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### Marines, state, local, federal agencies practice emergency response

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY, RADIO SUPPORT, COMMAND AND CONTROL, MOBILITY

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A convoy transporting military material is involved in a freeway accident. The first to arrive are the paramedics, but not far behind are Marines who are ready to operate the Rapid Response System. Within the hour the response team is fully functional, and are established communications to allow the incident commander to coordinate with local federal and civilian agencies to provide a rapid clean up.

The regional Rapid Response System vehicle and the Mobile Command Post trailer were on display at the 2011 Fairfax County Command, Control and Communications Rally that took place at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy Emergency Training Operations Center in Chantilly on Friday.

"We're here to show other agencies some of the Marine Corps' [communication] capabilities," said Mark Pike, the customer service section manager with the Quantico G-6.

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## THE SLOW, STEADY SQUEEZE



Photo by Lance Cpl. Emmanuel Ramos

Chief Warrant Officer 2 J.C. Knight, a student in the Infantry Weapons Officers Course, adjusts his M40A5 sniper rifle June 15. The training familiarizes Knight and his fellow students with different weapon systems, so they can understand the variety of weapons in the Marine Corps' arsenal.

## Gunners hone sniper skills

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The sniper looks down the scope at his target. His spotter gives him the distance: 412 meters. His sights rise and fall with each breath as his aim comes to rest on the enemy. With a slow steady squeeze of the trigger, the round spirals down range and hits its mark at center mass.

Nineteen officers participated in a one-week Scout Sniper Capabilities training package that took place

at Scout Sniper Instructor School, Weapons Training Battalion on June 13-17.

The scout sniper training is part of the seven-month Infantry Weapons Officers Course that all new gunners must complete.

"This training allows gunners to become more familiar with the weapon systems and tactics of Marine scout snipers," said an instructor of the SSIS. "That way, they can ensure that infantry battalions properly train their Marines."

To be a gunner a Marine must first serve a minimum of 14 years in the infantry field before applying. If selected, the Marines are promoted to chief warrant officer 2.

This is the first training the gunners go through after being selected. Upon completion, the gunners will be assigned new duty stations, where they will supervise the instruction of Marines and advise commanders on what they learned here.

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### Learning to hit moving targets

'THE ENEMY VERY RARELY IS COURTEOUS ENOUGH TO STAND STILL'

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In a Marine Corps Systems Command live-fire demonstration June 16 at Range 14 aboard Quantico, Marines demonstrated the Robotic Moving Target System, made by Australia-based Marathon Robotics Corporation, in the final phase of its foreign comparative test and evaluation.

This test was born out of a universal needs statement that identified a requirement for more realistic live-fire training for Marines to engage moving targets. The R-MTS design currently under evaluation has been used by the Australian Defense Force since 2008.

"We're working with a foreign company because we couldn't find anything that met all the attributes we're looking for and we're evaluating this," said Lt. Col. Walt Yates, assistant program manager of Range Training Aids, Devices and Simulators under MCSC's Program Manager for Training Systems. "This is not something that we've made a decision to purchase as a capability for the Marine Corps, but it's under evaluation."

There are two variants of the R-MTS: the T20 and the

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## Updates to pay system coming soon

'THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF HAVING SLDCADA WAS TO TRY TO GO PAPERLESS.'

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The Standard Labor Data Collection and Distribution Application is being updated to Version 23. As the finishing touches are being applied, payroll has asked employees to go into the new version and become familiar with it.

Denise Fletcher, payroll customer service supervisor, said two of the main changes in V23 are that the user's name is not automatically highlighted in the navigation tree and that users can open up more than one screen at a time.

V23 is also set up so that, for now, employees can key their cards in either V22 or V23, and the information will

show up in both versions.

The first step to get acquainted with the system is to visit [www.sldcada.disa.mil](http://www.sldcada.disa.mil). Users should then choose the computer based training on the right side. Once on the training screen, users must choose V23 session and then choose one of the categories.

Fletcher said employees should also check the Employee Verified Time box before saving their keyed-in time. By checking the EVT box, employees verify their time for that pay period and that it is ready for certification.

"The whole purpose of having SLDCADA was to try to go paperless," said Fletcher. "There are some branches that have done exactly that. The employee keys in their time, and the supervisor certifies it. The timekeepers in each branch are to either print out the certification report or, even better, save it to an external hard drive."

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## History hidden beneath parking lot

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The workers were nearly half of the way through the excavation of a portion of the parking lot behind Lejeune Hall on May 31 when they encountered an underground concrete wall.

The workers' mission, before being halted by the underground structure, was to provide electrical wiring from a new substation currently under construction that would take power down Catlin Avenue and Russell Road, said Lt. j.g. Elliott Page, program manager for the resident officer in charge of construction on base.

The land on which Lejeune Hall now stands was once a range itself, said Gary Matthews, the deputy operations director for the base. Matthews became familiar with Quantico's former ranges when he worked in the Range Management Branch. The Guadalcanal Area, that is now part of the west side of the base, was purchased in the 1940s, but previously all ranges and training were conducted on what is now the main side.

For evidence of what workers found in the parking lot behind the building, Matthews turned to the Archive Search Report on ammo magazines, a survey to identify military munitions on closed, transferring, or transferred ranges by



National Archives

Photograph of the ammunition pits and rifle range at Marine Barracks Quantico, dated Oct. 21, 1932. This is near where Lejeune Hall sits today.

order of the Department of Defense. The final version of the report came out in 2001.

Paragraph 4.1.3.2 on rifle and pistol range storage describes six magazines for storage of black powder, dynamite, fuses, pyrotechnics and grenades. Map plates from 1932 show photos of the structures, which

appear to be where the parking lot is now, though Matthews says the plates would have to be matched with current photos to confirm his suspicions.

The study, which is available online at the Training and Education

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# Celebrate America's 235<sup>th</sup> birthday

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Living in D.C. Metro has its perks, one of which is that the National Capitol Region celebrates the Fourth of July big. Besides the celebration at Quantico's Lunga Recreation Area, where gates open at 7 a.m. and fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m., there are many opportunities to enjoy parades, entertainment, and, of course, fireworks. For information on Quantico's festivities, visit [www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org).

### Washington, D.C., National Mall

To be part of the action in the nation's capitol, come early and stake a claim to see fireworks on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Public access begins at 10 a.m.; all visitors will be required to enter via a security checkpoint. The display starts at dark, usually around 9:15 p.m.

Launched from the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, pyrotechnics will light up the sky over the Washington Monument but can be viewed from a variety of locations including the Lincoln, Jefferson and FDR memorials, East Potomac Park, rooftop bars in Washington, D.C.; the Air Force Memorial and the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial.

The Mall fireworks display has a rain date of July 5.

The best way to get to the National Mall is to take the Metro. Stations nearby include Metro Center, Gallery Place-Chinatown, Judiciary Square, Federal Triangle and L'Enfant Plaza.

The Smithsonian Metro station will be closed for most of the day for security reasons. The station will reopen for entry only shortly after the fireworks show has



Photo courtesy of [www.fairfaxresolvessar.org](http://www.fairfaxresolvessar.org)

The Fairfax Resolves color guard participated in the annual wreath laying at the tomb of George Washington at the Mount Vernon Estate on July 4, 2010. Color guard Commander Rob Andrews calls commands to Brett Osborn (U.S. flag) and Darrin Schmidt (Virginia state flag) as the unit prepares to leave George Washington's tomb. This year "An American Celebration" at Mount Vernon will run from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with daytime fireworks, a birthday party, music and more.

concluded. It typically takes 1 1/2 to 2 hours to clear the Mall after the fireworks.

### July 4th events in Virginia

#### Dale City

Dale City will hold its traditional parade along Dale Boulevard, followed by a Family Fun event. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. For information, call 703-670-6907 or 703-590-2506.

#### Fredericksburg

Ferry Farm, where George Washington grew up, will hold a tribute entitled "The Spirit of America," from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 268 Kings Highway, Falmouth (Fredericksburg). Admission is \$1. For information, call 540-370-0732 or visit [www.ferryfarm.org/events.html](http://www.ferryfarm.org/events.html).

The Heritage Festival Fireworks show will be July 4 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Pratt Park,

along the Rappahannock River, just over the Fredericksburg line in Stafford County.

#### Manassas

On the grounds of and around the Manassas Museum at 9431 West Street, Manassas, visitors can enjoy live music, children's activities, food and fireworks. Entertainment will begin at 4 p.m., fireworks at 9:15 p.m. For more information, call 703-335-8872.

#### Mount Vernon

"An American Celebration" at Mount Vernon will run from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with daytime fireworks, a birthday party, music and more. Activities are included in the admission price: adults, \$15; children ages 6-11, \$7; children under 5, free.

Mount Vernon is located at 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, 16 miles south of Washington, D.C., and 8 miles south of Old Town Alexandria, at the southern terminus of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Parking is free.

#### Spotsylvania County

On Saturday, July 2, the 7th annual "Spotsylvania Start & Striped Spectacular" will take place at 3 p.m. in the Spotsylvania Courthouse area.

Come for a full day of diverse music, children's activities, historical tours, demonstrations, food vendors, colonial re-enactors, all capped by a first-class fireworks display.

The show will originate in the Spotsylvania Courthouse Village, adjacent to Robert E. Lee Elementary School, and will be visible from locations throughout the Courthouse area.

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