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A photograph of Marine Corps Reserve units during an amphibious assault. In the foreground, a large amphibious tank (LVT) is positioned on a beach, its tracks partially submerged in the sand. Several Marines are visible on top of the tank, wearing helmets and tactical gear. One Marine in the center-left is pointing forward, while another on the right is holding a rifle. The background shows a hazy, overcast sky and the ocean. The overall tone is serious and operational.

## SHIP TO SHORE

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MARINES ASSAULT THE BEACH AT  
PENINSULA EXPRESS 15



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

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FORCE IN READINESS

It is my pleasure to be the new commander of Marine Corps Forces Reserve. Having spent almost 30 years as a Reserve officer, I know all too well the challenges of balancing family, military responsibilities and a civilian career. Thank you for what you do to maintain the combat power of the Corps!

I have had the honor of spending so much of my career with MARFORRES, and I continue to be inspired by the professionalism, commitment and spirit of MARFORRES Marines and Sailors. We truly are a force multiplier to the Marine Corps Total Force. Our ability to integrate seamlessly with the Active Component, sister services and allies is a key capability.

My focus will remain on our core competencies and the health of the force. We must have a "24/7, 365" mindset and be ready to deploy anywhere at a moment's notice, augmenting, reinforcing and supporting the Active Component. My priorities are to have forces available first and foremost to reinforce and support the **current fight**, followed directly by the **Unit Deployment Program**. Reinforcing **Theater Security Cooperation** and **Pre-deployment Training Program** are next, then supporting **operational plans** and finally augmenting **combat staffs**. Ultimately, we must have the ready, available forces to **be the shock absorber** on which the Total Force can rely.

I expect all of our leaders to take care of our most precious asset as a force – our people. One critical way we protect our people is to recognize those that play a large role in their daily lives – their employers. Our mission cannot succeed without strong employer support. It is particularly crucial to recognize those who go above and beyond to support our Marines and Sailors. We have an opportunity to honor their patriotic support by nominating them for the Employer Support Freedom Award. This gives us an opportunity to recognize the very best employers while also promoting the importance of their support in communities across the nation. This is a critical way to show our gratitude to those outstanding employers that help us accomplish our missions.

I am honored to have this opportunity to be your commander, and I look forward to marching ahead with you. Semper Fidelis.

Semper Fidelis,  
Lt. Gen. Rex C. McMillian  
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve

## SNAP SHOT

Lance Cpl. Korry Zippeper, motor transport mechanic with Company C, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, performs the 250-meter swim during his annual intermediate swim qualification at the Galveston Marine Corps Reserve Home Training Center, Aug. 8.

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Lance Cpl. Cameron Q. Bemis (left), a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist with 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, pauses from sample collection during the final training event of the Advanced Consequence Management Team Certification in Pilottown, La., July 29. The Marines were part of a survey team sent in to take samples from a simulated methamphetamine laboratory.

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Marines with 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion drive an amphibious assault vehicle during a simulated amphibious assault at Peninsula Express 15-8 on Dogu Beach, in the Republic of Korea on July 3. Peninsula Express was the eighth iteration this year of the Korean-Marine Exchange Program, and the first time Marine Forces Reserve has participated in the series of exercises between the U.S. and Republic of Korea Marine Corps, designed to build interoperability and tactical familiarity between partner nations.

PHOTO BY CPL. IAN LEONES



The logo features a stylized, geometric pattern resembling a snowflake or a complex star shape, composed of multiple overlapping lines forming a central point. Below this graphic, the words "CORPS" and "COMMUNITY" are stacked in a bold, sans-serif font.

**CORPS**  
COMMUNITY







## Celebrate Rebirth

Marine Corps Band New Orleans performs at the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans, La., during their "Spirit of Rebirth" concert series, Aug. 28. The band performed for their local community to celebrate how far the people of New Orleans have come in rebuilding the city.

PHOTO BY SGT. BRYTANI MUSICK



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## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

### UPDATES TO FILING AND PROCESSING EO COMPLAINTS

**M**arines should be aware of new guidelines for filing and processing military equal opportunity complaints implemented to strengthen sexual harassment prevention and response programs beginning Oct. 1, 2015.

The Equal Opportunity Advisor will conduct required equal opportunity intake interviews with complaints to clarify concerns, frame complaints, coordinate investigations and make referrals to the appropriate service-specific support agencies, including victim assistance programs.

Commanders will refer all Marines seeking guidance or those looking to file a complaint of discrimination or harassment to the servicing EOA prior to the initiation of any inquiry or investigation. For more information, see **MARADMIN 438/15**. ■



## ACTIVE RESERVE:

### UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR AR MARINES TO SUBMIT FOR REENLISTMENT

**M**arine administrative message 337/15 announces commencement of the fiscal year 2016 Active Reserve Alignment Plan. The purpose of the ARAP is to balance the AR enlisted career force inventory while retaining quality Marines.

Active Reserve Marines in the ranks of lance corporal to sergeant who have an end of current contract or expiration of active service date during fiscal year 2016 must submit for reenlistment through the total force retention system no later than Dec. 31, 2015. For more information, see **MARADMIN 337/15**. ■

## LEAVE:

### RESERVE COMPONENT LEAVE ACCUMULATION POLICY

**M**arine administrative message 266/15 establishes the policy for Reserve Component leave accumulation in accordance with changes to Department of Defense Instruction 1327.06.

Leave accrual and carryover is a privilege for the Total Force. Reserve Component Marines are authorized to carry over leave earned during a period of active duty to a future period of active duty.

Upon release from active duty or from a period of non-contingency for for any period of time, Reserve Marines may elect to sell back leave as a lump sum or carry on leave into a future period of service. Please refer to the following chart for rules on lump sum leave (LSL):

<i>Period of Leave earned</i>	<i>Rule</i>
Less than 31 days	LSL will count against the 60 day service limit
Active service more than 30 less than or equal to 360 days	Marines are exempt for the maximum 60 days LSL in a career
Greater than 365 days	Subject to same LSL accumulation limitations as Active component Marines

Reserve Marines are encouraged to use their leave in the active duty period in which it is earned. Use of the leave system as an extra money program, either as a method of compensation or as a career continuation incentive, defeats the intent of Congress to provide for the health and welfare of service members.

For more information, see **MARADMIN 266/15**. ■





An assault team from Company B, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, conducts a raid on a possible suicide vehicle bomb workshop in Fallujah. The Marines searched the vacant garage in central Fallujah after receiving intelligence that the owner might be supporting insurgents to harm Coalition forces and innocent civilians. Photo by Cpl. Brian Reimers

## THE GULF WAR

**O**n Nov. 25, 1990, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, was called to active duty to serve in the Gulf War against Iraq.

While attached to the 1st Marine Division, 1/25 Marines performed a variety of missions to include rear area security and enemy prisoner of war control. The battalion was with the frontline units during the war, which made it one of the few reserve units to see frontline service. During the ground offensive, the battalion received the responsibility of controlling more than 8,500 Iraqi POWs and processing them to rear areas of the 1st Marine Division. This began when 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and

3rd Tank Battalion from 1st Marine Division were breaching a minefield and became inundated with surrendering Iraqi soldiers. 1/5 dismounted an infantry company to deal with the prisoners whose numbers quickly swelled to nearly 1,300. Within two hours of the engagement, elements of 1/25 arrived to secure the prisoners. This allowed 1/5 to proceed with the advance without delay.

**PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH AND THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHED A COALITION OF NATIONS TO DEFEND SAUDI ARABIA FROM FURTHER IRAQI AGGRESSION AND TO RID KUWAIT OF THE MILITARY TAKEOVER.**

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**CPL. JOSEPH VITTORI (1929-1951), USMCR**  
AUTOMATIC RIFLEMAN IN COMPANY F, 2ND BATTALION, 1ST MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

With a forward platoon suffering heavy casualties and forced to withdraw under a vicious enemy counterattack as his company assaulted strong hostile forces entrenched on Hill 749 in Korea on September 15-16, 1951, Corporal Vittori boldly rushed through the withdrawing troops with two other volunteers from his reserve platoon and plunged directly into the midst of the enemy. With the situation becoming extremely critical, Corporal Vittori continued his valiant stand, refusing to give ground as the enemy penetrated to within feet of his position. Mortally wounded by enemy machine-gun and rifle bullets while persisting in his magnificent defense of the sector where approximately 200 enemy dead were found the following morning. His extraordinary heroism reflects the highest credit upon him and the United States Naval Service.



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### THE HARD FACTS

- **GULF WAR COALITION STRENGTHS**  
700,000, INCLUDING 540,000 U.S. TROOPS
- **ENEMY TROOPS**  
650,000 FRONTLINE TROOPS.  
1,000,000 RESERVE TROOPS
- **COALITION**  
148 US TROOPS KILLED IN ACTION  
145 NON-HOSTILE DEATHS  
776 WOUNDED IN ACTION INCLUDING 458 AMERICANS  
KUWAIT: 200 KILLED
- **ENEMY**  
20,000-35,000 KILLED  
75,000+ WOUNDED  
300,000 DESERTED OR CAPTURED

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<http://www.mcu.usmc.mil/historydivision/Pages/Publications/>





# RESERVE FORCES AROUND THE WORLD:

MARINES PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISES TO PREPARE THEM FOR REAL-WORLD CONFLICTS AND OPERATIONS. (QUARTER 3: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2015)



## Africa Command

### WESTERN ACCORD 15

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Western Accord is a multi-lateral training exercise taking place in Harskamp, the Netherlands, which includes live-fire and combat marksmanship training, peacekeeping operations, disaster response, intelligence capacity building and a humanitarian-civic assistance project.

**JULY 20-31, 2015**

## European Command

### AGILE SPIRIT 15

### SABER GUARDIAN 15

#### AGILE SPIRIT

Agile Spirit takes place at the Vaziani Training Area in Georgia, it is an annual exercise established to hone interoperability and capacity to conduct planning and execution in support of NATO Response Force operations or response to regional crises.

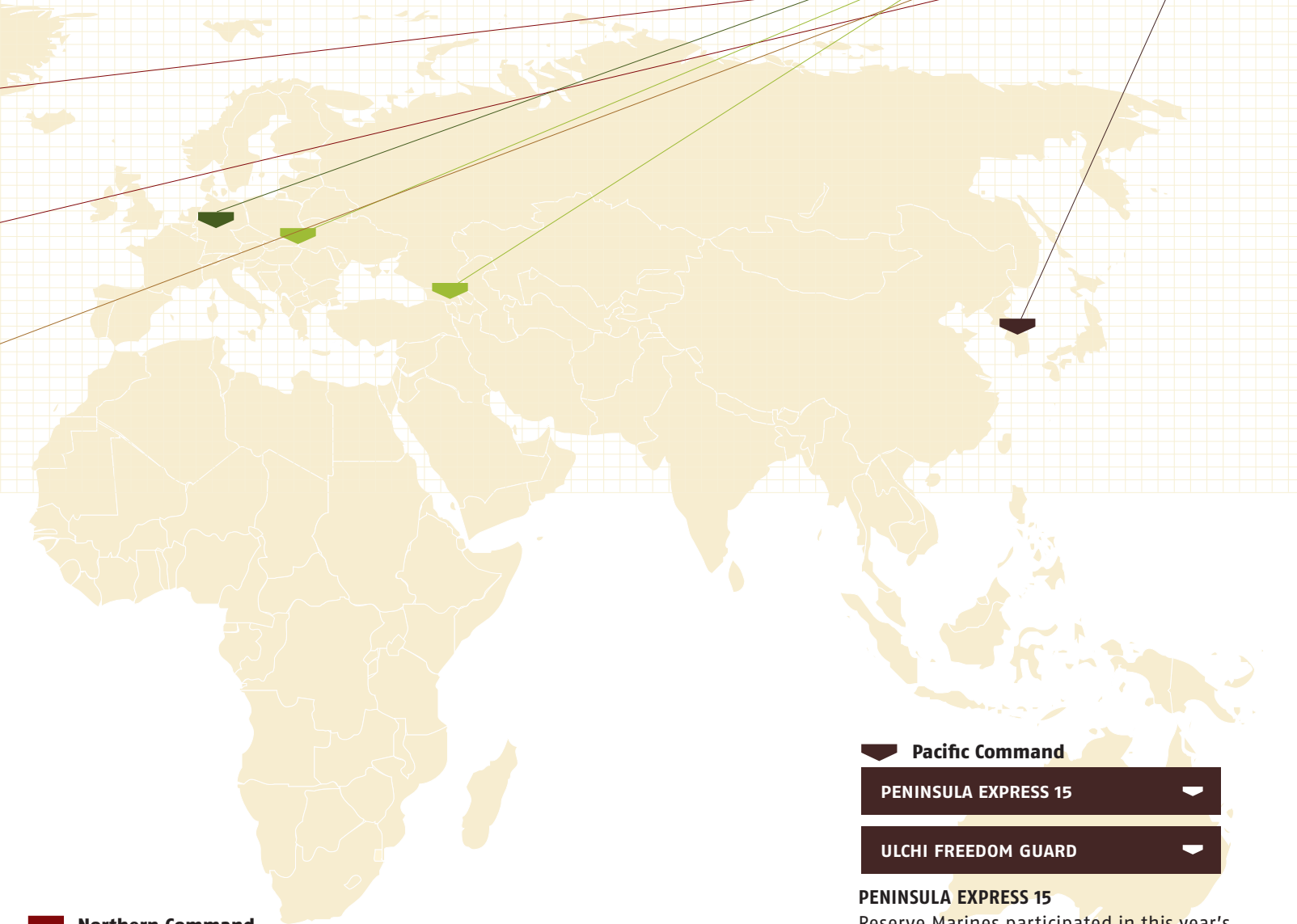
**JULY 8-22, 2015**

#### SABER GUARDIAN

Saber Guardian supports the partnership between the Ukraine, the U.S., NATO and Partnership for Peace member nations.

**JULY 19-30, 2015**





- Northern Command**
- CAMP HINDS
- OLD HARBOR

**CAMP HINDS**  
Marines with 6th Engineer Support Battalion and airmen from the 133rd Civil Engineer Squadron provided logistical and construction support during the 2015 Joint Service Innovative Readiness Training program at the Camp William Hinds Boy Scout Camp in Raymond, Maine.  
**APRIL 1 TO AUG. 30, 2015**

**OLD HARBOR**  
Reserve Marines participating in Innovative Readiness Training Old Harbor extended the airstrip for the local population living on the island of Old Harbor, Alaska.  
**APRIL 29 TO AUG. 22, 2015**

- Southern Command**
- FA HUMANITARIAS

**FA HUMANITARIAS**  
Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarias is designed to improve the response capabilities of civilian, governmental and military agencies to natural disasters in Honduras.  
**SEPT. 8-18, 2015**

- Pacific Command**
- PENINSULA EXPRESS 15
- ULCHI FREEDOM GUARD

**PENINSULA EXPRESS 15**  
Reserve Marines participated in this year's eighth iteration of the Korean-Marine Exchange program. The program is an ongoing exercise designed to enhance interoperability between the U.S. and Republic of Korea.  
**JUNE 27 TO JULY 11, 2015**

**ULCHI FREEDOM GUARDIAN**  
Ulchi Freedom Guardian is an annual training exercise designed to ensure readiness to defend the Republic of Korea and sustain the capabilities that strengthen the alliance. It is a combined exercise between the R.O.K. and the United States and is the world's largest computerized command and control implementation. Its main focus is on defending South Korea from a North Korean attack.  
**AUG. 12-28, 2015**





ACROSS THE  
**RESERVE**



## MAKING A SPLASH

GALVESTON, TEXAS

DATE: Aug. 8

USMC UNITS: 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion

PARTICIPATING NATIONS: United States

**“WHENEVER MARINES HAVE CONFIDENCE AND KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING, THEY WILL ALWAYS ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION.”**

-Sgt. Hector Reyesherrera, recovery chief

Under the sizzling Texas sun, the violent sound of waves splashed against amphibious assault vehicles quickly diving into the Galveston channel, marking the beginning of Company C, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion's weekend drill at the Galveston Marine Corps Reserve Home Training Center, Aug. 8.

Training is vital to help Reserve Marines maintain and improve their mission readiness. Every month, Reserve Marines arrive at their assigned home training centers to attend a drill weekend, where they perform exercises and required training.

For the Marines of 4th AAV Bn., Saturday morning of their drill weekend began in a

swimming pool. From private to first sergeant, every Marine with the company is required to pass the intermediate swim qualification.

In the afternoon, they transitioned from the pool to the AAVs to conduct basic amphibious operation exercises, which served as a refresher for the Marines.

AAVs provide Marines with the opportunity to move troops from ship to shore to support ground operations.

By the end of the weekend, all of the Marines in the company participated in and completed all exercises, improving their efficiency and abilities in their military occupational specialties.



Lance Cpl. Alexander Adams, intelligence specialist with Company C, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, uses his blouse to float during his intermediate swim qualification at the Galveston Marine Corps Reserve Home Training Center, Aug. 8.

PHOTO BY CPL. IAN FERRO

Marines with Company C, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, drive an amphibious assault vehicle from water to land during a basic operations exercise at the Galveston Marine Corps Reserve Home Training Center, Aug. 8.

PHOTO BY CPL. IAN FERRO





## FINAL FLIGHT

CHANTILLY, VA.

DATE: Aug. 1

USMC UNITS: 4th Marine Aircraft Wing

PARTICIPATING NATIONS: United States

**“THE MARINE CORPS IS IMMENSELY PROUD TO PAY ITS RESPECT TO FIVE DECADES WORTH OF MARINE CORPS HISTORY AND FOR THE MARINES WHO FLEW THESE AIRCRAFT.”**

-Lt. Gen. Jon M. Davis, deputy commandant of aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps

The Boeing Vertol CH-46 Sea Knight conducted its first flight in August 1962 and on Aug. 1, the Sea Knight made its final flight to the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum’s Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia.

The ceremony was conducted by Marines from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 774, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Helicopter Squadron One from Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 774 was the last unit in the Marine Corps to make the transition from the CH-46 Sea Knight to the Bell Boeing MV-22 Osprey.

The Sea Knight began its service in the Marine Corps in 1964, and by 1968 the aircraft had flown approximately 180,000 missions, carried more than 500,000 troops and flew approximately 8,700 rescue missions with wounded Marines.

The CH-46’s main mission was combat support, however, the aircraft also flew resupply missions, medical evacuations and tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel.

Although the CH-46 is being replaced by the Bell Boeing MV-22 Osprey, the history of the Sea Knight will last forever with the pilots who flew it.



A Marine Corps color guard presents the colors during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner Aug. 1, during the CH-46 Last Flight Retirement Ceremony at the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va. The CH-46’s main mission has been to provide combat support, however, the aircraft also flew resupply missions, medical evacuations and tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel.

PHOTO BY CPL. CUONG LE

The CH-46 begins its landing during the CH-46 Retirement Ceremony at the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum’s Steven Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va., Aug. 1.

PHOTO BY CPL. CUONG LE

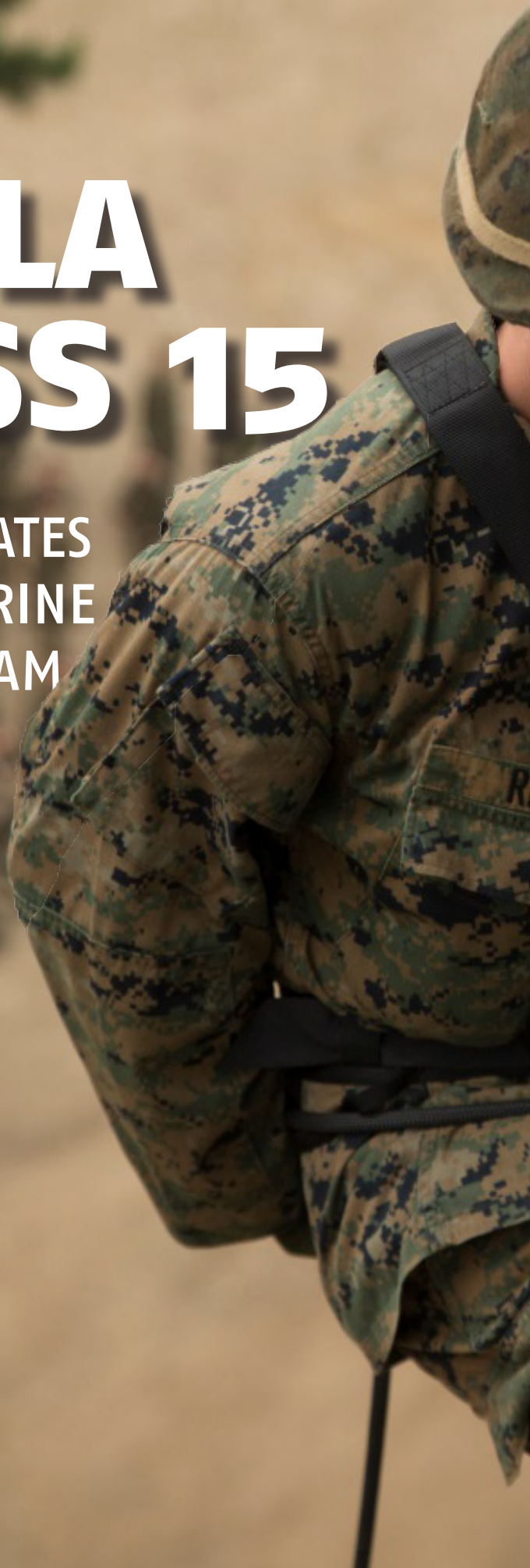


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IN THE KOREAN-MARINE  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. IAN LEONES





Cpl. Nicholas D. Ray, rifleman with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, rappels down a tower during Peninsula Express 15-8 at the Mountain Warfare School in Pohang, Republic of Korea, June 30.



## POHANG, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

On an overcast July morning in Pohang, Republic of Korea, amphibious assault vehicles cut through the sea toward Dogu beach. As the AAVs emerge from the surf, the water displaced by the mass of the vehicles surges along the beach.

The AAVs roll onto the sand, dripping water and leaving deep tread marks in the earth. The ramps lower and Marine infantrymen rush onto the beach.

"Move!" someone yells.

The Marines glide in practiced formations up the sand. Within minutes, the Marines have taken control of the beach. About a quarter mile from the landing site, their Korean counterparts have performed something similar on another stretch of Dogu shoreline.

The amphibious assault was part of a larger bilateral training exercise between Reserve Marines and the Republic of Korea Marine Corps.

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, a battalion from 23rd Marine Regiment, participated in exercise Peninsula Express 15 aboard Camp Mujuk, Republic of Korea, June 27 – July 11, 2015.

The exercise was this year's eighth iteration of the Korean-Marine Exchange Program, an ongoing series of exercises between the U.S. and Korean Marine Corps, designed to enhance interoperability and strengthen U.S.-Korea relations. Up until Peninsula Express, all training exercises under the KMEP umbrella involved only the Active Component of the U.S. Marine Corps.

"We're the first Reserve infantry battalion to participate in the KMEP program," said Maj. Michael J. Mulvaney, operations officer with 2/24. "It's a very large accomplishment for us. With the structure of Marine Forces Reserve, we have a task force of units from across MARFORRES to support the battalion."

## INTEGRATED TASK ORGANIZATION

Also joining the Reserve Marines was Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, an active duty unit from Camp Pendleton, California. The Active Component Marines fell under the operational control of 2/24 to support operations and participate in the training events. This was a key element of the exercise that facilitated interoperability between the Reserve and Active Components.

After pairing each U.S. Marine company with a ROK Marine company, the Marines began exchanging tactics and techniques in combat marksmanship, urban patrolling, mountain warfare and amphibious operations across military ranges and complexes in Pohang.

"We're different, but we're also similar in a lot of different ways," said Capt. Daniel R. Scharf, commanding officer of Golf Company, 2/24. "From task organization to how we approach certain tactics, the ROK Marines are more like us than they are unlike us."

In addition to the tactical and technical experience, the Marines gained cultural familiarity with another nation's Marine Corps.

"Both the U.S. and ROK Marines benefit from this training because we get to see how another nation's Marines train and communicate," said Cpl. Leo Choi, a ROK infantryman with 6th Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Regiment. "Being able to observe and talk with each other gives us an opportunity to learn more about each other's culture."

Even at the battalion level, the U.S. and ROK Marines worked together to plan key portions of the exercise.

"Every day, the ROK command element would come to Camp Mujuk to conduct a combined commander's update brief," Mulvaney said. "Our staffs would sit down daily, providing updates and perspective on how the exercise was progressing and how to further integrate our training."

Cpl. Lucas G. Hubanks (right) with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment shows Cpl. Sang Kyung Park, a machine gunner with 6th Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Regiment, ROK Marines, how to sight in with the M240B machine gun during Peninsula Express 15-8 in Pohang, Republic of Korea, July 4.





## MARITIME PREPOSITIONING

Marines with 1st platoon, Truck Company, 23rd Marine Regiment; Company A, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion and other units from across MARFORRES made it logistically possible for 2/24 to conduct the exercise.

"The logistical efforts have been instrumental in getting us here," Mulvaney said.

During the exercise, a Maritime Prepositioning Force supported by III Marine Expeditionary Force was used. A MPF contains the equipment, supplies and ammunition needed to support a Marine Air-Ground Task Force, allowing combat-ready Marines to offload to shore. In this case, MPF allowed 2/24 to move the gear they needed to begin KMEP 15-8.

"We had our logistical element come here ahead of time and link up with III MEF to conduct an MPF offload of AAVs, trucks, and other gear we would be training with," Mulvaney said. "We then had to get the gear to Camp Mujuk, sequence that with our personnel flying in, link them up with the gear and seamlessly begin training."

As soon as the gear and personnel reached Camp Mujuk, 2/24 began working hand in hand with ROK Marines from 2nd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st ROK Marine Division.

## AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

The simulated amphibious assault on Dogu Beach was one of the highlights of the exercise.

With AAV crewmen from both the U.S. and ROK Marine Corps working alongside each other, the Marines were able to launch a combined assault on Dogu beach.

"From what we've seen working with the ROK Marines, they are very competent at their job," said Cpl. Joshua Roel C. Conde, crew chief with Company A, 4th AA Battalion. "We actually wish we had more time with them."

The infantrymen were also able to gain more experience with the vehicles, which are often used to take Marines ashore during amphibious operations.

"Some of the most practical training we have received is the AAV training," said Cpl. Dominick S. Laporte, platoon sergeant with Company G, 2/24. "It's good to gain familiarity with these vehicles because we could be asked to use them in combat."

Because 2/24's Marines are spread throughout the land-locked Midwest, the opportunity to practice amphibious operations is a rarity. The training allowed the unit to familiarize itself with Marine Corps amphibious capabilities.

"Everything we're doing in the world is tied to a naval operation," Mulvaney said. "Getting from ship to shore is always going to be an important aspect of our amphibious capability."

By the end of the exercise, Marines from the two different nations learned fundamental lessons from the time they spent with each other.

"What we can all take away from this is how to be a better Marine overall," said Lance Cpl. Alexander C. Henson, rifleman with Company G, 2/24. "Their ways and our ways are a little different, but training together helps us get back to the actual Marine Corps roots. It helps us understand what it means to be a Marine: well rounded, versatile and able to tackle any challenge that comes our way."



Cpl. Juan J. Rodriguez (left), a mortar section leader with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, shows Gunnery Sgt. Chaeho Lee, a platoon sergeant with 6th Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Regiment, ROK Marines, the capabilities of the M224 mortar in Pohang, Republic of Korea, July 4.



# FIRE AND MANUEVER: 4TH TANKS TEAMS UP WITH SUPPORTING ELEMENTS FROM MARFORRES TO BRING THE RAIN

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. APRIL PRICE



Gunnery Sgt. David C. Stone, a maintenance chief with Company D, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, explains proper handling of the AT-4 to Marines with Company D, 4th Tank Bn. during a battalion-level Fire Support Coordination Exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 14-24.

**T**ranslating communication into firepower from afar, Marines with 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, integrated with I Marine Expeditionary Force units to perform a fire support coordination exercise on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, July 14-24, 2015.

More than 300 Marines and Sailors with 4th Tank Bn. came to Camp Pendleton for two weeks to conduct the battalion-level annual training exercise. During this time, they practiced counterinsurgency operations with supporting arms, aviation and logistics units.

Company D and Headquarters and Service Company, 4th Tank Bn., pulled together to conduct the training along with supporting elements from 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion and 4th Medical Battalion.

Lt. Col. John P. Valencia, the commanding officer of 4th Tank Bn., said the exercise pulled together each unit's unique capabilities.

"What's particularly valuable about this is the integration of active and reserve units," he said. "We have the important task, as MARFORRES, to support other units and the Marine Air-Ground Task Force."

Sprawled over positions in the blistering summer heat of southern California's training grounds, the units

provided fire suppression for amphibious assault vehicles moving around the simulated battlefield.

"This is a very important exercise that grants us the opportunity to push our rural fighting proficiency," Valencia said. "It prepares us to execute our future missions."

While it's not a rare occasion for MARFORRES Marines to conduct a large-scale field exercise, working alongside active duty forces is less common. This opportunity strengthens the relationship with units the reserves can be called upon to support, said Capt. Alexander R. Diener, a fire support coordinator with 4th Tank Bn.

"Integrating fire and maneuver is actually something special for us to do, even in the active duty force. Usually the battery goes out and operates separately from maneuver operations, which would contain notional fires, but it's completely different integrating the two," said Diener.

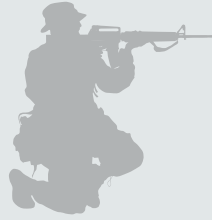
"Coming out to Camp Pendleton and training on this level also provides our junior Marines with a complex example to work with. Here, we're out in a different setting where the elements aren't constant. It's definitely an awesome opportunity, and I hope MARFORRESS will be able to conduct more integrated exercises in the future," Diener added.

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AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE."**

**-LT. COL. JOHN P. VALENCIA, COMMANDING  
OFFICER, 4TH TANK BATTALION**



A Marine with Company D, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, fires a tracer round from an AT-4 during a battalion-level Fire Support Coordination Exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 21.



Capt. Alexander R. Diener, a fire support coordinator with 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, right, looks out onto the range as a Marine calls in to plot the fired shots during a battalion-level Fire Support Coordination Exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 14- 24.

Marines from 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, discuss location plans for their next task during a battalion-level Fire Support Coordination Exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 21.







## 4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

### SEA KNIGHT

The CH-46 and MV-22 Osprey begin their landing during the CH-46 Retirement Ceremony at the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum's Steven Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va., Aug. 1. The ceremony was conducted by Marines from Medium Helicopter Squadron 774, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing and Marines from Marine Helicopter Squadron One from Marine Corps Base Quantico.

PHOTO BY CPL. CUONG LE



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## 4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

(Above)

U.S. Air Force airmen from the 133rd Civil Engineer Squadron, St. Paul, Minn., and U.S. Marines from Bridge Company A, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Battle Creek Mich., stand in formation at Camp Hinds, Maine. The Marines and their fellow servicemembers worked and trained on multiple construction projects taking place at Camp Hinds Boy Scout Camp and within the local community during Innovative Readiness Training in Raymond, Maine, June 12.

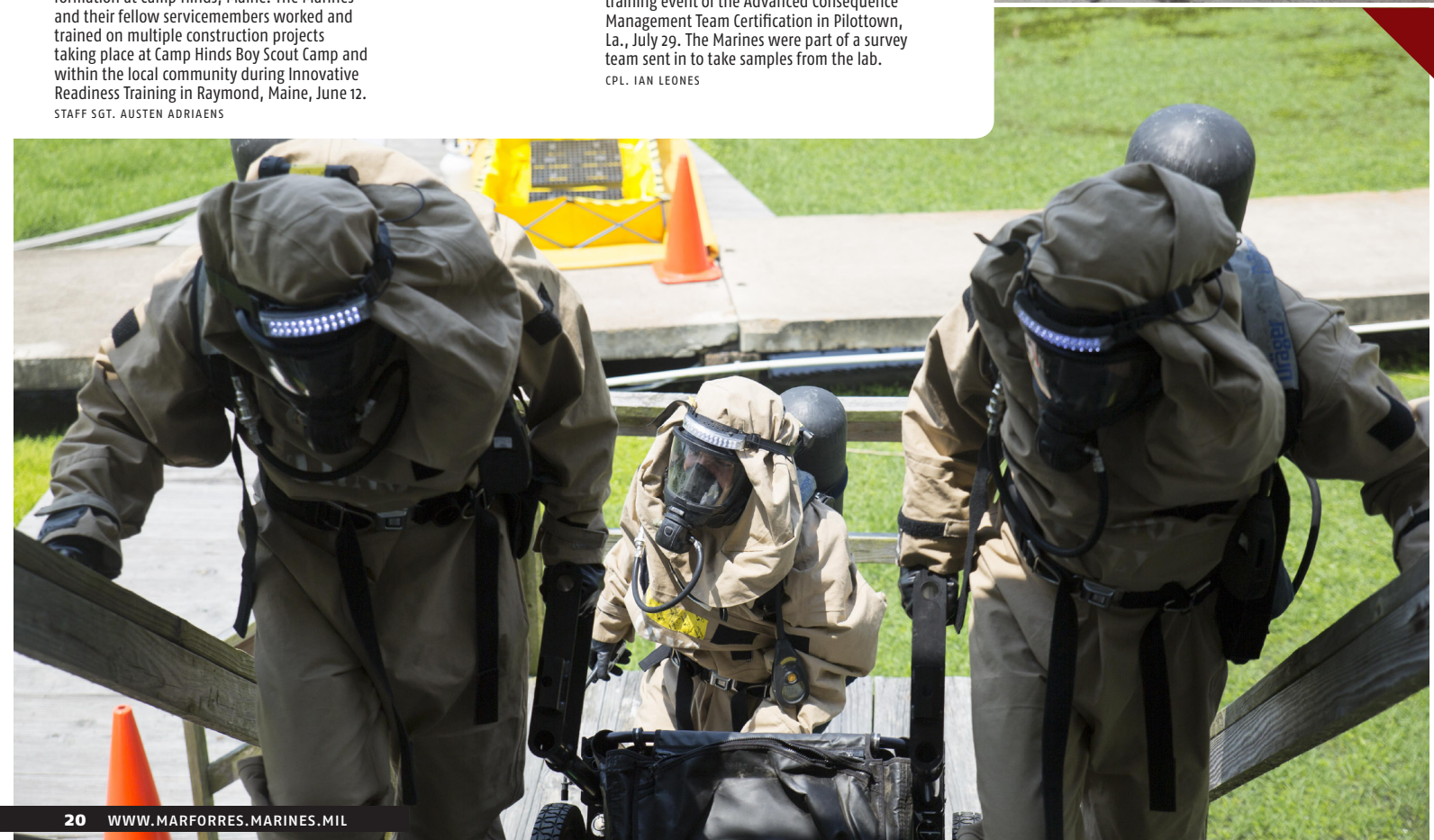
STAFF SGT. AUSTEN ADRIAENS

## 4TH MARINE DIVISION

(Below)

CHEMICAL, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialists from across Marine Forces Reserve approach a simulated methamphetamine laboratory during the final training event of the Advanced Consequence Management Team Certification in Pilotstown, La., July 29. The Marines were part of a survey team sent in to take samples from the lab.

CPL. IAN LEONES



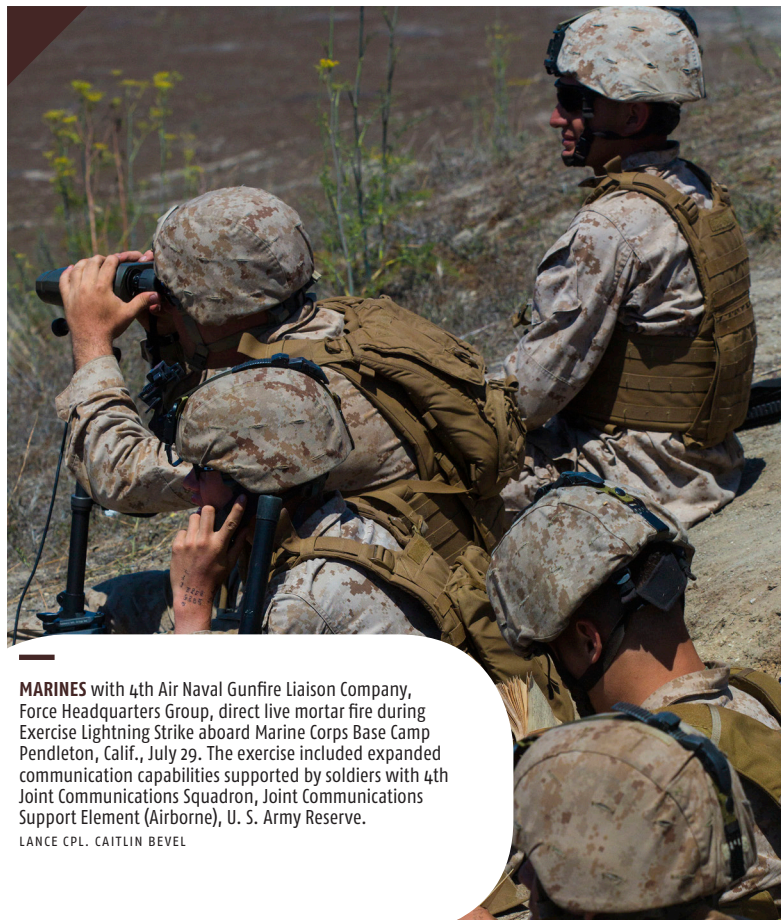




**FORCE HEADQUARTERS GROUP**

**CORPORAL** McKay Blackford, left, an electrical equipment engineer systems technician, and Lance Cpl. Juan Duran, center, a supply administrator, with 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Force Headquarters Group, train to support a radio retransmission point along with Army Spc. Ian Batson, a satellite communication specialist with 4th Joint Communications Squadron, Joint Communications Support Element (Airborne), U. S. Army Reserve, during Exercise Lightning Strike aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 29.

LANCE CPL. CAITLIN BEVEL



**MARINES** with 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Force Headquarters Group, direct live mortar fire during Exercise Lightning Strike aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 29. The exercise included expanded communication capabilities supported by soldiers with 4th Joint Communications Squadron, Joint Communications Support Element (Airborne), U. S. Army Reserve.

LANCE CPL. CAITLIN BEVEL



**MARINES** with 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Force Headquarters Group, and a soldier with 4th Joint Communications Squadron, Joint Communications Support Element (Airborne), U.S. Army Reserve, board a MV-22 Osprey during Exercise Lightning Strike aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 29.

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# An Exercise In Translation

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. IAN LEONES



Lance Cpl. Paul J. Yi, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist with 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, translates for U.S. and Korean Marines before a beach assault during Peninsula Express 15 on Dogu beach in Pohang, Republic of Korea, July 3.



Lance Cpl. Paul J. Yi, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist with 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, arm wrestles Cpl. Min Wook Yoo, an infantryman with 5th Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, at warrior day during Peninsula Express 15 in Pohang, Republic of Korea, July 8. Both Yi and Woo served as interpreters for the exercise.

**P**aul J. Yi has fond memories of visiting the Republic of Korea as a child. Yi, a Los Angeles native, recalls visiting Jeju Island when he was eight years old.

"You have to take a plane to get to the island," Yi said. "I remember going there with my family. We went horseback riding, clam fishing and hiking in the mountains. We ate good seafood and got to sleep near the beach. It's probably one of my best memories of Korea."

As Yi grew older, he had fewer opportunities to travel to Korea. The last time Yi visited was 15 years ago.

"I had a cousin who was born, so my family and I went to visit," said Yi. "That was the last time I went back."

But Yi's desire to serve in the military has brought him back to Korea in an unexpected way. Yi joined the Marine Corps in January 2014 because of a desire to serve, and a line of family members in the ROK military.

"I have an uncle who was in the ROK Marine Corps, and my father and grandfather were in the ROK army," Yi said. "My family didn't expect me to serve, but I chose to do it on my own. They are happy I joined and have made it this far."

Now a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist with 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Yi returned to the Republic of Korea to serve as an interpreter during the Peninsula Express 15 exercise June 27 – July 11.

Peninsula Express is this year's eighth iteration of the Korean-Marine Exchange Program, a series of exercises between the U.S. and Republic of Korea Marine Corps designed to build interoperability and tactical familiarity between partner nations.

"I was really excited to come here," Yi said. "When I took the defense language proficiency test, I never thought I would actually be used as an interpreter, and I never thought that I would even be here for annual training."

Attached to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, Yi translated for officers and staff non-commissioned officers from both the U.S. and ROK Marine Corps so they could

complete their training in mountain warfare, amphibious operations, military operations in urban terrain and combat marksmanship.

"He was invaluable," said Capt. Mark Beres, executive officer with Company G, 2/24. "During training like this, communication is always a barrier. Yi being attached to the company allowed the training to occur."

In order to accomplish his mission, Yi had to navigate through both U.S. and ROK military worlds.

"It was mentally exhausting," said Yi, a senior at the University of California San Diego studying bioinformatics. "I had to learn how to adapt in this environment. I had to constantly switch between Korean formal mode and American Marine Corps mode. I had to talk to the ROK officers one way and our officers in another way."

In addition to translating, Yi also participated in the training, from learning the basics of rappelling and fast roping, to riding in an amphibious assault vehicle during a simulated amphibious assault.

"This is my first time being attached to an infantry unit," Yi said. "This is what I expected when I joined the Marine Corps, and this is what I wanted to get out of the Marine Corps. I didn't want to just be in an office, so I really enjoyed being out there with them."

Even though the exercise was demanding, Yi is grateful for the experience and enjoyed interacting with the ROK Marines.

"The best part of being with Golf Company was having free time after the first day of MOUT training," Yi said. "We were hanging out and trading Meal, Ready-to-Eat bags with the ROK Marines."

The interaction after training days was an important part of the experience, Yi said.

"We're supposed to train together," he said. "However, if you don't know each other personally, there is no way we can function as a cohesive group."

Yi believes the camaraderie he built with the ROK Marines while training is the most important thing he will take away from the exercise.



Marines, Sailors and members of the Canadian Army conduct an amphibious landing at Evangola State Park, New York, Sept. 11. The landing was part of exercise Lake Effect, which was a joint exercise focusing on patrolling and strengthening the interoperability between each service. The Marines are with Co. C, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division; the Canadians are with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, Wentworth Regiment; and the Sailors are with full time service support staff in Buffalo, U.S. Navy Mid-Atlantic Reserve Component Command.





# Exercise Lake Effect



## CHARLIE 1/25 RETURNS TO AMPHIBIOUS ROOTS

STORY AND PHOTO BY CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Along the salty shore of Lake Erie, the tide washed the sands clean of boot prints left by Company C, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, and members of the Canadian army's Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, Wentworth Regiment, as they conducted coordinated amphibious landings with the help of the full-time naval support staff in Buffalo, New York, with the U.S. Navy Mid-Atlantic Reserve Component Command.

Exercise Lake Effect brought members of the Marine Corps, Canadian army and U.S. Navy together to conduct amphibious landing, patrolling and patrol base operations.

"We have been looking for opportunities to train with sister services in Canada, and in the past we did winter training alongside the Canadian army in Canada," said Capt. James Bagg, commanding officer of Co. C. "In an effort to reciprocate, we looked for an opportunity to get them down here and train with us. So naturally, we looked to train in patrolling and something in more of an amphibious nature. Given the fact that our drill center is on Lake Erie, we were able to utilize the U.S. Navy and set up a training exercise where we could conduct an amphibious landing and a joint exercise where we could combine Canadian forces with Marines and exercise the interoperability of both the Navy and Canadians with the Marines."

Marines are amphibious and known for being the best at ship-to-shore combat with a resume that includes Iwo Jima, Tinian, Guam and Saipan.

### NAVY MARINE CORPS TEAM

"As Marines, we like to stick to our roots as soldiers of the sea, but it is something we don't get to train for a lot," said Bagg. "Luckily, we have the Navy here and if we have the capabilities to do it then we are going to do it. Adding an amphibious aspect to our training is something this company has not had the opportunity to do, at least not in the last decade."

Being able to expose our Marines to what defines us as a Marine Corps, being amphibious, is critical, added Bagg. It is important for Marines to see how amphibious landings are actually conducted, and then practice with their Canadian counterparts.

During the training, the members of the Canadian detachment attached to each platoon in Co. C so that everyone could build closer bonds and learn how each service does business.

"I was a squad leader, which is the equivalent of a Canadian section leader, which is what I do back home," said Canadian Army Master Cpl. Ryan Vine, RHLI, Wentworth Regiment. "The Marine Corps team leaders helped me out quite a bit because some of the doctrine is quite different

in the way we do things, I had a group of 10 guys and we moved within our patrol area to take out the enemy forces while integrated with the Marines.

Vine added that this exercise was his third time training alongside Marines, each time learning something new.

"While we have a lot of similarities in tactics, our kits and equipment are different," said Vine. "We looked at the pros and cons of what each other brought out to the field. We had stuff the Marines were pretty surprised by."

According to Vine, the Marines packed light so they could move quickly and at high speeds while they brought more equipment, which allowed the Marines to be able to move more quickly.

Exercise Lake Effect added to the units' overall readiness by being unscripted. Anything could happen for the Marines and Canadians who were patrolling. Occasionally the platoons would run into each other on patrol. When this happened, they became simulated enemies as small combat and small unit tactics were deployed for a stronger sense of realism.

"Each platoon set up their own patrol bases in different areas, from there we conducted combat patrols, seeking out the other platoons and engaging them in simulated, non-scripted combat," said Sgt. Keith Ramos, a rifleman with Charlie Co. "It was pretty much every platoon for themselves. We conducted a variety of maneuvers such as combat, security and reconnaissance patrols, and hasty ambushes when possible."

### REALISTIC CONDITIONS

While the Marines and Canadians patrolled, the rain poured down, adding to the difficulty of the exercise for each service and a certain uncontrollable element of realism which could occur in a real-life combat operation.

"I think it's important that even with the awful weather, the Marines really recognized the value of what we were doing out there," said Bagg. "It's not easy to go on patrol in the middle of the night, soaking wet, tired and freezing. But understanding that for the limited time we are out there and that these could potentially be the sort of circumstances they face in a combat situation, makes them more receptive to the training, and that is what we are looking for and that is what led to the success of this exercise."

The long standing relationship between Co. C and the Canadian detachment has continued to improve. After exercise Lake Effect, the Canadians have planned to invite the Marines to their training grounds again to continue building on that relationship. This ensures that should the need ever arise, the two services would be able to interact seamlessly as one team in a hostile environment.



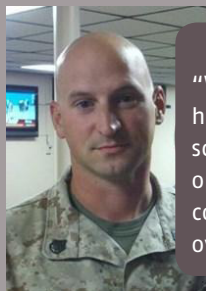
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-QUOTES BY MAJ. MICHAEL ABRAMS, COMMANDING OFFICER,  
BATTERY M, 3RD BN., 14TH MARINES



## Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan:

"He had a huge heart and was always smiling. He genuinely cared for the Marines and looked out for them. He never had to raise his voice or get angry, the Marines did what he asked them to do because they didn't want to let him down."



## Staff Sgt. David Wyatt:

"Very level headed, quick witted, sharp and a great sense of humor. He also was in charge of all the battery's training: scheduling ranges, annual classes, safety certifications, operational risk matrices, and keeping track of who completed what. He was a loving father of two and just an overall very honest, trustworthy, responsible person."



## Sgt. Carson Holmquist:

"He was liked by everyone and also a very competent, pleasant and no-complaining type of person. He always went home every day after work to see his wife and son - his wife is also pregnant - rather than hang out with some of the other Marines."



## Lance Cpl. Squire "Skip" Wells:

"He was a very determined young man and was always giving 110% in everything that he did. He exhibited all the best qualities that we look for in a young Marine - dedicated, determined, respectful, and not afraid to take the initiative when something needed to be done."

## Pushing Forward

STORY BY CPL. SARA GRAHAM

In the wake of the recent, tragic loss of their brothers, the Marines of Battery M, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, are back in business. They have found strength in each other and have harnessed the drive to continue their work, inspired by the need to return to their home ground and carry on, not only in honor of their fallen brothers, but for the Marine Corps mission.

"It's a victory for the guys to get back in the facility. They wanted to come back. This is their home, and they wanted to make sure everyone knows it is their home," said Capt. Chris Cotton, inspector-instructor of Mike Battery. "It wasn't an option of whether or not we would come back, it was when they would let us come back."

The Marines have shown they are eager not only to return home and come back to work, but additionally to direct all of their efforts to bringing the battery back up to speed and being ready for any challenges to come.

"It was essential that we get back in here and that we get back to what we need to do. We are part of the nation's force in readiness and we need to make sure our Marines are trained and continue to prepare for combat," said Cotton.

Mike Battery not only has leadership that has stepped up during this challenging time but, the junior Marines have gone above and beyond to help the battery return to its mission.

"The junior Marines' individual actions and the courage they're displaying to get back in here and own their facility, that's what is amazing," said Cotton. "It is the individual actions by our young devil dogs; those are the guys that are making it happen right now."

The Marines are not only ready to fight because of personal efforts but are appreciative to the Chattanooga community for their continual support.

"For the overwhelming support from the city of Chattanooga and the nation we want to say thank you," said Cotton. "It helps knowing other Marines, prior Marines, other service members and the community members support us."

With the support from the community and each other, the Marines are pushing forward with their mission in mind, added Cotton. They exhibit the warrior spirit of our Corps; the unique drive and bond that Marines have with each other and with those who have fallen. They are part of a force in readiness who strive to fight for their Corps and their comrades in arms. No matter the situation, they will accomplish the mission.



# Returning To The Fight

PHOTOS BY CPL. SARA GRAHAM



Lance Cpl. Joshua Arntzen (front), a radio operator with Battery M, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, Marine Forces Reserve and Cpl. Jeffrey Mallone, a field wireman with Battery M, man the M250 machine gun on Pelham Range in Anniston, Ala., on Sept. 19.

The Marines of Battery M, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, assembled at Pelham Range in Anniston, Ala., on Sept. 19, 2015, to refresh their knowledge and train on three different crew-served weapons. They started early, preparing for the trip and giving impromptu classes to ensure everyone gained the knowledge they needed.

As an artillery battery, each of the Marines is tasked with ensuring they are proficient in not just one weapon system but multiple weapons systems. The Marines trained specifically on three different crew-served weapons to continue to hone their skills and stay prepared for anything.



Marines from Battery M, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division fire the M250 machine gun at Pelham Range in Anniston, Ala., on Sept. 19.



Marines from Battery M, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, reload the M240 machine gun at Pelham Range in Anniston, Ala., on Sept. 19.

The Marines of Battery M took full advantage of their time on Pelham Range. They focused their sights on the mission, accomplishing it with ease. They will continue to remain prepared to use any of their capabilities when they are called to the fight.





UNIT  
PROFILE



## BATTERY M, 3RD BATTALION, 14TH MARINE REGIMENT

LOCATION: Chattanooga, Tennessee

Marines from Battery M, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, fire the M240 machine gun at targets down range at Pelham Range in Anniston, Ala., on Sept. 19. The Marines attended training to hone skills and increase their proficiency in crew-served weapons systems.

PHOTO BY CPL. SARA GRAHAM

**M**ike Battery is part of a long history of howitzer batteries that have been around since 1947. In more recent history, Mike Battery has deployed twice since September 11th and continues to contribute to the proud history of Marine Forces Reserve.

In 2004, the battery deployed to Iraq where it was the direct support artillery battery for Regimental Combat Team 1. Two years later, in 2008, the battery deployed again to Al Anbar Province as a provisional military police company. The unit conducted base security, convoy security and ran detention facilities during its deployment.

In June, the battery participated in an Integrated Training Exercise in Twenty-nine Palms, California, at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center for its annual training, the training that all Marine Corps units go through before deploying overseas. The battery Marines shot live rounds for multiple

training scenarios. They shot for the Mobile Assault Course where tanks, amphibious assault vehicles and infantrymen maneuvered on an enemy position while F-18s and Cobras dropped live bombs and fired rockets. They also participated in the Air Assault Course where Ospreys maneuvered infantrymen to a position while Marines shot live rounds. The Marines were also part of several Fire Support Coordination Exercises where Mike Battery fired live rounds in coordination with attack aircraft on multiple targets.

Mike Battery was then assessed its battalion commander and the "coyotes"—Marine Corps personnel at Twenty-nine Palms who run the ranges and assess the units on their performance. The results of the assessment showed the battery performed at the level of an active duty battery. Because training opportunities are a finite resource in the Reserve Component, this is perhaps the best compliment that a reserve unit can receive.





## BATTERY M, 3/14 QUICK FACTS

### “PALE HORSE”

The battery fired several thousands rounds during the battle of Fallujah. At one point during the battle, the battery received a “danger close” mission from a forward observer who was with an infantry company that was receiving heavy fire from enemy combatants. “Danger close” means the impact of the rounds (artillery shells) are less than 100 meters from friendly troops. The battery fired the mission, and the rounds were deadly accurate, killing all the combatants and saving the Marine infantrymen. The grunts (infantrymen) began calling the battery “Pale Horse” after the bible passage, “And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him,” because with every round that the battery fired hell came with it. It is the only battery, both active and reserve, that has earned the call sign Pale Horse.

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**COMPANY COMMANDER:** Maj. Michael P. Abrams

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**FIRST SERGEANT:** 1st Sgt. John E. Coyne

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**MISSION:** To destroy, defeat or disrupt the enemy with integrated fire to enable maneuver commanders to dominate in unified land operations.

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BE SAFE**



## COUNTERMEASURES

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-ANSWER A STRANGER'S  
QUESTIONS

-DISCUSS WORK IN PUBLIC  
PLACES

-ENGAGE IN SOCIAL  
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# SAFEGUARDING YOUR INFORMATION: CYBER SECURITY

BY CPL. GABRIELLE QUIRE

**I** nformation security is used to keep service members safe by protecting their personal information. It is a process of identifying critical information and helps you determine what information is and is not safe to put into the public's view.

Whether at work, home or school, almost every part of a Marine's life is connected to the Internet. Cyber threats are increasing on a daily basis, so it's essential to remain vigilant and always employ operational security measures.



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Our enemies are constantly seeking information on U.S. military operations. Information they look for isn't always classified and may be posted to the front page of your social networking site.

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## **DO NOT DISPLAY**

**-SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**

**-MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME**

**-DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH**

**-HOME ADDRESSES**

## **KEEP IN MIND**

**-DON'T GIVE AWAY YOUR POSITION THROUGH GPS LOCATION LINKS SUCH AS GEOTAGGING ABOUT PLACES WHERE YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU WILL BE.**

**-CREATE STRONG PASSWORDS**

**-VALIDATE ALL FRIEND REQUESTS THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE, SUCH AS PHONE OR EMAIL, BEFORE CONFIRMING THEM.**

**-BEWARE OF CLICKING OR DOWNLOADING UNFAMILIAR LINKS.**

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# **HELP PREVENT A DATA BREACH**

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Cyber security incidents can affect the data of members of the military, federal employees, contractors and others.

- Don't answer unsolicited calls and emails or provide personal information to anyone asking about federal employees or other internal information.
- Don't reveal personal, financial or other sensitive information in emails.
- Don't follow links sent from an email address you are unfamiliar with.
- Install and use anti-virus software, firewalls and email filters.
- Monitor all checking and other financial accounts, and immediately report any suspicious activity.
- Consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file so creditors will contact you before a new account is opened in your name.
- Request a free credit report to see if any new accounts or credit inquiries show up.

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**BE SAFE**







SAVED  
ROUNDS

Staff Sgt. Raphael J. Bell (center), armory chief with 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, bonds with boys in the University of Michigan Youth Impact Program. Six Marines from 1st Bn., 24th Marines, volunteered to help make the difference for more than 100 at-risk male students from 20 different middle schools in Detroit through the University of Michigan YIP July 6 – 18.

## PAYING IT FOWARD

MARINES CARING FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES

STORY AND PHOTO BY CPL. GABRIELLE QUIRE

**F**rom providing humanitarian aid to guarding our nation's freedom, Marines at Marine Forces Reserve are committed to making the world a better place, even when they're off duty. From July 6 – 18, six Marines with 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, volunteered to make an impact on more than 100 at-risk male students from 20 different middle schools in Detroit through the University of Michigan's Youth Impact Program.

The Youth Impact Program was founded in 2015 by one of its chairmen, Riki Ellison, a 10-year veteran of the National Football League and three-time Super Bowl Champion. The purpose of the YIP is to create a positive and exciting atmosphere where troubled adolescent boys could learn the lessons of discipline, perseverance, self-respect and teamwork through organized football. Since then, the YIP has made a difference in the lives of more than 3,000 youths.

The YIP is a national, innovative summer program that partners with universities across the United States and their local National Football League

team. The program is generally staffed by National Collegiate Athletic Association student athletes, university officials, and public school teachers to promote positive development in low-income, urban-based, at-risk middle school male students, between the ages of 10 and 14. The participants in this year's program at the University of Michigan also got a taste of the Marine Corps.

"What we did was both good for the community and the Marine Corps," said Sgt. Shane M. Tovrea, communications chief for 1/24. "We built rapport within the community of Detroit as well as with the kids in the area by giving them something to strive for and someone to look up to that has been successful in life and is a positive role model."

Every morning, the boys were picked up at their bus location by the Marines and taken to the University of Michigan. They were ushered off the bus onto a yellow footprint style formation and hustled to the locker room to change into their uniforms. From there, they would go to morning chow followed by their classes.

"Most of the boys hated the Marines

by the end of the first day, but over time learned to respect and love them and the structure they provided," said Ellison.

Marines in the classroom maintained good order and discipline within the students by making sure they were constantly paying attention and participating, while sitting "left-hand-left-knee, right-hand-right-knee" for the entirety of the instruction. After classes, the boys would gather outside for Marine Corps-style physical training.

"What we did together at Michigan was much more than hone academics. It was leadership development for everyone involved," said Ellison. "Our character development, respect for self and others came from the leadership of our Marines. Our U.S. Marines were in each of the classrooms and with their specific classroom teams on and off the field exerting discipline, commitment and tough love."

During the two weeks that the Marines from 1/24 spent volunteering, they made an impact on the community of Detroit and exhibited the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment that are instilled in every Marine. ■



Bandmaster Master Sgt. William Call introduces the Marine Corps Band New Orleans during a concert at the University of Montana, May 2. Call received the title of honor graduate at one of the most prestigious schools in the Department of Defense on July 24, in Newport, R.I.  
PHOTO BY CPL. TIFFANY EDWARDS

## PRESTIGIOUS PERFORMANCE

MARINE GRADUATES WITH NUMEROUS HONORS

STORY BY MASTER SGT. K. WASHINGTON



One of the most prestigious schools in the Department of Defense recently selected a Marine to receive several honors.

Master Sgt. William Call, the bandmaster for Marine Corps Band New Orleans, graduated from the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, July 24. Call was one of three Marines in the class of 62 students who attended the grueling 12-week course.

In addition to being named honor graduate, Call was also named to the Dean's List by graduating in the top ten percent of the class. He joins just a handful of Marines who achieved the title in the school's 33-year history. Even more, he was awarded the Surface Navy Association Military Heritage Award, the John A. Power Excellence in Communications Award, and was presented

with the Academic Excellence Award by the city of Newport.

Overall, the Destin, Florida, native achieved the highest academic average for the class. "He is truly a Marine," said Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Richard Miller (SW/AW/IDW), Call's SEA faculty advisor. "He is very structured, very humble, and the ultimate team player. He definitely impressed me and his peers."

Call says his goal was to excel in the class but did not make being the honor graduate a priority.

"I truly felt honored to be given the opportunity to attend the course in the first place, but I was also proud to represent the [Marine Corps] staff noncommissioned officer community amongst our fellow sister services' senior enlisted members," he explained. ■

## ESGR

EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE

STORY BY CPL. GABRIELLE QUIRE



Every year during National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week in August, up to 15 deserving employers are selected to have the opportunity to be nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The award was created to publicly recognize employers who provide exceptional support to their Guard and Reserve employees and is the Department of Defense's highest honor presented to civilian employers.

The Guard and Reserve members comprise nearly one-half of the nation's military force, providing essential services to national security and humanitarian efforts at home and abroad. Supportive employers, with their enduring commitment, help keep the military strong and the nation secure.

Nominations must come from a Guard or Reserve member who is employed by the organization they are nominating, or from a family member.

To submit your employer's nomination visit [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil). ■

## OLDEST-LIVING FEMALE MARINE

MALS 49 MARINES VISIT RUTH MILLIOT, MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS WOMEN'S RESERVE

STORY BY CAPT. BEN CROVELLA

Ruth Milliot, who turned 104 on Oct. 2, 2014, is the oldest living female Marine. She resides at the Thompson House in Rhinebeck, New York, and was awarded a Women's Veteran's Challenge Coin this summer, given to veterans to honor their wartime contributions.

Ruth was asked by the Thompson House's staff who she would like to visit her and her response was firm and simple: Marines. Over the past two months more than 20 active duty and Reserve Marines from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 49, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing stationed at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, New York, enthusiastically fulfilled Ruth's request.

Ruth has always maintained that she wanted to be a Marine because they were the best. Despite her brother choosing not to join the military, her admiration of the Marines led to her enlistment during the peak of World War II in 1943 upon the creation of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, the first female Marine Corps unit since World War I.

The Marines presented Ruth with a hat, unit coin, sticker and later a plaque, all of which she currently proudly displays in her room at the Thompson House along with a notebook for visitors to jot down notes, which she enjoys re-reading during her free time. ■



Ruth Milliot, the oldest living female Marine, is visited by Marines with Aviation Logistics Squadron 49, 4th MAW at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y. Milliot enlisted during the peak of World War II in 1943 upon the creation of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, the first female Marine Corps unit since World War I.

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#### SPECIFICATIONS

##### LAUNCHER

Length: 40 inches

Weight (Complete System): 14.8 pounds

Rear Sight: Range indicator, graduated in 50-meter increments

##### ROCKET

Caliber: 84 mm

Length: 18 inches

Weight: 4 pounds

Minimum Range Training: 100 feet

Maximum Range: 6,890 feet

Maximum Effective Range: 985 feet

Penetration: 400 mm of rolled homogenous armor

Time of Flight (to 250 meters): less than 1 second

Muzzle velocity: 950 feet (285 meters) per second

Operating temperature: -104 to +140° F (-40 to +60°C)

Ammunition: Rocket with shaped charge warhead

Unit Replacement Cost: \$1,480.64

# QUICK FACTS

## AT4

•The AT4 anti-armor weapon was developed from the 74mm Pansarskott M68 weapon that the Swedish Army adopted in the 1960s.

•The AT4 was designed by Försvarets Fabriksverk, which had tested more than 100 weapons by early 1982 with the help of the Swedish Army.

• In 1982, the AT4 was introduced into the U.S. Army before the weapon was adopted by Sweden. The U.S. Army tested six different weapons in 1983 and found that the FFV AT4 met all the requirements needed to replace its M72 LAW weapon.

•The U.S. Army adopted AT4 as the lightweight multipurpose weapon M136 after altering the weapon's launch tube bumpers, sights and slings. The Swedish Army also adopted the American altered version.

SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.ARMY-TECHNOLOGY.COM/PROJECTS/SAABAT4/](http://www.army-technology.com/projects/saabat4/)

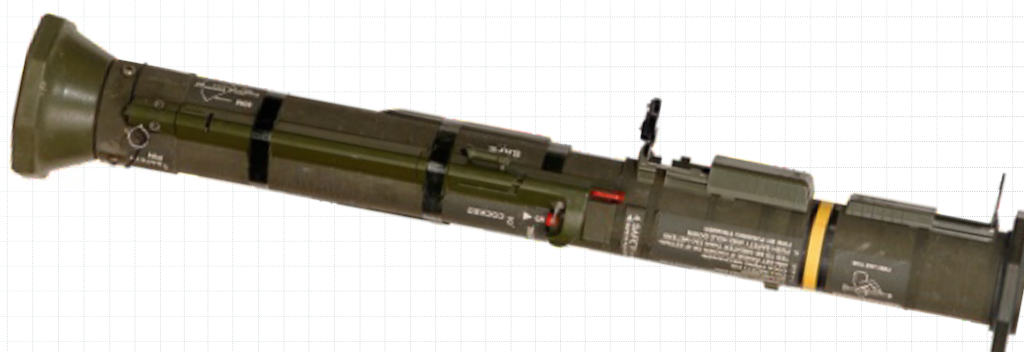


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## M136 AT4 ANTI-ARMOR ROCKET LAUNCHER

The M136 AT4 anti-armor rocket launcher is a light anti-tank weapon, used primarily by infantry forces for engagement and defeat of light armor. The launcher's design permits accurate delivery of a 84mm high explosive anti-armor warhead with minimal recoil. The AT4 launcher is a lightweight, self-contained, anti-armor weapon consisting of a free-flight, fin-stabilized, rocket-type cartridge packed in an expendable, one-piece, fiberglass-wrapped tube.

The AT4 is man-portable, fired from the right shoulder only, and watertight for ease of transportation and storage. Though the AT4 can be employed in low visibility engagement, the firer must be able to identify the target and estimate the range to it. The launcher's tactical engagement range is 250 meters, with self-contained ammunition rounds in disposable launch tubes.

The system weighs 15 pounds and can be used effectively with minimal training.

SOURCE: FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS MILITARY ANALYSIS NETWORK  
[HTTP://FAS.ORG/MAN/DOD-101/SYS/LAND/AT4.HTM](http://fas.org/MAN/DOD-101/SYS/LAND/AT4.HTM)





## DOUBLE DUTY

PHOTO BY CPL IAN FERRO



COURTESY PHOTO

### MASTER SGT. ELDER GOMEZ

**BILLET:** Logistics Chief

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 17 years

**REASON FOR JOINING:** I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to do something positive. I grew up in a bad area and poor neighborhood back home. I felt like I needed to get away from my hometown because I started to get in trouble. At the time, a few of my friends enlisted so I decided to enlist, too. We all joined the Marine Corps together.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** I'm responsible for taking care of all the logistical requirements for my company.

**MEMORABLE MOMENT:** The most memorable moment in my career is when I climbed Mount Fuji, Japan. The entire experience was amazing, from climbing it to meeting people half-way, to finally making to the top.

### ELDER GOMEZ

**BILLET:** Sheriff Response Team Leader

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 9 years

**REASON FOR JOINING:** I became a deputy sheriff because I wanted to return something back to my community. After I left active duty to join the Reserve, I went back home and I noticed I could relate to the community. I was that kid always getting in trouble, so when I see kids like that, I feel like I can relate to them.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** I am responsible for the training and leading the sheriff response team.

**MEMORABLE MOMENT:** My most memorable moment as a cop was when I was able to find a suspect of murder. In just one day, I went from having no leads on the case to being able to track him down and arrest him. It was very significant to me because I feel like it brought some closure to the victim's family.



**MOTO TALK**

### MILITARY EXPRESSIONS FROM AROUND THE CORPS

**ALICE:** All-purpose lightweight individual carrying equipment

**VMFA:** Marine fighter attack squadron

**MIKE:** Minute

**HMMWV:** High-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle

**STAY FROSTY:** Stay on the ready or alert



# NOMINATE YOUR OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER



## 2015 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE **EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD**

**RESERVE MEMBERS:  
SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION NOW**

**SUBMISSIONS DUE BY DEC. 31, 2015  
WWW.FREEDOMAWARD.MIL**

The Freedom Award ceremony is held in Washington, D.C., for up to 15 deserving employers each year in August. This award recognizes employers who go above and beyond in supporting members of the Guard and Reserve – from continuing benefits and healthcare during deployments, to helping with home maintenance and sponsoring veteran hiring initiatives. Service members can thank employers for their exemplary support by submitting a Freedom Award nomination today.

*“Every day, employers large and small work to ease the burden on those who serve by providing workplace flexibility, career opportunities and dedicated support. The Freedom Award is one way we can thank the employers that stand behind our Guardsmen, Reservists and their families.”*

**-Paul Mock, ESGR National Chair**



ESGR is a Department of Defense office that develops and promotes supportive work environments for service members in the Reserve Components through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities. We encourage the employment of Guardsmen and Reservists, who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce. On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, ESGR executes the annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award program. The Freedom Award has been presented to 220 employers since it began in 1996.