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MCTSSA's Capt Disbro to Compete in the National Warrior Games

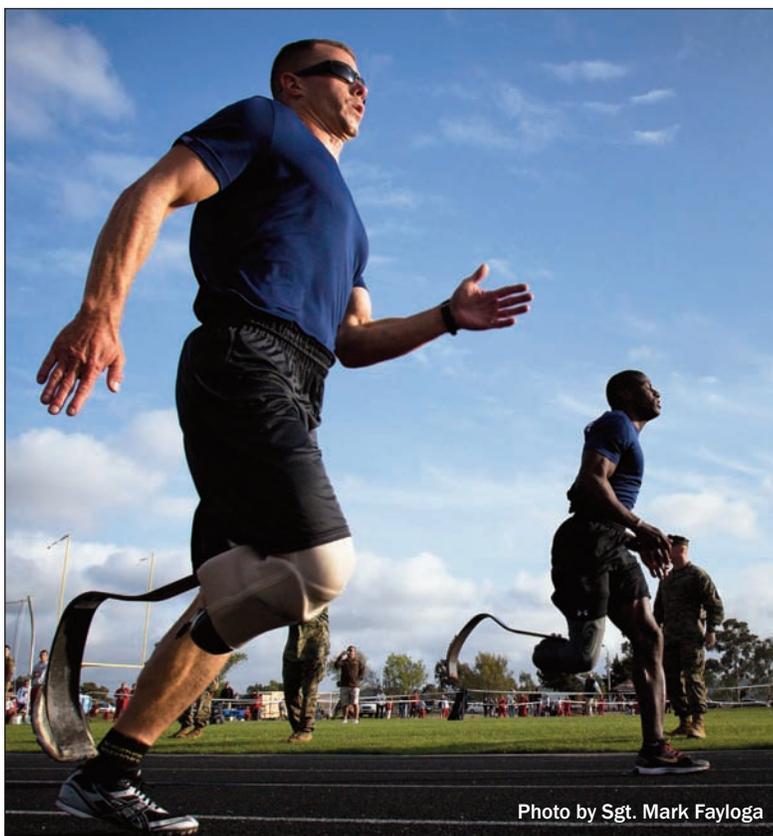


Photo by Sgt. Mark Fayloga

In addition to the Pentathlon competitions held during the trials, Capt Disbro ran the 1500-meter (0.932 miles) race with a finishing time of 5:17

Captain Disbro strives to be an all-around athlete. In addition to competing in the Pentathlon's five intense sporting events at the Trials, he also took on the 100-meter relay, the 200-meter sprint, the 50-meter swimming relay, and the 1500-meter (0.932 miles) race, crossing the finish line with a time of 5:17.

At last year's Warrior Games, the Marine Corps defended its title as the Chairman's Cup winner for the second consecutive year for being the service branch having won the most medals. This year, the competition will be elevated as both Captain Disbro and the Marine Corps again defend their titles. ■

Captain Jonathan S. Disbro, who is currently serving as a Program Support Officer at Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity, is the Warrior Pentathlete winner for the 2012 Marine Corps Trials that were held at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton from February 17-22.

As a result of this win, Captain Disbro—whose right leg has been amputated below the knee— will now be one of the 50 Marines slated to compete in the Warrior Games hosted by the U.S. Olympic Committee that will be held in Colorado from April 30 to May 6.

This will be Captain Disbro's third trip to the Warrior Games, where last year he won the coveted "Ultimate Champion" award.

Pendleton's Marine Corps Trials revolved around 8-sporting events involving 300 injured Marines, veterans and allied competitors. Besides individual and team competitions, the Trials also included the Warrior Pentathlon competition, where Captain Disbro and other wounded warriors competed in a series of five sports—50-meter swim, 100-meter track, 30 kilometer (18-mile) cycling, shot-put and a 10-meter air rifle prone events— with the winner being named all-around top athlete.



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Awards & Decorations

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal



Sergeant Alicia Johnson
 Sergeant Mathew Vanhesteren
 Sergeant Anthony E. Rivera
 Corporal Joseph Marble
 Corporal Christopher Rosario
 Corporal Bernardo Sanchez III
 Lance Corporal Logan Swank

Good Conduct Medal

MSgt Dean T. Price (8th Award)
 SSgt Jason M. McHaffie (3rd award)
 Sgt Miguel Mercado, Jr. (2nd Award)
 Sgt Yuri R. Rodriguez (2nd Award)
 Sgt Aleksandras P. Webb (2nd Award)

Certificate of Commendation

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| Sgt Juan F. Camacho | Cpl Christopher M. Marsik |
| Capt Javier V. Coba | Maj Corey A. Mazyck |
| Cpl Melinda L. Dunlap | Sgt Robert M. Mohlmaster |
| MSgt Gerardo Farias | Capt Jesse Rubio |
| SSgt Jeremy M. Hinkhouse | LCpl Logan M. Swank |

Meritorious Mast

Sgt Ryan A. Thomas



Above, Corporal Joseph Marble joins six other MCTSSA Marines who were awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal this quarter by Col Christopher Snyder, MCTSSA's Commanding Officer. Below LCpl Logan Swank and Sgt Robert Mohlmaster each receive a Certificate of Commendation.



Promotions



Corporal Johnathon Green



Corporal Ramon Salazar



Lance Corporal Giovanne Cabello



Corporal Joseph Marble



Corporal Kelsea Csolkovits

GySgt Derek G. Avel
 Sergeant Ashley G. Morley
 Corporal Kelsea R. Csolkovits
 Corporal Johnathon D. Green
 Corporal Joseph E. Marble
 Corporal Ramon Salazar
 Lance Corporal Giovanne Cabello
 Lance Corporal John K. Miranda

Can you Spell Sushi?

You'll have to admit it was as different as it was delicious! Given the resourcefulness of Marines, no one is probably surprised at the lineup of fundraising ideas annually conceived and employed by Leathernecks to help underwrite the cost of the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Some ideas are, in fact, time-tested, if not overdone: food sales, car washes, bake sales, pizza, etc., etc., etc.

Then we have Captain Samuel Hong, MCTSSA's Logistics Officer and 2012 Marine Corps Ball coordinator. Prior to joining the Marine Corps, Captain Hong put himself through college as—you guessed it—a Sushi Chef.



"I wanted to do something different to help raise money for the ball," says Captain Hong, reflecting on his successful "How to Make Sushi" fundraising luncheon tutorial attended by several dozen employees.

Working on a bamboo mat with amazing nimbleness—complemented by a point-by-point instructional narration—Captain Hong skillfully created sushi rolls, a prominent Japanese cuisine that traditionally combines seasoned rice and vegetables with a variety of seafood. For this class, however, Captain Hong created western-pallet sushi—better known as the "California roll"—using ingredients not normally found in traditional sushi, such as avocado.

"It's all about presentation," said Captain Hong, as he served up his completed California rolls to a delighted audience of sushi connoisseurs—all of whom then joined in to help devour the delicious treats.

"I'll probably be doing a follow up event, says Hong. "I'm going to teach them on how to make hand rolls (a large cone-shaped form of sushi) and make the class more interactive where people are actually making the hand rolls themselves."

This year's Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on November 9th at the Pechanga Resort in Temecula, California. To the chagrin of some, however, sushi is not being served. ■

Sporting the Trophies

With the wining of several new trophies, MCTSSA has for the 15th time in 10 years won first place in semi-annual, Division III Camp Pendleton Cup, an array of sport tournaments and competitions scheduled throughout the year that include volleyball, skeet and trap shoots, racquetball, football, soccer, rifle and pistol matches—and many more.



Besides receiving several hefty trophies, including the Perpetual Grand Trophy shown here, MCTSSA's Commanding Officer, Col Chris Snyder (center) and SgtMaj Phillip Fascetti were presented a \$750 check by Doug Hall (right), Sports Coordinator, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton for MCTSSA winning first place in the men's division and another check for \$250 for third place in the women's. ■

— CIVILIAN AWARDS —

Federal Length of Service Award

Avon Teague (25 years)
My-Linh Weatherford (25 years)
Alisa Munden (20 years)
Debra Suminski (10 years)
David Rathgeber (10 years)

Civilian of the Quarter – 1st Qtr FY-12

Eric Healey

Certificate of Retirement

Deborah Barksdale



NEW ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY

Captain Christopher Fodera & Angela: a girl, 23 Feb 12

Sergeant Yvonne Major & Matthew: a boy, 28 Feb 12

Gunnery Sergeant Jimmy Richard, Jr., & Nichole: a girl, 1 March 12

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Kim Do Wins Best Overall and Spicy Chili Cook-off Awards Using Secret, Asian Ingredients

On an unusually cool Southern California day, 30 chili cooking contenders from MCTSSA and MACCS-X units endeavored to put their special recipes and best fixings together to win swaggering rights for having the best chili in MCTSSA.

"We simplified the competition this year," says Project Engineer Michele Ta-a, who headed up a team of 15 volunteers orchestrating this year's chili competition. "Each of the five MCTSSA groups had a preliminary competition among their unit's entries, with each group then submitting their two best chilies for the final judging. It worked great; the chilies that didn't make it through the first cut became lunch for the spectators as the judges tasted the remaining ten finalists."

Five judges—who repeatedly cleared their pallets with yogurt or milk between tastings—then determined which chili would win the coveted titles of "Best Mild" and "Best Spicy," as well as the "Best Overall Chili." The big winner was Kim Do, Project Engineer for the Combat Operations Center, landing the Best Spicy and Best Overall Chili titles.

"This was the first time I ever made chili," says Kim. "I Googled the Internet for recipes and then I added my own Asian, secret ingredients."

Maria Hahn, from MCTSSA's Program Engineering Support Group, won the Best Mild Chili award. ■



Kim Do is presented awards for winning Best Overall Chili and Best Spicy Chili for this year's Chili Cook Off by Colonel C.B. Snyder, MCTSSA's Commanding Officer. Maria Hahn (below) won the Best Mild Chili Award.



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