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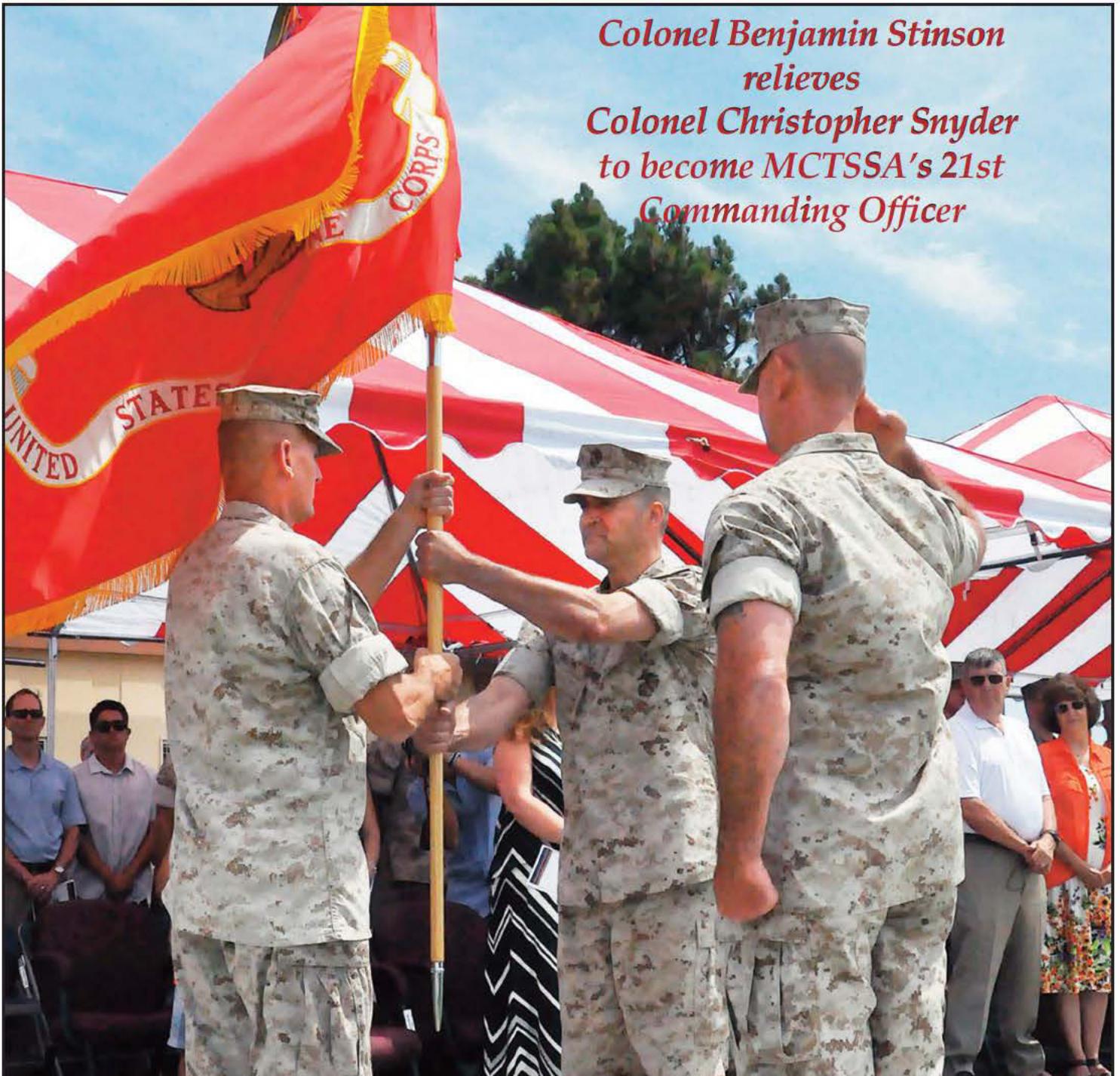
Second Quarter, 2014

A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF THE MARINE CORPS TACTICAL SYSTEMS SUPPORT ACTIVITY

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*Colonel Benjamin Stinson
relieves
Colonel Christopher Snyder
to become MCTSSA's 21st
Commanding Officer*



Promotions



Corporal Deonteya Christian



Sergeant Kyle Nangauta



Sergeant Christopher Barrett



Lance Corporal Ryan Herman



Corporal Nickolas Sahr



Corporal Craig Ruzzo



Corporal Cody Kennedy



Corporal Roger Ortizmartinez



Sergeant Stacy Logan



Sergeant Jenna Patrick



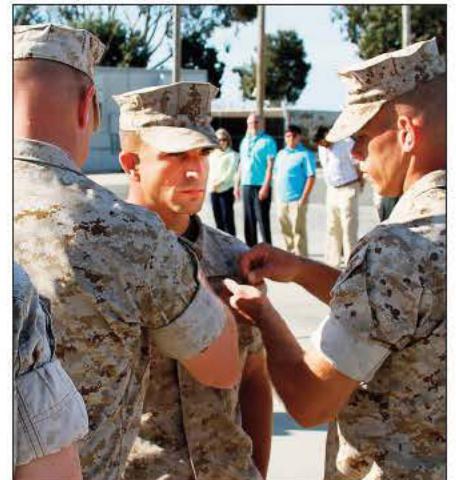
Corporal Cameron Foss



Sergeant Jordan Rogers



Private First Class Jordan Roebuck



Sergeant Cory Life



—PRIVATE FIRST CLASS—
• Jordan Roebuck

—LANCE CORPORAL—
• Ryan Herman

—CORPORAL—
• Deonteya Christian
• Cameron Foss
• Cody Kennedy
• John Kimlinger
• Roger Ortizmartinez
• Craig Ruzzo
• Nickolas Sahr

—SERGEANT—
• Christopher Barrett
• Kyle Nangauta
• Cory Life
• Stacy Logan
• Jayson Nigo
• Jenna Patrick
• Jordan Rogers
• Aaron Shows

—STAFF SERGEANT—
• Jaron Davis

—GUNNERY SERGEANT—
• Jacob Romfh

—MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT —
• Gabriela Parker (frocked)

Promotions & Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

Lieutenant Colonel Chris Young
Lieutenant Colonel Les Chiu
Major Rogelio Oregon

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

MSgt Ashley Downs
SSgt Richard Coleman

Meritorious Mast

Lance Corporal Jonathan Bui



LtCol Chris Young



Major Rogelio Oregon



Sergeant Aaron Shows



Being pinned by her mother, (far right), MSgt Gabriela Parker was frocked to the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. Departing MCTSSA Supply, MGySgt Parker is now the SNCOIC of the 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

Awards & Commendations



MCTSSA's Executive Officer, LtCol Michael Carter (right), congratulates Matthew Humphrey, a Radar & Sensors Technical Support Officer working within MCTSSA's Program Engineering Support Group, on his selection as the Activity's Civilian of the Quarter Award for the 2nd Quarter.



Marine of the Quarter



3RD QUARTER, FY14:
LCpl Lynn Hartley



Future Ops Manager Jona Lee led a MCTSSA's staffing and planning team to the successful completion of 43 Integrated Master Schedules, covering 43 test & evaluation/engineering events in support of C4 systems and support functions. In recognition for that remarkable achievement, the Activity's Executive Officer, LtCol Michael Carter presented her a Time Off Award of 40 hours.

Civilian Awards



Rick Konard, 35 years of Federal Service, 28 of which was served at MCTSSA.



David Yergensen, 25 years Federal Service

FEDERAL LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

Rick Konrad (35 years)

Mike O'Neil (30 years)

Peter Vo (25 years)

David Yergensen (25 years)

Tamera Rodr (25 years)

Ernest Beckler (25 years)

Jeffrey Nering (20 years)

Robert Bartnicki (10 years)

Certificates of Commendation

James Baker

Gregory Smith

Matthew Kimbrell

Mark Scheuffele

Bradley Detwiler

Todd Bigalke

Wil Williams

Time-Off Awards

Jona Lee (40 hours)

Don Shearer (24 hours)

Timothy McLean (24 hours)

Richard Aranda (24 hours)

Darren Spies (16 hours)

Brian Higa (16 hours)

Vikas Azad (16 hours)

Jill Marcheschi (16 hours)

Rick Bobst (8 hours)

Marette DeJong (8 hours)

Paul Pham (8 hours)

Alisa Munden (8 hours)

Jeff Blankenship (3 hours)



Being congratulated by MCTSSA's SgtMaj Kenneth Warren (above) and Commanding Officer, Colonel Benjamin Stinson (right), these 7 MCTSSA employees were among the 13 time-off awards presented to MCTSSA and AVTB personnel during the quarter. The award allows time off without a charge to leave or loss of pay. All were presented in recognition of outstanding performance, motivation, and teamwork.



Transitions & Events...



SgtMaj Fletcher Pearson (left), Marine Corps Systems Command's Sergeant Major, passes the MCSC organizational flag to Brigadier General Frank Kelley during the Marine Corps Systems Command change of command ceremony held July 11 on Hospital Point aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. Kelley, who served as commander since July 2010, relinquished command to Colonel Joseph Shrader (right). (Photo by Carden Hedelt, U.S. Marine Corps)



44 Years combined Marine Corps service!
AVTB's Bruce Lane, an IT Specialist, retired from Federal Service after 22 years of civil service. Previously, he had served as a Marine Corps Electronics Technician also for 22 years.



In August, MCTSSA's Executive Officer, LtCol Michael Carter will bid farewell, and assume the role of officer in charge of the Wounded Warrior Battalion West Detachment located at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Wounded Warrior Battalion West and all the other detachments are responsible for the tracking and non medical case management for all wounded, ill, and injured Marines. The battalion also provides oversight and leadership to Marines and their family members throughout the phases of recovery, and reintegration back to full duty or transition to civilian life.

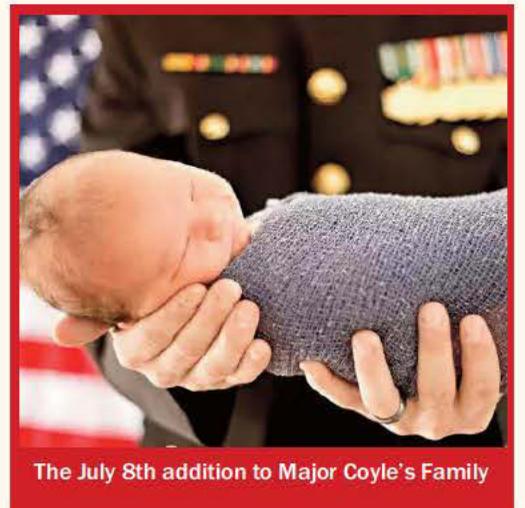


38 Years combined Marine Corps service!
Timothy J. O'Malley, sitting atop the communications van, served as a Marine from 1972-1992, retiring at the rank of Warrant Officer 4. Subsequently, he joined MCTSSA's Test and Certification Group, ending his second career with the Marine Corps as the Group's In Service Testing Section Head.

Stork Announcements



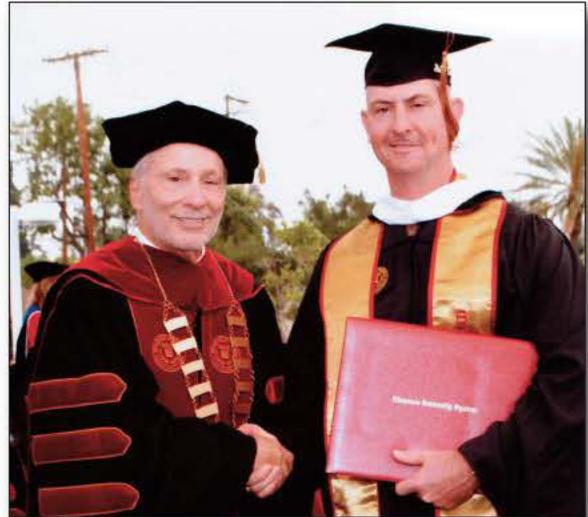
- SSgt Alvaro and Kaitlin Vasquez, a boy, April 23, 2014
- Sgt Norris and Audriana Avery, a boy, May 7, 2014
- Capt Timothy and Nallely Shields, a girl, May 12, 2014
- GySgt Yvonne and Cory Johnson, a boy, June 23, 2014
- Sgt Kirstien and Beau Reimink, a girl, July 2, 2014
- LCpl Norman and Kelsey Cahoon, a girl, July 7, 2014
- Major Luke and Summer Coyle, a boy, July 8, 2014
- Sgt Seth and Nicol Perry, a girl, July 15, 2014



The July 8th addition to Major Coyle's Family



Culminating his tour as Director of MCTSSA's Program Engineering and Support Group, Colonel C.B. Snyder presents to LtCol Les Chiu, during a farewell luncheon, a photograph of the successful and historic testing of Network on the Move capability integrated onto an Assault Amphibious Vehicle .



Many a Marine has heard MCTSSA's Sergeant Major Kenneth Warren comment on the long-term value of education. A believer in what he preaches, this past May he was awarded a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership by Gary Brahm, chancellor of Brandman University.

MCTSSA Marines Volunteer to Help Local Food Bank

On July 17, several Marines from MCTSSA's Supply section helped the local community by volunteering at the North County Food Bank in San Marcos, Calif.

Cpl Searrah Hines coordinated the event with food bank representatives and arranged for the Marines to assist with the daily operations of the food bank. The Marines assisted with palletizing donations, unloading trucks, sorting fresh and canned food, and stocking food items.

Although familiar with regular shipping and receiving functions, this experience gave the Marines the opportunity to learn how to handle and store perishable food items. Many of these skills will be helpful if the Marines should find themselves in a situation where they have to plan and execute a humanitarian assistance mission. The Marines will have a baseline to coordinate receiving, storing, and the distribution of food items during a humanitarian crisis.

The North County Food Bank works with community partner agencies to distribute food donated from grocers, farmers, and wholesalers, and through food drives conducted by schools, businesses, and churches.

Cpl Giovanna Cabello and Major Thomas Espinoza (top tier) transfer boxes of fruits and vegetables to (bottom tier from left) Cpl Kimberly Sandorval, Sgt Kyle Nangauta, Cpl Jairo Anderson-Andujar, and Cpl Searrah Hines.



Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Bottle rockets soared high above MCTSSA during its second Science, Technology, Engineering and Math camp. After a few hours of instruction, the students launched bottle rockets each had built—propelled with compressed air and water. One rocket flew above MCTSSA's 65-foot flagpole and reaching a distance of 215 feet.



Rockets, Robots, & Rotocopters Roar at MCTSSA

Soaring bottle rockets, infrared-guided robots, and buzzing rotocopters invaded Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity at Camp Pendleton, Calif., during the organization's second Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) camp.

Held in mid-June, 30 excited and enthusiastic 10-13 year-old-students worked with MCTSSA engineers and Marines during the five-day, hands on STEM workshop to allow the naturally inquisitive nature of kids to explore, build, and engage in a vast array of exciting, scientific and engineering experiences.

"I appreciate your personal energy and drive," said MCTSSA Commanding Officer, Colonel Christopher Snyder to the MCTSSA team members as they prepared for this year's event. "As I said last year, kids will amaze you if you let them run with things."

Formally called "Science Week," the workshop included, in part, the construction of miniature electric motors; the building and programming of robots; the programming and flying of rotocopters; construction and flying of pressurized air bottle rockets; and the construction of a trebuchet, a catapult-type device that uses leverage and energy of a counterweight to throw a projectile.

Working under the guidance and mentorship of Senior Principal Engineer David Yergensen —who successfully launched MCTSSA's inaugural STEM event last year— Test Engineer Richard Domondon assembled a team of seven engineers and six Marines to orchestrate all the preparations from writing and illustrating lesson plans and acquiring the necessary hardware to the construction of prototypes for each

of the many Science Week many demonstrations. Other MCTSSA personnel pitch-in, many of whom who worked

"Seeing the kids at the end of each day, expressing how much fun they had was a very fulfilling experience."

on last year's STEM event, volunteering and aiding in the "grunt" work to make the event successful.

"This was really fun for me and an amazing leadership experience," said Domondon. "Seeing the kids at the end of each day, expressing how much fun they had was a very fulfilling experience."

MCTSSA's Science Week workshop followed the lead established by Marine Corps Systems Command's STEM program established a few years ago. "This program is an opportunity to introduce science and technology to what we're calling young engineers," commented MCTSSA Technical Director, Michael Canterbury. "But more importantly, it also gives some of our engineers an opportunity to teach and learn at the

same time." Building on last year, according to Canterbury, this year's MCTSSA workshop curriculum was expanded to include water rockets and rotorcraft.

For the workshop, the 30 kids were divided into 6 teams, with each team being proctored by an engineer and enlisted Marine working side-by-side. Each team built each engineering project independently, and when the tasks were completed, the teams competed to see whose worked best. ■



STEM TEAM MEMBERS

Engineers

- Brian Higa (T&CG)
- Jeff Wade (PESG)
- Torry Dixon (T&CG)
- Ferdinand Gozum (PESG)
- Jennifer Kays (T&CG)
- Shaun Monera (PESG)
- MyLinh Weatherford (T&CG)

Marines:

- LCpl Semhar Hidad (TISG)
- PFC Jordan Roebuck (HQ)
- Sgt Frank Tartisah (HQ)
- LCpl Cameron Foss (TISG)
- Cpl Julian Lechuga (HQ)
- Cpl Giovanna Cabello (TISG)

For the workshop, the 30 kids were divided into 6 teams, with each team having its own colored T shirts. Each team was proctored by a MCTSSA engineer and an enlisted Marine, working side by side.



"Leadership Matters"

More than 400 Marines, family and friends gathered June 26 at Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity's parade quadrangle to celebrate the activity's 20th change of command since its founding in 1970.

Officiated by Brig. Gen. Frank Kelley, commander of Marine Corps Systems Command, Col. Christopher Snyder relinquished command of the activity to Col. Benjamin Stinson.

"Your leadership matters," said Kelley, commenting on Col. Snyder's achievements during the last three years. "It matters to all these people: all these civilians, all the Marines and it especially matters to me. I want to thank you for a spectacular job here at MCTSSA."

Kelley also praised the achievements of several MCTSSA and MCSC efforts executed during Snyder's tenure, including the Marine Corps Network Efficiency Lab, Virtual Rapid Prototyping Lab and the stand-up of the Developmental Test and Evaluation organization and structure.

Commenting on Colonel Stinson's assumption of command, Kelley said, "I've known Ben almost a third of my career; he has had many, many successful tours at Marine Corps Systems Command. He's got a stellar, outstanding record."

Those many assignments include being program manager for Air Defense Weapon Systems and Unmanned Systems. Subsequently and prior to being assigned to MCTSSA, Stinson served on a joint acquisition assignment with the Army as the project manager for the Robotic Systems Joint Project Office.

Following the exchange of the Marine Corps flag from the hands of Col. Snyder to those of Col. Stinson, Kelley presented Col. Snyder with the Legion of Merit for his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service and achievements.



Col Stinson Shares Leadership Philosophy in Face-to-Face Meetings with Workforce

Colonel Benjamin Stinson took command of MCTSSA on June 26th, and within days of the exchange of the Activity's colors, he set his focus on communicating his leadership philosophy in face-to-face meetings with the entire workforce—Marines, Civilian Marines, and contractors.

Complementing the face-to-face interchanges, the Colonel also published a one-page summary of his leadership philosophy, asking everyone to read it, and to share it, especially with the Marines with whom they work.

"The Marine Corps is famous for its leadership," said Colonel Stinson, "so I'm not going to invent something new the Marine Corps already has," as he discussed his four-part command leadership philosophy.



Describing two leadership traits as the bookends of what MCTSSA does, Colonel Stinson asked everyone to focus on the first Marine Corps' leadership trait: "be technically and tactically proficient," as well as the eleventh: "seek responsibility and take responsibility for your actions."

"Together with the Marines, MCTSSA civilians provide technically and tactically proficient support; we're known for that," the Colonel stated. "Everything that leaves our desk and anything we contribute are a reflection of each individual's efforts," highlighting the individual responsibility of 11th leadership trait.

Those principals are built upon Corps's values of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment," said the Colonel. "We can survive a mistake with a pure heart; we can recover from a mistake that was made with good intentions, but mistakes against our core values cannot be tolerated. Honor, courage, and commitment are the foundation of what we do. I need all of you to pay close attention to this; do the right thing."

Standing on the foundation of the Corps Values, said Stinson, there are the three pillars: Shoot, Move and Communicate.

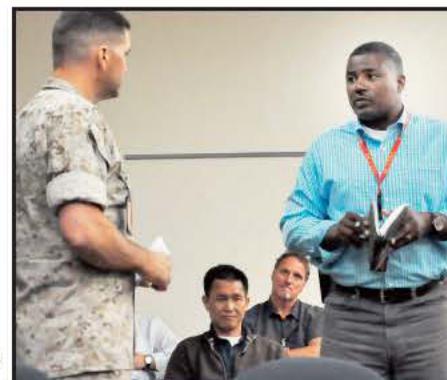
Seen here talking to MCTSSA's NCOs, Col. Stinson met and discussed his leadership philosophy with every Marine posted at MCTSSA.

"We 'Shoot'—by bringing MCTSSA's skills to bear on USMC C4 challenges. We 'Move' by adapting, learning new skills, and remaining dynamic—yet rigorous—in our problem-solving capabilities. Lastly, if you are attacking a problem, no matter the perspective, you need to 'Communicate,' telling people—internally between our teams and externally to higher and adjacent commands and to the Warfighters we support—what you are doing, so they understand."

Tying everything together is the bond of trust and accountability. "Trust mixed with the right amount of accountability strengthens the foundation and the pillars," underscored Stinson. "Everyone is accountable in different ways; I have to trust that each of you do what you need to do to make MCTSSA run."

"This job is a dream come true; it's an honor to serve you this way."

Concluding his many presentations that included more than 400 MCTSSA and contract personnel, Colonel Stinson said that everyone is a member of two families: the one you were born into, and the other the one you choose, be it Marine or Civilian Marine. "Both families want you to be proud of what you do... bring credit and honor to your families. I am excited to be here. This job is a dream come true; it's an honor to serve you this way." ■



Kenneth Williams, an IT specialist in PESG, presents a question to Col. Stinson during one of eight, face-to-face workforce meetings held.



One if by Land, Two if by Sea!

MCTSSA tests joint communications interoperability critical to warfighters

As most schoolchildren can tell you, “One if by Land, and Two if by Sea” is the memorable line from Longfellow’s poem, Paul Revere’s Ride. It’s also one of the most notable historical American examples of the vital role clear communications plays for first-responders and the security of the country even, as in this case, the country doesn’t exist yet.

On 9/11, the diverse array of first responders to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were in many cases not able to communicate with each other, because the radios of one organization we’re not compatible with those of another. Remarkably, in the years following 9/11 that communications shortcoming has repeated itself over and over again.

A principal goal of Marine Corps Systems Command and the technology it acquires and develops—technology which MCTSSA routinely tests for efficacy — is to help Marines to shoot straighter, move faster, and “communicate more effectively” so they can continue the proud and valorous tradition of winning.

For most of June, MCTSSA served as a hub for the Joint Users Interoperability Communications Exercise, or JUICE. Working with the U.S. Army and other sister services, allies, and first responders from across the nation, one of the purposes of this exercise was to address and test military, civilian, and interoperability issues employing array of emergent, off-the-self communications and networking technologies.

“One emerging technology we tested provided real-time network monitoring tools that successfully demonstrated a common operational picture or situational awareness by allowing insertion of Network Management Status messages from the exercise’s tactical network into the strategic network, where they were aggregated and displayed in the common operation picture of the Marine Corps Mission Assurance Decision Support System,” says Bill Riddle, of the Test and Certification Group.

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“Another off-the-self technology allowed us to take anybody’s communications during the exercise and re-output it into someone else’s format. We could take communications from aircraft VHF or UHF radio frequencies, and put it out to anything, including a cell phone. That the big thing for organizations such as FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) when having to cope with natural disasters such as the wildfires we just experienced here in southern California. The technology is basically drag and drop, so you can involve as many organizations as you want for a network.”

These capabilities demonstrated a seamless capability between, for example, a military pilot and Marines on the ground and other organizations such as FEMA. In a last minute change,



Bill Riddle (top), of the Test and Certification Group, discusses Mutual Link networks with system operator Edward Swanson while Cyber Security Technician, Sgt Nathan Vandersloot works with Network Management Security as part of MCTSSA’s participation in the month-long Joint Users Interoperability Communications Exercise.

however, MCTSSA proposed an additional opportunity for testing, which incorporated local civilian pilots and civilian emergency personnel onto the JUICE testing slate.

“FEMA works with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), so I asked FEMA if they would like to expand the exercise to include them, since I am involved with a local CAP squadron,” says Riddle. “The Squadron Commander from Fallbrook, Calif., was interested. After a little coordination, we were able to receive Civil Patrol aircraft radio communications—and without any long-range pre-planning or extraordinary effort—we successfully



Civil Air Patrol Squadron Commander Major Roy Knight (right) and Mission Observer Major Jeff Cable participating in MCTSSA’s JUICE network testing.

networked that communications to first-responders and others participants across the nation, demonstrating the agility of this real-time gateway technology.”

It’s interesting to note that this near instantaneous networking tool also connected with a FEMA Mobile Emergency Response Support detachment exercise participant located in Maynard, Massachusetts—which isn’t far from where Paul Revere was captured by the British on April 19, 1775 after delivering the message “The British are coming,” to dozens of colonial towns. ■

MCTSSA Tests G/ATOR Radar in support of CAC2S



MCTSSA hosted the AN/TPS-80 Ground Air Task Oriented Radar (G/ATOR) while supporting test events for the Common Aviation Command and Control System's (CAC2S) DT-B2 effort.

Along with the AN/TPS-59 radar, the G/ATOR provided a primary air surveillance picture and facilitated external interface interoperability with Composite Tracking Network and multiple CAC2S engineering development models.

This event was the first demonstration of G/ATOR integrated end-to-end with tactical equipment to the fullest extent and being controlled by its intended host combat system, including exercise of the "remote enclave" control option through the Data Distribution System (DDS). This event exercised G/ATOR capabilities in a highly-integrated networked test configuration and laid a solid foundation for follow-on developmental testing and operational assessment of the CAC2S system later this year. ■

MCTSSA Staff Exercise Their "PechaKucha" Presentation Skills

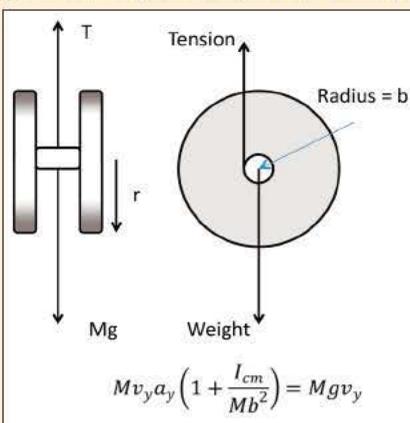
Several weeks ago, MCTSSA's senior leaders held their first team building event with their new boss, Colonel Benjamin Stinson. Each person took the time to present a short "PechaKucha," as a means of introducing themselves. So, "What is a PechaKucha you ask?"

A PechaKucha is a succinct presentation, normally 20 slides for 20 seconds each on any topic. PechaKucha Nights are held around the world on thousands of different subjects. PechaKuchas reflect the character and passion of the presenter, and are meant to be thought provoking, engaging, and sometimes humorous. The best PechaKuchas provide a small window into the personality of the presenter.

MCTSSA's leadership held an afternoon PechaKucha, using 10 charts, 20 seconds each, to tell their story to Col Stinson...what matters to them, what skills they bring to the table, their philosophies, favorite quotes, hobbies, etc. The objective was to give Col Stinson a glimpse of what his staff was all about.

Each PechaKucha was unique, and most certainly represented the personality of that presenter. The group found out fun facts about each other, as well as Col Stinson!! We each learned a little bit more about each other. Mr. Canterbury has been assigned to MCTSSA "xx" times, for a total of "??" years!! Ms. Arnett picked her college based on the caliber of the football program!! She's still a die-hard University of Oklahoma fan.

Leave it to Larry Troffer — who has developed many innovations within MCTSSA's Radio Frequency Communications Lab — to be the most creative with a remarkable, attention-getting presentation on the physics behind the operation of a yo-yo.



Items of interest from MCTSSA's Security folks...



Last year, the Marine Corps implemented a new Violence Prevention Program to aid in preventing violence on its installations and throughout the service.

Most workplaces are safe. However, an estimated 1.7 million workers are victims each year of assault in the workplace across the nation, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. These assaults take many forms, from bullying and harassment to threats or physical assault. Even in the safest workplace — and most workplaces are very safe — acts of violence occur. We all share a responsibility to help keep our workplaces safe and secure, so MCTSSA Security would like to remind you that if you see indicators of potential violence, to report them.

REPORT

VIOLENCE PREVENTION INDICATORS

- Noticeable changes in behavior
- Outbursts of anger
- Increasing belligerence
- Hypersensitivity to criticism
- Recent acquisition/fascination with weapons
- Apparent obsession with a supervisor or coworker or employee grievance.
- Preoccupation with violent themes
- Interest in recently publicized violent events
- Extreme disorganization
- Homicidal/suicidal comments or threats



POCs FOR REPORTING:

Violence Prevention Officer.....725 2365
 SECURITY HOTLINE.....725 9535
 SgtMaj Warren (VPT).....725 2084
 Email.....MCTSSA HQ Security@usmc.mil
 Text NCIS.....274637 (from cell/smart phone)
 NCIS Website.....www.NCIS.navy.mil
 Smartphone App....."Tip Submit Mobile"
 Eagle Eyes: <https://usmceagleeyes.org/> 877 356 3937
 ...or your Supervisor and Co-workers

Foreign Travel Requirements:

If you are traveling outside the U.S. on Leave or on OFFICIAL/TAD Orders, you MUST complete a Foreign Travel Notification 60 days prior to your departure date.



If you are traveling on OFFICIAL/TAD Orders you MUST also complete an APACS worksheet 60 days prior to your departure date. Once you return from your trip, you have 5 working days to complete the POST TRAVEL QUESTIONNAIRE located at the bottom of your original foreign travel notification submission. Please click on the link to read more about the Foreign Travel Notification process or if you have questions, contact a member of MCTSSA's Security Team. Thank you!

<https://mcscviper.usmc.mil/sites/mctssa/hqtrs/security/foreigntravel/default.aspx>

**About that paperwork
 you're about to throw
 away...In the
 forthcoming OPSEC
 order, MCTSSA will
 have a policy of 100%
 Shred!!**

MCTSSA's Marine Corps Birthday Ball Golf Tourney



Without a doubt, MCTSSA's Sergeant Major Kenneth Warren knows how to organize and have a successful Marine Corps Ball fundraising event.

Building on last year's successful event, this year's MCTSSA Golf Tourney drew 132 golfers, raising nearly \$9,000 for the Ball.

"Ten Thousand was my goal," said

SgtMaj Warren, "but nine is not at all bad." Actually, the nearly \$9,000 raised was about \$2,000 more than last year.

"It's a big money-maker that's difficult to coordinate," say SgtMaj Warren. "However, it's a great way to get all the MCTSSA supporters together and have a great day." ■

With a score of "113," the foursome (left insert) of Sgt Saul Perez, Cpl Searrah Hines, LCpl Stacey Quintero, and Cpl Casey Burkhardt (not shown) easily won the Tourney's "Longest Day Award".

On the other hand, the Sergeant Major did miss his putt on the 18th hole (right insert).



SSgt William Algarin Mendoza, Sgt Alejandro Rivera, Sgt Clinton Delapp, AVTB's Director LtCol Robert Bailey, and Sgt Chadmichael Herman pose for a picture after finishing the course and prior to joining all mud-caked runners at the outdoor showers.

A few weeks ago, thousands of Marines and civilians flocked to Camp Pendleton for a chance to get muddy and exhausted during its World Famous Mud Run. Among the thousands were three teams from AVTB. An estimated 20,000 mudders will have challenged the courses. The money raised will go toward programs for Marine families. (Photo by Mike Slivka, AVTB)



The Sergeant Major's Take on Testing

MCTSSA's Marines assembled at dawn for some serious physical fitness and teamwork training.

With the sun barely rising at 0600 hours on July 18th, all the Activity's Marines split up into eight teams, composed of "strangers" — Marines who didn't normally work with each other.

An array of eight physically rigorous exercises was laid out across a one-two acre field, and each exercise being specifically designed to be successfully performed using coordinated teamwork.

At the repeated blowing of a timing whistle by SgtMaj Kenneth Warren, the eight teams were off: rotating twice around the course from exercise-to-exercise—while running between each.

"The whole thing is to promote unit cohesion and teamwork," said SgtMaj Warren. "The idea was to get people out of their testing labs and into my testing lab!" ■

