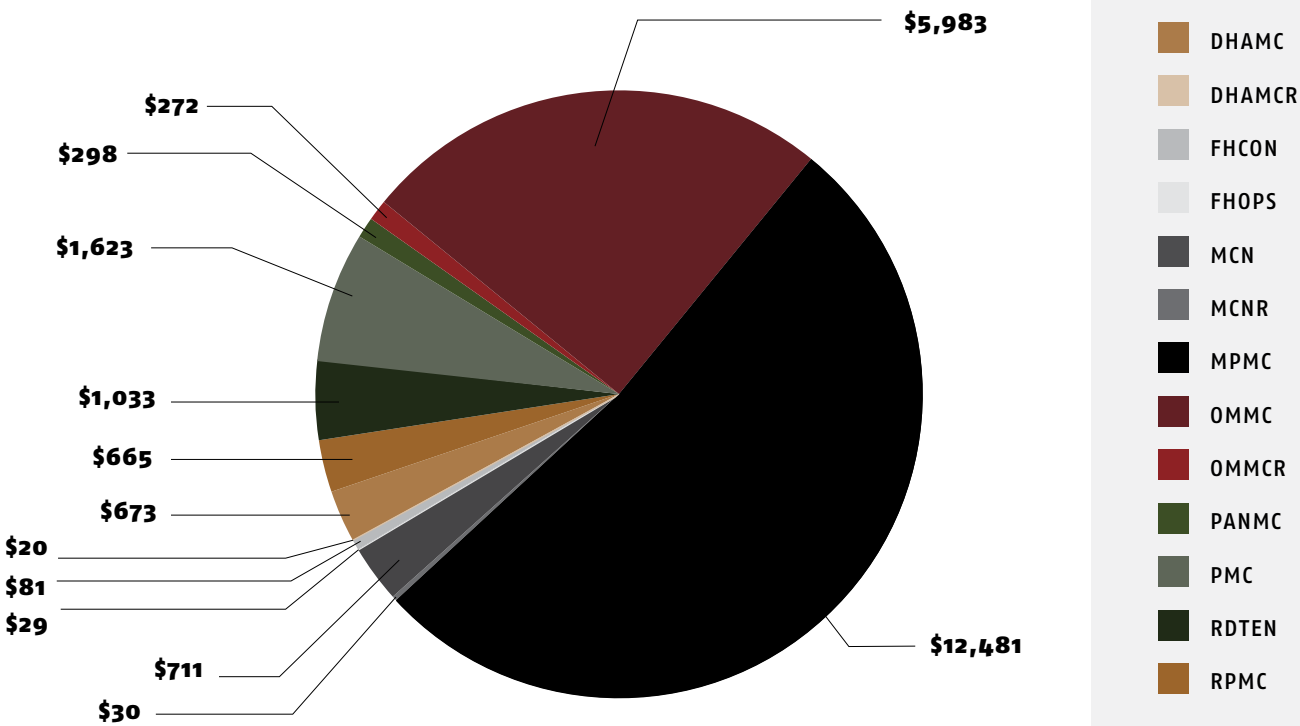
ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER MARINE FAMILIES			
Civilian Spouses	Military Spouses	Guard/Reserve Spouses	Children/Other Dependents
14,046	888	62	23,346

ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER RACIAL AND GENDER DISTRIBUTION									
Rank	Black Female	Black Male	Hispanic Female	Hispanic Male	White Female	White Male	Other Female	Other Male	Total
WO/CWO	20	237	21	214	59	1,381	6	138	2,076
2ndLt	19	89	20	119	163	1,964	57	354	2,785
1stLt	9	134	22	179	234	2,973	27	263	3,841
Capt	26	276	40	353	321	5,082	31	380	6,509
Maj	27	303	12	223	128	2,985	22	215	3,915
LtCol	2	94	3	65	30	1,641	4	76	1,915
Col	1	23	0	12	18	619	2	18	693
Gen	0	6	1	2	0	78	0	1	88
Total	104	1,162	119	1,167	953	16,723	149	1,445	21,822

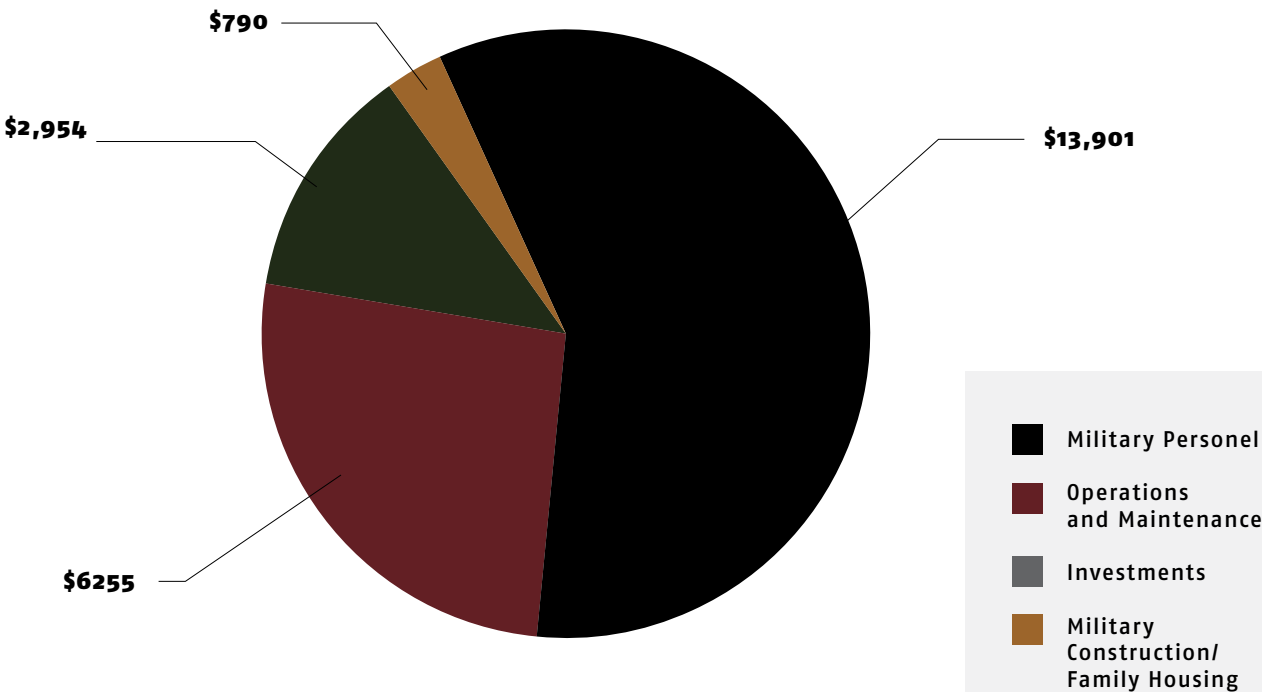
SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE OFFICER OCCUPATIONAL FIELD DISTRIBUTION

Primary MOS Code	Description	Female Officer	Male Officer	Total Officer
01	Personnel & Administration	46	105	151
02	Intelligence	25	315	340
03	Infantry	0	523	523
04	Logistics	57	304	361
05	MAGTF Plans	0	1	1
06	Communications	17	188	205
08	Field Artillery	0	194	194
09	Training	0	0	0
11	Utilities	0	11	11
13	Engineer	7	159	166
18	Tank & AAV	0	117	117
21	Ground Ordnance Maintenance	0	8	8
23	Ammunition & EOD	1	8	9
26	Signals Intelligence	1	2	3
28	Ground Electronics Maintenance	0	10	10
30	Supply Administration & Operations	19	148	167
31	Distribution Management	0	2	2
33	Food Service	0	1	1
34	Financial Management	6	27	33
35	Motor Transport	0	19	19
41	Marine Corps Community Services	0	1	1
43	Public Affairs	10	21	31
44	Legal Services	17	190	207
46	Combat Camera	0	0	0
48	Recruiting & Career Planning	0	0	0
55	Music	0	0	0
57	CBRN Defense	1	31	32
58	Military Police & Corrections	3	41	44
59	Electronics Maintenance	0	2	2
60	Aircraft Maintenance	2	40	42
63	Organizational Avionics Maintenance	0	4	4
65	Aviation Ordnance	0	9	9
66	Aviation Logistics	5	28	33
68	Meteorology & Oceanography	0	1	1
70	Airfield Services	0	7	7
72	Air Control, Support & Anti-Air	15	99	114
73	Navigation Officer	0	4	4
75	Pilot/NFOs	20	599	619
80	Miscellaneous Requirements	12	330	342
Total		264	3,549	3,813





MARINES CORPS FISCAL YEAR 2013 TOTAL BASELINE TOA (\$ IN MILLIONS)



MARINE CORPS FISCAL YEAR 2013 APPROPRIATIONS (\$ IN MILLIONS)

OPERATION//

TAGEER SHAMAL

**Afghans, Marines extend
presence west of Helmand River.**

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. REECE LODDER

GARMSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan
The heart of Garmsir District is safe.



For the past five years, coalition forces have operated with Afghan National Security Forces to defeat the insurgency in the central Helmand River valley. Driven from the green zones, or populated areas, of districts in southern Helmand, enemy fighters have sought refuge in locations west of the Helmand River. This area on the outskirts of Garmsir District has been, until now, nearly untouched by Afghan and coalition forces and the Afghan government.



A local elder watches Afghan National Army soldiers and U.S. Marines search his compound during Operation Tagueer Shamal (Shifting Winds). Marines have operated with Afghan National Security Forces to defeat the insurgency in the central Helmand River Valley.



Rocky, an interpreter attached to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, speaks with Afghan National Army soldiers while resting in an abandoned compound during Operation Tajeer Shamal.



Afghan National Army soldier Taza Khan enters a local elder's home while clearing compounds with U.S. Marines from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, during Operation Tajeer Shamal.



An interpreter explains the concerns of local elders to U.S. Marine Col. Roger Turner and Lt. Col. Matthew Palma, the commanding officers of Regimental Combat Team 5 and 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, in a shura held at a school.

During Operation Tajeer Shamal (Shifting Winds), Afghan forces and Marines with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, cleared the area of insurgent activity, weapons and improvised explosive device-making materials.

Marines are transitioning the lead for security responsibility of Garmsir to Afghan forces and the district government. Together, the partnered forces increased security and the ANSF presence on the east side of the Helmand River, but there are few signs of Afghan government to the west, said Lt. Col. Matthew Palma, 3rd Bn. commanding officer.

Palma said the operation brought Afghan forces to this largely untouched area, enabling them to promote legitimate governance and remove remnants of insurgency.

"When the people see Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, they see governance," Palma said.

Col. Roger Turner, the commanding officer of Regimental Combat Team 5, said the increased ability of Afghan forces to secure the population centers of Garmsir has given the ANA and Marines the opportunity to conduct operations on the periphery of the district.

"We're going to operate deeper into the west bank of the Helmand River," Turner said. "Together, we can operate in areas the enemy has rarely seen us. By removing enemy safe havens, we'll prevent him from being able to insert himself into the district center and attack the population."

Long before sunrise on the first morning of the operation, lines of shadowy figures treaded through frozen fields toward the rhythmic whir of helicopter blades. Shrouded by the black of night, Marines and ANA soldiers filed into the steel birds to begin their assault.

The packed helicopters lifted off amidst the roar of their spinning rotors and vanished into the darkness. After traversing the barren desert, the birds soon touched down, their noise echoing over a landscape pocked with rocks.

In three interlocking positions, ANA soldiers and Marines with Weapons Company and Companies I and L, ran down the ramps, emerging from screens of dust to move on their objectives.

Further west, Marines with 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion stood ready to block enemy movement toward the desert. Simultaneously, the Marines of Company K, teamed with the Afghan

Afghan National Army soldier Taza Khan hands a bag of beef jerky to a local boy, injured by an improvised explosive device, while patrolling with U.S. Marines from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, during Operation Tageer Shamal (Shifting Winds).

“When the people see Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, they see governance.”

National Police to screen traffic on the eastern side of the Helmand River.

Greeting Afghan homeowners in their native tongue, ANA soldiers led the Marines in searching compounds for illegal drugs, weapons and materials used to make improvised explosive devices.

“We’ve learned a lot from the Marines - searching, patrolling, and sweeping for IEDs,” said ANA Sgt. Khal Mohammad, an infantryman with 2nd Kandak, 1st Brigade, 215th Corps. “Now, I’m proud to lead them during this operation.”

Their thorough searches yielded IED components and several hundred pounds of illegal poppy seed, but the partnered forces came across little insurgent activity.

“We’re making progress in Garmsir every day,” Mohammad said. “Ten years ago, the insurgents were stronger than us, but today they are weak. We’re

stronger than them because we’ve been trained by professionals.”

While the compounds were cleared, Marines collected census information, logging names, number of residents and taking photos of household elders. Identifying these local leaders allowed ANA and Marine commanders to set up shuras (consultations) with the elders and bring local issues to the Garmsir District government, Palma said.

During the shuras, Afghan and Marine leaders discussed the operation, strength and capability of Afghan forces, development of the local infrastructure and community involvement in the ANP. In the village of Kartaka, an elder thanked Palma for his visit, saying he was the first coalition forces commander to visit the village over the last decade of conflict.

The operation aimed to reach areas of Garmsir untouched by the Afghan

government and the partnered forces and is only the first step in a campaign extending throughout southern Helmand.

Palma said this phase was a demonstration of what ‘right’ looked like for a battalion-level operation, including its conception, planning, rehearsals and execution. Afghan forces will now be tested on their ability to replicate this process.

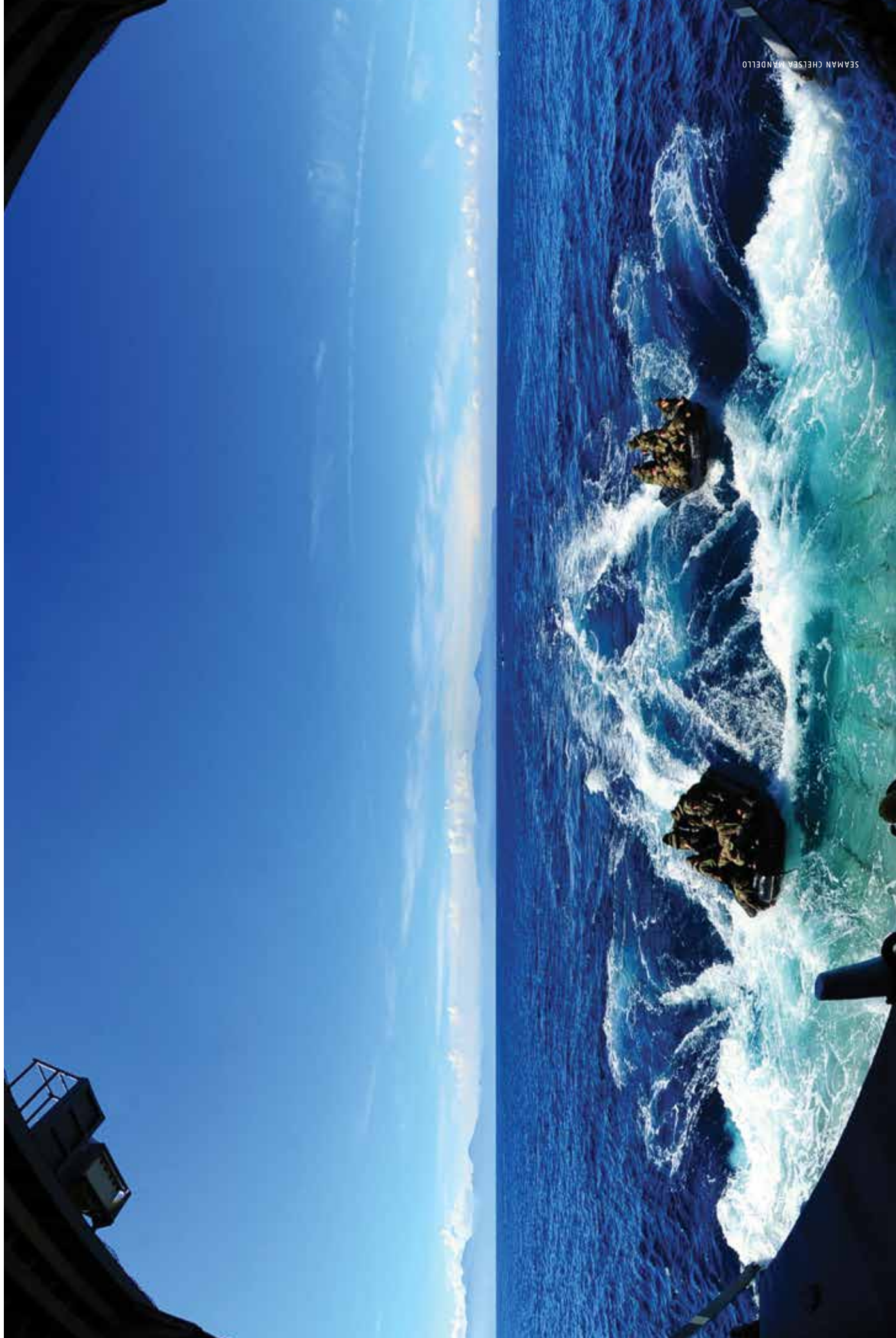
“This will be an opportunity to turn over control to our ANSF partners and allow them to take the lead,” Palma said. “By nature, we’re problem-solvers, so this will be a difficult transition for us. It will be a big step to command and control an operation at their level and logistically sustain their own force in Garmsir.”

Despite the daunting challenge, ANA Capt. Sayed Akbar, the commanding officer of Weapons Tolay, remained positive ahead of the transition of lead security responsibility to Afghan forces in Garmsir.

“As we fortify ourselves and get more logistical support, we will be able to do operations like this on our own,” Akbar said. “Even when there are less Marines here, we will be capable of bringing security to Garmsir.” **■**

WINTER 2013

DECEMBER | JANUARY | FEBRUARY



SEAMAN CHELSEA MANDELLO

USS TORTUGA, At Sea – Marines assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force, approach the well deck of amphibious dock landing ship USS Tortuga after conducting open-ocean operations using Combat Rubber Rafting Crafts. The MEU was embarked aboard the Tortuga as part of their regularly scheduled deployment.

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Semi-Annual Reporting Period Ends, and Lt.		

DECEMBER 12

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FEBRUARY 13

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JANUARY 11, 2007 – Cpl. Jason Dunham is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing his life for his Marines during combat operations in Karabillah, Iraq.



ADAZI, Republic of Latvia – Marines pause to rest between dismounted patrols during Saber Strike 2012. The Marines assigned to 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, were involved in a 24-hour field training exercise to culminate the two-week event. The annual exercise, led by U.S. Army Europe, is designed to enhance joint and combined interoperability between the U.S. Forces and partner nations, and will help prepare participants to operate successfully in a joint, multinational, interagency, integrated environment.

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3 Super Bowl Sunday	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Ash Wednesday	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents Day	19	20	21	22	23 Flag Raising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, Japan, 1945
24	25	26	27	28		

JANUARY 13

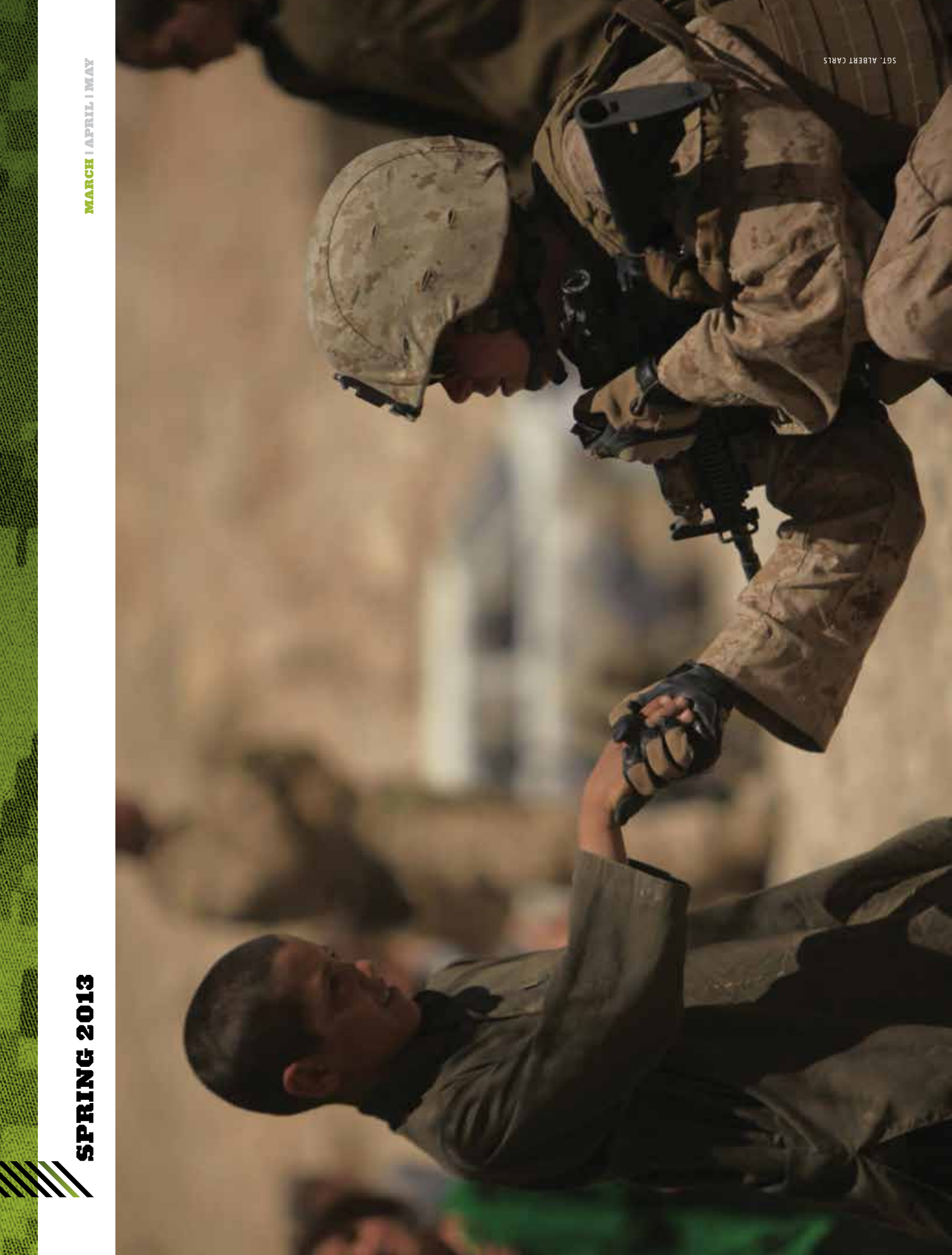
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MARCH 13

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 20, 1815 – Capt. Archibald Henderson leads Marines on USS Constitution to victory over the British warships Cyane and Levant.



SGT. ALBERT CARLS

MARCH | APRIL | MAY

SPRING 2013

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Sgt. Julie Nicholson, Female Engagement Team leader, Marine Headquarters Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, shakes hands with an Afghan child during a mission in Helmand province. FET, composed of female Marines, conducted searches of Afghan women and children whose culture does not permit them to interact with men outside of their families.

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23
24	25 Passover Begins	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday Annual Reporting Period Ends, Sgt.						

FEBRUARY 13

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24	25	26	27	28	1	2

APRIL 13

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28	29	30	1	2	3	4

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 9, 1847 – Capt. Alvin Edson leads a Marine battalion ashore with U.S. Army forces against the Mexican Army in Veracruz, Mexico.



Sgt. Aaron Hostutler

MARCH | APRIL | MAY

SPRING 2013

MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING FACILITY BRIDGEPORT, Calif. - Sgt. Justin D. Head, animal packing course chief instructor, exercises his mustang, Hondo, shortly after grazing. The animal packing course is the only one of its kind in the Department of Defense and teaches Marines and other military personnel how to effectively and efficiently work with beasts of burden to transport munitions, supplies and wounded personnel to and from areas inaccessible to mechanized and air transportation.

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Income Taxes Due	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Semi-Annual Reporting Period Ends, 1st Lt., and Annual Reporting Period Ends, Warrant Officer/Chief Warrant Officer				

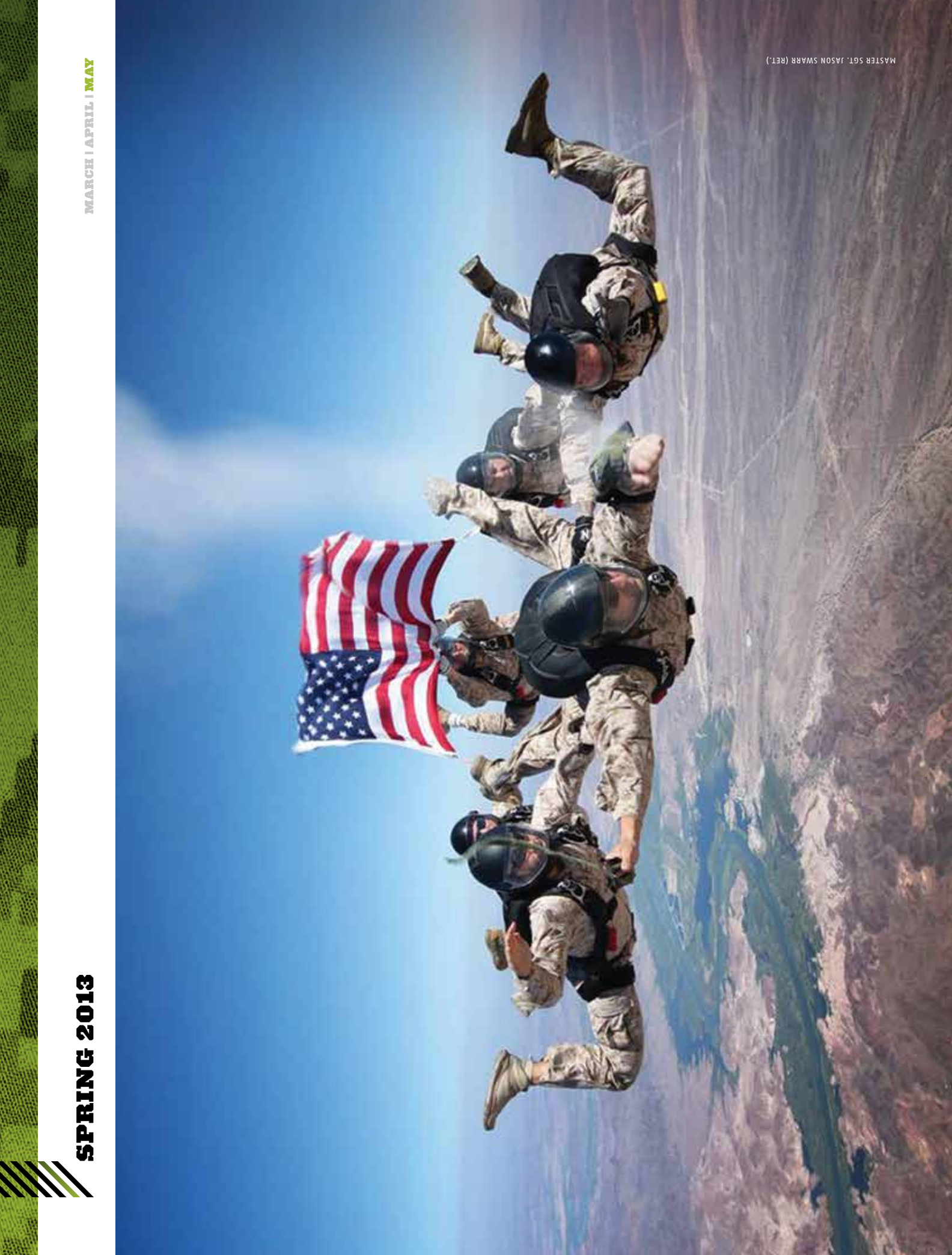
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MAY 13

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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APRIL 27, 1805 - 1st Lt. Presley O'Bannon and seven Marines lead an attack against the Pasha in Tripoli.



MASTER SGT. JASON SWARR (RET.)

MARCH | APRIL | MAY

SPRING 2013

YUMA PROVING GROUNDS, ARIZ. – Marine Corps military free fall instructors assigned to Marine Detachment, Fort Bragg, N.C., free fall above Phillips Drop Zone at Yuma Proving Grounds. Clockwise, starting with the flag: Gunnery Sgts. Brian Boger, Mike Latham, Jimmy Smith, and Staff Sgts. Lennie Castro, Seth Wright and Marty Rhett.

MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 Annual Reporting Period Ends, Capt., Maj., Lt. Col., Col.	

APRIL 13

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JUNE 13

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MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH & MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

MAY 31, 1900 – Marines reach the Chinese capital to defend the Legation Quarter from the Boxer Rebellion.



SUMMER 2013

JUNE | JULY | AUGUST



CPL. TYLER L. MAIN

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif., – Marines from 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, roll down a dirt road on their M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank during Exercise Africa Lion 2012. The annual exercise is designed to improve interoperability and mutual understanding of partner nations' military tactics, techniques and procedures.

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Army Birthday Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 Summer Begins	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Annual Reporting Period Ends, Gunnery Sgt., 1st Sgt., Master Sgt., Bnq. Gen.						

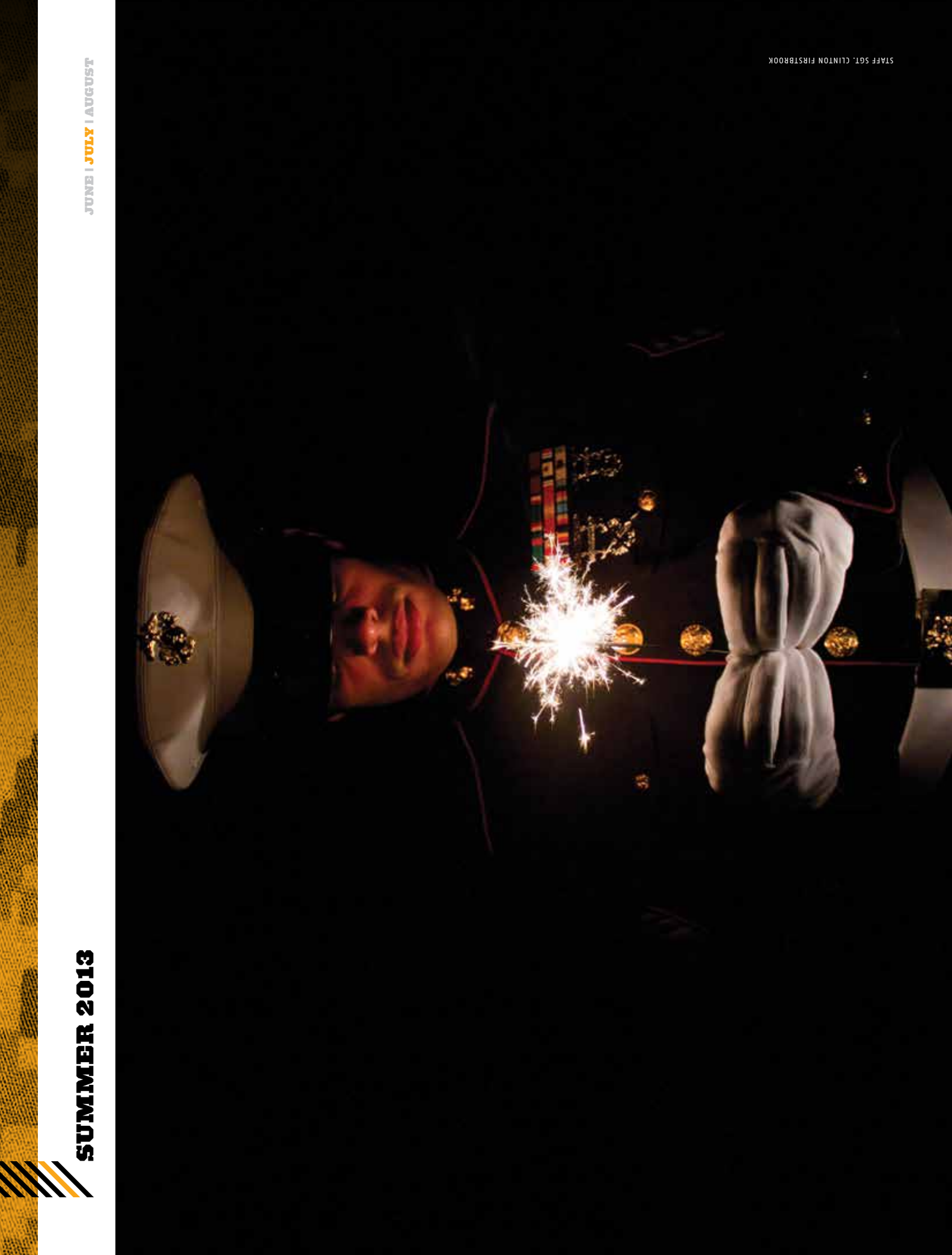
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JULY 13

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JUNE 1, 1942 – The first black Marines enlist in the Corps.



STAFF SGT. CLINTON FIRSTBROOK

RICHFIELD, Minn. – Sgt. Giovanni Cruz, motor transportation mechanic with Marine Wing Support Squadron, Marine Wing Support Group 47, celebrates Independence Day at the Honoring All Veterans Memorial. The memorial recognized the first flag-raising on Iwo Jima during World War II.

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9 Ramadan Begins	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Semi-Annual Reporting Period Ends, 2nd Lt.			

JUNE 13

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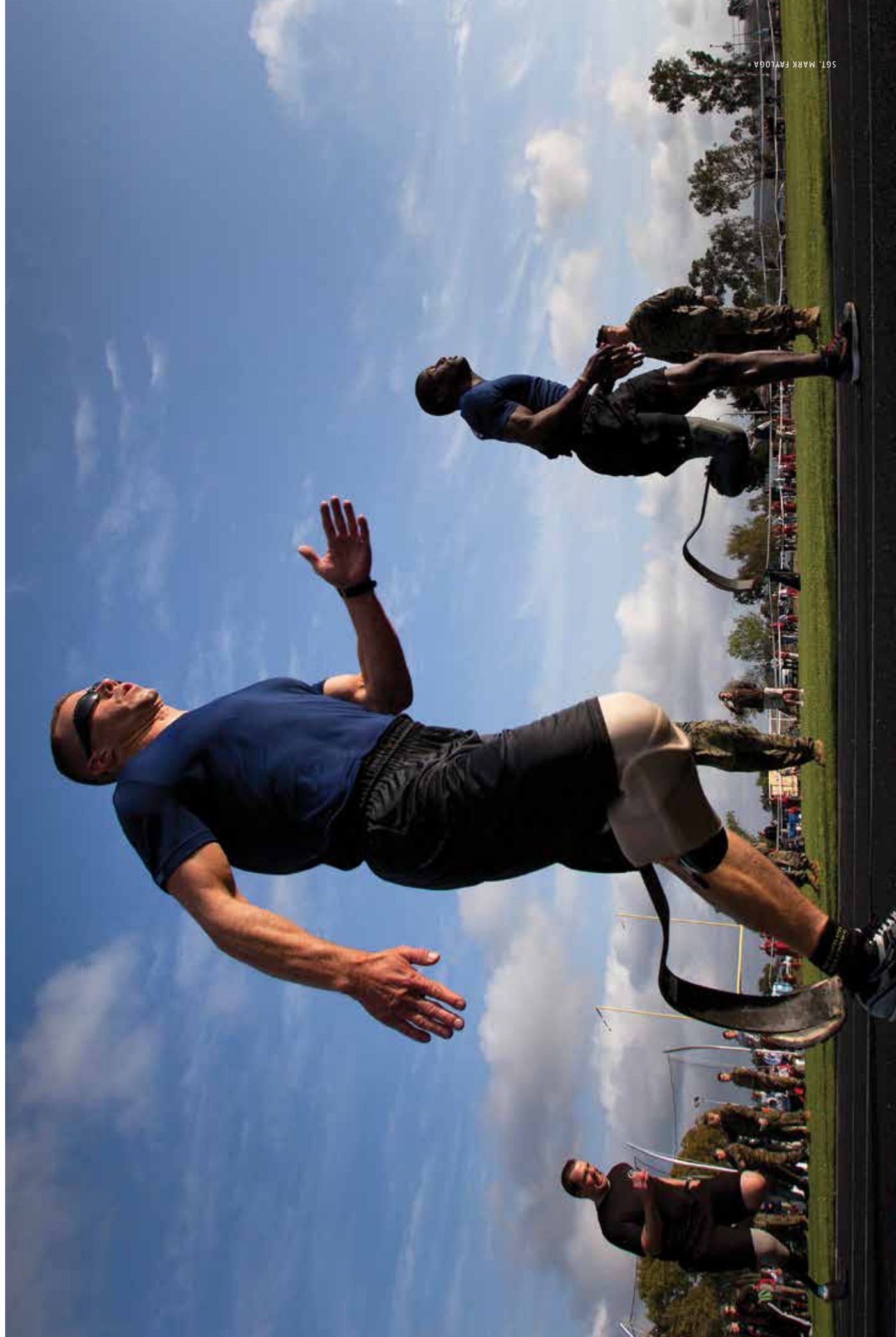
AUGUST 13

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JULY 10, 1863 – Cpl. John Mackie is the first Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions while on board the USS Galena during the attack on Fort Darling at Drewry's Bluff.

SUMMER 2013

JUNE | JULY | **AUGUST**



SGT. MARK FAYLOGA

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Capt. Jonathan Disbro and Cpl. Klonte Storey, wounded warriors with the West Team, fight for the lead in the 200-meter race during the 2012 Marine Corps Trials hosted by the Wounded Warrior Regiment. Storey won the 100-meter, 200-meter and was a part of the winning 400-meter relay team.

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Coast Guard Birthday	5	6	7 Ramadan Ends	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 National Aviation Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JULY 13

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SEPTEMBER 13

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

AUGUST 2, 1950 - 1st Marine Provisional Brigade lands at Pusan, South Korea.



FALL 2013

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER



CPL. MARK GARCIA

CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan – Marines kneel beside a battlefield cross to pay their final respects to Sgt. Bradley Atwell during a memorial ceremony. Atwell, an aircraft electrical, instrument and flight control systems technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, Marine Aircraft Group 16, was killed in action while engaging insurgents during an attack on Camp Bastion.

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6 Rosh Hashanah	7
8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 Yom Kippur
15	16	17	18 Air Force Birthday	19	20	21
22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25	26	27 Native American Day	28
29	30 Semi-Annual Reporting Period Ends, Sgt. Maj. Master Gunner Sgt.					

AUGUST 13

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OCTOBER 13

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (SEPT. 15 – OCT. 15)

SEPTEMBER 13, 1942 – Marines turn back Japanese attack in the Battle of Edson's Ridge on Guadalcanal.

FALL 2013

SEPTEMBER | **OCTOBER** | NOVEMBER



CPL. MICHAEL PETERSHEIM

FIFTH FLEET AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY – An MV-22B Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 261 (Reinforced), 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, flies into position while conducting aerial refueling training operations. During the training, MV-22B Ospreys and AV-8B Harriers conducted aerial refueling with the KC-130J Hercules planes to practice the skills needed for long-range flight operations.

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Beirut Remembrance
27	28	29	30	31 Semi-Annual Reporting Period Ends, 1st Lt. Halloween		

SEPTEMBER 13

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NOVEMBER 13

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OCTOBER 5, 1775 – During a meeting held in Philadelphia, the 2nd Continental Congress used the word “Marines” on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed Gen. George Washington to secure two vessels and to give orders for the “proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen” to serve on the two armed ships.



FALL 2013

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER



CPL. ISAAC LAMBERTH

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Cpl. Chan Lathung, a crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), scans the surrounding area for insurgent activity during a general support flight. The squadron flew several general support flights weekly delivering mail, food and ammunition to troops throughout the area.

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 238th Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Hanukkah Begins	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

OCTOBER 13

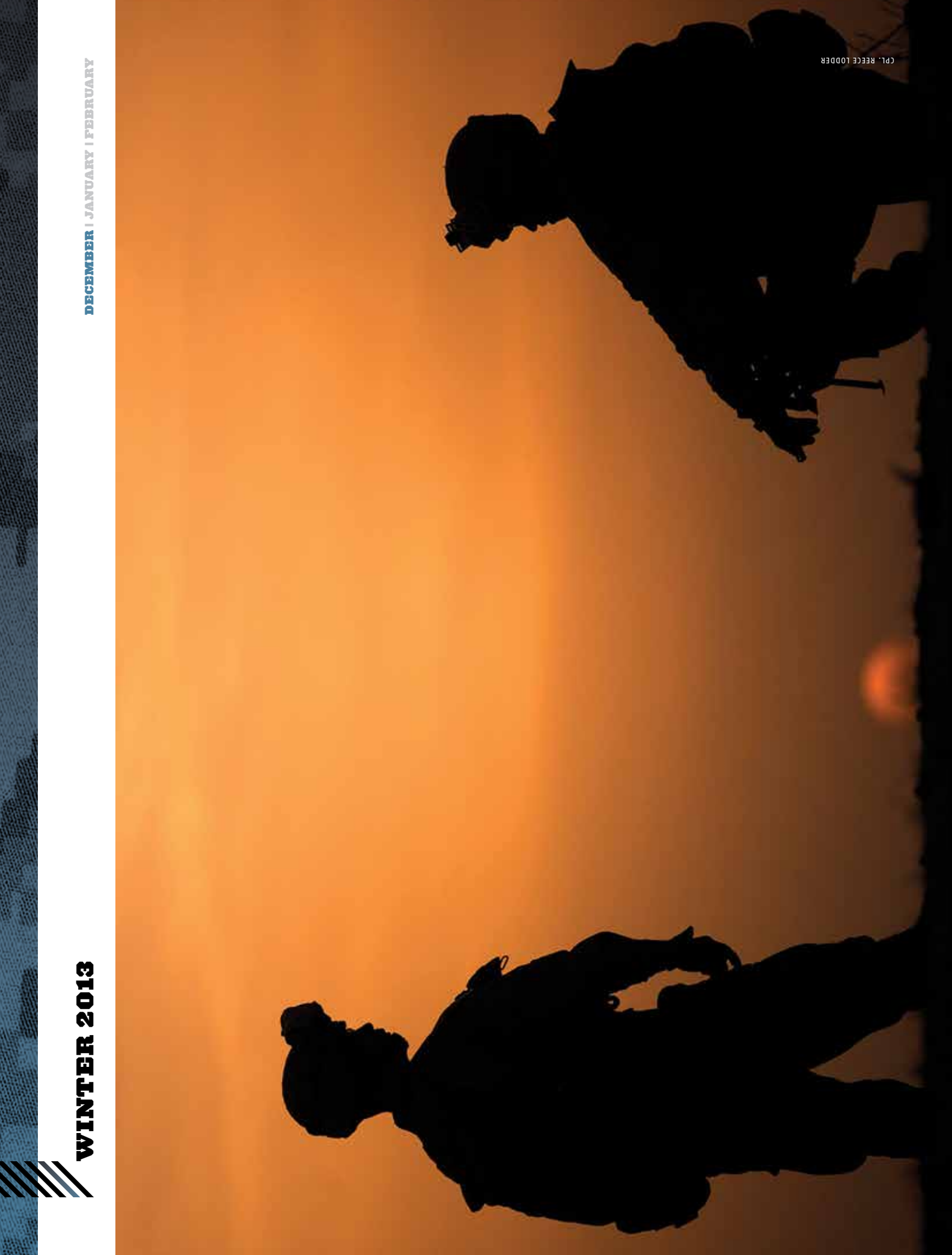
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DECEMBER 13

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

NOVEMBER 14, 2004 – Sgt. Rafael Peralta gives his life by absorbing a grenade blast to save his fellow Marines.



CPL. REECE LODDER

DECEMBER | JANUARY | FEBRUARY

WINTER 2013

GARMSIR DISTRICT, Afghanistan – Lance Cpls. Ryan Snyder, a team leader and David Lambert, a mortarman, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, talk as the sun sets during Operation Shahem Tofan (Eagle Storm).

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28
29	30	31 Annual Reporting Period Ends, Staff Sgt. New Year's Eve				

NOVEMBER 13

27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 14

29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

DECEMBER 9, 1992 – Marines conduct an amphibious landing in Somalia in order to provide aid to the locals.

2013 CALENDAR



JANUARY 2013



FEBRUARY 2013



MARCH 2013



APRIL 2013



MAY 2013



JUNE 2013



JULY 2013



AUGUST 2013



SEPTEMBER 2013



OCTOBER 2013



NOVEMBER 2013



DECEMBER 2013

JANUARY 13

30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

FEBRUARY 13

27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

MARCH 13

24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

APRIL 13

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

MAY 13

28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

JUNE 13

26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

JULY 13

30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

AUGUST 13

28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER 13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

OCTOBER 13

29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

NOVEMBER 13

27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

DECEMBER 13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4