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Wearing Wayne's boots: Jane shoots target, throws genades then jumps off the deep end

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Nervousness filled the atmosphere as the members loaded up in the 7-tons one-by-one anticipating their first of three missions. The spouses anxiously stood on the side of the paved road to wave them off, not knowing if their loved one would make it through the day.

Before filing off to get their meals ready to eat, they stood in formation. Almost all of them looked exactly the same, standing in camouflaged clothes. Except for the one at the end wearing pink.

The 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group Marines gave their wives the opportunity to trade places here, Feb. 18, during a Jane Wayne Day where their civilian counterparts would have to complete three tasks a Marine does on a regular basis.

Their first assignment was the rifle range, then the combat fitness test



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (Feb 18, 2010) – Kelsey Neill, wife of Pfc. Cory Neill, motor transport mechanic, Maintenance Battalion (Maint Bn), Combat Logistics Regiment 15 (CLR-15) 1st Marine Logistics Group (1st MLG), performs ammo can lifts during the Combat Fitness Test (CFT) portion of Jane Wayne day. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Brian Lautenslager)



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (Feb 18, 2010) – Sarah Alaia, wife of Sgt. Dylan Alaia, motor transport mechanic, Maintenance Battalion (Maint Bn), Combat Logistics Regiment 15 (CLR-15) 1st Marine Logistics Group (1st MLG), stretches her back after unloading all her gear during Jane Wayne day. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Brian Lautenslager)

and finally they would finish the day off strong with swim qualification.

Shooting in the standing position at the 25-yard line, The Marines assisted their spouses on the firing line with two magazines of 15 rounds of ammunition for the M-4 rifle and one magazine for the 9 mm pistol.

"I never shot anything before today," said Sarah Alaia, who was one of 18 perfect scores on the rifle and spouse of Sgt. Dylan A. Alaia, mechanic, Motor Transport Maintenance, 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group. "I wasn't really nervous, but the noise was abrupt."

The spouses not only dominated the range using the M-4, but almost a third of the group demonstrated their skills shooting perfectly with the 9 mm, explained Sgt. Laura R. Levine, the chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Support Company, 1st Maint. Bn., CLR-15, 1st MLG.

The group was on the go again after only two hours at the range, eating here and there whenever they had a chance. Much to their surprise, their next objective would be to take part

in the Marine Corps newest physical training addition, the CFT.

With only a few modifications to the timed test, the spouses took off on a foot race against the clock. Only getting a short break between events, they lifted the 30 lb. ammunition cans over their heads and then rushed through the maneuver under fire course, a combination of low crawling, buddy drags and throwing mock grenades as fast as they could.

Although the challenge may have been harder for some, the spouses equally completed the task of having a good time and making friends.

"I think it was great fun," said Shawna Dean, spouse of Lance Cpl. Dylan Dean, administration chief, H&S Co., 1st Maint. Bn., CLR-15, 1st MLG. "Today has given us the opportunity to make more friends and now we can actually relate to our spouses."

Petty Officer 3 Lupe M. Roybal, a corpsman, H&S Co., 1st Maint. Bn., CLR-15, 1st MLG, who stood by for safety, explained that for a spouse to understand what their Marines do is important because they will learn to appreciate what their husbands do, and

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Iron Fist beats death with health care

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Navy corpsmen and Japanese doctors work together as a solid fighting team to beat death with health care during the final days of Exercise Iron Fist, a bi-lateral training event conducted with the Marine Corps and the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force here, Feb. 15.

After spending days learning basic corpsmen procedures, Japanese doctors took their practical application to a simulated battle field at Red Beach here where they were expected to perform life saving actions on their own soldiers, explained Lt. j.g. Brian T. Reynolds, officer in charge, Health Service Detachment, Combat Logistics Battalion 13, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group.

"The training is very interesting because the Japanese only see injuries in hospitals and we need more experience in the field," said 1st Lt. Kiyataka Isobe, doctor, JGSDF.

Establishing a shock trauma platoon or a small, mobile medical unit designed to support injuries during combat operations can be challenging in certain circumstances, but for injured military members it is a necessity.

"A big take away point for them was to establish trauma teams to meet patient volume," said Reynolds. "At the same time, [corpsmen] are testing the validity of our own [standard operations of procedures]."

With supervision and guidance the Japanese doctors were able to form a shock trauma platoon, become more familiar with medical tools, distribute the flow of patient care and ensure the course of actions were successful to save a patient.

"They display a greater understanding of what our healthcare capabilities

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14 Area chow hall takes the gold in quarterly competition

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Marines take the battle from the frontlines of Afghanistan to the grill to determine the best cooking team that's west of the Mississippi.

Marines from the 14 Area chow hall, Food Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, won their consecutive Marine Corps Installations – West Chow Hall of the Quarter competition at Camp Las Flores dining facility, Feb. 18.

"It's a lot of fun, but very stressful at the same time," said Cpl. Kevin M. Johnson, 23, Buna, Texas, food service specialist with the 14 Area chow hall, Food Service Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG.

Eight teams throughout the west coast competed in the two-day cook-off to represent their chow hall with hopes of taking home the gold.

During the first day, all eight teams battled each other in a Jeopardy-style game to determine the four best teams that would stay to compete the next day. Civilian and Marine cooks were asked a variety of culinary questions which included topics of sanitation, measurements, ingredients and baking temperatures. After the first day, teams from Marine Corp Air Stations Miramar, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., Camp Pendleton, Calif., and The Marine



Cpl. Ian J. Sanders, 21, from Mount Pleasant, Mich., food service specialist with the 14 Area chow hall, Food Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, prepares his spinach and cheese stuffed chicken and herb seasoned noodles to be judged at the Marine Corps Installations – West Chow Hall of the Quarter competition at Camp Las Flores dining facility, Feb. 18. Eight teams throughout the west coast competed in the two-day cook-off to represent their chow hall with hopes of taking home the gold.

Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif., remained.

"I love the competition because we get to be creative," said Cpl. Ian J. Sanders, 21, from Mount Pleasant, Mich., food service specialist with the 14 Area chow hall, Food Service Co., CLR-17, 1st MLG. "We're not restricted

by guidelines when it comes to making the food."

On the second day of the competition, the teams were given a list of ingredients so they could decide on a menu. The four remaining teams had all morning to cook a starter course, entrée and desert that would serve

20 people. The cooks also had a display plate which they presented to the judges.

After the judges and audience finished eating, it was announced that the 14 Area chow hall who won 1st place and the People's Choice awards.

The 14 Area chow hall Marines won the vote with their menu of shrimp gazpacho, spinach and cheese stuffed chicken, herb seasoned noodles, bake beans, and bananas with a tangy cream sauce.

Along with the awards, the winning Marines won a trip to participate in a six-week cooking course at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Culinary Institute of America is the world's premier culinary college featuring 41 professional kitchens and bakeshops that is instructed by certified master chefs from around the world. After returning from the trip, the Marines will bring back bragging rights and an abundance of information to their chow hall.

"The competition brings people to recognize your chow hall," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Dante P. Solis, food service technician with MCI-W. "It also allows the Marines who competed to return to their chow halls to teach and pass down their knowledge to their junior Marines."

The quarterly competition will continue bringing friendly rivals together and compete to be the best cooking team within the MCI-W.

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even though the Marine does not do these things everyday, it's just a glimpse of the hard work they partake in.

They hiked a few blocks where they would complete their final task. Surprisingly enough, they were eager to dive right in.

The spouses successfully completed their own version of swim qual, jumping off all three dive boards totaling more than 75 feet, treading water and some even learned how to swim for the first time.

"The turn out was great," said Lt. Col. Kevin Stewart, commanding officer, 1st Maint. Bn, CLR-15, 1st MLG. "We are getting ready to deploy events like this create support networks and positive relationships spouses can rely on while having fun at the same time. Cohesiveness is just as important within the families as it is within the unit.

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are in a battlefield environment," said Reynolds, 29, Roseland, N.J.

Not only was this exercise a learning experience for Japanese health care providers, but it provided Navy corpsmen with the opportunity to gain a better understanding of their job during a future deployment.

"I am learning a lot," said Seaman Rodrigo Carrillo, corpsmen, HSD, CLB-13, CLR-17, 1st MLG. "There is a very experienced staff here. Working with the Japanese doctors was pretty cool because you never know who you're going to be working with."

Injury restoration could only be the beginning of great working relationships between Marines, Sailors and the Japanese military force. With continuous practice and expanding knowledge, health care providers will save a life, one military member at a time.

"It's very beneficial learning from and working with Marines," said Isobe. "The



1st Lt. Kiyataka Isobe, doctor with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force, gives oxygen to a patient during a simulated medical evacuation during Exercise Iron Fist here, Feb 15. With the assistance of Navy corpsmen and the guidance of Navy officers, the Japanese doctors were able to successfully create trauma teams to accommodate patient volume.

doctors here have good experience and they share information we need to save patients, I hope to come back and train with them again."

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Marine Corps History, vanishing views

Famous flag raising photo not the original

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Editor's note: All information for this story was compiled from research online at the Naval Historical Center and History Department at the University of San Diego web sights.

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Five Marines and one Navy Corpsman with 3rd Platoon, Company E, 28th Regiment, 5th Marine Division, made headlines throughout the world as they raised our nation's flag over Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, Feb. 23, 1945 during WW II.

This event in history, captured by Joseph John Rosenthal, associated press photographer, gave hope to the American people in time of turmoil.

But his photo was not taken



This is the original photograph by Joe Rosenthal. It was later cropped to become the photo we all know.

of the first flag going up on Suribachi, it was the second.

The original photo of this event was taken by Marine staff photographer, Sgt. Lou Lowery. He had spoken to Rosenthal and two Marine photographers, Pfc. Bob Cambell and Sgt. Bill Genaust, on his way down and told them they had been too late, but it would still be worth the trip to see the view. The original photo showed a Marine posting security while the flag was being raised in the background.

When the three photographers reached the top of the mountain they saw Marines attaching another flag to a pole and were lowering the original flag. Cambell managed to capture a photo of the old flag coming down while the new flag going up was in the back ground. At the same time Rosenthal captured the now famous flag raising photo that we know today, he didn't even know what he had captured until a few days after.

Why, you might ask, was this island so important for American troops to take over? The battle of Iwo Jima was key to the U.S. strategy in winning the Pacific battle. The island had three runways that were being used against U.S. Navy ships in Kamikaze attacks. However these air fields would provide a point for P-51s and B-24 bombers to conduct their missions over Japan and help tremendously in the American air campaigns.

More than one third of the total Marines who participated in the invasion either lost their lives, were wounded or suffered from battle fatigue. The Marine Corps suffered 23,000 casualties out of 70,000 Marines who stormed the beach. This is a loss that will never be forgotten when looking at that famous photo.

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The first flag raising atop Mount Suribachi, February 23, 1945. Hank Hansen (without helmet), Boots Thomas (seated), John Bradley (behind Thomas) Phil Ward (hand visible grasping pole), Jim Michaels (with carbine) and Chuck Lindberg (behind Michaels).

Photo by Sgt. Lou Lowery. 10a.m., Feb. 23, 1945.

Happenings

Free comedy show

On Thursday, March 4, "Comics On Duty" (www.comicsonduty.com) will be giving a FREE LIVE COMEDY SHOW at the 11 Area Field (next to the Paige Fieldhouse) at 3:00 p.m. and at the 21 Area SMP Center at 7:00 p.m. For more information visit www.mccscp.com.

Texas Hold'em

Free food and drinks for the first 80 participants in the Texas Hold'em tournament at the 33 area SMP, Feb. 23. This event is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. and sign ins are at 5:30 p.m.

Military Saves Financial Seminar

Join us at the Base Theater March 4 from 8 to 11 a.m. and learn how financial freedom can be yours. For more information visit www.mccscp.com

The Famous Rhythm Riders

Come see a free show of the Johnny Cash Tribute Band. The doors will open at the Pacific Views/South Mesa Club at 6:00 p.m. Feb. 27th

The Base Theater

Tuesday - CLOSED due to a pre-deployment brief.

Wednesday - CLOSED due to a pre-deployment brief.

Thursday - Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.

Friday - TBA

Saturday - Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 6:30 p.m. Up in the Air (R) 6:30 p.m. Daybreakers (R) 9:00 p.m.

Sunday - !!Free Movies!!

Pandorum (R) 1:00 p.m. Astro Bay (PG) 4:00 p.m. Paranormal Activity (R) 6:30 p.m.

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