

# Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force

## Crisis Response Central Command

Monthly Newsletter  
- August 2016 -



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### Commanding Officer's Comments



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

Our Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) passed another milestone during the month of August, as the Command Element (CE) crossed its halfway point in the deployment. Although our numerous activities in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and regional security monopolize our daily attention, not lost on many of us and our legions of supporters back home was the passing of this midway marker. The CE, which is one element of our Task

Force, is currently conducting a 9-month deployment, whereas the other elements of the task force—Ground, Aviation, and Logistics—remain on a 6-month rotation. The extension of the Command Element by three months further enables our Task Force's continuity of effort and leadership as new Ground, Aviation, and Logistics Elements join our team in October. Soon, V27, VMM-363, CLB-5, MWSS-373, and VMFA(AW)-533 will all redeploy to homestation as new battalions and squadrons assume responsibility for their various mission sets. With the CE on a 9-month tether, we can maintain our engagement in on-going operations throughout the region instead of introducing an entire new command structure and Task Force that is unfamiliar with the region. Nonetheless, despite entering the second half of this deployment, our focus remains exceptionally keen on our many missions across Central Command's dynamic geography.



Periodically, I receive questions about our different levels of engagement in the area, as well as the types of missions that our Task Force is conducting. In simple terms our activities are grouped into four categories—support to Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR), regional security, theater security cooperation, and training to advance our force's skills and capabilities. For most readers of this newsletter,



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our activities in support of OIR in Iraq and Syria are fairly well-known, as our team conducts operations to enable the Iraqi Security Forces to defeat Da'esh and return stability within their country. Sometimes overshadowed by these “headline-grabbing” efforts are the many regional engagements we conduct to ensure our access to different countries and locales. On this frontage the SPMAGTF serves as a contingency force for missions throughout Central Command’s area of responsibility (AOR). This AOR consists of nearly two dozen nations throughout the Middle East and Central/South Asia. As a contingency force, our team must maintain the capability to respond to immerging crises in this dynamic region, which is among the least secure and stable in the world. These contingencies range the spectrum of military operations, including embassy reinforcement, humanitarian assistance, reinforcing various locations with additional security forces, or myriad other efforts. Equally significant, our MAGTF is regularly involved in the training of and partnering with other countries’ militaries across CENTCOM’s expansive landscape, including Kuwait, Jordan, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and others. These efforts include bilateral training exercises, training events in which we provide tactical and technical advice, and demonstrations, whereby we showcase different capabilities of our Task Force to senior leaders of other nations’ militaries. Regardless of the nature of our engagement, this theater security cooperation —TSC, as these training events are labelled in military jargon—serve to reinforce relationships between U.S. forces and other military services. For additional information about the U.S. Central Command, I invite you to peruse its website at [www.centcom.mil](http://www.centcom.mil).



Before closing my remarks on this month’s newsletter, I want to again express my gratitude for your continued interest and support of our deployed team. The many care-packages we continue to receive from our families, friends, and fellow patriots are greatly appreciated and always welcomed. These “gifts” from our supporters are huge morale boosters for all of us. During Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in which many on our Task Force previously fought, the Marine Corps’ 1st Marine Division coined the motto “No Better Friend—No Worse Enemy” when describing a U.S. Marine. Today, we continue to live by that credo in support of OIR and efforts throughout the region. More specifically, on the “No Better Friend” front, many of our warriors regularly collect and assemble items from the care packages they receive and share them with the soldiers of some of our partnered militaries. Also, Marines from our Task Force in Kuwait often give items they receive from home to the

local children’s hospital. This effort is coordinated via our Chaplain—LCDR Potter—and our Religious Ministry Team. These small gestures further establish and deepen our relationships in the region.

Again, on behalf of SgtMaj Nguyen and all the Marines and Sailors of our forward-deployed team, I want to thank you 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](http://www.imef.marines.mil/Units/SPMAGTF-CR-CC) and our Facebook link at [www.facebook.com/SPMAGTFRCRC](http://www.facebook.com/SPMAGTFRCRC).

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,

During this past month, the Marines and Sailors of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command (SPMAGTF-CR-CC) have continued to perform and uphold the fine reputations that are expected of us. Our Commanding Officer, Colonel Kassner, and I remain humble on a daily basis for having this opportunity and privilege to be amongst and to lead such fine men and women.

Since the arrival to our area of operations over four months, Team SPMAGTF-CR-CC has been focused on our assigned mission which consisted of threefold: to conduct crisis response in support of Operation Inherent Resolve; to conduct theater security cooperation with other countries' military; and to execute other requirements as may be directed by our higher headquarter. As you can see from Colonel Kassner's comments in last month newsletter, our numerous effort has enable and will assist with promoting security and stability across this region. Although our Major Subordinate Elements (2nd Bn 7th Mar, CLB-5, VMM-363, VMFA (AW)-533, and MWSS-373) will soon begin their planning process for turn over with their replacements, nevertheless, they remained dedicated and focused to the mission. Our Warriors understand that in this unsettled region of the world, the environments are unpredictable and there is no guarantee that tomorrow will be the same. As "America's 911 Force", you can count on us to be ready to answer our Nation's calling...



As always, our Marines and Sailors remained the beneficiary of the numerous care packages, letters, and postcards with words of encouragement from all of our supporters back home. We are truly honored to have supporters like you who demonstrated the strength of our Nation in supporting those of us who serve.

We are blessed to continue receiving your loving support; 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

This month the LCE approaches the downhill slope in the deployment as we prepare for the transition into the final few months of operations. At Task Force Al Taqaddum (TFTQ), LCpl Rester received a Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM) for superior performance of his duties as the LCE Bulk Fuel Specialist Enabler in support of TFTQ. Cpl Wassenich also received a NAM for superior performance of his duties as the LCE Heavy Equipment Enabler in support of TFTQ. Congratulations to the Marichalar family who welcomed their baby boy Marcial Marichalar IV on 11 Aug. Bravo Zulu to Cpl Garcia, Cpl Halkovich, Cpl Kubina, and Cpl Skidmore on earning their Martial Arts Instructor (MAI) Tab on 16 Aug by completing an extremely physically demanding MAI course. Congratulations to Cpl Andersonstowell, Cpl Birch, Cpl Feliciano, and Cpl Pavon on graduating Corporal's Course on 19 Aug. With family members returning back to school, thank you for your continued love and support!

Semper Fi,  
LtCol Samuel Lee



## Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363

LtCol James Hoffman, CO  
SgtMaj Michael Baehr, SgtMaj

Our operational maintenance effort is often an unsung hero of the Air Combat Element. 70% of our squadron is comprised of Marines who maintain our aircraft and vital support gear. One such vital asset in the maintenance division is our TEREX, a mobile crane utilized for lifting Rolls Royce engines, Proprotor gearboxes, and blades. Recently, an electrical malfunction on the TEREX challenged the resolve of our Marine Aviation Logistics Division (MALS-16) and the Ground Support Equipment (GSE) Marines whom maintain the crane. The Marines assessed the malfunction as a relay panel and attempted to order a new one. Our Marines were surprised to find out that the supply system, which refurbishes our parts, did not carry the panel. Refusing accept the TEREX being dead line for weeks while awaiting a part, the GSE Marines opened the faulty panel and discovered the circuit board which caused the malfunction. After cleaning the corrosion on the circuit board and soldering new connections, they reinstalled the panel and returned the TEREX to operational status. Thanks to the resolute determination of VMM-363's MALS Division, heavy maintenance on our MV-22 Ospreys continue. Their continued use of the TEREX ensured our ability to maintain our aircraft while providing continual assault support to SPMAGTF-CR-CC and Operation Inherent Resolve.



## 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment

LtCol Christopher Steele, CO  
SgtMaj Gabriel Macias, SgtMaj



Sergeant Joseph W. Vokt (left) and Lance Corporal Jason A. Delange (right), 4th platoon, Company F, Ground Combat Element, conducted a machine gun non live-fire training event with the Kuwait Marine Battalion at the Kuwait Naval Base from 24-27 July 2016. First Lieutenant Marc Kessler led the effort, planning and coordinating in conjunction with the Command Element, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command 16.2. Fox Company Marines trained the Kuwaitis on shooting fundamentals, misfire procedures, immediate and remedial action, and assembly and disassembly of the M60 7.62mm Medium Machine Gun and the M2 .50 cal Heavy Machine Gun.



## Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (All Weather) 533

LtCol Matthew Brown, CO  
SgtMaj Johnny Vancil, SgtMaj

The Scrappers of VMFA(AW)-533 are working hard despite the summer heat. This last month, we took an operational pause to focus on managing the fatigue that sets in during the second half of deployments. I emphasize all the time to our Marines that this fight is a marathon and not a sprint, and that it is important for us to take a step back and refocus from time to time to ensure we stay ready. Additionally, we held a memorial to honor recently fallen brothers from around Marine Corps Aviation, to share stories about them, and ensure that they will not be forgotten. As we look forward from a period of reduced tempo to the fights coming up ahead, it's essential that we keep the razor-sharp edge that has served us well so far, and are prepared to execute to the best of our abilities as Operation INHERENT RESOLVE moves into the next stages.



## Marine Wing Support Squadron 373

LtCol Bradley Ward, CO  
SgtMaj Jorge Melendez, SgtMaj

Hello again from the Middle East. On behalf of SgtMaj Melendez and the entire Squadron, thank you all for your untiring support of our efforts in the Central Command Theater of operations. I can assure you there is plenty of excitement in the hot, humid air here as the days of August quickly pass us by. In addition to counting down the days until our return, your Marines and Sailors are planning for the execution of several major operational tasks across this region that will showcase the capabilities of MWSS-373. Our work here will have an enduring impact that influences combat operations in support of Inherent Resolve long after MWSS-373's departure.

Always Faithful,  
LtCol B. W. Ward



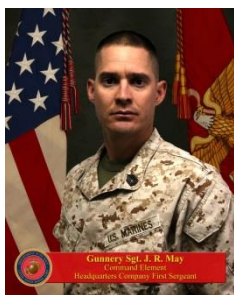
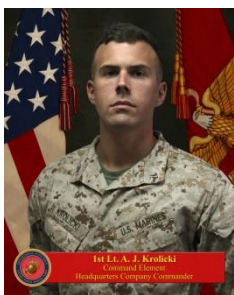
## Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352

Major Michael Blejski, OIC  
GySgt Rowdy Hall, SEA

During the month of August, Marine Aerial Refueling Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352) Detachment Alpha continued to support SPMAGTF-CR-CC and the 22nd MEU within the USCENTCOM AOR by transporting 572 passengers, 283,356 pounds of cargo, and delivering 141,501 pounds of fuel. The Detachment successfully completed a relief in place of various maintenance personnel and aircrew during the month. Every Marine of the detachment continues to uphold the Raiders' dependable reputation and added to the legacy of outstanding performance. VMGR-352 Detachment Alpha's maintenance department accumulated over 2200 maintenance hours. A few of their accomplishments include replacing two propellers, two hydraulic boost packages, and a damaged aerial refueling fuel hose without a reduction in operational capability. When operations allowed, Detachment Alpha also took advantage of opportunities to build some esprit de corps. The Non-Commissioned Officer's organized a unit basketball tournament, in which they had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and enjoy a burger and hot dog prepared by our very own grill master, LCpl Gutierrez.

VMGR-352 Detachment Alpha continues to remain focused on our mission to provide assault support to the Marines in the AOR.

## Headquarters Company Comments



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

I celebrate this newsletter with you as the SPMAGTF, Command Element, is officially more than halfway through our deployment, and that much closer to being reunited with our families and loved ones. The operational tempo remains high as the Marines understand they cannot let complacency settle in. Our Marines continue to juggle multiple tasks, ranging from mission critical support to continuous sustainment training.

The month of August began with an intense Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Instructor Course (MAIC), led by our Supply Officer, 1stLt Damali Brimm, and Supply Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, Staff Sergeant Roldan. The course graduated over twenty Marines across the SPMAGTF, who entered a gauntlet of adversity, discipline, and martial arts training. These graduates of the program are now qualified to train, test, and certify Marines at user belt levels. Many of the SPMAGTF's Marines have great admiration for the course, and the reverence that comes with it, leading to an increase in MCMAP training across the company.



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During the middle of the month, the SPMAGTF was visited by the Marine Corps Forces Central Command (MARCENT), Commanding General, Lieutenant General William D. Beydler. This was an excellent educational opportunity for the Marines as the Lieutenant General discussed topics of readiness, standards and our Corps values. To have our most senior leadership in the Area of Operations speak directly to the Marines about our on-going mission is not only morale lifting, but also an opportunity few Marines experience in their careers. In illustrious fashion, Corporal Ryan Morse from our intelligence section was awarded a MARCENT coin from the Lieutenant General for his outstanding performance over the last month. All of our Marines are working long hours with an increasing temerity. For Corporal Morse to be recognized amongst some of the Marine Corps finest greatly reflects his caliber, congratulations warrior!



The Company was proud to promote Kory Wormington to the rank of Corporal, Jerry Johnson and Christopher Baer to the rank of Sergeant, Shawn Rodeheaver and Jeremy Everett to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant, and Kiran Bisaccia, Timothy Forkeotes II and David Southerland to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. Our wide range of rank and experience continues to burgeon in the company, and inculcate a more profound sense of leadership and tradition. Additionally, during our third iteration of Corporals Course, Corporal Travis Knigge, our Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense (CBRN) subject matter expert, earned the laudatory title of Honor Graduate. His determination, perseverance and overall outstanding performance allowed him to earn the title amongst over fifty other Non-Commissioned Officers in his class. His "leadership by example" mentality engenders an attitude all NCO's strive to emulate.

As seen from the aforementioned, this month started and ended extremely positive. To promote, award and graduate our Marines who have risen to the responsibility, not only instills great pride, but also augments our overall readiness. As a company we continue to breakthrough new ceilings, readjust, and do it again. However, these extraordinary efforts could not be accomplished without the support we receive from back home. As a company, we are most appreciative for the abundance of letters and care packages we receive. Sometimes it's the actions behind the scenes things that make the most difference. As always, thank you for all you do.



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  
SSgt Arthur Ross, S-1 Chief

For August, the S-1 spent the month 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 processed Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Operation Inherent Resolve and Global War on Terrorism - Expeditionary Medals for our Marines and Sailors who met the deployment thresholds for those awards. 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 on the last page are all the promotions of our SPMAGTF personnel for this month.



## S-3

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

The month of August, in addition to being one of the hottest months in the region was also one of the busiest for the Marines in the S-3. Our Marines supported and enabled several training and engagement exercises as well as ongoing operations in support of Operation Inherent Resolve throughout the month and in many instances all at the same time. As a result of many of leaders conducting travel throughout the region, our junior officers and enlisted Marines had to take on additional duties and responsibilities. Despite working with reduced manpower, you would never have been able to tell the difference, our Marines demonstrated the utmost maturity and proficiency in ensuring no task went unaccomplished. The S-3's very own Corporal Travis Knigge was recognized as the honor graduate for the SPMAGTF facilitated Corporal's Leadership Course held aboard Al Jaber Airbase. He is an exceptional Marine who continues to do great work day in and day out in support of the entire task force. The Law Enforcement Marines provided security support for several distinguished visitors who came out to the region to visit with the Marines of the SPMAGTF. Our unit's ANGLICO detachment continued to conduct training with the Jordanian Armed Forces under the leadership of Major Patrick Batten and GySgt Drew Yerger. Several Marines from the S-3 also had the opportunity to conduct training in the United Arab Emirates and Jordan during August, continuing to develop the strong relationship between the Emirate Armed Forces, the Jordanian Armed forces and the United States Marine Corps.



## S-2

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

To our families and friends, our S-2 Marines continue to provide timely products to the SPMAGTF and supported Task Forces with threat information pertinent to operations across the Middle East. Our intelligence section has earned the reputation for providing time sensitive, force protection information to our Marines spread throughout the theater, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, resulting in your Marines earning the coveted title "Award Winning Intel Team" from our SPMAGTF Commanding Officer.

On 6 August, Capt Seymour, our senior Air Intelligence Officer, organized and led the "31 Miles for 31 Heroes" conditioning hike aboard Ahmed Al Jaber, Kuwait. This annual hike commemorates members of a downed aircraft



during Operation Enduring Freedom that resulted in the death of 30 active duty members and one military working dog. Organizing this event was a joint collaboration effort with Capt Seymour and members of the 13th MEU. Two of our Marines, Cpl Marquit and LCpl Quezada, participated in the hike, bringing with them a high level of motivation.

Our Marines continue to remain active in their personal achievements, even with our high operational tempo. We had several promotions this month to include, CWO2 Forkeotes, CWO2 Bisaccia, and GySgt Everett. Separately, Cpl Morse, from our Meteorology and Oceanography section, received recognition from the MARCENT Commanding General, LtGen Beydler, for his outstanding contributions to the SPMAGTF mission and his leadership as an NCO in our command element, receiving the coveted Commanding General's Coin. Additionally, Sgt Shannon, Senior Intel Analyst volunteered his personal time as a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Trainer, training numerous members of our SPMAGTF to a high standard of excellence. Sgt Shannon's efforts resulted in the graduation of seven Green Belt Instructors, four Brown Belt Instructors, and nine Black Belt Instructors. We had two Marines participate in the training: Cpl Marquit and Cpl Everhart both became MCMAP instructors. On 19 August, Cpl's Foley, Terrell, Lopez, and Lancaster graduated Corporals Course. Well done to them for completing their first resident professional military education (PME) and special thanks to SSgt Chenette and Sgt Panches for leading the PME. Lastly, we are sad to say goodbye to Mr. Juan Robles, our Civilian JIDA analyst who has successfully completed his tour of duty here in Kuwait and is moving on to other opportunities. We extend our deepest love and gratitude to him for his service to the SPMAGTF and the Marines of the S-2. We are grateful for his dedication to duty and wish him the best.



## S-4

Major Matthew Romoser, S-4 Officer  
GySgt Michael Kayl, S-4 Chief

Greetings, family and friends, on behalf of the Marines of the Command Element S-4 / Logistics Section!

This month has been another busy one for the Marines of the S-4, as we maintain our focus on ensuring logistics support to enable Marine operations across all elements of the MAGTF here in the Middle East. This month we continued receiving new, refreshed equipment and shipping out our older, degraded gear. We also began our internal inspection program to ensure our MAGTF maintains the highest level of combat readiness across all tactical logistics functional areas. During this "back to school" season, we congratulate four of our Marines on their special achievements. SSgt Wilfredo Berrios of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and SSgt Salvador Garibay of Chico, California, both completed a rigorous three-week long Martial Arts Instructor (MAI) Course, preparing them to train future classes of Marines in the fundamentals of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP). Additionally, Cpl Paul David of Detroit, Michigan, and Cpl Shavera Thomas of Brooklyn, New York, both completed a three-week long Corporal's Course, fulfilling their professional military education (PME) requirements and preparing them for future challenges as they progress in our Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) corps. We congratulate them, and we thank all of you for your continued support!



## S-6

Major Russell Savatt, S-6 Officer  
MSgt Jeffrey Hardy, S-6 Chief

Our Marines are maintaining their respective battle rhythms. Our Data Marines continue to maintain and make crucial improvements to our network. Our Wire Marines have been improving their skills in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program in addition to ensuring that the phones continue to ring and the Video Teleconferences operate on schedule. The Radio Marines have been making impressive improvements to the radio network including maintaining an impressive radio shot of more than 700 miles on a daily basis to one of our Operation Inherent Resolve partners. Marines in our Maintenance and Technical Control Sections have worked tirelessly to ensure that our heavily used equipment continues to meet our operational requirements. There are lots of upcoming moving parts where some of our Marines are directly engaging and supporting our coalition partners in their own fight against the enemy. Thanks to all of you for your support. Our Marines recognize and appreciate all of your supportive efforts in our endeavors.

## Chaplain's Comments



While there is much work being done over here, there are also some more relaxed kinds of things that take place here too.

Since we have arrived, we have had several bands perform concerts for us. We were also fortunate to have the famous comedian Sinbad perform for the SPMAGTF. The Air Force here supports a good morale and welfare building with a game room, ping pong, pool, televisions and food for fun. This is a place where we can take the edge off for a while.

Behind our chapel we have a resiliency tent. Inside, we have a small library and several very nice massage chairs. This tent will allow a person to stop into the cool and slightly darkened room for a bit of relaxation and rejuvenation.



Perhaps one of my favorite ways to relax is to attend church on Sundays where we have preaching, singing, communion and a great Praise Band that gives us a great lift. We have drummers and keyboard players and guitarists and even a violin and banjo player. We recently had a change in our Air Force personnel and so our





praise team today is morphing into a whole new team, with a few holdovers like me. You can see in the pictures that the Air Force and the Marines work hand in hand at worship time. We hold Protestant services twice every Sunday and a Catholic Mass in between. There are Bible studies and other services going throughout the week as well. So, everyone has the opportunity and the right to practice his or her faith in order to stay spiritually resilient. This is critical to our success here in the desert.

But there are other things that make me smile from this vantage point. I have seen some strange animals out here, including camels, spiders, and a lizard like I've never seen before.



One more thing I want to mention before I close is the nightly sunset with all the dust in the air. The dust somehow blocks the sun's rays and allows me to look directly at the sun as it sets. It is a beautiful sight even this far away from home.

Three nights ago I attended a party to celebrate passing the half way point. I ate pizza and drank a soda and laughed with friends. So, even though much work takes place on a daily basis, we are afforded opportunities to keep ourselves strong.

“A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones” – Proverbs 17:22

Thanks and God Bless you all,

Chaplain Randal Potter





## FRO's Comments

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Hello SPMAGTF Families!

Goodbye August! Hopefully the time is passing quickly for all of you holding down the homefront while your Marines and Sailors are deployed. With school having started I imagine schedules will become jam packed with lots of sports and school events. Make sure to take some time out for yourselves so you stay healthy and happy!

I have listed below some upcoming events we have going on, please mark your calendars!

### EVENTS:

1. September 10 1600-1800: DPSG Catamaran Trip on the Ocean Adventure for our Amazing Spouses Meeting time for this will be at 1530 sharp at the Dana Point Harbor. If you have RSVP'd for this, please make sure to show up, you don't want to miss this wonderful event! If you have any questions; please call 949-412-3475.

2. September 20 1400-2000 & September 21 0900-1300: Say YES to the Dress! 62 Area Ballgown Giveaway at San Onofre Events Center. RSVP by September 16 to attend:  
<https://einventions.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=307881&k=016145017356>

If you have a dress to donate, it must be in "Like New" condition with a hangar. To donate, please contact the FRO, all donations must be received by September 14.

3. Mark your calendars! October 27 will be the 62 Area Annual Trunk-or-Treat! More information will be coming in September.

As we continue to move forward, I wanted to make sure you all know about a program the ASYMCA provides; while many of you were able to receive Daddy Dolls, some missed out on the opportunity. While I am unable to offer any further Daddy Dolls, you can still obtain a personalized deployment quilt for your child (ages 15 and under) for FREE! Operation Kid Comfort through the ASYMCA will utilize your photos to create the quilt for your child.

To obtain the Request Form please go to:

[http://media.wix.com/ugd/36d46a\\_f7092b8be4724f9786cc4e15420d550a.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/36d46a_f7092b8be4724f9786cc4e15420d550a.pdf)

Or call: 760-385-4921

Or email: [shela@camppendletonasymca.org](mailto:shela@camppendletonasymca.org)

For more information on Operation Kid Comfort and the link to upload your pictures go to:

<http://www.camppendletonasymca.org/#!/programs-for-military-families-and-child/c1w0u>

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.

Semper Family,  
Darci Streeter  
Family Readiness Officer



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## Promotion List

The following Marines were promoted during the month of August:

### Command Element

- CPL KORY WORMINGTON (CE)
- SGT CHRISTOPHE BAER (CE)
- SGT ANDREW HAYMAKER (CE)
- SGT JERRY JOHNSON II (CE)
- GYSGT JEREMY EVERETT (CE)
- GYSGT SHAWN RODEHEAVER (CE)
- CWO2 KIRAN BISACCIA (CE)
- CWO2 DAVID SOUTHERLAND (CE)
- CWO2 TIMOTHY FORKEOTES II (CE)

### Ground Combat Element

- LCPL TYLER VICKREY (V27)
- LCPL MICHAEL BARILLA (V27)
- CPL JONNY DO (V27)
- CPL JAMES FRANZ III (V27)
- CPL PAUL MARTINEZ III (V27)
- CPL KEVIN MASELLA (V27)
- CPL DAVID PERRY III (V27)
- CPL TY POTTER (V27)
- CPL TYLER WATANABE (V27)
- CPL ZACHARY WOITAS (V27)
- CPL DONOVAN ARMSTEAD (V27)
- CPL JOSE ATAYDE (V27)
- CPL ANTHONY BROOKS JR (V27)
- CPL DOUGLAS CARON (V27)
- CPL CARLOS CERPA (V27)
- CPL JACOB HALEYCHRISTOPHERSON (V27)
- CPL JONATHAN HEALY (V27)
- CPL RICO HERITAGE (V27)
- CPL DYLAN IPPOLITO (V27)
- SGT CHANDLER CRAYTHORN (V27)
- SGT BLAIN CRISMAN (V27)
- SGT MICHAEL ESTRADASANTOYO (V27)
- SGT ANSEL GABBARD (V27)
- SGT MATTHEW BILLESBACH (V27)
- GYSGT ASHRAF ZIAJACOB (V27)
- CAPT SAMUEL MCGRURY (V27)
- CWO2 AARON MCCATTY (V27)
- HM1 BURDICK, COREY (V27)
- HM2 CHAPMAN, DENNIS (V27)
- HM3 LE, WASHINGTON (V27)

### Logistics Combat Element

- CPL BAILEY BERTOLANI (CLB-5)
- CPL BRANDON BROOKES (CLB-5)
- CPL TYLER GERHARDT (CLB-5)
- CPL KAYLA LARREMORE (CLB-5)
- CPL ANDREW WASSENICH (CLB-5)
- SGT MEGAN BIRGE (CLB-5)
- SGT RICHARD CARABALLO (CLB-5)
- SGT BLANCA CERVANTES (CLB-5)
- SGT CARLEY DAVIDSMEIER (CLB-5)
- CWO2 JEFFREY NASTEFF (CLB-5)
- CWO2 JOSHUA PELLETIER (CLB-5)
- HMC ERZOR BRYAN PERALTA (CLB-5)

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- CPL SHAIN OAKERMAN (VMM-363)
- CPL ALLAN FLETCHER (VMM-363)
- CPL CHANCE HAMPTON (VMM-363)
- SGT JOEL RILEY (VMM-363)
- SGT RICHARD SANCHEZ JR (VMM-363)
- SGT JEFFRY MACDONALDRIVERA (VMM-363)
- GYSGT DEJUAN RUDOLPH (VMM-363)
- GYSGT CARLOS JONES JR (VMM-363)
- CWO2 RYAN TRACHMAN (VMM-363)
- LCPL ANTHONY MARTINEZ (VMFA(AW)-533)
- CPL MIKALA MEADOWS (VMFA(AW)-533)
- CPL SAMUEL PETERSON (VMFA(AW)-533)
- SGT KEITH MCGAHA (VMFA(AW)-533)
- SGT ADAM BARBER (VMFA(AW)-533)
- SGT ERIC HARTE (VMFA(AW)-533)
- SGT COLTON LOWE (VMFA(AW)-533)
- SGT JASON SOMMA (VMFA(AW)-533)
- GYSGT MICHAEL KIMMEL (VMFA(AW)-533)
- CWO2 SHAWN HARPER (VMFA(AW)-533)
- CPL ALEJANDRO AYALA (MWSS-373)
- CPL COLE PENNY (MWSS-373)
- CPL GILDARDO RAMOS JR (MWSS-373)
- CPL REYAZ RASUL (MWSS-373)
- CPL BROCK REID (MWSS-373)
- CPL LUIS RIOS (MWSS-373)
- CPL DEVIN DEFAZIO (MWSS-373)
- CPL JEREMY DURHAM (MWSS-373)
- CPL DALLAS LONG (MWSS-373)
- SGT CARLOS ALVARADO (MWSS-373)
- SGT ANDREW SHANN (MWSS-373)
- SGT ANDREW BOLING (MWSS-373)
- SGT NATHANIAL CORREA (MWSS-373)
- SGT MALCOLM CRAFTON (MWSS-373)
- SGT KERI DELARROCHA (MWSS-373)
- SGT MARK HENDRICKS (MWSS-373)
- SGT GINA JEFFRIES (MWSS-373)
- SGT WAEL JEMAL (MWSS-373)
- SGT DAVID TORRALBAMORALES JR (MWSS-373)
- SGT DYLAN WHEELER (MWSS-373)
- GYSGT BRIAN PEELER (MWSS-373)
- GYSGT JEFFREY FALLER (MWSS-373)
- GYSGT RAYMOND HAZELTON (MWSS-373)
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