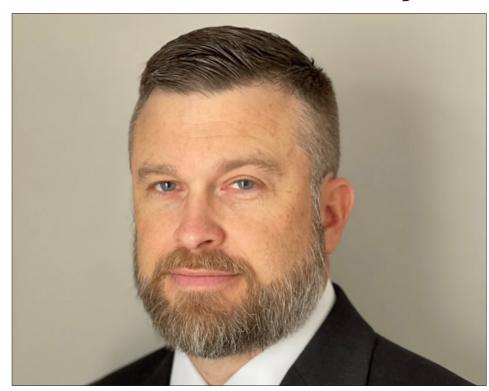


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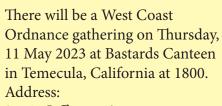
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It is hard to believe we are already in April of 2023, hopefully you all are enjoying good health and success in your lives.

We have a lot of great topics to cover in this report but I wanted to touch on a few. First, we have been doing a tremendous job getting together in all our local areas to spread camaraderie, tell sea stories, and to greet old friends. We soon will know who this year's GOMA award winners are, Ordnance Marines truly making a name for themselves and ensuring the service is prepared for tomorrow.

I look forward to seeing them all at the GOMAG late summer to be presented their awards in front of the Service's leaders and peers. Finally, its always a pleasure to see what all great things are happening in the active and reserve Fleet Marine Forces.

We will continue to try to rotate the spotlight around the geographic areas as well as supporting establishments to continue to highlight the great talent we have in the organization and inspire continued success as an organization. Thank you again for all that you do.





Ramifez The Inspiring Story of an Ordnance Marine

Corporal Alejandro Ramirez a Motor Transport Operator was one of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri gradthe thousands of Marines serving selflessly through shared hardships on another Afghanistan deployment. Today, Gunnery Sergeant Alejandro Ramirez Jr is the Regimental Armory Chief for Marine Corps Security Force Regiment. He is among a small number of Marine amputees and other injured service members to remain on active duty. This Marine lost his lower right leg in combat during his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. Despite the challenges he faced, Gunnery Sergeant Ramirez has not let his disability hold him back. Thus, becoming an inspiration to many by overcoming adversity and achieving remarkable success in both his personal and professional life.

was born in Dallas, Texas and at 21 years old joined the Marine Corps after growing tired of working in a furniture factory. He met with the Recruiter the day before Thanksgiving, enlisted on December 21, 2006, under the ground option, and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego January 16, 2007. He completed his Marine Combat Training on Camp Pendleton, California. In May

Over fourteen years ago, of 2007, Private Ramirez attended Motor Vehicle Operator Course in uating a 3531 Motor Transport Operator.

Private Ramirez reported to his first duty station aboard Camp Pendleton with 2nd Platoon, Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. In July of 2007 he was promoted to Private First Class and later promoted to Lance Corporal in March of 2008. Later that same month on 28 March, Lance Corporal Ramirez married Alice, the love of his life, in Rockwall, Texas. In April of 2008 Lance Corporal Ramirez stepped off on his first deployment to Afghanistan with 2nd Battalion 7th Marines. Throughout out this deployment, Lance Corporal Ramirez served as turret gunner in the com-Gunnery Sergeant Ramirez bat trains conducting resupply missions. This deployment proved to be challenging as their battalion sustained a significant number of casualties. Lance Corporal Ramirez recalls seeing firsthand the significant things Marines at the junior level can do while making life and death decisions. Seeing the true meaning of brotherhood is what helped Lance Corporal Ramirez develop as a leader, as he pinned on Corporal in



GySgt Ramirez and family.



GySgt Ramirez recovering after amputation in Balboa Naval Hospital

December of 2008. Shortly after returning from deployment, Corporal Ramirez and Alice welcomed their first child, a son, Alejandro into this world on February 2, 2010.

Before long, Truck Company, 2nd Platoon found themselves on their second deployment to Afghanistan in March of 2010 supporting 3rd Battalion 7th Marines this time around. Corporal Ramirez was a Loadmaster ensuring all the equip-

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RELEVANT, READY, RESPONSIVE: RESERVES IN ACTION Submitted by: MGySgt Jason Beall

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The Marine Corps Reserve has a unique mission to be a force in readiness to augment the active forces and stay ready with only 38 training days a year. Reserve Marines embrace this challenge and do their best to utilize this time to maintain their technical and tactical proficiency. To complicate things further, the 150+ reserve training centers are spread out across the Continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico.

This geographic dispersion can limit training opportunities and the travel time to a training site can rob a Marine of valuable training hours. Still, the reserves continue to train and serve with the same motivation and dedication so that they are relevant, ready, and responsive. They also find creative ways to maximize the training they can get out of their limited schedules. Often relationships are built with other local military units, allowing the sharing of resources while getting joint service experience. Also, local law enforcement, government agencies, and even civilian businesses partner with their local Marine Reserve centers to address the unique training challenges in an alternate manner. One example of outside-the-box thinking is the Maintenance Support Team (MST) Annual Training (AT) created by Detachment (Det) 5, Maintenance Company, Combat Logistics Company 451.

Det 5 is the Ordnance Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) for all reserve units east of the Mississippi River. They have multiple small arms repairmen, an elec-



towed artillery systems technician on their full-time staff, as well as numerous reserve counterparts that Howitzer for Golf and India Batterthey train. Part of Det 5's mission is ies, 3/14. The staff at Det 5 figured to provide IMA level maintenance to a greatly dispersed population. They accomplish this through either having equipment shipped to them, or by sending their full-time staff on an MST. One of the primary MSTs

tro-optical ordnance repairer, and a that Det 5 conducts is the annual preventive maintenance checks and services (APMCS) on the M777A2 out that if they joined each week-

long trip into two weeks, they could make it an AT event for their reservist, giving them relevant, hands-on training while assisting with their mission. This has proven to be an

impactful and successful MST and training exercise all in one.

tion of this event was from

January 22nd to February

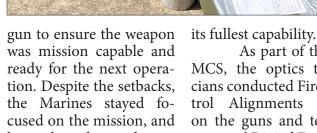
4th, 2023. The Marines

from Det 5 traveled to Fort

The latest execu-

Dix, New Jersey and then Allentown, Pennsylvania to conduct annual scheduled preventive maintenance (ASPM) on (11) of 3/14's M777A2 Howitzers. The team consisted of Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Lepkowski (Reserve Maintenance Chief), Sergeant Ryan Girard (Reserve Artillery Maintenance Chief), Sergeant Anthony Vega (Reserve Artillery Mechanic), Sergeant Austin McDonald (Artillery Maintenance Chief), Corporal Bryan Zatta (Reserve Optics Technician), and Corporal Devin Amadon (Optics Technician). This trip proved both frustrating and rewarding for these Marines. The artillery mechanics identified several discrepancies with the cannons. Where they could, they performed corrective maintenance repairs, and when a lack artillery mechanics conof parts prevented further repair, they notified 3/14 staff of the required parts needed for conducting effective repair.

To add to the challenge, the Marines had to remove several parts of the cannon that were rusted into place. This tested a constricted timeline, but severance prevailed. They properly functioning and required the optics techwere able to complete the able to provide accurate nicians to utilize the inermultiple repairs on the and timely fire support to tial navigation alignment



learned to adapt and overcome when the situation was less than ideal. Additionally, the adapter plates, correcting The reserves who attendducted IMA-level repairs, when necessary, which included scavenge piston rod rebuilds, scavenge DFCS walk-offs to ensure walked away with a sense manifold rebuilds, accumulator rebuilds, and recoil buffer rebuilds. The tolerance. support these Marines provide directly affect- pieces of corrective main-

As part of the AP-MCS, the optics technicians conducted Fire Control Alignments (FCA) board, establishing standard angle, leveling quad-

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plate to adjust the settings. This ensures the DFCS was accurately reading the same as the optics of the cannon. One optics technician that stood out during the completion of the FCAs was Corporal Zatta. From the start he tackled every task with enthusiasm and a hunger to learn. Working alongside Mr. William Kramer, 3/14's FSR, he guickly learned the process to conduct FCAs. He became proficient enough at FCAs to complete a cannon in a single day, which is something that usually takes a Marine a few days to com-

By the end of the trip, he conducted all (5) FCAs on India Battery's Howitzers on his own.

The FSR mentioned that Cpl Zatta's positive, can-do attitude had a great impact on the moral of everyone he worked with.

The MST and AT on the guns and test the combination has proven cannons' Digital Fire Con- unorthodox ideas can be trol System (DFCS). This effective, but also serves work included shimming as a great force multiplier. boresight using a target ed the trip walked away from it far more proficient at their craft than when rant vials, and conducting they started. They also each cannon's sights were of pride knowing that they properly tuned and within directly and positively impacted the readiness of the critical M777A2s.

The active forces ed each firing battery's tenance ensure that the inspecting and instructtheir patience while under mission and equipment M777A2s can stay on ing the reserve forces on readiness by ensuring target. During this trip, important and impactful their ingenuity and per- each M777A2 Howitzer is the DFCS on a few guns technical proficiencies is a win for both components, and the Marine Corps as a whole.

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Warfighter Focus

LOGISTICS COMMAND GLOBAL ORDNANCE SUPPORT: STEMMING THE TIDE OF RUSSIAN AGRESSION

February marked the one-year anniversary of Russia officially declaring war on Ukraine. We, as Ordnance Marines, have all seen or at least heard of the tremendous support the Marine Corps and DoD as a whole has provided to Ukrainian troops to help stem the tide of Russian aggression. The Ordnance Marines and civilians of Logistics Command, Combat Systems Division (CSD) have been at the fore front of said support. Long before any kinetic actions were taken, CSD was facilitating the transfer of strategic ordnance military equipment to Ukraine via Presidential Drawdowns. Since those early days of initial support, CSD, in conjunction with MEF personnel, has provided over \$300 million in vital military equipment. Of the countless ordnance equipment provided, it could be argued, none were more important than the M777 Howitzers. The guns provided by the Marine Corps have made it more difficult for Russian forces to move in the open and has supported Ukrainian counteroffensive efforts. Though the equipment was desperately needed, it has posed challenges in supporting



the M777.

diately after the initial sup-CSD facilitated the surge production of the M777, ning, in coordination with Systems Command and PM Fire Support Systems. The FY22 production plan was increased by over 120 precent, to provide using fills for PD equipment. This measure essentially stopped the bleeding, but critical deficiencies still reongoing Fleet readiness, critical equipment, Weap- nel, M777s were fully re- Logistics Command.

ager Kyle Luckie, headed M777 reconstitu- a joint team of CSD and tion efforts began imme- PM Fire Support Systems have a long and storied personally to evaluate history of making the import decision was made. in-stores M777s for De- possible possible. Doing pot candidacy. Over an more with less, has bein Marine Corps Depot eleven-month period, his come an inherent trait for team was able to identify, through strategic plan- schedule, fund and produce 23 M777s in addition to the planned Master Ordnance Core to work Work Schedule. These 23 assets were excess to the Approved Acquisitions job done. It was also an Objective and were not excellent opportunity to units with expedited back originally intended for this support. Facilitated the inner workings of Loby overwhelming collaboration between Ordnance to cement the productive personnel of Logistics working relationship bemained. To further expe- Command, Systems Com- tween Warfighters and the dite the return of mission mand and fleet person-

especially with regard to ons Systems Support Man-constituted to using units months ahead of schedule.

> Ordnance Marines many of us. This situation was just one of many that highlights our ability as an cohesively across multiple commands to get the get Marines exposer to gistics Command helping support personnel here at

Spotlight Continued: GySgt Ramirez's Vehicle Struck an IED Late July 16, 2010

16, 2010, while returning to Camp Leatherneck, his Medium Tactical Vehicle (MTVR) Replacement was the lead truck following two Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles with mine rollers. While making their way through a wadi his vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The front passenger side of the vehicle where he was seated, received massive damage from the force of the explosion. Corporal Ramirez was ejected from the MTVR losing consciousness, and after an attempt to get to his feet and retrieve his weapon he Balboa, Corporal Ramirez realized something wasn't right with his leg. There he saw his fellow Marines step up, taking charge of multiple things to include providing first aid and sweeping the area for secondary IEDs. His fellow Marines merous recovery options. were able to medevac him back to Camp Leatherneck where he received initial care and was transported to Bagram, Afghanistan. After treatment in country, Corporal Ramirez was medevac'd to Germany for a short time, and later flown stateside to Walter After several months of Reed Medical Center. He desperately needed intensive reconstructive surgery on his lower right (MAG-16), 3rd Marine leg. However, Corporal Ramirez opted to have California, he reported to Volume 5, Issue 2

ment and supplies were

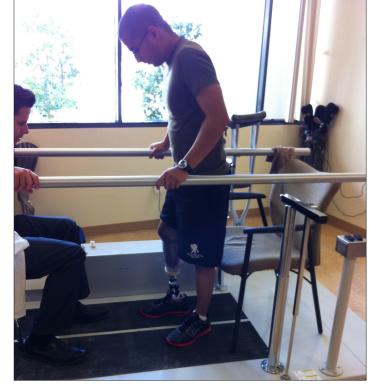
properly loaded in support of resupply missions. In the late-night hours of July



GySgt Ramirez conducting lathe work chambering a barrel for the Marine Corps Rifle Team.

surgery at Balboa Naval Hospital to allow him to be with his platoon as they returned from deployment at Camp Pendleton.

Upon arrival at was assigned to Wounded Warrior Battalion West. While recovering, he was promoted to Sergeant in May of 2012. He endured a two-year extensive treatment, and he pursued nu-Those options ranged from restoring his lower right leg to amputation. On the tail end of rehabilitation, Sergeant Ramirez began his reenlistment process and completed a lateral move to the 2111 Small Arms Repairer/Technician MOS. on-the-job training as an Armory Custodian with Marine Aircraft Group 16 Aircraft Wing in Miramar,



GySgt Ramirez learning to walk with the prosthetic

Small Arms Repair/Technician School in Fort Lee, Virginia. Upon graduation, Sergeant Ramirez reported to Headquarters Battalion, School of Infantry West, to guide him. During this where he served as Platoon Sergeant and Maintenance

Management Floor Chief for the armory. He recalls this tour as a huge learning curve and being thankful he had strong SNCOs

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Interview with GySgt Ramirez

Q: Can you tell us about the mor that kept everyone going. moment you were injured and your initial reaction?

everything happened so quickly. I ing forward? remember waking up on the ground and I was covered in transmission something wasn't right. All I could I began to think of my wife and fivea Lance Corporal or Corporal." I have and wellbeing come first. seen firsthand what they can do.

gest challenges you faced during your after your injury? recovery and rehabilitation?

ies trying to salvage my lower right ning of my recovery. That is when my story can inspire others to overleg. It was emotionally draining going the Career Planner told me about the come their own challenges and purthrough the surgeries and pain. After Extended Permanent Limited Duty sue their dreams. seeing recent amputees already run- (EPLD) program. It allows combat ning, I knew that was what I needed wounded Marines to maintain an about the Ordnance Community and to do. I still had a lot of life left, and active-duty career while serving in with a toddler son I wanted to be mo- a limited duty status. At that point, I bile and not have to depend on a cane felt like I still had a lot to contribute, sense of community are things I like limping around. At that point they and I didn't want my injury to be the amputated my lower right leg around end of my career. I was fortunate to the calf. It was tough at first, but I get promoted to Sergeant and reenlist had a lot of support from my family, as a 2111 Small Arms Repairer/Techfriends, and fellow Marines. I also re- nician. Funny thing is, I didn't know ceived excellent medical care and re- anything about small arms maintehabilitation from the team at Balboa. rior Battalion. In true Marine humor, until I could go to MOS school. limb missing. It was that kind of humost important lessons you learned?

A: It was a chaotic scene, and those challenges and continue mov-

after being thrown from the vehicle through the two years of rehabilitation at Wounded Warrior Battalion fluid. I saw my weapon hanging out without my wife Alice, my rock along of the MTVR and tried to get up to with the rest of my family and felwas recently able to compete at the look on life? think about it was this is the end, and Wounded Warrior Trials where I received a silver medal. I also took an appreciation for life and the people month-old son. My fellow Marines interest in hunting and fishing which acted without hesitation and were really helped me out. I think it is imable to evacuate me back to Leath- portant to remember at times when erneck. I still use that example when you feel down or alone, there are feltalking to Marines when they give ex- low Marines and many resources out cuses. "Don't ever tell me you are just there to lean on. Don't wait! Health ily and I are thankful that the Marine

Q: What motivated you to Q: What were some of the big-continue serving in the Marine Corps

A: Honestly, I didn't know I A: I went through 12 surger- could continue serving in the begin-

I had to learn how to walk and do ev- Between my deployments I was slated erything else differently, but I was de- to be an armory custodian but opted termined not to let my injury define out so I could deploy with my Mame. I also found it helpful to connect rines. From there I started OJT in an with other Marines at Wounded War- armory on Miramar with MAG-16 rine Corps, whenever that day comes,

the multiple limb amputees called me Q: Looking back on your journey, "Paper Cut" since I only had a single what do you feel were some of the

A: Be the leader where your Q: How did you find the Marines follow your orders, not bestrength and motivation to overcome cause you told them to, but because they do not want to let you down. This is something I learned early on A: I couldn't have made it in my career by seeing my Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, and NCO's exhibit that on convoys in Afghanistan during my first deployment.

Q: How has your experience retrieve it. I couldn't get up and knew low Marines. I took up archery and as an amputee influenced your out-

> A: It has given me a newfound around me. I experienced the saying firsthand, "Your life can change in a split second". I didn't let it stop me from staying in the fight and continuing to live my life. To this day my fam-Corps allowed me to continue moving forward serving within its ranks. I try to live every day to the fullest and not take anything for granted. I also believe anything is possible if you put your mind to it and work hard. I hope

Q: What do you like most what are your future goals?

A: Strong bonds and tight most about the Ordnance Community. I like how we are relatively small and close compared to other MOS', especially at the SNCO level. It is much different than I initially thought it was going to be compared to the Motor Transport Community. I am humbled and proud to be a part of a great community. I have no regrets and look forward to continuing making the Marine Corps a career. After the Ma-I look forward to supporting my wife Alice in her career goals of working in human resources. We hope to be in the great state of Texas at that time.

Ordnance School at Ft Lee, VA recognizes four Marines for outstanding performance



GySgt Fredward T. Parker MOS: 2111 Billet: Small Arms Repairer Course Instructor Award: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal



SSgt Christopher J. Riley MOS: 2171 Billet: Electro-optic Repairer Course Instructor Accomplishment: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal



SSgt Andrew C. Cogbill MOS: 2131 Billet: Towed Artillery Repairer Course Instructor Award: Certificate of Commendation



Sgt Daniel J. Ijames MOS: 2171 Billet: Electro-optic Repairer Course Instructor Accomplishment: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Spotlight Continued

tour of duty, Staff Sergeant Ramirez and Alice welcomed their daughter

> Adriana to the world on November 11, 2015.

In December of 2015, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant and soon after accepted to the 2112 Precision

Weapons Repair Course (PWRC) in Quantico, Virginia. Upon graduating from PWRC, Staff Sergeant Ramirez was assigned as the 2112 Precision Weapons Repairman for the Marine Corps Rifle and Action Shooting Team. This was a rewarding tour as it showed him a different aspect of the Marine Corps.

In December of 2020, he was promoted to his current rank of Gunnery Sergeant. In the same month, he reported to Marine Corps Security Force Regiment in Yorktown, Virginia. His personal decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon.

Gunnery Sergeant Alejandro Ramirez's story is a testament to the resilience and determination of the human spirit.

Despite the hardships he has faced, he has never given up on his goals and has become a role model for others facing similar challenges.

His journey from a young Motor Transport Operator, being injured in combat, successfully recovering, becoming an Ordnance Marine, and now a Regimental Armory Chief reminds us that anything is possible if you have the courage to face your fears and persevere.

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Keeping Friendships Alive

By LtCol (Ret) Dennis G. Adams

I have mentioned this in a previous article to GOMA that several of us older Ordnance guys try to get together at least once a year to visit each other. This year was no different and after almost 3 years of covid lock downs and one thing or another we were finally able to get together the 21st through the 25th this last September. We met up at a Hunt Club up in Rural Retreat, Virginia that Bill Jennings and his brother Jim are members of.

The location is in the mountains of Southwest Virginia and is clearly off the beaten path so we can shoot and make as much noise as we like. This year the group of us was fairly small with Shannon Pitchford, Sean Collins, John Myrka, Bill Jen-Son in Law Jared (active duty CWO) along with a couple of Bill's bother Jim's Army buddies and myself atgreat time was had by all present. We



Sean Collins and Dennis Adams

Comedy Sharing "Memories" With A Buddy

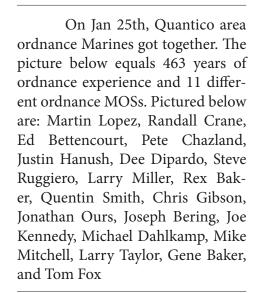


nings (all Retired LtCol's) Shannon's did a lot of trout fishing, shooting, way too much eating, telling stories and remembering good times and were even entertained one evening tending. However, even though the by the local blue grass group. None group was smaller than normal a of us thought to take many pictures to share with you but I have included one picture of Sean Collins on the right and myself on the left with a nice mess or rainbow trout we caught early one morning. When the rest of the group saw the mess of trout both Sean and I were accused of using explosives to get them. That was not true even though I am not sure that Sean did not shoot a couple of them that refused to take his home made trout bait! He had made the bait out of fish pellets, gold sparkle and black coffee and the smell of it would gag a maggot but it did seem to work. Come to think of it while fishing on another stream, I do remember hear-

ing a couple of gun shots upstream from me but I just thought Sean was scaring Number 7 off. Number 7 was a Black Angus cow that kept following us around the pasture and would try and eat our gear. She ate our peanut and jelly sandwiches and tried to eat Sean's stool he had brought to sit on. Later that day we needed to stop by Food Country on our way back to camp to pick up steaks because we were eating steaks on the grill that night. What bothers me is that I don't recall Sean buying a steak and I don't recall seeing old Number 7 prior to leaving for the day. I don't guess the number 7 was so lucky for Old Number 7 after all! Our next get together will be the middle of January for a quail hunt down here in North Carolina. I hope other ordnance folks do similar things to keep their friendships going over the years.

GOMA Socials Go Global

The Ordnance Marines of III MEF held a social event in Okinawa on 9 February at the American Legion. The SNCOs and Officers try to get together at least once a quarter, but this time there happened to be a team from the Program Office for Infantry Weapons on deck, so it gave the Marines the chance to see Major Michael Epperson one last time before he retires later this year. They took it as an opportunity to provide him with a plaque in appreciation for everything he has done for the Ordnance community.



On Tuesday Feb 7th, a West Coast social was set up and held at the Pit Stop in Oceanside CA. This lasted about 3 ½ hours and the gathering with old friends and meeting new ones was awesome!

Back Row Left to Right (Standing) Nate Crouch, Neil Anderson, David Porter, Chris Eichner, Ryan Spyker, Tony Fernandez, Jerry Copley, Jim Towney, Charles Bushnell, Brett Levell, Gary Teicher Front Row Left to Right (Sitting) Obed Macias, Evelyn Macias, Sean Daley, Matt Rogers, Mike Lewis, Jeff Grasz, Vic Martinez







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