

## Mock combat exercise rages downrange

By Mark Schauer

It is early morning on a recent winter day in the desert. Everything is quiet.

Adversary forces operating far from urban areas like it that way. From their airstrip and tents, they see nothing but rocky foothills undulating into distant mountains and clear blue skies.

Yet for the past 48 hours, an element of U.S. Marines has been watching their every move from a nearby hiding place. Having parachuted in under cover of darkness, they have thoroughly reconnoitered the area, and now are communicating precise locations of the insurgent headquarters and various armored patrol vehicles to a small compliment of aircraft loitering in the far distance.



The 1st Marine Division recently spent two days exercising the long-range aerial movement of a battalion-sized element of Marines at Yuma Proving Ground, simulating all procedures short of firing actual ordnance. Staging the training exercise at YPG provided the valuable benefit of a venue unfamiliar to exercise participants, which added to its realism. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

Over 150 miles away, multiple sorties of CH-53 Sea Stallions, AH-1 Super Cobras, UH-1Y Super Hueys, and tilt-rotored MV-22 Ospreys are taking off from an American base with hundreds of Marine infantrymen ready to assault the air strip and an airfield to the south.

From the ground, the staccato whoop of helicopter rotors and the whining engines of more on the horizon are the first signs of attack. By time the dust clouds settle, around 100 rifle-carrying Marine infantrymen loaded down with gear have emerged from the aircraft, quickly spreading out.

“Open it up! Open it up!” yells the commander.

The adversary forces, clearly

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## 40 degrees below zero is a bit chilly...

By Chuck Wullenjohn

The history of armed conflict is littered with the debris of military equipment that worked fine in fair weather, but failed when the going got rough. Realistic natural environment testing is something

weapon system and ammunition developers ignore only at the peril of American lives.

One of the potentially most deadly environmental extremes for the unprepared is the cold weather environment, which can

bring military operations to a halt within minutes. With today's highly sophisticated equipment, cold weather testing is particularly important.

Alaska's Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC), a subordinate command to Yuma Proving Ground, is the

Army's center of excellence when it comes to testing equipment in natural environment weather that plunges far below zero. The test center is a bee hive of activity each winter as test teams take advantage of the cold

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## CHILLY

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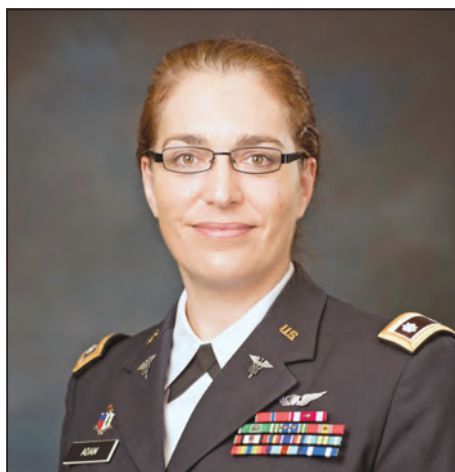
weather months.

Lt. Col. Gina Adam, a 17-year Army veteran who hails from Pennsylvania, assumed command of CRTC in May of last year. Though observers might assume the CRTC workload vanishes during the summer months, she explains this is far from the truth.

"There are always things going on, no matter the time of year," she explained. "Our long-term storage tests go on 365 days a year, but our biggest summer activity is closing-out tests that took place over the winter and spring, conducting repairs and planning for next winter's test programs."

Adam's last assignment was as an instructor at Washington, D.C.'s National Defense University where she commuted 50-miles from her home each day, meaning she spent an hour on the road fighting traffic at the beginning and end of each day. Her commute time has now been reduced to ten minutes, with her biggest danger an inadvertent moose strike.

Professionally trained as a research psychologist, Adam says she has a great deal of experience leading a workforce made up primarily of civilians. "My staffs generally never



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consisted of more than one or two uniformed Soldiers at any one time," she said.

She definitely has learned how to problem-solve over the years and encourages people to take every opportunity to partner with others.

"Teamwork is important to me," she says. "It's important to any organization, but especially in a small unit."

To learn about the organization and to meet CRTC's workers, Adam spends as much time on the range as possible, though some days fill with meetings. "I try to visit tests in progress as often as possible, though," she declares.

One principle in which she fully believes is that a leader should never ask anyone to do something the leader would not do him or herself. "I've always tried to model this belief in my life and I'm proud to do it here at CRTC, for the test center features an outstanding workforce made up of people who really care about their jobs."

CRTC test professionals have tested an astonishing variety of items in the cold weather environment.

These include combat and tactical vehicles, infantry and special operations weapons, ammunition, missiles, clothing, power generation and decontamination equipment, and much more. Once fielded, many items incorporate technical changes or additions that improve cold weather performance. Additionally, many technical and operations manuals contain instructions formulated as a result of work performed at the test center.

## A View without a Point New Year Lessons

By Teri Womack

The beginning of a new year gives us an opportunity to look back at our experiences of the past 12 months. These are my reflections on 2016 - the good, the bad, the sad, the funny and a few lessons learned...

No one but you can determine if you have enough shoes. You are always going to believe that you don't have enough shoes.

Politics can divide friends and even family. The Facebook "unfriend" button should come with a full week delay period before activating the request.

My dog can communicate to me exactly what she wants with just her eyes. And I obey.

It is impossible to capture the beauty of a sunrise, sunset, or an awesome moon in a photo. It is best to put the phone down and REALLY see it, and ya know what? When you do that, you feel it too.

Death can be long and painful and leaves you with a small feeling of relief, but mostly sadness and loss.

Death can be short and unexpected and leaves you with a big feeling of shock, but mostly sadness and loss.

It is possible to have to wait for TWO trains to pass by at the railroad crossing on your way to work. However, one cannot use

this excuse every day if you are late to work.

Smart phones don't bounce. Begging it to bounce when you drop it on a hard surface will not stop it from breaking.

You can put something on your bucket list that you never knew you wanted to do and cross it off the same day.

Good friends will be there for you when things get tough and will also laugh the longest and loudest when you do something stupid. Sometimes you will give them a lot to laugh about.

It is possible to drive a different route to work on the same road you've always travelled when the road is under construction. The route on that very same road on your drive home can also change without warning. (The new bridge is nice though).

There is never enough time or money to take a trip, so make some plans and take it anyway. Or even better, forget the plans and just go.

Thank you for all the great comments on the View without a Point column and I'm even grateful to those that let me know they used it to line their birdcages. It only helps me to try harder and get better at this writing gig. I hope your journey in 2017 is wonderful and filled with laughter, love and a few surprises.

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# The Way of the Sword

By Ron Rodriguez

As you move around YPG, are you aware that students of "The Way of the Sword" may be moving around you?

I was introduced to the Japanese Samurai while my dad was stationed in Hawaii circa 1966. My first memories of the Samurai were in Sunday morning sword dramas in the Japanese language on TV. The sword dramas, as I remember them, were bloodless, and I was fascinated with the sword fights. I was reintroduced to the Samurai through numerous venues after my father retired at the Presidio of San Francisco. It was in 1974 that I saw the Robert Mitchum film The Yakuza co-starring Ken Takakura. In the

movie there was a very short kendo scene, less than two minutes long, but the knowledge that there was a safe way to practice the art of the Samurai captured my imagination.

Last year when I was talking to the YPG museum curator, the subject of swords came up and I told him about the scene in the movie and how I had wanted to take kendo ever since. Imagine my surprise when he informed me that kendo was offered as a non-credit course at Arizona Western College (AWC).

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The art of kendo is attributed to the sword master Naganuma Shirozaemon Kumsato around the year 1711. Japanese armor, or bogu, was modified and the bamboo sword or shinai developed in lieu of steel or wooden swords to avoid fatalities and serious injury during practice.

Unlike other martial arts, which emphasize self-defense or combat, kendo is primarily aimed at the development of discipline of the practitioner, or kendoka, as it relates to their body, mind, and spirit. Kendoka demonstrate their spirit during practice or competition through their kiai or fighting yell. Another aspect of this spiritual practice is demonstrated through a

development of zanshin, a detached awareness of the world around them and their own actions. This is normally seen during practice or during matches when the kendoka

executes a strike.

Kendo is practiced in a uniform consisting of a kekogi- the top; hakama- wide flowing pleated trousers; and bogu, consisting of helmet, chest protection, hip and groin protection, and gauntlets. Kendoka practice barefoot similar to most Japanese martial arts.

Kendo in Yuma is taught by Professor Francisco Villa at AWC most Saturdays each semester. Students of kendo at AWC come from many walks of life including teaching, students, children, and government employees, including some from YPG. Currently there are about four active kendoka from the YPG workforce.

So as you look around during the duty day you may wonder, is that a student of "The Way of the Sword" in front of you waiting in line for lunch?

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## Safety Corner

# 10 Safety Commandments for Supervisors

Did you realize your job as a management supervisor places you in a unique position of trust? Not only does the Army rely on you as the direct representative of Senior Management to apply its policies wisely and fairly; it also entrusted to you the obligation to safeguard the well-being of the employees in your charge. No responsibility transcends this in importance. In this respect, your job is akin to the “stewardship” of Biblical days: As a supervisor, you are your brother’s keeper.

On-the-job accidents represent a serious threat to the physical well-being of your employees. Their prevention calls for your constant vigilance. Guide your employees safely through their daily work using these principles:

**1. You are a supervisor and thus, in a sense, have two families.**

Care for your people at work as you would care for your family at home. Be sure each of your workers understands and accepts personal responsibility for safety.

**2. Know the rules of safety that apply to the work you supervise.**

Never let it be said that one of your workers was injured because you were not aware of the hazards and control measures required for the job.

**3. Anticipate the risks that may result from changes in equipment or processes.**

Use the Deliberate Risk Assessment process, as well as advice from the safety pros to help you guard against new hazards.

**4. Encourage your workers to discuss the hazards of their work.**

No job should proceed if a question of safety remains unanswered. When you are receptive to the ideas of your workers, you tap a source

of first-hand knowledge that will help you prevent needless loss and suffering.

**5. Instruct your employees to work safely.**

As you would guide and counsel your family at home, use persistence and patience with your employees. Get feedback and have them repeat the instructions back to you.

**6. Follow up your instructions consistently.**

Ensure that workers make use of the safeguards provided to them. If necessary, enforce safety rules through disciplinary actions. It’s that important! Do not fail the Army or your workers who need them.

**7. Set a good example.**

Demonstrate safety in your own work habits and personal conduct. Don’t be a hypocrite in the eyes of your workers.

**8. Investigate and analyze every**

**accident – however slight – that happens to your workers.** If minor injuries go unreported or treated, crippling accidents may occur later. Most major accidents were preceded by “near-misses”!

**9. Cooperate fully with those in the organization who are actively concerned with employee safety.**

Their dedicated purpose is to keep your workers fully able and on the job and to reduce the heavy personal toll resulting from workplace accidents.

**10. Remember: Not only does accident prevention reduce human suffering and loss; from the practical viewpoint, it is also good business!** Safety is one of your prime obligations to the Army, Yuma Proving Ground, your fellow supervisors, and your co-workers.

By leading your workers into “thinking safety” as well as working safely day-by-day, you will win their loyal support and cooperation. More than that, you will gain in personal stature in the eyes of your employees.

Good workers do good work for good leaders!

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# Military contributions to be celebrated

By Chuck Wullenjohn

The Yuma County Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the contributions of Yuma's two military installations and local veterans at a Military Appreciation Day festival at Arizona Western College on February 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

This event offers members of the Yuma community and local organizations to express their support and thanks to the many men and women, both active duty and retired, who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom and



Marketing Specialist Teri Womack interacts with members of the public visiting the YPG booth during a previous Military Appreciation Day. A new Military Appreciation Festival sponsored by the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce will take place on February 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Arizona Western College. Admission is free. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

way of life.

Presented by the Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, civilians and military personnel will be treated to exhibitions, vendor booths, displays, music, food, and much more. A pancake breakfast begins at 7 a.m.

The entire family is invited to

come out to AWC on Saturday, February 4, for a free, fun, family event. Many information booths and exhibits from a host of military support organizations and non-profits will be on hand for the festivities. Everyone is invited, so, we'll see you at AWC on Saturday, February 4 for Yuma's Military Appreciation Day!

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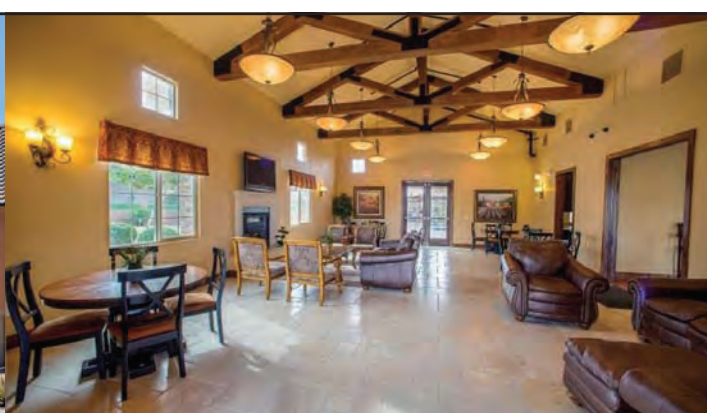
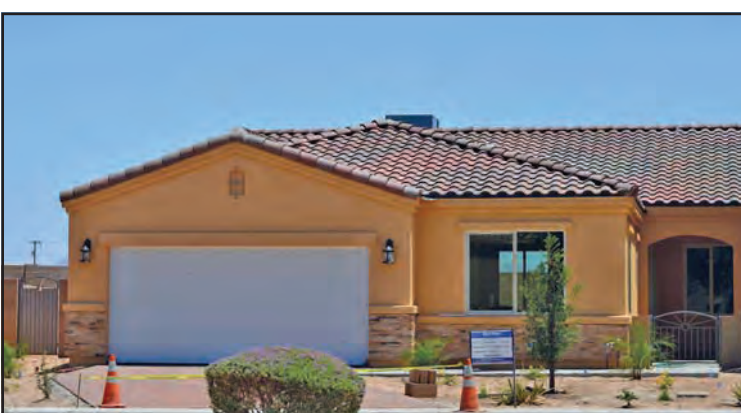
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# EXERCISE

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overwhelmed, nonetheless open fire from the adjacent foothills. Some of the Marines quickly take covered positions and return fire with 60 mm mortars, while others press forward, tactically approaching the adversary position, working itself into a pincer. Meanwhile, other aircraft in communication with the ground forces engage ground combat vehicles in the vicinity.

The exercise was precise and efficient, and could easily have taken place in a combat theater overseas. Yet it was really a realistic training exercise hosted on U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground's vast ranges as scores of tests took place simultaneously. Originating primarily from Camp Pendleton and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Ca., the 1st Marine Division spent two days exercising the long-range aerial movement of a battalion-sized element of Marines, simulating all procedures short of firing actual ordnance.

"The complexity of this large a scale exercise is something we would

do in actual conflict," said Col. Michael Borgschulte, Marine Aircraft Group 39 commander. "This kind of training makes us better and more integrated across the entire spectrum of Marine Air Ground Task Force operations."

Staging the training exercise at YPG provided the valuable benefit of a venue unfamiliar to exercise participants, which added to its realism.

"While this is something we practice a lot, we don't necessarily get to do it on a battalion-sized scale over this long a distance," said Maj. Greg Chapman. "It is important to practice the time, space and logistics problems this exercise represents. It is the kind of real-world practice that will be invaluable overseas."

YPG's strikingly realistic mock villages and compounds combined with the similarity of the installation's terrain to that of Southwest Asia makes it an ideal and more-readily available supplement to major training installations such as Fort Irwin's National Training Center or the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twenty Nine Palms, Ca.

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Having taken the position, the Marines quickly set up communications equipment. The infantrymen carried in every piece of equipment in rucksacks as they took simulated enemy fire.





The exercise included mock insurgents who camped for days on the range, in addition to a reconnaissance element of Marines who parachuted in under cover of darkness.

Doan, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment commander. “If you look at rural environments in the Middle East, they are very similar: rugged and vast terrain. The unpredictability of the environment is something Marines have to adapt to and

overcome.”

The exercise was supplemented by a variety of target vehicles supplied and operated by proving ground personnel, including T-72 battle tanks, SA-6 surface-to-air missile systems, and ZSU 23-4 self-propelled

anti-aircraft systems.

“The idea was to challenge the Marines in the aircraft and on the ground so that they have to figure out who will do what and how they will prioritize those threats,” said Chapman.

“Overall, I think it went very well,” added Doan. “A large-scale exercise like this to launch a full scale battalion into a concentrated assault takes a lot of coordination and planning. Safety is always paramount.”



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# Parenting Together

**Submitted by Paul J. Kilanski, Family Advocacy Program Manager**

All parents want to be the best parents they can be. Parenting is a very hard job and brings challenges to a relationship. Following these tips will make your parenting easier and your children healthier.

Learning to be a good parent takes practice. Good parents provide their children with ongoing affection and clear limits. Tell your children often how much you love them.

Play with them daily. Hug and kiss them often. Praise your children when they do something nice, such as help a friend. Teach them what is good and bad behavior.

Remember that they are still good people even when their behavior is bad. Discipline is not punishment; it is teaching children how to behave well. Correct your children by giving

them a "time out," not by spanking them. Physically hurting children is very damaging to their well-being. Do not discipline for a first offense. Tell them what they did wrong and what will happen if they do it again. Do not set consequences that you do not intend to carry out.

Be a united team. Parents who give their children the same answers help them feel safe and protected. Make important decisions about the children together. Support your partner when they correct the children. Children whose parents agree feel protected. Plan family time every week and do fun activities together. Offer to relieve your partner if they seem upset while handling the children. You must work as a team unless one parent is emotionally or physically abusive or puts the children in danger. The children's

safety and well-being are the top priority.

Sometimes parents disagree about what is best for their children. When you disagree, never overrule your partner's decision in front of the children (unless it is a matter of safety). If you disagree, discuss your ideas in private. Respect each other's parenting choices. Give the highest priority to health and safety concerns. If you cannot agree, ask your partner what would be a second acceptable choice. Sort several ideas until you can compromise or seek the advice of an expert. Tell your children that you discussed their request and have reached a mutual decision. This helps them feel respected and reduces whining, arguing and temper tantrums. Taking a parenting class together can be very helpful. Many are low cost or free and often include

childcare.

Be loving and respectful of each other. Parents who show respect help their children learn respect. Talk respectfully to your partner and to the children. Be kind to your partner.

Praise your partner in front of your children. Tell the children how grateful you feel to have such a good family. If the children complain about the other partner, reassure them of your partner's love for them. Be appropriately affectionate with each other in front of the children. Though they may giggle, children are pleased to see you in love and it helps them feel safe and happy.



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This program is designed to provide Yuma County business,

civic, religious and community leaders, as well as interested residents, an inside look at how CBP secures the border at and between ports of entries in southwestern Arizona. Participants will become familiar with CBP's

mission and each component's distinctive roles and responsibilities to secure America's borders. Participants will tour the border and have an opportunity to volunteer in interactive demonstrations, such as tracking, search and rescue, self-defense, firearms tactics, and inspections for prohibited agricultural items.

From February 1 to March 2, classes will meet from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Applications are available at Yuma Sector Border Patrol Headquarters, 4035 S. Avenue A, Yuma, Ariz., and the San Luis Port of Entry, Highway 95 & International Border, San Luis, Ariz. Participants

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