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## Marines recognized for personal acts of heroism



Photo by Cpl. Joey Mendez  
Sgt. Benjamin A. Dunlap with the 2nd Marine Air Wing, smiles as he listens to his award citation during the American Hero Awards Oct. 28 in Jacksonville, N.C. Dunlap saved the life of an Army soldier, who while having a seizure, passed out and stopped breathing. Dunlap conducted basic combat lifesaving skills to keep the soldier alive until further medical assistance arrived. "It is pretty humbling to be recognized amongst the caliber of individuals who also received awards," said Dunlap.

### CPL. JOEY MENDEZ

II Marine Expeditionary Force

Five Marines were awarded for their personal acts of heroism during the 9th annual American Hero Awards, Oct. 28, at Sywanyk's Scarlet and Gold Traditions in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The American Hero Awards are held by the CEO of Mainstreet, retired Army Master Sgt. John Reed.

Mainstreet is a Jacksonville-based business devel-

opment program that also helps, along with its sponsors, to support the Marines and sailors.

"Marines are selected through the sergeants major from the major commands such as 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Air Wing, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Marine Special Operations Command, and Marine Corps Installations East," said Reed who is a Vietnam War veteran.

The Marines awarded, each in a unique way, saved lives by preventing suicide,

homicide, or performing critical emergency medical treatment.

"The American Hero Awards are here to recognize five actual American heroes who effectively and actively committed an act of heroism," said Reed.

The Marines were presented with a book from the Marine Corps Association, a challenge coin, a commemorative plaque and letters of appreciation presented by the II Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, Maj.

Gen. Walter L. Miller Jr., and the II MEF sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Bryan K. Zickefoose.

Sgt. Benjamin A. Dunlap, the awardee for the 2nd MAW, saved the life of an Army soldier who was having a seizure, passed out and stopped breathing. Dunlap conducted basic combat lifesaving skills to keep the soldier alive until further medical assistance arrived.

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One of the five awardees is selected by Zickefoose to be the John Archer Lejeune Award of Bravery recipient according to Reed. This year's recipient was Staff Sgt. Mark W. Damm, with Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command. Damm was awarded for his actions during a mission in Afghanistan, when he led an 84-man assault that repelled numerous enemy attacks while Afghan police realigned security check-

points. Damm directed friendly forces during numerous engagements and repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire, ultimately saving friendly lives and successfully completing the mission.

"I don't feel like I'm worthy of such an award, but I will like to thank my command for giving me the opportunity to receive it and I would also like to accept this award on behalf of my entire team, all of whom who are deserving of receiving this award. Thank you," said Damm.

## Marine Corps Installations Command CG visits Lejeune

### LANCE CPL. NED JOHNSON

MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River

Maj. Gen. Charles Hudson, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Command, toured Marine Corps Installations in Eastern North Carolina, Oct. 27 through 30.

Hudson took charge of MCICOM last July. He began his tour of the installations, starting with Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

"This was an opportunity for me to gain an assessment of the installation, the family housing, the barracks and gain an understanding of the military construction we are doing as well," said Hudson.

Just prior to his visit, Hudson and Sgt. Maj. Anthony Cruz Jr., MCICOM sergeant major, had met with the installation commanders of Marine Corps Installations East, West and Pacific to discuss the top priorities.

Hudson said he and his commanders developed a plan for facilities to support the Marine Corps into 2035 that included new construction and renovation projects.

Another of Hudson's priorities is to balance the manpower under his command. Hudson said his plan is to optimize both the civilian and military personnel who are working with facilities, en-

ergy programs and environmental conservation.

Hudson identified multiple projects on Camp Lejeune that are currently in progress or will need renovation.

"It's nice to come out here and talk with Marines," said Hudson. "What's on your mind? What problems do you have? What about the condition of the barracks, the chow hall? For us, being on a Marine Corps base is a great thing."

Hudson was last stationed at Camp Lejeune as a lieutenant, so he was happy to get a fresh perspective on the base.

"I got a chance to do an aerial reconnaissance of the installation. You forget how big the base is. You forget how much is really here," said Hudson. "For me that translates into supporting the II (Marine Expeditionary Force) commander—to relieve them of the burden of dealing with facilities and energy stuff."

"I had an opportunity to talk with some of the senior commanders and try to understand what their requirements are and what their desires are, and then take that back and figure out how we can help them."

Hudson later toured Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station New River and Camp Johnson.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ned Johnson  
Maj. Gen. Charles Hudson, commanding general Marine Corps Installations Command, tours a barracks on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Oct. 28. Hudson, who took command of MCICOM in July, plans to visit all of the installations under his command to better understand the work in front of him.

## Raiders focus on FID during deployment work-up



Photo by Cpl. Steven Fox

A U.S. Air Force Pararescue Jumper prepares to fire a 60 mm mortar round during a Company Collective Exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 7. Marine Special Operations Company C, 1st Marine Raider Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command spent the first phase of their three-phase Company Collective Exercise practicing Foreign Internal Defense aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 5 through 8.

### CPL. STEVEN FOX

Marine Special Operations Command Public Affairs

Marine Raiders on the West Coast focused on a core competency to kick off an exercise as they prepare for any potential mission they may face in support of Special Operations Command Pacific.

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FID is the participation by civilian and military agencies of a government in any of the action programs taken by another government or other designated organization to free and protect its society from subversion, lawlessness, insurgency, terrorism and other threats to its security. FID activities include host-nation military assistance, population security, counterterrorism and counterinsurgency.

Much of the company's FID activities will be in the form of Joint Combined Exchange Training with host nation military forces and the company's Operations Chief said it was important to make FID a priority during the exercise.

"We split our company CCE up into three phases, the first being focused on Foreign Internal Defense, and how we develop points of instruction, how we actually teach live-fire training to the FID forces, and then how we employ them into an operational setting," said the Operations Chief.

On deployment, Marine Special Operations Teams with the company will partner with their SOF counterparts of a foreign nation to teach them various skills, tactics and procedures. The teams worked with supporting element Marines attached to the company who played the role of foreign forces during the exercise.

"This week, we had our