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Happy 243rd Marine Corps Birthday



CAMP PENDLETON, California - U.S. Marines with Combat Service Support Company, I Marine Expeditionary Force Support Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, patrol in a humvee during a field exercise at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 14, 2018. The FEX exposed battalion Marines to field conditions, and will prepare them to meet operational and training objectives in the upcoming year. Photo By: Lance Cpl. Dalton Swanbeck

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MTA Quick

Camp Lejeune: Past Water Contamination From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. Learn about research on past chemical contamination. - See more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/#sthash.SLw9Rrli.dpuf>

Bakeless Bake Sale

April has been designated as our Bakeless Bake Sale. This is a fundraiser for the Barrie O. Delp Scholarship fund. In the month of April we would like for all who can, to donate a little something. See Page 13 of this newsletter for details.

Scholarship's. MTA members,

it's not too early to talk to your children, grandchildren about the next scholarships. Remember one is awarded to a student going to attend a four year college and the other is for a student going to a vocational/technical school/college. June 30th is the submission deadline Forms are available email auxpresident@usmcmta.org

MTA is hosting a breakfast

three Sundays a month (1 thu 3) at the VFW. on Sunday's from 8 am till 11 am. Thanks to all of you for supporting us there.

The monthly dutch treat luncheons

are continuing in the Jacksonville area; contact Shirley Prevatte or any one of the area auxiliary members for info or email auxpresident@usmcmta.org

hqmc.marines.mil - Department of Defense

It is our honor to recognize the hqmc.marines.mil and Department of Defense and their contributions of story and photos presented within The Convoy Express and the following statement: The appearance of U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) visual information does not imply or constitute DoD endorsement.

The United States Marine Corps Motor Transport Association, Inc.

is a 501 (c) (19) non-profit organization operating exclusively for the purpose beneficial to the interests of the Nation and United States Marine Corps Motor Transport Occupational Specialty Field. This Association was formed to bring together all Retired, Veteran Marine, Active Duty, Reserve and others who have served in or with the USMC Motor Transport Field.

USMC MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION INC.

Elected and Appointed Officers

To contact an officer use the following email addresses, where email is not noted contact the USMC MTA Secretary at secretary@usmcmta.org or call 910.450.1841 Tues. - Thurs. 0800-1200 EST.

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President

Dwight Davidson

Hello and Greeting's to all,

Well the storm is long gone.

Thank God for that, as it caused us a lot of problems due to being a slow mover and the national Headquarters was not spared, lots of roof damage leading to lots of water and mold inside.

As you well know the Airport here in Jacksonville was down, causing us to cancel our Reunion. We have talked to the Base here and they say the building is on the list to be repaired, but they have made no attempt to do a temporary repair and we are sure they will not offer us another building. We are trying to send some photos, If they come there . So please bare with us .

Very little office work can be done at this time. I think that the phone at the office is back on if we can get in there..

Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year ...

Dwight Davidson

Secretary

Gary Cook

Members can now contact the MTA Secretary by email and phone since power has been restored. Time availability is limited due to damage to the building, so I will be available on a limited basis till repairs are made. It will be some time before any schedule is known so please leave a message and I will return your call.

The newsletter will continue to be posted on the MTA website at usmcmta.org but usps service will be discontinued till further notice due to damage to equipment and building. Storage availability is nonexistant due to so many homes and builings that were damaged, taking up all that were available. Mail will continue being received at the post office.

Secretary's hours are:

Tues. - Thurs. 0800-1200 EST.

Members can call for questions pertaining to yearly dues, change of

postal mailing address or email address change or any other questions you may have pertaining to the MTA., email secretary@usmcmta.org .

Webmaster

Don McCrary

With the damage to our headquarters it is necessary to use the tools available to us to get the newsletter to our members. The newsletter will continue to be posted on the MTA website at usmcmta.org, The newsletter can be viewed by clicking on the newsletter image, it will enlarge so it can be read online. It's not necessary to download.

Marines that served in Iraq and Afghanistan, anywhere in the world. If you have photos you would like to share please email them and we will add them to the photo book at the website. The photobook is secured for members only. Please send photos to webmaster@usmcmta.org

Happy 243rd Birthday Marines, Semper Fidelis

Keep on trucking, Semper Fi.

Don

MTAA President

Mary Jarvis

Hello all.

It's been an upsetting time all over the country with natural disasters and our area has not been exempt. Our neighbors in Jacksonville and especially Camp Lejeune had major damage from hurricane Florence and as I'm sure you've seen in other parts of the newsletter our building was pretty much destroyed. Our area here in Conway, SC saw major flooding damage although our home was spared it was impossible to even go to the grocery store or leave our neighborhood.

As you know from other newsletter items the San Antonio reunion had to be cancelled for the first time ever I'm sure since no one from the southeast was able to fly out. We were all "stuck"

in place as roads were closed and flights cancelled. We feel so sad that such an amazing place for the reunion was missed.

Marshall and I spent a lot of time in Lake George, NY in July for the next reunion in Sept 2019 and feel we have some awesome venue and tours lined up. Just awaiting final ok from MTA president and reunion committee to send out info to members.

We have not had an MTAA meeting and will try to coordinate since we do not have a building at present. We do need to have a meeting and will do so before the next newsletter.

There will be a Christmas gathering on December 8th. I'm sure again there is more info elsewhere in the newsletter.

We want to wish all wonderful holidays and good health. Please contact us anytime you are aware of illnesses and God forbid deaths.

Once again remember that it's time to request scholarship applications. Also please remember that near year end when you may be thinking of charitable donations.. the Barrie O Delp Scholarship fund can always use additional funds.

Marshall and I wish all MTA and MTAA members the very happiest of holidays and wonderful New Year.

A belated Happy Birthday to our Navy members and Happy 243rd to the Marine Corps!!! Semper Fi and Oorah!!

May God Bless our Country, our troops at home, deployed and those whom we have lost. May He give strength to those who struggle daily with health issues and PTSD.

Until next time..

Mary

W A N T E D
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

**MEMBER'S CHILD, GRANDCHILD,
GREAT GRANDCHILD..YOU GET THE IDEA....**

**WE HAVE THE FUNDS
(THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY)
AND
BARRIE O. DELP'S THOUGHTS**

**WE NEED THE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS..
ON TIME AND COMPLETE (I KNOW I REPEATED!)
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT \$2000 OR \$1500 CAN BE
PASSED UP**

**SO..
REQUEST APPLICATION FOR YOUR
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLING IN A 4 YEAR
OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**THEN..
BY APRIL OR MAY AND ABSOLUTELY BY EARLY JUNE
PUT THE PRESSURE ON....BUG, BUG, BUG, BUG
(IT'S FREE MONEY!)**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED
(COMPLETED) BY June 29, 2019 (OR AT LEAST
POSTMARKED BY).**

Until next time.. Mary

Around The Corps



CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - Marines from Mobility Assault Company, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, deploy a armored vehicle launch bridge after Hurricane Florence on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Sept. 16, 2018. Hurricane Florence impacted MCB Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River with periods of strong winds, heavy rains, flooding of urban and low lying areas, flash floods and coastal storm surges. Photo By: Lance Cpl. Isaiah Gomez

WAIOURU, New Zealand - U.S. Marine Capt. David Christie records target grids as part of exercise Joint Assault Signals Company Black, Waiouru Military Camp, New Zealand, Sept. 12, 2018. Christie, a native of Annandale, Va., is the Fire Power Control Team lead with 1st Brigade, 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group. Photo By: Sgt. Jordan Gilbert



ALVUND, Norway - A U.S. Marine with 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit await commands atop a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle during Exercise Trident Juncture 18 in Alvund, Norway, Oct. 29, 2018. Trident Juncture is a multinational NATO exercise that enhances professional relationships and improves overall coordination with Allied and partner nations. Photo By: Sgt. Averi Coppa

DJIBOUTI - DJIBOUTI (Sept. 15, 2018) Marines assigned to red platoon of the Light Armored Reconnaissance Company of Battalion Landing Team 3/1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, set up security boundaries outside of their vehicle during Theater Amphibious Combat Rehearsal (TACR) 18. Led by Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, TACR integrates U.S. Navy and Marine Corps assets to practice and rehearse a range of critical combat-related capabilities available to U.S. Central Command, both afloat and ashore, to promote stability and security in the region. U.S. 5th Fleet and coalition assets are participating in numerous simultaneous exercises as part of the greater Theater Counter Mine and Maritime Security Exercise to ensure maritime stability and security in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Victoria Decker/Released)



24TH MEU EXECUTES AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT DURING TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18

By Lance Cpl. Margaret Gale, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit



Lance Cpl. Anthony Cardella prepares for a convoy during Trident Juncture 18, Oct. 29, 2018. Marines and equipment with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit were rapidly projected ashore from USS Iwo Jima during an amphibious landing. Trident Juncture exercises tactics and procedures in different environments which enables forces to increase readiness and improve interoperability with international partners and allies. Cardella is a machine gunner with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 24th MEU. Photo By: Lance Cpl. Margaret Gale

ALVUND BEACH, Norway --

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit conducted an amphibious landing in Alvund, Norway, Oct. 29, 2018, during Exercise Trident Juncture 18. The exercise allowed the MEU to rehearse their amphibious and expeditionary capabilities in a unique environment in support of partner nations.

Norway is a NATO Ally and hosted this year's exercise which provided challenging terrain and weather for the participating Marines. Training in challenging conditions helps acclimate the forces to the elements and enhances their combat readiness.

The amphibious landing consisted of a surface assault and an air assault to display the MEU's ability to rapidly project combat power ashore. Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division arrived ashore with roughly 700 Marines, 12 Amphibious Assault Vehicles, six Light Armored Vehicles, and 21 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, all designed to increase the lethality of the infantry Marines. Marines arrived at the beach landing site and transitioned to follow on operations at subsequent objectives around Alvund. All

operations were conducted within the exercise scenario against mock enemy forces which required the Marines to make decisions in real time.

"We came to the North Atlantic looking for a challenge and Trident Juncture delivered; throughout the exercise the environment forced us to be flexible and adaptive," said Maj. Anthony Bariletti, the 24th MEU operations officer.

"It is the adaptability that makes Marine Expeditionary Units such a lethal crisis response force. As Marines, we gain our lethality from the ability to operate as part of a naval integrated team. The ability to conduct amphibious operations in the premier core competency of our service and this exercise provided an outstanding opportunity for the 24th MEU to hone its skills and prepare for combat as a forward deployed, sea-based Marine Air-Ground Task Force."

Throughout the training exercise, the MEU was able to provide strategic speed and agility while operating in international waters and retaining flexibility in support of NATO Allies

and partners. Trident Juncture allowed the Marines to operate from the sea with their Navy counterparts and increase interoperability. The success of Trident Juncture will lead to more combat-ready forces capable of proficiently supporting combat operations and humanitarian activities across the globe.

"I'm extremely proud of how hard the Marines and Sailors have been working throughout the exercise," said Sgt. Maj. Christopher Garza, the 24th MEU sergeant major.

"They have endured the challenging cold weather conditions and long work days. It's great to come together and display our capabilities as a MEU and the Marines and Sailors are the ones who make it happen. All the training and preparation they put in has paid off and my hat's off to them on a job well done up to this point."

MARINES WANT A RUGGEDIZED ROBOT MULE TO PATROL WITH AND RESUPPLY A SQUAD

Marine Corps Times | Your Marine Corps: By Todd South



A Multi-Utility Tactical Transport (MUTT) demonstrates its capabilities during the Advanced Naval Technologies Exercise 18 (Lance Cpl. Robert Alejandre/Marine Corps)

The Marines want an unmanned [vehicle](#) capable of keeping up with its rifle squad and conducting [squad resupply](#) to unburden the grunt.

A Request For Information recently posted on the [Federal Business Opportunities](#) website keeps options open, telling interested industry partners that the mode could be a “robotic applique” on existing systems, a remote-controlled vehicle or a fully [autonomous transport](#).

The system must carry between 500 and 1,000 pounds to outfit up to a 15-Marine unit. While the main objective is for the vehicle to move with the squad through inconsistent terrain, a nice bonus would be if it could manage intra-squad resupply, according to the posting.

It must run on rough roads and off road, go for between eight hours and three days, fit inside an MV-22 Osprey when fully loaded, and fit on a light tactical trailer in ground transport. The system also must push out 1- to 3-kW of power to recharge and run squad systems.

The Marine Corps Rapid Capabilities Office wants information from industry by Nov. 13.

Marines participating in the Advanced Naval Technologies Exercise at Camp Pendleton, California, in May saw vehicles that might fit some of the requirements in operation during urban training sessions.

As far back as 2016, Marines were testing a tracked version of the Multi-Utility Tactical Transport, which could carry weapons systems or gear but at a lower rate than this current request. At the time, the MUTT could haul 600 pounds on land and 300 pounds while running amphibious for about 15 miles before power ran down.

This latest posting falls closely in line with an existing program in the Army known as Squad Multipurpose Equipment Transport, or SMET.

The SMET program has accepted four submissions of similarly capable vehicles for testing by the 10th Mountain Division, 101st Airborne

Division and an unidentified Marine unit at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

All four of those submissions are standalone vehicles that use either wheeled or tracked methods of movement.

The Army expects to pick the contract winner by 2020 after extensive field tests.

Military Times -Todd South

is a Marine veteran of the Iraq War. He has written about crime, courts, government and military issues for multiple publications for more than a decade. In 2014, he was named a Pulitzer finalist for local reporting on a project he co-wrote about witness problems in gang criminal cases. Todd covers ground combat for Military Times.

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TAPS

To report a death, notify the USMC MTA Secretary, at secretary@usmcmta.org or call 910-.450-1841. Names will be printed after notification of a member passing. The names will remain on this list until the ringing of the bell, in their honor, at the next Reunion. The Motor Transport Association would like to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the survivors during the time of bereavement for their loved ones.

Baluch, Joseph	SPC	(RET)	Aug. 7th.
Flihan, Fredrick J.	Major	(RET)	Sept.18th.
Coleman, Ricky P.	CWO5	(RET)	Sept.29th.
Page, Robert H.	CW04	(RET)	
Barratt, Hank	Major	(RET)	Dec.16th.
Sorreles, Bernard	SSgt.	(VM)	Mar.15th.
White, Harrol	Major	(RET)	Mar. 25th.
Lajack, Elsie	T/Sgt.	(VM)	Mar. 30th.
Miner, Gary L.	GySgt.	(RET)	July 7th.
Quinlin, Joseph T.	MGySgt.	(RET)	July 17th.

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties of my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted me to. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith, if I am tempted, make me strong to resist: if I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answers to my prayer.

Amen

National Chaplain
Marshal Jarvis

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