

# Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force

## Crisis Response

## Central Command



### Monthly Newsletter

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### **Commanding Officer's Comments**



Dear Family and Friends of our forward-deployed Task Force,

There's a new sheriff in town...Actually, there are several new deputies, as two new battalions and three squadrons recently joined our Special Purpose MAGTF in October. As many of you know, the Command Element on this deployment will serve a 9-month tour of duty, whereas the subordinate commands will remain on 6-month rotations. Ours is the first iteration of this new deployment paradigm which, in part, enables the Command Element to maintain continuity of effort in support of combat

operations in Iraq as well as many other activities throughout the Middle East's dynamic region. Essentially, then, our Command Element will bridge the departure and arrival of the units that form the bedrock of our Task Force.

The arrival of the new units this month signaled the relief-in-place and redeployment of our former teammates, with whom we have trained and served in many cases for more than a year. On behalf of SgtMaj Nguyen and all members of our Command Element, I want to express our deep gratitude to the Marines and Sailors of V27, CLB-5, VMM-363, MWSS-373, and VMFA(AW)-533 who contributed immeasurably to the many mission accomplishments and achievements of our Task Force. Together, we maintained the traditions of professionalism, excellence, and discipline for which all Marine units are widely known throughout the region. As a shore-based Marine Air



Ground Task Force (MAGTF) with a variety of capabilities in it, we supported combat operations for INHERENT RESOLVE, provided Central Command's leadership with a scalable and flexible regional contingency force, and initiated or participated in multiple training exercises with other nations' militaries in order to strengthen our partnered relationships and enable our continued

access throughout the region. From Lebanon to the United Arab Emirates; from Djibouti to Turkey; and in multiple countries between these geographic points, the Marines and Sailors who comprised our Task Force for the last six months



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served as our Corps' quintessential ambassadors and showcased our many core competencies as a Marine Task Force.

Equally significant, the Marines and Sailors of our former battalions and squadrons worked diligently and tirelessly to advance their individual and our team's collective capabilities. Because of them our Task Force is stronger; because of them our Corps is stronger; and because of them the defense of our national interests is stronger. As each of these units redeploys to their respective home stations in California and South Carolina, they will reinvest their advanced skill sets into their parent commands, including 7th Marine Regiment, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, Marine Air Group 11, Marine Air Group 16, Marine Air Group 31, 1st MEF Headquarters Group, and several other units across the Marine Corps. This reinvestment of talent and real-world experiences following six months of supporting combat operations and regional security across the Middle East unequivocally strengthens our Marine Corps' warfighting ability. For SgtMaj Nguyen and me, our pride surpasses expression for the Marines and Sailors of Havoc, Remington, Red Lions, Aces, and the Hawks—better known as Scrappers in the skies over Iraq and Syria. Moreover, we especially want to also extend our sincere Thank You to the families and friends of these battalions and squadrons whose unyielding love and support for



their warriors enabled our Task Force's many successes while forward-deployed in harm's way. You, too, made our team better. As King Leonidas of Sparta is credited with saying, "Find me the strongest families, and you'll also find in them the strongest warriors."

As we bid farewell and following seas to our former teammates, we also say welcome to our newest battalions and squadrons, including V37, CLB-7, VMM-165, MWSS-371, and VMA-231. Each of these units already possesses a solid reputation as a well-trained, well-disciplined, and certainly capability combat organization. We look forward to our integration as a single force and future efforts together to ensure our continued mission success throughout the region. Welcome Aboard!

Again, on behalf of SgtMaj Nguyen and all the Marines and Sailors of our "new" forward-deployed team, I want to thank all our families and friends for your committed support and patriotism. I also want to extend our welcome to the new families joining our team and reading this newsletter for the first time. Our leadership team is here for you. Please don't hesitate to contact our Task Force's Family Readiness Officer—Ms. Darci Streeter—if you have any questions about family activities or referral information for family support. I also invite you to peruse the SPMAGTF's website at [www.imef.marines.mil/Units/SPMAGTF-CR-CC](http://www.imef.marines.mil/Units/SPMAGTF-CR-CC) and our Facebook link at [www.facebook.com/SPMAGTFCRCC](https://www.facebook.com/SPMAGTFCRCC).



Semper fidelis,

Colonel Ken Kassner, USMC  
Commanding Officer  
"Grizzly 6"





## Sergeant Major's Comments

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Dear families and friends of Team SPMAGTF-CR-CC 16.2,

I would like to extend a warm greeting to you from our forward deployed Command Post in the Middle East. During the month of October, the Warriors of your SPMAGTF continue to demonstrated a Gung-ho (a Marine's term use to denote working together in harmony) spirit as all of our Major Subordinate Elements (MSEs) conducted their Relief in Place and Transfer of Authority.

In appreciation of the outgoing MSEs (2nd Battalion 7th Marines, CLB-5, VMM-363, VMFA (AW)-533, MWSS-373, and a few enablers supporting the Command Element), they have performed exceptionally well during their tour of duties. Colonel Kassner and I are extremely proud of these Warriors' performance over the past six months. Their effort ensured the missions of our SPMAGTF are accomplished in order to bring stability to this region of our world. As they return home into the arms of their love ones, please join me in congratulating them for a job extremely well done...

For our current MSEs (3d Battalion 7th Marines, CLB-7, VMM-165, VMA-231, MWSS-371, and all of the enablers), they have a tradition of excellence which preceded them. Colonel Kassner and I are excited and is privilege having them joining our team as we continue advancing forward. Over the past six months, progress and success are being made daily in our Area of Operation, however, much is still needed to be done. Serving as members of your SPMAGTF, we are proud to be the one that received this mission in order to defense of our Nation's freedom and to preserve our ways of life.



As we approach the 241st birthday (10 November) of our beloved Corps, please join me in remembrance all of those Warriors who have paved the ways for us and to give thanks to all of those who are currently serving. Be it a former Marine or a Marine currently serves, we will always be one of "The Few, The Proud, The Marines".

Until next time, thank you for your continue unwavering support for all of us. Your dedication greatly contributes to our ability to focus on our mission.

With warmest regards,

Sergeant Major Chuong T. Nguyen

Sergeant Major, Fighting Fifth Marine Regiment  
Sergeant Major, SPMAGTF-CR-CC 16.2 CE



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## **Combat Logistics Battalion 7**

LtCol Erin McHale, CO

SgtMaj Ryan Meltesen, SgtMaj

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from the SPMAGTF LCE 16.2B! Our Marines and Sailors are all settled in their living spaces and are becoming used to the deployed lifestyle. SgtMaj and I want to personally thank all the families, friends, and volunteers that ensured our departure was smooth and filled with unconditional support - it is truly a blessing to have such wonderful people. We received an excellent turnover from the 16.2A LCE (CLB-5) and are ready for this challenge. October will be focused on understanding our duties as well as conducting training to refresh ourselves on our specific mission sets. We have already exercised our rapid response capability by executing (2) urgent missions in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE within (5) days of assuming command. Your Marines and Sailors are doing great! The SgtMaj and I look forward to sharing success stories with you and hope to send many pictures of your Marines and Sailors in action.



## **Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 165**

LtCol William Grant, CO

SgtMaj Nadya Yassa-Lopez, SgtMaj

The White Knights of VMM-165 are excited to return to Al Jaber and support the SPMAGTF-CR-CC 16.2 team. We bring a large experience base with a number of returning alumni from SPMAGTF 15.2. The difference from our last deployment to now is a reduction in the number of aircraft and personnel we will be supporting with. HQMC has made these changes in order to provide relief to the high operational tempo that the MV-22 Osprey community is currently experiencing. Our mission will remain the same; we'll just have to do it with less aircraft. Although faced with the unique challenge of operating with half of our squadron, we couldn't pick a better team to lead us through our next few months in this dynamic and exciting Area of Operation.



## **3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment**

LtCol Andrew Nelson, CO

SgtMaj Ryan Hampton, SgtMaj

Friends and family of the Blade,

I am proud to report that all of your Marines and Sailors have arrived safely to their deployed locations. SgtMaj and I appreciate all of your support during all of the flights to see your loved ones off. In true 3/7 form, they immediately assumed their missions and are representing the Blade well in Iraq, Kuwait, and Jordan. The Battalion and Company leaders are serving alongside your Marines and Sailors, and I can assure you with the utmost confidence they are being taken care of. Our training prepared us for this deployment, and your encouragement will help keep them focused until we all come home. Our dedicated Family Readiness Officer has worked diligently to deliver care packages, some of which we have already received. We look forward to sending you reports of all the great work the men of the Blade will do on this deployment.

Semper Fidelis.



## **Marine Attack Squadron 231**

LtCol Charles Del Pizzo III, CO

SgtMaj Dustin Nelson, SgtMaj

Families and Friends of the Ace of Spades,

The months of hard work have paid off and the squadron arrived safely at our new home. Our new digs are great and we've spent the first few days getting settled in. Your Marines and Sailors did a phenomenal job - as always - getting the jets plus lead and trail maintenance out the door 48 hours early to avoid the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Although the journey was a bit longer for some, the squadron arrived and assumed the mission from VMFA (AW) - 533 on timeline. That was due in large part to resiliency and flexibility of our Spade family. There is no way we could have done it without you. We now turn to focus on the mission at hand and picking up where 533 left off. Your Spades are ready and eager to support the people of Iraq in ridding their country of ISIS and their brutal, extreme ideology.



## **Marine Wing Support Squadron 371**

LtCol Leonel Brito, CO  
MSgt Josh Lockhart, Senior Enlisted

Families and Friends,

We bid farewell and fair winds to the ACES of MWSS-373- they finished their deployment with the same zeal with which they started and crossed the finish line strong! Aviation Ground Support will continue seamlessly for SPMAGTF-CR-CC flying squadrons with MWSS-371 Sandsharks at the helm. As we commence our deployment we want our families and friends to know that our morale and spirits are high. We remain vigilant against complacency and mindful that an enemy exist. Who and where the enemy might be is irrelevant, it is the idea that an enemy exists. We remain focused and determined in our commitment to successfully complete our assigned mission. Above all we remain always faithful to our families and friends. I am proud to serve and be part of the Sandsharks - they are the finest among our Corps.

Semper Fidelis,  
LtCol L.O. Brito



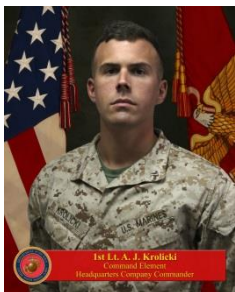
## **Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352**

Maj Michael Blejski, OIC  
GySgt Rowdy Hall, Senior Enlisted

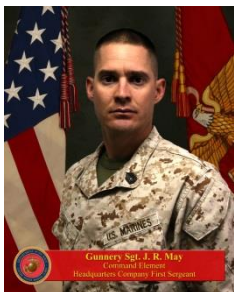
The month of October was another busy month for Marine Aerial Refueling Transport Squadron (VMGR) 352 Detachment Alpha as they remained focused on their mission of providing assault support to the Marines and other coalition forces located in the Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) area of responsibility (AOR). Operationally, Detachment Alpha successfully transported over 996 passengers, 372,950 pounds of cargo, and transferred 99,660 pounds of fuel to Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) and coalition forces. Maintenance played a key role in overall mission accomplishment by working over 884 man-hours on various systems and components to ensure Detachment Alpha aircraft were ready for tasking. Also in October, the temperature outside began to allow the Marines the opportunity to head outdoors and throw a baseball, football, or frisbee around the yard. Towards the end of the month, we enjoyed a well-deserved flag football tournament as well as a bar-b-que including hot dogs and burgers prepared by Corporal Reiser from the powerlines division. Lastly, 35 Marines throughout Detachment Alpha participated and advanced in a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) course led by Gunnery Sergeant Watson and First Lieutenant Morales.

The Marines of VMGR-352 Detachment Alpha continue to display a high level of morale, motivation, and readiness in support of the SPMAGTF's mission.

## Headquarters Company Comments



1st Lt. A. J. Krolnicki  
Command Element  
Headquarters Company Commander



Gunnery Sgt. J. R. May  
Command Element  
Headquarters Company First Sergeant

Dear friends and family of Headquarters Company, Command Element, SPMAGTF 16.2,

I would like to start off by wishing all of our SPMAGTF families living in the south east coast of the United States solace during a tumultuous month caused by Hurricane Matthew. Although our mission is to defend our great nation and the people we love from terrorism, sometimes the greatest threats are the ones we cannot defend. During this arduous time, I ask all of our

families to continue to look out for each other's wellbeing and lend a hand when able.

During the month of October, the 16.2 Major Subordinate Elements (MSE'S) completed their Relief in Place with their 17.1 counterparts. Although it was saddening to lose the camaraderie we shared with our 16.2 brothers and sisters, we are very eager to start the same strong working relationship with our new SPMAGTF family. Final turnovers are nearly completed, and we are at full strength to assume all the Middle East has in store for us.







The focus of effort this month was the critical command and control support the company provided to the task forces, monthly refresher and annual training, and providing Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (RSO&I) for the new MSE's. Although the company is still very dedicated to our mission in the Middle East, the transition for the return home is right around the corner. Our senior leadership is dedicated to ensuring mission accomplishment for the near and far fight.

Additionally this month, the company celebrated the United States Navy's 241st birthday on October

13, 2016. Our SPMAGTF Commander, Colonel Kassner, was the guest of honor at the cake cutting ceremony and spoke about the outstanding relationship we share with our brothers and sisters from the sea and shared insight about their illustrious history. The United States Navy traces its lineage back to the Revolutionary War, when privateers were hired by the colonies to attack British commerce in the early days of growing conflict with England. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established an official naval force, hoping a small fleet of boats would be able to offset the seemingly intractable sea power of the British. The Marine Corps was founded less than a month after and the cake cutting ceremony gave us a moment to appreciate our historic relationship.

The Company was proud to promote Victor Taracevicz, Nicholas Tullio, Michael Jereczek, and Christian Leshner to the rank of Corporal, Paul David, Jeremy Walker, and Timothy Kilpatrick III to the rank of Sergeant and Bertrand Eveillard to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Our newly promoted Staff Non-Commissioned Officer and Non-Commissioned Officers have a strong understanding that with more rank comes more responsibility. They work tirelessly every day to mentor the Marines in their charge with proficiency and experience. Congratulations Marines, we are a stronger company due to your tremendous efforts.



Now that we are under two months until redeployment, I ask all families, friends, and support groups to cease sending mail after Thanksgiving. Due to the time it takes mail to travel from the United States, it may not arrive to your Marine or Sailor prior to their departure. I cannot emphasize enough the appreciation I have for all of your relentless support, it has been and will be the foundation in which we find our inspiration.

Semper Fidelis,

First Lieutenant Andrew J. Krolicki  
Headquarters Company Commander

Gunnery Sergeant Joseph R. May  
Headquarters Company First Sergeant



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## S-1

Capt Stephen Otis, Adjutant  
SSgt Arthur Ross, S-1 Chief

With the RIP/TOA now complete, the S-1 is excited to assist all new arrivals to the AOR with any administrative issues associated with the move. Also, November is the month when most of the Command Element will cross the 220 day threshold which entitles them to HDP-T. For more details on that entitlement, please see MARADMIN 619/14 or stop by the S-1 read board.



- Capt Stephen E. Otis



## S-2

Maj Sungwook Kim, S-2 Officer  
GySgt Timothy Anderson, S-2 Chief

For the month of October, the S-2 section continued their efforts to inform the Commanding officer, Major Subordinate Elements, and the Intelligence Community of the developing situations throughout CENTCOM. In addition to our efforts, the S-2 has had a large turnover this month as we welcomed the 17.1 Campaign Continuity Marines as well as the 16.2B Radio Battalion Marines.

have arrived safely and have begun adjusting to the high operational tempo of the SPMAGTF-CR-CC. As with any deployment, the arrival of replacement personnel also means the departure of others.



Our 16.2A Radio Battalion Marines have completed their turnover and will begin their transition back to CONUS soon. Our MWSS S-2, Sgt Wynn has departed and our linguist, Ms. Florin, has returned home after working with the SPMAGTF-CR-CC for over 1 year. The S-2, as a whole, would like to thank all of them for their hard work and contributions to the command, as well as overall support for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. Have safe travels and we look forward to seeing you all again in the near future!

A large percentage of the Marines in the S-2 have exited the bulking phase of the human body and have begun the sculpting phase of their intense, physical training regimens, consuming large amounts of protein and little to no fats, in the hopes of returning from the deployment in the likeness of a Greek God/Goddess. In providing assurance that this goes as planned, Sgt Shannon, Sgt McClinton, and Sgt Ivers have continued a rigorous MCMAP schedule which has resulted in several new belt qualifications and plenty of sustainment hours. Maj Kim, 1stLt Doyle, and Cpl Dominguez successfully attained their Black Belts. GySgt Lloyd, Sgt Castro, Cpl Everhart, Cpl Morse, Cpl Tuana-Carlton, and Cpl Filla are now all certified Brown Belts while Sgt Behnan is now a Green Belt. Of note, Sgt McClinton also participated in a Subject Matter Expert Exchange, October 4th-8th, teaching Marines from the Kuwait Marine Battalion various combat techniques which will enhance their own readiness levels.

Throughout this deployment, our Air Cell S-2, Capt Seymour has run over 1100 miles. She plans to add 26.2 more as she has initiated, coordinated, and will be participating in the first Marine Corps Marathon (Fwd) for Kuwait.

There is one saved round from last month as there was a new addition to one of our Marine's family. On September 23rd, Annie reported for duty weighing in at 7.5oz. Congratulations to SSgt Vuong and his wife!



## S-3

LtCol Jonathan Bossie, Ops Officer  
MSgt Lafayette Waters, Ops Chief

Marines of the S-3 continued to provide support across the MAGTF's region of operations throughout the month of October. The Air and Fires shop provided support to a Kuwaiti aviation fire support exercise conducted at one of the local area ranges. The Marines also supported multiple training exercises for the MAGTF by providing command and control support from the unit's Crisis Response Operations Center. The Marines worked diligently with the incoming and outgoing Major Subordinate Elements as they conducted turnover in stride to ensure continuity of operations and support. The Marines of the S-3 were recognized by the Command Sergeant Major of the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve during a recent command visit aboard Al Jaber, Kuwait.





## **S-4**

Maj Matthew Romoser, S-4 Officer

GySgt Michael Kayl, S-4 Chief

Greetings, family and friends, on behalf of the Marines of the Command Element S-4 / Logistics Section! This month has been another exciting one for the Marines of the S-4, as we maintain our focus on ensuring logistics support to enable Marine operations across all elements of the MAGTF here in the Middle East. This month we began preparing in earnest to welcome our new subordinate units and to say goodbye to all of the subordinate units we've been working so closely with for the past twelve months. It's almost hard to believe that it's already time to bid them farewell, but we wish them a safe return home. In other news, three of our highly motivated Sergeants also received some great news this month. Congratulations go out to Sgt Madisen Emerson of Ossipee, New Hampshire; Sgt Lynetta Hickman of Hood River, Oregon; and Sgt Che'Qwonikora Lawrence of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, for their selection to Staff Sergeant (E-6). All three selections were well-deserved, as these Marines have clearly exhibited the professionalism and dependability that proves they are ready for the challenges and increased responsibilities ahead of them. We are extremely proud of them for this distinctive achievement in their careers, and I know their families and friends are as well! Thank you all for your continued prayers and support!



## **S-6**

Maj Russell Savatt, S-6 Officer

MSgt Jeffrey Hardy, S-6 Chief

Our Marines have been very busy with things going on here on our base. Our communications Marines have able to exercise their skills in an austere field environment showing that they are true Communications Warriors. Several of our Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Instructors were invited to participate in an exchange with Kuwaiti Special Forces. They exchanged techniques and ideas and was a great learning opportunity for all. The temperatures here are getting cooler every day and soon those hot days of summer will be but distant memories. Thanks to all of you for your support. Our Marines recognize and appreciate all of your supportive efforts in our endeavors.



## Chaplain's Comments



Friends,

I am posting two pictures for this month. The first one is a shot of the 5th Marine Regiment Staff taken in front of our building at San Mateo a short time before we left for this deployment. I am honored to be in this picture simply because I am part of this great unit (that is me on the far right in the Navy Uniform).

We have now been standing the watch for these last 9 months to keep America safe. I have traveled to several countries since my arrival here because our men and women were so spread out across the middle-east in order to do our jobs effectively. Some of our guys were in places alone and unafraid in places far away. I went to one of those places (that I will leave unnamed for security reasons) to visit them and found a small number of Marines practicing their respective crafts.







We ate chow together, trained together and then we held a Christian service that night at sunset on the roof of their building. We talked about Moses crossing the red sea and moving up into what the faithful call the "Promised Land." As the sun set over the water we took communion together in the dusk of the night. Warriors were sharing with their chaplain a very special and solemn moment provided to them by the United States Government. We were practicing our faith even as we were here defending the right of all Americans to practice their freedom of speech and religion. It was a moment in time that I will never forget because it was so rich in significance.

We will be coming home soon and these kinds of memories will be locked in our minds and hearts. We will be a little bit different than we were when we left, because every deployment changes us just a bit. But we are stronger and better than we ever were because we know that we did our job and kept America Safe. This SPMAGTF (Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force) experience is one that I will treasure until my dying day. It was not easy here, but now that it is almost in my rearview mirror, I feel a great sense of accomplishment. The ones that will replace us will be welcome, however, as our time in the spotlight is almost over.



This second picture was taken inside the Al Jaber Chapel and is offered as my way of saying thanks to all who helped us make this deployment a little bit easier. Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Anthony Ferretti and I received over 2200 care packages while we were here. We distributed them to seven locations in four countries. The picture to the left is one we took after a set of packages arrived from Dana Point Support Group. So many Americans treated us with respect and kindness and I am humbled by this fact. I may never understand why someone who has never met me will spend \$50-\$100 or more to mail a package to me simply because I serve in the U.S. Military. Americans are a kind and caring bunch of people. I thank you for your support and offer my heartfelt thanks.

See you back home soon,

Chaplain Randal Potter

## FRO's Comments



Hello Marines, Sailors, and Families of the SPMAGTF,

Welcome to Fall! As you get ready for Halloween and all of the fun that comes with it, dressing up, haunted houses, trick-or-treating, and more, make sure you take time to experience all that San Diego and Orange County have to offer during this season. For Orange County, check here:

[http://www.orangecounty.net/html/weekend\\_halloween.html](http://www.orangecounty.net/html/weekend_halloween.html)

For San Diego, check here: <http://www.sandiego.org/campaigns/fall-in-san-diego/halloween.aspx#HBmApt5ug2OC1G7H.97>

On October 27th, from 4-6pm, the FROs of 5th Marine Regiment, are hosting the 4th Annual 5th marine Regiment Trunk-or-Treat on the 62 Area Parade Deck. There will be candy, popcorn, carnival games, a haunted house, photo ops, hay ride, costume contests, and of course trick-or-treating from all of the wonderful decorated trunks that people come with. Make sure to come dressed up and with your candy pails! To sign up to have a trunk or to help volunteer with the event go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F45ADA622A02-trunk>



It won't be long after putting Halloween away before Thanksgiving will be upon us; with your loved ones deployed often times the holidays can be difficult. Don't spend Thanksgiving on your own! Join the Marines, Sailors, and families of 5th Marine Regiment along with Dana Point Support Group for a wonderful meal and the chance to get to know other 5th Marines and SPMAGTF families.

On Thanksgiving Day (November 26th-12:30 p.m.) Waterman's Harbor Restaurant of Dana Point is hosting a complimentary, complete plated Thanksgiving Dinner, Dessert and Coffee. Raffle prizes and party favors for all! Reservations required! Go to: <https://5ththanksgivingdinner.eventbrite.com>

#### Event Details

Date: Thursday November 24th-Registration: 12:30 p.m. Dinner at 1:00 p.m.

Special Guests: All Active Duty Military, Wounded Warriors & their families. We also welcome Gold Star Families.

Sponsors: Waterman's Harbor Restaurant

Place: 34661 Golden Lantern Street in Dana Point Harbor

Be sure to check out the 5th Marine Regiment Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/5thMarines](http://www.facebook.com/5thMarines) and our official Twitter @Fighting\_Fifth for current happenings, classes, free items, and more!

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## Promotion List

The following Marines were promoted during the month of October:

### Command Element

- CPL VICTOR TARACEVICZ (CE)
- CPL NICHOLAS TULLIO (CE)
- CPL MICHAEL JERECZEK (CE)
- CPL CHRISTIAN LESHER (CE)
- CPL CAMERON JOSEPH (CE)
- CPL SHAWN CONTO (CE)
- CPL ADONIS BAEZ (CE)
- SGT JACOB PALENSKY (CE)
- SGT PAUL DAVID (CE)
- SGT JEREMY WALKER (CE)
- SGT TIMOTHY KILPATRICK III (CE)
- SSGT BERTRAND EVEILLARD (CE)

### Ground Combat Element

- LCPL TRISTAN BURNETT (V37)
- LCPL CHRISTOPHE BOELTS (V37)
- LCPL MATTHEW LANDIN (V37)
- LCPL JUSTIN KNOWLTON (V37)
- LCPL DAMON SHAW (V37)
- LCPL KEVIN KMETZ (V37)
- LCPL DAKOTA BRAUDRICK (V37)
- LCPL CHRISTOPHE MAEZ (V37)
- LCPL LOGAN JOHNSON (V37)
- LCPL JOSUE LUNA (V37)
- LCPL JOSEPH DAMICO (V37)
- LCPL SILVESTRE CASTANEDA (V37)
- LCPL CHARLES BRATCHER (V37)
- LCPL MARK BEACH JR (V37)
- LCPL PATRICK AZIZ (V37)
- LCPL LOGAN KHARIBIAN (V37)
- LCPL HENRY ALLEN (V37)
- LCPL ALEJANDRO CHAVEZ (V37)
- CPL ANTHONY TYGART (V37)
- CPL THOMAS CAPPIS (V37)
- CPL DERRICK THURMOND JR (V37)
- CPL MIGUEL CONTRERAS (V37)
- CPL MATTHEW KRYGIER (V37)
- CPL JOSEPH BARCELLI (V37)
- CPL ZACHERY BURZEE (V37)
- CPL ABEL SANTIAGO (V37)
- CPL IVAN SALASVALLEJO (V37)
- CPL THOMAS PRYOR (V37)
- CPL BRYAN COZART (V37)
- CPL RYAN MELANSON (V37)
- CPL LEVI GREEN (V37)
- CPL ZACHARY BOEHL (V37)
- CPL SAMUEL ALLINGHAM (V37)
- CPL KENDYN HOWARD (V37)
- CPL FREDDY SORTO JR (V37)
- SGT TRINIDAD CRUZ (V37)
- SGT JOSEPH CAPORASO (V37)
- SGT WILLIAM MCDONALD (V37)
- SGT PRESTON ULRICH (V37)
- SGT DAVID LAWLESS (V37)
- SGT MANUEL CATALANHERNANDEZ (V37)
- SGT NICHOLAS DRAWBRIDGE (V37)
- SSGT TRAVIS RIEL (V37)
- SSGT RYAN TOMLIN (V37)
- SSGT LEDARRIUS WADE (V37)
- SSGT JOE ESTRADA (V37)
- MSGT DONALD REYNOLDS JR (V37)

### Aviation Combat Element

- CPL ROBERT STREIF II (MACS-1)
- LCPL TIMO TOGAFAU (MWSS-371)
- LCPL JAIME ORTIZFLORES (MWSS-371)
- LCPL DENNIS ALEXANDER (MWSS-371)
- LCPL KERRY MUCHISON JR (MWSS-371)
- LCPL RANDY PATTERSON (MWSS-371)
- CPL KENNY HERNANDEZ (MWSS-371)
- CPL JAMES LYLE (MWSS-371)
- CPL JOSE JIMENEZ JR (MWSS-371)
- CPL CAVEL HYLTON (MWSS-371)
- CPL ZAIN WILCOX (MWSS-371)
- CPL CLINT LEWIS (MWSS-371)
- CPL DEVONTE JACOBS (MWSS-371)
- CPL DONYE BAKER (MWSS-371)
- CPL YESENIA SOLIS (MWSS-371)
- CPL ADAM BRANOVITS (MWSS-371)
- SGT MARQUISE TURNER (MWSS-371)
- SGT JACKSON ROBLES (MWSS-371)
- SGT CLINTON WHITE (MWSS-371)
- SGT CHAD ARNOLD (MWSS-371)
- SGT VLADIMIR GREENFIELD (MWSS-371)
- SGT TYSON PIERRELUS (MWSS-371)
- SGT DAX HALL (MWSS-371)
- SGT BLAKE NEWMAN (MWSS-371)
- SSGT ANDREW VILLAFANA (MWSS-371)
- SSGT DARRIN LEE JR (MWSS-371)
- SSGT BRITT CASTILLO (MWSS-371)
- SSGT CARL BEE JR (MWSS-371)
- SSGT DOUGLAS YOXSIMER (MWSS-371)
- LCPL GEORGE CORNELL (VMA-231)
- CPL SARISSA CHASE (VMA-231)
- CPL GARRETT WALTERS (VMA-231)
- CPL DOMINICK GARCIA (VMA-231)
- CPL ANDREW JOHNSON (VMA-231)
- CPL PATRICIA MARTIN (VMA-231)
- CPL RACHAUD RUSSELL (VMA-231)
- CPL MARIA LARREA (VMA-231)
- CPL DANIEL ORDENEAU (VMA-231)
- SGT LUIS MASCORRO JR (VMA-231)
- SGT LEVI TORRES (VMA-231)
- SGT ANTWANE WILLIAMS (VMA-231)
- SGT DANIEL VANWYHE (VMA-231)
- SGT ROBERT DUSEL (VMA-231)
- SGT JOSHUA HEARD (VMA-231)
- LCPL JOSEPH GYAPONG (VMM-165)
- CPL TITUS NILSSEN (VMM-165)
- CPL CHRISTOPHE MILAM (VMM-165)
- CPL LOGAN CLARK (VMM-165)
- CPL JACOB KIPLER (VMM-165)
- CPL KIM RAWLINS (VMM-165)
- SGT DYLAN DONZE (VMM-165)
- SGT RYAN BALCERZAK (VMM-165)
- SGT PETER WRIGLEY (VMM-165)
- SGT BLAKE BATALLA (VMGR-352)
- SGT BRIAN MARION (VMGR-352)
- SGT NATHANAEL SCHRAGE (VMGR-352)

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- SSGT JOSUE DELCID (CLB-7)
- SSGT JOHN KOVACH (CLB-7)
- SSGT COLIN WHITE (CLB-7)
- SSGT CALEB PENTE (CLB-7)



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