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Marine Corps Systems Command Opens Gruntworks Squad Integration Facility

STAFFORD, VA—Marine Corps Systems Command will host the grand opening of its new Gruntworks Squad Integration Facility at 2 p.m. Nov. 1 in Stafford Virginia. This facility will provide critical integration expertise to the continuing modernization of the Marine rifle squad.

Gruntworks will analyze the equipment Marine riflemen carry in terms of human factors, combat effectiveness, logistics and load with a view toward making changes that increase efficiency and survivability. At the Gruntworks facility the Marine Corps will evaluate the best industry, government, academia and foreign solutions offered through simulation and human systems integration and modeling. Determination will also be made if new technology can be integrated into the squad equipment to make it more effective and more reliable in future versions.

“This is a revolutionary step in making our ground Marines more agile, lethal and survivable,” said Lt. Gen. Jim Amos, Commanding General of Marine Corps Combat Development Command. “This capability will increase our ability to protect Marines in the future.”

Specific questions about this event can be directed to 1st Lt. Geraldine Carey at 703-432-3288.