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Corps slated to receive first production of Joint Service XM1014 Combat Shotgun

by Cpl. Kimberly L. Wilkie

PAO, MCAS Miramar

The Marines Corps will be the first service to be issued the new Joint Service Combat Shotgun. Brig. Gen. James M. Feigley, Commanding General of Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, Va., approved the weapon Feb. 24.

According to Maj. T. J. Tafolla, MARCORSYSCOM Individual Weapons Projects Officer, the approval of the HK/Benelli M4 Super 90 Combat Shotgun will allow units to start receiving the weapon during the first quarter of fiscal year 2001. Marine Corps Air Station Miramar's allotment of the 4,000 new weapons should be in place before the end of fiscal year 2001.

According to Capt. Dan O'Connor, operations officer, Provost Marshal Office, the old PMO weapons will be traded. "With current operations tempos so high Marine Corps wide, we [at Miramar] are on the lower level of distribution priority."

XM1014 Combat Shotgun with 3.00 inch chamber, 18.50 inch barrel and telescopic stock collapsed.

While Miramar may not receive the first of the Marine allocation of these weapons, they will definitely receive them before any of the other services, according Tafolla.

"This weapon is not currently used by any other service. This is a completely new weapon, and the Marine Corps is in the lead for all services for the shotgun," said Tafolla.

The self-cleaning shotgun meets government requirements of ambidexterity, shooting 10,000 rounds between overhauls and can handle being dropped on concrete. "Benelli [the manufacturer] had a prototype they modified to accommodate our needs." Tafolla explained.

The JSCS better than doubles the government reliability requirement with 667 rounds between stoppages and 2,000 rounds between failures. It's also smaller, lighter and comes with a modular telescopic buttstock and a removable pistol grip. With a maximum effective range of 100 meters and limited penetration, the weapon is ideal for close engagements and urban warfare situations, he said.

"Each shell contains nine 30 caliber lead pellets traveling 1,100 to 1,200 feet per second. With two pulls of the trigger, about one-tenth of a second, it surpasses the entire magazine capacity of the Beretta M9, with twice its effectiveness," said O'Connor.

"If you have to shoot at hostiles, you will have a high probability of hits due to the increased accuracy and improved sights on this weapon," said Tafolla. The JSCS can also fire "less than lethal" ammunition, manually. Tafolla said the Marine Corps has been looking for a shotgun to replace the several old and worn shotgun models currently used by combat units, combat service support units and

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XM1014 with telescopic stock extended

Survey says: MWSS-373 up to par

by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

PAO, MCAS Miramar

Technical engineers from Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 underwent training Feb. 22 to 25, to familiarize them with the new software, which will greatly enhance their efficiency at mapping and geographic surveying.

According to Bill Denny, senior trainer with Spectra Precision Software, the new software will cause a 50 percent cost reduction in mapping, and in the survey and design process.

photo by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Lance Cpl. Tryong Nguyen, combat engineer, MWSS-373, sites in to take a measurement with the WILD T1010 topographical surveyor. The new "Terramodel" software Marines are now using with the equipment will cut project time to less than half.

The company was contracted by Headquarters Marine Corps to implement and train all combat engineer activities. Denny said three quarters of the units have been trained with the new software. During practical application exercise, he said MWSS-373 Marines are quick learners and already had a strong grasp after just three days of instruction. The new "Terramodel" software update to the WILD T1010 topographical survey equipment used by Marine technical engineers operates nearly identical to their civilian counterparts, according to Denny. Marines use the equipment for constructing building designs, airfield designs and installing utilities such as power lines.

"This is the thing we use most," said Sgt. Adam Spedoski, technical engineer, MWSS-373. He noted that recent projects completed by MWSS-373 such as the construction of K-Span warehouses and the East Miramar Temporary Pistol Range, and the grading of the recreation vehicle storage facility as examples of projects that require detailed surveying.

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photo by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Establishing relationships…

Marines from MACG-38 present Robert Coons of Grace Church, University Heights, San Diego, with a $100 check as a thank you for his donation of the use of his boxing ring for a "Band of Brothers" event. Colonel Harry C. Spies, commanding officer, MACG-38 and Coons marked the exchange as the beginning of a relationship between group-38 and Coons' boxers. The Marines will give the boxers a tour of group facilities in the near future and the boxers may be giving Marines training before the next group-38 boxing event. Coons said his boxers were initially upset by the inconvenience of giving up their ring for a day since they are training for the Olympic tryouts, but Coons said, "I bet when you go to battle, it's pretty inconvenient too."

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Commander's Column

Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon
Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area

The primaries for the upcoming 2000 presidential elections are in full swing, as candidates for both political parties campaign in the various states.

Both Democrats and Republicans will determine a nominee for their respective parties after the state primaries are complete.

Additionally, several Independents could declare a presidential candidacy, thereby providing American voters more options.

Then, in November 200l, the general presidential election will decide the next President of the United States. Please remain aware of U. S. Congressional elections too, and other local elections taking place in your state of legal residence. Important propositions on weighty issues are often submitted to the voting public for decision, so be mindful of these voting opportunities also.

Eligible Marines, Sailors, civilians employees and their family members are encouraged to participate in this meaningful political process by voting in the primaries and general elections.

It is important to be familiar with the issues in order to cast an informed vote. Pay attention to the issues that affect you and your family. Also, become familiar with the candidates' positions. Issues that influence you could range from military-specific concerns to regional interests in your state of legal residence.

Regardless of the issue, seek relevant information from newspapers, magazines, radio, television and the Internet, and then vote for the individual you consider to be the best candidate.

Service members often fail to vote because of lack of knowledge about the absentee voting process. This process is relatively simple and your unit voting assistance officer can provide you with the necessary details and dates of primaries and elections in your respective states.

However, remember service members cannot arbitrarily declare a legal voting residence state without meeting the state's residency requirements.

Furthermore, if you are not a registered voter, you will be required to register before submitting an absentee ballot. Some states allow voter registration and an absentee ballot request via a single Federal Post Card Application. Other states require two separate FPCA forms to register and request and absentee ballot. If you haven't already done so, verify the requirement for your state of legal residence, and submit the necessary FPCAs.

Marines fulfill an important patriotic duty by defending this great nation. Marines should also take civic responsibilities seriously. Voting is perhaps one of the most significant civic responsibilities any American citizen can fulfill. As defenders of America's freedom, it is incumbent upon all of us to participate in the fundamental process our democracy is founded upon-- "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

For additional information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, contact your unit VAO or access the Web site at *www.fvap.ncr.gov*.

3d MAW Band plays in honor of Kuwait's Liberation Day

by Sgt. Jason N. Mayer

PAO, MCAS Miramar

ACHMEDI, STATE OF KUWAIT – The Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band played in honor of Kuwait's Liberation Day Friday, at one of the country's most historic buildings.

The annual celebration, which commemorates Kuwait's liberation from Iraq in 1991, was held at the residence that served as the primary Kuwaiti message center for allied forces throughout Iraq's occupation of the country.

Attendees of the event included several Kuwaiti dignitaries, dozens of U.S., British, Canadian and Scottish service members, ambassadors from several allied counties and nearly a thousand Kuwaiti residents.

Throughout the festivities, people from all parts of the globe enjoyed entertainment ranging from dancers to bag pipers to local musical groups. The event culminated with a formal concert by the 3d MAW band and the raising of the British, U.S. and Kuwaiti flags at midnight.

Shake Saud Nasser, the former Ambassador to the United States in Washington during Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, said Friday's event was the most important date in his country's history.

"We all celebrate this day, Feb. 25, because we all fought for what it represents – the liberation and freedom of Kuwait," he said. "And we are proud to have representatives from so many of our allies here because without them we would still be under the oppression of Iraq."

Al-Jahod Mohamed, a local Kuwaiti resident who attended the event, said he was excited to see so many American representatives at the festivities.

photo by Sgt. Jason N. Mayer

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ronald H. Fucauls, officer-in-charge of the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Band, helps one of his many guest conductors lead the band in the final number during a celebration in honor of Kuwait's Liberation Day in Achmedi, Kuwait, Feb. 25.

"This is our most important night because it is our Independence Day," he said. "I feel lucky to be able to share it with the Marines, Army and all the other Americans who are here."

However, the night's celebration was marked by one sad point as the U.S. ambassador to Kuwait James A. Larocco asked everyone to remember the many Kuwaiti prisoners of war still being held in Iraq.

"We can never forget those who are still held captive, and must continue to fight and

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Sgt. Maj. Franklin takes 3d MAW sword of leadership

by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

PAO, MCAS Miramar

The 3d Marine Aircraft Wing enlisted sword of leadership was relinquished by Sgt. Maj. William A. Coffey Jr., and passed on to Sgt. Maj. Donald R. Franklin by 3d MAW Commanding General, Maj. Gen. M. P. DeLong, during a post and relief, and retirement ceremony Feb. 24.

The ceremony marked the end of Coffey's more than 27-year career. His career was filled with many challenging leadership duties including assignments as a reconnaissance team leader, a recruiter, the chief Primary Marksmanship Instructor for Marine recruits, and the sergeant major of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Coffey finished his career as the senior enlisted Marine over the more than 15,000 Marines and Sailors in 3d MAW, including 53 other sergeants major. "It was a pleasure that far exceeded my expectations," said Coffey. "The Marines of 3d MAW are in good stead. They're hard workers and professionals," Coffey told Franklin and the crowd of Marines and guests at the ceremony. "You've got great Marines. You're gonna have a blast. I did, I know you will too." Franklin said it is an honor and a privilege to lead so many Marines. He assured those present he would give his utmost dedication to maintaining the high morale and ready state of 3d MAW Marines. "I'll give 300 percent. And if that's not enough, I'll give another 10 percent crawling," Franklin said.

Franklin comes to 3d MAW from Marine Wing Support Group 37. A native of Mexia, Texas, Franklin enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1972. During his more than 28-year career, he served in a wide variety of billets including Marine security guard, recruiting duty, and platoon sergeant.

His decorations include the Navy/ Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, Recruiter Ribbon and Marine Security Guard Ribbon.

He is married to the former Diana Donnithorne-Lutter of Calcutta, India. The Franklin's have one son, Donald Jr.

photo by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Sgt. Maj. William A. Coffey Jr., passed on the enlisted leadership reigns to Sgt. Maj. Donald R. Franklin during a post and relief, and retirement ceremony Feb. 24. The ceremony, presided by 3d MAW Commanding General, Maj. Gen. M. P. DeLong, Feb. 24, marked the end of Coffey's more than 27-year career.

photo by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

NMCRS kicks off

Go for a drive with the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society. The new period for the NMCRSs rally for donations kicked off at the Officers Club here Feb. 24. Officers from every facet of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar attended the function to get information on the NMCRS. They received information on how to fill out allotment forms, where and to whom deposits can be made. The officers who attended the kickoff are the NMCRS representatives for their departments. They are responsible for spreading the NMCRS information, giving the Marines in their sections the opportunity to donate money to help other service members. Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon, Commander Marine Corps Bases Western Area, spoke on the importance of the NMCRS and of the role the officers would have to play in order for success to be achieved. "Success will be based on your commitment, your leadership. That's how we are going to be successful. I know most of you. I've worked with many of you in the past, and I'm totally confident that we will be successful. I encourage you to have a goal. My goal is 100 percent contact. Do not set a dollar (amount) goal, it's immoral, unethical, don't do it. But, get out there, make the contact, and educate your people. Educate them on what the society does, how big it is, how many of our people are using it. Once they understand what the society does, they'll support it, because it's a good society. It's a good way to support our Marines who are really in need," he said. Raffle tickets will be given to each unit when they turn in their donations on a weekly basis. The amount of tickets each unit receives depends on the amount of money deposited for the cause. The drive will end March 31. Anyone interested should contact their unit representative.

WING NOTES

An operational overview of 3d MAW units stationed aboard MCAS Miramar

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MAG-16

•MALS-16 "Forerunners": The Forerunners have a detachment aboard the *USS Bon Homme Richard* supporting HMM-166 and another in Okinawa, Japan, supporting HMH-462. A third detachment recently left to support Marine Aircraft Group 16 during a Weapons Tactics Instructor course at MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

• HMM-161 "Greyhawks": The Greyhawks' CH-46E's are undergoing tactics training with the Special Operations Training Group at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. The CH-53E's and AH-1W's are conducting gun shoots and utilizing the tactical bulk fuel training systems in El Centro, Calif.

• HMM-165 "White Knights": The White Knights are providing search and rescue for units at Twentynine Palms, Calif. They are also flying Night Vision Goggle training and Terrain Flights at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

• HMM-163 "Ridgerunners": The Ridgerunners have two air crews at Weapons Tactics Instructor training at MCAS Yuma, Ariz. They are also doing Night Vision Goggle training and terrain flights at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

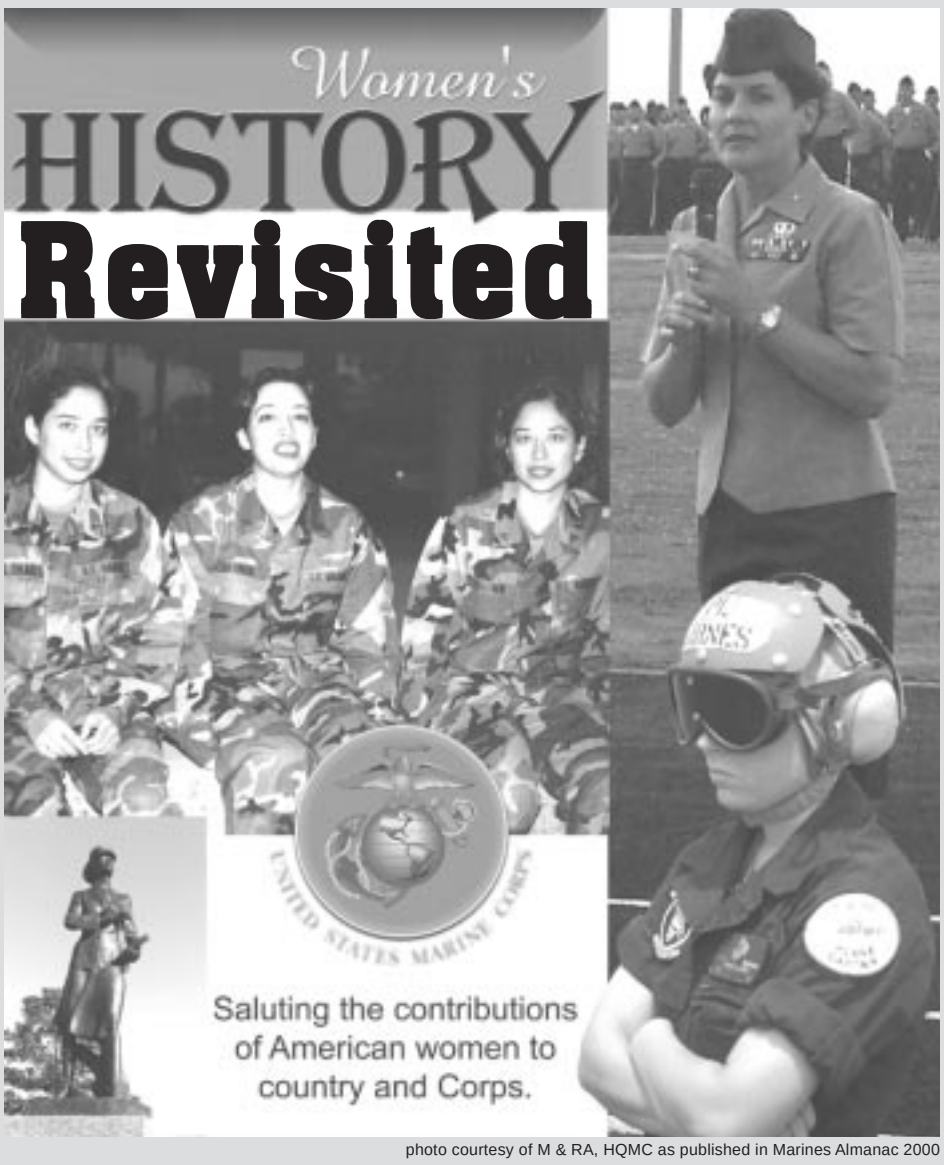
• HMM-166 "Sea Elk": The Sea Elk are deployed aboard the *USS Bon Homme Richard* for a six-month Western Pacific deployment.

• HMH-361 "Flying Tigers": The Flying Tigers are conducting low-light level training in Yuma, Ariz., and day and night Field Carrier Landing Practices here and externals at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

• HMH-465 "War Horses": The War Horses are providing aircraft for a Battle Colors ceremony here Monday. They are also conducting Night Vision Goggle training at Yuma, Ariz., daytime aerial refueling over the Pacific Ocean, and night externals at MCAS Yuma. Several pilots are attending a Weapons Tactics Instructor course at MCAS Yuma.

• HMH-462 "Heavy Haulers": The Heavy Haulers are currently deployed to Okinawa, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

• HMH-466 "Wolf Pack": The Wolf Pack are scheduled to conduct numerous FRAGS this week at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. The squadron is also deploying a small detachment of Marines to Weapons Tactics Instructors course at MCAS Yuma, Ariz.



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Today, there are approximately 10,200 women serving proudly on active duty in the Marine Corps. March is Women's History Month. This year's theme is "An Extraordinary Century for Women - Now, Imagine the Future!" Women's History Month is an ideal occasion to reflect on the 20th century contributions women have made, and continue to make, to our country's military history. History tells us that 33,000 women served in World War II. During the Korean era, 120,000 women were in uniform and more than 10,000 were deployed in theater during Vietnam. During Desert Storm, more than 40,000 of the total U.S. forces deployed were women. Their dedicated service continues today in the numerous operations taking place around the world. Marine commanders are encouraged to recognize and celebrate the contributions of women as individuals and, more importantly, as essential members of the winning Marine team.

MAG-11

• MALS-11 "Devilfish": The Devilfish have a detachment deployed aboard the *USS John C. Stennis* supporting VMFA-314, another detachment deployed to Iwakuni, Japan, with VMFA-232, and one in Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates with VMFA (AW)-121.

• VMFAT-101 "Sharpshooters": The Sharpshooters are undergoing Fighter Weapons training here with VMFT-401 "Snipers," an F-5 squadron from MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

• VMFA (AW)-121 "Green Knights": The Green Knights leave for a deployment to Kuwait and United Arab Emirates as part of Operation Southern Watch.

• VMGR-352 "Raiders": The Raiders are sending two aircraft to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates to support Operation Southern Watch. They are also supporting the Electronic Warfare Training Group Pacific in San Clemente, Calif. Additionally, they are providing aerial refueling for HMH-465 and '466.

• VMFA (AW)-225 "The Vikings": The Vikings leave for Iwakuni, Japan, to replace VMFA-232.

• VMFA-232 "Red Devils": The Red Devils remain deployed to Iwakuni, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

• VMFA-242 "Bats": The Bats are performing air-to-air training off the coast and providing close-air-support for units with 1st Marine Division at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

• VMFA-314 "Black Knights": The Black Knights remain deployed aboard the *USS John C. Stennis* during a six-month Western-Pacific deployment.

• VMFA-323 "Death Rattlers": The Death Rattlers are providing close-air-support for units at Twentynine Palms, Calif., and have several new pilots doing air-to-air training missions over the Pacific Ocean.

MACG-38

• MASS-3: The squadron is deploying to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., to take part in a desert fire exercise along with a variety of other exercises. They are also preparing for an upcoming combat arms exercise.

• 3d LAAD: The battalion is currently preparing for upcoming deployments to the Weapons Tactics Instructors course at MCAS Yuma, Ariz. The squadron will also participate in Combat Arms Exercise-05 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

• MWCS-38: Twenty-nine Marines from the squadron are currently deployed to the Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif., for cold weather training with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. They are scheduled to return March 25. B Company has deployed 23 Marines to MWTC Bridgeport to take part in Exercise Suzannah in support of an amphibious warfare school training evolution. In addition, B Company is deploying 48 Marines in support of Limited Objective Experiment–6 exercise in which the Marine Corps Warfare Fighting Lab will test new war fighting systems. Alpha company continues to prepare for an upcoming deployment to WTI MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

MWSS-373

• MWSS-373: The squadron continues to support Marine Corps Community Services with the construction of the Life Long Learning Center. They also continue to support the Weapons Tactics Instructors course with personnel and equipment.

Sergeant Major's Corner

by Sgt. Maj. Ira J. Lott

MCABWA Sergeant Major

No winners again on the last Black History Month question, but the answer was Frederick C. Branch and he received his commission Nov. 10, 1945.

March is Women's History Month. This year's theme is "An extraordinary century for women- Now, imagine the future!" As you are all aware, women in the Marine Corps began with Private Opha Mae Johnson, who enlisted in August 1918. Now for the question of the week and a free lunch for the first five Marines who answer correctly via e-mail; "Who was the first female Marine to be selected, by a selection board, for brigadier general and what was the highest rank she held?"

For those that are interested, Marine Administration Message 98/00 (Awards Update), 100/00 (Somalia Combat Action Ribbon) and 112/00 (Assistance Marine Officer Instructor Billet Vacancies) may be worth your reading.

For any enlisted Marine/Sailor E-5 and below interested in being a member of the Enlisted Club Advisory Board, contact your sergeant major. The first meeting will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., at the club. Come and be a part of making your club better.

The Armed Services YMCA is looking to put together a "gladiator" type competition between the bases and is looking for committee members. Anyone interested or wanting more information, contact me at *lottij@mail.miramar.usmc.mil* or by phone, 577-4770. Congratulations to all residents of Florida. Today, you became the 27th state in 1845. Your flag is flying in front of Building 8630.

Looking for some fulfillment in your life? Do you like making a child smile? If the answer to either question is yes, then you need to call Cindy or Nan at the Armed Services YMCA (619) 232-1133 and volunteer for the Special Olympics Basketball game March 25. They are

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Corps Briefs

Former Sergeant Major of Marine Corps, three-war veteran, dies at 80

from Marine Corps News

WASHINGTON — Sergeant Major Thomas J. McHugh, who served as the third Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps from June 29, 1962, until July 16, 1965, died Feb. 21 at Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, N.C. A veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, he was 80 years old at the time of his death.

Sergeant Major McHugh was born Dec. 23, 1919, in New York City, the son of the late Peter and Bridget Porter McHugh, immigrants from Scotland and Ireland, respectively. He grew up in Philadelphia, where he received his education, and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve Oct. 3, 1938. He was called to extended active duty Nov. 7, 1940, and integrated into the regular Marine Corps in May 1943.

Following his entry into service, Sgt. Maj. McHugh served at the Philadelphia Navy Yard; Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va.; the Training Center, New River (later Camp Lejeune), N.C.; and Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. Promoted to sergeant in March 1942, he joined Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and, that June, sailed aboard the *USS Barnett* from San Francisco for the Pacific area.

During World War II, he was attached to the 1st Marine Division and took part in the Gaudalcanal, Cape Gloucester, and Peleliu campaigns, and rose to platoon sergeant and gunnery sergeant prior to his return to the United States in November 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in the Peleliu operation.

On his return to the United States, Sgt. Maj. McHugh served as Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge of the rifle range, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. In July 1945, he was ordered back to Camp Lejeune, where he served as Company First Sergeant and Company Gunnery Sergeant with the Infantry Training Regiment, with the 1st Infantry Battalion of the 1st Special Marine Brigade, and with the 2d Battalion, 8th Marines. He was redesignated a technical sergeant in December 1946 and remained at Camp Lejeune until September 1948.

Official USMC photo

Sgt. Maj. Thomas J. McHugh, who served as the third Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps from June 29, 1962, until July 16, 1965, died Feb. 21 at Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, N.C. A veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, he was 80 years old at the time of his death.

Transferred to the West Coast, he embarked in November 1948 for Guam, where he joined the 5th Marines, 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force, as Company First Sergeant and Company Gunnery Sergeant. Upon the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, he took part in combat operations with the 1st Marine Brigade and subsequently, the 1st Marine Division as First Sergeant, Company H, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines during the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon, Seoul, and Chosin Reservoir campaigns. He was promoted to master sergeant in Korea in December 1950, and returned to the United States in March 1951.

That summer, he was assigned briefly as Assistant Battalion Sergeant Major of the Officer Candidate Class Battalion, Special Training Regiment, Parris Island, S.C. In August 1951, he began a 3-year tour of duty with the U.S. Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps unit at Yale University. He served

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Miramar's own receives Army's third highest civilian award

by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

PAO, MCAS Miramar

The Superior Service Award was presented to one of Miramar's own in a ceremony recently.

Russell D' Hondt, community planner here, attained the Army's third highest civilian award for his significant contributions as the environmental officer for Task Force Eagle, in Bosnia from March 1999 to August 1999.

"We modified the way they were getting rid of hazardous waste, which was anti-freeze," D'Hondt said, "I convinced the command to buy a $15,000 anti-freeze recycling machine resulting in a savings of about $96,000 a year."

D'Hondt takes great pride in his work, and the people who are affected by his efforts. "I just took a really pro-active approach, 'I said when the guys in the green suits need to do their job, how can we keep them safe? How can we keep them healthy? How can we keep the Army looking like they're really concerned about the general environment of Bosnia?' I just took everything I had squirrelled away in the back of my mind based off two previous overseas assignments, I just put it together and said 'how would I want my Marines to do it? So when they go on field deployment, they'll be comfortable with what they're doing,'" D'Hondt said.

Over the past five years, the United States government has spent more than $500,000 on the disposal of waste anti-freeze. "This is my tax dollars, this is your tax dollars. The money we spend on waste anti-freeze is money we can't put in Marine Corps Community Services projects or spend on gear service members need. I put the proposal together and they were quite happy with it," D'Hondt said.

"You spend $10,000 a month for anti-freeze. You run the used product through a recycling machine, bring it back up to specifications. Ninety percent of used anti-freeze can be recycled. So instead of buying 10,000 gallons of anti-freeze, you're buying 2,000 and recycling it," D'Hondt said. Due to medical problems, he was forced to leave Bosnia, and take his knowledge and experience back to the United States. Receiving the award is a great honor for D'Hondt.

"I was talking to my wife, I said you know ... you may have witnessed the zenith of my career. I don't know if I'll ever be able

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MACG-38 fights 'toe-to-toe' for sake of camaraderie

by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

PAO, MCAS Miramar

Marines of Marine Air Control Group 38 went toe-to-toe with one another Feb. 11, during the first of its kind, Band of Brothers program boxing event.

The Band of Brothers program joins Marines from the group together for individual and team activities in an effort to improve the morale and discipline of the individual Marine and foster unit cohesion.

Six commands within Group 38 gathered here for the event. Individual awards were given to the winners of each weight class. The 3d Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., was awarded a trophy for having the most individual winners.

Marines competed in a total of eight weight classes. Two for females and six for males. According to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Windfred W. Luster, embarkation officer, MACG-38 Headquarters, the event was a first for all competitors. Only those with no prior boxing experience were allowed. "We didn't have any 'ringers,'" said Luster. "They were people who never put the gloves on, but had always wondered what it was like." In all, more than 40 bouts were fought under the supervision of sanctioned judges and referees provided by Marine Corps Community Services.

The event was even complete with "ring girls" and "ring guys" to announce the next round of each fight. "It was the

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photos by Lance Cpl. Christopher S. Grajeda

(Top) Marines heavyweights from MACG-38 slug it out during the Feb. 11, "Band of Brothers" boxing event. Each competitor received formal instruction and two weeks of training before stepping into the ring. (Bottom) Female Marine pugelists went toe-to-toe first, lifting the crowd into a frenzy with their ferocious boxing style. In all, more than 40 bouts were fought.

Snow Summit Big Bear Ski Trip a big hit with SMP

by Cpl. Kimberly L. Wilkie

PAO, MCAS Miramar

photo by Cpl. Kimberly L. Wilkie

Snow Valley, with a base elevation of 6,700 feet and a top elevation of 7,841 feet, offers 240 acres of skiable terrain. The longest stretch runs 1.25 miles. The runs are roughly one-third beginner, one-third intermediate and one-third advanced. It's about a three hour drive northeast of San Diego. Fatty's Sports Bar and Grill, located at the base camp, offers live entertainment and full-service beverage and appetizer service. It's also a pleasant place to wait out sudden winter storms.

In the quiet hours of the drizzling, cold morning they met like faceless entities converging to partake in a dark ritual. Six Marines took a chance, Feb. 20 on the Single Marine Program's ski trip to Snow Summit in the San Bernadino Mountains, Big Bear Lake, Calif.

The trip to Snow Valley took three hours in a van the group quickly discovered had no heat. The group snuggled into their warm, dry gear and watched their frosty breath swirl around as the van tooled along.

By the time the group made a quick stop at a fast-food restaurant for breakfast and coffee, the consensus was that everyone aboard was happy. The mood was set. The Marines were determined to have a great day no matter what.

After the group hit the Snow Valley resort, they quickly discovered no matter how cold the van might have felt, it was nothing compared to the very damp, blustery cold of the mountainside. Instead of light powdery snowflakes, the wind slapped hard, freezing slush and hail into uncovered faces.

The group decided to split-up and meet again for lunch. Ironically, almost everyone headed straight for the clothing store to pick up face-coverings and goggles. The items had no real significance in the cool San Diego air, but now took on supreme importance in the blustery mountain climate.

Because of the stormy conditions, everyone stayed on the beginner and intermediate courses. After half a day of slushy runs down the mountain and a change of visibility from over 400 yards to barely 40 feet as a steely gray winter tempest descended on the mountaintop, the group decided to give it a rest.

After a change of clothes and parking all of their boards and skis, the group decided it was time to get out of the weather and make the best of the uncooperative weather.

The hearty group converged in Fatty's, the base camp bar. The atmosphere of the place screamed "Sports Bar," complete with nine TV screens all showing the Portland vs. Sacramento game, (the Trailblazers won 108-105.)

Rock music played in the background as the Marines talked about the conditions of the snow and their overall experience, while sipping hot chocolate and coffee drinks.

First time skier Cpl. Lisa A. Zinck, a maintenance Marine at Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 said, "It was a lot of fun, and I'm definitely coming back." Zinck got her very first ski lesson from her fellow Marines.

She was coherced into going on an intermediate slope on her second run down the mountain. She reflected out loud, to the raucous laughter and delight of her fellow skiers, about what she said to herself on the descent. "I was halfway down and I said to myself, 'Why did I do this!'" she related to the group. Pfc. Michael J. Posey, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11 ordnance man and a 10-year veteran of the great white sport said he didn't find the Snow Valley runs very challenging, but said it was really fun.

The weather wasn't the best, but I made some new friends," said Posey. Lance Cpl. Mark W. Johnston, MALS-11 powerplants mechanic, agreed. Johnston, a skier for more than seven years said, "It's not the

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"The speed was a blast, but the wipeouts were better," said Staff Sgt. Jim P. Miller, data analyst with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121. Miller, a snowboarding novice, drove the van for the Single Marine Program and was given a complementary lift ticket for the day.

Keeping the pieces together

Airframers keep 30-year-old Battle Phrog 'ship-shape'

by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

PAO, MCAS Miramar

Hours of detailed maintenance goes into every aircraft before it is deemed mission ready. The 30-year-old CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter is no exception to this rule.

When it comes down to taking care of the venerable "Battle Phrog," one section of a squadron's maintenance department is responsible for nearly 80 percent of the aircraft.

According to Staff Sgt. David L. Perez, airframes staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165, the airframes shop is responsible for the entire metal and fiberglass structure and hydraulics systems of the CH-46E.

The squadron's flight line division handles mechanical parts, such as the engines, transmissions and rotor heads. Electrical and communications systems are maintained by squadron avionics Marines.

However, Perez said the tasks of CH-46E airframers are significantly different from that of their maintenance counterparts. "It takes a different breed of cat," said Perez. "Other sections replace components. We fix, manufacture or repair most things we work on."

Unlike other sections which follow strict, by-the-book maintenance manuals to replace aircraft components, Perez said, airframers are given a generic example solution to guide them in most cases. Airframers only have to follow manuals when servicing the helicopters hydraulics systems.

In addition to servicing such vital systems as the flight controls, starters, brakes and the aircraft's engine air particle separator, airframers fix stress cracks that result from the rigors of flight.

Marines use metal, fiberglass and a variety of adhesives to keep the frame and skin of the CH-46E structurally sound.

"You have to use your mind more than anything," said Cpl. Christopher Shea, a 29-year-old native of Rockfield, Mass. "You make a puzzle in your head and work out the solution."

Shea said because airframes Marines are allowed to create their own solution, they take more pride in each project. "We're gonna be fighting to do a project so we can say we did it," he said.

photo by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Cpl. Christopher Shea, airframes mechanic, HMM-165, services the brakes of a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter. In addition to maintaining the entire structure of the aircraft, airframes Marines maintain all hydraulics components, including the flight controls.

Perez noted that although each Marine can create his own solution to airframe problems, the solution is reviewed and inspected to ensure it maintains the overall structural integrity of the aircraft.

When "White Knight" airframes Marines aren't performing repairs, they are busy implementing new airframes modifications.

"Even though the Phrog is being phased out, they're coming out with more technical directives," said Perez. He said the changes continue to improve the safety and reliability of one of the Corps' longest used aircraft.

The HMM-165 airframes shop takes a persistent and proactive approach to keep their aircraft in the best shape possible, he explained.

"There is always something to do," he said. "As soon as something comes out on the aircraft we jump right on it."

According to Perez, the hard work of his Marines has resulted in making White Knight airframes the most compliant CH-46E airframes shop in Marine Aircraft Group 16, and possibly in all of 3d Marine Aircraft Wing.

The shop's greatest work was the virtual reconstruction of an aircraft received from another squadron. When they received the aircraft it was missing components and had damaged and missing parts of the airframe.

In about a month and a half, White Knight airframers rebuilt the aircraft into flying shape.

The aircraft flew without incident during the squadron's recent 6-month Western Pacific deployment in the Aviation Combat Element of 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Despite their accomplishments, "White Knights" airframes Marines have no plans on slowing down. "Nothing is ever perfect," Perez said.

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to top this. I could very-well be the only Department of the Navy employee in Southern California with an Army commander's award "The biggest compliment I received came from my old boss in Bosnia, who is an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel," said D'Hont, "The officials in Germany told him we are going to have to back- fill Russ' position, because he can't come back. They asked him (the lieutenant colonel) what do you want? He replied "I want another Russ."

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there as Assistant Marine Officer Instructor, and Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge of Recruiting, enrolling candidates for the Officer Candidate Class and Platoon Leader Class programs.

Sergeant Major McHugh returned to Camp Lejeune in August 1954, and served briefly as Acting Sergeant Major of the 2d Engineer Battalion, 2d Marine Division before filling the billet of Division Field Sergeant Major. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant major, Dec. 31, 1955. In July 1957, he again embarked for duty overseas with the 1st Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. During his three years there, he served consecutively as Sergeant Major of the 1st Marine Brigade, the 2d Battalion, and the 4th Marine Regiment (Reinforced).

In July 1960, he was assigned as Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Landing Force Development Center, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. The following May, he became Sergeant Major of Marine Corps Air Station, Quantico. While serving in this capacity, he was selected for the Marine Corps' top enlisted billet, and assumed his new duties as Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps June 29, 1962.

Following his tour as Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, he was ordered to Okinawa, Japan, for duty as Sergeant Major of Camp Smedley D. Butler, serving in that capacity until September 1966.

Returning to the United States, Sgt. Maj. McHugh became Sergeant Major, Marine Corps Schools Quantico, Va. Upon redesignation of that command, he became Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Development and Education Command. Transferred to Camp Lejeune, N.C., in May 1968, he served as Sergeant Major, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic until April 1969, when he was ordered to the Republic of Vietnam.

In February 1970, he transferred to Okinawa, Japan, and assumed his new duties as 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Sergeant Major until his retirement Dec. 1, 1970. Sergeant Major McHugh's personal decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V," and the Purple Heart.

A service was held Feb. 24 at the Infant of Prague Catholic Church in Jacksonville, N.C. Burial took place at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery on Montford Point Road in Jacksonville.

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The previous program used by Marines simply gathered raw data, which Marines would have to use to do manual calculations. Marines would calculate the distances, elevations and angles by hand to determine the approximate amount of soil to be removed or graded for each project.

"It [the program] takes it a step further," said Spedoski. The information gathered by Marines can now be downloaded straight into the computer. When Marines insert the card from the WILD T1010 into the computer it automatically constructs a three-dimensional model of the surveyed area.

After the Marines input the design information for the construction project planned on the area, the computer calculates the amounts of soil to be moved or graded. According to Duffy, the software is able to calculate amounts to within three percent.

Spedoski said it could reduce the pre-construction surveying for an expeditionary airfield from a month to a week. This would allow the wing to deploy to its own airfield in a real-world contingency situation more rapidly.

The new field-ready laptop Marines received with the software will also allow Marine construction crews to operate expeditiously and around-the-clock. "You could survey during the day and work on the design at night," he said.

Duffy said when the Marines become more proficient with the program, they would be able to finish such a large project in as little as two or three days. Time effi-

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Load 'em up

photo by Cpl. Kimberly L. Wilkie

Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 Loadmaster Sgt. Jessica Lujick practices the fine art of loading a six-wheel-drive five-ton M813 into the cargo bay of a KC-130. The five-ton vehicle is over seven feet high, nearly eight feet wide and over 25 feet long. The KC-130 measures about eight feet high, over 10 feet wide and nearly 41 feet long. The training was organized by Capt. Gordon A. Jenkins of Marine Wing Support Squadron 373. The five-ton is used to support flightline operations and moving gear for squadrons.

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Stay safe while winter biking in SoCal

by Dan Jaquez

Motorcycle Safety Instructor, MCAS Miramar

As Southern California bikers, we often associate the riding conditions as being favorable all year long.

As we start out on a ride, we check the local weather by walking outside and dress accordingly.

This habit is generally acceptable in the local area, but when we head towards Julian, Calif., we often find the temperature dropping and wishing we had a heavier jacket or our winter gloves.

When we prepare for a ride, it is a good idea to carry some extra clothing that can be added if required. On the other hand, make sure you can remove some clothing if the temperatures climb.

This week I took a ride from Santee to Temecula and the weather was pleasant when I left home.

As I approached Rainbow Valley, I stopped to add a sweater under my jacket and change to winter gloves. The sky looked like rain was likely, so the thought of having my rain suit handy was comforting. Remember, hypothermia can set in at anytime.

Whenever starting out on a ride, ensure you are prepared for the possible changes in temperature or weather. Planning will preclude the ride from ending early and will increase the confidence and pleasure of being on the Iron Horse again.

Be careful, and look out for each other and we'll talk again next week!

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military police throughout the Marine Corps.

The standardization of the weapon will reduce the maintenance load now in place to accommodate the current, various aging weapon stocks.

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ciency will be further reduced when Marines receive the updated surveying equipment. The new equipment scheduled to arrive within two years will cut surveying time by about half, according to Duffy.

The current equipment takes 20 seconds to record a measurement. That time will be reduced to three seconds with the new equipment, Duffy said.

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pray for their immediate return," he said. "We must also remember the events and sacrifices that have transpassed here, and continue to ensure that they never have to be repeated." The ambassador added that he was impressed with the progress Kuwait has made since their liberation, and was encouraged by all of the allied countries' dedication to preserving their freedom.

"I'm proud to see so many young service members here from a number of our allied countries," he said. "They all represent the future and our commitment to continued peace in this region."

Courts-Martial

•Gunnery Sgt. Stanley L. Duncan from MACG-38, 3d MAW was found guilty by Special Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 112a: wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to forfeiture of $1,265 and reduction to sergeant.

•Cpl. D.W. Stephens from MAG-16, 3d MAW was found guilty by Special Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 90: disobedience of a lawful order. He was sentenced to 30 days confinement, forfeiture of $200, reduction to lance corporal and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

•Lance Cpl. J. T. Burke, from MACG-38, 3d MAW was found guilty by Special Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 112a: wrongful use of cocaine. He was sentenced to 180 days confinement, forfeiture of $1,200, reduction to private, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

•Lance Cpl. J.W. Johnson, from H&HS, MCABWA was found guilty by Special Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 112a: wrongful use of cocaine. He was sentenced to 60 days confinement, forfeiture of $1,340, reduction to private, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

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•Friday: *Next Friday (R), 6:30 p.m.; Any Given Sunday (R), 8:30 p.m.*

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event of the year," Luster said. 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Assistant Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Keith J. Stalder; Sgt. Maj. William A. Coffey, former 3d MAW sergeant major, and a host of friends and family members of Group 38 Marines were on hand to cheer on the amateur pugilists. Corporal Eric "Raw Dog" Beasley, field radio operator, Marine Wing Communications Group 38, said he enjoyed the event. "I loved it. I'll do it again," said Beasley. He won one bout and lost his second contest, but said he enjoyed meeting Marines from other commands within the group and competing against them.

Winner of the 115 to 125-pound female class, Cpl. Deniece Newton, communication electronics maintenance technician, MWCS-38, said she never intended to do any kind of boxing other than what she had to do in boot camp. However, Newton said she decided to compete at the urging of her fellow Marines. When it was all over she said, "If it comes up again, I'll probably do it."

According to MACG-38 Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Vincent M. DuBois, it was the female Marines that set the tone for the event. "They were like tigers," said DuBois. "The place went nuts." Beasley and Newton said the event was so much fun for everyone that they expect more Marines to step into the ring at the next boxing event. "Whether you win or lose the crowd is cheering for you," said Newton. Petty Officer 1st class David "Flash" Goyer, religious programmer, MACG-38, said esprit de corps ran high at the event. He said the spirit of competition drew Marines and Sailors together. "It was a total unit," said Goyer. "Everybody was cheering for the Sailor and the Marine."

According to Luster, conducting such an event was no easy task. He said a multitude of safety precautions had to be met, according to Marine Corps Orders. Each competitor underwent a physical before and after the event. Medical personnel, including a neurosurgeon were onhand to supervise the bouts as well.

In addition, the group had to acquire the use of a boxing ring, which was donated by Robert Coons of Grace Community Church, University Heights, Calif. Luster said they also had to be trained. All competitors received self defense and conditioning classes from Camp Pendleton Boxing coach, Staff Sgt. Herminigildo Isisdro. Then the Marines were trained and conditioned by Marines at their command for two weeks prior to the event.

Luster said despite a few bloody noses and one Marine taken away in an ambulance, the event went on without a hitch. The event shows how dedicated the group is to taking care of the Marine Corps mission and the individual Marine, according to Luster. "Our Marines are always deploying," said Luster. "Everywhere 3d MAW is deployed, we're there … at the same time we're doing other things too."

"Does it cost to do this? Of course it does," said Luster. "But we're investing in our Marines professional and social development."

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Swiss Alps, but hey, it was skiing, and any skiing is fun." Cpl. Aaron F. Strang, an embark specialist with MWSS-373, also agreed and said, "Just seeing the slopes got my adrenaline flowing." Strang, who has been boarding for almost four years, found the slopes challenging because of the "slush factor."

Visibility was the final crushing blow in the Marine vs. Mountain contest, according to Lance Cpl. Ramon R. Marion, a MALS-11 powerplants mechanic, but he said, "I still had a blast. It was worth the trip and I will come back again."

The trip back down the mountain held its own adventures beginning with everyone loading back in the frigid, frosty van this time wearing damp clothes. Determined not to get down about how miserably cold they were, the Marines took up the cause of three-would be skiers who needed a ride to their car.

The group decided unanimously to be good Samaritans and invited the "soaked to the bone" travelers into the frosty-damp van. The trio, while adding an hour to the physically uncomfortable trip, contributed enormously to the overall fun with the kind of mirth-filled statements and witty repartee about the situation. Eventually the trio's car was found on the other side of the mountain.

"We did our good deed for the day," said a voice from the back of the van. The group murmured in agreement and everyone had a smile on their faces.

Back at The Great Escape here, everyone was invited to fill out questionnaires about the trip. Amazingly, the trip was unanimously rated a success. The ritual complete, the group found a new sense of "brotherhood." Semper Fi.

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