

# Marines CORPS SHOTS



## MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – “Wait a minute ... this ain't silly string.”

A Marine is sprayed with a simulated riot control agent as he pulls on the shield of a non-lethal platoon member during the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit's humanitarian assistance operation exercise April 26. The platoon is from Battery R, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. BLT 1/4 is the MEU's ground combat element. The HAO is one of the 23 missions the MEU must master to become “Special Operations Capable.”

Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Chago Zapata

## CENTRAL TRAINING AREA, Okinawa, Japan –

“I've got your back!” Standing back-to-back providing front and rear security, Lance Cpl. Benjamin C. Foged and Cpl. Justin L. Clevenger conduct a basic room entry and clearing during training at Combat Town, Central Training Area, April 8. The two Marines help make up a 10-member Special Reaction Team for the Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. The Special Reaction Team is specially trained to handle missions beyond the call of duty for basically trained military policemen.

Photo by Cpl. Ryan Walker



## MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. – “AAARGH!”

Getting sprayed in the face with pepper spray is tough training, but having to fend off an attacker while blinded by the fiery liquid raises the bar even higher for Lance Cpl. Rachel Ann Young, a support clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. She and fellow Marines participated in a security augmentation force pepper spray familiarization exercise March 25, which prepares Marines for conditions they might face while providing security or crowd control.

Photo by Lance Cpl. J.R. Stence



**MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. – Who says size doesn't matter?** For Staff Sgt. Louis Starnes, senior drill instructor of Platoon 3040, India Company, 3rd Recruit Battalion, his formidable 6-foot-9-inch frame is more than enough to command the attention of even the boldest recruit. Here, he towers over a recruit during a class on proper uniform wear in the squad bay March 24. Because he is so tall, Starnes has to special order all his uniforms.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Darhonda V. Hall

## KOZA, Okinawa, Japan – “Hey, does your beard itch?”

Service members don uncharacteristic beards and long hair for a presentation of the play “The Living Lord's Last Supper” April 11. The show featured Randy Hadley, a missionary at the Okinawa Christian School, as Judas Iscariot; Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Sellars as John the Beloved Disciple; Sgt. Adam Doepel as Jesus Christ; Air Force Senior Airman Durham Stewart as Thomas the Doubter; and Army Sgt. Steve Youngblood as James the Elder.

Photo by Cpl. C.A. Eriksen



**NAVAL AIR FACILITY EL CENTRO, Calif. – “Out of a perfectly good airplane”** at 13,000 feet, Sgt. A. J. Hull, assistant team leader, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, jumps during High Altitude, Low Opening parachute training March 23. To properly jump from the back of a C-130 Hercules, a Marine must arch his back and face the aircraft, and not spin around or go on his side. This allows proper orientation for nighttime maneuvers when the only light visible is from the aircraft.

Photo by Cpl. Robert M. Storm

