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The newsletter of the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group

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## President's Message

"With Liberty and Justice for All." These are not only the last words of our pledge of allegiance, but it is also the credo for all our Marines who travel the globe ensuring human rights prevail and protecting the freedom for all Americans. We welcome home our Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) from the Middle East where a new template was created under the leadership of **Col Jason Bohm** and **Sgt Major Clifford Wiggins** to combat terror when and where it strikes.

Our Marines and Sailors performed extremely well over their seven-month deployment and we couldn't be more proud of them while fighting in the battle against ISIS. Thanks to our spouses who have kept the home front stable while their loved one was a world away. Keeping military children emotionally strong and resilient is critical for the enormous challenges they face with one and even two parents who serve.

Looking ahead we thank **LtCol Jay Garcia**, Commander of the Remain behind 5th Marines, for his tremendous support of our mission in the absence of Col Bohm. With mutual respect and collaboration, our Support Organization accomplished great on

behalf of our Fighting Fifth under his Command. Fair winds and following seas to Jay, his wife Lisa, and their two children on the next leg of their military journey.



*LtCol Jay Garcia leads our Fighting Fifth at the Dana Point Whale Parade  
Photo: Alan Gibby Zone 57*

It is a very busy time in the Regiment and the 1st Marine Division. There will be many Change of Commands and Hails and Farewells will abound. DPSG is also entering our very busy fundraising season starting with the June 1st 6th Annual Combat Golf Tournament and a summer of fun at the City Concerts and festivals. Please visit us! The funds we raise are used for the support and outreach we provide all year including our home comings, baby showers, summer camp for 5th MAR kids, family days, support of our Wounded Warriors and so much more.

We are blessed with amazing support from our City and our Community. It is always a joy to meet new friends and be soldiers of service together for such a great cause. Please raise your hand and volunteer. Together we can make a huge difference!

*Semper Fidelis, Terry Rifkin, President*



*President Terry Rifkin*

**COMBAT GOLF** **MON, JUNE 1, 2015** *Benefits Wounded, Fallen, Marines & Their Families*  
**Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club** **HOT LINE: 949-500-4951**

**Please consider sponsoring a Marine or Wounded Warrior to participate... A portion of the proceeds from our Combat Golf Tournament will benefit our Wounded Marines providing opportunities for rehabilitation through sports.**

**DONATE ONLINE: [DanaPoint5thMarines.com/2015-combat-golf](http://DanaPoint5thMarines.com/2015-combat-golf)**



## Operation Care and Comfort and Beans for Battle

Our support organization developed a wonderful relationship with our civilian community to donate goodies for the troops. There is nothing like special goodies from home to put a smile on a Marine's face. Favorites items were beef jerkey, candy, cards from kids and toiletries. Starbucks and Peets provided nearly 2,000 pounds of coffee purchased by their generous patrons.

Ooh-Rah! What a generous outpouring of love from a grateful nation.

Also thanks to all the civilians from Operation Joining Forces who adopted a Marine and their family while they were deployed. Here was a beautiful thank you note from the Middle East sent to our President, Terry Rifkin. Full circle, the love sent across the miles in over 750 care packages and then sentiments of gratitude returned from around the world making this a Mission Accomplished!



Ma'am,

I've had the distinct pleasure of serving alongside the Marines who have been on the receiving end of much appreciated supplies and coffee that you and the Dana Point Support Group have graciously sent. Furthermore, they have been kind enough to share with the other units attached to the SPMAGTF and I wanted to take a moment to express my genuine thanks for your organization's dedicated support and unparalleled kindness.

We are truly thankful for the coffee, as many of us work long nights. My Marines and I sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts; moreover, the Marines and Sailors across the SPMAGTF-CR-CC echo similar thanks and heartfelt appreciation. Your genuine care and kindness have gone all but unnoticed. Thank you very much for your time and support.

V/r

Capt Nick "Jammer" Culver, SPMAGTF-CR-CC

## Meals for the Brave

**We Met Our Goal!** Thanks to our generous supporters for donating to "Meals for the Brave" at the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Trials at Camp Pendleton. DP5thMRG provided nearly 1000 healthy and nutritious meals to our Warrior Athletes. We have only the greatest admiration to our Brave Defenders "Still in the Fight."

We witnessed magnificent displays of courage and heroism as our Wounded demonstrated their passion for recovery through athleticism. Over 370 Wounded, Ill and Injured service members from 10 countries will compete in the Marine Corps Trials through March 12 on Camp Pendleton. The event took place over nine days with athletes training and competing in eoght sports including archery, cycling, swimming, seated volleyball, wheelchair basketball, track, shooting and field. Competing in the event are 200 active duty Marines, 50 Veterans and 120 from invited allied nations.

We were honored and proud to enlarge our footprint at this year's competitions. Our vision is to provide even more support for our Wounded American Heroes in the coming year.



**Would you like to "Answer the Call?"**

Photos by Montgomery Photography



## 7th Annual Crisp Family Super Bowl Party Honoring Marines and Veterans

Great friends and true patriots, **Gary and Julie Crisp**, owners of Costa Mesa-based **C2 Imaging**, threw their seventh annual game day party for 400 members of the military at American Legion Post 291 in Newport Beach. One hundred and fifty Marines from the 5th Regiment at Camp Pendleton were bused to the party, and about 250 veterans of wars dating back to WWII came for the fun, food, and football. It truly was a day to honor the sacrifices and service of our Military past and present.

The Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group was honored to accept an extremely generous donation raised by the Crisp family to provide morale-building services to our Marines, Sailors, Wounded Warriors and Families at Camp Pendleton.

In addition to viewing the big game on six jumbo flat-screen TVs, guests were treated to steaks, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, desserts, cigars, and offered ping pong, boxing, mechanical bull-riding, manicures, cruises on five Lear electric boats, raffle prizes, manicures, barber services, and massages. Clippers dance team cheerleaders signed posters and posed with Marines. Live music rocked the venue throughout the day.

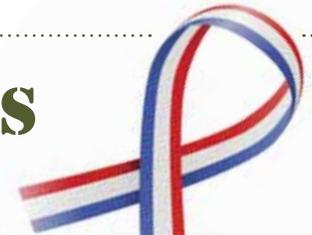
Thank you to the C2 Team. The day would not have been possible without all of you.



**"Ooh-Rah" to our Super Supporters from C2!**



## SUPPORT OUR AMERICAN HEROES UPCOMING SUMMER OUTREACH



Camp for our Military Children



Baby Shower for our Brave Women of the Regiment



Outdoor rehabilitation programs for our Wounded Warriors





## From the Command Desk

By the time you read this issue, our SPMAGTF will have returned home from their seven-month deployment. This letter was sent by Commander of the SPMAGTF, **Col Jason Bohm**, as final farewell before he and his men hit American soil.

To Our Dear Friends of Dana Point,

Warm greetings and many thanks from the Marines, Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen of your Fighting 5th Marines, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force and now Task Force Al Asad, Iraq. We are actively operating from a number of different countries conducting a myriad of missions today and loving every minute of it. We take great pride in the fact that we are the most decisively engaged unit in the Marine Corps and the only unit actively engaged in combat operations. I don't say this to boast, but rather to let you know that your Marines and Sailors are honorably serving to defend our homeland and the American way and life. We do so with the confidence that Patriots like you fully support our efforts. We can't thank you enough for your continued love and support.

I am sure that you have all seen the evil that ISIL and others are doing across the world. Our mission in Iraq has us helping to increase the Iraqi Security Forces' capacities to defeat ISIL and establish enduring solutions for the defense of their country, but this is only one of many missions the 5th Marines and SPMAGTF is conducting across the Middle East. We have Marines training other nation's armed forces to contribute to the defeat of ISIL. We have Marines conducting close air support and strikes against ISIL. We are guarding the United States Embassy in one country to ensure diplomatic solutions can be found to prevent war, while helping to end others. We are providing humanitarian relief to displaced persons. We are flying personnel and cargo across the Middle East to support operations against ISIL. We are providing a recovery capability for coalition partners who may be shot down,

or have mechanical issues requiring them to bail out of their aircraft. We are providing medical treatment to partners in need and have even delivered some babies during this deployment. We provide a crisis response capability to rapidly respond to any crisis, or contingency our Nation calls us on us to respond to, and much, much more.

No matter how much we enjoy doing what we do; there is nothing finer than being at home with our families and living in a community like Dana Point. We are privileged to enjoy the security and freedoms that so many take for granted these days. It does our hearts well to know the people of Dana Point understand and appreciate the sacrifices so many of our forefathers made in letting us live our lives without fear. Today's generation of Marines and Sailors are following in the footsteps of these great men and women. They are standing up and being counted, as many of you are as well. We all can't be on the front lines, but there are many other ways in which we can serve others. Dana Point is the Gold Standard for how a community can best accomplishment...never stop doing what you do best. Please believe me when I say that we are all eternally grateful. May God bless you and may he bless our great country.

*God Bless and Semper Fi,  
Colonel Jason Bohm, Commanding Officer, Fighting 5th Marines  
Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force, Task Force Al Asad*



*Col. Jason Bohm meets with Iraqi officers aboard Al Asad Air Base, Iraq*

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