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Warrior
Berlin German, Manhattan, N.Y., April 11 at Brooke Medical Center, Antonio, Texas, wounds he suffered conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq, on Feb. 22, he was assigned with Battalion, Marine Regiment, Marine Division, I Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, while deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. German's unit was the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was medically retired in 2007, as a result of injuries.

Army spouses Presidential Volunteer Service Award

President Bush presented military spouses the Presidential Volunteer Service Award today for their support to communities and nations. The award was made the presentation as 1,100 army spouses were honored for a Military Spouse Recognition Day ceremony on the White House South Lawn. This year's awardees include Colleen Saffron, my wife; Ramona Saez, a Coast Guard Bob Davidson, my Force husband; Patton, a Navy Dawnle Scheetz, an Reserve wife; and Grace James, a Marine's wife. Six individuals were honored here today for their service and respect to our nation. They represent thousands of military spouses who make significant contributions to our country," Bush said. "So honor six, but we say thanks to millions. Our country appreciates the service. I conceded that military spouses' contributions don't always get the attention they deserve. "But I can tell you that every one of your efforts matters," he said. "We do not do this only for our loved ones who are serving and sacrificing in distant lands, but for our entire community and for our country."

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DoD changes security clearance question on mental health

Fred W. Baker III
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department will change a question on its long-standing security clearance form referencing an applicant's mental health history because officials believe it is needlessly preventing some people from seeking counseling.

The Standard Form 86, Questionnaire for National Security Positions, asks the applicant to acknowledge mental health care in the past seven years. It does not ask for treatment details if the care involved only marital, family, or grief counseling, not related to violence by the applicant, unless the treatment was court-ordered.

Officials said surveys have shown that troops feel if they answer "yes" to the question, they could jeopardize their security clearances, required for many



U.S. Army Col. Patricia Horoho, left, commander of the Walter Reed Health Care System, and U.S. Army Col. Loree Sutton, special assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, answer reporters' questions concerning health issues among soldiers during a press briefing at the Pentagon May 1. Petty Officer 2nd Class Molly A. Burgess

occupations in the military. As of April 18, applicants no longer have to acknowledge care under the

same conditions, nor if the care was related to service in a military combat zone. The revised word-

ing has been distributed to the services and will be attached to the cover of the questionnaire. The revised

question will not show up printed on the forms until

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Kessler relinquishes command of 2nd MLG

Sgt. Josh H. Hauser
2nd MLG

Col. William M. Faulkner assumed command of 2nd Marine Logistics Group, replacing Brig. Gen. James A. Kessler during a change of command ceremony here April 21.

Kessler led 2nd MLG from May 2006 until now, to include a year of operations in Iraq from January 2007 through February 2008.

Kessler noted his regret in leaving the unit, but also his confidence in Faulkner and the future of the logistics group.

"There's nobody that I can think of that is better prepared and better equipped to take 2nd MLG," Kessler said. "With Col. Faulkner as chief of staff, there wasn't much that we felt we couldn't get done."

The command colors were passed to Faulkner, who previously served the unit as a regimental commander and as the chief of staff during its yearlong deployment to Iraq's Al Anbar province.

Faulkner told those in attendance that, although the command was changing, the mission of providing combat logistics support would remain the focal point of the 2nd MLG.

"We are already engaged in planning, training and getting organized to redeploy in eight or nine months in support of [Operation Iraqi Freedom], and that's our focus of effort," Faulkner said. "It truly is an honor and I am humbled to command this fine group."



Sgt. Maj. Carl Green, 2nd Marine Logistics Group sergeant major (left) receives the command colors from Brig. Gen. James A. Kessler. Col. William M. Faulkner (right) assumed command of the unit during a change of command ceremony here April 21. Official U.S. Marine Corps photo

USS North Carolina joins the fleet

Lt. Jennifer Zeldis
Fleet Public Affairs Center Atlantic

WILMINGTON, N.C. — The Navy's newest nuclear-powered submarine, USS North Carolina (SSN 777), was brought to life May 3 during a commissioning ceremony held in its namesake state at the Port of Wilmington.

More than 6,500 guests, including submarine veterans and battleship North Carolina alumni, attended the ceremony welcoming the

submarine as the fourth naval vessel named after the "Tarheel State."

The ship's sponsor, Linda Anne Rich Bowman, wife of Admiral Frank L. "Skip" Bowman, retired U.S. Navy Admiral and former Director, Naval Nuclear Reactors, gave the order, "Officers and crew of the USS North Carolina, man your ship, and bring her to life!"

"You're a team and ready to go forth and defend this country," said Bowman. "My hope is that she [USS

North Carolina] will sail in peace to keep us free. My assurance is that she will always be ready to defend that freedom whenever necessary."

The ceremony included speeches made by local and congressional politicians as well as flag officers of the submarine force. The Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

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Brain trauma foundation to receive \$4.6 million award

Press release
Brain trauma foundation

NEW YORK, NY - With traumatic brain injury affecting a significant number of troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States Department of Defense is providing the Brain Trauma Foundation a \$4.6 million, four-year award to lead the development of an eye-tracking device that will enable military personnel to determine within seconds if a soldier has been subjected to TBI - allowing for faster and more appropriate treatment and, ultimately, better outcomes.

Described as "the signature injury of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts," mild traumatic brain injury is estimated to have affected between 10 percent and 22 percent of the 1.5 million soldiers deployed to combat - largely the result of increased exposure to improvised explosive devices. The true TBI incidence rate

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Intramural softball



Camp Lejeune's highly-competitive women's intramural softball league was on display with The Professionals knocking out Team Double. Read about the game on 1B.

Mission readiness



When any Marine goes on a mission, he takes the knowledge with him that no matter what happens, he will not be left behind. Learn more about their mind set on 1C.

A Safari Adventure



Johnson Primary School students recently took a musical journey through Africa through their studies and production of a play called "Safari." To learn more, turn to page 1D.

MAN on the street

What are you going to do for your mom on Mothers' Day?



"It's also her birthday, so I'm sending her on a hot air balloon ride."

1st Lt. Tara Jerussi
Communications officer
2nd Marine Logistics Group
Massachusetts

"Make her some gift cards."



Kim Wilson
Barista
Starbucks
Pensacola, Fla.

"I got her the most irritating singing card I could find."



Lance Cpl. Jonathan Muff
Gas chamber NCOIC
Marine Corps Base
Niles, Mich.

"Sending a Mothers' Day card to her in Illinois and I plan to see her later in the month to bring her a present."



Seaman Joseph Gerring
Corpsman
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune
Illinois

"I'm going to call my mom and send her some flowers."



Staff Sgt. Bowen Shugart
Reporting to a new unit
2nd Marine Logistics Group
Ingleside, Texas

The West needs a defense system that w

Condoleezza Rice and Robert Gates
Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Sixteen years after the end of the Cold War, the transatlantic community and Russia are not adversaries. Indeed, on a number of issues, we are partners. We both face a number of common challenges, among the most threatening is the possibility that a dangerous state will use ballistic missiles, tipped with nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction, to hold our societies hostage — or worse. Make no mistake: This is a real challenge.

Despite our best efforts, including notable successes in Libya and breaking up the A.Q. Khan network, weapons of mass destruction and missile capabilities continue to proliferate. We sincerely hope that the diplomatic efforts now underway will succeed in addressing the challenges we face from states like North Korea and Iran. We have made some progress with Pyongyang, and though Tehran still defies the international community, there are signs that it is feeling the diplomatic pressure.

However, we cannot guarantee success, and governments have a responsibility to defend their people. The logic of Cold War "Mutual Assured Destruction" does not make sense in today's strategic environment. Today, we seek security based on more than the grim premise that we can destroy those who seek to destroy us. We need to be clear that the missile threat from Iran is real and growing, and it is a threat not just to the United States, but to Europe and Russia as well. Looking a few years ahead, other such missile threats will likely emerge as well.

It is with these new realities in mind that we are developing and deploying modest missile defenses. Our goal is to field systems capable of protecting not only the United States and our forces, but also friends and allies like those in the transatlantic community.

We speak of the transatlan-

tic community because we have learned that our security is not divisible; that if our allies are not secure, America is not secure. America cannot "go it alone." To ensure our common security, we need defenses in place well before a threat fully emerges.

Accordingly, we have approached some of our allies with the idea of deploying limited missile defense capabilities: 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and a radar installation in the Czech Republic. While the United States can defend its own territory without these additional capabilities, fielding them would enable us to extend coverage to most of Europe while providing improved protection at home.

Our strategy is to strengthen our ability to detect, defend against, and thus deter a missile attack. Missile defenses are part of contemporary deterrence and promote stability, as we saw last summer, when we activated our system for the first time in response to North Korean missile launch preparations. In that case, our missile defense system allowed our national leadership to consider a wider, more flexible range of responses to a potential attack.

Effective defenses also reduce incentives for states to acquire missiles in the first place, by undermining their military utility and thus promoting our nonproliferation goals.

We have come a long way from early programs and tests in the 1980s and '90s. Since 2001, we have had 26 successful hit-to-kill intercepts out of 34 attempts. And 15 of the last 16 flight tests have been successful in the past couple of years. Given this trend of success, we are confident that these systems will work, and that they will represent a practical 21st century solution to the new threat we all face.

The system we have in mind is limited, and the missiles have no warhead at all. It is oriented against a potential enemy with a small arsenal, attempting to black-

mail our people, sow chaos and our collective will.

Development of such a system is realistic. Critical approach should also be. This system is of no use to huge nuclear and ballistic arsenals, such as that possessed by Russia. Talk of a new "strategic partnership" with Russia is anachronistic and not grounded in reality. Russia under the leadership of Moscow are reducing our nuclear warheads to levels in decades.

Security should be discussed in a multilateral way. That the United States has consulted extensively about our plans over the past few years both with Russia and NATO, including in Moscow, and at the NATO Council, most recently on NATO and Russia have practical cooperation on missile defense for the past years. We look forward to expanded cooperation in NATO and with Russia.

President Bush has invited President Putin to visit the United States to discuss our cooperation with Russia on missile defense, and a U.S. delegation will be in Moscow on April 17. We plan to visit Moscow with the Russians -- Gates recently completed a visit to Moscow on April 24, and Secretary of State Rice is visiting next month.

Our collective defense is important for us to fall prey to tactics, slogans from the past attempts to drive wedges between us. NATO has a role in missile defense. So do bilateral arrangements between America, our Allies, and Russia.

We all face an emerging common threat, and America has posed a practical solution above all, must know — based on our own modern history — that to cooperate is now, not the threat is imminent.

Spouses recognized by presidential proclamation

President George W. Bush
Proclamation

Military spouses embody the courage, nobility of duty, and love of country that inspire every American.

The legacy of military spouses began when colonial Americans were fighting for independence. Martha Washington boosted the morale of her husband's troops by visiting battlefields and tending to the wounded. Since then, members of our Armed Forces have served our Nation accompanied by the steadfast love and support

of their spouses and families.

While our men and women in uniform protect our country's founding ideals of liberty, democracy, and justice, their spouses, with uncommon challenges, endure sleepless nights, and spend long periods raising children alone. Many military spouses are also committed volunteers, serving other military families and local communities. Our Nation benefits from the sacrifices of our military families, and we are inspired by their courage, strength, and leadership.

CMC's new safety initiatives geared toward saving lives

Semper Safe

Hopefully by now you have heard about the recent All Marine Corps Message 014/08 concerning "Private Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Safety Requirements" and the White Letter No. 02-08 on "Experimental Program: Marine Corps Noncommissioned officers and Vehicle Safety." These two safety initiatives were written due to the significant number of off-duty vehicular incidents this fiscal year. To date, 32 Marines have died in off-duty mishaps, 24 in private motor vehicle mishaps and another seven in other off-duty recreational activities.

These initiatives not only will further enhance the authority and responsibilities NCOs have in combat, but when they are back in garrison. Some of the key things to remember from these safety initiatives are:

- Motorcycle ownership is a significant responsibility. Prior to purchasing a motorcycle, all Marines now will consult with their leadership in advance to be certain that

they are aware of the responsibilities and requirements that come with ownership.

- All Marines who presently own or purchase a motorcycle, whether or not they intend to ride on base, will personally report their ownership to their commanding officers within 48 hours.

- Commanders shall verify with the Provost Marshal's Office that the Marine has a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement and that they have completed or are scheduled to attend the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider's Course at the earliest date, and the Marine knows what Personal Protection Equipment is required.

- For a trial period NCOs will assume full charge of our vehicle safety programs from 1 May to 1 October 2008. NCOs will be responsible for conducting risk assessments as part of the leave liberty process where they are delegated authority to disapprove leave and liberty. They must also institute a structured remediation program for cases in which leave or liberty are denied.

- Remediation techniques such as prescribed vehicle maintenance, buddy system, law enforcement ride alongs, and emergency room visitation are viable methods to educate personnel.

- White Letter No 01-07 "Marine Corps Mandatory Seat belt Policy" states seat belts will be worn by all occupants and that the senior military occupant will not permit vehicle operation until all passengers are wearing seat belts.

As we move into periods of ever increasing operational tempo and the critical days of summer, our collective readiness requires that every member take necessary preventative actions to protect the force 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer, Base Safety Representative or visit the following base safety website to learn more; <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>

As Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines we live by our ethos. So think before you jeopardize the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, Sailors, or family members, and remember Semper Safe!

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Hawaii-based Marines help provide medical care to Iraqis

Chadwick deBree
Regimental Combat Team 1

RAMA, Iraq — A platoon of Humvees, 7-ton and mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles headed to a sheik's home. They arrived, local citizens already lined up, waiting for the gate to receive them through the teamwork of the local government, Security Forces and coalition forces.

On April 12 and 13, Marines of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, worked with Iraqi doctors, coalition medical personnel and a cooperative medical engagement to provide medical care to Iraqi civilians in the Gnather and Lallages.

On the first day, Iraqis waited as Marines from Company F admitted them one at a time to maintain security and organization. Upon going through the gates, the Iraqis would receive a number to help track how many showed up. They lined up outside a room where Iraqi doctors listened to their complaints and asked them to help identify their problem. Most of the people had respiratory tract infections, malnutrition, skin problems from drinking dirty water and infections," said Dr. Ali Karagoli, an Iraqi medical

doctor. "I'm Iraqi so I know what the main complaints are going to be. I look them over to see how severe their condition is and prescribe them medicine to help make them healthy again."

After being examined by one of the three doctors, the patients went into the next room where they received the medicine that they were prescribed. The battalion also passed out toys, clothes and school supplies to the children who had attended that day.

The whole event came together when the Marines attended a city council meeting where the subject of health care was brought up and the battalion commander wanted to give two days to help provide medical care for the civilians, said Capt. J.C. Lang, commanding officer, Company E, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines.

"It turned out how we expected it to turn out," Lang said. "We had a little less than 500 people show up today. This is what the Iraqis expected of their government. They expected someone to help take care of them and provide medical care. All Echo Company did today was provide security."

"The mission here, our mission, is transition," Lang said. "We want to show the Iraqis that we are not an occupying force, but that we are genuine in helping them and seeking the best for them. This event today isn't a photo op so a movie star can come out gain publicity or anything. This is our job here, this is what we do. I expected we would have a sweaty afternoon today and we did. Everyone out here today is willing to work hard to help the Iraqi people get the attention that they need. One thing that I have noticed is that the units that are accepted out here and successful, are the ones that work with the culture, and that's what we are doing. The transition is moving full steam ahead."

As the second day of the CME came to a close, Karagoli reflects on the two-day event as a success.

"This is the first time I have done a CME with this unit and everything went well and it was well organized," he said. "This event is very helpful for the Iraqi people because the medical is free for them (during the event). This is very important to the people because there aren't many clinics open or supplies in the area. I know that the people are grateful for events like this because it shows them the coalition does care about them."

The Hawaii-based unit is currently deployed to Iraq to help transition authority back to the Iraqi people.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Adam Shults, hospital corpsman, Battalion Aid Station, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, hands a Beanie Baby to an Iraqi girl during a cooperative medical engagement, April 12, in Karma, Iraq. The Hawaii-based unit helped conduct the event to help provide medical care to the Iraqi population in the area. Though there was a coalition presence, most of the event was performed by local Iraqis as a step to help transition authority from Coalition Forces to the Iraqis. Cpl. Chadwick deBree

Iraqi police train with Marines, get paid



Pfc. Jerry Murphy
Regimental Combat Team 1

HABBANIYAH, Iraq — Once a month, the Iraqi police are paid for their everyday services. Marines of the Habbaniyah Police Transition Team, who work with the Iraqi Police daily, ensured their hard work over the last 30 days was rewarded with a much deserved payday May 3.

"They put in their time every day and look forward to getting paid," said Lance Cpl. Adam C. Wemhoner, a gunner for the Habbaniyah PTT team, attached to 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 1. "They're doing a good job working with us and they are catching on to what we teach them pretty good."

The Iraqi Police work closely with the Marines every day and payday is their monetary motivation to support their families and keep the streets clean with the Marines by their side.

"We try to help them in every aspect of their job here. They regularly go out on patrols with us and they receive daily classes on tactics, weapons and foot patrols," said Sgt. Carmen A. Consolino, the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Habbaniyah PTT team. "We're trying to prepare them to become a

stand-alone police department the people can count on and trust. It takes time, but it's working."

For some infantry battalions, teaching police tactics could become a slight challenge, but with 2nd Bn., 24th Marines being a reserve battalion based out of Chicago, it is common to have police officers mixed into the bunch just about everywhere.

"Three out of the 10 guys on the team are police officers back home and that makes it a little bit easier for us because of their experience," said Wemhoner, a 20-year-old from Denton, Texas. "But at the same time, they're not dealing with the threats of (improvised explosive devices) in Chicago."

Consolino agreed saying: "With our experience, it makes certain things a little bit easier but there's still that unknown and there are much different threats here than back home."

Although the Marines' jobs in Iraq seem difficult and stressful, progress is being made and the Marines believe it will pay off in the long run.

"The sacrifices we are making here are not for nothing. As long as we have a little faith and patience, we will accomplish our mission," said Consolino, a 37-year-old police officer from Chicago. "Patience and persistence is eventually what is going to pay dividends in the end."

Lance Cpl. Adam C. Wemhoner, a machine gunner with the Habbaniyah Police Transition Team (PTT), keeps his eyes on the road while the PTT team travels to the Civil Police Station to pay the Iraqi police.

Gunfighter utilizes training to find cache

Cpl. Ryan Tomlinson
Regimental Combat Team 5

ANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq — Another improvement was made toward protecting Coalition forces, Iraqi security forces and citizens of Iraq from dangerous ordnance used by the insurgency here, April 29.

Marines with Charlie Company, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, known as "Gunfighter," discovered a weapons cache consisting of more than six 120 mm.

"Finding the caches cuts down on the items the insurgents use to inflict harm to Coalition forces and Iraqi civilians," said Lance Cpl. Matthew R. Dean, a scout with Charlie Company and the one of the discoverers of the cache. "It stops munitions from going into the larger cities and saves lives."

The Marines discovered the cache while conducting patrols through western Anbar province

during a 10-day company operation. From the extensive improvised explosive device and cache awareness training they received, the Marines were able to spot a possible cache and started digging.

"Scouts possess an attention to detail because anything could be dangerous," said Dean, 21, from Memphis, Tenn. "When something looks out of the ordinary, we always want to check it out."

The find not only foiled the enemy's plans and was a factor in fighting the war on terrorism, but it also instilled confidence in the Marines to find more and more caches in the future.

"I love the satisfaction of doing something good that someone else benefits from," said Cpl. Raymond S. Miller, a scout with Charlie Company from Birmingham, Ala. "When we found this one, I jumped up and down with joy because we found it and there were no leads."

Vehicle registration tip:

If you have multiple vehicles that are registered aboard Camp Lejeune, save yourself some time and trouble the next time you go to update or register a vehicle. Ask the clerk to make all your decal expiration dates the same. This way, you have only one trip to make and one line to stand in. Remember to bring all necessary items to register or update your vehicle registration: ID card, license, registration and proof of insurance. Vehicle Registration is located in room #160, Bldg. 60 and can be reached at 451-1793.

From Mexico to meeting the pope: One chaplain's long journey

Lance Cpl. Meghan McNabb
2nd Marine Logistics Group

At just 16 years old, Jose A. Bautista-Rojas left his hometown of Guadalajara, Mexico for Los Angeles with the hopes of creating a better life for himself and the parents he left behind.

At the time, he had no idea his journey would lead him into the priesthood, the military or the opportunity to shake the pope's hand.

The road from Guadalajara was not short and life in Los Angeles was not easy, according to Bautista. Living with friends, working all day and attending English as a Second Language classes at Evans Community Adult School at night, Bautista focused on the chance to bring his fam-

ily to the United States.

"There wasn't much time for fun," Bautista said. "I worked carpentry from 7:30 [a.m.] to 3:30 [p.m.], from 5 to 7, I worked at a car wash and from 7:30 to 9, I went to ESL classes."

After four years, Bautista's family was able to join him and he was able to turn his attention to new goals.

Because he worked so much, Bautista hadn't focused on graduating high school until he decided to enter the priesthood; a journey that would take 11 years to complete.

Ironically, the road that leads to swearing off women actually began with one. Bautista started attending church with a girl he liked, but ended up finding much more.

"I had stopped going to church," Bautista said. "I had to fight off the pressure and temptations that come to young men. I wasn't always perfect, but I had to get back on track. I enjoyed church and the sermons, and before I knew it I was getting involved."

Bautista's interest coincided with a new initiative by then Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Cardinal Roger Michael Mahoney. The cardinal recently established Casa Reina de Los Angeles, or House of our Lady Queen of Angels as a place for young men who wanted to enter the priesthood, but either didn't have their high school diploma or needed to perfect their English.

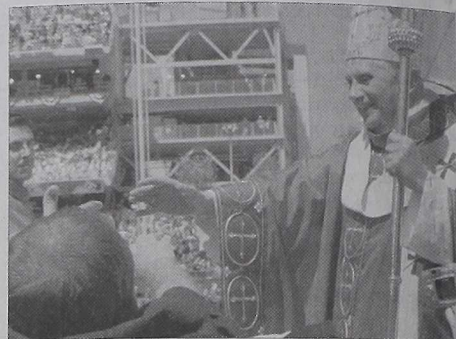
Bautista studied hard for two years to earn his high school diploma and perfect his English. He spent one

year studying for college level classes, four years earning his college degree and four years earning his master's of divinity.

On June 5, 1999, Bautista was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, under the direction of Cardinal Mahoney, and was assigned to St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Van Nuys, Calif. In 2001, Bautista was assigned to his next church, St. John of God in Norwalk, Calif., where two of his parishioners, a Marine and soldier, died in Iraq.

At their memorial service, bus loads of Marines came from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to attend. Some of them told Bautista how they didn't always have access to the Holy Mass in Iraq.

"I'm saying mass and I look up and thought of them serving without mass," Bau-



Pope Benedict XVI greets followers after mass held at National Park Washington D.C. The pope on his Christ our Hope: Apostolic journey to the States 2008 and held mass in Washington D.C. It's first visit to the United States since September 11.

tista explained. "I thought to myself, 'I need to put my words into action.' I would always say let's pray for those serving, but it was time to act."

Bautista received an endorsement from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles who released him to the Arch-

diocese for the Military in January 2006 he the Chaplain Corps the U.S. Navy.

Then a lieutenant served as the Logistics Regiment Marine Logistics

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Reaper engineers sweep thousands of miles, conclude combat tour

Nathaniel C. LeBlanc
Combat Team 1

FALLUJAH, the battlefield of much different wars past with an aviator who prefers to cower and use his weapons, the improvised device; a diabolical destruction, omitting road-side to unsuspecting coalitions. Facing this ever present threat are the men conducting clearance throughout Iraq as the Marines' 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 1.

Reaper's route clearance predecessors last year found hundreds of IEDs, discovering them almost daily. The drastic decline in the amount of IEDs on the road has been a testament to the successful efforts of the Coalition and Iraqi Forces ridding al-Anbar of its terrorist insurgency. "Activity has quieted down a lot in all areas," said Sgt. Marvin Boyd, combat engineer and platoon guide for the Reapers, who is finishing his third deployment in Iraq. "No unit, travelling our roads, has been hit by an IED. It really shows how much things have gotten better."

"Being out there all the time is a deterrent for the enemy," Hamlin said. "We establish a presence. They see us rolling in MRAP vehicles, and see that we take safety of the roads seriously." Working an average of 12 hours, day or night, conducting missions almost daily, covering 40 to 180 miles, and performing their own maintenance on return; the Reaper Marines tackle a daunting task. But the sense of accomplishment of keeping Coalition forces and the Iraqi population safe has made it all worth it in the end according to the Marines.

"After clearing a route and knowing that other units have travelled our roads without incident is a good feeling," said Boyd, a Cleveland, Ohio native. "It's a job that needs to be done," said Cpl. Christopher Gamboa, engineer with Reaper platoon and San Antonio, Texas native. "After sweeping a road and having confidence that other units can safely travel those routes makes it all worth it."

"We've been out here over six months and they've worked hard," Hamlin said. "I'm proud of them and I couldn't ask for a better group of Marines."

The Marines of Reaper platoon are set to return home in Camp Lejeune this month.

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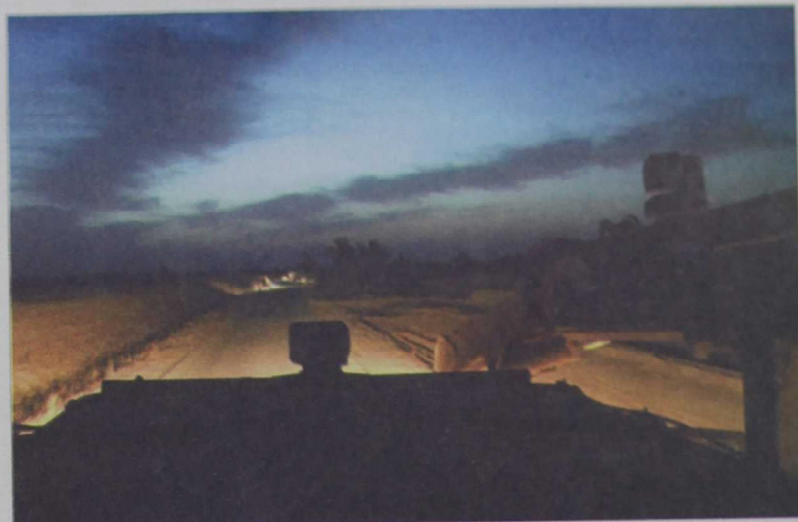
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A Mine Resistant and Ambush Protected "Buffalo" vehicle from Reaper platoon, Company A, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 1, creeps down a rural road with its flood lights revealing the ground below, allowing combat engineers to observe for any suspicious objects in their path during a route clearance mission. The Reapers have successfully cleared nearly 9,000 miles of roads throughout the area of operations at a crawling pace of 10 miles per hour, and discovered six improvised explosive devices during their seven-month deployment. Sgt. Nathaniel C. LeBlanc

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Local tips lead Marines to weapons cache

Story and photos by
Pfc. Jerry Murphy
Regimental Combat Team 1

HABBANIYAH, Iraq — The war has changed. No longer are Marines kicking in doors and battling insurgents with continuous gunfire. Instead, they are walking through the war-torn streets of Iraq, the same streets that just a few short years ago were the sights of horrendous warfare. Marines are now continuously greeted by hoards of children, with their parents or guardians watching, smiling from a distance.

Now, with the future of their children at stake, the Iraqi people are taking their own 'stand' against al-Qaeda, giving the Marines tips on the locations of weapons, explosives caches or 'bad guys,' when they used to be scared to give such tips in fear of insurgents reprisal.

"The Iraqi people have so much fear that they won't be able to provide a good life for their children," said Maj. Guillermo Rosales, commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 1. "The Marines are working with the [Iraqi police], going out on patrols with them and the reaction from the people, seeing us work together like that, is overwhelming. They say they feel more secure when we are in the area."

This security felt by the people, given to them by the presence of Marines, has prompted the people to help locate enemy weapons 'hide outs' in the area and rid the area of insurgency.

Recently, with the help of a local Iraqi, Marines of Co. F, 2nd Bn., 24th Marines, uncovered several weapons cache in the Habbaniyah area, estimated to have taken over six tons of ammunition, explosives and ordnance away from the enemy.

"The people have been giving tips to the Iraqi army

and Iraqi police for some time now about these caches but not much has been done about it," said Rosales, a 39-year-old Chicago native. "My guys went out there and used their insight and looked in suspicious areas and found a few caches. When they went back, they looked at other places that looked suspicious and found more caches and in all, we took nearly 12 thousand pounds of weaponry away from AQI that could have possibly been used against us."

Not only does the help of the Iraqi people benefit themselves, but also the Marines, giving them a high level of morale, which during stressful times such as a deployment to a combat zone, is essential. It has also caused a reduction in violence in the area, which benefits Marines, the ISF and Iraqi populous.

The reduction of violence in the region is a direct result of the Marines of Mayhem from the Heartland, a nickname given to the battalion referring to their headquarters in Chicago, working closely with the Iraqi Security Forces on a daily basis.

"Everything we do is in partnership with the ISF. They bring certain capabilities to the table and so do we; it's a marriage of capabilities" said Charlonis, 42, from Waxhaw, N.C. "The ISF like having us in the background so in case something gets out of hand, we are there to back them."

This confidence the Iraqi people now have in the Marines is not new, but with the combining of Marines and the ISF, their confidence has grown, strengthening the relationship between the Iraqi police, Iraqi army and the Iraqi people with that of the coalition forces.

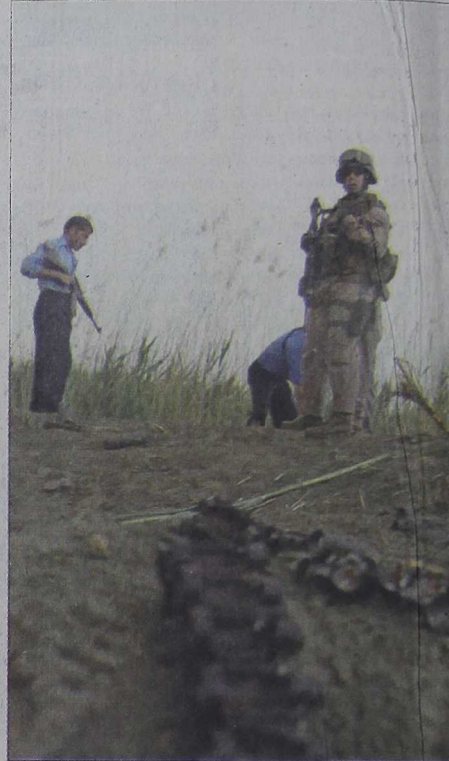
"When the people realized that AQI was doing more harm than good and saw that we had their best



Cpl. Aaron J. Roge team leader with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, security while his leader speaks with Iraqi police at the a possible weapon April 11. The Iraqi and Iraqi people regularly tip off the Marines the locations of weapons caches in hope to Marines' trust and a better life for the



Lance Cpl. Michael S. Villapando, a team leader with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, patrols through a field during after checking out a weapons cache located by the Iraqi police.



Sgt. Michael J. Anderson, a squad leader with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, stands over a possible enemy weapons cache April 11. The cache located by the Iraqi police, who regularly assist the Marines in locating weapons cache. This has become a major success in the disabling of the enemy weapons strongly

interests at heart, they felt that if they helped us, there would be no retribution," Charlonis said. "The [Iraqis] saw the ISF working with us and [the ISF] told them that we could be trusted. The people are no longer reluctant to help us; instead, they are willing to assist. That willingness to assist has been key to our suc-

cess so far." The relationship between coalition forces, the ISF and Iraqi people has strengthened and has come a long way from the beginning of the war. It is now up to the Iraqi Security Forces to take what the Marines have brought to the table and use it to protect their country from threats, foreign and domestic.

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lead instructor, ery Sgt. Howard, described the train- "tactical patience." w recruits eager for it, it's a vital check- trage over the kill- 24 civilians in Ha- in 2005 and recogni- hat restraint can be ll when battling in- nts have led the Ma- to adjust their tac- n Iraq. They might be summed up by motto on the cover of , Marines war-fight- manual: "First, Do No

Marines have regularly gged their tactics, in- ng rules of engage- and the escalation rce, throughout the war, said Lt. Col. Jay ple, a judge advocate ral in the Marines' national and opera- l law division at the agon.

ssons learned in Iraq Afghanistan filter up hain of command and rked into predeploy- t training. The field al isn't so much new s as a refinement of Marines should con- themselves, Mannle

the military has to strike d balance between protec- its force and gaining trust of the local po- tion through steady, eful engagements, said on Karp, a former Army er and political science ructor at Old Dominion iversity.

his can seem counter- itive to Marines, the y's infantry and front- e force. Marine recruits often ose the force for its gressive, no-nonsense nner, he said. New re- ults "tend not to want ybe" as an answer, he d.

After Haditha, which volved a squad from e Marines' 3rd Battal- , 1st Regiment, Navy cretary Donald Winter ulted some in the corps' adership for downplay- g the size and scope of e incident.

In letters censuring aj. Gen. R.A. Huck and ol. R.G. Sokoloski, Win- y wrote that their ac- ons failed to recognize e importance of gaining e support of the civilian opulace in accomplishing e mission."

Mannle declined to alk specifically about aditha. But he said, The fight over there is a counterinsurgency. When ou're fighting a coun- ersurgency, you don't want to lose the support of the people."

At Fort Pickett, the eaders of the Camp Leje- ne, N.C.-based 26th Ma- ine Expeditionary Unit, or MEU, drilled that into their young troops.

Self-protection remains the top priority, said Lt. Col. John Giltz, comman- der of the MEU's combat logistics battalion. "You have to be prepared to be engaged," he said. But he said Marines realize that "we don't win any friends when we injure innocent people."

On a recent blustery, gray morning, Willis briefed about 40 Marines from the military police unit under a small metal shelter.

The men and women had been pulled from their regular jobs and specialties to fill the squadron. Just one-quarter had been trained as military police. At this time last year, many were in high school or starting community college. "They haven't learned any bad habits, but ..."

Willis trailed off. "It's like you're building them from the ground up." They expect later this year to deploy aboard Navy amphibious ships. Assignments in Iraq or Afghanistan await them. There, they will provide security for convoys. At Fort Pickett, the

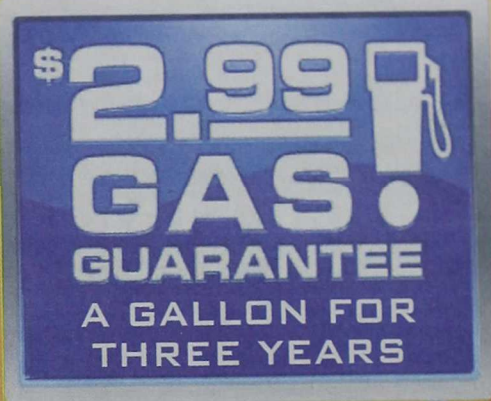
young warriors were packed down with camou- flag helmets, body armor, and various automatic weapons - mostly M-16s and M-4s - strapped to their shoulders. The weapons might someday become their best friends.



Gunnery Sgt. Howard Willis, above, with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, teaches what he describes as "tactical patience" during escalation- of-force training at Fort Pickett last month. Stephen M. Katz

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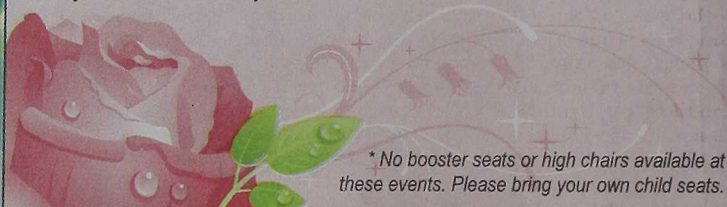
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WHEELER, Germany — Luigi Chiechi, Sgt. Aaron R. Hines and Sgt. William E. Tellefsen were promoted to their current rank during a ceremony May 1 in front of more than 1,000 people from more than 35 nations following the ceremony of tactical exercise Combined Endeavor 2008. This is the first time a traditional Marine Corps promotion ceremony was held for this exercise, which is the 10th year. More than 35 nations participate in the exercise to plan, prepare and practice a wide range of communications, intelligence, policy and procedures for NATO missions, including deploying for real world crisis scenarios such as the evacuation of civilians and response to natural disasters. Hines is very proud and honored to be promoted to such a prestigious rank. "It's an exciting experience of my Marine Corps career," said Hines, a Monticello, Fla., native satellite communications operator with Satellite Platoon, Support

Company, 8th Communications Battalion, based in Camp Lejeune.

This historical moment plus the sight of more than 1,000 people in formation with their respective countries flag was overwhelming for Chiechi, who joined the Corps in 1982.

"It was awesome to share our traditions and ceremonies in front of more than 35 nations and more than a thousand men and women of the various Combined Endeavor exercise," said Chiechi, sergeant major of Headquarters Co., 6th Communications Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve, based in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The rank of sergeant major is the highest enlisted rank in the Marine Corps, which prompted Chiechi to regret not "having my wife and children present to see me get promoted for the last time in my career."

"This promotion was the most exciting experience of my Marine Corps career," said Hines, a native of Davisburg, Mich. "I will remember this for the rest of my life."



Sgt. Aaron R. Hines has his new rank of sergeant pinned on during the opening ceremony of tactical exercise Combined Endeavor 2008. Hines is a satellite communications operator with Satellite Platoon, Support Company, 8th Communications Battalion based in Camp Lejeune. Airman 1st Class Nathan Lipscomb

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chaplain for 13 months from January 2007 through February 2008 in Iraq's Al Anbar province. Bautista was the only chaplain stationed at his unit's base in Taqaddam, but said what he learned most was finally being able to minister to those he had known so long for. "It was one of the most memorable experiences in Iraq when a sergeant was going into surgery," Bautista shared. "He asked me to hold his hand until he went under and I knew this is what ministers are about." Bautista said he doesn't consider the priesthood as a job, but as his vocation and what he is dedicated to.

"A job is something you are hired to do," Bautista explained. "A vocation is love for God and what you've been called to do."

Bautista feels that Marines and sailors can tell when a chaplain is acting only as an officer and not ministering.

"You have to be an officer as well as a chaplain," Bautista said. "But it'd be sad if they only recognize you as an officer. A ship that doesn't float isn't living up to what it's supposed to be, just as a minister that doesn't minister isn't living up to their potential. You have the title, but you're not living up to it, Marines can see through that."

While ministering in Iraq, Bautista received an early invitation by the Archdiocese for the

Military to attend mass during Pope Benedict XVI's recent visit to the United States.

Amid shouts of "Viva la Papa," Bautista watched as the pope arrived at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

"It was my oasis," Bautista said. "It was nice to go from the desert to a sea of clergy, faithful people and peace."

The next day the chaplain attended the Holy Mass at Nationals Park in Washington D.C. where the pope talked about being a witness of faith.

"[The pope] said those of hope must live different lives," Bautista said. "We must point the way for others. Being seen different is how people will recognize you as

a person of faith."

After the pope's historical mass, Bautista took meeting the pope into his own hands. He walked up past the security lines as the pope was walking off the stage. With outstretched arms, the pope grabbed his hand and shook it.

"I felt like a teenage kid, I was giggling and so emotional," Bautista said. "The affect this man has on people is unreal."

The pope not only physically reached out to Bautista, but spiritually did as well, and even gave a message in Bautista's native tongue. He said, "Paz a usted," or "Peace be with you."

"What made it so emotional was that he was reaching out to you," Bautista said. "I felt like he

was speaking directly to me, like he was reaching out to me personally."

Bautista said it was a beautiful gift to meet the pope and be surrounded by the clergy.

Although Bautista has appreciated every minute of his time as a chaplain, he said he will eventually be called back to serve in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and wants Marines and sailors to never think their dreams are too high or far away.

"I want them to know that every step they take, even the littlest step, is one step closer," Bautista explained. "I am an immigrant from Mexico who didn't speak English, and I never thought I'd become an officer in the Navy."

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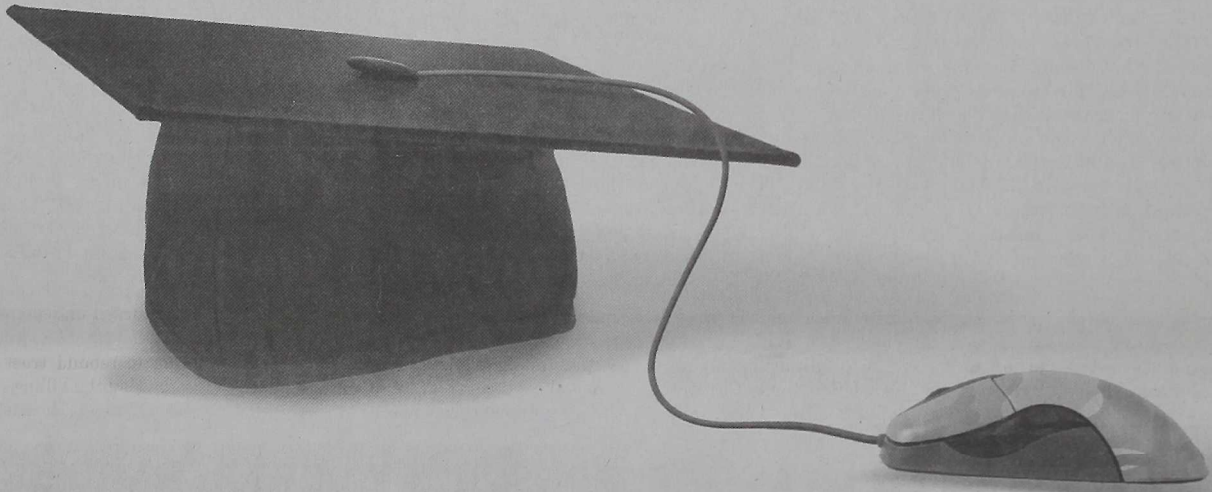
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 symptoms, how-

ever, can be easily confused with fatigue or psychological problems, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, that can, in turn, lead to improper diagnosis and ineffective treatment," he added. "The issue has become particularly acute for soldiers on the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan who are exposed to blasts that essentially cause a whiplash effect on the brain. We are pleased to partner with the Defense Department on this important initiative, which will provide military personnel the tools they need to distinguish a concussion from sleep deprivation, for example, and immediately triage servicemen who have been subjected to TBI."
 The rugged, hand-held device, which will be developed by Foster-Miller, a Boston-based engineer-

ing company and tested at the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick, MA and Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York City, will be designed to detect decreased attention capability by tracking eye movements.
 Current neuropsychological testing of military personnel and athletes can take at least half an hour to detect concussions, whereas this device will accurately detect problems within seconds.
 "The variability of eye movement during target tracking can provide clear evidence of how well a person can pay attention," Dr. Ghajar added. "Normally, eye movements synchronize with tracking a moving target. Individuals with poor attention, such as during

fatigue and after a TBI, cannot synchronize well and develop higher variability in their eye movements, which can be accurately measured by our device within a matter of seconds."
 The award is being administered by the Department of Defense Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder/Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program of the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs.
 "The Brain Trauma Foundation has played a critical role in research and implementation of best practices for the treatment of TBI - the leading cause of death and disability in our young people," said Alan Quasha, Chairman of the Brain Trauma Foundation. "This award is not only recognition of that work, but also

will enable the foundation to move forward on an important new path that will benefit the men and women serving our country and, ultimately, many others."
 For more than 20 years, the Brain Trauma Foundation has been committed to improving outcomes for traumatic brain injury patients by developing best practice guidelines, conducting clinical research and educating medical personnel. This project marks the second time it has partnered with the Department of Defense. In 2005, the Foundation developed "Guidelines for Field Management of Combat-Related Head Trauma", which provides best practice recommendations for servicemen with severe TBI.
 With the support of the Department of Transportation National Highway

Safety Administration, the Brain Trauma Foundation also led the development of the first-ever guidelines for emergency medical service providers and their medical directors on the pre-hospital assessment and treatment of traumatic brain injury, with the goal of significantly improving emergency care for TBI patients. The Foundation has also developed best practice TBI guidelines for hospital and surgical practice. The Centers for Disease Control recently reported that these guidelines, which have now been implemented nationally, are projected to reduce mortality by 50% and save nearly \$4 billion in overall costs.
 More information about the Brain Trauma Foundation and its work can be found at www.braintrauma.org

AL, from IA
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mental health care," David S. C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said. "We want to be sure that our people are in good shape both mentally and physically."
 About 1 million security forms are submitted annually within the Defense Department. Of those, less than 1 percent receives unfavorable determinations based solely on mental health issues, Rebecca Allen, deputy director of DoD security, said. Of those denied, factors besides simply receiving counseling were considered, she said.
 "The perception was unfounded. There was no reason to be concerned about seeking mental health counseling from a security

clearance standpoint," she said. "Answering yes has never been a sole reason ... for denying a security clearance. It would be the resulting information that would develop during the adjudication phase that may ... result in an unfavorable determination."
 But an Army Inspector General's report last year said soldiers were hesitant to get counseling because of the fear of losing their security clearances. A recent Rand Corporation survey also supported those claims, officials said.
 When determining a person's ability to manage classified information, though, officials consider the "whole person." There has never been from the security

aspect a stigma associated with seeking mental health counseling, Allen said.
 "We view that as a very positive measure," Allen said. "There is nothing wrong with seeking assistance for a mental issue, just as there is nothing wrong with seeking assistance for a physical issue."
 "There is every reason to seek treatment when you need it, ... and it will not be a bar to your successfully receiving a security clearance," Allen said.
 Dr. S. Ward Casscells, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said the stigma of receiving mental health care comes in many forms within the military.
 "One is that people are afraid

they are going to lose friends. They're afraid they're going to lose their chance at promotion. [Or that] if you show weakness will you be a good leader? Will people follow? Or will you be seen as someone who is out to just get a desk job?" he said.
 But, Casscells said, mental health counseling is for all ranks, and has not stopped the progression of many senior military officials.
 "We've got guys here with one, two, three stars on their shoulders who have had counseling. And they feel they've benefited by it," Casscells said. "It's your duty to do that. It's your opportunity to grow as a person. It's your opportunity to prove yourself as a leader."

ET, from IA
 As the fourth ship to carry the name North Carolina, this boat will bear an illustrious name, and follow in North Carolina's long and honored tradition as the name of military heroes," said Winter. The ship now joins the world's greatest Navy. It will be tasked with a wide range of missions in support of battle groups, in reconnaissance and surveillance missions, in special operations, and as part of the submarine force that continues to deter aggression from every potential foe."
 North Carolina arrived in Wilmington on Apr. 28 and participated in more than 50 community events to celebrate the state's first namesake vessel since 1847, when battleship North Carolina

was decommissioned.
 "The local community embraced us with open arms and we will not only continue to foster our namesake relationship with the residents of Wilmington, but also the great state on North Carolina," said Capt. Mark Davis, USS North Carolina commanding officer.
 The Navy's newest class of submarine, the Virginia-Class, is the first designed and built post Cold War in order to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The USS North Carolina is the fourth submarine of the Virginia-Class and has improved stealth, sophisticated surveillance capabilities and special warfare enhancements that will enable it to meet the Navy's multi-mission requirements.

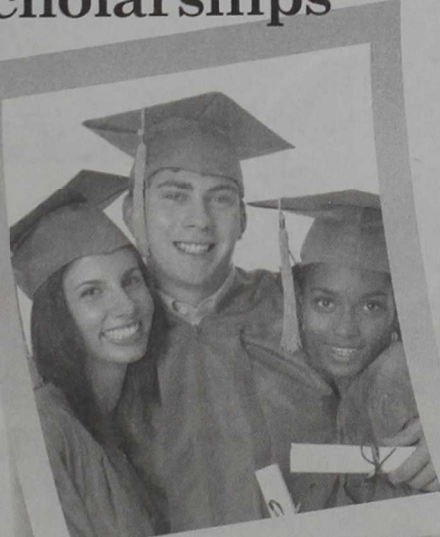
MOTTO, from 7A

But for now, they're just neighbors.
 With Willis by his side, Pfc. Jason Almodovar slipped into the gunner's turret of the sand-colored Humvee. He pictured a vehicle speeding toward his checkpoint, past the grass and dirt berms and a row of targets fixed at regular intervals along the field.
 Almodovar, a tall, wiry 20-year-old from central Florida, waved an orange flag and pounded the palm of his hand against his fist, pretending to launch a flare.
 As the threat grew more urgent, Almodovar spun the armored turret around

and grabbed the mounted M-240G machine gun. He steadied and squeezed off several rounds into the targets.
 A few minutes later, Almodovar hopped off the Humvee with an adrenaline-fueled grin. He'd been a little nervous, he admitted, but the instructors provided steady feedback.
 Willis knows the training will be repeated many more times before deployment. Then it will be practiced still more overseas.
 He returned in September from a tour in Iraq's Anbar province, where U.S. forces are working to rebuild trust with local sheiks after the Haditha killings.
 "It's embedded," he said.

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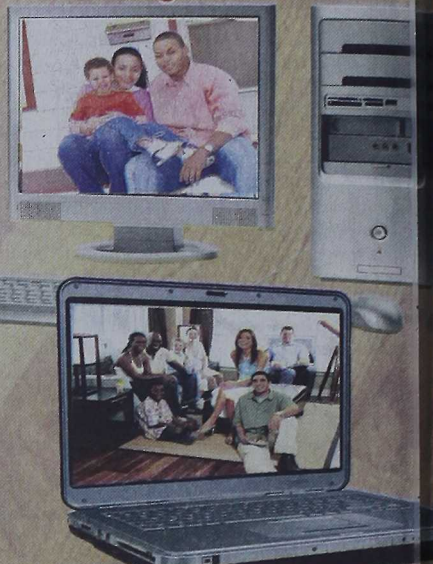
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Run for the Warriors

The third annual Run for the Warriors 10K, and one-mile fun run has been scheduled May 17. The event, sponsored by Hope for the Warriors, is a leg of the 2008 Marine Corps and Prix Series. For more information, call Koury at 910-938-7777 or check out www.runforthewarriors.org.

Give, chip & putt for kids

The Onslow County Parks and recreation department has scheduled a kids' golf competition May 18 at Jacksonville Country Club. Children up to 18 years old can compete in four age divisions for boys and girls. A unique handicap system allows kids to compete against one another in this national and worldwide competition. Registration starts at 8 p.m. and the free competition starts at 10 p.m. For more information, call 347-3322 or visit online at www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Intramural skeet shoot

Shooters are invited to participate in the intramural Team Skeet competition May 22 at the Camp Lejeune Skeet Range. Teams will consist of five primary shooters and one alternate. At least four team members must be active duty. Federal employees, Marine Corps Community Services employees and contractors assigned to the unit may participate, but can only fill two positions on a team. Letter of Intent forms can be picked up at the Intramural Sports Office at Goettge Memorial Field House. The forms must be turned in by May 12. For more information, call 51-2061.

Military Appreciation Night in Kinston

The Minor League Kinston Indians will show their appreciation for military personnel this season by extending free admission to active duty, retired service members and their families at every home Wednesday game. At all other home games throughout the season, military members enjoy reserved seating for \$4. The Kinston Indians begin their 2008 Carolina League campaign Friday. For more information, call 252-527-9111 or go to their Web site at www.kinstonindians.com.

Baseball players sought

The Coastal Carolina Baseball Federation is open to players 19 years and older. Players and coaches are needed to fill out the Camp Lejeune team. For more information, call Christopher Smith at 252-622-4201 or e-mail him at gonehuntin@ec.rr.com.

'The Professionals' take softball win



Esiquia Kidd, in gray, tries to get in position to block the plate as Jennifer Nunu looks to complete her in-the-park home run. Nunu was safe on the play. *Jamie Cameron*

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Camp Lejeune's highly-competitive women's intramural softball league was on display May 1, with The Professionals knocking out Team Double Pump to the tune of 22-6.

The twilight game was played at Cross Street Field.

The Pros got the bats going in the top of the first inning and two outs. Jen Nunu raced around the bases for an in-the-park home run that scored two. Pam Miller and Dawn Byron kept the rally going with back-to-back hits and Miller scored on a fielder error to make it 3-0.

In their half of the first, Double Pump sought to keep pace, starting with Esiquia Kidd's lead-off single. Denise Iveson got on base with a single to set the table for clean-up hitter, Ashley Mosby. Mosby didn't disappoint, crushing an in-the-park home run that tied the game with one out. Delilah Goniwicha's single started the cycle again and before long, Double Pump had the bases loaded with two outs. Tiffany Piatti broke the tie with an RBI single before The Pros' pitcher, Nunu, stabbed at a line-drive to end the inning.

The offensive show continued in the top of the second, with The Pros batters picking up where they left off. Brittany Boucher reached first base by drawing a walk and Suzanne Anderson did the same. An infield error allowed Rindy Cole to get on safely and the bases were loaded with no outs. Jennifer Harrel

See **SOFTBALL, 7B**

Lady Devilpups fall short in regular season finale

Story and photos
Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Lejeune High School's girls soccer team fell 7-0 to East Carteret in their final regular season game April 30.

The Division 1A Coastal Plains Conference match-up was played on the Lady Mariners' home pitch at East Carteret High School against two squads looking to improve on their identical two-win overall records. The Lady Mariners held the advantage in that they had already beaten Lejeune in their previous game this season.

In order to counter the bigger and more physical players from East Carteret, Lejeune head coach Glenn Davis had his back line play an offside trap. In spite of an early breakdown that led to the Lady Mariners' first goal just five minutes into the game, the defensive scheme foiled the East

Carteret attack through much of the first half.

When Lady Mariner strikers were able to run by the Lejeune defense, Lady Devilpup goalie Keely Hughes was up to the challenge. Hughes turned away several one-on-one opportunities before East Carteret solved the riddle of the offside trap.

On offense, Lejeune struggled to get the ball through the midfield to feed its strikers.

After East Carteret scored its first goal, the Lady Devilpups answered quickly with their deepest run into enemy territory. Though no one could put the ball away as it rolled across the goal mouth, the effort buoyed the Lejeune attack and the Lady Devilpups soon followed by earning their first corner-kick of the game.

East Carteret successfully defended against the play and soon

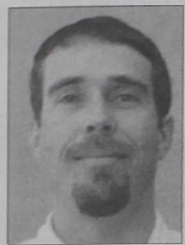
See **DEVILPUPS, 3B**



In the photo above, freshman, Stephanie Hough makes a move upfield against an East Carteret defender. At right, team captain, Tanita Silver-smith controls a loose ball at midfield in Lejeune High School's final regular season game, played at East Carteret.



Spanish mackerel arrive on scene



Lejeune Outdoors
By Jamie Cameron

The local fishing scene was knocked back a couple of pegs with the recent cold snap, but warmer temperatures are already getting things back to normal.

Just what is "normal" for the first week in May? Well, for starters, this is the week we can expect to start catching the first Spanish mackerel of the spring and that's always a good thing.

Spanish mackerel hold a very special place in the hearts of North Carolina fishermen. They can be very easy to catch at times and infuriatingly difficult at others.

When the Spanish are running, they often do so from just behind the breakers on out to 10-12 miles offshore. Their tendency to swim close to the beach make Spanish mackerel a pier angler-favorite.

Perhaps the most common method

of angling is tossing strange-looking live baits, either free-lined or under cork floats and a wide variety of metal spoons, swimming jigs and swimming plugs. There is a general consensus that Spanish prefer the color gold, but the most effective color combinations vary from day-to-day and even hour-to-hour.

Hard-core Spanish mackerel fishermen know the best action is often at sunrise and sunset. Low light conditions apparently suit the sharp-eyed predators best.

When it comes to table fare, few would argue the Spanish mackerel deserves a place far up the list of available gamefish. The delicate

white meat is superb under the broiler with lemon juice and butter, pan-fried with Panko bread crumbs and even sliced thin and eaten raw — trust me on this one; if you like sashimi, you'll love preparing your own Spanish mackerel that way.

According to Richard Ehrenkauser, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, there are a lot of other reasons to get out on the water to wet a line.

Atlantic bonito have arrived with the Spanish mackerel and are being caught over many of the artificial reefs the Division of Marine Fisheries maintains just off the coast. Surprisingly, the best action has been at night, which is unusual for these sight-feeding tiny tuna.

Bottom-fishing is starting to improve, with sea mullet, gray trout and flounder moving into their spring staging areas at those same artificial reefs and natural live bottom areas. Just look for the boats anchored up on the horizon to find these dependable hot spots.

There are still some speckled trout to be had back in the marshes and tidal creeks, along with the first flounder of the year. Don't be surprised if a red drum takes a whack at whatever you're offering. These opportunistic feeders are almost always present.

Far offshore, the charter fleet is doing well on yellowfin tuna and wahoo and the early spring dolphin (mahi-mahi) bite is picking up steam.

If you can't find a reason to break out your tackle and go fishing now, stop reading this column, I'm done with you.

East Carolina wins 8-7, sweeps UAB in doubleheader

News report
The Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Broc Sutton homered Austin Homan drew a bases-loaded walk to drive insurance run in the eighth inning to help East Carolina beat University of Alabama at Birmingham 8-7 on Saturday to sweep their doubleheader.

Harrison Eldridge homered twice, Corey Kemp went deep and drove in five runs to lead the Pirates, the Blazers 17-1 in the first game.

Jamie Ray and Ryan Wood also homered for the Pirates (36-13, 11-7 Conference USA), who rolled to their eighth straight victory with a seven-run second inning and a run third that made it 14-0.

Kemp's two-run homer in the first gave East Carolina a 2-0 lead.

Justin Bristow (7-2) pitched 6 1-3 innings of two-hit ball for East Carolina. Mitch Kloskowski (5-5) gave up nine runs and 10 hits in two innings for the Blazers (19-27, 4-14).

UAB's lone run came on an East Carolina error scored Brent Hardy.

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High tide	12:02 a.m.	12:34 p.m.
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	Sunday	
High tide	1:03 a.m.	1:42 p.m.
Low tide	7:41 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
	Monday	
High tide	2:06 a.m.	2:51 p.m.
Low tide	8:40 a.m.	8:53 p.m.
	Tuesday	
High tide	3:09 a.m.	3:55 p.m.
Low tide	9:36 a.m.	10:03 p.m.
	Wednesday	
High tide	4:08 a.m.	4:52 p.m.
Low tide	10:27 a.m.	11:07 p.m.

Panthers turn to veteran receivers

Mike Cranston
AP sports writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Just like last season, No. 18 lined up next to Steve Smith in the Carolina Panthers' three-receiver set at Sunday's mini-camp practice.

Only this No. 18 wasn't the underachieving speedster with suspect hands. The Panthers have traded out Drew Carter for D.J. Hackett.

Keary Colbert wasn't around on the sun-splashed morning either. Veteran Muhsin Muhammad, another offseason pickup, was split wide right on the same play.

Hackett and Muhammad are part of Carolina's offseason upgrade at receiver that is designed to eliminate the constant double teams faced last season by Smith, a three-time Pro Bowl selection.

"I don't know much about what was here before. I'm not going to comment on that," Hackett said when asked about Carolina's woes with Carter and Colbert, who were released in the off-

season. "But from the looks of it now, it looks pretty good to me. We've got a lot of talent, and some age, but not too old. It looks good."

Hackett, part of a deep pool of receivers in Seattle, was limited to six games last year because of a lingering high-ankle sprain. When the Seahawks made little effort to keep him, Hackett signed a two-year, \$3.5 million deal with Carolina. The Panthers signed Muhammad after he was released by Chicago.

"What you try to do is regroup in the offseason," coach John Fox said. "That was an area, the wide receiver position, where we felt like we needed to add some depth, not just good players, but good guys, too. I think we hit that on both those guys."

While Smith is three years removed from leading the NFL in catches, yards receiving and touchdown catches, his numbers have dipped the past two seasons as the Panthers searched for a No. 2 receiver.

Keyshawn Johnson caught 70

passes in 2006, but the Panthers struggled to score, went 8-8 and missed the playoffs.

Johnson was released when the Panthers drafted Dwayne Jarrett in the second round in 2007. But Jarrett not only didn't become the immediate starter the team had hoped, he was on the inactive list for much of the season as he struggled to learn the playbook and get off the line of scrimmage.

Carter and Colbert split time as the No. 2 receiver, but combined for only 70 catches while Smith faced smothering attention from opposing defenses in a 7-9 season.

The Panthers acknowledged their mistakes when they brought in Hackett shortly after they re-signed Muhammad, who left Carolina for Chicago after the 2004 season.

"It really, really felt good to put on a Panther helmet again, and go and sit in my old locker again, and go out and catch some balls, laugh and joke around with my teammates," said Muhammad.

THE WILD WORLD OF LEJEUNE SPORTS

Boating safety classes offered
May 20-29
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, Onslow County Public Library and New River Sail and Power Squadron have scheduled a boating safety course, to be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from May 20-29 at the Swansboro Public Library. Classes will run from 6-9 p.m. and focus on instruction in boat operation, navigation, engine troubleshooting, personal watercraft and much more. Pre-register at the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department Web site at www.onslowcountync.gov/parks or call 347-5332.

Lejeune Scholarship Foundation golf tournament
May 23
The Lejeune Scholarship Foundation golf tournament is scheduled to take place May 23. The cost to register is \$65 per player and \$260 per four-player team. Register by May 16 at www.lejeunescholarship.com/golf/golfform.php. For more information, call Lisa Beavers at 451-2451, ext. 224.

Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame induction
May 24
The Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission and Hall of Fame Voting Committee

are scheduled to host the sixth induction class into the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame. Included in this year's class is Thomas McGhee, who taught and coached at Lejeune High School from 1956-1988. The event will take place starting at 6 p.m. at the Jacksonville Country Club. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner. For more information, call 347-3141.

Cherry Point Sprint
May 31
The seventh leg of the 2008 Marine Corps Grand Prix Series is scheduled to take place May 31 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. The Cherry Point Sprint is open to service members and civilians alike. Throughout the year, points are awarded to Grand Prix participants at each event. For more information, call 451-0092.

Youth boxing program
June 2
All-Marine Boxing Team head coach Ron Simms will provide instruction to interested youths ages 8-17. The program is scheduled to take place June 2 at the Area 3 Gym — home of the All-Marine Boxing Team. Registration begins Monday, with limited availability. For more information, call 451-2629.

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The Camp Lejeune Running Club is free to anyone who wishes to earn a little extra credit for their exercise program. Record your training miles at any area fitness center and receive a free performance t-shirt after 500

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Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu classes
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Classes are provided by Club Jiu-Jitsu of Jacksonville. Sessions take place in Bldg. 1742, adjacent to the Protestant Chapel on McHugh Boulevard. For more information, call 581-0077 or visit www.clubjiujitsu.com.

Intramural lacrosse league
Ongoing
Camp Lejeune's Semper Fit sports program is seeking Marines and sailors interested in playing intramural lacrosse. Anyone interested in being a part of this first-time league should call Bob Ferst at 267-456-5258.

Roller-hockey spring league
Ongoing
Hockey players and hockey player wannabes from Camp Lejeune are being sought to form an inline roller-hockey team to play in the Marine Corps Air Station New River spring league. Experience is not required. The season is expected to start sometime in May. For more information and a practice schedule, call Brandon Kjartansson at 910-545-8070.

Base karate team
Ongoing
Camp Lejeune is starting a base karate team to compete in Amateur Athletic Union and National Karate Federation competition. All styles and karate skill levels, from white to black belt, are welcome to participate. The team will consist of a minimum of four female and six male competitors. Competition consists of individual kata, team kata, individual kumite and team kumite. Anyone interested in serious training and competition is encouraged to contact Chief James Stolarczyk at 450-9127.

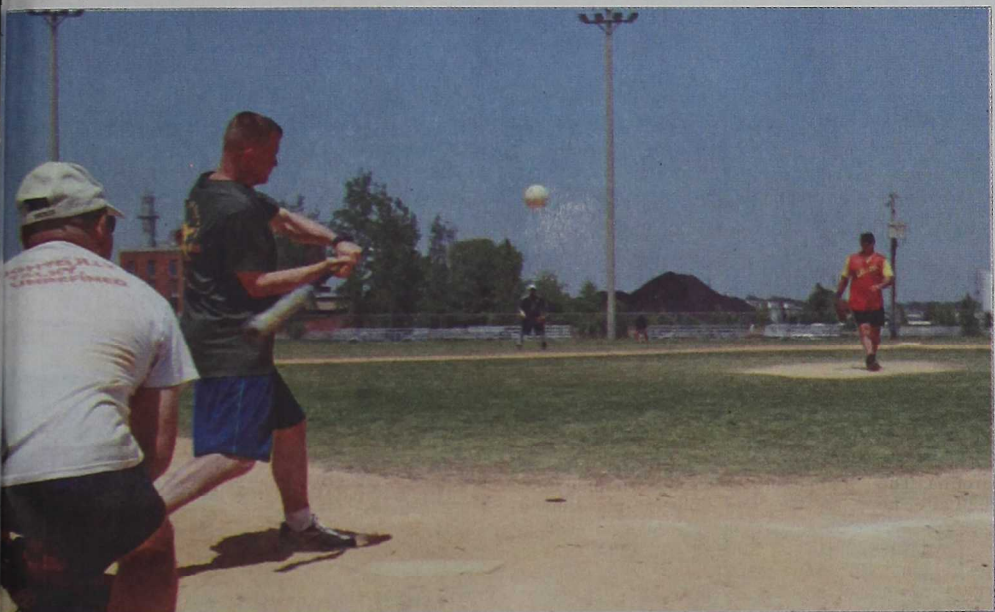
DEVILPUPS, from 1B

the Lady Devilpups back their heels in their own end of the field. The Lady Mariners took advantage of their own power kick and increased the lead to 2-0 off the set piece. After the Lady Mariners scored a third time on a play that was close to being off-center from the start, the East Carteret offense took over and scored twice more in the half by using their runs perfectly and finding precise passes through Lejeune defense. On the other end of the field, Lady Devilpups' chances were few and far between. Kenzie Hallstrom had perhaps the Lady Devilpups' best chance with a direct kick from yards that nearly landed in the upper left corner of the East Carteret goal. Sadly, it was a highlight for the offense. In the game's second half, East Carteret added two more insurance goals as the Lady Devilpups looked on treating the game as a learning experience.

Lejeune High School team captain, Tanita Silversmith clears the ball out of the Lady Devilpup half of the field.
Jamie Cameron



10th Marine Regiment holds softball tourney



The King of Battle, 10th Marine Regiment, put away the artillery for a day to play softball and relax with friends and family during their annual Big Sticks tournament May 1. The 5th Battalion team walked away with the win in the extra-innings championship game versus the Regiment's Headquarters Battery, but fun was had by all. Over the past year, the regiment's Marines have served on the front lines of Operation Iraqi Freedom, not only as artillerymen, but as civil affairs, military police, Iraqi training teams and basic infantrymen. Master Gunnery Sgt. Phil Mehringer

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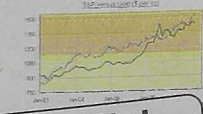
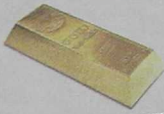
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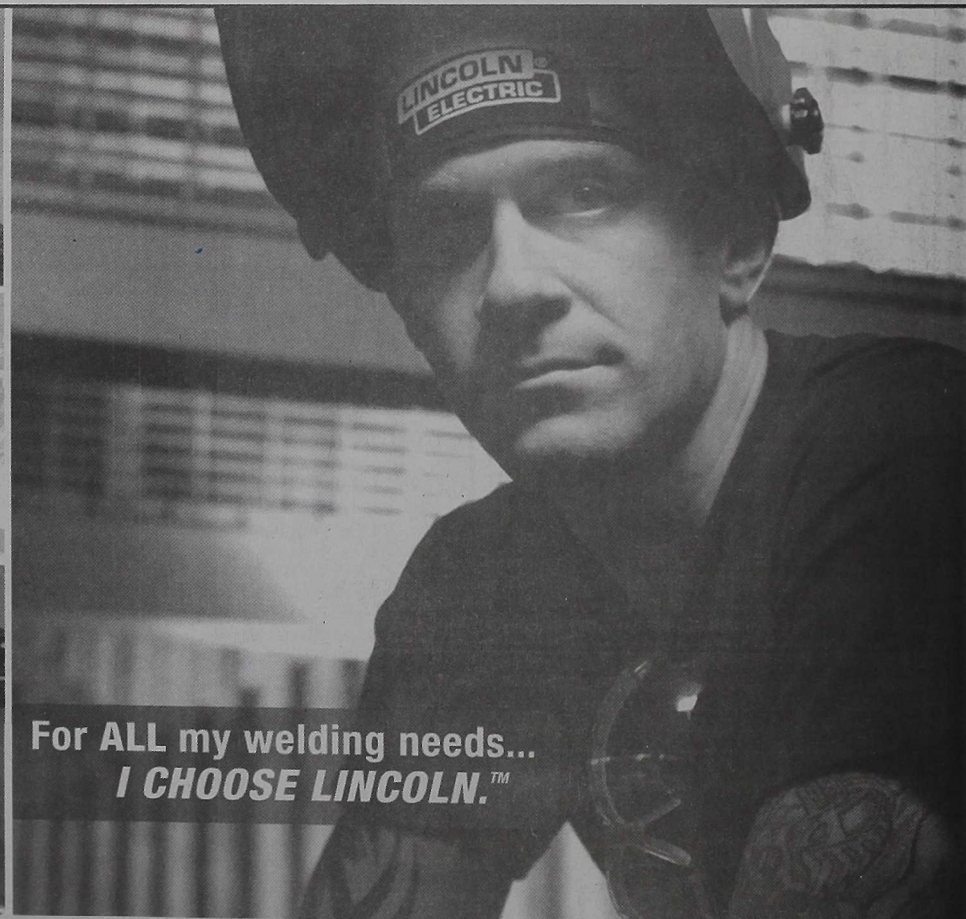
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Marine Corps Sport Hall of Fame induction ceremony announced

Press release
Marine Corps Community Services

QUANTICO, VA — The Commandant of the Marine Corps will host the 2008 United States Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Clubs at Quantico, July 18 at 11 a.m.

Gen. James T. Conway will induct former Marines Eddie LeBaron, Hank Bauer, Ernie Stautner and Joshua Culbreath at a luncheon ceremony which will celebrate their achievements.

LeBaron, a former Marine major, was a four-time National Football League All-Pro and a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

Bauer, a former Marine sergeant, was a three-time

Major League Baseball All-Star and the manager of the 1966 World Series Champion Baltimore Orioles.

Stautner, a former Marine private first class, was a nine-time NFL All-Pro and a member of the NFL Football Hall of Fame.

Culbreath, a former Marine corporal, was the 1956 Olympic 400-meter Hurdles bronze medalist and former 440-yard Hurdles World Record holder.

The United States Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame honors former Marines who have excelled both on and off the athletic playing field. Established in 2001, Hall of Fame inductees will be enshrined in the National Museum of the United States Marine Corps at the Heritage Center near Quantico, Va.

Twenty-five former Marines have been selected for the Hall of Fame since it was founded. Past inductees include baseball legend Ted Williams, Olympic great Robert B. Mathias, International Boxing Hall of Fame member Ken Norton and golf legend Lee Trevino.

Also to be honored at the induction ceremony will be numerous Marine champion athletes to include the 2007 Marine Corps Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

For more information about the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame or the Marine Corps Athlete of the Year, contact Steven Dinote, Semper Fit, 703-784-9542, or e-mail: steven.dinote@usmc.mil

Marine wrestlers battle for spots at Olympic Trials in Colorado

Cameron
managing editor

Results from the recent Senior Nationals wrestling tournament may not have been the members of the All-Marine Wrestling Team and their

Dan Hicks, may be liked, but there are good news to young wrestlers plenty to look forward to in the near

and foremost sixth-place finisher David Arendt, a 120-kilogram class. The All-Marine wrestling matches, including a late-round battle with time rival, Cole Conrad — the NCAA champion at the University of Minnesota.

Senior Nationals represents the best of the best," Hicks. "[The All-Marine goes every year with 5-10 who can legitimately compete. This year we took eight. I didn't have any medalists, but we did have three guys as All-American. In my opinion, this isn't good enough. We have a lot of work to do."

Despite his solid showing at the tournament, which took place May 25-27 in Las Vegas, Arendt shared his coach's sentiments. "I was hoping to medal in Las Vegas. I kind of let myself down. I know that I've got a lot of work to do," said Arendt.

And, Arendt and his teammates who qualified will be competing at the Olympic Trials next month for an opportunity

to represent the U.S. in Beijing, China. In preparation of that, Arendt left Camp Lejeune Tuesday for three weeks of relentless training and instruction at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Arendt is no stranger to high-caliber wrestling. The 22-year-old sergeant was a two-time state high school champion in his home state of Wisconsin. Earlier this year, he defeated the All-Army team's Dremiel Byers for the first time. Byers is considered among the country's top wrestlers, with a pedigree that includes a 2002



Arendt

Greco-Roman World Championship gold medal and numerous Armed Services titles.

Nevertheless, Arendt is not willing to rest idly on his past triumphs with the chance at an Olympic berth on the line. "I've got to work my tail off," he said. "It just makes me hungrier [with] the Olympics being within reach."

Other All-Marine grapplers who qualified for the Olympic Trials include Donovan Depatto, who finished in eighth-place in the 60K weight class at the Senior Nationals; Frank Workman, who finished eighth at 96K; Moises Hernandez, also at 96K and Noah Blankenship at 60K.

"Because it's an Olympic year, the competition [at the senior Nationals] was the most-competitive I've ever seen and I've been doing this for a long time," said Hicks. "We're young ... we just need to keep banging at it."

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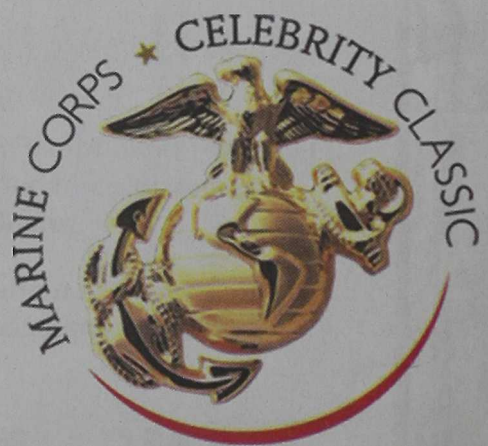
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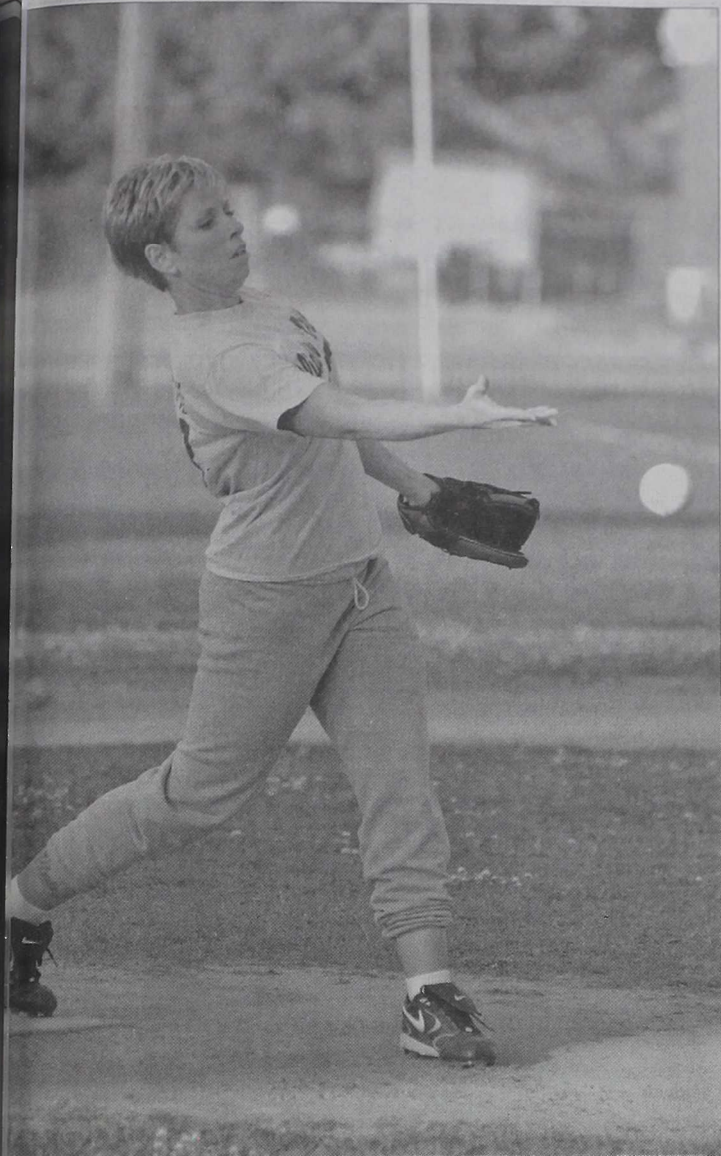
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Professionals' starting pitcher, Jennifer Nunu sends an offering toward the plate in the first inning against Team Double Pump. The Pros won the game 22-6. Jamie Cameron



Team Double Pump's Ashley Mosby crushes a three-run, in-the-park homer with this mighty swing. Jamie Cameron

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answered the call with a drive down the right field line that scored two and vaulted The Pros back into the lead for good. Amanda Rutland followed with an RBI single and Nunu helped her own cause with a single that tallied her third RBI of the game. Before Double Pump could end the inning, two more runs scored on singles from Jamie Browne and Byron.

The Pros took complete control of the game when they went back on defense and got out of a bases-loaded jam, thanks in large part to Browne's sparkling unassisted double-play at third base.

In the top of the third inning the floodgates opened as Team Double Pump struggled to get pitches over the plate. After allowing two singles and

three walks, the team made a pitching change — but the results were much the same. The Pros continued to be selective at the plate and scored two runs on bases-loaded walks. Jay Gardner, Cole, Harrel, Rutland and Miller all hit safely, some of them twice, as The Pros batted through the line-up and then some. By the time it was over, The Pros had staked out a 22-4 lead with time running out for Double Pump to regain ground.

Team Double Pump didn't go down without a fight however. In their final at-bat, Melissa Brown tripled home Jenn Stacy, who in turn was batted in by Piatti's second single of the game. In the end, it was far too little too late and The Professionals held on for the comfortable win.

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ma education

Naval Hospital Lejeune is hosting asthma education classes for parents of asthmatic children in rooms B and A in the hospital, May 27, 7-10 p.m. For more information, call 450-

Beach closure

Beach Bridge will be closed for repairs May 30. Vehicles and trailers will not be permitted on the beach. A beach ferry and shuttle service on each side is operating daily, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. for official business and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. for authorized passengers.

Employment Opportunity Workshop

A supervisory Equal Employment Opportunity Workshop is scheduled for June 4-5 at the Lejeune Civilian Center. The program starts at 8 a.m. Participants will gain an understanding of civilian federal employment and the responsibilities of management. For more information, contact Anya Quiero at 272 or e-mail her at anya.quiero@usmc.

College scholarship

Col. Richard A. Christie Memorial Fund provides scholarship assistance to Marines attending college. Applications will be accepted through June 30. For more information, call Christie at 704-1317.

Tech development group

Naval Hospital Lejeune and Developmental Intervention Services Program are opening in the language-based developmental play group program. Parents with children who have speech delays will assist in the tech development. The one-hour group sessions take place Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Berkley Manor Medical Annex. Parents are required to pre-register their children for a developmental screening. For more information, call Susan DelGrande at 84-4127.

Card Center changes

Anyone needing a new or updated ID card will need to present two valid forms of identification, one of which must be a current photo ID. For more information, call 451-4224.

NCOA convention

The Noncommissioned Officers Association has scheduled its annual convention and business meeting for July 15-18 at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas. Complete information is available at www.ncoausa.org.

No One Left Behind

26th MEU trains to recover aircraft and personnel

Cpl. Aaron Rock
26th MEU Public Affairs

When any Marine goes on a mission, he takes the knowledge with him that no matter what happens, he will not be left behind. Because of the unique nature of the Corps' Marine Air Ground Task Forces, the mission of recovery of lost personnel and equipment has become an integral part of the operational doctrine.

Today, after lessons hard-learned in the conflicts in Vietnam, Iraq and other hotspots, the Marine Corps has the ability to retrieve virtually any asset used in an operation.

For the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, the Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel mission is vital. Since the MEU is the Corps' smallest MAGTF, it is normally sea-based aboard Navy ships and must be able to keep all of its precious assets.

Col. Gregg A. Sturdevant, commanding officer of the 26th MEU, said the TRAP mission-set is very important to the MEU, not only to recover equipment, but also to reinforce the message to personnel someone will get them if something happens.

"It's a big deal. If someone goes out on a mission and something happens I want

them to know and have confidence that we are coming to get them," he said. "We never leave anybody behind."

Keeping equipment is also essential to maintaining the MEU's war-fighting ability, he said.

"We have limited assets," said Sturdevant. "We need to be sure we do our best to keep our gear in a high rate of readiness."

The Marine Corps attitude toward recovery is unique among the services. Often, each service has its own force dedicated to recovery missions only, but that is not feasible for an expeditionary force like a MEU.

"Based on the nature of how we deploy as a MAGTF we're capable of doing self-recovery and therefore, we are not reliant on other services," said Sturdevant.

In order to be able to perform the TRAP mission-set, the 26th MEU designates elements within the MEU to train for them.

For two weeks in late April, Marines and sailors from the 26th MEU worked with instructors at the II Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group to become intimately familiar with the unique requirements of a TRAP mission.

TRAP missions are separated into two categories,

See **BEHIND**, 3C



Cpl. Jeffrey C. Tarpley, a scout with Light Armored Reconnaissance platoon, Battalion Landing Team 2/6, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, practices assault climbing techniques during the Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel course, April 22, with II Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group aboard Marine Corps Base Stone Bay, N.C. Assault climbers are an essential part of pilot recovery after an ejection and are entrusted with recovering incapacitated or trapped pilots from trees. Cpl. Aaron J. Rock

MARSOC instructor gets schooled

Lance Cpl. Stephen C. Benson
MARSOC

Seeking self-improvement is a philosophy that is very familiar to Marines throughout the Corps. Most Marines are constantly looking to gain the knowledge and expertise necessary to move forward and tackle the next challenge. One Marine with Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command has not only taken this idea to a whole new level, but used his skills to improve those around him.

Sgt. Jonathan P. Wrigley, individual skills and light infantry tactics instructor, Standards and Training, MSOAG, MARSOC, has attended more than 15 advanced schools and has held several instructor billets throughout his time in the Marine Corps. Using this wealth of knowledge and skill, he is able to teach the future advisors of MSOAG effectively and credibility.

"If I tell a Marine to do something and I can't do the same thing at a high level, then I will lose that credibility," said Wrigley. "It's all

about leadership and putting yourself out there."

Wrigley, who entered the Marine Corps as an infantryman, has deployed to Kosovo and Iraq on combat deployments. He says he came to MARSOC from 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, was screened and then proceeded to pass through assessment and selection in order to come to MSOAG. The advanced schools and special skills Wrigley had before even coming to MARSOC are what eventually put him into his current instructor billet.

"I have found that a lot of Ma-

lines are wary of advanced schools because some joined to get away from school," explained Wrigley. "I think that schooling is the best thing you can do."

Before Wrigley came to MARSOC he was a black belt Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor, a Marine Corps Water Survival Instructor and an instructor at the School of Infantry. He also attended two Jungle Warfare Training courses in Okinawa, Japan and a separate course at the

See **MARSOC**, 2C

MSOAG Marines train at Attack Simulation Center

Lance Cpl. Katie Mathison
II Marine Expeditionary Force

A large-scale attack requires a great deal of coordination, starting with the fire team and ending with the battalion's directive as a whole. Marine noncommissioned officers are often responsible for leading the squads and platoons, but practicing battalion-level operations is expensive and requires a large amount of manpower and planning.

Fortunately for today's Marines, the II Marine Expeditionary Force Simulation Center allows them to receive the training without any risk and at a much lower cost.

The II MEF Simulation Center offers Marines the opportunity to lead battalion-sized operations.

"[The simulation] is risk gone wild," said Glen Spradling, a military analyst at the simulation center. "Marines can practice operations in here and get a feel of what it is like using less than 40 people to represent thousands."

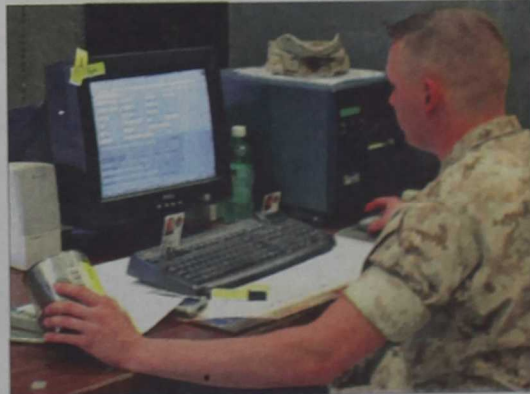
The simulation center not only requires considerably less manpower, but is also a very inexpensive training option.

"It is a very cost-effective way to practice," Spradling said. "You get all of your tactics, techniques and procedures



A Marine from Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, tallies simulated casualties and prisoners of war during MSOAG Exercise I-08 here April 24. The exercise gave the Marines an opportunity to conduct battalion-level attacks without expending ammunition or risking injuries. Lance Cpl. Katie Mathison

See **MSOAG**, 2C



Cpl. Richard A. Rowell, a hazardous material handler with 2nd Maintenance Battalion, compares a barcode on a canister of hazardous material with the Hazardous Material Management System. The system was created by the 2nd Marine Logistics Group's Environmental Section to better organize and track hazardous materials from beginning to end. Due to the program's success, it will be implemented throughout Camp Lejeune. Cpl. Mikaela M. Bravo-Cullen

2nd MLG takes stand against HazMat

Cpl. Mikaela M. Bravo-Cullen
2nd Marine Logistics Group

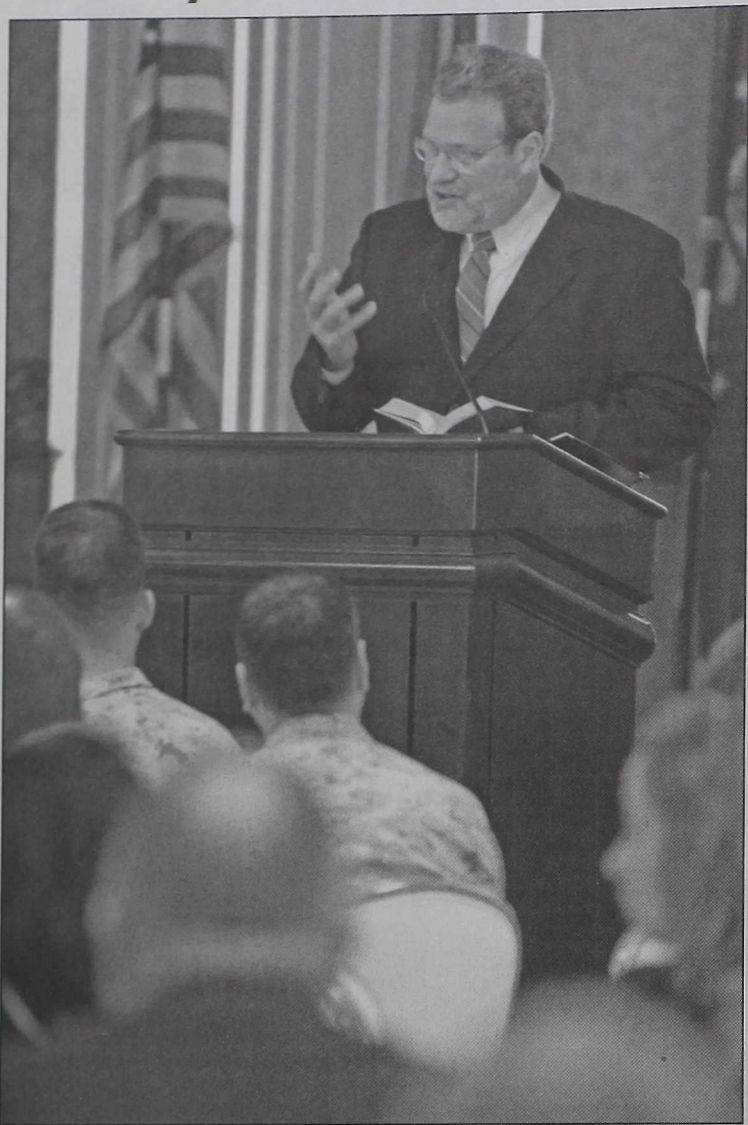
The Marines of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group's Environmental Section were recognized April 22 by Camp Lejeune's base commander for their innovative approach to dealing with hazardous materials.

The section helps manage environmental concerns for the group's Maintenance Battalion, which is the largest maintenance facility east of Raleigh, N.C., producing high volumes of hazardous materials that can be challenging to manage and account for accurately.

According to Maj. Gregory K. Joseph, the section's

See **HAZMAT**, 2C

Prayer: A call to action



Dr. Edward Williamson, general superintendent of the Evangelical Methodist Church, addresses service members during a prayer breakfast held in honor of the National Day of Prayer at Marston Pavilion, May 1. "The most powerful weapon we have to help our [service members] while they're in harm's way is prayer," said Williamson. "I believe that as we pray to God, he will prepare them for whatever battles lie ahead." Lance Cpl. Randy Little

MARSOC, from IC

Jungle Operations Training Center at Fort Sherman in Panama where, in addition, he received a Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape level 'B' qualification. All of this training, to include corporal's and sergeant's courses, occurred before he ever entered MARSOC.

"I guess I was really lucky," said Wrigley. "Whenever an opportunity came up to go to a school, I was there volunteering for it."

Wrigley works with the rest of the instructor cadre in the Standards and Training section of MSOAG. According to Wrigley, they are all a dedicated group of experienced and mature Marines that are highly motivated to be the best.

"The instructor cadre gets the opportunity to attend a lot of advanced training to keep our skills sharp," said Wrigley. "We have this agreement that if we go to these schools,

that we have to get the honor graduate or one of the top three spots at the end of the course."

Capt. Ted A. Bucierka, individual skills officer in charge, S&T, MSOAG, leads the instructors and is proud of the work that Wrigley and his fellow instructors do.

"Wrigley is an outstanding Marine with a lot of experience," said Bucierka. "He has a great work ethic and represents Marines and this section well when he leaves for these schools."

Since coming to MARSOC, Wrigley has attended a Shooting Tactics Services advanced pistol marksmanship course, Boat Coxswain school, Tactical Combat Casualty Care course, Operational and Emergency Medical Skills Course, Deployed Emergency Medical Operative Care Course and gained a SERE level 'C' qualification.

"My favorite aspect about being at MARSOC is that I have been able to

get so much training," Wrigley said. "When I leave MARSOC and go back into the convalescent hospital, I'm going to be able to take these skills to the units."

Wrigley is preparing to move on now from the Marine Corps. His medical knowledge and the joy he finds in medicine will serve him well where he is. He plans to join the and become a special operations medical sergeant. This is a specific allowance that allows Wrigley to learn more tactics and techniques when attending to his service members.

"Wrigley has a lot of capabilities and brought a lot to the table," said Bucierka. "I will be sad to see him move on."

"I will always be a Marine, and I will take the work ethic and determination I have learned from the Marine Corps over to the Special Forces where I explained Wrigley

HAZMAT, from IC

officer-in-charge, hazardous material was previously tracked with just paper and pencil, running the risk of misplaced lists and hazardous materials being stored in the wrong location.

To prevent such problems, they created the Hazardous Material Management System, a computer-based program that keeps track of all hazardous materials from beginning to end. With the new technology, the ability to identify hazardous material has increased and the possibility of negative effects on the environment has decreased.

"We started creating the program in October 2006 and by June 2007 we started implementing it into 2nd Maintenance Battalion, to test the process and see the results," Joseph said.

A barcode is assigned to each container of material and then scanned into the computer, allowing for constant accountability at the touch of a

button.

According to Cpl. Richard A. Dell, one of the battalion's hazardous material handlers, using this new system not only eases the tracking and disposal of dangerous material but ultimately helps maintain good environmental awareness.

With the new program at 2nd Maintenance Bn., there has been a significant increase in hazardous material identification and in environmental awareness and care.

According to Joseph, due to the program's success at 2nd Maintenance Bn., the 2nd MLG plans to implement it across Camp Lejeune.

"I'm pretty excited and proud of the work the Marines have done," Joseph said. "They took the bull by the horns and got the job done."

The Marines will be formally presented with an award for their action by the Secretary of the Navy in Washington, D.C., June 3.

MSOAG, from IC

without using any gas to get out to the field or expending a single bullet."

The most recent exercise simulation was run for Marines with the Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command. The simulation, MSOAG Exercise 1-08, familiarized several noncommissioned officers with combat leadership.

A sergeant from MSOAG said he believed the exercise was a good opportunity to feel what it is like to make decisions while receiving fire. He added it was interesting to see the big picture of how one decision can really affect the outcome of a battle.

The simulation is a very practical tool, but will never replace field operations, Spradling said.

"We want them to practice their training, so they know and are comfortable performing the procedures and adapting to new situations," Spradling said. "We use the 'crawl, walk, run' method of instruction. They crawl in the classroom, walk in the simulation, and run in the field."

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Courts Martial

Cpl. Denise M. Berkley, of 10th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of the following violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 86 (attempted premeditated murder). She was sentenced to confinement for 25 years, reduction to pay-grade E-1, total forfeitures and a Dishonorable Discharge.

Cpl. Kurt A. Shroyer, 2nd Battalion 10th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 81 (conspiracy), Article 107 (false official statement) and violation of Article 121 (larceny of more than \$500). He was sentenced to confinement for five months, reduction to pay-grade E-1, forfeitures of \$800 for a period of five months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Lance Cpl. Ethan I. Bonds, of Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted at a special court-martial of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 91 (disrespect towards a staff non-commissioned officer), violation of Article 128 (assault) and violation of Article 134 (communicating a threat). He was sentenced to confinement for six months, reduction to pay-grade E-1, forfeitures of \$898 for a period of six months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Pvt. Marc B. Haviland, of 2nd Battalion 10th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 112a (wrongful use of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for four months, forfeitures of \$898 for a period of four months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Cpl. Christopher D. Desando, of 2nd Battalion 10th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 81 (conspiracy), violation of Article 107 (false official statement), violation of Article 112a (wrongful use of marijuana) and violation of Article 121 (larceny of more than \$500). He was sentenced to confinement for eight months, reduction to pay-grade E-1, forfeitures of \$898 for a period of eight months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Lance Cpl. Marcus K. Edgerson, of 2nd Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 86 (unauthorized absence) and Article 112a (wrongful introduction of marijuana and wrongful use of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, reduction to pay grade E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Pfc. Jeremy M. Lucas, of Headquarters & Support Battalion, School of Infantry - East, Training Command, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice: Article 86 (absence without leave) one charge with two specifications of Article 121 (theft) one charge of Article 123 (forgery) and one additional charge of Article 112a, (wrongful use of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for six months; forfeitures of \$800 for six months, reduction to E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Volunteers receive selfless service awards



Jay Sollis, director of Marine Corps Community Service for Camp Lejeune, reads the details of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's Superior Performance Award to the audience and Debbi Kessler, who received the award and is the co-honorary chairmen of volunteers for NMCRS, during a volunteer recognition ceremony in Marston Pavilion April 30. During the ceremony many other volunteers were recognized for their selfless service to the NMCRS, who provides financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States. Lance Cpl. Ryan Turnage

ID, from IC

insertion via helicopters surface insertion.

that purpose, two separate forces from the MEU's 1st Combat Element, Battalion Landing Team 2/6, are inserted in TRAP.

Each course lasted five days, during which time each team completed five training missions which presented different scenarios testing different skills—sometimes in combination with each other.

For surface insertion, the force is called upon the Light Amphibious Reconnaissance detachment, which consists of Light Amphibious Vehicle-25s and its attached infantry scouts, in conjunction with one of the MEU's Combined Anti-Armor platoons. The CAAT platoon consists of a highly mobile force of heavily-armed Humvees mounting weapons such as M19 grenade launchers, M249 machine guns and Tube Launchers, Optically Tracked, Guided Missile Weapon Launchers.

For aerial insertion via helicopter, the MEU relies on its 1st mortar platoon, which normally consists of dismountable infantry.

For either type of insertion, the 1st P team relies upon support from the MEU's Aviation Combat Element, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 (Rein).

For surface insertion, AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters operate with UH-1N Hueys providing aerial fire support and reconnaissance for the ground

forces. For helicopter insertion, the MEU's CH-53E Super Stallion and CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters provide transportation for the infantry and support

operation with their heavy machine guns, while the Cobras provide reconnaissance and fire support.

Staff Sgt. James M. Wise Jr., a helicopter rope suspension instructor at SOTG, said the TRAP training required the students to tackle a wide variety of objectives during each course.

Students learned how to authenticate a downed crewman, read a brief tracking overview, and are exposed to the Rapid Response Planning Process, which enables a TRAP force to

plan and carry out a mission within six hours of receiving a warning order, he said.

In addition, Wise explained that TRAP teams are taught survival techniques, evasion, resistance, escape techniques, and techniques to sanitize or render sensitive equipment that

may be deposited by a crash or malfunction.

Despite the fact that the two TRAP forces are trained in different methods of insertion, ei-



Marines from the 81 mm mortar platoon, Weapons Company, Battalion Landing Team 2/6, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, fastrope off a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 (Rein) during the Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel course, April 30, aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. Cpl. Aaron J. Rock

ther one can do either mission, said Wise.

"The method of insertion is moot. The actions on the objective are the important thing," he said.

1st Lt. Kyle Wolfe, 81mm mortar platoon commander, said doing this training during the predeployment training cycle for the MEU is especially important because, while some of his Marines have deployed to or received training for Iraq, 98 percent of his platoon hasn't trained for MEU-specific missions such as TRAP.

"This is important because most of these Marines have never done it before," he said. "We need as much training as we can get so it becomes second-nature to us."

Wolfe said the training went very well, and the Marines learned a lot and improved their skillsets by the last mission.

"It was a great foundation for us to build on while preparing for this deployment," he said.

The 26th MEU will continue to train in preparation for its scheduled deployment in fall 2008 in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

For more information, videos and stories about the 26th MEU, visit www.26meu.usmc.mil.



Marines from the 81 mm Mortar Platoon, Weapons Company, Battalion Landing Team 2/6, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, participate in an exercise during the aerial insertion Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel course, April 29, aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Marines were learning skills necessary for their upcoming deployment in fall, 2008. Cpl. Aaron J. Rock

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Marine Corps winning IED fight through training



Commentary
By Christi Prickett

One of the main causes of death for deployed service members are Improvised Explosive Devices. According to the Defense Manpower Data System, the number of coalition force fatalities from explosive devices in Iraq has risen to more than 3,500 since October 2001 in both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

In order to save lives, the Marine Corps Training and Education Command focuses on standardizing tactics, techniques and procedures, and enhancing training and equipment in support of Direct Operations. To help reach this goal, the Engineer Center of Excellence Mobile Training Cadre's fulfill IED-Defeat training by teaching units the most current strategies used in today's counter insurgency environment.

Entry-level Marines and students are

receiving IEDD training from the MTCs at the Schools of Infantry, Officer Candidate School, and The Basic School. Also, operational units fulfilling predeployment training programs, which are now mandated by Training and Education Command before leaving the Continental United States, are being taught by the Cadres. Last quarter alone, the MTC trained more than 7,000 active and reserve Marines from a variety of bases in the Marine Corps. This quarter, the number increases to around 10,000 service members. The calendar is filling up fast with new units set to deploy every few months and feedback is phenomenal.

Each MTC has a four to five man team that will train your unit, large or small, in four areas of IEDD. The instructors are top of the line—each with either in-depth knowledge of current deployment scenarios or extensive experience in combat arms or explosive hazards, if not both. The combination of skill and real-world expertise gives students the best training available.

The four IEDD periods of instruction are based on these topics: Individual Preparedness in an IED Environment;

Small Unit Leader Considerations; Movement in an IED-D Environment; Counter Radio Controlled IED Electronic Warfare Operators Course, CREW Leaders Course, and CREW Train the Trainer. These are researched, developed and tested by personnel at the ECOE and then fulfilled by the MTC.

All four lessons can be taught in about a week, depending on availability of instructors and the number of students in the class. Classroom instruction is given, followed by hands-on lessons in training areas on a military installation, which focus on scenarios of current enemy scenarios. Each course is followed by a test to ensure the principle of each lesson has been taught.

Questions and additional information

may be obtained in the TECOM M titled: Initial Operational Capable Improvised Explosive Device-Defeat Training Teams (DTG 07210 07). This message designates the IED MTC's (formerly known as Mobile Training Teams) as the primary re to satisfy homestation IED-D requirements. Scheduling information viewed in the message, or question be answered by contacting the E&H Hazards Branch of the ECOE at 97-7508.

With the threat of IEDs still prevalent for deploying units, and many Marine Corps wide training requirements being revised often, the MTC is the primary source for supporting unit's needs.

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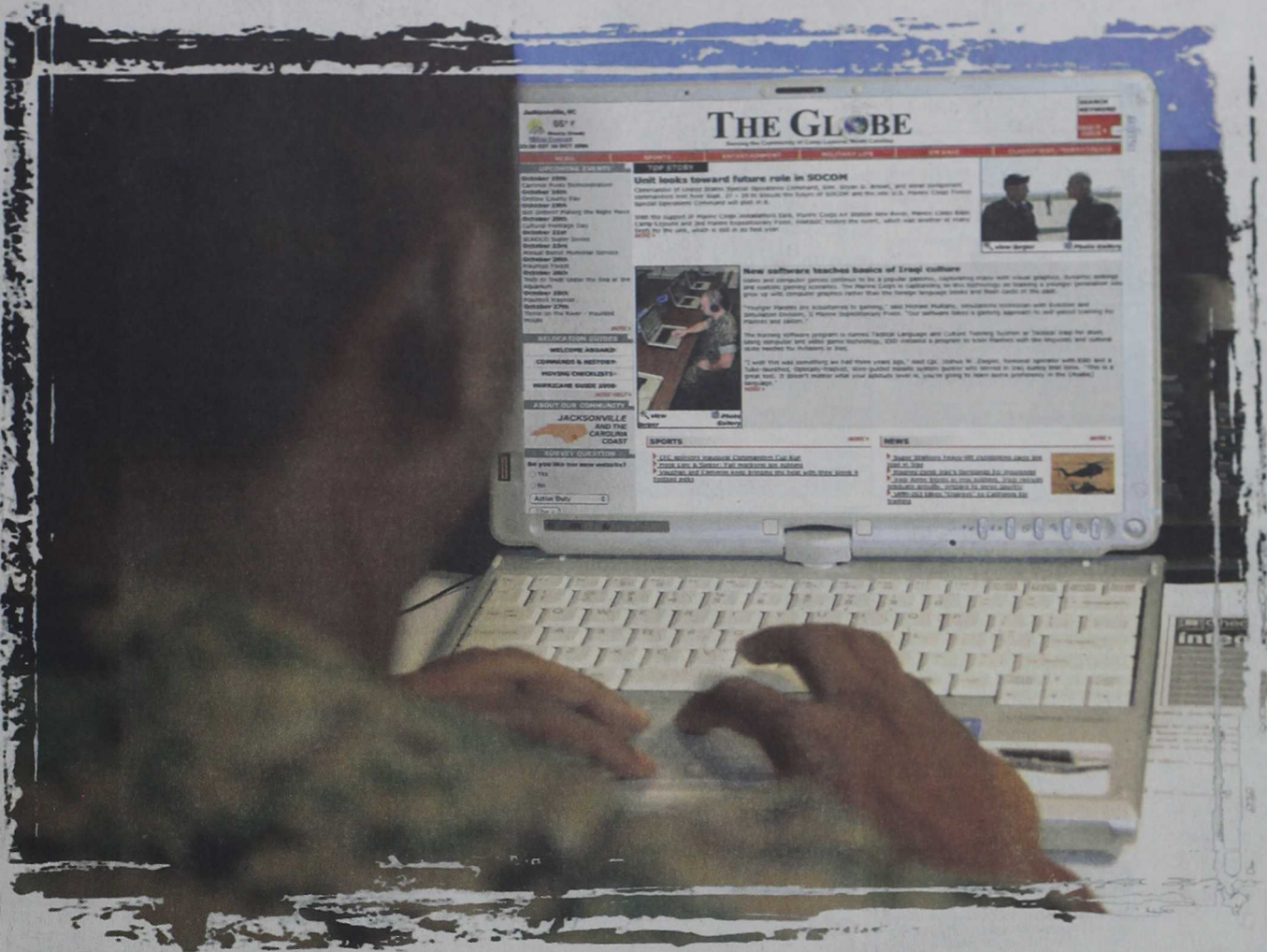
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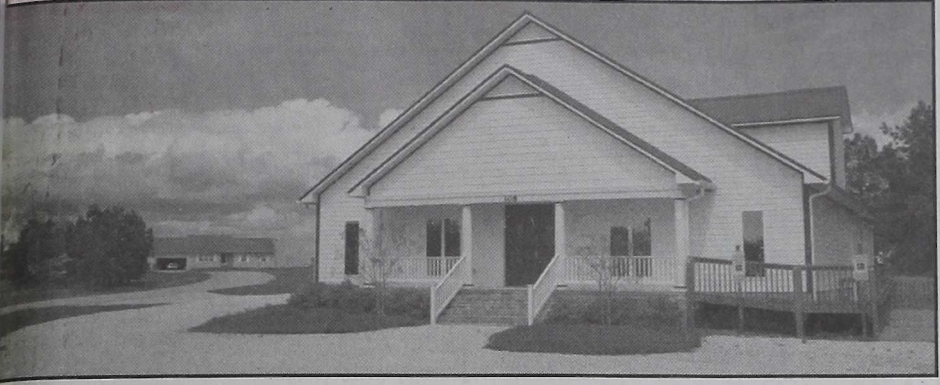
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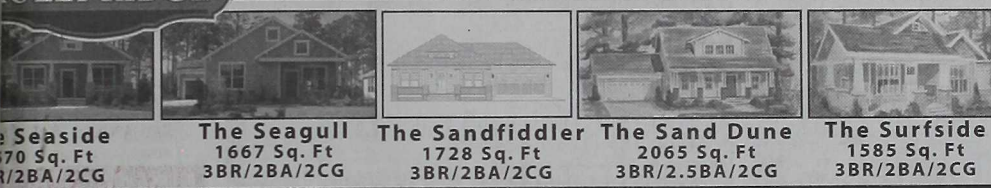
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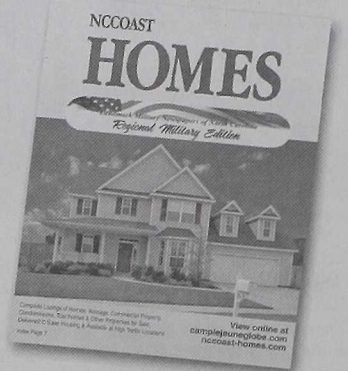
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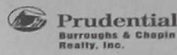
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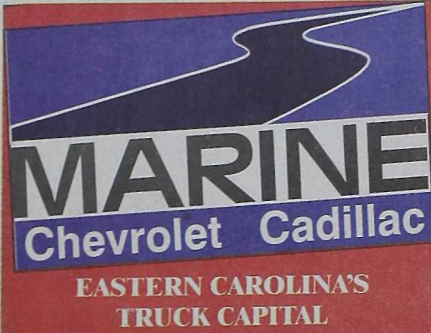
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Summer camp
National Military Family Association is accepting applications for their popular Purple Summer Camps. Each camp is open to children of any uniformed service member, active duty or reserve member. Register online at www.operationpurple.com. This year, NMFA will host military children at Operation Purple Camps in 62 locations in states and territories. Information about specific camps is available at www.operationpurple.com. Registration is now open. Priority is given to military children with a parent deployed or returning anytime between July 2007 and November 2008. Please note that acceptance to camp is not a first-come, first-served basis and early registration does not guarantee acceptance to camp.

Veteran's History Project
The Rolling Thunder North Carolina-5 is gathering veterans' interviews and memoirs, which they will deliver to the Library of Congress when they ride for the Rolling Thunder Gathering in Washington, D.C., this month. Packages may be submitted to local Swain County and base aeries prior to May 15. For more information, call Nancy Schiefelbein at 388-3333.

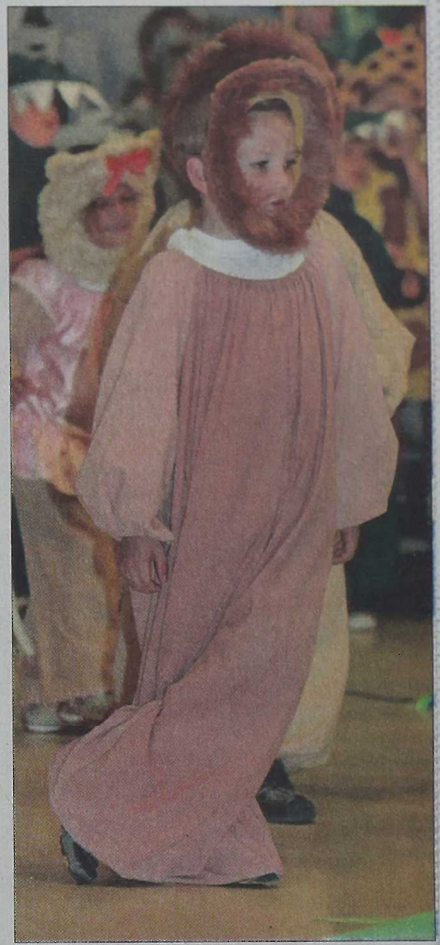
Write a letter
In recognition of Memorial Day, iwiLetter.com launches its "Memorial Day Mail" campaign, which offers military personnel and their families free letter writing services during the entire month of May, as the chance to win one year's worth of free letter writing services. iwiLetter.com makes letter writing convenient by allowing users to type a letter online and then handles the rest: printing the letter on recycled paper, placing it in a recycled envelope with a first-class stamp and mailing it through the U.S. postal service within 24 hours. iwiLetter.com mails to U.S. and overseas military addresses. Sending mail is convenient. Just visit the Web site for more information.

Air show tickets
Make plans now to enjoy the best seats in the house for North Carolina's largest air show, the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Air Show scheduled to land June 6 - 8. Advance seating will be available for all three shows during the weekend to include Friday evening's night show and both Saturday and Sunday day shows. Note: Admission and parking are always free and there will be large open blanket seating areas available at no charge. Preferred seating is limited and available in three tiers: bleacher seats, box seats and exclusive pavilion seating. Attendees purchasing their seats in advance will enjoy a discount. For more information, visit the air show Web site at www.cherrypointairshow.com or call 888-695-0888 for advance tickets.

Johnson Primary School takes students on a 'playful' African safari



Johnson Primary School observed the Month of the Military Child at the end of April with a play titled "Safari." The event was a culmination of the Toucan Team's recent science and social studies units on animals and different cultures in Africa. In addition to the science and cultural aspects of learning about Africa, the students engaged in art projects, which were on display on stage for the audience to see. They were also visited by guest speakers from Zimbabwe and South Africa. Service members, parents and wounded warriors helped make the show possible by helping with set and costume creation and assisting the students in line memorization. Above, students act as guides taking the audience through the African landscape, teaching attendees about the diversity and wonder of African wildlife. At right, a student sings about the nature of lions and their place in the African culture during a musical number. Lance Cpl. Randall Little



Military Appreciation Day to be held at Hammocks Beach State Park

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Want to enjoy some time relaxing with family and friends in an idyllic setting this weekend?

Then you may want to head to Hammocks Beach State Park. The park, located at 1572 Hammocks Beach Road in Swainsboro, is sponsoring a Military Appreciation Day in conjunction with the Swainsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. The annual event is scheduled to run Saturday from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. and is intended for active-duty military, Reservists, retirees and their families. Please bring a military ID to gain admittance.

"We just wanted to give back to our military members and honor them and their families. We want them to feel welcome as part of our community," said Kay Smith, executive director of the Swainsboro Area Chamber of Commerce.

Military Appreciation Day activities are set to take place at the park's Bear Island, which is only accessible via ferry or personal watercraft. Free ferry rides will be available from the park docks every 30 minutes from 9:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. Saturday.

Come to the event hungry. "We are going to have hot dogs, cookies, candy, soda and cotton candy," she said.

The event will have something for everyone including single service members and military families. "Single Marines will enjoy the ferry ride, the park and the magic of the event," said Smith.

Single Marines and sailors may also enjoy the other activities available on the island during Military Appreciation Day. However, families with children will likely especially enjoy the festivities. Smith said the Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary is set to bring wild animals for attendees to learn about. Ad-



As pictured above, military members and their families had a great time at last year's Military Appreciation Day at Hammocks Beach States Park. Military members, reservists, retirees and their families are again invited to attend Military Appreciation Day at the park Saturday from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Complimentary ferry rides to Bear Island, where the festivities will take place, will be available for attendees. Donna Hammonds

ditionally, the North Carolina Coastal Federation has signed on to bring sea creatures. High school students will also be on hand to provide face painting for the young ones. Games, storytellers and park exhibits are also scheduled.

Visitors will also enjoy the beautiful scenery of Bear Island, a small island of 892 acres which offers bird watching, hiking and primitive camping by reservation. (Camp sites are also available on the mainland areas of Hammocks Beach State Park.) Bogue inlet touches up to the northeast side of the island with Bear Inlet to its southwest and

by marshes and the intracoastal waterway to the northwest.

According to a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Web site created by Mark Simmerson, the island's current name is the result of a typographic error. "It was not until 1813 that this island gained its name from Tobias Knight, the private secretary to the Royal Governor Eden, who came and claimed the island for himself," wrote Simmerson. "He noted the lack of vegetation on the island and thus called it 'Bare Island.' It was not until a mistake was made in a map that named the island 'Bear Island,' which was the name it ultimately

took," he wrote. In his paper, Simmerson wrote that Knight was friendly with the legendary pirate Blackbeard who terrorized sailors on the Atlantic Ocean during the early 1700s. Simmerson noted that some people think Blackbeard may have negotiated deals on the island.

Armed with that little knowledge of the island and the hard work by the Military Appreciation Day planning committee, attendees should have a barrel of fun at Bear Island Saturday.

For more information, contact the Swainsboro Chamber of Commerce at 326-1174.

'Stop-Loss:' War drama for the MTV generation



Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

"STOP-LOSS" (R)
"Stop-Loss" is a war drama about a soldier returning home from serving a tour of duty in Iraq, only to learn he must go back yet again for another tour.

From the front row
With Reinhild Moldenhauer Huneycutt

Ryan Phillippe ("Flags of Our Fathers," "Breach," "Crash") stars as

Staff Sgt. Brandon King, a decorated war hero, who makes a celebrated return to his small Texas hometown.

Brandon tries to resume his old life with the support of his family and his best friend, Sergeant Steve Shriver, played by Channing Tatum ("Step Up," "Havoc," "Coach Carter"), who served with him in Iraq.

Along with their other war buddy, Tommy Burgess, played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Havoc"), they try to make peace with civilian life.

However, just as Brandon settles into civilian life, and against his will, the Army breaks the news that his enlistment has been extended and orders him back to duty in Iraq under the "stop-loss" procedure.

When Brandon refuses to return to battle, the conflict upends his entire world and the chaos is testing everything he believes in — like the bond of family, the loyalty of friendship, the limits of love and the value of honor.

Costarring are Abbie Cornish ("A Good Year") as Michele, his best friend's girlfriend; Timothy Olyphant ("Catch and Release") as Lt. Col. Boot Miller; Ciarán Hinds ("Miami Vice") as Roy King; Mamie Gummer ("The Hoax") as Jeanie; Alex Frost ("Drillbit Taylor") as Shorty; and Victor Rasuk ("Feel the Noise") as Rico Rodriguez.

Writer, director and producer Kimberly Peirce also brought us the 1999 "Boys Don't Cry." This time she tries to tackle another sensitive issue, examining the psychological and emotional effects the war has on the men and women who serve this country.

"Stop-Loss" is not an anti war film; however, it does not attack the problem it likes to present. Despite the good performances, the movie gives us a rather soft view and does not put its focus on a particular point it is trying to make.

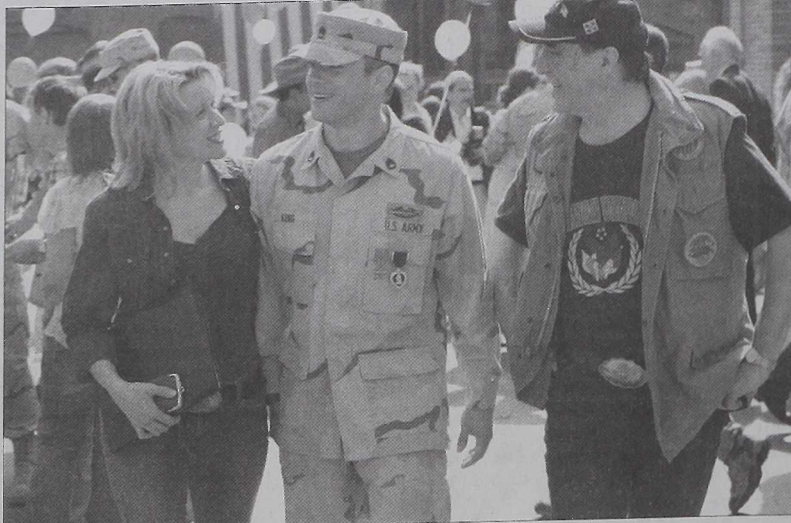
Note: "Stop-Loss" is being marketed as a teen movie, a movie for the MTV generation.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater

"THE BANK JOB" (R)

"The Bank Job" is a British heist thriller and cinematic account of the infamous 1971 London bank robbery which baffled authorities and fascinated the public.

Jason Statham ("Crank," "Transporter,"



Ryan Phillippe stars as Staff Sgt. Brandon King in 'Stop-Loss.' Above, King is reunited with his parents, Ida and Roy King played by Linda Edmond and Ciarán Hinds, after returning home from serving a tour of duty in Iraq. movies.com

"The Italian Job") stars as Terry Leather, a used-car dealer with a shady past, trying to lead a new life with his family, and who has always avoided big scams.

Saffron Burrows ("Reign Over Me," "Troy," "Enigma") costars as Martine Love, a beautiful model who knows Terry from his old neighborhood. When she offers him a lead on a foolproof bank hit, Terry thinks about the opportunity of a lifetime.

Martine outlines a target of safe deposit boxes where millions in cash and jewelry supposed to be stored.

What Terry and his assembled gang don't know is that the boxes also contain certain dirty secrets that will thrust all of them into a web of corruption and scandal, involving the London's criminal underworld, highly placed government officials, and the Royal Family.

Richard Lintern ("Syriana") plays Tim Everett, Martine's married lover and a member of the British spy organization M15, who outlined the initial plans for the heist.

The large film cast includes Stephen Campbell Moore ("The History Boys"), Daniel Mays ("Atonement"), James Faulkner ("The Good Shepherd"), and Peter Bowles ("Freebird").

Director Roger Donaldson ("The World's Fastest Indian," "The Recruit," "Dante's Peak," "White Sands," "No Way Out") put together an interesting, suspenseful and solid thriller that took its inspiration from a real-life bank robbery.

The real heist took place at the Lloyds Bank in Marylebone London; the crime was never solved.

A band of thieves tunneled their way into a safe deposit vault, taking millions of dollars in cash and jewelry. The robbery made headlines for several days, but

then all reporting stopped as a result of a government gag order.

"The Bank Job" is a highly-charged and intriguing thriller, interweaving facts and fiction. The film depicts crime, involving murder, corruption and a sex scandal with links to the royal family. Ultimately, the thieves are among the most innocent involved.

Finally, a down-to-earth good old-fashioned crime caper that is dirty, gritty and believable.

Playing at the Jacksonville Theater

"DECEPTION" (R)

"Deception" is a psychological thriller about the erotic world of underground sex clubs.

Ewan McGregor ("Miss Potter," "The Island,") stars as Jonathan McQuarry, a mild-mannered, shy and lonely accounting consultant.

Hugh Jackman ("The Prestige," "X-Men" series) stars as Wyatt Bose, a charismatic womanizing lawyer, who personifies everything Jonathan wishes he could be.

Wyatt befriends Jonathan and introduces him to a mysterious sex club known as The List.

The casual club is for the rich and well-connected; and Jonathan delves into the erotic world of underground sex clubs.

There, he meets the girls of his dreams; nameless women who are available for the intimacies and companionship he has never had.

But in this new world, Jonathan soon becomes the prime suspect in a woman's disappearance and a multi-million dollar heist.

Michelle Williams ("Brokeback Mountain") costars as a pretty young woman he meets on the subway and later on, in the club he frequents.

After several dates, Jonathan falls hard for the beautiful escort and finds himself entangled with the sex club member.

When soon after an intimate encounter she disappears mysteriously, Jonathan

speculates he was set up and shown as the prime suspect.

However, as the mystery unravels, begins to realize that nothing is what it s

Costarring are Natasha Henstridge ("Eli Stone," "Species"), Maggie Q ("Mission: Impossible III"), and Charlotte Rampling ("Basic Instinct 2") as the nameless w entertaining in the clubs.

Marcel Langenegger makes his directorial debut in this sizzling and seductive thriller that explores forbidden territory.

Jackman is smooth and sexy as a seductive villain, and together with marvelous Michelle Williams, they make this a very edgy movie.

"Deception" is an intriguing and intriguing noir thriller; however very predicta

"BABY MAMA" (PG-13)

"Baby Mama" is a comedy about a couple living together as one is the surrogate mother for the other.

Tina Fey (TV's "30 Rock," "Man of Steel") stars as Kate Holbrook, a 37-year-old single, successful, but somewhat tight business executive at a Whole Foods company.

Having put her career ahead of her personal life for too long, she finally decides she would like to have a child of her own.

But when Kate discovers that chances of getting pregnant are slim to none, she lists the services of a surrogate mother.

Amy Poehler ("Blades of Glory," "Mean Girls") costars as Angie Tomrowski, a vibrant working girl from South Philadelphia, who agrees to be an unlikely surrogate.

Sigourney Weaver ("Aliens") as Chafee Bicknell, the head of the surrogate center, who informs Kate that the surrogate is pregnant.

The excited Kate immediately goes into overdrive and starts reading pregnancy care books, researching top pre-natal and baby-proofing the apartment.

However, Kate's well-organized life and plans are turned upside down when the expecting mother becomes homeless and moves in with Kate.

In a comic battle of wills, their worlds collide, and the two struggle to find their way through the preparations for the baby's arrival.

Both discover that there are two sides of families, the one you are born into and the one you make.

Costarring are Dax Shepard ("Emotionally Sensitive") as Carl, Angie's long-time boyfriend; Maura Tierney ("Semi-Private Practice") as Carolina; Greg Kinnear ("Little Man in the Hat") as Rob, a small business owner who is showing some interest in Kate; and Steve Martin as Kate's boss.

Writer and director Michael McCuller tells the story of two women who change their lives in this comedy. It brings together some of today's sharp talents and 'Saturday Night Live' (N) teammates.

"Baby Mama" is a hilarious, charming and light comedy that, even so lauded as a 'chick flick,' will appeal to both sexes.

Ms. Huneycutt is the Public Affairs Assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.

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Not every deployment is same



Chaplain's Corner
By Chaplain Mike Wietecha

The year was 2003 and the month was February. I was attached to Supply Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group. The storms of war were brewing and we knew it would not be long before we were deployed. The call came, our gear was packed, and before we knew it, we were up in Cherry Point on Valentine's Day getting our smallpox shots. Not long after that we touched down in Kuwait and eventually arrived at an ever-growing Camp Fox. We had a nice section of the desert to set up our supply empire. For those who were there, you may remember we were right across from Maintenance Battalion.

The daily routine included a 5 a.m. wake-up call, formation and then camp building. As a Chaplain, I quickly made sure the Chapel was set up and ready for services. I also began to make my rounds through the desert to visit with the Marines and sailors in their work spaces. After many long days and much hard work, Supply Battalion began to take shape. Unfortunately for us, a storm arose and blew through the camp packing 80-mile-per-hour winds. It wasn't long before tents began to blow down, including the tent I was staying in and the Chapel tent too. It was a night I will never forget but we soon got back to work, cleaned up, recovered and refocused on the mission at hand.

Some things I remember from that deployment are, first of all, the scorpion that was on the underside of the sandbag I used to close up the front of the chapel tent. He

was only inches away from my hand. All the hail storm that hit. Yes, real balls of hail fell one day at Camp Fox; the chagrins that the Marines would play a break-up the monotony of the day; the dead animals would be laying on the side of the road on the way into the camp as the sand storms that would blow through covering everything with dust.

March rolled around and it was time for Shock and Awe. We watched the events unfold from our television in the mess hall. This was a time of scud missile alerts throughout the night. The alarm would sound and we would grab our gas masks and head to the cement bunkers. Soon the three was over and we would try to go back to sleep, at least until the next alarm sounded. During this time you could lie in the cot and listen to the planes pass overhead. I was always glad that the planes were ours and we didn't have to worry about planes coming in from Iraq and dropping bombs on us.

The mess hall food was something to look forward to. Even in those early days of the war, the food contractors were top notch. The mess hall also functioned as the meeting place for the Sunday morning Gospel service, the place to get a game or two of checkers, the training room, the TV room as the place where the air conditioning seemed to work for most of the time.

I had prepared my family for at least a one year deployment but by June of 2003 my main body was ready to pull out. Our battalion had made it through without the loss of any life and for that I was grateful. I wasn't sure what the future had in store but 2005 was right around the corner and that is a story for another time. God Bless.

Wietecha is a staff member at Chaplain's Religious Development Operations.

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Maj. Gen. Allen to host Heroes at Home luncheon

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Maj. Gen. John R. Allen, shown here as a brigadier general attending a Port of Entry opening ceremony at Camp Gannon in Al-Qaem, Iraq, is set to serve as the master of ceremonies for next Thursday's Heroes at Home Military Spouse Awards luncheon. In this photo, he is pictured with Maj. Gen. Walter E. Gaskin, commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force at left and Brig. Gen. James C. Yarbrough, assistant division commander of the 1st Infantry Division at right. Allen is the deputy commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force and commanding general of 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade. Cpl. Ira B. Goldfrank

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served at the Marine Corps Institute and as a ceremonial officer.

He then attended, and was the distinguished graduate of the Postgraduate Intelligence Program of the Defense Intelligence College. He would serve subsequently as the Marine Corps Fellow to the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Allen was the first Marine Corps officer inducted as a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Returning to the Fleet Marine Force in 1985, he commanded rifle and weapons companies and served as the operations officer of Third Battalion, 4th Marines. During this period he received the Leftwich Leadership Trophy. In 1988, Allen reported to the Naval Academy where he taught in the political science department and also served as the jump officer and jump master of the Academy. In 1990, he received the William P. Clements Award as military instructor of the year.

Allen reported to The Basic School as the Director of the Infantry Officer Course from 1990 through 1992 and was subsequently selected as a Commandant of the Marine Corps Fellow, serving as a special assistant on the staffs of the 30th Commandant and the commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command. In 1994, he served as Division G-3 Operations Officer for the Second Marine Division and subsequently assumed command of Second Battalion, 4th Marines; re-designated as Second Battalion, 6th Marines. This unit served with Joint Task Force 160 in Operation Sea Signal during Caribbean contingency operations in 1994, and as part of the Landing Force of the 6th Fleet in Operation Joint Endeavor during Balkans contingency operations in 1995 through 1996.

Following battalion command, Allen reported as the

senior aide de camp to the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps, ultimately serving as his military secretary. He commanded The Basic School from 1999 to 2001, when he was selected in April 2001 to return to the Naval Academy as the Deputy Commandant. Allen became the 79th Commandant of Midshipmen in January 2002, the first Marine Corps officer to serve in this position in the history of the Naval Academy.

His first tour as a general officer was as the principal director, Asian and Pacific Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, a position he occupied for nearly three years. During this tour, he was the recipient of the Mongolian Meritorious Service Medal, First Class and the Taiwan Order of the Resplendent Banner with Special Cravat. His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with three Gold Stars in lieu of four awards.

Enjoying a distinguished career himself, Allen understands the sacrifices which military spouses make. "Our spouses sometimes make huge sacrifices in their professional lives, leaving behind promising careers to follow us around and be that constant companion so important to the family relationship. Simply put, we couldn't do what we do everyday without them," says Allen.

Editor's note: Nominations for the Heroes at Home Military Spouse Awards were closed as of March 30. The nominees and their spouses have been invited to a luncheon next Thursday aboard at the Officer's Club aboard Camp Lejeune where the 2008 Military Spouse of the Year will be revealed. The spouse of the year, who could be a military wife or husband, will receive a 42-inch flat screen television courtesy of USA Discounters. Additionally, more than \$5,000 in prizes will be divided among the finalists.

Local media personalities set to speak at Heroes at Home luncheon

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Sometimes the best expert on something is a person who has lived it.

Take Jackie Barton and Kim Kopka Ratcliff. They both know what it is like to be a Marine Corps family member based on their many years of living the Marine Corps life. Based on their experiences, they have volunteered to give back to the military community by participating as color commentators at next Thursday's Heroes at Home luncheon honoring area military spouses for their contributions to the nation and, more importantly, to their families.



Barton

Lord has made a way for us and I feel really blessed. Anyway we can give back, it has to be done," she says.

Ratcliff, news anchor for WECT and WSFX's program "Carolina in the Morning," experienced being a Marine Corps family member from a different perspective. The daughter of retired Col. John Kopka whose last tour was aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, she graduated from Lejeune High School in 1984. She says that LHS was smaller then. "I enjoyed being a Devilpup. It was fun. We literally had 84 people in our graduating class of

1984," she says. Moving from base to base is what Ratcliff says impacted her the most from her life as a military dependent. "One jewel [of being a military family member] is being able to see the country and to say that I have seen all kinds of amazing things," she says. She remembers the opportunity her family had to drive across country, once east to west and once the opposite direction, for family moves. She says she was glad the military allowed her family the time to move in that manner.

Despite the happy memories of seeing the larger world due to her father's Marine Corps career, Ratcliff says the frequent moves helped her make some decisions for her adult life. "When I graduated from high school, I decided that I had to be within two hours driving distance from my parents," she says.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, she has done just that. She has stayed in the area, was even married aboard Camp Lejeune and lives only a modest drive away from her parent's Hubert, N.C., home.

Though wanting to stay put is one by-product of living the military life for Ratcliff, another is the discipline she learned growing up. "That discipline helps her to rise at 2 a.m. to get ready for work. "Another jewel of being in a military family is the discipline. I enjoyed having a father who has discipline and I am the same way," she says. "I think having a father who was a Marine telling me to 'suck it up' helps me on a daily basis now."

Based on all that she learned and received from being a Marine Corps family member, Ratcliff says she is happy to be close enough to Camp Lejeune to be able to come and give back to the current group of military families here. "[Military spouses] are the unsung heroes," she says. "Behind every good Marine is a strong spouse. They have to be really strong. They have to be able to send their spouse off; that is their call to duty. So I think they really deserve that recognition."

Former president visits Jacksonville



President Bill Clinton visited the home of Angelo and Erin Bock Monday to campaign for his wife Hillary. The front porch speech at their residence near Summersill Elementary School was one of many the former president has conducted in Eastern Carolina. Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman

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Teaching is an honorable profession and a special calling concerning America's military children. Service members and their families make many sacrifices to support our nation. During times of uncertainty and stress, schools often provide bedrock social and emotional supporting stability and comfort for our military kids. You are sensitive to the challenges of military families. You work extremely hard to make sure that quality education is one sacrifice military families never have to make.

You magnificently make a difference for our youth. Students are provided a challenge and world-class opportunity to learn, grow and succeed. You work diligently to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams; and, at the same time, you keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship. You shoulder a great responsibility, and always meet it superbly no matter what the situation may be.

Thank you CLDS professional educators for filling many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors. This week offers us an opportunity to reflect on and honor your many contributions helping students achieve their highest potential. Know that your greatest reward in the teaching profession is that your influence continues for all of us long after our children's school days are only memories.

In closing, we admire you for all that you do and acknowledge the important role you play in making Camp Lejeune Schools a great public school system.

Richard P. Flatau, Jr.
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer, MCB, Camp Lejeune

Elizabeth B. Thomas
Assistant Superintendent
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Above, teacher of the year Debbie McGlaun poses with her Johnson Primary School students. This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. As such, Marine Base Camp Lejeune Commanding Officer Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr. joins Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools Assistant Superintendent in thanking CLDS teachers for their hard work. Heather Owens

Marine Corps Base thanks Key Volunteers



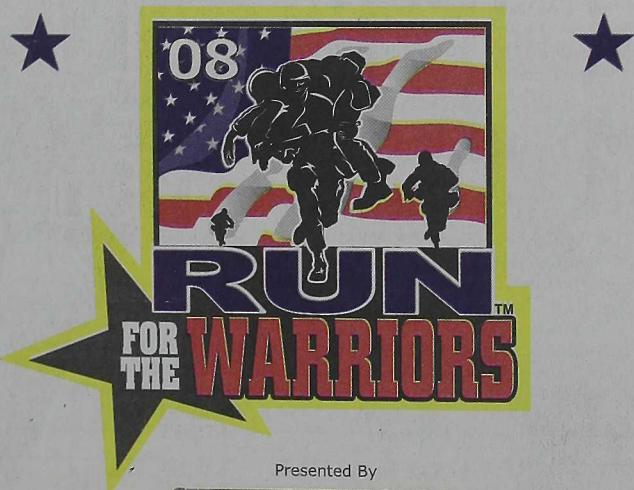
Above, Key Volunteers for Marine Corps Base and its tenant units pose at a dinner held in their honor. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and base tenant units recognized members of the Volunteer Network for their hard work over the past year at the event held at the Officers' Club April 30. During his remarks, Base Commanding Officer Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr. commended the Key Volunteers for their efforts. "When things go wrong, times get hard and your extended family is across the country, the Key Volunteers are there for you," he said. Heather Owens

Local Marine signs books at Barnes & Noble reception



Capt. Read Omohundro, an assistant operations officer for the 8th Marine Regiment, signed books with author Gary Livingston at the preview party of Jacksonville's new Barnes & Noble store. Livingston wrote the book "Fallujah, With Honor" in which Omohundro is featured. Omohundro served with 1st Battalion, 8th Marines during Operation Phantom Fury in Fallujah, Iraq. Heather Owens

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...icans will soon receive checks as part of the economic stimulus package passed by Congress. The amount received will vary, the money is a chance to secure your family's finances.

Pay off debt
There are ways to prioritize your debt effectively, your check probably won't cover your bills. The key is to assess your debt, factor in financial goals and then consider paying options.

Use high-interest credit cards

Using credit cards first makes sense because they accrue interest much over time. Using financial calculators can help. **Pioneer Military Loans** can see the long-term effects of making minimum payments (all are based on a 6 percent interest):
\$100 would take 84 months to pay and cost \$500 in interest.
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\$300 would take 145 months and cost \$2,000 in interest.
Sending a little can make a big difference. If you had a credit card with a 15 percent interest rate of 15 percent, it would cost \$619 in interest if you paid the minimum sending \$600 extra and reducing the balance to \$900 would only cost \$347 in interest. By sending the \$600 you put \$272 back in your pocket.

Pay off smaller debts

What to do so will depend on the size of your debts. If you only have \$300, then start at the smallest bill and work your way up. If you have a higher amount (anywhere from \$600 to \$1,000, plus another \$300 per child), then start with the largest bill and work your way down. The goal is to eliminate the nickel and dime bills from your monthly income.

Emergency savings

An emergency savings account is crucial to your financial success and this is a great time to start

one. Having between \$500 and four months pay is recommended, but putting even \$300 in an easily-accessible savings account is a good start. If you add to it each month, you can reach \$500 in savings in no time, and save two months' salary rather quickly.

Other options and considerations

• Add to retirement — You can add it to your 401(k), 403(b), Thrift Savings Plan, or individual retirement account. Annual contribution limits still apply depending on the account.

• Save for a big purchase — Is your car ready to be replaced? Looking at new furniture in the near future? Put the money aside to offset the cost of the purchase or use as a down payment.

• Watch for scams — The Internal Revenue Service has warned of e-mail and phone scammers offering "advance payments" for your stimulus check, only to steal the victim's identity. The IRS does not offer any such plan, and does not send unsolicited e-mails to anyone.

• Do preventative maintenance — Get some smaller things done you have put off (a few needed but non-critical car repairs, for example), since putting it off even more could lead to bigger problems later.

While these suggestions may seem to go against the intent of the plan (create spending), securing your family's financial future will actually be an important factor in the nation's economic success. This is because reduced debt and increased savings creates economic stability for the long haul, rather than just in a short spurt.

So while spending a bit of the money on yourself (\$70 for a nice dinner, or \$20 on a DVD) won't ruin your finances, taking care of your longer-term needs and future financial security have been proven to work time and again, no matter the economic conditions.

Stack, chief financial officer for Pioneer Services, has more than 20 years experience in the financial services, leasing and media sectors. A graduate of Kansas State University, Stack is a member of several professional and military organizations, including the Central Exchange and Financial Executives International and the Association of the United States Army.



Ahoy! Wilmington has new walking tour

Connie Nelson
Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitor's Bureau

Ahoy all landlubbers! Visitors to Wilmington and North Carolina's Cape Fear Coast can now follow a costumed pirate captain to discover the real legends of the Cape Fear on an adventurous tour through historic Downtown Wilmington. The Pirate and Unusual Tales Walk is a new 90-minute walking tour of Old Wilmington which is produced by Walking Tours of Old Wilmington — the same people behind the Ghost Walk of Old Wilmington, the Haunted Pub Crawl and the Hollywood Location Walk tours.

The Pirate and Unusual Tales Walk is entertaining, informative and family-friendly. A costumed storyteller and Gentleman o' Fortune (pirate captain) will lead each tour, which departs from the riverfront at Market and Water Streets. Guests will stroll through Downtown Wilmington and hear stories about Cape Fear pirates, privateers, smugglers, shanghaiing syndicates, hidden gold, Spanish invasion, runaway elephants, heroic dogs and more.

Walking Tours of Old Wilmington began offering tours in 1999, the first of which was the Ghost Walk of Old Wilmington which has grown in popularity each year. On the heels of its success, a Haunted Pub Crawl was added which introduces adults to a half-dozen pubs that boast ghostly tales and unexplained phenomena. And last summer, the company debuted the Hollywood Walk of Old Wilmington with stops at downtown television and movie locations, along with behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes from costumed tour guides, most of who also work as actors or crew. And, now, just in time for the busy tour-

ist season, they're launching the new Pirate and Unusual Tales Walk. According to tour creator/owner John Hirschak, the tour is in response to a surge of interest in pirates.

"A lot of guests ask us about local pirate lore — and they eat it up," explains Hirschak. "On this tour we will share tales of Cape Fear pirates and try to debunk some pirate myths. But the tour is not limited to pirates. We also discuss all sorts of lore of the Cape Fear, including a true story about Topsy the elephant, who escaped from a traveling circus. And we cover shanghaiing that occurred here. The guides for this tour are pirate fans who have portrayed pirates in movies, on stage, or at events. They are also professional storytellers and local actors."

Aye, it be a fine day to go a-pirating! The new Pirate and Unusual Tales Walk departs at 4 p.m. year-round. Days vary seasonally and a current schedule is available online at www.CapeFearPirate.com. The current summer schedule will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m., though more days may be added. Private tours, step-on bus tours and group rates are also available. Reservations are required, and tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, students or military and children 6 or under are free. For more information about the Pirate & Unusual Tales Walk, visit www.CapeFearPirate.com or call 910-794-7177.

The Pirate and Unusual Tales Walk is a great way to explore the 'quirky' side of Wilmington and North Carolina's Cape Fear Coast. Are you curious? For a free 2008 Visitors Guide to Wilmington and North Carolina's Cape Fear Coast, call 866-266-9690, or for a complete calendar of events visit www.gocapefearcoast.com.

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Take the mom the entire weekend off and take her to a Mothers' Day getaway you will always remember.

Here is a sampling of events and activities that will make Mom feel "oh-so-special:"

Friday: Musical productions: Is Mom into musicals? Then check out these productions at the historic Thalian Hall: "The Wizard of Oz" (Today through Sunday) at 8 p.m. (Thursday through Saturday) and Saturday - Sunday), a family-musical. There is an admission charge. "Rubbers" (Through Sunday) at 8 p.m. (Thursday through Saturday) and Saturday), a political farce. For more information, call 800-523-2820 or visit www.thalianhall.com.

Saturday: Fabulous Fantail Film Festival: A day, dozens of moms tour the ship North Carolina. Tour the ship and return during the evening for a screening of the film classic, "Around the Corner," to be shown on the ship's deck. The film screening is at 7 p.m. There is an admission charge.



There are many ways to celebrate mom this Mother's Day. Travel is one. Courtesy photo

For more information, call 910-251-5797 or visit www.battleshipnc.com.

Friday: Mayfaire "Music on the Town" concert series from 6 - 9 p.m. Does Mom love music? Groove to the free outdoor concert at Mayfaire Town Center. For more information, visit www.mayfairetown.com.

Friday - Saturday: Children's Museum: Does mom like to play with her kids? Visit "Beaches, Seashores and Seashells." Learn about the ocean with special pro-

grams and activities in the science center. There is an admission charge. For more information, call 910-254-3534 or visit www.playwilmington.org.

Saturday: The Riverfront Farmers' Market takes place Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rise early so mom can enjoy regional produce, plants, herbs and fresh flowers. The riverfront market features local farmers, artists, crafters and locally prepared foods. The event is free.

For more information, call 910-520-6875 or visit www.wilmingtonfarmers.com.

Saturday: Cape Fear Museum Learning Center presents "Crops and Critters" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get an up-close look at tobacco, cotton and longleaf pines. Examine the Venus' flytrap and create an animal track identification key. Event is for children ages 5 to 12. Parental participation is required. There is an admission charge. For more information, call 910-798-4350 or visit www.capefearmuseum.com.

Saturday: The North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher presents "Mommy and Me" at 9 a.m. Animal programs for adults and kids ages 1 - 3 are scheduled. The fee is \$5 for one adult and one child (and \$1 for each additional child). Admission to the aquarium not included. Pre-registration required. For more information, call 910-458-7468 or visit www.ncaquariums.com.

Sunday: The Henrietta III has planned a Mothers' Day Riverboat Luncheon Cruise from noon to 1:30 p.m. Board an authentic riverboat and treat mom to a memorable deli buffet lunch and narrated scenic tour of the Cape Fear River. Pre-paid reservations are required (\$26 adults; \$12 children ages 2-12). Boarding begins at 11:30 a.m. For more information and reservations, call 800-676-0162 or visit www.cfrboats.com.

For a complete calendar of events, visit www.gocapefearcoast.com and click on the "events and announcements" button at the top of the home page. For a free visitors guide, call 866-266-9690 or visit www.gocapefearcoast.com.

Department of Defense Schools announce change in eligibility birth date for preschool and kindergarten



Effective school year 2009-10, the Department of Defense Schools will change the eligibility birth date for all preschool and kindergarten children enrolling in DoD schools to Sept. 1. Per House Bill 1473, all North Carolina Public Schools will change their eligibility birth date for all preschool and kindergarten children to Aug. 31 effective School Year 2009-10.

Onslow County schools are making the change in the pre-kindergarten eligibility birth date beginning school year 2008-09 to ensure that all children served in the More at Four Program will be eligible to enter kindergarten the following year. The Camp Lejeune Dependents will also make their change in the preschool eligibility date beginning SY 2008-09 to Onslow County Schools.

Beginning school year 2008-09, children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 to be eligible to enter the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools' Preschool program. This will mean that before August 2008, children will only be able to enroll in preschool if they are four years old before Sept. 1 of the current school year.

Beginning school year 2009-10, children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Sept. 1. This will mean that beginning August 2009, children will only be able to enroll in kindergarten if they are 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year.

Children ages 3 and 4 and four year old children with disabilities who have a Camp Lejeune Individualized Education Plan which indicates the child should receive preschool services may enter the program time after his/her third birthday, regardless of their birth date.

CREDO Camp Lejeune presents
'A Weekend of Healing'
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A special retreat at the beach for couples experiencing relationship difficulties associated with pornography and other forms of sexually compulsive behavior. Call 450-1668 to register or for additional information call Chaplain Howard at 450-4070.

Family Retreat
June 6-8

Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation is planning an upcoming Family Retreat designed to help couples establish a positive parenting mind-set with lots of practical ideas and tips on a broad range of parenting issues and practices. Common mistakes and key principles will be discussed along with suggestions on how to balance time between work and home. This retreat is for the whole family. For more information and registration, call 450-1668.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

For information on concerts, festivals, special events and classes going on up and down the Carolina coast, check out What's Happenin' each week. To add your event, e-mail heather.owens@militarynews.com. Space is limited to availability.

Music
Classes, 10 a.m.

Learn to see how music and creative activities help your child's development process? Instructor Melissa Russell is scheduled to offer free classes this spring for children ages 3 and under at the Harriette B. Smith Library tomorrow, May 30, June 6 and June 13. Space is limited. To register, call 451-3026.

Ride for the Pink
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Voices Speak Up, a local non-profit organization, has planned its annual Ride for the Pink breast cancer awareness motorcycle ride for Saturday. Pre-registration is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Food will be provided after the ride. For more information, visit the organization's Web page at www.angelsvoices.org.

Mothers' Day social
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Children 12 and younger will enjoy making cards for Mothers' Day, while Mom is treated to light refreshments and social time with other mothers at Tarawa Terrace Community Center Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. Space is limited. To register, call 451-3026.

Loon Day Event
Saturday, 10 a.m.

Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild proudly presents the 2008 Loon Day Competition at Roanoke Island. Festivities commence with a decoy competition. The first several years the competition was for "Loons Only" but this year decoys will be confidence decoys, such as gulls and grebes. The competition is a decoy competition in that the decoy itself is the entry fee. All birds entered become property of the Core Sound Decoy Guild. This year's competition carries a \$200 cash first prize, \$100 second prize, \$50 third prize and \$25 fourth prize. Lunch plates will be offered at the Guild building. After lunch there will be an auction of competition decoys, including all the ribbon

winner, as well as other decoys and items. For more information, please call Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild at 252-838-8818.

Military Appreciation Day
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Swansboro Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and Hammocks Beach State Park will host Military Appreciation Day. The event is scheduled to take place at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro. All active duty and dependents are welcome. The event will include games, storytellers, park exhibits, free ferry rides and free drinks and hotdogs with all the fixings. For more information, contact the Swansboro Chamber of Commerce at 326-1174.

Natasha Perez concert
Saturday, 6 p.m.

Jacksonville Seventh-day Adventist Church invites all to attend their Mothers' Day weekend concert with Natasha Perez. This free event will be held at the Adventist Church in Jacksonville. Refreshments will be served after the concert. For more information, visit the Web site at jacksonville22.adventistchurchconnect.org. For more information on the concert, call 330-3141.

Stroke prevention seminar
Wednesday 12:30 p.m.

Sena Preziosi, health service coordinator for Life Line Screening, is scheduled to present a stroke prevention and awareness program at the Onslow County Department of Social Services Training Center located in the New River Shopping Center. Tickets for the lunch and learn, hosted by Onslow County Community Health Improvement Process, Inc., are \$10 and include registration and box lunch. Seating is limited and a reservation is requested to the Onslow CHIP office at 577-2238 or at e-mail onslowchip@yahoo.com by Friday. Tickets at the door will be \$5 and do not include lunch. For more information, log on to www.onslowchip.org.

PCS Overseas workshop
May 15, 9 a.m. - noon

The Marine Corps Base has scheduled a Permanent Change of Station Overseas workshop in the classroom of Bldg. 40, the Russell Marine and Family Services Center. The class is free to all identification card holders. The topics covered will include: PCS pay and entitlements, financial planning, moving personal property, passports, traveling with pets, housing information, loan locker and cultural aspects of an overseas move. To register, call 449-9704 or 451-1055.

Dinner cabaret
May 16 - 17, 6 p.m.

The United Service Organizations of North Carolina have scheduled a dinner cabaret at the Jacksonville facility located at 9 Tallman St. The doors will open at 6 p.m. nightly and tickets will be available to all. This year's cabaret theme is "A Night On Broadway" performed by Jacksonville's local talent. Tickets are \$40 and will be sold at the USO. Ticket price includes a four course meal and the show. All proceeds will go toward USO programs which support our local troops. For more information, contact Harold Rowland or Judy Robinson at 455-3411.

Strawberry Day
May 17, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Onslow County Farmers Market has planned its 3rd annual Strawberry Day. Free samples of fruit salsa and recipes will be distributed. Live music by Wilma Lee is planned from 10 a.m. to noon. Come check out the Onslow County Farmer's Market for the freshest local vegetables, eggs, baked goods, jams and jellies, goat cheese, plants and flowers and arts and crafts. The market is

located at 4024 Richlands Highway (US 258). For more information, visit www.onslowfarmersmarket.com.

Spring Craft Fair
May 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Coastal Carolina Artists and Crafters Guild and the Onslow Shriners invite the community to a day of fun and food while enjoying a showcase of locally crafted works of art. Held at the Riverwalk Crossing Park adjacent to downtown Jacksonville's historic train depot, the Spring Craft Fair is free. Guests will enjoy meeting local artisans and also be able to support the Onslow Shriners. For information about becoming a craft vendor, contact the Guild at CCACGuild@yahoo.com or call 938-7077.



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