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Greetings GOMA Family,

I want to thank everyone for a great start to 2026. I hope the new year has brought good fortune to you and those around you. I also wanted to congratulate all of our recently selected, promoted, and retired Marines all over the globe. Without you, this Association would wouldn't be what it is.

Here are a few notes to keep handy:

- **Scholarships are open:** GOMA is proud to announce the opening of this year's scholarship season. This year we are only awarding one scholarship, but we've increased the award amount to \$1,000. Please visit <https://www.usmcgoma.org/scholarships/> for more information. **To access this page you must be signed into your account first.**
- **Upcoming Elections:** All Board member positions will be open for election in November. Additionally, we have vacancies in our Membership and Communications areas.

Below is a brief description of each position:

- **Chairman:** Presides over all board meetings; provides strategic vision; serves as the primary liaison to USMC leadership and industry partners.
- **Vice Chairman:** Assumes Chairman's duties in their absence; leads special committees (e.g., Awards/Scholarships); assists in strategic planning.
- **Treasurer:** Manages all financial assets, budgets, and disbursements; ensures financial compliance; provides quarterly solvency reports to the board.
- **Secretary:** Records and archives official meeting minutes; maintains the association's bylaws; manages official non-membership administrative correspondence.
- **Director of Membership Operations :** Manages the official member database; conducts recruitment and retention campaigns; verifies eligibility for awards and scholarships.



- **Director of Communications:** Oversees the editorial content and distribution of the newsletter; solicits articles; manages the public "voice" and branding of the association.

In this edition of The Ordnance Bomb, our supporting establishments are center stage with a look behind the curtain into Marine Corps Logistics Command and Warrant Officer Basic Course. As always, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who contributes to this community. Your words, actions, and ideas help preserve our legacy and inspire the Marines who come next.

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Marine Force Storage Command: A Force in Readiness

By CWO2 Everhart



Marine Corps Logistics Command (LOGCOM), headquartered in Albany, Georgia, is a critical component of the Marine Corps' logistics enterprise. LOGCOM's mission is to provide worldwide, integrated logistics/supply chain and distribution management; depot-level maintenance; and strategic prepositioning capability in support of operating forces and other supported units to maximize readiness and sustainment. LOGCOM ensures that Marines receive the right equipment, in the right condition, at the right time and place, to fight and win. Significant strategic changes within LOGCOM continue to modernize the command through the use of information technology, artificial intelligence, and global equipment management and support.

As a subordinate command of LOGCOM, the Marine Force Storage Command (MFSC) plays a vital role in sustaining the Marine Corps' ground equipment inventory. MFSC manages the storage, maintenance, and accountability of prepositioned and long-term storage ground equipment and supplies. Headquartered at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, MFSC is responsible for maintaining the readiness of nearly 450,000 items, including 230,000 serialized items, as well as Class II, VII, and IX items, across 57 storage sites, with an average inventory value of nearly \$5 billion. These items include an array of over 600 Table of Authorized Material Control Numbers (TAMCNs), including tactical vehicles, weapons systems, communications gear, engineering equipment, and a wide range of ground support items essential to mission accomplishment. MFSC receipts, issues, or manages every piece of ground equipment in the enterprise at some point through the equipment's lifecycle, if not many times.

Within MFSC, there are two Force Storage Battalions (FSB) – one in Albany, GA, and the other in Barstow, CA - tasked with the physical storage, care-of-supplies-in-storage (COSIS), technical inspection, and limited maintenance of the equipment. FSB Marines, civilian personnel, and CLS work side-by-side to conduct detailed inspections, perform maintenance, and execute validated storage procedures in accordance with Marine Corps policy and technical guidance. Their efforts are crucial in preventing degradation, extending equipment lifecycle, and ensuring accountability and compliance with maintenance standards. In FY 2024, MFSC shipped 1.13 million items, valued at a total of \$ 3.2 billion.

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U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman Third Class Brandon Buyce, a corpsman with 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, compiles newly issued military equipment into a cart during a Class II Advisory Working Group (CAG) tour at an Issues, Exchanges and Returns facility on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, March 27, 2024. The tour was conducted to analyze the requirements, equipment fielding, and sustainment processes of the new II Marine Expeditionary Force Consolidated Storage Program under the Marine Force Consolidated Storage Command. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Antonino Mazzamuto).

The Material Management Operations Group (M2OG) is a component of MFSC that provides centralized oversight and management of materiel distribution, redistribution, fielding support, divestment assistance, and readiness reporting. M2OG integrates into the three Marine Expeditionary Forces, specifically designated as Equipment Consolidation Points (ECPs) within the MEF areas of operation. Through collaboration with other enterprise entities, the M2OG helps maintain visibility and accountability of Marine Corps assets, alleviating the MEF's role in divestment actions or enterprise redistribution, and allowing time and resources to be redirected back to the MEFs. It plays a key role in lifecycle sustainment, excess redistribution, and fielding of new equipment, ensuring that the Operating Forces are properly equipped and supported.

As of June 2025, MFSC consumed the Supply Chain Management Center (SCMC). SCMC was a center within MARCORLOGCOM and is now responsible for the end-to-end process for Supply Management Activity Group (SMAG) material, which manages the Marine Corps' ground equipment supply chain, with a primary focus on secondary reparable (SECREPs). SECREPs are high-value, recoverable components—such as transmissions, engines, and weapon sights—that can be repaired and returned to service rather than replaced. SMAG's mission is to manage the procurement, distribution, retrograde, and repair cycle of these items to ensure timely availability and readiness for the Operating Forces. By closely coordinating with maintenance depots, commercial repair vendors, and global supply points, MFSC SMAG operations optimize inventory levels, reduce logistics response times, and minimize costs—all while maintaining a steady pipeline of mission-critical components. This strategic management of SECREPs directly supports force readiness by ensuring Marines have access to reliable, serviceable equipment worldwide. The Operating Forces refer to this as the Repairable Issue Point (RIP) and the wholesale management activity, known as the Enterprise SECREP Program (ESP).



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The Consolidated Storage Program (CSP) is a Marine Corps enterprise capability designed to centrally manage and issue Class II material (individual clothing and equipment) through a network of Consolidated Storage Facilities (CSFs), also known as Individual Issue Facilities (IIFs). Operated under Marine Force Storage Command (MFSC), the CSP standardizes accountability, storage, maintenance, and distribution of individual and unit equipment to ensure Marines receive properly serviceable gear at every stage of their career. Each CSF, positioned at major installations worldwide, functions as a controlled warehouse and issue point where Marines are outfitted, turn in, and exchange gear based on validated entitlements. This construct reduces unit-level supply burdens by shifting equipment accountability and sustainment responsibilities to MFSC, thereby ensuring consistency in lifecycle management, maintaining readiness, and promoting cost efficiency through centralized oversight and global standardization.

MFSC directly supports the warfighting capability of the Marine Corps by preserving combat-ready equipment that can be rapidly issued to deploying units, enabling quick response to global contingencies, crisis response, and sustained operations. MFSC utilizes a mix of Marines spanning 40 Military Occupational Specialties, Government Employees, and Contracted Labor Support. Whether augmenting a unit's combat power during rapid mobilization or supporting exercises and training, MFSC ensures that every piece of equipment meets the highest standards of operational readiness. In Fiscal Year 2024, MFSC conducted 43,000 hours of maintenance and maintenance-related actions to support global ground equipment sourcing.

MFSC also owns the largest weapons account in the enterprise, which manages nearly 175,000 items across 132 different TAMCNs, 104 of which consist solely of E TAMCNs. MFSC ensures that equipment placed in long-term storage remains properly preserved, maintained, and ready for issue. This means when Fleet Marines draw equipment, it's serviceable, reliable, and immediately deployable with minimal delay. Further, all SAC 3 requisitions that the Operating Forces submit will reside with an Item Manager (IM) at Weapon Systems Management Center (WSMC) for approval and subsequent fulfillment at MFSC. For the Fleet Marines, this means that MFSC is the last known holder of the weapon system.

The personnel within MFSC and FSB exemplify a commitment to excellence, attention to detail, and mission focus—delivering essential support that sustains Marine Corps combat capability worldwide.

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Storage and Care of Supplies in Storage (COSIS) for military equipment represents a significant portion of the Marine Force Storage Command's mission. COSIS is a core function of MFSC, ensuring that equipment and material entrusted to its facilities remain in a serviceable, ready-for-issue condition throughout their storage lifecycle. COSIS involves the application of preventive and corrective maintenance actions—such as inspections, cleaning, preservation, testing, and minor repairs—to mitigate the natural effects of degradation caused by time, environment, or handling. Much like a Combat-Ready Staging Program or an Administrative Storage Program within the MEF(s), COSIS is the enterprise-level capability bestowed upon MFSC.

We Have the Watch! Congratulations MGySgt Kennedy



Master Gunnery Sergeant Joseph E. Kennedy embarked on a distinguished 30-year career in the United States Marine Corps after enlisting in June 1996. His journey began at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, followed by advanced training at the School of Infantry and the Small Arms Repairman School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

In January 1997, his career came full circle as he returned to Parris Island. There, he was vital in supporting the Recruit Training Regiment by providing small arms maintenance and live fire range support.

A pivotal moment in his career arrived in January 2000, when then-Sergeant Kennedy was transferred to the Weapons Training Battalion in Quantico, Virginia. He completed a rigorous year-long "On the Job Training" program to become a Precision Weapons Repairman. During this tour, he mastered the intricacies of building and maintaining specialized weapons, including the Marine Corps Sniper Rifle, Designated Marksman Rifle, and the M1911A1 MEUSOC .45 caliber Pistol. His expertise also benefited the Marine Corps Rifle Team and deployed units testing new weapon systems, leading to his promotion to Staff Sergeant in October 2003.

In March 2005, SSgt Kennedy reported to the 2d Reconnaissance Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he served as the Battalion Ordnance Chief. His leadership was tested and proven during two deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in September 2008.

Returning to Weapons Training Battalion in November 2008, GySgt Kennedy served as an instructor and section head for the M1911A1 MEUSOC .45 caliber Pistol program. He was soon appointed the Chief Armorer and SNCOIC of maintenance for the Marine Corps Rifle Team, supporting the Competition in Arms Program across the Department of Defense.

His career continued with assignments of increasing responsibility, including serving as the Ordnance Maintenance Chief for Combat Logistics Battalion 3 in Hawaii, where he was promoted to Master Sergeant in June 2014. He then served as the senior Ground Ordnance Maintenance Chief at Site Support I&I San Jose, California.

In June 2018, he was transferred to 1st Maintenance Battalion, where he served as the Maintenance Control Chief and later in the S-3, overseeing training and operations for 1,200 Marines and Sailors. Following his promotion to Master Gunnery Sergeant in October 2018, he was assigned as the 1st Marine Division Ordnance Chief in May 2019, managing personnel and equipment for 27 subordinate units.

In December 2020, MGySgt Kennedy was transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps, Installations and Logistics, serving as the Ground Ordnance Occupational Field Specialist. He returned one last time to the Weapons Training Battalion in November 2023 to serve as the SNCOIC of the Precision Weapons Section.

After three decades of dedicated and honorable service, Master Gunnery Sergeant Kennedy officially retired from the Marine Corps in June of 2026.



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A Legacy Forged in Service: LtCol Doug Mayorga Retires After 30 Years of Transformative Leadership



After three decades of dedicated and distinguished service, Lieutenant Colonel Doug Mayorga is hanging up his uniform, leaving behind a legacy of transformative leadership, technical mastery, and an unwavering commitment to the Marine Corps. His remarkable journey—from an enlisted artillery technician born in Granada, Nicaragua, to a high-level ordnance officer advising a 45,000-strong force—is a testament to his exceptional character and professional excellence.

LtCol Mayorga's story began in 1996 at the legendary Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. As an enlisted Marine, he quickly found his calling as an Artillery Technician, mastering the intricate mechanics of the Corps' heavy weapons. He steadily climbed the ranks, taking on key billets as a Maintenance Platoon Sergeant, Maintenance Chief, and Artillery Section SNCOIC. It was in these rugged, hands-on roles that he first deployed, participating in combat operations during the AFGHANISTAN LIBERATION CAMPAIGN and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. His profound expertise was later leveraged at the Army's Ordnance School Center at Aberdeen Proving Grounds,

Maryland, where he served as a course manager and curriculum developer. His impact was so significant that he not only achieved the highest instructor rating of Master Instructor but was also recognized as the base's Marine Instructor of the Year for 2007.

This recognition was a springboard for his ascent through the officer ranks. In 2007, Staff Sergeant Mayorga was selected for the Warrant Officer Program. Upon commissioning, he was assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, deploying again to both Iraq and Afghanistan. He served in critical battlefield roles, including Ground Weapons Ordnance Officer, Battalion Maintenance Officer, and as an Operations Battle Captain in the combat operations center. His leadership potential was undeniable. In a move that highlighted the trust placed in him, he was given command of Ordnance Maintenance Company at 1st Maintenance Battalion as a Chief Warrant Officer 2—a billet typically reserved for a field-grade officer.

Embracing the call to lead at a higher level, he was selected for the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program in 2013 and promoted to Captain. His next assignment took him to 2nd Maintenance Battalion, where he was once again entrusted with company command before becoming the Battalion Operations Officer. In this role, Captain Mayorga was responsible for the Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) support for the entire II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), a crucial position impacting the ground combat readiness of the entire East Coast-based force. His outstanding performance did not go unnoticed; in 2015, he was awarded the Marine Corps' Ground Ordnance Maintenance Officer of the Year.

His career then took a strategic turn. He was selected for the Deputy Commandant's Installation and Logistics Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office (FSMAO-E), where he led teams charged with inspecting and analyzing supply and maintenance programs across the entire Marine Corps. Promoted to Major, he was then transferred to the elite Marine Force Special Operations Command.

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There, he served as the Component's Maintenance Officer, playing a critical role in articulating MARSOC's material gaps to SOCOM's Acquisition, Technologies, and Logistics Division. Displaying his sharp business acumen, he also managed a massive \$58 million contracted logistics support contract with a workforce of 130 contractors. During this demanding period, he also earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Campbell University and graduated from the Marine Corps University's Command and Staff Program.

His final assignments placed him in a position to shape the future of Marine Corps ordnance maintenance. As the Director of the Marine Corps Ordnance Schools at Fort Lee, Virginia, he oversaw seven schools, nineteen programs of instruction, and the annual training of approximately 1,500 Marines. A true visionary, he championed a proposal for a Marine Corps HIMARS organic sustainment program and developed a maintenance program for the cutting-edge NMESIS platform.

Promoted to his final rank, his culminating role was as the I MEF Ordnance Officer and Director of the Material Readiness Branch. In this capacity, LtCol Mayorga served as the principal advisor to the Commanding General on all matters related to ground combat equipment. His strategic vision was instrumental in sustaining tactical readiness above an incredible 90 percent for assets valued at over three billion dollars. He expertly managed two of the Marine Corps' largest programming accounts, with a combined annual execution of approximately \$160 million. Furthermore, he led the development of a groundbreaking predictive analytics model that revolutionized maintenance forecasting and was critical to the successful fielding and historic initial deployment of the new Amphibious Combat Vehicle (ACV). A true diplomat, he was also instrumental in expanding maintenance interoperability with key allies, including the Australian Defence Force, the British Defence Ministry, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, strengthening critical partnerships in the Indo-Pacific.

For his "exceptionally meritorious conduct," LtCol Mayorga's service is lauded as the culmination of 30 years of honorable and dedicated performance. As he retires, LtCol Mayorga is joined by his wife of many years, the former Ruth Rodriguez, also from Granada, Nicaragua, and their three children: Penelope, Doug Jr., and Alexander. His journey from an enlisted Marine to a strategic leader serves as a profound inspiration, leaving an indelible mark on the institution he served so faithfully.

Earning the Blood Bars: India Company 2026

By: WO Jacob Negley



It's 25 degrees at 0400 in the Virginia woods. You can see our breath but can't feel your toes as you step off on a hike. On patrol, you move carefully through the rolling hills, navigating trees, brush, and deep snow. As you start to bed down, a cold rain begins to fall. For hours, you've been digging your fighting hole. You're only halfway done, and it's getting dark. For all these experiences and difficulties, one spark remains: you won't be alone. Your brothers are with you.

Most people would pay to not to be in these situations. But everyone in the Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) asked to be – and for some, it wasn't their first time applying. In the cold, quiet air, among all the challenges and difficulties, brotherhood is forged. The dedication and conviction of others give you strength. When you're in the middle of a hike and there's no end in sight, you find one more ounce of strength you didn't know you had ... and you give it to your Marines, because they'd do the same for you.

WOBC consists of 14 weeks of training at The Basic School (TBS), designed to take highly skilled enlisted NCOs and SNCOs and augment them with the skills, attributes, and mindset of a Marine Officer – an eternal student in the art and science of commanding and leading Marines. The 29 graduating Ordnance Marines of India Company, Class 1-26 represent one of the largest MOS fields in the class: approximately 10% of all students.



And although appointment to their new rank was delayed from February to April, they now wear the crimson and gold of the 'blood bars' with pride.

Comprising the largest group of 2110s and 2120s to hit the Fleet in recent memory, these Warrant Officers go to meet whatever challenges lie ahead. Merging their vigorous spirit with the experience of previous generations of Chief Warrant Officers and Limited Duty Officers, they ensure the Ground Ordnance Maintenance Community grows ever stronger. Their mission now is to bridge the gap between enlisted technicians skilled in their craft and the execution of the Commander's intent. Forged by the bitter cold of the field and tested by land navigation through the Virginia landscape, they move forward with the conviction that each new day is an opportunity to set an example worthy of emulation.



Marine Spotlight: Sergeant Adam Thomas

By: MSgt Christopher Estrella

As an Infantry Weapons Repair Instructor, Sergeant Thomas has distinguished himself through exceptional dedication to training and mentorship. He has delivered more than 800 hours of rigorous instruction across both phases of the Infantry Weapons Repair Course and at the U.S. Army Ordnance School, consistently maintaining an outstanding student pass rate exceeding 98 percent. His instruction spanned across 19 Programs of Instruction, directly contributing to the development of over 400 future 2111 Small Arms Repair Technicians and 91F Small Arms/Artillery Repairer students. Through his efforts, these Marines and Soldiers were exceptionally well prepared to meet the technical and operational demands of modern warfare.

Demonstrating unwavering commitment to both mission accomplishment and Marine development, Sergeant Thomas took decisive action to enhance the training environment and improve the operational efficiency of the 2111 Infantry Weapons Repair Platoon. While serving as Platoon Sergeant, he dedicated over 800 hours to the leadership and mentorship of Marines Awaiting Training, instilling Marine Corps values and reinforcing fundamental warfighting skills. His leadership directly enabled the successful integration of more than 250 MAT Marines into their respective training pipelines, ensuring they arrived prepared, disciplined, and ready to excel under formal instruction.

In addition to preparing Marines for training, Sergeant Thomas played a critical role in the transition of students from the schoolhouse to the operating forces. He expertly coordinated, supervised, and executed over 25 graduation ceremonies for the Infantry Weapons Repair Course, ensuring each event reflected the professionalism and standards of the Marine Corps. Sergeant Thomas' tireless efforts, technical expertise, and steadfast leadership have had a lasting impact on the readiness and effectiveness of the Marine Corps' Ordnance community.



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- 1st MLG
 - Maj Lucas Tuning

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to strengthen the Marine Corps Ground Ordnance Maintenance Community by promoting leadership, professional development, and camaraderie among Marines past and present. Through dedicated programs and resources, we aim to support our members' growth and success both in service and beyond.