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First Sergeant Edward Kretschmer Headquarters Battalion first sergeant on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., participates in a Marines versus Henderson Elementary School teachers softball game, April 30.

Back Cover:
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Members of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's softball team take a group photo after winning a Marines versus Army softball game, May 3.

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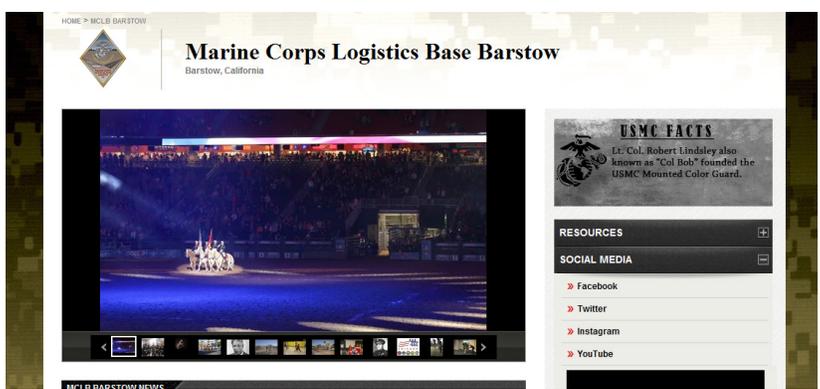
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Christina Ellis, a dancer from the Barstow Academy of Dance, performs for the children at the Child Development Center on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., May 5. The CDC held a celebration for the children on Cinco de Mayo.

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Charlie Youss and 1st Lt. Rodney Nguyen, pilots with Alpha company, 2916th Aviation Bn., perform pre-flight checks aboard their Lakota Helicopter, April 1. The pilots were scheduled to provide aviation support for Marines from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton but due to weather the exercise was canceled.

News Briefs

Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and are in need of leave donations:

Tyrone Wilford Holt, Ernest Langford, Amy Loughridge, Clairisa Mattig-Smith, Konrad Miles.

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Sharing Program may do so by obtaining a leave donor application form from the Human Resources Office. Ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well. For more information, contact Michelle Cunningham at 760-577-6915.

Library Services

Due to remodeling, the base library has moved to Bldg. 17, on the corner of Day Street and Wake Ave. Story Time and Craft is to be held every other
4 Wednesday of the month, at 10 a.m.

Thrift Store

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store here has a new number. They can now be reached at 760-577-5880.

Tutoring

Would you like to be a tutor? Do you need a tutor for your child? The School Liaison Program is offering a K-12 tutoring center in their new location, building 126. For more information, contact the School Liaison Program at 760 - 577 - 5854.

NMRS

Security and Emergency Services here will be collecting donations at the front gates of Yermo and Nebo in support of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Donations will be collected May 13.

Power Outage

On May 17 and 18, there will be an electrical power outage due to maintenance, repair, and re-calibration of the Nebo main Sub-Station. The outage will affect all of Nebo Annex including Desert view housing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

Energy Tip:

Wash and dry clothes during off-peak hours, and use energy saving settings. Use warm or cold water for the wash cycle instead of hot and only use cold for rinse cycles.

NMRS: More than 'just a donation'

Story By:
Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

Imagine you are a young Marine or sailor, thousands of miles away from home and you learn a loved one has passed away . . . having the money to fly home, take care of funeral arrangements and having money left to take care of yourself may seem impossible.

During this time of loss and grieving, the last thing anyone one wants is added financial stress. Thankfully, eligible Marines and sailors may seek financial help through the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

The purpose of the NMRS is basically to assist Marines and sailors who are financially unstable, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Daniel Arcentales, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's NMRS representative.

"I was a Pfc. (private first class) stationed in Okinawa when I found out my mother had passed away in Tennessee," explained Amanda Smith, contract specialist here and prior active duty Marine. "She was my only parent and my brother was a minor at the time . . . I didn't know how I was going to afford travel expenses and funeral arrangements while supporting myself and my brother."

Smith further explained she would have been faced with more than \$9,000 to pay out of pocket; her command directed her to the NMRS for help.

"The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society gave me an interest free loan to travel home and take care of my brother; they also paid for most of the funeral costs," Smith added. "As a lance corporal and Pfc., I would have never been able to do it without them (NMRS) . . . they took really good care of me."

The NMRS does more than simply provide loans to active duty Marines, said Arcentales. The society provides financial management classes to Marines and their families, nursing classes for families with newborns, Combat Casualty Assistance Visiting Nurse Program (registered nurses provide in-home care for wounded warriors who were injured in Iraq or Afghanistan), classes for families about caring for wounded warriors and interest-free loans for emergencies.

Active duty and retired Marines and sailors and their spouses are all eligible, said Arcentales. Any Marine or sailor, regardless of time in service, is eligible for the casualty assistance.

"The majority of cases I see are for moving expenses, vehicle maintenance, and financial help to feed families," Arcentales added.

Eligibility and repayment plans are a case-by-case basis, he said. If a Marine or sailor needs help, Arcentales encourages them to see him.

"Everything we talk about remains confidential," Arcentales said. "Come into my office with all your bills . . . we will fill out a detailed budget and go from there."

He further explained all the money for the NMRS comes from donations; that being said, Gunnery Sgt. Chad Webb, personnel chief here, along with other base personnel, have been coordinating myriad events around the community to raise money.

To raise money this year, Security and Emergency Services here have been collecting money at the front gate, there have been different food and bake sales going on, snacks sales to motorcyclists, a golf tournament, and a 5K run, explained Webb.

"A lot of the motorcyclists we sold snacks to were prior service members . . . they were happy to donate and very appreciative (of the society)"

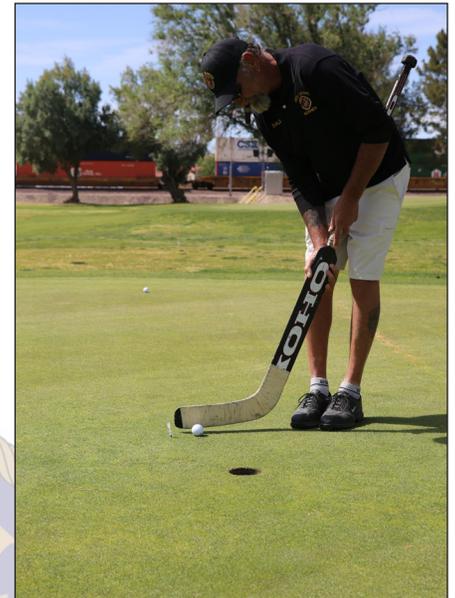


Photo by: Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney
A member of the High Desert Marines puts using a hockey stick on the 'utility hole', during a Navy-Marine Corps fund drive golf tournament, April 27, at Tees and Trees Golf Course outside of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. All proceeds went to support the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Webb added.

So far, approximately \$7,500 has been raised this year, said the Johnson City, N.Y. native.

"The turnouts for the events have been good and the community of Barstow has been extremely supportive . . . they're the ones making it all happen," Webb explained. "Contributions have been steadily coming in."

He encourages people to donate when they can . . . the society is much more than what a lot of people think.

"At first I thought it (the NMRS) was just another organization asking for money . . . however, I realized the importance after seeing real life situations of how much the society can help Marines in need," Webb said. "They do a lot more than what I thought; from helping Marines (or sailors) financially to helping wounded warriors medically."



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles

During the months of April and May, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., held myriad events in support of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. These included a golf tournament (left) held April 27, a 5K fun run (right) held May 4, and a variety of different food and bake sales. So far, the base has raised more than \$7,000 to help Marines and sailors in need.

Safeguarding your Identity

Story By:

Lance Cpl. Garrett White
Combat Correspondent

In this day and age, the Internet has become a very powerful tool in sharing information to vast amounts of people in the blink of an eye.

Never before has so much information been so widely available to so many people and unfortunately, not everyone accessing that information has the best of intentions. Due to the nature of today's technology, people with the right skills, and the wrong intentions, has made the crime of identity theft one of the most common crimes in contemporary society.

Identity theft and fraud are types of crimes where someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's personal information in a way that involves fraud or deception, typically for some form of financial gain, said Preetika Celmer, information systems security manager on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. These types of crimes typically go hand in hand, as the wrongful gaining of personal information usually leads to fraudulent use of said information, such as opening credit card accounts, or taking out loans under another person's

name.

"Due to technology of today, we are eager to provide our personal statuses online through various social media outlets," said Juan Rivera installation information technology officer. "There is a lot of info you unassumingly put out there that criminals can piece together to steal your identity."

Not properly safeguarding personally identifiable information (PII), like social security numbers or personal identification numbers of credit and debit cards, can lead to identity theft, Celmer said. Staying aware of what information you are posting online is a key component in preventing identity theft.

Aside from things a person may post online, staying vigilant against e-mail scams, internet pop-ups, and possible malicious websites is another important factor, Celmer continued. Carefully read any e-mails or pop-ups for possible phishing attempts, and never open any files or websites from untrusted sources as they may contain computer viruses or other malicious software.

Most legitimate organizations will never solicit a person's PII via e-mail, said Rivera. In the rare cases that they do, look for https:// in place of the

standard http:// in the URL (uniform resource locator.) Https:// stands for hypertext transfer protocol with secure sockets layer, which means the website has an added security protocol for handling the online transfer of sensitive personal information.

While staying secure online is important, it's just as easy to fall victim to ID theft offline as it is online.

Properly managing physical documents containing PII is just as important as

electronic ones, Celmer said. Criminals can dumpster dive to retrieve improperly disposed of documents, steal mail, or rummage through unsecured file cabinets. Other times it can be as simple as someone eavesdropping on a conversation to obtain PII.

Telephone scams are another method of obtaining a person's PII, explained Rivera. Oftentimes criminals will use fear tactics to pull information from their victims. Criminals will pose as representatives of organizations like the IRS, CIA, or FBI claiming that individual owes fees, and will face criminal charges should they go un-paid.

While all this may seem scary, becoming a victim of ID theft or fraud is well within an individual's power to prevent.

The easiest method to prevent ID theft is educating yourself on the current threats out there, said Celmer. Simply by verifying the legitimacy of the website or organization soliciting information with personal research can keep an individual or company safe.

Other methods of safeguarding PII are having strong, secure passwords for online accounts, added Celmer. A strong password should be 16 characters or longer and include upper and lower case letters, numerals and special characters. Additionally, changing passwords at least every 30 days and using a unique password for separate accounts is recommended; always secure passwords in a safe location.

Offline, investing in a shredding machine is recommended for properly disposing of documents and credit or debit cards, said Rivera. A simple \$10 - \$20 investment can potentially save someone thousands of dollars in repairing a damaged financial reputation.

In public places, be careful not to speak openly about PII, added Rivera. Also be cognizant of anyone watching over your shoulder as you browse websites when using public computers. If possible avoid exposing PII in public places altogether.

It's important to remember that safeguarding PII is an individual's responsibility, and one must always stay vigilant against possible threats both on and offline, concluded Celmer.



An example of a phishing scam sent via e-mail. Phishing scams will often promise large monetary returns in exchange for a small upfront deposit..

MARINES ON MCLB BARSTOW STAY READY

Photos by Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney



From April 28 to May 1, Marines on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., participated in Security Augmentation Force training. The purpose of SAF is to keep Marines qualified to aid the Marine Corps Police Department when needed. The training included several hours of classroom training, how to apprehend a suspect, defensive tactics training, getting sprayed with oleoresin capsicum (OC spray) and going through a 'fight through' course, pistol qualification and a shotgun qualification.



The one, only Marine SGE

Story and Photo By:

Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

In August of last year, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Calif., became home to the first active duty Marine to become a Special Government Employee through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program.

Gunnery Sergeant Dustin Hamilton, safety specialist here, became SGE certified after years of experience with VPP.

"To be VPP you have to meet and exceed all of OSHA's standards ... it's a long process," Hamilton explained. "Less than 1 percent of companies have obtained it; we are the only Marine Corps installation to have been VPP star certified."

Last month, Hamilton conducted his first audit as an SGE. He inspected the grain silos for Miller Coors plants in Longmont, Co., for their star recertification.

"If a company wants to get VPP I can help them get it," Hamilton explained. "Not only do we share what we do with companies who are lacking in one area, we take away from anything they might do better than us ... it's all about protecting the employee."

During an audit the facility is inspected thoroughly, we test their knowledge of VPP, ensure their training is up to date, and interview at least 20 percent of their employees, Hamilton explained.

One of the main reasons why Hamilton requested to come to MCLB Barstow was because of its prestigious safety program.

"As soon as I found out about SGEs I made it a goal to become one," he added.

8 When Hamilton isn't doing



Gunnery Sergeant Dustin Hamilton, special government employee (safety inspector) on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., inspects the base fire department's training complex, April 10. The complex gets inspected semiannually to ensure the safety of the firemen while they conduct training scenarios.

SGE audits for other companies, he is keeping the base safe through inspections and training base personnel.

"I love having the opportunity to train people and give safety classes," Hamilton said. "Keeping people informed is half the battle. Something I say in class may stick with an individual and prevent them from making a poor decision."

He further explained his passion for investigating accidents to prevent them from happening to someone else.

"It's not my job to get people in trouble ... but when there is some kind of accident I need to know how and why it happened, then figure out preventive measures to keep it from happening in the future," Hamilton said.

Elizabeth Claro, OSHA specialist and SGE of four years, has been on multiple base inspections with Hamilton.

"It's good to have an active duty Marine as an SGE, it gives a different

perspective of things," Claro said. "He has great attention to detail."

Claro further explained how hard Hamilton worked to become certified. He constantly supported and enforced safe working environments.

"He (Hamilton) is very thorough during inspections," she said. "He has identified and corrected many possible hazards ... making the base a safer place for everyone."

Hamilton, whose original military occupational specialty was aviation ordinance, never thought he would find himself working with safety.

"I went from Pvt. Hamilton slinging bombs, to Gunnery Sgt. Hamilton with a degree in general industry ... doing safety inspections," Hamilton said laughing. "It's something I have found a passion for."

He will never know if he did his job, or if someone is alive today because of a hazard he corrected ... however, he can go home at night knowing he made a difference and knowing the base is now that much safer.

MAN OF STEEL

Story By:

Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

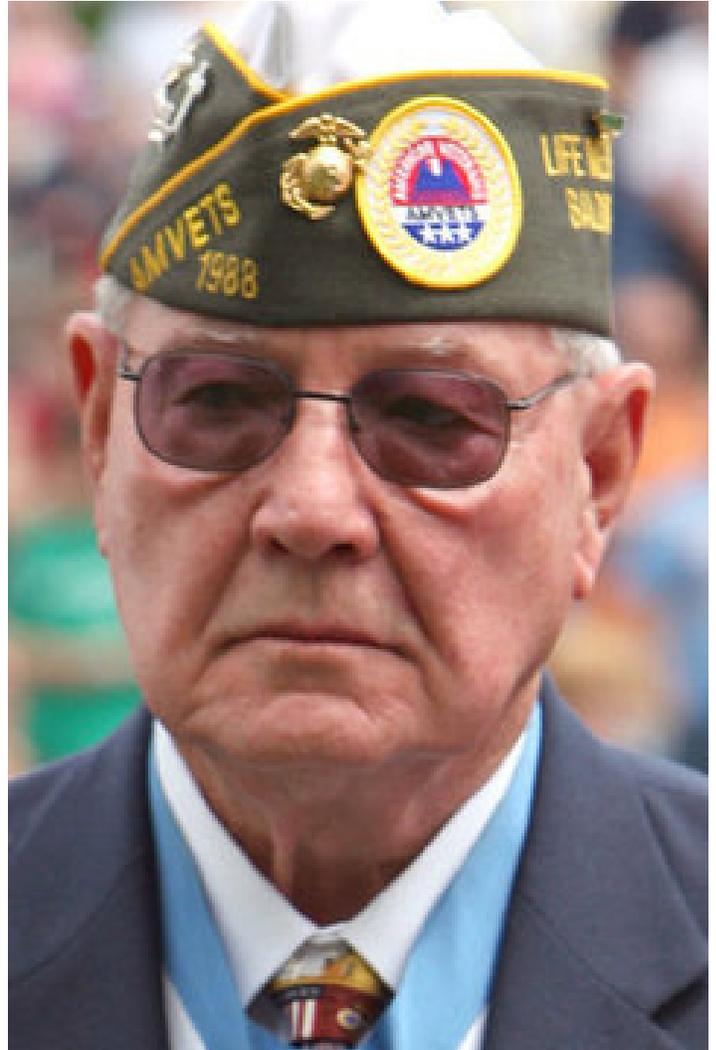
Throughout the history of the Corps, Marines have been known for their selfless acts in combat.

For Cpl. Duane Edgar Dewey, a Michigan native, earned the nation's highest award for heroism in April 1952. When, although already wounded, he smothered an exploding enemy grenade with his own body to save the lives of his comrades.

Duane Edgar Dewey was born Nov. 1931 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and attended school until 1947. He then worked for six months on a farm in South Haven, and for a year as a foundry worker at National Motors, Inc., in South Haven.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps Reserve in March 1951, he completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, and underwent intensive combat training at Camp Pendleton, California, before embarking for Korea in September 1951. Before he was wounded, he had participated in the United Nations summer-fall offensive of 1951 and the second winter of the Korean War.

Dewey earned the Medal of Honor near Panmunjom,



Korea, while serving as leader of a machine-gun squad with Company E, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Before jumping on the grenade, Dewey was injured by a previous grenade blast. As he was being treated by a Navy medical corpsman, an enemy grenade landed at the squad's position. He quickly yanked the corpsman to the ground, and warning members of the squad, he flung himself on the grenade shouting, "Doc, I got it in my hip pocket!"

Suffering critical injuries and a bullet to the stomach, he was evacuated to Japan, and later the United States for treatment and was released from active duty in August, 1952. He was the first person to receive the Medal of Honor from President Dwight D. Eisenhower, after being presented the award in March of 1953 at the White House, President Eisenhower told him, "You must have a body of steel."

After treatment of his wounds at the front lines, he was evacuated to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, then to the U.S. Naval Hospitals at Mare Island, California, and Great Lakes, Illinois. Following his recuperation at Great Lakes, he was released from active duty in Aug. 1952.

AROUND THE CORPS

Compiled by the Prospector staff



Photo By: Cpl. Joseph Scanlan
Helmand province, Afghanistan - Cpl. Timothy Antolini, left, anti-tank missileman, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, and Lance Cpl. Joseph Tyler, center, anti-tank missileman, provide security as a CH-53E Super Sea Stallion helicopter lands during a mission in Helmand province, Afghanistan, April 28, 2014. The company's mission was to disrupt Taliban forces in Larr Village and establish a presence in the area. Five days prior to the helicopter-borne mission, the company confiscated two rocket-propelled grenades in the vicinity of the village.



Photo By: Cpl. Orrin G. Farmer
CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Helicopters from the Marine Corps and Navy cycled around picking up and dropping water on a simulated fire during the Wildland Firefighting Exercise here May 1. Marines and sailors from 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Installations-West, and Navy Region Southwest took part in the annual spring Wildland Firefighting Exercise on the northern side of Camp Pendleton to prepare the region for the upcoming fire season which officially starts June 1. The purpose of the exercise is to provide ready, trained and certified resources to combat wild land fires in the event that Marine Corps or Navy aviation units are called upon to support Cal Fire or any other operations in the region.



Photo By: Cpl. Orrin G. Farmer
Sgt. Daniel Ramos, left, and Sgt. Shaun Garvey earned first place overall during the 43rd Winston P. Wilson Sniper Championship held at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., April 19-26. The shooting and tactics competition tested the skills, techniques and procedures of 17, 2-man sniper teams from different branches of service, with Ramos and Garvey representing the West Coast Marines. Ramos and Garvey are instructors at the Sniper Basic Course, Advanced Infantry Battalion here.



Photo By: Lance Cpl. Cedric R. Haller II
POHANG, Republic of Korea - Republic of Korea and U.S. Marines lift a component of a medium girder bridge April 25 during Korean Marine Exchange Program 14-6 in Pohang, Republic of Korea. The exercise highlights the ROK and U.S. combined commitment to the defense and security of the Asia-Pacific region. The ROK Marines are with 1st ROK Marine Engineer Battalion, 1st ROK Marine Division. The U.S. Marines are with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Navy, Marine Corps team builds partnerships with civil authorities

Courtesy Story and Photo By:

Cpl. Timothy Childers

Combat Correspondent, 1st MLG

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – In October 2007, large-scale wildfires spread across Southern California. Civilian firefighting agencies were overwhelmed, combating the fires, beyond their capabilities. At the time, policy for requesting support from military assets was not widely or clearly understood and standing operating procedures for Marine Corps units did not address some aspects of interagency operations. In response, the Department of Defense made efforts to improve cooperation, according to the Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned.

In an effort to continue building the relationships established in recent years, senior leaders from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard came together with local, state and federal civilian agencies, including Cal Fire and FEMA Region IX, to discuss Defense Support of Civil Authorities during a two-day conference across military installations in San Diego, Calif., April 29-30, 2014.

The event provided the opportunity for supporting agencies, partners and stakeholders to meet and discuss ideas that would reinforce relations and garner awareness of support goals and supporting agency abilities during local and national disasters.

“It’s not if [another disaster is] going to happen; it’s when it’s going to happen,” said Maj. Shawn Grzybowski, operations officer, Headquarters Regiment, 1st Marine Logistics Group. “California will eventually have another major disaster. This is one of the very first steps of bringing the Navy and Marine Corps team to meet with those different agencies that we may be working with in the event of a disaster.”

Brigadier Gen. Vincent A. Coglianes, commanding general, 1st MLG, opened the summit, emphasizing the importance of cooperation.

“Relationships are key; they’re money in the bank,” said Coglianes. “When a disaster happens, it’s about calling someone you know and being able to work out the details, cutting through the red tape. What I look forward to this week is that relationship building and

for us to understand more about the incident response framework that we have to work in.”

The blue-green team, including service-members from the Third Fleet, I Marine Expeditionary Force and 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, educated attendees about existing and future capabilities to support disaster relief through conferences and displays of military tactical vehicle, aircraft and equipment.

Marines and sailors with 1st MLG displayed their ability to support operations through engineering, medical and dental aid, transportation, supply and maintenance through static displays and dynamic demonstrations aboard USS San Diego and Naval Base Coronado.

“From my aspect, we’re showing our capabilities of coming from a ship onto a [Landing Craft Utility] and coming off an LCU onto a beach to provide any kind of disaster relief, including purified water and electricity,” said Sgt. Jeremy Lea, electrician, Support Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st MLG. “With these displays, [the civil agencies] see what our assets are and get a visual of those assets in-action. It shows that we are more than just a war-fighting organization. We can provide assistance to even our own country if need be,” added the 28-year-old native of Knoxville, Tenn.

Other displays included: tactical vehicles aboard the USS San Diego by Headquarters Regiment, 1st MLG; Marine and Naval aircraft including MV-22 Ospreys and the MH-60 with a firefighting Bambi Bucket, used to fight wildfires; and the Forward Resuscitative Surgical System and Shock Trauma Platoon, which is capable of providing surgery-level care, by 1st Medical Battalion, 1st MLG.

After a final discussion, Vice Admiral Kenneth E. Floyd, commander, Third Fleet, and Lieutenant Gen. John A. Toolan, commanding general, I MEF, gave closing remarks. With the conclusion of the conference, thoughts were set on the near future. It seemed very likely that the agencies would be working together soon.

“We know with this [Southern California] drought, this fire season is going to be bad,” said Coglianes. “It’s just a matter of time before a pandemic, earthquake, you name it, is going to happen. We’re going to go back to those relationships and we’re going to respond with the Navy and Marine Corps team.”



Service members and officials with local, state and national agencies observe the amphibious landing of an Improved Lighterage System Causeway Ferry during a Defense Support of Civil Authorities conference aboard Naval Base Coronado, Calif., April 29, 2014. The two-day event provided the opportunity for supporting agencies, partners and stakeholders to meet and discuss ideas that would reinforce relations and garner awareness of support goals and supporting agency abilities during local and national disasters. The blue-green team, including service members from the Third Fleet, I Marine Expeditionary Force and 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, educated attendees about existing and future capabilities to support disaster relief through conferences and displays of military tactical vehicle, aircraft and equipment.

