

# MCTSSA



## OneSource Brief

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## Beach Bash!!

*The Ho'okupu Polynesian troop provided the Beach Bash entertainment, as well as Polynesian "dance lessons" to Marines.*



*Story & more pictures, see page 4.*

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## Awards & Decorations



Sgt Jeremy Gilbert

### Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

- Capt Howard Smith
- WO Rachel Mahoney
- Sgt Jeremy Gilbert
- Sgt Samantha Hintz
- Sgt Ashley Morley
- Cpl Matthew Littlefield
- Cpl Christopher Rosario



Sgt Samatha Hintz



Cpl Matthew Littlefield



Sgt Ashley Morley

### Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal

- LtCol Robert Bailey
- SSgt Jeffrey Brasfield
- GySgt Michael Fermin
- SSgt Joshua Geidel



Cpl Christopher Rosario

## Promotions



LCpl John Park

#### —PFC TO LANCE CORPORAL—

- Favian Ramirezbenitez, (Supply)
- John Park, (Admin)

#### —LANCE CORPORAL TO CORPORAL—

- Cody Byrnes (TISG)

#### —CORPORAL TO SERGEANT—

- Joshua Aubrey (AVTB)
- Jared Herring (AVTB)
- Benjamin Quinn (AVTB)
- Michael Liao (Meritoriously, MACCS-X)

#### —CAPTAIN TO MAJOR—

- Jonathon Disbro

## Welcome Aboard



- Cpl Jonathan Hinds
- SSgt Shanna Gaona
- Sgt Kevin McClain
- Cpl Shawn Erickson
- PFC Hunter Hatfield
- SSgt Michelle Moseley
- 1stLt Jessica Weinbrenner
- Cpl Timothy Harben
- Sgt Carlos Ayala III
- Sgt Katie Larose
- LCpl Isaac Hernandez
- PFC Ryan Herman
- Sgt Daniel Shea, Jr.
- SSgt James Jones, Jr.
- Cpl Roger Benca
- LCpl Tyler Fannon
- LCpl William Harper III
- CWO3 Robert Cannon, Jr.
- Sgt David Filtz
- LCpl David Allen, Jr.
- MSgt James Thacker
- Sgt Daniel Holley
- SSgt Alvaro Vasquez
- SSgt Richard Coleman

#### CIVILIAN MARINES:

- Jeffery Devereux
- Crystal Ruple

## Major Jon Disbro Captures 2012 Ultimate Champion Title and Pentathlon Crown

Representing their respective services, more than 200 wounded, ill or injured service members converged on Colorado Springs, Colo., in early May to compete in the 2012 Warrior Games where the Marine Corps won 89 medals to claim the coveted Chairman's Cup for the third time.

Team member Major Jonathan S. Disbro, who currently serves as a MCTSSA Program Support Officer for tactical, service-oriented architectures, was—for the second time—the Warrior Games' Pentathlete winner, garnering five medals (two silver/three bronze), the "Ultimate Champion" crown, and the mention of the First Lady, Michelle Obama during the Warrior Games' opening ceremonies.

Commenting on the ability and courage of all the competitors and their ability to overcome obstacles after a setback, the First Lady exemplified her remarks with the athletic prowess and successes of Major Disbro, who was wounded in Iraq in 2004 and after 18 surgeries on his foot and ankle, had his leg amputated below the knee.

"...Today he's the reigning Warrior Games Ultimate champion for his performances in swimming, shooting, sprinting, biking and shot put," said Mrs. Obama.

"Major Disbro and all the Marines who competed have achieved remarkable feats and should be justifiably proud," said Colonel Christopher Snyder, MCTSSA's Commanding

Officer. "Through his personal sacrifice, dedication, and motivation—as well as the support of his wife Jennifer as well as other family members who attended the games— Major



Major Jonathan Disbro

Disbro excelled and finished in the finals of all five different Pentathlon sports, as opposed to being an elite athlete in one sport. Couple that athletic achievement with the adversity and challenge that he and the other competitors have come through and you certainly get a perspective to the great positive outlook all of them have on life, underscored by the fact that Disbro remains a very humble Marine."

After six days of intense competition, the 2012 Warrior Games came to an end, and Major Disbro claimed his second consecutive Ultimate Champion award, amassing

twice as many Pentathlon competition points as the individual who came in second, as well as an additional bronze medal for the 4-by-50 meter freestyle swimming team relay. ■

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### New eMarine site for Marines, Civilian Marines & family members launched

MCTSSA has its own secure customized unit eMarine site. All employees—both Civilian Marines and active-duty Marines, and their family members—are strongly encouraged to register and use the new site.

The eMarine website provides essential information, including available resources and support, 24-hours a day regardless of geographic location. In order to access that information, employees and their family members must register through the central site at [www.eMarine.org](http://www.eMarine.org).

If the site does not allow you to register, email the MCTSSA employee's first and last name, day and month of birth, and military rank or civilian pay plan and grade to the Activity's Deputy Family Readiness Officer SSgt Jeremy Hinkhouse: [jeremy.hinkhouse@usmc.mil](mailto:jeremy.hinkhouse@usmc.mil). Once he confirms the information, you will be able to complete the registration at [www.eMarine.org](http://www.eMarine.org) and access MCTSSA's eMarine site. ■

## — CIVILIAN AWARDS —

### Global War on Terrorism Medal Tim Harris

### Federal Length of Service Award

- Stephen Masser (30 years)
- Nia VanderVelde (30 years)
- Peggy Cheng (25 years)
- Steven Dicken (25 years)
- David Musgrave (25 years)
- My-Linh Weatherford (25 years)
- Gregory Smith (20 years)
- Andreas Casey (10 years)
- Michael Nguyen (10 years)
- Stephen Oakley (10 years)

### Civilian of the Quarter – 2nd Qtr FY12 Lee Beckler

### Time-Off Award Marty Brown Cheryl Brennan

### Certificate of Appreciation Bill Riddle

Civilian of the Quarter,  
 Lee Beckler



MCTSSA's Executive Officer, LtCol Michael Carter, congratulates Stephen Masser and My-Linh Weatherford for achieving 30 and 25 years, respectively, of Federal Service.

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### NEW ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY

*Sgt Jeffrey Atkinson & Heather:  
 a boy, 23 April 2012*

## Commander's Perspective

"...**A**nd a good time was had by all." If you measure the success of an event by the amount of food leftover or by the laughter from the day, I would say that the Beach Bash was a great day for the MCTSSA Team and their families. Realizing that nothing happens by accident, we had many selfless volunteers step up and make the day a memorable one. Thank you to all who put a smile on the faces of many young children and the rest of us. If you have ideas on how to improve this event and others, please pass them along. No one has the corner on the good idea market.



With the typical summer turnover associated with any Marine Corps command, we have had a number of new faces showing up around MCTSSA, MACCS-X, and AVTB. This is a good thing as we build a bigger bench and prepare for future efforts that will benefit the Marine Corps. Take a minute to introduce yourself to someone new today and make their transition easier.

Lastly, we are planning an information night for the spouses. As I have met many of our new Marines, there are a number of new spouses to the Marine Corps. Look for an announcement soon to attend an event at MCTSSA and learn more about what we do as an organization and more about the Marine Corps, opportunities, and support available to you.

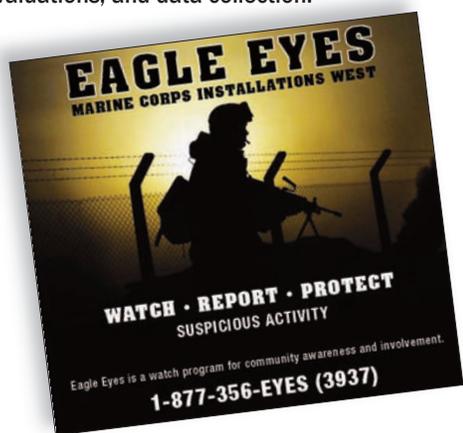
Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

*Semper Fi,*  
*Col Chris Snyder*



### — New AVTB Director —

On June 15, LtCol Robert Bailey (left), MCTSSA's former Assistant Operations Officer, became the new Director of the Marine Corps Amphibious Vehicle Test Branch (AVTB), relieving LtCol Brian Seiffert. Camp Pendleton based, AVTB, which was established in August 1946, has a long history of supporting the Marine Corps in the development and acquisition of amphibious and combat vehicles by performing, in part, testing, evaluations, and data collection.



## Beach Bash 2012



**Beach Bash:**  
*"a good time for all"*

Dancers from the Ho'okupu Polynesian entertainment troop providing hula lessons to MCTSSA toddlers.

**D**rawing a crowd of over 550 attendees, "it was a good time for all," said MSgt Dean Price, who—along with SSgt Jeremy Hinkhouse, SSgt Andre Maison and team of MCTSSA personnel—orchestrated this year's annual Beach Bash Family Day held June 21st at Pendleton's Camp Del Mar.

Complete with Polynesian tropical fare that included kalua shredded pork, teriyaki pacific isle meatballs, rice, salads and desert, the Beach Bash attendees were entertained by the San Diego-based Ho'okupu Polynesian dance troop, who not only performed but gave lessons to willing Marines, civilians, and children.

In addition to the tropical dance lessons and over 200 snow cones being served, the day's fun activities were also filled with face painting, water balloon throws,

volleyball, horse shoes, swimming, and of course, surfing. ■



Besides the pictures shown within this newsletter, other shots of the Beach Bash are posted on MCTSSA's new eMarine website. All of the day's photography has been released, so MCTSSA personnel wishing to obtain copies of themselves, family or friends may download the pictures from the Activity's "S drive" or contact the Activity's public affairs officer at [wil.williams@usmc.mil](mailto:wil.williams@usmc.mil).

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## Register to vote for this fall's general election

**H**ave you filled out a Federal Post Card Application in order to vote in this fall's General Election? It is available for all service members and dependents of voting age.

There is a new version of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) that should be used in place of the previous editions. It can be completed online: [www.fvap.gov/fpca/index.html](http://www.fvap.gov/fpca/index.html) or downloaded [www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fpca.pdf](http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fpca.pdf).

In the event you only have access to the previous version, there are specific instructions on page 11 of the voting Assistance Guide [www.fvap.gov/vao/guide.htm](http://www.fvap.gov/vao/guide.htm) that needs to be followed for the FPCA form to be accepted by the various states. 1stLt Christopher Rork is MCTSSA's Voting Assistance Officer. He can provide additional help in filling out or mailing the FPCA form.

Individuals can sign up for targeted state-by-state voting information updates by clicking on the "Get Email Updates" link on the [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) website, or at the following link: [www.fvap.gov/contact/subscription.html](http://www.fvap.gov/contact/subscription.html). ■

