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athon Delgado, a squad leader with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, looks back to spot the casualty evacuation helicopter in the middle of a six-hour with Taliban insurgents, Aug. 13.

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Marines engage in six-hour firefight with Taliban insurgents

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elley of enemy gunfire ltiple directions. With-ation, the Marines and urned fire to suppress ay positions, began to ar on the insurgents for fire support. trol anticipating contact," said Capt. E.A. Meador, Company E commander. "They always

Capt. E.A. Meador, Company E commander. "They always try to hit us in that area." Within minutes, an AH-1W Super Cobra and a UH-1N Huey-were on station overhead to help suppress and engage enemy targets. The Cobra fired several five-inch Zuni rockets into one of the compounds

several five-inch Zuni rockets into one of the compounds from which the patrol was receiving sustained fire.

The friendly forces maneuvered through thick cornfields with slippery mud while enduring temperatures that exceeded 120 degrees in the afternoon. The muggy heat rose from the cornfields as if it were a sauna, and the Marines sunk into the mud with each step, making it feel like weights were attached to their ankles.



Photo by 1st Lt. Kurl Stahl
Alghan National Army soldiers and Marines with
Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, return
fire after Taliban insurgents ambushed their patrol Aug.

sible to move so fast through mud like that," said Lance Cpl. Timothy Daughtry, a squad au-tomatic weapon gunner.

In addition to those already challenging conditions, each Marine carried no less than a 60-pound combat load to intion and water at a minimum.

Despite the potential distractions offered by these extreme conditions while under fire, the Marines executed sound judgment calls and made rational decisions without bestation.

every day and do a phenom-enal job," said Meador. "They come back beat and tired, but they are always ready to do it again the next day."

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During the engagement, the squad leaders were encouraging and directing their Marines to ensure they were doing everything they could to stay effective and in the fight. No matter how tired they became as time wore on, the voice of experience could be heard across the battlefield.

"Push forward. Keep your dispersion," called out Sgt. Jonathon Delgado, a squad leader as his Marines pressed through the cornfield to maneuver on one of the compounds hiding

By 1 p.m. - five hours into e engagement - many of the

Marines had run out of water who still had a reserve and continued throughout the remain

der of the day as needed.

During the firefight, the Marines were successful in calling in several types of precision ordin several types of precision ord-nance on the insurgent fighting positions, which included rock-ets fired by the High-Mobility Artillery Rocker Systems based at Camp Dwyer 15 miles away; 81mm and 60mm mortars, and a 500-pound bomb from a U.S. Air Force B-1 bomber. "We caught them by surprise

"We caught them by surprise with our indirect fire assets and inflicted heavier casualties than in the past," said 1st Lt. Kyle Kurtz, Company E's executive

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LANCE CPL. JOHN P. HITESMAN

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Marine engineers construct major fortifications in Helmand's hostile territory

SGT. SCOTT WHITTINGTON



Photo by Sgt. Scott Whittin Sgt. Justin L. Olbu, squad leader, Company G, Battalian, 8th Marine Regiment, scans the horizon one of his Alghan National Army counterparts, Aug.

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while driving.

Question: Is talking or texting on a cell phone any worse than having a conversation with someone in the car?

Answer: Any activity a driver engages while driving has the potential to distract the driver from the primary task of driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states some reministration states some re-search findings comparing cell phone use to passenger conversations while driving show each to be equally risky, while others show cell phone use to be more risky. A sig-nificant difference between the two is the fact that a passenger can monitor the driving situa-tion along with the driver and pause for, or alert the driver to, potential hazards, whereas a person on the other end of the phone line is unaware of the roadway situation.

Texting-while-driving ban becomes law

Gov. Bev Perdue signed into law a bill that bans drivers from text messaging or sending e-mails with their cell phones. have to either pull over or wait vehicle before they can text or

e-mail. Violators could face a

\$100 fine, plus court costs.

Base Order, Regional Policy, Marine Corps Order, and/ or state laws all regulate cell phone use on and off base. Be sure to follow the below tips to help lessen your chance of having an accident due to cell

Use cell phones only when and where it's safe, such as pulling over to a safe location

Utilize a hands-free device, a feature that is included or available with most of today's cell phones that permits a driv-er to use the phone without lifting or holding the phone.

Remember, operators of personal and government ve-hicles on USMC installations

vehicle is in operation, unless they are using a hands-free device

In an effort to reduce an increasing negative trend, mili-tary police will be focusing on those who drive and use phones in an unsafe manner. The goal is to remind Marines, sailors and civilians of their responsibility to make decisions, especially while op-erating vehicles on or off-duty. Ensure your personnel know the rules and drive safely. For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or your Base Safety Representative or visit the following Camp Lejeune Base Safety website to learn more; https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Work-Nace/%/2055.efen/%/2016formed place%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx

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for Marines on the front lines consists of extremes. Mash themselves through grueling patrols, broken up by pefresting and waiting. It is during these down times when a reminisce about family and loved ones. Any glimpse is a bright spot in a Marine's deployment. That is why n be one of the biggest morale boosters for Marines — esfont front lines where the men possess only the bare also

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ines with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regivere inserted via helicopters into this austere location July ng the first day of Operation Khanjar. They received a ad of mail Aug. 11 on a logistics convoy from the battaleadquarters. Although the convoy brought several other try items, the mail was probably the most welcomed part shipment by the Marines





Photos by 1st Lt. Kurt Stahl
(Top) Capt. E.A. Meador, 1st Sgt. Philip Lafountain, 1st Lt. Joseph Larkin and 1st Lt.
Kyle Kurtz with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, enjoy their mail
shortly after it arrived, Aug. 11. The Marines inserted here via helicopter July 2 at
the beginning of Operation Khanjar. Mail is one of the biggest morale boosters for
deployed Marines. (Above) A truck loaded with mail rolls into the combat outpost
of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Aug. 11. (Left) A truck loaded
with mail is unloaded by excited Marines with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine
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HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

Marines fight, push insurgents bac

Regimental Combat Team

Marines with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines Regiment, exchanged fire with Taliban militants and

with Tahban militants and drove them from a fortified fighting position, Aug. 15.

The patrol traveled to the same area it did two days prior when it engaged in a heavy six-hour firefight with insurgents. The purpose was to draw enemy fire, respond by driving them from their fighting positions and then hold the ground.

"Every time we go down to that area, we take con-tact," said 1st Lt. Josh Fau-cett, a forward observer and joint terminal attack control-

The insurgents engaged the patrol with small arms and a few rocket propelled grenades as anticipated, and the Marines responded with a heavy volley of their own combined with 60mm and 81mm mortars lobbing onto the objective.

"We made the enemy re-act to us with our fires and maneuver," said 2nd Lt. Pat Bragan, third 3rd platoon

commander.

The location the enemy fired from was a giant wall on the outskirts of an area called Herati – one of the same positions used to fire the initial volley during the last major fight here. Ad-ditionally, the wall has been one of the insurgents' fa-vorite places from which to launch attacks over the last

"They have used the wall since we've been here. They



2nd Lt. Pat Bragan, third platoon commander with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and his Marines prepare to attack Taliban insurgents after receiving fire from a nearby compound, Aug. 15.

have fired at us from all corners," said Faucett. "The whole mission was terrain denial, and the secondary mission was tearing down the wall so that it could not be used as a fighting posi-

tion."
The compound was nothing more than a sturdy wall surrounding a grape orchard in the shape of a rectangle.

However, it also provided a temporary safe haven for insurgents to observe Marines and fire on them.

During the firefight two days prior, mortars and heavy ordnance from aircraft and high-mobility artillery rocket systems, had been called in on the fortified position. The wall was hit with 81mm mortars and HIMARS again



Photo by 1st L Cpl. A.J. Manglona, a machine gunner with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8t Regiment, fires his M-240G medium machine gun at Taliban insurgents after fire, Aug. 15.

fire, Aug. 15. in this second firefight. Even with these explosives deto-nating along the wall, much of it still stood when the Marines finally made their way to it. Initially, they thought they might have to use ex-plosives to demolish the wall because it was very thick and had withstood repeated shelling. However, it didn't take long for them to figure out an easier way.

"I bet if we get a bunch of guys on it, we can push most of the wall down," said Staff Sgt. James Simmons, a platoon sergeant with the

company. "I was just able to break off a small piece when I kicked it."

Immediately, a group of Marines got up while the rest posted security and started pushing on the wall. Piece by piece, the wall fell, providing the compound. They were successful in taking down about 30 to 40 meters of it by hand.

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"It was actually a lot more uneventful than I thought it would be," said Remington. He added the reaction from the people varies by location.

"These patrols are a good thing," said Pfc. Alexander Gendreau, a mine sweeper with 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment. "We are providing security for all the locals."

In addition to providing security, the Marines of 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment are also engaged in a civil affairs effort. Everywhere the patrols travel, they try to interact trols travel, they try to interact with the Afghan population. By understanding the needs of the people, the Marines increase their ability to help the community. Simple improvements to villages, such as establishing wells, can help show the locals the Marines care about them and are committed to gaining the trust of their community.

The Marines also want Afghan citizens to feel safe enough to participate during the Aug. 20 elections. While the Marines may not be tak-ing a direct role in providing security for the elections since Afghan national security forces will be primarily responsible, they will be doing everything they can to support the ANSF in their security effort.

Continuing the patrolling ef-

gents' attempts to create insta-bility, according to Remington. For some of these Marines, this is the first time they have

conducted foot patrols since this deployment began, while this deployment began, while many have experience from previous deployments to Iraq. While the terrain may be different, the Marines of 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment have shifted into the patrolling effort as if they had been doing them here all along.



patrol Aug. 14. The Mariner conduct the patrols to increase security and



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Marines see regular enemy activity in Afghan so

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U.S. Marines poured into southern Helmand province when Operation Khanjar when Operation Khanjar kicked off July 2, marking the largest helicopter insertion of any U.S. military force since the Vietnam War. Some units found conditions on the ground found conditions on the ground to be relatively quiet, but other Marines encountered heavy contact from Taliban militants upon their arrival. Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, is one of the units that have been beauty engaged. that have been heavily engaged with insurgents over the last five weeks.

When the company landed

here with its more than 200 Marines, they immediately set up a security perimeter and were entrenched by 9 a.m. For the first couple of hours, there was nothing. The only things that could be seen were Afghan civillans, departing the area. that could be seen were Atgnan civilians departing the area in anticipation of a fight that would come soon, recounted 1st Lt. Kyle Kurtz, executive officer of Company E.

"After about two hours or so, we started taking some initial not shots on the perimeter."

tial pot shots on the perimeter that steadily grew to fire from all directions," he said. "It was pretty heavy – (indirect fire), (small arms fire), (rocket-pro-pelled grenades) – everything they had, they were shooting

The Marines sustained in-tense battles while carrying a heavy load - enough ammuni-tion, food and water to sustain the unit for 48 hours.

We started having quite a few heat cases – four or five in the first day," Kurtz said.

For the first week and a half, Company E was engaged in at



Entropy Villegas, a designated marksman with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, patrols through a thick and muddy cornfield in the muggy heat,

least two significant firefights each day - one in the morning and one in the evening. After that point, the company repositioned to what the enemy had used as a base of opera-

nad used as a base of opera-tions during the initial days of Operation Khanjar.

"We were most heavily en-gaged from the position we are in right now," said Kurtz.

"We determined this would be the best position and we would make it our main command post."

Overall, the heat has been the biggest issue for the com-pany's medical staff, accord-ing to Petty Officer 3rd Class Philip Davila, Company E's senior corpsman. "We try to mitigate heat cases by ensuring the Marines have plenty of wa-ter, food and IVs."

The reason most of the

unit corpsmen's patients have only been heat casualties or had sustained minor injuries is due to the responsiveness and reliability of the casualty evacuation system, according to Navy Lt. Robert Quinton, assistant surgeon for 2nd Bat-talion, 8th Marine Regiment. "We have never had one casualty evacuation request denied.
The helicopters have come in the face of RPGs and other enemy fire."

Although the Company E Marines are still engaged in firefights nearly every day, they have started to see im-provements in their ability to communicate with the civilians who have returned to the

"More and more people are talking to us on patrols," said Pfc. Benjamin Walsh, a rifleman with the company. "It seems like they are becoming more friendly as they get used

The Marines of Company E are eager to learn about the culture and get a better understanding of the people, according to Kurtz. "That kind of stilled are passes the Countering." attitude makes the (counterinsurgency operations) successful. They believe in the mission and are willing to do what it takes to achieve that mission for long-term change

"I believe the kids here should have the same opportunities my kids have, but with the Taliban here, they do not have that chance," said Sgt. Thomas Joiner, who has six of his own children.

"There is definitely a section of the population who are sick of the Taliban and not

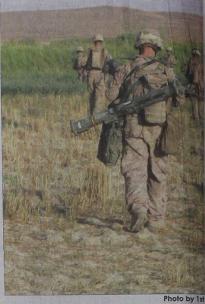


Photo by 1st Marines with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8 Regiment, step off on a foot patrol, Aug. 10.

happy with the way of life they have provided," said Kurtz. "However, the company has only been in its current area of operation for about a month and a half ... it is too early to expect a complete success."

One significant event the company recently experienced was a shura involving the dis-trict governor. The meeting brought numerous villagers who expressed several con-cerns the Marines had not been aware of due to their focus on the enemy attacks. "Since the shura, we have

received a steadie local interaction about the Taliban's Kurtz commented. they do not do it locals are becoming

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CLB-22 Marines get back to their rifleman roots with live fire

CPL. JUSTIN M. MARTINEZ

Four blue projectiles scream through the air, defeating fric-tion from wind blown sand with speed and force in their paths to destruction. A cloud of orange dye lifts into the air after the slug barrage impacts the motionless four-wheel coupe sitting in a sea

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 22, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, took a break from their usual routine of providing logistics support to the MEU to do some training of their own, firing machine guns at a training range near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Aug. 13.

"We just don't really get a lot of time to get CLB-specific training out on the ranges due to the requirements for providing combat service support to the battalion landing team and other (major subordinate elements)," said 1st Lt. Chad T. Phillips, the CLB assistant logistics officer.

The CLB Marines' feet sank in the loose sand as they laid in the MK-19 40mm auto-

matic grenade launchers and M-240G machine guns, stacking sandbags on tripod legs to keep the weapons from shifting when fired.

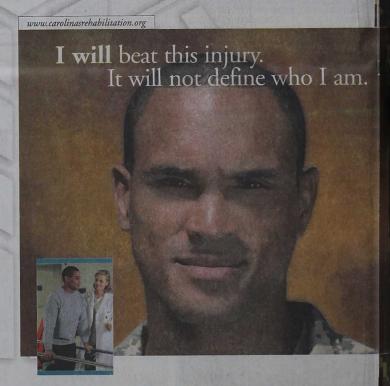
"It's motivating to get away from my motor (transporta-

from my motor (transporta-tion) job and get back to my rifleman roots," said Lance Cpl. Kyle E. Dunn, a logistics

whicle system operator.
Once the range went hot, the Marines sat in a shower of wind-blown sand as they targets with training

"When they were engag-ing their targets with their ma-chine gun systems, they were accurate," said Staff Sgt. Dan-iel V. Villarreal, the engineer chief for CLB. "It was a very exciting time and they had a

exciting time and they had a lot of fun while doing it too."
In early August, elements of the 22nd MEU arrived at Camp Buehring, a U.S. Army Central Command/Area Support Group Kuwait owned training base. The MEU is conducting sustainment training and is currently serving as the theater currently serving as the theater reserve force for U.S. Central Command.



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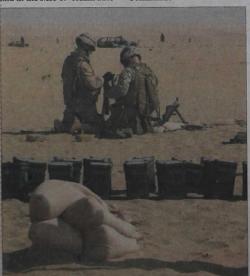
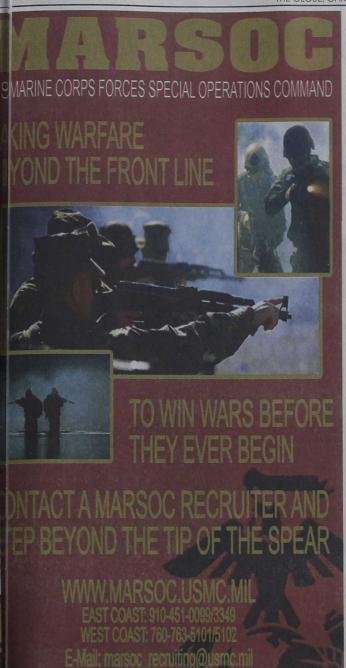


Photo by Cpl. Justin M. Martinez
Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 22, 22nd Marine
Expeditionary Unit, prepare ammunition belts for an
M-240G machine gun during a machine-gun shoot at a
training area near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Aug. 13.



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Photo by Lance Cpi. Jason Hernandez Marines with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, load improvised explosive device-making materials into a mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle, Aug. 10. The Marines found the materials in a compound near their patrol base.

HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

2/8 Marines discover, seize insurgent cache

1ST LT. KURT STAHL

Regimental Combat Team 3

Marines with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Ma-rine Regiment discovered a cache of improvised explosive device-making materials in an insurgent compound here

an insurgent compound here Aug. 10.

The cache, found by a patrol and seized by the company's explosive ordnance disposal technicians, included 150 pounds of ammonium nitrate and several other compotrate and several other components used to make improvised explosive devices. This was the first time Company E has

the first time Company E has uncovered an insurgent cache of any type in this area.

The patrol kicked off just after daybreak in order to investigate a compound Taliban militants had been using to launch direct-fire attacks on Marines in recent days. A report from a local Afghan spurred the mission.

When the Marines reached

When the Marines reached the objective, they called their combat operations center, about two kilometers away, to request the expertise of the EOD team attached to the

EOD team attached to the company.
"We expected to find weapons since there had been so much enemy fire from the compound in the past," said platoon sergeant Staff Sgt. Timothy Funke. "It is always good to find materials that can be used against our Marines.

good to find materials that can be used against our Marines before they are employed."/ The Marines also found well-defined fighting positions within the compound and rounds typically used by the insurgents in the area. "We know that the insur-

gents had multiple teams oper-

gents had multiple teams oper-ating out of here," said Funke.
"We will make every effort to ensure they will not be able to use this compound against us effectively."

Shortly after being summoned, the EOD technicians were ready to link up with the

were ready to link up with the patrol. They pushed out to the objective within minutes.

According to the technicians, this cache comprised the materials typically used for IEDs in the area, so the find potentially saved multiple lives. The Marines loaded the IED-making materials into their vehicles and took them back to Company E's combat outpost for disposal.

back to Company E's combat outpost for disposal.

"It was definitely a good find – something that would have been emplaced in the future had we not found it," said 1st Lt. Kyle Kurtz, executive officer of Company E.

"This single event is not going to crush the enemy, but it is another step to taking away the insurgents' ability to be proactive."

proactive."

According to the patrol leader, the Taliban militants formerly occupying the compound were hiding in a tree line only about 100 meters away observing the Marines' movements. However, the patrol was fully prepared with perimeter security in case the insurgents had decided to attack. eided to attack.

2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment is an element of Regimental Combat Team 3, whose mission is to conduct counterinsurgency operations in partnership with the Afghan national security forces in southern Afghanistan.



Photo by 1st Lt. Kurt Stahl

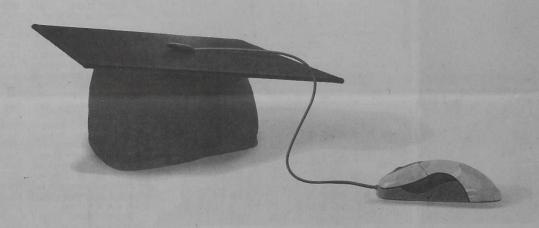
S with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment,
another trip to load more improvised explosive

making materials into a mine-resistant, ambushled vehicle, Aug. 10. The Marines found the materials
mpound near their patrol base.



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Marines tasked ju-rines with organizing, and planning a mock on a simulated insurdquarters.

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the briefs, senior Ma-ve the junior Marines t bits of advice, which rated mostly on how

so we use what time

here to prepare them eadership roles they'll

to brief a platoon of Marines. Everything from tone of voice to body language can make or break the confidence one has in a leader, which is why the instructors considered briefing an important segment of the an important segment of the training program.

The unit then conducted a

warm-up drill, which involved going through the plan and drilling what needed to be done during each phase of the simulated attack.

"It's better practicing out re," said 1st Lt. Luke A. here," said 1st Lt. Luke ... Williamson, 1st platoon com-mander. "Here we don't have Williamson, 1st platoon com-mander. "Here we don't have to work with range control-lers, do scheduling or anything like that. We've got a massive desert with abandoned build-ings scattered throughout. It's a perfect training environ-ment"

Once the opening stages of the briefing and dry runs were completed, the Marines packed their equipment into their vehicles and drove away, only to return 20 minutes later for the actual mock mission.

They stormed in from the direction of the sun and the light armored vehicle's rolled to a stop within a safe distance of the compound. The Marine scouts onboard raced out and covered one another as they covered one another as they advanced.

Before long, they were searching buildings and clearing room after room. Suddenly a voice called out, "Alright, he's hit," and the junior Ma-



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jason Hernandez Lance Cpl. Nathan J. Leibel, a pointman with Company C, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, keeps a lookout after rushing and clearing a farmhouse during a simulated mission near Sahl Sinjar, Iraq, Aug. 5. The training was designed to give junior Marines leadership experience vital to the continuity of successful missions.

rines were faced with the unexpected task of calling for an aerial medical evacuation.

Fortunately, arrangements had already been made, and the mock mission proceeded as planned while the simu-lated casualty was evacu-ated. Atop the final building, a Marine yelled, "all clear," signaling the end of the exer-cise. In all, the mock assault

lasted seven minutes.
"I think my Marines did a fantastic job," said Williamson. "They were well-trained and needed very little guidance or supervision. Their planning, refinement, rehearsal and execution of the deliberate attack was nearly deliberate attack was nearly

After the operation, the Marines sat down and were

debriefed and counseled by se-nior members of the platoon. Together, they went over the mission and discussed what was

mission and uncused what was done well and, more importantly, what could be improved.

"It could've gone better," said Pfc. James P. Hagy, a scout machine-gunner. "We'll work on our communications skills and movement. It's skills and movement. It's all repetition and practice,

which is important."
As the sun faded into the horizon, compliments were paid to the junior enlisted Ma-rines who led the simulated assault. The day's work had paid off, and a future deployment may see the Marines of Comanche Company using the lessons they learned at a long-abandoned compound in the northern deserts of Iraq.



Photo by Lance Cpl. John P. Hitesman

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istan comes from the sale and distribution of
a drug derived from the poppy plant. According
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, each
fghanistan produces about \$4 billion worth of
making up 92 percent of the world's global

FROM 1A

ad under the floors.

Let we entered the building you could smell the strong, distinguishable smell of the opium all throughout the 5," said Capt. Robert J. Tart, commanding officer of ny E and the on-scene commander during the raid.

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ough not a counternarcotics force, the Marines have resome training in detecting opium refineries and storage s. The knowledge of the excessive growing and distrible narcotics in this region, and the fact it has been the financial resource the Taliban utilizes, has led the Marps to incorporate counternarcotics training into their loyment training schedule.

**Emore we searched, the more we kept coming up with,"

**Lt. Patrick A. McFarland, a Company E platoon com
"Thankfully we have had after action reports from attalions and units which told us (drug traffickers) would ngs in the structure itself."

**Farland said the Marines could tell this was a hot spot be-

arland said the Marines could tell this was a hot spot be the amount of attention that it was given by the locals urrounding compounds. Several villagers came out to at the Marines were investigating. This led the Marines we they had found something of value and decided to ate in more detail, thus leading to their discovery of the

ags are used to fund the buying of weapons and impro-plosive device-making materials," said Tart. "Preventdrugs from being sold is an indirect way to stop the sale tribution of weapons and IEDs that are being used to people we are here to protect."

adult male of the household was taken into custody for

ording to Carwile, finding a drug cache of that magni-ally shows the progress Marines and Afghan National Forces are making in this region. So just lets the people know we are here to do our jobs,"
Farland. "To help get rid of the war they have endured near 10 years."

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FIREFIGHT FROM 1A

The Marines and ANA eventually maneuvered up to and cleared the insurgent positions initially used to launch the ambush. One moment they were fighting in open fields, and the next they were clearing rooms the insurgents had used as fighting positions – two very different and challenging combat techniques. One squad, expecting to encounter some resistance, went to clear the western company where to clear the western compound where the patrol had initially taken heavy fire. As they entered the compound, the only thing that was they found were brass casings and links from the enemy's ma-

"It was tense going through the com-

pound," Daughtry commented. "You never know exactly what is coming

never know exactly what is coming around the corner."

Between the sprints across the cornfields under fire to clearing compounds, the Marines felt lucky to have made it through the day unscathed.

"I definitely think I had an angel watching out for me at times," said Lance Cpl. Josh Vance, a team leader.

In past firefights, insurgents have kept their distance when engaging the Marines, but things were different during this battle.

"This was the first time in a while

This was the first time in a while that we were able to close with the en-emy so effectively," Kurtz said. "We

were within 50 to 75 meters - right on

The platoon-sized element that took the initial contact was only one surprise Company E had for the insurgents this When they started to run, platoon was sent out to meet them.

The Taliban militants displaced to another location they had used to launch attacks from in the past – a large wall. During the follow-on fight, the Marines were able to cut off the insur-gents' escape route and deny them the ability to use the wall for effective future attacks.

'It was a very successful day for us,"



Photo by Sgt. Scott Whittington.

A 73,000-pound combat excavator sank about eight feet in the mud after hitting the water table as it was building a berm around the future site of Patrol Base Khanjar, Aug. 17. It took Marines several hours to free the mechanical glant from the spongy muck.

CONSTRUCT FROM 1A

commander, 2nd platoon, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, about watching the engineers in action.
"It's amazing how you can live one place
one day, engineers hit the deck, and now
you have a new place to live and call

Company G had been living in abandoned buildings and in open areas since their helicopter insertion on the first day of Operation Khanjar July 2. The company is the last Marine company-size unit in the province that didn't have a for-

the local population.

"People around here will see the Marines aren't leaving," said Shine. One of the reservations local Afghans have about cooperating with the Marines is they feel the Taliba will parish these they feel the Taliban will punish them after the Marines leave. And the misconception is they'll be leaving soon. "We're commit-ted to the (local populace). We want to get close to them, stick by them and pro-

With a sense of urgency to complete build, the Marines worked quickly

but still had to overcome many challenges. One of those was mobility, said

"The ingenuity of my Marines is incredible," he said. "No matter what my Marines face, they will figure it out. They think outside the how."

This was proven after a 73,000-pound combat excavator sank about eight feet in sponge-like mud at Patrol Base Khanjar. The piece of heavy machinery was being used to build a berm around the exterior of the patrol base when it started sinking It took the Marines several hours, a small bulldozer and handheld shovels to dig it out enough for a wrecker and two other vehicles to pull it free.

"When I get to do my job, it's refresh-ing," said Cpl. Paul B. Dekker, a wrecker driver with 1st CEB, "Mobility relies on me and my (assistant) driver. Without me and my (assistant) driver. Without
my truck, there is no way heavy equipment can get down here."

In addition to rescuing the stuck excavator, "Dekker the Wrecker," as he is

cavator, "Dekker the Wrecker," as he is called by the engineer Marines, also freed 12 stuck vehicles from the soft, deep sand

of the open desert along the 14-hour drive from Camp Dwyer more than 25

Besides mobility issues, a more dangerous challenge was completing the mission while the Taliban attempted to

On the second morning of the proj ect, insurgents fired a rocket propelled grenade and small arms at the engineers at COP Koshtay. Company G, who was providing security, was able to suppress the attack and no one was injured mission to build a safer environment for

the company.
"My Marines absolutely refuse to not omplish the mission," stressed Tetzel

Once the construction is complete Company G Marines will have increased flexibility, enabling them to reach out to their neighbors in the local community. Rather than constant vigilance, the Marines will now have some breathing room, giving them an opportunity to re-lax, focus more time and energy planning and preparing future missions.



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risp passing and good communica-tion resulted in a 3-1 victory for 2nd Tank Battalion in

3-1 victory for 2nd Tank Battalion in its intramural soccer game against Bamcis United, Monday.

From the first touch of the ball, Tanks established an organized game plan that highlighted strong runs to the corners and an aggressive attitude on 50-50 balls.

Early in the match, midfielder Raul Cardenas exemplified the Tanks' strategy by flicking a nifty pass down the right side of the field, resulting in a corner kick.

The Bamcis United defense swept the threat away, but it wasn't long before they were tested again. Midway through the first half, Tanks finally capitalized on a scoring opportunity after sailing their first two shots wide of the goal. Forward Eric Danko ran the ball deep into the right corner, drawing the Bamcis United defense away from the goal. His centering pass found Jon Osborne wide open in front of the net, and Osborne

from the goal. His centering pass found Jon Osborne wide open in front of the net, and Osborne drilled his shot past the goal keeper. Not to be outdone, the Bamcis United offense started to get on track. Forward, Tyler Stokes, just missed the outside post when he ripped a shot from within the penalty area. Stokes later suffered a hard tackle 30 yards from the mouth of the Tanks goal and drew a direct kick. The kick was off-target and the score remained 1-0 in favor of the score remained 1-0 in favor of

As time in the half ticked away, Tanks' offense grew more and

more confident. Midfielder Bryce Keene just missed sending two headers into the goal and showed great touch and creativity as he flicked passes to his streaking

Bamcis United goalie, Brennon Brown, made a terrific save in the opening minutes of the second half, but the Tanks attack was picking up steam.

but the Tanks attack was picking up steam.

A defensive miscue in the Bamcis United backfield allowed the speedy Danko to pounce on a lose ball behind the sweeper with only the goalie to beat. Danko made the most of his chance, increasing the Tanks lead to 2-0.

Tanks continued to crash the Bamcis United penalty area and it wasn't long before Elias Martinez drew a foul for a direct kick just outside the box. In spite of Bamcis United's careful positioning of a defensive wall, Martinez struck his ball perfectly and buried it into the lower left corner of the net.

With the score 3-0, Tanks continued to press the ball forward and eventually their aggression got the better of them. With less than 10 minutes left in the game, Bamcis United finally broke the shutout,

United finally broke the shutout, thanks to a beautiful through ball
that Stokes was able to track down
behind the Tanks defense and score.
The tally was too little, too late,
however, and Tanks held on easily
for the win.
"There are a lot of things we

or the win.

"There are a lot of things we need to work on, but we're a lot better this year than last," said Martinez after his first game of the season with Tanks. "The players have a good concept of the game and they were seeing the field well tonight."



Hunting, fishing seasons clash: What's an outdoorsman to do?



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these permits has already taken place, but you can

check the availability of extra permits online at newildlife.org.

Unless you possess

natural wingshooting ability, a day or two practicing on clay pigeons can do a world of good for your shot to-dove ratio. Doves are small, fast and erratic flyers, making them extremely challenging targets.

Whether you practice at the trap or skeet range, use

the same gun, choke and load you plan to use during the hunt. Most people opt for the shotgun they feel

most comfortable with, with an improved cylinder choke

If you plan to bring your retrieving bird dog with you,

and shoot No. 8 or 7-1/2

plan for hot temperatures on opening day and pack accordingly. Bring plenty

of water for you and your canine companion. Dogs can quickly overheat in a dove field. On your hunt

day, pick out a spot in the shade, but wear sunblock, a brimmed hat and shooting

glasses to protect yourself

from sunburn. Take a break if you or your dog start to

get overheated.

If you forego those gray feathered missiles and decide to go fishing instead,

shot sizes.

August is nearly over and the start of dove season is right around the corner. All-around outdoorsmen will have a hard time choosing whether to go fishing or hunting during the long Labor Day weekend, It's a

Labor Day weekend. It's a good problem to have.

If it's doves you're setting your sights on, there's still time to do important preparations that will help you have a successful day in

If you haven't already ed up a hunting spot, time is definitely running out. There are quite a few pay-to-hunt events organized and held on private property. More often than not, these hunts include an afternoon cookout, which adds a great social aspect to the start of the season.

You can also try to ask permission of farmers and private landholders for places to bag a few doves. It's harder to gain access to private land than it was in the past, but you never know unless you try. Look for farmland with cutover cornfields or small ponds where doves will come to drink throughout the day. Here in Eastern North

Carolina, there are not many public land opportunities to dove hunt, unless you apply for a special permit for one of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources there's plenty of good news. Now that we have our first

tropical system (Hurricane Bill) of the season under our belts, it's time to start thinking about the best fishing season of the year.
As water temperatures

gradually drop, the sportfish go on a feeding frenzy to put on weight before the winter. Northwest winds help the process along by flushing all varieties of bait, including finger mullet, shrimp, mud minnows and menhaden, out of the protective marshes and into the sounds where the predators can pile onto them. Locals call these weather front-related ohenomena "mullet

Even now, before the first mullet blow of the fall, the action is starting to pick up. Inshore species like flounder, red drum, black drum and sheepshead are biting, and far offshore, the charter fleet is reporting great angling for wahoo and billfish.

Until next week, good



Mourning doves offer the first opportunity for hunters to take to the field in the fall and are abundant, but tricky targets.

Have you been on an outdoor adventure lately? Share your photos, send them to jamie.cameron@militarynews.com

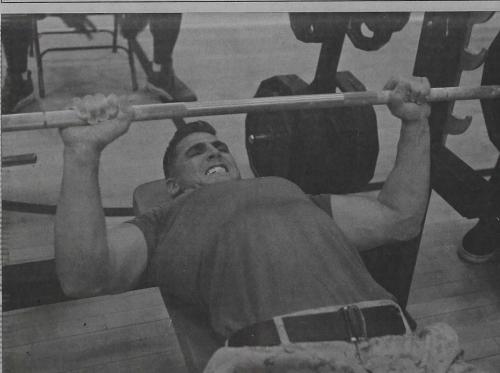


Photo by Sgt. T.D. Smith
Michael Donnelly pushes past the competition to secure first place in the 149- to 165.75-pound weight category in
Semper Fit's 2009 Bench Press Challenge at the Camp Geiger Gym, Aug. 19. Vincent Pachuta placed second in
the same weight class at the annual event.

owerlifters prove their mettle

SGT. T.D. SMITH

Iron-pumping devotees converged on Marine Corps Base Camp Geiger's gym to throw their weight around.

Marine Corps Community Services' Semper Fit personnel hosted a bench-press challenge Aug 19. The competition offered seven weight classes for the men and three for the women. While pride drives some to push themselves to the

limit, others enjoy the ribbing that accompanies friendly rivalry.

"(The competitors) might see another guy from a different unit or school and rub their performances in a little bit," said Q.Z. Spriggs, a fitness center manager with MCCS Semper Fit.

"They beat each other up a little bit in good fun."

Despite the good-natured antagonism, competitors were vocal in support of other athletes. Loud cheers and shouts of

vocal in support of other athletes. Loud cheers and shouts of encouragement echoed through the gymnasium, spurring the

encouragement echoed through the gymnasium, spurring the lifters to push their maximum weight.

"It gets loud, especially in the last round where competitors are putting up 400 or 500 pounds," said Angela Rodier, a program specialist for Semper Fit. "It's really about cheering lifters along to help them reach their goals."

Some leaders took the competition as an opportunity to teach younger Marines about setting goals and seeing the

results of their hard work. The competition fulfilled this

results of their hard work. The competition fulfilled this objective, while providing fun for participants.

"I tell my Marines, 'you have to have goals to improve,' because if you don't have goals you're going to plateau. 'You have to have a reason to keep pushing harder," said Brian Strickland, a calibration staff noncommissioned officer with Marine Air Logistics Squadron 29, Marine Corps Air Station New River. "I brought them out here to keep them motivated. Plus, it is a great atmosphere. You get to meet new Marines and hang out with guys you might see in the gym."

While camaraderie was prevalent at the challenge, putting up the weight was the hallmark of the event.

up the weight was the hallmark of the event.

Michael Donnelly took a no-frills approach while taking first in boots and utilities in the 149- to 165.75-pound weight class. The heavy lifters drew deafening cheers when they tested their limits. Linkston Dawkins took second in the 198- to 220-pound category with a lift of 425 pounds and the first place winner Andre Peeples, of the same weight class, put up the heaviest press of the day with a 455-pound press.

Though this year's bench press challenge is in the books, there are sure to be future competitions offered by MCCS. If you are interested in showing your mettle in the next challenge, you can start hitting base fitness centers, where you can seek a personal trainer for proper training tips.

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The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine K. Shores will sponsor a fishing clinic focus; on using artificial lures, Saturday. The freevent is scheduled for 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the aquarium and will be led by well known fishing expert, Dr. Bogus. For mainformation, call Todd Spangler at 252-14003, ext. 288.

Camp Lejeune Swim Team tryouts

The Camp Lejeune Swim Team is a year-round, competitive organization aboard Camp Lejeune. The team is open to military dependents and civilia children. There are tryouts scheduled f Aug. 31 at the Area 5 Pool, at 5:30 p.m Swimmers of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information, e-mai camplejeuneswimteam@yahoo.com.

Volleyball tournament

There will be a co-ed 4-on-4 beach volletournament at Onslow Beach, Sept. 5. To must register at the French Creek Recreicenter. The competition is open to all authorized patrons, 18 years and older. more information, call 451-7002.

Team bass fishing tournament

The 20th annual September Starter Team Bass Tournament is scheduled for Sept. Gottschalk Marina. Two-person teams fis for largemouth bass on the New River a its tributaries. For more information on proand registration, call 451-8307.

Powerlifting competition

The first 9/11 Military Bench Press
Championship and Press Challenge is scheduled to take place Sept. 11, in remembrance of the 8th anniversary of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and in honor off those who died. The competition is open everyone, and is set to take place at Gayron lacksopyille starting at 5 n.m. Actions in the second service of the second second service of the second se Gym in Jacksonville, starting at 5 p.m. Alportion of the proceeds will benefit Hop the Warriors — a non-profit organization helps wounded service members and the families. For more information, go online rawpowerlifting.com.

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August

Lejeune varsity golf tryouts

The Camp Lejeune Varsity Golf Team his scheduled a qualifying tournament for potential team members, Sept. 17 thro. 20. For more information, call 451-2710.

Surfing lessons

Marine Corps Community Services is sponsoring weekly surfing lessons through Oct. 30. Sessions are led by experienced Oct. 30. Sessions are led by experienced instructors at Onslow Beach, Monday through the American at Onslow Beach, and the American at Onslow Beach, Monday through the American at Onslow Beach, Monda



R INvew class inducted to Marine orps Sports Hall of Fame

ar former Marines and arrent Marines were 3:14 Ily inducted into the ne during a ceremony at the Clubs at

mmandant of the e Corps Gen. James tway and Sgt. Maj. of arine Corps Carlton nt presented awards red Lt. Gen. Ernie ham and former Marine "Jo-Jo" White. nized former Marine Andy Phillip and Sgt 5:57 Morris Fisher. eatham's career as a off player included six
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7:11. he two great loves of e have been the Marine 2:50 and athletics," said

nt on to command 2nd on, 5th Marine Regiment, trine Division, during the

award. "I'm grateful that my first love, the Marine Corps, is honoring my second love.

White grew up in St. Louis and Gen. Conway, who grew up in Walnut Ridge, Ark., remember playing high school basketball against each other in

"I even managed to hold him a couple of times," jested Gen. Conway before handing White a commemorative plaque honoring his achievements as a member of the 1968 Olympic Gold Medal basketball team and seven-time National Basketball Association allstar. White enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1969 and served six months on active status before switching to the reserve component where he stayed until 1972.

Representatives of Phillip, a three-time collegiate basketball All-American, and Fisher, a five-time Olympic rifle gold medalist, received their awards on their behalf. The Marine Male and

awards were also given Sgr. Lisa Rosborough Marine Aircraft Group 41 based in Fort Worth, Texas based in Fort Worth, Texas was named Marine Female Athlete of the Year

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in the USA Track and Field Masters and Texas State Masters championships, winning the 100- and 200-meter events in each meet. She was a member of the North Central America and Caribbean World Team's 400-meter relay squad last year and was ranked 37th among the world's top master-level sprinters in the 35 to 39 age group. Lance Cpl. Ryan

McLellan, a maintenance management specialist with 1st Marine Air Wing in Okinawa, Japan, was named Marine Male Athlete of the Year. McLellan helped 1st MAW win a gold medal in the Far East Regional Basketball Championship and was a starter for the All-Marine Basketball Team where he led the 2008



During a Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Joseph and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James T. Conway watch a White's athletic achievements. Corps Gen. James T. Conway watch a film feat

Armed Forces Basketball Championship in scores. He competed in the Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Military

San Antonio, where his team captured the gold medal for the first time in 20 years.

Twenty-nine former Marines have been inducted into the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame since it was founded in 2001, to include baseball legend Ted Williams Olympic athlete Robert Mathias and boxer Ken

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Philadelphia Eagles' sponsors are standing by their That doesn't mean anyone is ready to put extra money in

tel Vick's pockets.

e Eagles had prepared for a backlash after signing the ted dogfighting ringleader last week. But while Vick is ced in the court of public opinion — the one that drives ive endorsement deals — his addition has not jeopardized am's corporate support.

me of the more than four dozen Eagles sponsors had l out as of Aug. 19, said Marlyse Fant, Eagles vice lent of sales and service. e Eagles heard from about 15 to 20 sponsors Aug. 14, a gler at 252-14

fter Vick signed, most simply wishing they had been given tee notice to pass on to their customers.

our clients have been in close contact with us to stay date on information coming from the team, and mos noticed a significant reduction in their own volume of ner inquiries since Friday," she said.

e Eagles took a proactive approach, sending a letter to op customers last week asking them to have faith that the

at 5:30 p.m. abilities are ation, e-ma was not acting recklessly.

The appreciate the complexity this creates for some partners. remium clients and ask that you join us in our support ptimism for Michael as he commits himself to showing lelphia and the country he is a changed human being, president Joe Banner said in the letter.

action from Eagles sponsors has varied. Radio rights r 94-WYSP said it has had "little to no reaction" from the n's sponsors. PepsiCo Inc. said in a statement that Vick's activities were "cruel and degrading" but backed the

s sponsors of the NFL, we have the utmost confidence

onsors understood the move from a football standpoint.

ey do not hold the same view of Vick. The brutal nature crimes — which included electrocuting, drowning and ng dogs that underperformed in fights — are not likely to fade from the public's memory.

e's too toxic for most companies to even consider taking nce on him," said David Carter, who specializes in sports ess and marketing as executive director of the USC Sports

Once a \$130 million player, Vick was a corporate America favorite as the star quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons. His image was used to market everything from sneakers to sports drinks, usually aimed at the coveted 18 to 34 male

The Falcons paid Vick \$23 million in 2005 and Forbes estimated his total compensation that year at \$37.5 million with endorsements

Only 26 and at the pinnacle of his career, Vick's life and marketability imploded amid the graphic details of a doglighting operation he helped bankroll and participated in.

One of his most lucrative deals had been with Nike, which

signed him as a rookie in 2001, but terminated his contract after he pleaded guilty in federal court in August 2007,

after he pleaded guilty in Tederal court in August 2007, ultimately serving 18 months in prison.

Nike offered only a terse comment on Vick this week.

"Michael Vick does not have a contractual relationship with Nike. We will have no further comments at this time," the company said through spokesman Derek Kent.

Given the cruelty inherent in doglighting, and the general public's emotional attachment to pets, endorsements for Vick are almost unimaginable at this point.

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"When it comes to athletes' behavior, the fans have very short memories or don't seem to care," Carter said. "This one might prove to be different. It might be forgive and remember

instead of forgive and forget, and that's a very big distinction.

Vick isn't being completely ignored, simply because he's
back in the NFL. He was on the cover of the Madden NFL
2004 video game and was not included this year only because
it was completed before NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell

it was completed before NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell conditionally lifted Vick's suspension.

EA Sports made Vick available as part of a roster update on Wednesday and said there was no debate about including him. "We're not judge and jury," EA Tiburon spokesman Rob Semsey said. "If he's approved by the NFL to come back and be signed by a team, he's just like any other player. We make sure our game is as authentic as possible. Adding Vick was a no-brainer."

Vick's replica Eagles jersey, which retails for \$79.99, was the op seller on NFLShop.com as of Wednesday. Jersey maker

Reebok did not return calls for comment.

But Dick's Sporting Goods, a Pennsylvania-based company, said Aug. 14 it is not currently selling Vick's jersey in any of its

"It is strictly a business decision, not at all a political

the needs of our customers," Dick's chief marketing officer Ji Hennion said. "I personally have not heard any retailers with stores in the Philadelphia area talking up the demand for the

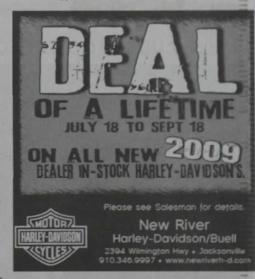
It's not inconceivable that Vick could one day return as a pitchman, following the path of Kobe Bryant and Ray Lewis. Both bounced back from legal woes to serve as spokesmen for

makers of athletic apparel.

Carter said Vick first needs to rehabilitate his image. He

must follow through on promises to get involved in animal rights' work and the public must believe he is genuine.

"It's going to be a nontraditional type company, one that doesn't mind the controversy," Carter said. "They would enjoy the notoriety and buzz created by signing him. You might see an upstart, maybe an apparel manufacturer with a real edge. But edgy and animal cruelty don't go together. It's going to have be one whose targeted consumers are more interested in his athletic appeal than his overall body of work



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LANCE CPL. JONATHAN G. WRIGHT

Marine Corps Base

Ringing through the dense air like hollow gunshots, the rhythmic punshots, the hydrinic pounding overpowered the sporadic shoutsof the spectators. The pulsing drew nearer to its target, pace quickening as the distance shortened, as curses and cheers alike erupted from all around. Knuckles tightened, teeth bore down, and muscles strained as the pounding stopped and men flew through the air.

Anyone who was present at the 2nd Tank Battalion/ Good Brothers game of the summer intramural basketball games at Marine Corps Air Station New River fitness center could see just how the game intensified.

The teams, composed of Marines and civilians from on and off base, worked well together despite their military differences.

"Some of these guys I never get to see except for these games," said Cpl. Fred Wyman, an aviation operations specialist aboard New River and captain of the Good Brothers. "The ones from Lejeune I never would have met if it wasn't for the basketball team."

The game progressed gradually as it started out with each team scouting the other and getting to know which players were strong in which techniques. It wasn't until the second half when the Good Brothers, breaking with only half the points 2nd Tanks had earned, that the game started getting competitive. The offense doubled as the fouls tripled and a sporting game turned

out with some strong defense, but started building the offense as the game progressed," said Sgt. Raymondo Lynn, a field radio operator from Camp Lejeune and coach of 2nd

The Good Brothers fought back as best they could, taking back a little ground with three-point shots and piercing lay-ups, breaking through the defense. However, 2nd Tanks proved to counter with too much offense to handle, turning up the volume with daring jump shots and a slam dunk with only one minute left on the clock, as well as a player accidentally crashing into the crowded bleachers.

With the buzzer wailing its piercing shriek, the troops halted their efforts; the Good Brothers had regained some lost territory, but it wasn't enough to overcome the flak from 2nd Tanks, who won 74-49.

Instead of gloating and head-hanging, the teams retained the ethos of good sportsmanship and shook hands, for the object is not the outcome, but that of the

"We were unprepared; we didn't hustle well enough," said Wyman. "We weren't as dominant as I would have liked, but in the end it's just a fun sport and a great way to stay in shape."
With the summer

intramural basketball games heating up, it would be an entertaining way to spend an afternoon by viewing a good show of friendly warfare, not with tank rounds, but with a

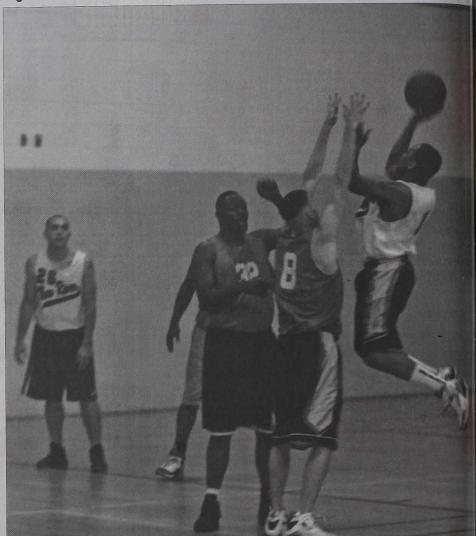
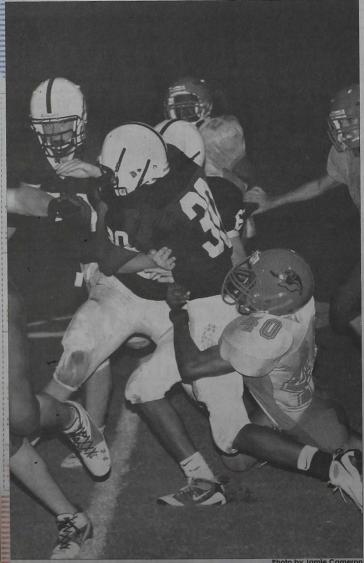


Photo by Lance Cpl. Jonatha ...
A Good Brothers player goes up for a jump shot against the 2nd Tank Battalion defense during their n : h Monday in New River's intramural summer basketball league.

Devil Pups drop season opener



Lejeune High School's varsity football team opened the season Aug. 21 against the Swansboro High School Pirates. Swansboro's superior numbers overwhelmed the Devil Pups, who lost the nonconference match-up 40-12. Lejeune's next scheduled game is at home against Croatan High School, Friday. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

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was little doubt the heavily favored 1st Battalion, ne Regiment Charlie would dominate the field -0 shutout of the undermanned 2nd Intelligence -0 shutout of the undermanned 2nd Intelligence i during intramural soccer, Monday, ned veterans from last year's winning team, combined with 1st Bn., 9th Marines to form in steam to beat. The experience aided their leation and control of the field behind Goettge 1 Field House, leading to the convincing win. ntless attack from the wings led to several goals thalf for Charlie. The ball rarely crossed the to put the grunts into any sort of defensive position nge their goaltender. Intel chased the ball, while ior organization of 1st Bn., 9th Marines Charlie or several scoring attempts. If Charlie's aim had the score could have widened even further in the minutes of the game.

minutes of the game.

Itelligence Battalion was in consistent trouble opening whistle, giving up several 50-50 ball uties. The less experienced team, composed of yers, was hampered with fewer substitution options em little in the way of physical respite. Fatigue took the players as poor communication added to the

confusion of their in-cohesive game plan.

"We need to spread out the field more, hopefully that will turn on our offense," said Randall Siwiec, a forward for 2nd Intelligence Battalion. "We also need to use the midfield

turn on our offense," said Randall Siwiec, a forward for 2nd Intelligence Battalion. "We also need to use the midfield better if we want to improve our defense."

The scoring onslaught from 1st Bn. 9th Marines Charlie continued in the second half. The attacking center midfielder, Luis Castillo, held their midfield form with unselfish ball play, preferring to keep the pressure on keeping 2nd Intelligence Battalion with strong passing to the team's forwards. Uriel Silva contributed to 1st Bn., 9th Marines Charlie's lead with his consistent scoring, keeping 2nd Intelligence Battalion's goalie on constant guard.

2nd Intelligence Battalion continued to battle to the very end, making a few unsuccessful scoring attempts that sailed wide of the goalposts. Despite a never-say-die attitude, they were ultimately unable to generate any momentum for an attack or antidote to Charlie's lethal offense.

With continued attention to teamwork and tightening of skills, 1st Bn., 9th Marine Charlie may prove to be unstoppable in this year's play.

"Everybody wants to win," said James Stolarczyk, Charlie's head coach. "It's a lot of fun, it's an unbelievable feeling. These guys work so hard and it's great to incorporate these new guys and generate a team that can win championships."

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allon, 9th Marine Regiment Charlie drives the ball up the field in one of its many scoring attempts intramural play on the field behind Goettge Memorial Field House, Monday. Their 7-0 routing of 2nd ance Battalion set the tone for what looks to be a winning year for the well seasoned team.

Fruits, veggies key good health

with Amber DeVore, RD, LDN

Are you eating enough fruits and vegetables? When I ask people this

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and cost, but the
bottom line is most people are not making the conscious effort to choose to include these

diet. Let's face it; most individuals are not packing fruits or vegetables in their lunches or including fruits and vegetables in

wegetables in their lunches or including fruits and vegetables in their diet even when they are at home.

Most restaurants do not have a huge array of fruits and vegetables to choose from, and if they do it is usually vegetables that are loaded with cheese and butter. Many grocery store carts lack fruits and vegetables. A lot of people struggle with society's fast pace, and forget to pause and really think about what they may be doing to their body. Does it really take more effort to drive to a grocery store than it does to drive to a fast food restaurant for a "snack?"

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exercise, especially eccentric exercise, such as putting down a heavy weight or running downhill, may cause an increase in heavy weight or running downhill, may cause an increase in free radicals to the body. Rise in body temperature and increase in respiration may also increase free radicals. By no means do I want you to think exercise is bad after reading this, because exercise also induces the production of enzymes that fight free radicals. Exercise, in combination with adequate consumption of fruits and vegetables, will fight off free radicals, so fruits and vegetables should be included in every athlete's diet for the reasons mentioned reasons mentioned.

So how much do you need to eat in order to get an adequate

so now much do you need to eat in order to get an adequa amount of fruits and vegetables in your diet? The amount you need depends on your sex, age, and level of physical activity. Visiting mypyramid.gov will help you to answer how much you need in a day. Another great Web site to visit is fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov. This Web site will give you information on buying fruits and vegetables on a budget and will never the free recipre. will provide viewers with free recipes.

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Photo by Cpl. Bobbie A. Curlis Marines, sailors and civilians from 2nd Marine Logistics Group participate in a motorcycle safety ride from Camp Lejeune to Greenville, N.C., Aug. 24. This was the second ride organized by the MLG this past year in an effort to promote safe riding and the proper use of safety equipment amongst members of the Marine Corps/Navy team.

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im. The long ride began at

8 a.m. near the 2nd MLG headquarters and ended approximately 1 1/2 hours later at J & E Harley Davidson motorcycle dealership in Greenville. Staff Sgt. Brent M. Sharp, the 2nd MLG motorcycle safety officer, motorcycle safety officer, coordinated with the dealership as an endpoint where the riders enjoyed a cookout, a few hours of shopping and camaraderie before heading back home.

Sharp said the event took about three weeks to plan and required a lot of work from a number of organizations including law enforce-ment officials along the route, who stopped traffic, and the Motorcycle Men-

torship Program members, who made up the riders.

The Motorcycle Mentorship Program recently replaced the Corps' motorcycle safety clubs as a more organized way to teach young riders safety fundamentals through the mentorship of more experienced riders.

enced riders.
"It taught me how to ride in groups, which allows others to give me advice about riding," said Lance Cpl. Shawn Sykes, a generator mechanic with fuel and electric platoon, General Support Motor Transportation Company, 2nd Maintenance BattalSykes, who has only been riding for a year, said that experienced riders on large events, such as this, allow him the means to hone his own skill.

"As a beginner rider you think you have it all down, until you see someone else riding," he said. "Having them takes a lot of stress off (when riding.)"

Sharp, who is a sea-soned rider, explained the

who are mentored.

"It provides framework on what they're doing wrong and what they're doing with "They're doing with "They're doing wrong and with they're doing wrong wrong and wrong wro ing right," he said. "They have senior riders who teach them what to do."

Master Sgt. John Abney, the 2nd MLG safety officer, said he hopes the event will grow in the future and draw more participants.
"I hope in the future

to see the success of the Marine Corps safety program not only here in the 2nd MLG and (II Marine Expeditionary Force), but across the Marine Corps," he said. "As long as we have Marines who want to ride safely, programs like this will continue to be successful."

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He hopes the program will undergo a mitosis-like process; spreading to other

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Cmdr. Hancock earns Legion of

LANCE CPL. JONATHAN Marine Corps Base

For exceptional and bril-liant conduct while serving as Commander of the shock as Commander of the shock trauma platoon, 2nd Battal-ion, 7th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Com-mander James L. Hancock, director of medical services Camp Lejeune Naval Hospi-

Camp Lejeune Navai Hospital, was awarded the Legion of Merit, Aug. 20.
Presented by Maj. Gen.
Paul E. Lefebrve, deputy commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force, Hancock not only earned the medal by forming Tactical Trauma Teams, but also birthed what he calls the Mo-

bile Trauma Bay.
"The MTB is basically a way to cut casualty evacua-tion times from hours down to minutes," said Hancock. "We're able to provide care at the point of contact."

While deployed from March to November, 2008, Hancock and his unit were stationed in Al Asad, Afghanistan, which he says was bombed almost daily for eight and a half months.

eight and a half months.
"There were about 150 purple hearts out of that forward operating base alone," said Hancock. "The shock trauma platoon eventually treated hundreds of casual-

reared nundreds of casuar-ties in that time."

Although Hancock won the Legion of Merit, his phi-losophy on its meaning can only be described as humble.

"Whenever a boss receives an award, it's about the peo-

an award, it's about the peo-ple under his command," said Hancock. "This award is all about the people who brought me up; I only pro-vided guidance."

In the end, even with Han-cock's superb leadership on the battlefield and the cre-ation of the MTB, virtually changing the face of future casualty treatment and evac-

casualty treatment and evac-uation, Hancock still believes that it's "the families that give up a lot when (Marines and sailors) are deployed, so they're the ones that deserve

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Marines attended a classroom lecture ney were instructed on several topics

such as IED indicators, techniques, tactics and such as IED indicators, techniques, tactics and procedures when searching for IEDs as well as different types. Then they were sent to the field to put to use what they were taught.

Three scenarios were set up: a hoax IED, IED detonation with a casualty and IED strike with a complex attack.

Marines maneuvered down a wooded trail littered with hidden IEDs. Their objective was to identify and locate the fatal devices using the tactics they were previously taught. As they attentively made their way down the path, they looked for indicators such as wires

disturbed earth and objects out of the ordinary that would indicated danger in the area.

The Marines not only learned how to maneuver through an environment on foot while hunting for IEDs, but they also performed the

hunting for IEDs, but they also performed the task in a simulated convoy.

"We are trying to hone their skills using the vehicles," said Roark. "Everything they are being taught is based off of real-world scenarios. All the techniques, tactics and procedures we teach them are kept relevant to what is going on in the battlefield."

Whether the Marines have deployed before or not, the training they received is the difference between life and death while they are operating in a hostile environment. This

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Photo by Cpl. Jessica L. Matinez
To an average person walking down the street, an improvised explosive device would
most likely go unnoticed, but not to the Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 472.
The reserve unit, out of Willow Grove, Pa., conducted the IED training aboard Marine Corps
Base Camp Lejeune, Aug. 17 through 20, in preparation for their upcoming deployment.
Over the four-day course, Marines participated in two intense periods of instruction that
demanded their full concentration in identifying and reacting to IEDs.

Marines save boy from drowning

CPL. JESSICA L. MARTINEZ

You're at the beach with family, soaking up the sun and enjoying the waves when all of a sudden you hear a cry for help. What do

you do?

When this happened to Sgt. Jeremy Ross, an intelligence analyst with Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Management of the State of S

Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, at Onslow Beach, Aug. 8, he sprung into action instantly.

"I was at the beach with my wife and daughter for the day," said Ross. "We were out in the water swimming when I heard someone yelling for help. The second yell is when I realized someone was in trouble."

Cortland Rogers, a 17-year-old male, was in the ocean off the enlisted beach approximately 200 meters south of the lifeguard post when the weak swimmer drifted out and began to drown.

weak swimmer drifted out and began to drown.

"I just reacted, I didn't think about it," said
Ross. "It was the right thing to do. I knew
one way or another we were going to get this

none way or another we were going to get this kid to shore, he wasn't going to die."

Ross ran toward the direction of the call.

"I dropped my body board and swam out to (Rogers)," said Ross. "He was basically floating out there with his face barely out of the water. I told him I was there to help. I carted swimming to shore with him and afstarted swimming to shore with him and af-ter a couple of seconds he became limp and

went underwater."

While Ross fought to get Rogers to shore, Cpl. Mark Griffin, a lifeguard with the beach detachment, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, ran toward the location of despair.

"I heard people calling out for help," said Griffin. "When I got to where Rogers was, two others were already out there trying to help him. I knew we needed to get this kid out of water as fast as possible. When we got him to shore he was unconscious. He had an erratic pulse, erratic breathing and was spewing foam from his mouth."

Griffin monitored Rogers until Emergency Medical Services we able to arrive at the scene.

"If it wasn't for the help from the patrons hanging out at the beach that day, he probably would have drowned," said Griffin. "People often get too far out and then the undertow can get them and pull them out further from shore.



Photo by Cpl. Jessica Marlinez
Cpl. Mark Griffin, a lifeguard with the
beach detachment, Headquarters and
Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base,
in assistance with Sgt. Jeremy Ross, an
intelligence analyst with Headquarters
Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd
Marine Division, rescued Cortland Rogers,
a 17-year-old male, from drowning at
Onslow Beach, Aug. 8.

If people aren't confident in their swimming abilities they need to not go too far out because it's easy to get pulled into to deeper waters. The beach is huge and there are only so many lifeguards, so if people ever see a problem they need to report it to us so we can help."

Rogers fully recovered from the incident and has since been released from the hospital.

"Rogers' grandmother came by to let me know he was okay. She gave me a hug and thanked me for saving him," said Griffin. "It was a cool ex-perience to have saved someone's life." For Ross, he said he felt like he was just

being a Marine.

"It's just Marines doing what Marines do," said Ross. "Helping each other out and doing what we are trained to do."

U.S. Representative visits Lejeune, New MeC



U.S. Rep. John P. Murtha (left), chairman of the House Appropriations Subcombined in the House Propriations of Defense, discusses the operational capabilities and maintenance with a Marine from Marine Medium Tilhrotor Squadron 266, Marine Aircre 29, during a visit to Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., Aug. 12, I visit, Murtha inquired about Marines' logistics, the functionality of military circreft weapon systems and equipment, healthcare and training and to aircraft weapon systems and equipment, healthcare and training and to the needs of the Marine Corps. Murtha served a 37-year career in the Mari retiring from the reserves as a colonel in 1990 and has served the people c Congressional District in western Pennsylvania since 1974.



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(Left) U.S. Re J Murtha, chair : House Appl Subcommitte Defense, sp ks Marines of 1s at 2nd Marine during a visit (Lejeune, Aug 2,

Platoon commander awarded for heroic actions in Afghanite

2nd Marine Division

Between March 15 and Aug. 10, 2008, a young officer led his platoon through a highly kinetic battlefield in the Garmsir District, Helmand prov-ince, Afghanistan, in support of Op-

eration Azada Wosa.

During the first 30 days of the operation, the platoon commander's leadership was battle tested by the 40 direct-fire engagements that ensued. The Marines of third platoon, Company A, battalion landing team, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, operating under International Security Assistance Force, followed 2nd Lt. Christo-

pher M. Young through the fight.

"This is the stuff you read about in the history books," said Col. Paul J. Kennedy, 2nd Marine Regiment commanding officer. Kennedy pre-sented the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device to Young for his actions during the op-

on, Aug. 14. We inserted in Garmsir at the very end of April, and for about three weeks we were always in some type of fight in the morning and every evening," said Young.

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rine Corps.

ipants in the program are a great example of the Maine Corps

leadership principles at work.
"It all comes back to leadership 101, leadership by example — be the one in front doing it the right way," he said. "It's not forcing leadership to occur, but it's occur-ring automatically."

According to Sykes, another great benefit received through

the event was camaraderie

"You get to know people on a different side," he said.
"A lot of junior Marines are scared to go talk to higher ups, but an event like this makes it a lot each."

Abney added that camara-derie is a very important fac-tor at events like this, that it's not only important to the Marine Corps as a service, but will also help spread the word about motorcycle safety. The next 2nd MLG ride is

For more information on the II Marine Expeditionary Force, visit the unit's Web site at iimefpublic.usmc.mil



Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones
1st Lt. Christopher M. Young (center), the Combined Anti-Armor Team
platoon commander with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine
Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, stands before a group of his Marines
as he is presented the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing
device, Aug. 14.

On May 4, 2008, while providing suppressive fire in support of a route clearance mission to establish the battalion line of communication, Young and his platoon endured a barrage of indirect fire. As rounds impacted in close proximity of Young,

he ensured the safety and protection of his Marines while simultaneously directing an artillery attack onto the enemies' fortified position, success-fully deterring enemy fire to allow the

route clearance mission to advance The disregard for his own safety

mirable, whether it's your son or not, it's something to respect," said Stephen H. Young about his son's hephen H. Young about his son's heroics. "Christopher has always been a person that has responded to true principles, the love of his country and the love of his God."

On May 15, exhausted from a night's

operations behind the enemy's defensive line, Young successfully directed an am-bush on four insurgents, killing two and mortally wounding the others.
"In the midst of all that was hap-

pening we caught a fire team of (insurgents) out in an open poppy field coming to man their positions and we successfully (engaged them),

The following day, he successfully foiled an enemy ambush that attempted to engage his Marines while

"An (insurgent) appeared through the tree line about 10 meters from me, and he shot at me and (my sergeant)," recalled Young. "He hit (the sergeant), fortunately in the side (small arms protective insert). We re-turned fire killing him. Other enemy fighters fled the tree line. We were able to prosecute more enemy who were fleeing from the area." Young's instinct and battlefield leader stoppe in their tracks, giving his opportunity for numera Young said his platoon cured the company's so preventing further ass

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For more information of Marine Expeditionary on the unit's Web site at im-

commands around the Ma-

"Thope Marines will leave 2nd MLG and expect this in their next unit," he stated. "If they don't get this, they will step up and be the person that gets it started."

He also explained that partic-

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training may not only save their lives but the lives of their fellow Marines and service members.

Marines and service members.

"We are going to be (conducting) route clearance in Iraq," said Pfc. Mark Pagnozzi, combat engineer with MWSS-472. "I've never deployed before, but I'm confident this training will be helpful when we get over there. It's training my mind to get used to looking for things out of the baseline and stuff that doesn't fit in with the rest of the environment. They've taught us the basics and I'm sure I'll be able to do my job better because of this training."

Despite a tenacious enemy, the ECOE continues to remain vigilant in adapting and applying effective IED training for the Marine Corps and other services.

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Succinctly, the exposition is to inform military personnel on new and upcoming technology from certain representing companies invited to the event by the NCSI.

"It puts a face on the busi-nesses that people purchase products from," said Joe Mur-ray, an exhibitioner representing Xerox. "The users can talk to the sellers on an individual level

With all the new technology that was presented on the exhibition floor, one piece of equipment stood out from the rest. The 'main event' as Rumbolt called it, the XVD NewsHound II, a portable high definition video transmitter system.

video transmitter system.
"It is a wireless transmitting system that takes high definition footage, converts it into a microwave signal, and sends it back to a receiver where it is re converted into HD again," said Sean Reid, account manager

from the National Conference for the Whitlock Group and Services Incorporated, who organized the event. Successful Services The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner. "The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner." The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner. "The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner." The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner. "The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner." The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner." The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner." The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner." The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner." The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing exhibitioner." The Services Incorporated to the Whitlock Group and acting representing the Whitl acting representing exhibition-er. "The distance as of now, that the signal can be sent to a receiver, is three miles, whereas standard definition footage can

travel farther."
With a battery life averaging four hours of continuous use the NewsHound II portable sys tern makes coverage of breaking

news in any terrain possible. This piece of technology is just one of many that were un veiled at the Technology Expo sition, with more to come next

"Every year there are new live demonstrations and give-aways, so we always draw a good crowd," said Rumbolt. "Camp Lejeune is always one of our most well-received stops so we're looking forward to re

turning next year."

The Technology Exposition is held every August with free admission. For more information, visit the NCSI Web site

The Technology Exposition, which was a day-long event, highlighted new and upcomin technology that can be useful to the deployed Marine, Aug. 19. The event was sponsore by the Coasta Carolina chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronic Association and chose which weeder

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is disheartening message did not latmon from his dream of remainthe Navy. He continued to fight



Photo by Cpl. Kafle Densmore Petty Officer 1st Class V. Casino Eatmon, the leading petty officer with the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation aboard Camp Lejeune, proudly stands in front of several awards he has received sints battle with cancer began four years ago. On Feb. 10, 2004 Eatmon was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Since that time he has deployed to Africa and served aboard a Navy vessel out of Norfolk, Va.

the cancer and to stay on active duty

"My goal was to go back and con-tinue what I was doing for my job and get back to full duty," Eatmon said. "I had to fight to prove I could stay in and I did that through my physical readiness test. I had endured physical therapy, and after taking the test, I proved that I was able to fulfill the requirements in order to stay active duty." to stay active duty.

Proving he was physically able to stay in the military was not the end of it.

in the military was not the end of it. Eatmon did more by getting promoted and even deploying while in remission.

"Since I was diagnosed and have gone into remission, I've been able to go back fit for full duty," he said, grinning about his triumph over a difficult situation. "I've done my sea time. I went on an (individual augment) deployment to Africa and was aboard a ship out of Norfolk, Va."

Even though Eatmon has defied in-

Norfolk, Va."

Even though Eatmon has defied incredible odds by staying in, getting deployed and receiving several awards, every day is still a challenge.

"The hardest part is taking it day by day, putting one foot in front of the other," he said. "That is my hardest point, because when I wake up, it is a lot harder for me to get dressed and ready for work. Because of the treatments and Because of the treatments and medications, some days I just wake up fatigued or ill."

Eatmon hopes that his story will in-

spire others, especially active-duty per-sonnel. He hopes to show them that regardless of how dire the situation is,

regardless of how dire the situation is, they can make it.

"Regardless of whatever reports you get, you have to keep striving to do your best," he said. "That's my goal: to encourage others that you can make it. It's going to take a lot of hard work and determination, but you can make it. If I did it, you can too."

did it, you can too."

Currently Eatmon is still receiving treatment for the disease, but there is hope for the future. He is on the national and Department of Defense bone marrow registries and is waiting for a

"With a bone marrow transplant, the main thing is getting a match," he said. "A match is not just getting the same blood type; it takes a lot of different things to consider. I always encourage others to please donate or become part of the registry list so that myself and others in my situation can get the treatment we need."

With the cancer in remission, there is

another goal Eatmon hopes to achieve.
"I want to do 20 years, but I am plan ning to stay in as long as I can," he said with an ear-to-ear smile. "I am at my 12-year-point and I am striving to make 20 years. I would love nothing more than to be a cancer survivor that can do



Photo by Lance Cpl. Dwight A. Henderson Wife of Lance Cpl. Richard C. Jacobs, an infantryman with 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, signs for her free computer from Operation Homelink during an event held at the Goettge Memorial Field House aboard Camp Lejeune, Aug. 8. Operation Homelink donates computers to families of junior Marines who are scheduled to deploy in the hopes it will provide the Marines and their family members better communication throughout their members better communication throughout the

Operation Homelink returns to Lejeune

LANCE CPL. DWIGHT A. HENDERSON

Communicating with a loved one deployed overseas can be difficult, especially when those left behind do not have constant access to a computer. One non-profit organization identified this problem, and sprang into action to help those serving their country.

Operation Homelink, based in Chicago, met with Marines from II Marine Expeditionary Force and their families at Camp Lejeune's Goettge Memorial Field House to distribute free computers to a number of Ma-

House to distribute free computers to a number of Ma-

rine families, Aug. 8.

Operation Homelink was founded in 2003 by Dan Operation Homelink was founded in 2003 by Dan Shannon, and since then, he has worked tirelessly to provide computers to the families of junior Marines who are scheduled to, or have already deployed, in the hopes the computer will help the Marines and their family members stay connected through the deployment.

"Service members offer a service I could never repay," explained Shannon, "but I can make a small dent by consein the committee of the control o

Since 2003, Shannon's organization has donated nearly 3,000 computers to service members across the nation from all branches of the military, and this is their

For the wife of Sgr. David Gonzalez, an assaultman with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan, with her program is key in her ability to communicate with her

It means the world to me," said Gonzalez. my kids will be able to send e-mails they haven't been

Col. David C. Fuquea, chief of staff, 2nd Marine Di-vision, expressed his thanks to Operation Homelink. "From all of us here at Camp Lejeune, thank you so much for your efforts. You obviously have an impact in supporting the Marine Corps around the world. Thank

Operation Homelink continues to collect donated imputers from different organizations around America. For more information, visit operationhomelink.org.

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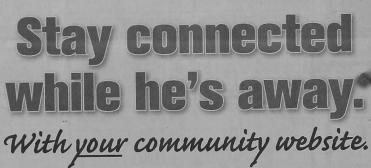












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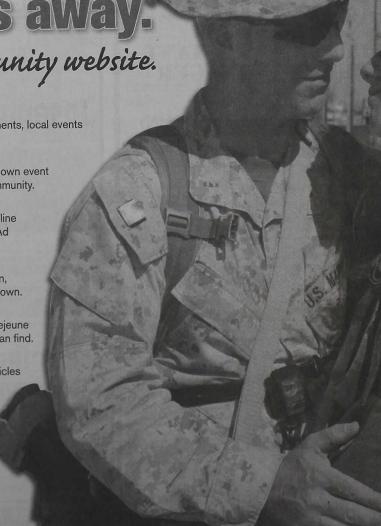
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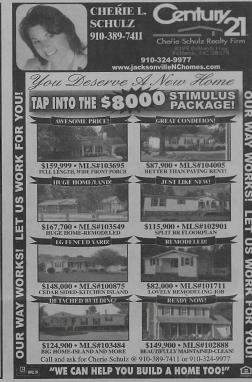






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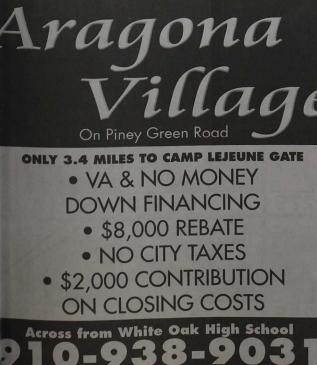
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lese photographs, courtesy of Missiles & More Museum and the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, show various stages of the top-secret U.S. Navy Issile-testing program called "Operation Bumblebee." The Ramjet propulsion system was proven on Topsail Island from 1946 to 1948 as part of Operation Bumblebee.





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(Above left) A rocket is weighed behind the assembly building. (Above) A technician smiles from inside a bombproof room. (Left) A crew member prepares for launch.

HEATHER M. OWENS

efits of being

thing interesting to do here, one option might be on Topsail Island, a beach community just a short drive down Highway 17 from Camp Lejeune. The island, which is divided into three parts, North Topsail Beach, Surf City and Topsail Beach, Surf City and Topsail Beach, holds many treasures. Tourists and locals know about the beautiful beaches, myriad of restaurants and shopping opportunities, and fishing pier.

Hidden amongst it all is a rare treat in the form of a simple, grey building. Visitors to Topsail Beach may see a long, one-story structure a block away from the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, and think it is the

would be partly accurate, as the building is plainly labeled with

to dig deeper, the structure is both a listing on the National Register of Historic Places and an integral part of aviation history. The Missiles & More Museum, located in the right side of the Assembly Building, details the facts about Operation Bumblebee, a top-secret U.S. Navy missile-testing operation which was carried out aboard the island from 1946 to 1948.

"The government literally took over the island," said Rose Peters, museum director. "They were testing the Ramjet concept, and it was a successful program."

Operation Bumblebee received its name from an old

adage hanging on Capt. Carrol L. Tyler's wall at the time: "Ac-cording to recognized aeroand weight of his body in rela-tion to the total wing area. But the bumblebee doesn't know

face challenges and controversy and thus the name "Bumble-bee" seemed appropriate, said

Peters.

During the time of Operation Bumblebee, the Assembly Building, which now houses the museum, was where the rockets were painstakingly assembled prior to flight testing. The rockets were then carried across the street and launched from a point which is now the lobby of the Jolly Roger Hotel, said Peters. Members of the program, including U.S. Navy personnel and civilian contractors from the Johns Hopkins

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'Bandslam,' 'Shorts' end summer with ode to youth, teens

for — who gets romantically involved with Will.

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Against all odds, the band

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Lisa Kudrow ("Hotel for

Dogs") appears as Karen Bur-ton, Will's supportive mother. Director Todd Graff ("Death to Schmoochy,"

'City of Hope," "The

"SHORTS" (PG)

Abyss") also co-wrote the

"Bandslam" is light teen

"Shorts" is a magical fan-tasy adventure told through a

series of interwoven no-so-tall tales that each brings to life

often terrible, and totally out-

of-control wishes that become

Jimmy Bennett ("Orphan," "Evan Almighty," "Firewall")

the sometimes wonderful,

far more than Toe and his

plays Toe Thompson, an

"BANDSLAM" (PG)

Bandslam' sical comedy that centers around four very different enagers who all share the love of music.

Newcomer Alvson Michalka plays Charlotte Banks a cool and popular, but rebel-lious former cheerleader.

Charlotte invites Will Burton, played by Gaelan Connell ("Chocolat"), who is usually being bullied and ignored by his classmates, to spend some time with her.

Charlotte is a gifted singer and songwriter and is im-pressed with Will's knowledge of music

She asks Will to manage her fledgling rock band in hopes of taking revenge on r former boyfriend, Ben Wheatley, played by Scott Porter ("Speed Racer"), an egotistical musician, at the iggest event of the year, a battle of the bands

Vanessa Hudgens ("High School Musical") stars as Sa5m ('Sam'), a mean guitar designated punching bag for the bullies of the suburban community of Black Falls, where his and everyone else's parents work for Black Box

During a freak storm mysterious Rainbow Rock one who finds it, falls from

Suddenly, the neighbor-hood that Toe already thinks is weird, is about to get a lot

As the Rainbow Rock from kid to kid and parent to

Quickly, the neighborhood is turned upside down in a wild rampage of everything from tiny aliens to giant boogers. Now Toe and his new

found friends must join forces to save the town from itself, discovering along the way that what you wish for is not

always what you want.
Co-starring are Kat Dennings ("The House Bunny")
as Stacey Thompson; Devon Gearhart ("Changeling") as Cole Black; and Leslie Mann ("Funny People") and Jon Cryer ("Holy Man") as Mom

and Dad Thompson.
The talented cast also includes William Macy ("Wild Hogs"), James Spader ("Shadow of Fear"), and Trevor Gagnon ("Big Fish"). Filmmaker Robert Rodri-

uez ("Grindhouse," "Sin City," "Once Upon a Time in Mexico," and creator of the "Spy Kids" trilogy) brings us this new family action adventure which he wrote and

'Shorts" is a wonderful, family-oriented tale

Editor's note: Ms. Huneycutt is the Public Affairs Assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.

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Flights of fantasy, fu

"Tom Clancy's HAWX" is not a flight

It's a high-thrills aerial version of close-quarters combat. And, despite what purists might think, that makes it a lot of

The T-rated game from Ubisoft begins The T-rated game from Ubisott begins with an engagement familiar to those who've played the company's "Tom Clancy Ghost Recon Advanced Warfighter 2," battling Mexican rebels in Ciudad Juarez in 2012. But that quick mission, which acts as a tutorial, is all you fly before the Air Force decides to disband

your unit, the High-Altitude Warfare,
Experimental Squadron.
You and your friends decide to join a
private military company named Artemis
to fight for the highest bidder. Your missions take you to the Middle East, Africa and South America before overwhelming corporate greed sends the action on a

Although your squadron is designated experimental," your aircraft are any-

thing but cutting edge in most cases.
At the beginning of the campaign most of the planes are downright anti-quated, Vietnam-era F-4 Phantoms and Soviet-era MiGs, for example. Even in later missions, set in the early 2020s, the game recommends flying F-14s and F-117s that have presumably been rescued from mothballs.

You are given limited choices for air-craft and weapons the first time you play through each mission. As you increase in level, you gain additional options that you can use when re-playing the missions. That's when you can truly go

upscale with your aircraft.
Your assignments range from close-air support, to escort, to airstrikes, ususupport, to escort, to airstrikes, usu-ally with a good amount of doglighting thrown in. Few missions are particularly difficult, but some can get a bit tedious as they mix multiple tasks with a tight timeline

And don't expect to loiter at a distance, firing missiles downrange. You usually need to get close before your missiles lock, which means that you'll turn and squirm your way through

Of course most of the gyration aircraft endures would rip a real pl pieces and/or kill the pilot. But, re ber, this is fantasy. You also don't to worry about running out of fuel don't need to worry too much abouning out of ammo.

The graphics are solid, but not stacular. However, intricate detail i huge concern when you're zoomi Tokyo at a few hundred miles per

The controls are responsive and be familiar to anyone who has pla similar arcade-style aviation game as "Ace Combat." The uninitiated face a bit of a learning curve but s catch on relatively quickly.

"HAWX" also offers a limited; tion of voice-activated controls. T are generally related to weapons, tronic assistance and wingman ass ments. They work well, but I prefe

my fingers do my fighting.

Another option has been addectraditional third-person, cockpit a sight views. You can go into a disthird-person perspective that allow to get a good overview of the acti looks cool and the controls work it doesn't promote the feeling of i

sion that I prefer. Another new feature is the Enl Reality System, which basically c a series of frames that outlines th to a particular target. In most cas it seems to take some of the fun a spontaneity out of the game. is useful when attacking anti-air l

In addition to the solo campai you can go online to play mission operatively or engage in dogfight other players. So there's plenty on for blissfully "unrealistic" fun. Platforms: Xbox 360 (tested), PlayS m On the Web: hawxgame.us.ubi.cor

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The North Caro-Maritime Museum In May look Carolina on the outside but there are plenty of treasures available inside. The museum allows visitors to view artifacts from pirates, learn about a variety of seashells and observe volunteers rebuilding



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you have to do is take a right ghway 24 out the front gate flow the road until it curves the right at Morehead City, then just stay on that road for four miles and you are there. ecided to begin my exploration aufort at the North Carolina ime Museum. The museum small from the outside but Stars and Strip 1: inside. It has exhibits on hing from local sea life to olution of watercraft. The ledgeable and very willing to

ev recommended several of

programs, like hiking and nature viewing trips, which can all be found on their Web site at ncmaritimemuseum.org.

'My husband and I have been on several nature trips with the museum," said Elizabeth

White, a museum volunteer. "We just go to the Web site and see what's

available. We love them."

After discovering some of the programs the museum offered, I decided to take a stroll down the

main drag, Front Street. The area is filled with rusticlooking shops and eateries to fit anyone's tastes or budget, and they are perfect for window shopping or picking up a souvenir from your visit.

While meandering, I stopped to talk to several of the waterfront boating services. They offered a variety of short to day-long cruises, which included might boating. which included quick, hourly narrated tours, to an interactive evening cruise with pirates.

One of the biggest draws of the cruises is the opportunity to see wild horses roaming around freely on the Rachel Carson Estuarine Research Reserve on Carrot Island.

Several ferry services will bring visitors to the island for a self-guided

Capt. Bob Rust, the captain of the Water Bug, even offered a special deal to military families.

"I will buy the kids an ice cream cone after taking the tour," he said.

"It is something I do for the military families, but it's only for the kids, parents have to buy their own."

For those who are up for some high-flying adventures, parasailing is an option. Several boardwalk vendors offer the chance to float above the water to get a bird's-eye view of Carrot Island. Children 6 years and up can also go into the sky tethered to their parent.

If staying put on solid ground is more your style, the Beaufort Historic Site offers daily tours of authentically restored buildings from volunteers and employees dressed in Civil War attire.

They also offer a double decker bus tour of Beaufort's Historic District. Tours start at \$8 for adults

and \$4 for children.
All in all, the short trip up the road is well worth it. There was so much to do that in the day I spent there, I didn't even get to half of the things on my list, such as the Beaufort Ghost Walk or kayaking in

Bogue Sound. So whether you are looking to bring your family, buddies or just yourself, you will find a great time in Beaufort.

Editor's note: For more informa-tion about Beaufort, visit The Crystal Coast Tourism Develop-ment Authority's Web site at crystalcoastnc.org or stop by the visitor's center at 3409 Arendell St. in Morehead City. To reach the visitor's center by phone, call 800-786-6962 or 252-726-8148, ext. 109.



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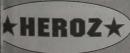


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Elizabeth Thomas, assistant superintendent for Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools, talks
with a student at Johnson Primary School, Aug. 20. After 28 years with CLDS, including
three years as assistant superintendent, Thomas will be leaving Camp Lejeune. She has
accepted a position as the deputy area superintendent for curriculum, instruction and
assessment for the Department of Defense Education Activity's stateside schools. Thomas
will begin the new job at DODEA's headquarters in Peachtree City, Ga., Aug. 31.

CLDS assistant superintendent tapped for promotion

HEATHER M. OWENS

Camp Lejeune's top educator has been tapped for promotion and will soon leave the area after 28 years working for Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools.

Elizabeth Thomas, assistant superintendent for CLDS, has accepted a position as the deputy area superintendent for curriculum, instruction and as-sessment for the Department of Defense Education Activity's stateside schools.

A North Carolinian by birth, she hails from Kinston, N.C., Thomas began her teaching career during 1970 with the North Carolina school system in Charlotte, N.C., and also taught for five years in Virginia.

She joined the Department of Defense Education Activity

when she accepted a position as a reading specialist with the former Stone Street Elementary School aboard Camp Lejeune during 1981. She would later become the Stone Street Elementary's assistant principal. Throughout her years in

education, from classroom teacher to school principal to assistant superintendent, Thomas has maintained the heart of a teacher.

"I am a reading teacher by profession. There's no one best way for a child to learn to read. I like to help them unlock how they learn reading. I like seeing them get excited and grow," said Thomas.
"However, my real passion, no
matter what subject I'm teaching, is working with kids."

In 1985, Thomas became the principal of Tarawa Ter-race I Primary School. One day, after spending four years at the school, then-superin-tendent Conrad Sloan called Thomas to his office.

"He wanted to see me," she

said. "And that's not a good thing.

Yet the meeting became a turning point in her career. Sloan told Thomas that he wanted her to become the principal of Brewster Middle

Having worked solely in elementary schools up to that point, Thomas was not sure she wanted to take on young people going through the transition period of middle school.

"I'm only five feet tall," said Thomas of her thoughts at that point. "I didn't know if that

Conrad assuaged her fears.

"He said, 'You know kids and I'm confident you can do this,'" remembered Thomas. Thus, during 1989, Thomas

took leadership of Brewster Middle School and its students, teachers and staff.
Nervous that the middle

school students may not be as well-behaved as her elemen-tary school children, Thomas delayed holding a school assembly as long as possible.
Instead, she went room to

room introducing herself to the students and letting them get to know her.
"Soon we'll have an assem-

bly," she remembered telling the students. "And when we do, I will raise my hand, and then I want you to raise your hand and become quiet."

When the time came for the students and teachers to gather in a common room for a school-wide meeting, Thomas'

introductions paid off.
"It was the best assembly in the world. I stood up in that gym and those kids filed in gynt and those acts fact met and there were 700 of them," she said. "I raised my hand, and then they raised their hands and a hush fell over the crowd. It was a powerful thing."

The assembly cemented Thomas' belief in the importance of gaining students

respect.
"Whatever I've done or wherever I've gone, I've gotten

to know the kids," she said.

After Brewster Middle School, Thomas served as principal for the former Stone Street and Berkeley Manor Elementary Schools, an instructional systems special ist for the school system, and then principal of Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School. She became the assistant superintendent for DODEA's North Carolina District and CLDS during August 2006.

It was a position she had not sought as she was perfectly happy being in the schools, she said.

However, Thomas was able to draw on her years as a classroom teacher and princi-pal to help CLDS educators improve their craft and pro-vide a stable learning environ-

ment for the students.
"I think I am really good with people. We need administrators who can talk with and mentor teachers," she said. 'It's almost like a coaching

Now, Thomas has been called to the "big leagues" of DODEA. She will begin the new job at DODEA's headquarters in Peachtree City, Ga., Aug. 31. Her husband Lynn, who recently retired after 25 years with the City of Jacksonville, will accompany her on this new adventure.

Thomas said she hopes to bring her experience as CLDS' assistant superintendent with her to help provide support to DODEA superintendents so they may in turn provide coaching and training to their

Though she is looking forward to this change, Thomas said she will always cherish her

"I'm eally proud of the culture of the folks here aboard Camp Lejeune. It's almost like the teachers and staff are a family. These's a common real and ily. There's a common goal and a common purpose," she said.

2nd CEB has fun in the sun



Cpl. Alex J. Reinoehl, an electrician with Utilities Company, 2nd Combat Eng Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, battles his 8-year-old stepson with pugil stick family day event on Onslow Beach, Aug. 21. The Battalion invited all of its Mc sailors and their families for fun in the sun with food, drinks and activities for all "It brings families together before a deployment to help build stronger ties the camaraderie," said Sgt. Sean R. Blue, an electrician with the battalion.

MUSEUM FROM 1D

University Applied Physics Laboratory, observed the missile launches from eight cement towers, which were spaced out up and down the

Seven of those towers still stand today, said Peters. Though one was torn down and the majority of the towers were incorporated into houses along the beach, one is listed on the National Register of Historic places.

Tourists and some locals have promulgated

the legend that the three-story, cement towers were constructed to watch for enemy approach-

were constructed to watch for enemy approaching the island during World War II.

"A lot of people think the time frame (of Operation Bumblebee) was so close to World War II, (the towers) were used to watch for German subs. But that is not true," said Peters. "If you do the math, the war was over by then."

Though the project ended during 1948, the legacy of its research remains. During 1992, author and historian David A. Stallman wrote a hook called "Operation Bumblebee, 1946-

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In it, he quoted several Navy officials who spoke to the importance of the program, including Lt. Cmdr. Tad Stanwick, who said: "The Ramjet is the basis for all our jet aircraft. If you consider our dependency on jet transportation, Topsail Island's contribution to today's technol-

opy and ability to travel globally is significant."
Though Operation Bumblebee is a central theme of the Missiles & More Museum, it keeps company with several other important topics of importance to Topsail Island, including: artifacts from the prehistoric age, an Indian dugout canoe found on the island and information, about privates who roamed the island mation about pirates who roamed the island during the 1700s, relics from the Civil War, and

during the 1/00s, relies from the Civil war, and a display discussing barrier island ecology. Additionally, local military members and their families may be especially interested in the museum's display of memorabilia about the Marine Corps' MV-22 Osprey.

Military history buffs will enjoy the Camp Davis display, detailing the history of the U.S. Army installation which operated in nearby

MISSILE TESTS ocket flights, 1946 Observation towers I Topsail Island; Assemi Building 2 blocks w

Photo by Heathe This historical marker can help vis the Missiles & More Museum as it sits with the turn off to the museum.

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Children's activities at the museum

Children's activities at the museum reading area stocked full of children's to sandbox with shells and an outside for Peters said she hopes more Marias a and military families will visit the mum "The wealth of knowledge of this is d amazing. It's only 26-miles long, but it ongoing," said Peters. "I think the nath a mum to the property is union because it was right. museum is unique because it was originate the missile program, but we have expandencompass all of the history of the island

Editor's note: For more information Missiles & More Museum, which is 720 Channel Blvd. in Topsail Beach Web page at topsailmissilesmuseum museum is currently open Monday to Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Starting the museum will be open Monday to Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. The museum open by appointment by calling the uat 328-8663 or Peters at 328-2488.

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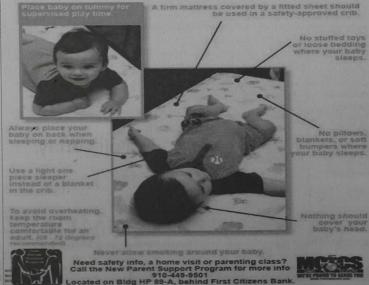
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formation on the application process, call the Life Long Learning center at 451-5575. Participating schools include University of North Carolina Wilmington, University of North Carolina, Eastern Car-

olina University, North Carolina A&T State University,

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schools and that's something they may not be able to do on their own.

This is the second year MCIEAST has offered the program to military members. The program currently has seven campuses participating and hopes to increase to 16 this year. The growing cooperation and interest of local

universities want service members," said Schock. "You

name the school and they are looking for military veterans."
This program, featuring the best state schools, may be available only to North Carolina residents, but isn't limited to those stationed aboard to those stationed aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

It's available to those stationed anywhere in the world.

While the opportunity for quality education is an obvieven after the student has

"If a good military leader, who is from North Carolina, goes to school and stays in North Carolina, they will be great leaders for the com-

tion for everybody."
Anyone wishing to take advantage of this program should submit an application to the Life Long Learning Center by Feb. 1, 2010.

The application must include one sealed envelope of an official transcript and

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great leaders for the com-munity," said Bob Songer, the head of the Life Long Learn-ing Center with the Marine and Family Services Division of Marine Corps Community Services. "It's a win-win situa-tion for everybody."

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The cost is \$30 for the six-week session. Each additional family member per session will receive a rate of \$20. Space is limited, so sign up early. The registration deadline is Oct. 12. For more information, call 451-1807 or go to mccslejeune.com/community.



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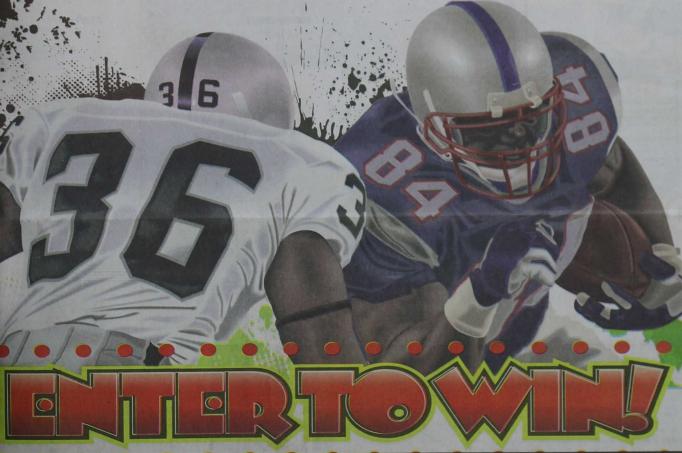
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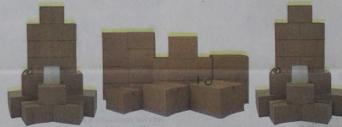
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answer is the SawStop, a revoluty table saw that has various failbut with one unique feature.

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contact with your skin, the blade sends a current to a braking mechanism which shoves a metal block into the saw, immediately stopping it while retracting it down into the table. The process takes all of a few milliseconds; only three of the saw's

teeth would make contact with your skin, enough to make only a little cut.

"In 2003 the Consumer Product Safety Commission released a study that said table saw-related injuries averaged 60,000 average a verage on how many 'finger saves' we have, we know we've impacted that injury average substantially."

What also makes the SawStop so

What also makes the SawStop so successful is that it doesn't focus simply on its blade-braking feature. Along with smoother adjusts to the height and angle of the saw, other safety features such as a knee shut-off button and standard riving knife, which keeps the wood from kicking off the saw, makes the SawStop a well-rounded next generation table saw. With an almost guaranteed accident-free capability as well as improved performance, the SawStop and its makers have a lot to brag about. Hitting the markets by storm, the SawStop is aiming to drastically reduce table saw accidents while also providing a higher quality cut. "Out main goal along with safety was not to sacrifice that safety for performance," said Pennington.

As the product's Web site states, "It's truly the 'Rolls Royce' of table saws."



Photo by Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez

A hematologist with the Armed Services Blood Program aboard Camp Lejeune
collects blood at a routine blood drive at Marston Pavilion, Aug. 13.

Blood donations give service members second chance at

What if you were told that by giving 10 minutes of your time to donate blood — just one pint — you could save the lives of a parent, spouse and sibling? Would you donate? What if you were told that you would be saving your parent, spouse and sibling?

Whether in peacetime or war, there is always a need for blood, so to help increase the quantity available to help service mem-bers and their families, the Armed Services Blood Program aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune held a blood drive at Marston

Pavilion, Aug. 13.

The quota for the blood drive was 60 pints of blood, and although the weather wasn't ideal, the rain didn't

put a damper on the drive. "I consider the blood drive to be a success," said Joe Jacome, the base blood drive coordinator. "We had 52 (pints) of blood donated in all, and considering the miserable weather, there

was a pretty good turnout." The ASBP's sole mission is to provide quality blood and services for all U.S. service members and their families worldwide, so it's vital for people to donate.

Even though the weather wasn't the best to be out

and about in, numerous civilians and service members still made their way out to donate blood.

weeks, it's something I always do," said Navy Lt. Troy Frazee, project en-gineer with the Officer In Charge of Construction aboard base. "It's imporaboatt base. It's impor-tant to give, whether it's blood or your time. If I give (blood) now, when I need it one day maybe someone will give for me. I think more people should give blood. It's an easy way to give back and it doesn't cost anything.

It doesn't cost anything to donate blood, but there is a small process to go through beforehand.

First, donors are pre

screened and registered.
Then they conduct a
physical assessment and interview.

Next, the blood is drawn and refreshments follow. In all, the whole process takes about 20 to 30 minutes.

"Blood and blood prod-ucts are used for patients of all ages for many reasons, and military members and their families depend on blood donors every day," as stated by the ASBP Web site. "The ASBP supplies blood and blood products for 1.3 million service members and their families across the na-tion and around the globe every year. This means blood must be available for routine military medical treatment facility operations as well as contingency operations. By committing to give blood at least once a season, you help ensure

that blood is available when

it's needed the most."

It's easy to donate blood and almost anyone is eligible, but there are some general guidelines that must

· donor must weigh at

least 110 pounds;
• be at least 17 years old; has been feeling well for at the past least three

days;
• be well hydrated;

 be well hydrated;
 have eaten something prior to donating.
 For more specific guidelines that can also affect donating blood, visit the ASBP Web site.
 "As it stands right now, 65 percent of the blood we've drawn has already been used," said Vic Murdy, donor monitor with ASBP aboard the base. "What we are doing is critical. It's very important people come very important people come out to donate their blood."

For those who have blood types AB+, AB- and O-, there is a strong need for those blood types, said Jacome.

If only one more percent of all Americans donated blood, blood shortages would disappear, as stated by the Web site.

The next blood drive aboard the base is sched.

aboard the base is sched-uled for Sept. 7 at Camp

Geiger.

For more information about the blood drive, donating blood, or to set up an appointment to donate, call Connie Colley at 450-3458 or visit the ASBP Web site at militaryblood.dod.mil.



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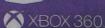
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