

Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force

Crisis Response Central Command

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Commanding Officer's Comments



Dear Family and Friends,

Elements of our forward-deployed Task Force ushered in the month of July with a unit formation at Al Jaber, Kuwait, to celebrate our country's independence. Similar gatherings were also conducted at our many other sites across the region. This past July 4th marked the 240th anniversary of America's birth as a nation. Although forward-deployed, the day for us was nonetheless an opportunity to celebrate our country's freedoms; commemorate the adoption of our Declaration of Independence;

and ponder the timeless principles captured in its Preamble, which reads: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

As our families, friends, and fellow Americans gathered back home to also celebrate our many individual liberties and life's blessings on the 4th of July, we also paused to reflect on our own military service to our great nation, the Marine Corps, and this Task Force. Equally important for us, we stopped to remember those brave men and women—our fellow countrymen—who have answered our nation's call to arms and, in many cases, left their homes and loved-ones to defend our American way of life. Like our forefathers and mothers, your loved ones today proudly continue to carry this torch of selfless service to our country. Each of them—the women and men of this Task Force—regularly distinguishes herself and himself in achieving our myriad combat and training successes in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and regional stability. The honor, courage, and commitment they exercise in the performance of their duties bring immense credit to our Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) and proudly uphold the legacy and traditions of our Marine Corps. For all of us who are forward-deployed in defense of our country, the celebration of America's independence carries a meaning and significance that surpasses expression.

Echoing the words of Lance Corporal Tim Craft, who is credited with making this statement during the siege of Khe Sanh, Vietnam, in 1968, "for those who fight for it, freedom has a flavor the protected will never know." Each of our warriors—your loved ones—serves as a protector of that freedom, and SgtMaj Nguyen and I are proud beyond words to stand in our Task Force's ranks with them.





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The month of July also afforded us the opportunity to assess our many contributions to Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) and our frequent engagements across the region to promote security and stability. These collective efforts, which we immediately began in April, are too numerous to highlight in a single writing, but they include the following:

- Daily crisis response (CR) support to combat operations in Iraq and Syria and security efforts in the region.
- Reinforced defensive postures at several fixed sites across multiple countries in the Middle East.
- More than 1,500 aviation sorties across the region, either conducting or supporting combat operations to OIR, security efforts throughout the region, or Special Purpose MAGTF training events.
- Daily intelligence analysis and more than 100 intelligence-developed targets in support of OIR.
- Persistent medical support at many locations throughout the region.
- More than 1 million pounds of cargo delivered throughout the area of operations.
- Around-the-clock aircraft maintenance under adverse weather conditions—namely, heat and blowing sand—to ensure the combat readiness of our air fleet.
- Multiple exchanges of subject matter experts to other military units in the area.
- Significant advances in communications capability and support by our SPMAGTF communications personnel.
- Multiple explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) missions in support of other OIR task forces.
- The professionalization of other military forces, including the Iraqi Security Forces, Kuwaiti military, and Jordanian Armed Forces, through our training, advising, and mentoring efforts.
- Dozens of vehicle and other maintenance activities to ensure equipment readiness across our force and for many other military units.
- And countless numbers of organic and joint training exercises to enhance our own capabilities as a Special Purpose Task Force.

These few highlights, as well as the other myriad activities we conduct across our MAGTF, are initiated, planned, organized, executed, and repeated daily by the engaged warriors of this Task Force. Their mission-first focus and purpose-driven mindsets enable the many successes our team realizes daily. You can justifiably be proud of your Marine or Sailor. SgtMaj Nguyen and I certainly are. You can also be excited to know that the majority of the Task Force—V27, CLB-5, VMM-363, VMFA(AW)-533, and detachments of VMGR-352—has already crossed the halfway point of this deployment. Only the Command Element, which is comprised of 5th Marine Regiment's senior leadership and principal staff, as well as many personnel from across I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), has a few more weeks to go before we reach this milestone in our tour of duty. Nonetheless, as a MAGTF actively engaged across such a wide-frontage, the time is passing quickly. To celebrate this halfway mark and the earning of the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, which is awarded to Marines and Sailors who complete a minimum of 90 days during a deployment (often at sea), elements of our Task Force conducted a cake-cutting ceremony. This event also gave the SgtMaj and me the opportunity to host another Town Hall meeting with hundreds of members of the MAGTF, reviewing our many activities, discussing current and future missions, and answering questions. These regular events enable all of us to maintain a common understanding and operational picture of our mission.

As always, our gratitude for your interest and engagement in our SPMAGTF knows no bounds. Thanks for your committed support and patriotism. 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 and our Facebook link at www.facebook.com/SPMAGTFCRCC.

Semper fidelis,

Col Ken Kassner, USMC
Commanding Officer
"Grizzly 6"





Sergeant Major's Comments



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

In the words of Lance Corporal Good, a Marine who was recently presented with a Commander's coin by Colonel Kassner during our Battle Field Circulation, he said "I am honored to receive this coin, but I am just doing my job like all the other guys in my platoon and so, they are just as deserving as I am." It is these humble words and the great sense of pride in his unit which make me feel extremely proud of being able to serve alongside the Warriors of our Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command (SPMAGTF-CR-CC). Our SPMAGTF is filled with Marines and Sailors

just like Lance Corporal Good. They perform their duties day in, day out without asking for anything in return because they know it is their obligation to uphold the oath they swore to defend.

The month of July began with us taking time to celebrate our country's Independence Day. Being forward deployed on a holiday like July 4th reaffirmed our commitment to serve so that our family back home will be able to enjoy the freedom they deserved. Also this past month, our Major Supporting Elements (2nd Battalion 7th Marines, CLB-5, VMFA (AW)-533, MWSS-373) welcome the Pre-deployment Site Survey's team of their replacement unit. This is a welcome sign for our units as it indicates their reliefs are approaching. Nevertheless, the Warriors of our SPMAGTF stand ready to respond to any crisis in this tumultuous region of the world; remaining focused until the day we return to our homeland. To this end, we continue to participate in multiple exercises with other U. S. and allied forces. These joint training events allow us to further our interoperability and enhance our relationship with one another.

To the families of our Warriors, I am ever grateful for having you support us while taking care of the home front. I truly appreciate your resiliency when issues arise, enabling us to remain focused on our mission. You made our team that much stronger. For all of our supporters back home, we are honored to receive your love. The many letters and care packages that were individually packed by you and sent to us are greatly appreciated and treasured.

As you know, our Family Readiness Officer is Mrs. Darci Streeter. Along with our Bravo Command Element, Mrs. Streeter will be able to refer you to the resources and assistances you may need during our deployment. Toward the end of this newsletter, you will also find a section where Mrs. Streeter publishes some of the pertinent information for the upcoming month. Her contact information is:

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Until next time, thank you for all that you do for us...

With warmest regards,

Sergeant Major Chuong T. Nguyen
Sergeant Major, Fighting Fifth Marine Regiment
Sergeant Major, SPMAGTF-CR-CC 16.2 CE





Combat Logistics Battalion 5

LtCol. Samuel Lee, CO
SgtMaj. Keith Hoge, SgtMaj

On behalf of the entire Logistics Combat Element, hello from Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait. Another month has passed and your Marines and Sailors continue to perform extremely well in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Congratulations to Sergeant Rose and his wife Sophie who celebrated the birth of their son Vincent on the 12th of July. Bravo Zulu to LCpl Howard and HN Guardado on receiving coins from the SPMAGTF CO and Sergeant Major for their exceptional performance while serving as a generator mechanic and a member of medical's Shock Trauma Platoon, respectively. Congratulations to Sgt Sammons, Cpl AndersonStowell, Cpl Deleon, and Cpl Feliciano on their well-deserved promotions this month. Five LCE Marines successfully completed Corporals Course this month: Cpl Carbajal, Cpl Kubina, Cpl Meeks, Cpl Mendoza, and Cpl Ramos. Additionally, 13 LCE Marines and Sailors received their green belt and 19 Marines and Sailors received their gray belt under the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. Finally, Cpl Davidsmeier was baptized on the 17th of July by the Command Element Chaplain, LCDR Potter. Thank you for your continued patience and support for the Marines and Sailors of the LCE.



2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment

LtCol. Christopher Steele, CO
SgtMaj. Gabriel Macias, SgtMaj



Lieutenant General William D. Beydler, Commander, Marine Corps Forces Central Command, recently spent time with Easy Company at their deployed location. Lieutenant General Beydler awarded Sergeant Patrick D. Russell and Lance Corporal Wyatt A. Waggoner, both 0331 Machinegunners, with a Commanding General's coin for sustained superior

performance of their duties in direct support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Sergeant Russell and Lance Corporal Waggoner are a direct representation of all Marines and Sailors of Easy Company and 2d Battalion, 7th Marines as a whole. We congratulate them on a job well done. Semper Fidelis.



Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363

LtCol. James Hoffman, CO
SgtMaj. Michael Baehr, SgtMaj

Corporal Steven W. Boleyn sets an excellent example as a complete Crew Chief, illustrating a blend between tactical flight expertise and maintenance acumen. His daily efforts allow the unit to maintain the assigned theater Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel (TRAP) alert posture, providing a Personnel Recovery capability for Operation Inherent Resolve. In the month of June alone, he has already completed 16 Maintenance Action Forms (MAFs), consisting of over 100 maintenance man hours. Simultaneously, Cpl Boleyn flew over 37 mishap free flight hours, to include over 29 combat hours in support of Operation Inherent Resolve 16.2. Additionally, he became a Low Altitude Tactics Instructor (LATI), a qualification that allows him to instruct junior aircrew in the dynamic low altitude environment. This flight profile requires aircrews to maintain a state of high alert and situational awareness, and provides little margin for error. Corporal Boleyn's complete dedication to the mission and professional approach to aircraft maintenance makes him an asset to VMM-363 and directly affects the unit's ability to complete the mission.



Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (All Weather) 533

LtCol. Matthew Brown, CO
SgtMaj. Johnny Vancil, SgtMaj

The past month has been extremely busy for the "Scrapers". Around the clock combat operations conducted by over 250 Marines, sailors, airmen and an Australian have resulted in over 140 combat sorties in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Most combat missions last in excess of 7 hours which places an incredible demand on our aircraft. It is a testament to the herculean efforts of our team that the squadron has completed 100% of its tasked missions to date. The combat power we generate is making a difference in the struggle against ISIS. The unsung heroes are your loved ones who are making it happen every day. I have never been more proud to be a Hawk. We are able to do what we do because of you: the amazing people back home who love and care about us. Until next time take solace in the fact that Scrapper is on station, overhead, and willing to do what is necessary.



Marine Wing Support Squadron 373

LtCol. Bradley Ward, CO
SgtMaj. Jorge Melendez, SgtMaj

Hello family and friends of the Aces! SgtMaj Melendez and I are both happy to report that your Marines and Sailors are maintaining a phenomenal level of enthusiasm despite the temperatures reaching above 120 degrees. You would all be exceedingly proud to see these heroes in action under such adverse and extreme conditions. It is inspiring to watch as our efforts across both aviation ground support companies and the security force company contribute immensely to the overall success of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force. The Marines and Sailors of MWSS-373 are quite simply the backbone of the forces deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Central Command's theater of operations. As time begins to draw to a much anticipated close, our sights are singularly focused on accomplishing our mission and bringing everyone home to their loved ones. We continue to draw on your incredible support - and remain Semper Fidelis.

- LtCol B.W. Ward



Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352

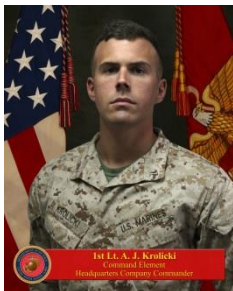
Maj. Michael Blejski, OIC
GySgt. Rowdy Hall, Senior Enlisted

During the month of July, VMGR-352 Detachment Alpha continued with its mission of supporting SPMAGTF Crisis Response Central Command efforts towards Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. By conducting assault transport and aerial refueling missions, Detachment Alpha successfully supported the Area of Operations. At the beginning of July, the entire detachment came together and consolidated our workspaces to the flight line. Every Marine affected the move ensuring all gear and equipment maintained operational integrity in order to continue supporting the SPMAGTF mission. Despite temperatures getting as high as 115 degrees, the move was accomplished in a short amount of time. Thanks to every Marine in the detachment and the efforts of "the Aces", Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, for their contribution. The move was an awesome display of teamwork!

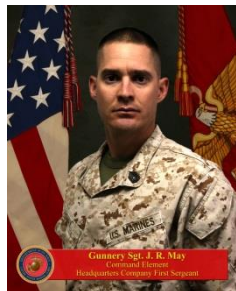
The move ended with a barbeque held at the new working spaces where the Marines enjoyed a burger and cold drink after a hard week of work. The barbeque doubled as a celebration for America's day of Independence for the deployed Marines.

Please congratulate Sergeant Andrew Boni, Sergeant Graham Mueller, and Sergeant Kirstie Yocolano on their promotion to Sergeant! The end of July marks a milestone for those detachment Marines who are redeploying soon and for those Marines who will relieve them. 16.1-16.2 Marines; job well done!

Headquarters Company Comments



Lt. Col. A. J. Kroticki
Command Element
Headquarters Company, Command



Gunnery Sgt. J. R. May
Command Element
Headquarters Company, 16.2

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

As July comes to a close and we dive into the heart of a Middle Eastern summer, our Marines and Sailors have had yet another busy month. From individual concurrent training, to our large scale battle drills in coordination with the Major Subordinate Elements, temperatures of up to 125 degrees have become second nature.

Now that we are well into a continuous battle rhythm, many Marines have an opportunity to conduct battlefield circulation in order to expand our capabilities, and to provide critical assets to the other task forces in the area of operations (AO). Despite the longing for loved ones and the missed summer vacation opportunities, morale still remains high for the Marines and Sailors as they remain committed to the mission of defending our freedom.

This month started on a high note for us as we recognized the Marines and Sailors for their hard work during our SPMAGTF commanders, Colonel Kassner, Independence Day, town hall meeting. Colonel Kassner reminded us to reflect on what we are fighting for and to remain consistently vigilant on the potential threats in our AO. These words were followed by Corporal Timothy Kilpatrick, being given special recognition for his hard work with a Grizzly coin. The coin is symbolic of the outstanding work performed by our two Marines, something that is not easily earned.



Focus of effort this month regarding the Company's internal training aimed towards our monthly refresher of Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Radiological threats, heat illness, and medical training. In the further development of our Company's outstanding Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO's), another iteration of Corporal's Course was conducted as well as a Lance Corporal Leadership and Ethics Seminar. Additionally, the Company executed two Marine Corps Martial Arts Courses allowing Marines to gain proficiency in their respective belts. The Marines and Sailors have accomplished these skills sets masterfully, while simultaneously executing their mission critical tasks. Their pre-deployment training is kicking in and they are taking each day in stride.

Near the end of the month, the SPMAGTF Commander and Sergeant Major held a 90 day Sea Service Ribbon, cake cutting ceremony, which recognized the selfless service of our Marines and Sailors while overseas. This was a significant event because as of July 21, 2016, Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command 16.2 has assumed its duties as the theatre crisis response force in support of Operation Inherent Resolve for 90 consecutive days. At the event's conclusion, Corporal Deondre Lucas was recognized with a second Grizzly coin of the month to commemorate his diligent efforts.

The Company was proud to promote Chelsey Courtney, Aaron Kasza, and Steven Olmos to the rank of Corporal and David Branson and Kevin Johnson to the rank of Sergeant. These Marines have well deserved the responsibility that has been bestowed upon them, and our Company is that much greater to have their experience and leadership. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Corporal Holden Bangle for tenaciously warranting the title of NCO of the Quarter. Corporal Bangle competed against some of the best NCO's the SPMAGTF had to offer, and his superb performance and initiative allowed him to stand out from his peers. Congratulations Corporal Bangle, you have made our Company proud.



It is an understatement to say the Marines and Sailors of Headquarters Company have been receiving a large sum of care packages. This is a direct reflection of all the support we are receiving from the families, our Family Readiness Officer, Mrs. Darci Streeter, and support groups from around the nation. You all are the backbone for our warriors and we could not be more appreciative. Thank you for all you do, it is you who we fight for.

Semper Fidelis.

First Lieutenant Andrew J. Krolicki
Headquarters Company Commander

Gunnery Sergeant Joseph R. May
Headquarters Company First Sergeant



S-1

Capt. Stephen Otis, Adjutant
Staff Sgt. Arthur Ross, S-1 Chief

The S-1 spent the month of July engaged in tracking the daily movement of our MAGTF across our many locations across the area of operations. Additionally, we facilitated transactions relating to pay and entitlements, awards and recognitions, and the Marine and NCO of the Quarter Boards. We continue to facilitate travel across the area of operations, source administrative replacements, and ensure our MAGTF is ready to fight from an administrative perspective. Additionally, listed below are all the promotions of our SPMAGTF personnel for this month.



S-2

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

Last week, Sgt Cavanaugh had an interview and was recorded playing bagpipes for a PAO piece that Sgt Starr is putting together. Sgt Cavanaugh has played bagpipes for two separate ceremonies since arriving at AJAB in April. One was for the SPMAGTF Memorial Day ceremony, and the other was for a memorial service in honor of one of the Military Working Dogs that died of cancer. Sgt Cavanaugh received a coin from the Air Force Law Enforcement Commanding Officer for his part in the K-9 Memorial service.



S-3

LtCol. Jonathan Bossie, Ops Officer
Master Sgt. Lafayette Waters, Ops Chief

After celebrating the 241st birthday of our great nation together as a section, the Marines of the S-3 arranged a barbeque and cook out near the command post for the Marines to enjoy during their shifts. Sergeant Heidenreich and Lance Corporal Gilmore provided "Master Chef" level performance on the burgers and hotdogs while our other Marines provided the fixings and drinks. Additionally, our own Corporal Bell graduated from the SPMAGTF facilitated Corporals Leadership Course held aboard Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base. The Law Enforcement Marines conducted emergency response training with the other units aboard the base as well as provided security for many of the SPMAGTF's events on base as well. Several Marines from the S-3 also had the opportunity to conduct training in the United Arab Emirates during July, continuing to develop the strong relationship between the Emirate military and the United States Marine Corps.





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! You may be wondering, "What does the S-4 Section do?" Well, in short, we ensure logistics support to all of the MAGTF elements to enable Marine operations in the Middle East. With that in mind, July has been another busy month for us as we continue to engage in many different planning efforts and daily support activities. Our Mobility Section has been heavily engaged in planning and executing the rotation of our armored vehicle fleet (see picture). Our Ammo Officer CWO Palmer continues to stay busy maintaining accountability of Marine ammunition in four different countries. Our Engineers continue to support us with facilities maintenance and material handling, while our Contracting Officer GySgt Santiago maintains her steadfast support to the entire MAGTF by ensuring all major purchases are properly coordinated. Last but not least, our Maintenance Management Section has continued to maximize our equipment readiness by supervising multiple sustainment programs, including swapping out some of our most critical equipment with newer assets.



Thank you for your continued support; I can't tell you how much we greatly appreciate all of your thoughts, prayers, and especially care packages! We are almost to the halfway mark of this deployment, and morale remains high!



S-6

Maj. Russell Savatt, S-6 Officer
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Hardy, S-6 Chief

The communicators in the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) have been immersed in their daily activities. They spend their early mornings improving their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) skills as well as participating in a number of organized foot races, some as long as 10 km. The Maintenance Marines have spent countless hours updating maintenance databases and enduring the heat while making repairs to equipment. These repairs keep radio and data network links communicating. Our Data and Technical Control Marines are working around clock fixing data network issues as they arise as well as defending our network from all enemies, foreign and domestic. Some of our communications warriors have traveled to other countries to ensure that our warfighting partners have the equipment and information that they require to be successful. These trips to foreign lands have also included the training of foreign militaries so that they can take the fight to the enemy on their own. The Wire Marines have taken on the responsibility of ensuring the documentation of training of our Marines while still ensuring that the phone always rings when the need to make the call comes. Our Radio Marines have taught numerous classes to other Marines and units in an effort to share their knowledge with as many others as possible--all while also maintaining a 24 hour radio watch always ensuring that someone is available to receive the call should one of our own require assistance. All while all these Marines have done all these things, the thoughts of our families and the struggles that they are also enduring at home are always remembered.

Chaplain's Comments

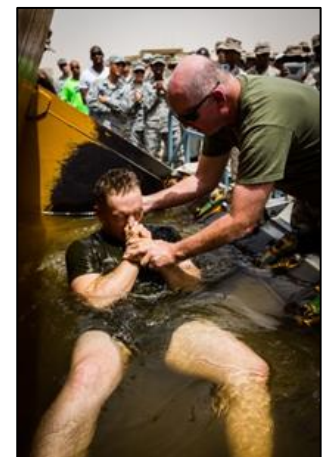
I recently received a simple email from a wonderful lady back home. She asked about packages she mailed to us. My response is below:

Colleen,

Yes the packages have arrived.

Because of your generosity we were able to supply all needs here in my camp and even give some packages to our brethren stationed in Iraq. It is a joyous thing to report to my command that our American friends are engaged in taking care of Marines and Sailors.

I reported that exact thing - that Americans are showing their respect for those deployed by sending continued support through care packages - in an open meeting the other day in front of about 50 leaders and my Commanding Officer. My CO responded that he agrees wholeheartedly with me that it is a sign of a healthy America when such packages arrive to lift our spirits and meet our daily needs.





This is a welcome contrast to the harsh news about police shootings we are hearing about back home.

I know that you send these packages out of a sense of love and commitment, but I think that you may not fully appreciate just how incredible it is for me as a Chaplain to be able to represent the face of God and the kindness of his caring American people. I am now known all over this base as a giving and caring person - perfect for a chaplain. But this is due in large part to your generosity in sending me these packages. The packages change the tone on a regular basis - from being down because one is far from home to being inspired because one's country supports him.

Others stationed here in our camp, who are from other countries, do not have such caring support and do not receive packages like you all send to us. We do try to help them when we have enough, but they see that Americans have a special love for their men and women in uniform.

I cannot thank you enough, but I offer my thanks nonetheless. You all make us feel special.

Sincerely
Chaplain Randal Potter



I share this email chain to say to all of America, and especially to those of us associated with this SPMAGTF - You are loved and appreciated and Americans are showing it.

Also I want to share one other thing that strikes me as fantastic. In my ten years as a Chaplain, I have only been able to baptize one person out in the battlefield – until now. We baptized three of our Marines the other day and here are a couple of pictures to share the goodness of that day. We used a front end loader and filled it with water and asked the church attenders to step outside for the ceremony. These Marines and Sailors are exercising their God Given right to express their faith, and our Marine Corps supports all Americans to exercise a freedom of religion.

When Marines practice their faith everyone is more resilient and relationships within our workspaces are enhanced. Everyone is better off when the Command Religious Program is meeting needs and lifting spirits. I ask those of you who pray often to continue to pray over us. We feel your prayers. I ask those of you who send care packages to please never stop that expression of love – it means too much to these men and women over here serving their country.

Thanks and God Bless you all

Chaplain Randal Potter





FRO's Comments

Hello SPMAGTF Families!

I hope your summer has been wonderful thus far! Hopefully some of you were able to sign up for the two events Operation Help a Hero is putting on with their baby shower and Camp Joy for our SPMAGTF families in August. Such events are a blessing for our deployed families!

Speaking of events, I have listed below some upcoming events we have going on, please mark your calendars! I look forward to seeing you there!

EVENTS:

1. August 12 1200-1500: 5th Marine Regiment/SPMAGTF Family Day – Beach Bash at San Onofre Beach

2. September 10 1600-1800: DPSG Catamaran Trip on the Ocean Adventure for our Amazing Spouses This event has availability for 49 spouses to attend! Adults only. There will be wine, hors d'oeuvres, and the amazing view of the sea to enjoy! Meeting time for this will be at 1530 sharp at the Dana Point Harbor. To RSVP for this, please email terry@terryrifkin.com, if you have any questions; please call 949-412-3475. First come, first served on availability! Don't wait to jump on this amazing opportunity!

3. September Time & Date TBD: Mid-Deployment Brief

If you have an interest in small meet-ups at local parks/coffee houses/restaurants, please let me know so we can work on putting some dates together.



If you would also like to receive the 5th Marine Regiment quarterly newsletter and weekly inFROMation blasts with lots of fun things to do, many of which are FREE, please email me so I can add you to my distribution list.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay cool, and let me know if you need anything!

Semper Family,

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Promotion List

The following Marines were promoted during the month of July:

Command Element

- CPL CHELSEY COURTNEY (CE)
- CPL AARON KASZA (CE)
- CPL STEVEN OLMOS (CE)
- SGT DAVID BRANSON (CE)
- SGT KEVIN JOHNSON (CE)

Logistics Combat Element

- CPL TYLER ANDERSONSTOWELL (CLB-5)
- CPL JASON FELICIANO (CLB-5)
- CPL CHRISTOPHE DELEON (CLB-5)
- SGT TROY SAMMONS JR (CLB-5)

Ground Combat Element

- LCPL MICHAEL WALKER (V27)
- LCPL ALEXANDER MARKELLOS (V27)
- LCPL AUSTIN OKELLEY (V27)
- LCPL AUSTIN PITTET (V27)
- LCPL JACK CAVANAUGH (V27)
- LCPL TRISTAN ROLLINGER (V27)
- CPL BENJAMIN MITCHELL (V27)
- CPL ALEXANDER CHAGARIS (V27)
- CPL JOSEPH VANZALEN (V27)
- CPL MITCHEL ROBERTS (V27)
- CPL TANNER LOVELL (V27)
- CPL CHRISTOPHE IACINO (V27)
- CPL JEREME KENNON (V27)
- CPL SHANE ROGERS (V27)
- CPL AARON COLWELL (V27)
- CPL DAVID JEPSEN (V27)
- CPL JAMES ELLSWORTH (V27)
- CPL MANUEL AHUMADA (V27)
- SGT JUSTIN JONES (V27)
- SGT ALEXANDERS YASHINTO JR (V27)
- SGT GARRETT SCHROLL (V27)
- SGT GINO RAYMUNDO (V27)
- SGT JOSEPH VOKT (V27)

Aviation Combat Element

- CPL JACOB PAULSON (MWSS-373)
- CPL JAMIE NEAL (MWSS-373)
- CPL DAYLON FIELDS (MWSS-373)
- CPL DESTINEY LEHEW (MWSS-373)
- CPL ALEXANDER CALLOW (MWSS-373)
- GYSGT HIEU NGUYEN (MWSS-373)
- LCPL EDGAR AVALOS (VMFA(AW)-533)
- LCPL JORDAN IGNACIO (VMFA(AW)-533)
- CPL MIGUEL MAINEGRA (VMFA(AW)-533)
- SGT DALLAS JACKSON (VMFA(AW)-533)
- PFC ROBERT RAGLAND (VMM-363)
- SGT JAVIER CUEVAS (VMM-363)
- GYSGT JOSE GOMEZ (VMM-363)
- CAPT ZACHARY BEHLER (VMM-363)
- SGT GRAHAM MUELLER (VMGR-352)
- SGT ANDREW BONI (VMGR-352)
- SGT KIRSTIE YOCOLANO (VMGR-352)

Congratulations, Warriors!

