



# MAN on the street

What are you doing for Memorial Day Weekend?



"I am going to go watch my sister graduate from high-school in Maryland."

Cpl. Laura Sparks  
2nd Marine Logistics Group  
Madison, S.D.

"I am going with my wife and son, it will be his first time fishing, and he's 4 weeks old."



Lance Cpl. Delbert Phillips  
2nd Marine Logistics Group  
Atlanta, Texas



"I am going to Lowes Motor Speedway with the Single Marines program."

Sgt. Raleigh Krigbaum  
2nd Marine Division  
Canton, Ohio

"I will be eating crawfish in Louisiana."



Monica Morgan  
New Orleans



"I will be hanging around base, seeing Jacksonville."

Lance Cpl. Michael Bell  
2nd Marine Logistics Group  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

## Myrtle Beach, SC Bike Week, May Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

### Semper Safe

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and with it comes "Bike Week" at Myrtle Beach, SC, a long-standing tradition in Myrtle Beach, attracting hundreds of thousands of bikers and motorcycle enthusiasts to the beach each year. It all began in 1937, when the first motorcycle race was driven on a 3.2-mile beach and road course. Now, it's a 10-day event with hundreds of activities. The festivities do have a grim side. Many bikers lose their lives during the event or driving to or from it, leading to a rise in South Carolina motorcycle deaths.

These fatal collisions usually result from another vehicle pulling into the path of the motorcyclist or the motorcyclist failing to stop. The collision is often complicated by the motorcyclist's speed and failure to use a helmet. That means you — the rider — must take your safety into your own hands. Remember these motorcycle safety awareness tips when ever and wherever you are riding: Intersections:

Before riding through an intersection, check traffic from the right, left, rear and front; 25 percent of all motorcycle crashes are caused from the other vehicle turning left across a motorcyclist's path. Bike week officials are pushing a "Look twice. Save a Life" campaign.

At intersections where vision is limited by buildings, parked vehicles

and shrubbery, traffic hazards may be obscured. The motorist and the motorcyclist should slow down and use caution.

Signal controlled intersections present two special hazards: Cross traffic may be going through on a yellow light; oncoming motorists may try to make a quick left turn in front of other traffic. Passing and Being Passed:

Both motorcyclist and vehicle should avoid accelerating when being passed. Both rider and driver should use mirrors and head checks to ensure the passing maneuver can be done safely.

The rider should pass only when it's safe. Before passing, you should ensure your motorcycle is in the left portion of the lane at a safe following distance. Avoid crowding automobiles.

Judgment: Motorcyclists must add the skills of balance and heightened awareness to the other skills necessary for safe vehicle operation. Motorcyclists must realize that what might be a minor crash in a motor vehicle can be deadly for them — especially without helmets! That is why it is imperative that motorcyclists' judgment is not impaired by alcohol.

Road Hazards: Potholes, railroad tracks, oil slicks, puddles, road debris, ruts and other hazards may require sudden lane changes or result in

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# Working through the stress: Mortar men endure heat, prepare for assault course



men with Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, quickly adjust mortar canon, April 29. Some were required to set their guns up Mojave Viper heat, mimicking the mental and fatigue one feels in Iraq.

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Cpl. Scott Schmidt  
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A mortar man with Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, provides security for his mortar crew while another treats a simulated casualty. To prepare the company's 60mm mortar section, section leaders ran their Marines through stressful and exhausting scenarios.

Marines through stressful and exhausting scenarios. These scenarios encompassed every aspect of what mortar men may face in Iraq.

"Just because we are a mortar crew doesn't mean we don't take fire and casualties," said Lance Cpl. Keith Churchill, 21 from Cincinnati, Ohio. "We always have to be thinking."

As section leader,

Churchill must constantly be in a training mindset in order to prepare his men for the unexpected.

"We're out here throwing random casualties and other stressful scenarios at them because that's how Range 410A is," stressed Churchill. "That's how Iraq is."

Marines were required to quickly set their guns up in the Mojave Viper heat,

mimicking the mental and physical fatigue one feels in Iraq.

"This works their physical conditioning," said Lance Cpl. Tim Harvilla, a squad leader with the section. "If we don't have our guns up in time other Marines are dying."

Throughout the days training, both Churchill and Harvilla stressed one common theme of focus and confidence.

"Reacting quickly and without outside distractions interfering is where we want these Marines," said Harvilla, 23 from

Pittsburgh, Pa. "They need to stay locked on mentally."

In the battalion's upcoming deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Marines can't hesitate in their jobs, and for these Marines muscle memory is the key.

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## 26th MEU departs for training



The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit departed for its Expeditionary Strike Group Integration Training, May 8. The training, part of the 26th MEU's six-month pre-deployment training cycle, is the first time elements of the MEU loaded their equipment and personnel aboard ships that make up the USS Iwo Jima ESG. The MEU will practice and refine its rapid response planning process, plan and conduct multiple raids and practice beachhead onload and offload procedures. In addition, the MEU will adjust to conducting operations aboard the ships of the ESG. The time aboard ship will allow the MEU to identify and troubleshoot any issues within areas such as communication, administration and command and control. The ESGINT is an escalation of the training the MEU's elements began at Fort Pickett, Va., and will involve over 2,200 Marines and sailors from the MEU. The 26th MEU is approximately halfway through its pre-deployment period designed to facilitate the merger of the disparate elements of the MEU into a cohesive, rapid-reaction force. The 26th MEU will continue to prepare for a scheduled fall 2008 deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Cpl. Aaron J. Rock

# Heroes

## Service member remembers those who gave all

I was at a memorial service just a couple of days ago, something I have done too many times in the last few years. We had just lost a couple more heroes in this war. I have lost close, personal friends, guys I know and guys I knew of over the last few years. Today I am writing of a young Marine, and I did not even know his name until I went to the memorial service. But I will never forget Cpl. Jonathan Yale.

Jonathan was born Jan. 22, 1987 and died April 22, 2008. Jonathan was standing guard at a joint security station in Ramadi, Iraq when a large truck was observed coming towards his outpost not heeding the warnings it was given to stop. Jonathan's outpost was the last line of defense between the rest of the world and about 100 other Marines and many Iraqis who were in a building to his rear. This large truck, dump truck, wound its way around the barriers, and when it was clear the truck had no intentions of stopping, Jonathan and his comrade at the outpost opened fire on the truck knowing if they did not succeed in stopping this truck all of their buddies in the building to their rear were in grave danger.

Jonathan did not flinch, and he did not hesitate. Between himself and his buddy they knew at this moment they were in a fight for their lives and that their buddies, unaware of the danger that was coming their way, depended upon them. They succeeded in stopping the truck, but the truck was loaded with explosives, and it detonated anyway.

The blast was catastrophic. Jonathan's buddy at the out was killed immediately. The blast blew through one-foot-thick concrete walls next to where it detonated and destroyed building on the far side. The blast took down trees and bushes through another building in the opposite direction, destroying a wall, also a foot thick, 100 meters away. The attack had happened in all of about five to 10 seconds. The crater where the truck had detonated was about 30 feet across and about 10 feet deep.

For Jonathan the fight was not over. He was more wounded, but Jonathan was not a quitter — he was fighting his life. Jonathan's last battle lasted for about two hours, the best care available supported him in his struggle. When Jonathan finally succumbed to his wounds another American hero had died. Jonathan will never be recognized more than being remembered among his comrade-in-arms as being one of the guards standing their post on the morning of April 22 and having saved hundreds of lives by sacrificing his greater love does a man have...

He was younger than many children of my best friend from my life. Any of them could have been Jonathan. If I knew Jonathan, I wish I had. I will never forget.

Signed  
An American Soldier



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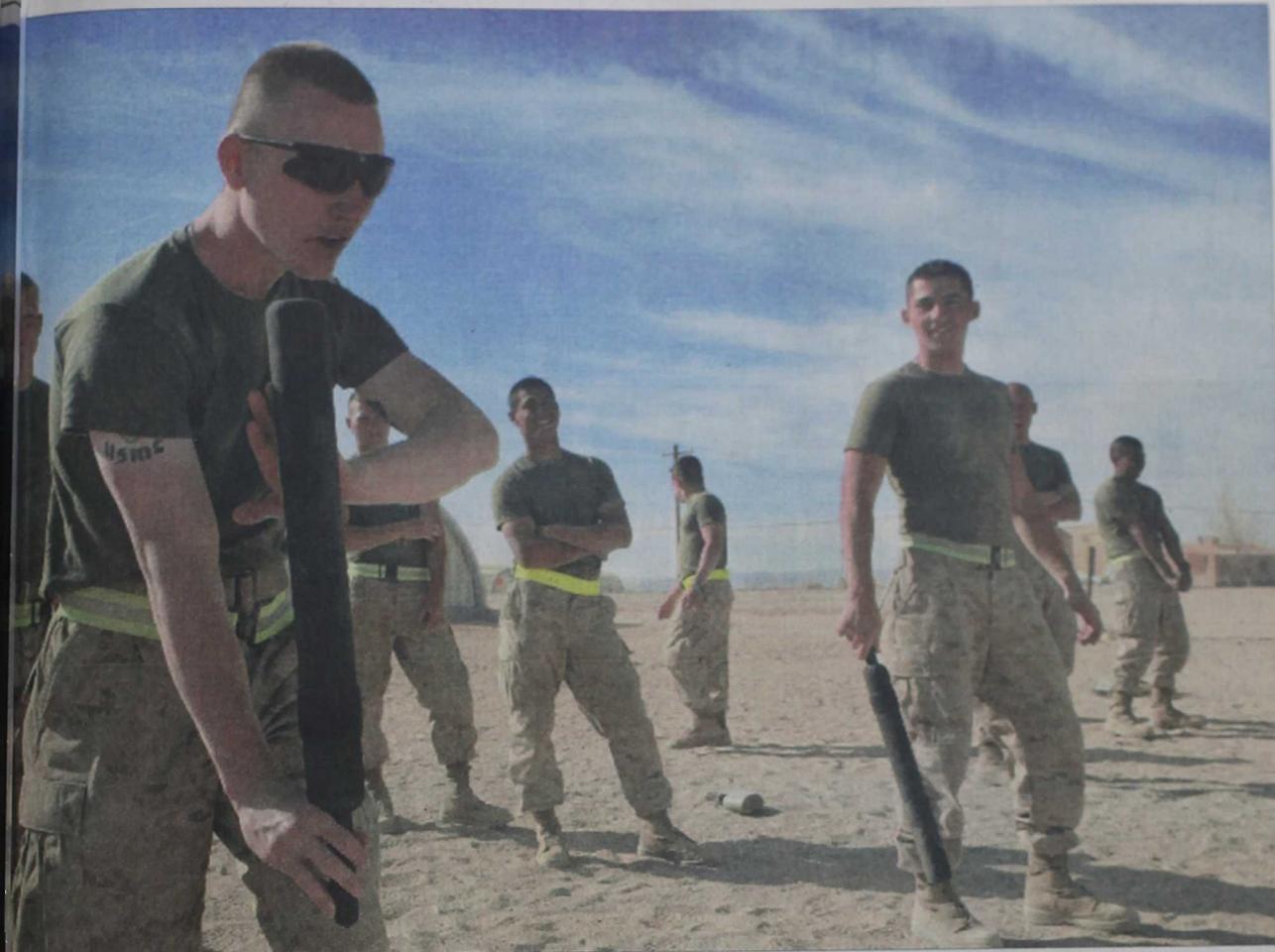
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A Marine with Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, executes a left block during a company MCMAP course here, April 28. The unit is ensuring the whole company will be green belts by the time the battalion deploys in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Enduring the heat: Company B Marines advance in MCMAP

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Cpl. Scott Schmidt  
2nd Marine Division

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is in accordance with a  
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The MCMAP program  
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The course is much  
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Sgt. Corey White  
was assisting in the  
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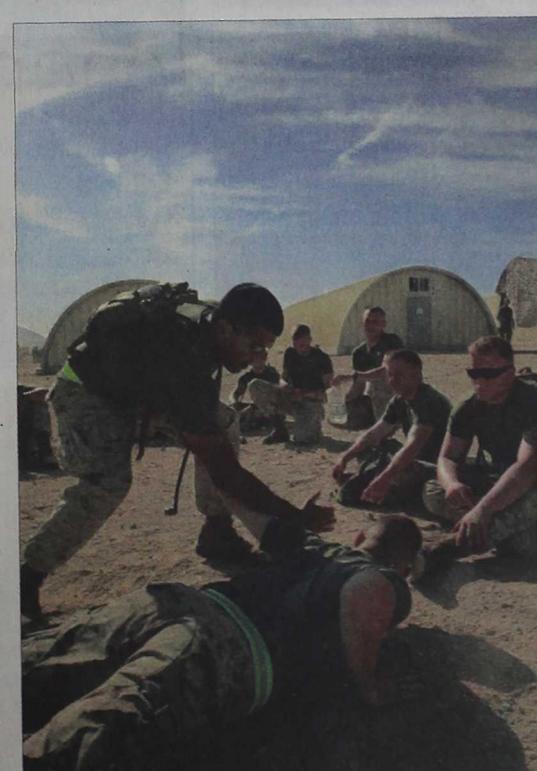
Throughout the course  
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t may not warrant the  
charge of a fire arm.

"If I run out of  
munition or I am

clearing a house and am to  
close to fire I can use what  
I've been taught here," said  
Lance Cpl. Ryan Archer, 23,

from St. Clairsville,  
Ohio.

Marines are filling more  
of a security role due to  
the increase of stability in a  
provincially controlled  
Iraq. Therefore, "a lot of the  
techniques are restraints  
or escort positions in order  
to handle detainees,"



A MCMAP instructor demonstrates the proper procedures of an arm-bar takedown.

stated Sgt. Anthony

Tamburello who is leading  
the instruction within the  
company.

Tamburello added it's  
important to heighten the  
company's junior leadership  
and MCMAP aids in doing  
that. The program instills  
confidence in Marines.

"The training focuses a  
lot on the warrior ethos," said  
Tamburello. "It ties in leadership and builds a

good character foundation  
for the Marines."

Every Marine in the  
company will have received  
at least their green belt,  
which is the third level of  
MCMAP by the time the  
battalion deploys in support  
of Operation Iraqi Freedom  
this year.

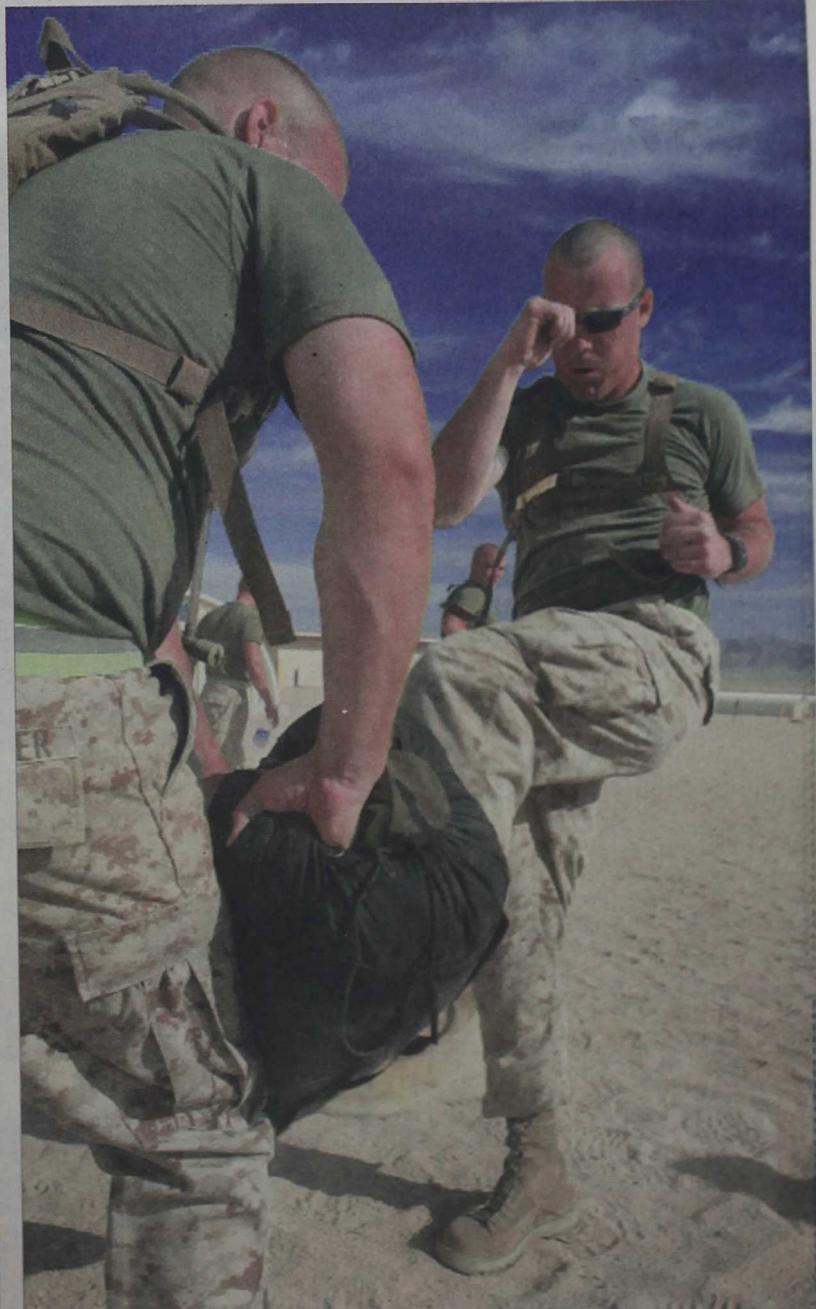
Tamburello stressed it's  
sometimes difficult to secure  
the time necessary to train  
saying, he doesn't have that

problem because "the senior  
leadership acknowledges  
the importance of MCMAP  
on the modern battle field."

Both Marines  
instructing, and those

increasing their proficiency  
and skill level are  
enthusiastic about the  
training.

"Every Marine should  
strive for the highest level  
they can achieve," said  
Archer. "It is good training  
and Marines are getting  
what they need out of it."



Above: Marines with Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, remediate MCMAP using a sleeping system as a make-shift punching bag here, April 28. The whole company endured the training during the battalion's month long pre-deployment exercise known as Mojave Viper.

Left: Marines perform an arm bar during a company MCMAP course April 28.

# 2/7 conducts first combat patrol in support of OEF

**Cpl. Ray Lewis**  
2nd Marine Division

**FARAH PROVINCE, Afghanistan** — The Marines of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division have made immediate progress with Afghans here despite arriving in Afghanistan just weeks ago.

The Marines met with the village elders in the Golestan District, arranged for key-leader engagements, and laid groundwork for future civil military projects.

While the Marines traveled here to make liaison with provincial and district leaders of the Afghanistan National Police, they also met with the governor of Farah and village elders to open the lines of communication with the Afghan people. The visit culminated with the battalion commander leading his Marines on 2/7's first combat patrol.

"This is who we are, so we wasted no time. I wanted the Afghans to know that we're here to help improve their quality of life. Their mission is our mission; their success is our success," said Lt. Col. Rick Hall, battalion commander, 2/7.

A Mankato, Minn., native, Hall commands a reinforced light infantry battalion of approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors based out of southern California at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms. Among the battalion's reinforcements is a combat engineers platoon, a shock trauma platoon, a radio battalion unit, and personnel who specialize in civil military operations.

Sent to Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom, 2/7 is tasked with the mission of providing security for the ANP, while also mentoring and assisting in its training within assigned boundaries in order to extend the authority and influence of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan during security, stability and regional development.

Although the unit has yet to receive all the equipment and personnel it needs to be fully operational capable, the battalion commander said his Marines and sailors have embraced their mission and are committed to achieving success.

Keeping true to its motto, "Ready for all; Yielding to none," 2/7 has significantly improved relations with the Afghans. The battalion has demonstrated its readiness to help bolster the ANP and shown that it will not allow minor setbacks to interfere with mission accomplishment.

The battalion is currently operating in the initial phase of a 210-day deployment.

"We've started our mission and have reaped positive results. The people were thankful for us coming to address their needs, and very surprised in knowing that we have come from so far away to help improve their quality of life," Hall said. "We will continue to increase our influence throughout this region in the coming days."

A huge benefit for the Marines was gaining support from the ANP's regional and corps commanders to enable operations in the nine districts, two provinces and two regions in which the Marines will operate.

Although Hall said his Marines are "starting from scratch," he is confident that they will draw from the lessons they learned during 2/7's support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After forging a bond with the ANP, Hall hosted a "shura," or meeting, with the village elders of the Golestan District — a remote and austere mountainous location in western Afghanistan.

"I think the meeting served as a good introduction for both of us. They seemed pretty positive and

receptive, and labeled out in order what their concerns were," said Capt. Victor A. Lomuscio, commander, Company G, 2/7.

Once the battalion is fully operational, Hall will send a platoon of Marines from "Golf" Company to the Golestan area. These Marines, along with the ANP, are responsible for

providing added security to the Golestan area, while 2/7 engages in various civil affairs projects to enhance quality of life for local residents. Lomuscio, a Shelter Island, N.Y., native, will lead this effort.

Following the "shura," the battalion commander realized that most of the focus was on the availabil-

ity of medical care, property and equipment, village infrastructure and security. Hall said he was surprised at how pleased the requests were, but pleased to know his will be able to assist the Afghans in a number of ways. In addition to working

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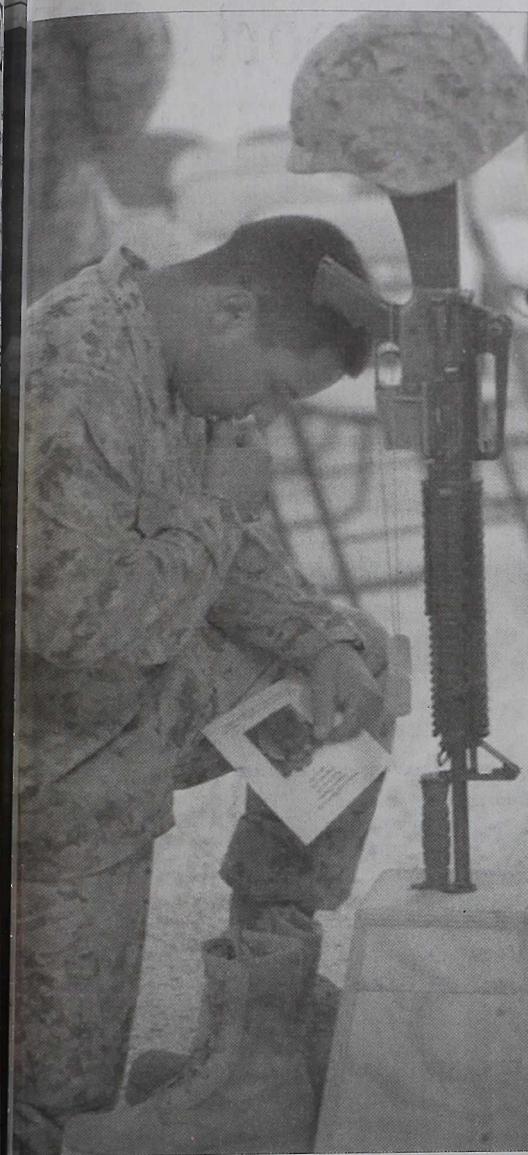
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Marine with 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, honors Lance Cpl. Benjamin Tupaj, a fallen warrior, after the memorial service on May 27. Haerter was killed in action April 22, while defending a vehicle from a vehicle suicide bomber. Lance Cpl. Casey Jones

#### from IA

from combat operations, said Hardy, a 21-year-old from Ashburn, Va., native and Iraq war veteran.

Jason E. McClure, a field radio operator with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, said. It's a good way to provide critical information straight from the

good that we are doing this," said the 22-year-old from Kirtland, Mich., native. "We shine a better light on the military and since we are all from different parts of the country, we can answer every question pretty well."

McClure referred to the Marines static displays aboard the USS Iwo Jima. The displays featured Amphibious Assault Vehicles, one M1 Abrams and two Light Armored Reconnaissance Vehicles, as well as multiple variants of the M-16A2 service machine guns and other combat gear used by the Marines.

To ensure safety and security, the port was closed to the public and has been since the terrorist attacks of 9/11, but pre-approved organizations such as military support groups and troops with the Boy Scouts of America were allowed to tour the vessels, meet with

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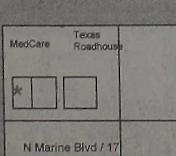
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#### ATTACK, from IA

a stop and exploded, killing the two Marines.

"I was on post the morning of the attack," said Lance Cpl. Benjamin Haerter, a rifleman with 3rd Platoon, Police Transition Team 3, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. "I heard the [squad automatic weapon] go off at a cyclic rate and then the detonation along with a flash. Then I heard a Marine start yelling 'we got hit, we got hit.' It was hectic."

In the face of a committed enemy, Haerter and Yale stood their ground, in turn saving the lives of numerous Marines, sailors, Iraqi policemen and civilians. Both Marines displayed heroic, self-sacrificing actions and truly lived up to the Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment.

"They saved all of our lives, if it wasn't for them that gate probably wouldn't have held," Haerter said. "The explosion blew out all of the windows over 150 meters from where the blast hit. If that truck had made it into the compound, there would've been a lot more casualties. They saved everyone's life here."

According to official reports the heroic actions of Haerter and Yale saved the lives of the 33 Marines and 21 Iraqi Police as well as numerous civilians at the entry control point.

"They are heroes because thousands of pounds [of explosives] would've made its way through the gate and many more of us wouldn't be here," said Lance Cpl. Lawrence Tillery, a rifleman with 3rd platoon. "I have a son back home and I know if that truck would've made it to where it was going—I wouldn't be here today. Because of Lance Cpl. Haerter and Cpl. Yale, I will be able to see my son again. They gave me that opportunity."

A week after the attack, the Marines with 3rd platoon, remember their fallen brethren as good friends and Marines.

"Cpl. Yale was a great guy, really friendly and kind of shy," said Hospitalman Eric Schwartz, a corpsman with the platoon.

"Haerter was an amazing guy, I knew everything about him. He was my best friend," said Lance Cpl. Cody Israel, a rifleman with 3rd platoon, Haerter's roommate for more than a year and half.

Haerter and Yale were both posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and have been nominated for an award for their valor.

the Marines and sailors and see the displays within.

For the Navy and Marine Corps, it's a great chance to engage the public on liberty, but it was also enjoyable to give a little back to the community, said McClure, a 2005 Swartz Creek High school graduate, who participated in multiple community outreach trips.

"Concerning fleet week, for the VA guys in the nursing home, for the patients in the hospitals and also the civilians, I think this week lets them know that we are still here for them and watching out for them."

During the week in Ft. Lauderdale, Marines and sailors could be seen enjoying beautiful Florida with their fellow Americans, side-by-side, drinking, eating and having a great time and according to McClure this was the real success.

"A great part about fleet week is of course going out and seeing new people, back-rounds, but I think the best part, for military and civilian, is getting to experience more of this great country that we live in."

#### PATROL, from IA

the ANP and addressing the needs of the Afghan people, 2/7 will also coordinate their efforts with other supporting agencies. In addition to the ANP, the Marines were also accompanied by Spanish and Italian troops, other U.S. service members, members of the International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan Regional Security Integration Command West, Regional Command West and Police Mentoring Team.

"No sooner did we finish the 'shura,' we started patrolling," Hall said. "It was truly a combined joint patrol, and it proved to our alliance partners how committed we are to this mission."

The patrol also helped instill confidence in the ANP. Hall and his team of staff officers were impressed by the tactics displayed by the ANP during the combat patrol. The ANP has gotten stronger and Lomuscio said it will get even better when his Marines start training with them.

"I'm confident that we've made a positive effect in the area that needs it," Lomuscio said. "The potential to do a lot of things is amazing. I think we'll really leave a positive impact on the Golestan Valley."

Before departing the area, the Marines also met with the Physical Reconstruction Team which specializes in civil military operations. The PRT also provides humanitarian assistance, medical support, digs wells, and provides other services that are geared toward improving quality of life for the Afghan people.

The primary concern, however, is laying blacktop roads. The Marines think it's a good idea and the battalion commander is focused on making it happen.

"Blacktopping the roads will have a direct impact on the people," Hall said. "It will also work to create more credibility for the government and provide legal employment opportunities by adding to the local economy. It also directly correlates to the Afghan government meeting the needs of its people."

The battalion is working the road plans and other civil affairs projects through the Commanders Emergency Response Program, which is designed to enable local commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan to respond to urgent humanitarian relief and reconstruction requirements within their areas of responsibility by carrying out programs that will immediately assist the indigenous population. With CERP assistance, commanders are authorized to pay for services in such areas as water sanitation, food production and distribution, agriculture, electricity, healthcare, education, and transportation. "We're working through all the friction so any follow-on forces will have something to build upon," Hall said. "We're making things happen."

The task at hand is not easy, and the commander is fully aware of this. The Marines know there's a six-month road ahead of them, but they're anxious and willing to go the distance. Surely, there's only so much 2/7 can accomplish in 210 days, but the Marines and sailors are "Ready for All; Yielding to None."

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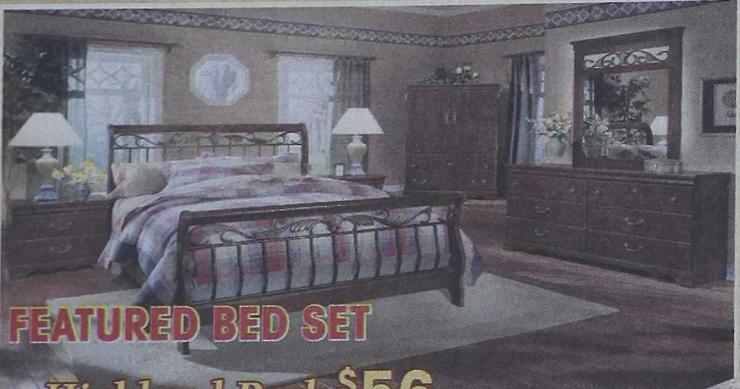
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## Devilpups qualify for state meet



Duane Thompson soars through the air as he competes against Eastern North Carolina's finest track and field athletes. Thompson, shown here in the long jump, qualified for the state meet in the triple jump.

Story and photos  
**Jamie Cameron**  
Assistant managing editor

**L**ejeune High School's top track and field athletes had their best day when it mattered most — the 2008 Regional 1A East Meet, held at Brewster Middle School May 10.

The girls' team finished in a tie for fourth place out of the 18 schools represented. Only Topsail, Pamlico and Northside high schools finished with more team points than the Lady Devilpups' 41.

On the boys' side, Lejeune placed sixth out of 17 Division 1A schools. Pamlico High School took the boys' team title, followed by Topsail, Perquimans, Dixon and Southside out in front of the Devilpups.

First and foremost among the girls' highlights was the performance of the Lady Devilpups' relay squads. Lejeune took second place in the 4X800 meters (Valeria Martinez, Alyssa Teirle, Jasmine Mack and Jasmyne Davis) with a time of 11:33.00, second place in the 4X400 (Sparkle Reeves, Teirle, Missy Harris and Davis) in 4:33.00 and second in the 4X200 (Reeves, Jasmine Benton, Harris and Davis) in 1:52.60.

The Lady Devilpups also place seventh in the 4X100 (Benton, Mack, Kennedy Charnel and Ahrielle Jackson) with a time of 55.30.

Elsewhere on the track, Davis took fifth place in the 200 meters; Harris finished fourth in the 400 meter dash; Mack was ninth in the 800 meter run and Martinez claimed fifth overall in both the 1600 meter (6:23.00) and 3200 meter (14:41.00) dis-

tance races.

In the field events, the Lejeune girls were led by Jackson, who took fourth place overall in the triple jump with her 31-08.25 effort. Benton was sixth in the long jump with a 13-07.00 leap and Ashley Watson came in eighth place in the girl's shot put thanks to her 26-05.00 toss. Watson also competed in the discus throw and finished in 11th place overall.

In all, nine Lady Devilpups will represent Lejeune at the state meet Saturday at North Carolina Agriculture and Technology in Greensboro. "This is the most [athletes] we've taken in the past few years," said head coach Debbie Bryant. "I'm hoping for them to set some personal records and place in the top four this weekend."

For the boys' team, Brandon Carter led the way with Lejeune's only first place finish of the meet — a championship run in the 800 meters with a time of 2:06.00 — a personal best.

"Brandon Carter is one of our best scholar/athletes in a long, long time," said boys' head coach Darryl Schwartz. "He works hard and gets the job done."

Evan Jackson came in fifth place in the 1600 meter race with his 5:15.00 effort, and was even better in the 3,200 with a second place time of 11:28.00. Chance Willerford also competed in the 3,200, finishing ninth at 12:30. Ryan Hawley made the Devilpups' presence felt in the hurdles. Hawley placed seventh in the 110-meter hurdles and ninth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Though not as successful as their female counterparts



Trey Beauchamp runs the first leg of the boys 4X800 meter relay. Lejeune's team eked out a trip to the state meet by beating Dixon by .10 of a second.



Sparkle Reeves gives it her best in the triple jump competition. She is one of nine Lejeune High School girls who will compete at the state meet.

# Spring winds hamper fishing



Lejeune Outdoors

By Jamie Cameron

The red-hot bite for those big, chopper bluefish has continued as the water temperatures rise. There are bluefish along the beaches and there are bluefish all the way out to 20 miles offshore.

Some friends from Beaufort went out May 10 and had a banner day working the live bottom areas in the 15- to 20-mile zone out of Beaufort Inlet. Capt. Jacqui Jenkins reported having trouble getting the metal jigs they were using to the bottom for grouper and amberjacks because the bluefish and king mackerel were eating them up as soon as they touched the water.

Jacqui and her fiancé, Brian Degan, landed a terrific mixed-bag on the day that included the aforementioned bluefish, up to eight pounds, small king mackerel, Atlantic bonito and amberjacks.

Unfortunately, the weather of late has not been kind to small boaters trying to get offshore to enjoy the spring action. The low pressure system that dragged on and on has given way to yet another strong cold front that is expected to force strong winds for another couple of days. Certainly, the ocean fishing piers are a great option for those who do not want or have the means to battle the open ocean.

According to Richard Ehrenkaufer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, the Spanish mackerel are becoming more and more evident from the piers, along with a host of other gamefish including red drum and flounder to go with the ever-present sea mullet, pompano, skates

and dogfish. Inshore fishermen gearing up for the big Memorial Day weekend need to remember there is no access to Browns Island. Due to the presence of potentially-deadly unexploded ordnance, recreational boats are not allowed to land anywhere on the island for any reason. Similarly, recreational watercraft cannot drop anchor behind Browns Island in the Intracoastal Waterway or the surrounding tidal creeks and inlets. Military Police, in concert with the U.S. Coast Guard, regularly patrol this area and will issue citations to trespassers that will require an appearance before a federal magistrate in Wilmington, N.C. Violators can be imprisoned up to

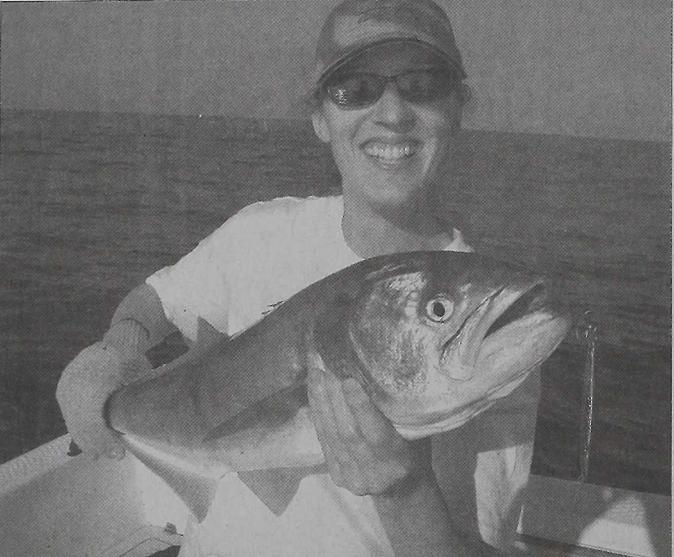
six months and fined a maximum of \$5,000 — that will ruin anyone's fishing trip.

The rules do allow anglers to drift fish through the waterways. Just make sure you pay attention to the wind and don't wind up on the beach accidentally. If that happens, all bets are off and you can try to explain what happened to the MPs.

On another note: The base Environmental Conservation Branch will sponsor a youth fishing day, hosted by the Camp Lejeune Rod and Gun Club June 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Interested parties should meet at Orde Pond, located near the intersection of Julian C. Smith Road (River Road) and Gonzalez Boulevard. Bring the kids, their fishing gear and come join the action. For more information call 451-7235 or 451-5226.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to introduce a child to the great pastime we all enjoy. In learning how to catch fish, kids find patience, independence, hand-eye-coordination, confidence and conservation. Hope to see you out there with your little ones. It promises to be a terrific event.



Capt. Jacqui Jenkins shows off one of the many 'chopper' bluefish her party landed during a recent offshore expedition out of Beaufort Inlet. Brian Degan

U.S. blanks Canada 6-0 in friendly

## News report

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Natasha Kai had her first career trick with three second-half goals to lead the U.S. women's soccer team to a 6-0 win against Canada in a friendly on Saturday.

Carli Lloyd, Leslie Osborne and Lindsay Tarpley scored and Abby Wambach had three assists for the U.S., which is 13-0-1 this year.

Kai headed in two goals six minutes apart to break the game open.

The first, in the 54th minute, came when Kai headed high, arcing pass from Lloyd. The ball glanced off Canadian goalkeeper Erin McLeod and into the net.

Kai found the net again soon after, this time from McLeod to a pass from Shannon Boxx in the 60th minute. She finished the hat trick with a goal on Wambach's assist in the 75th minute.

Lloyd had a goal in the 63rd minute and Osborne in the 88th minute.

Lindsay Tarpley gave the U.S. a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute. Tarpley controlled Wambach's pass in the upper-right corner of the goal, getting past McLeod.

It was the final game of a three-game domestic series for the U.S. The Americans next play against Italy on May 15 in the Peace Queen Cup in Seoul, South Korea.

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Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department sponsors weekly yoga and pilates classes, taught by certified instructors. The classes focus on basic yoga postures and exercises for students who wish to strengthen their foundational skills. Call 252-354-3424 for information.

### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu classes

Ongoing

Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Sports presents Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instruction, scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 7:30-9 p.m.

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### 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.

## THE WILD WORLD OF LEJEUNE SPORTS

### Boating safety classes offered

May 20-29

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### 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 Friday at [www.lejeunealumni.com/golf/golfform.php](http://www.lejeunealumni.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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# Return of Champions' pro boxing comes to Lejeune

By Cameron

Imaging editor

of the "sweet science" is a chance to take in the pageantry of fight night in person when the "Return of Champions" boxing event comes to Camp Lejeune May 21. The event will feature World Council professionals, a main event bout in the weight division between ninth-ranked Edner Chery, with a record of 23-5-2 (11 wins) and veteran Stevie Edwards, a two-time former WBC light champion, with a record of 42-5-1 (18 KOs).

The other big draw of the night will be the junior lightweight battle between two-time former World Boxing Association featherweight champion Freddie Norwood, with a record of 42-2-1 (23 KOs) and former U.S. Marine Johnny Edwards, with a record of 13-2-1.

The event will be broadcast from Goettge Memorial Field House by ESPN 2.

Fight promoters Bob Rey and his partner, Jason Schlessinger, of XS Sports out of California, said they are proud of the quality of fighters they have

assembled for the Marines and sailors aboard Camp Lejeune. "Every single fighter has made adjustments to his schedule to be here," said Rey. "We are very grateful to them for that." Rey also expressed his thankfulness to local promoters at Red Leather Sports, the staff at Marine Corps Community Services and All-Marine Boxing Team head coach Ron Simms for his advice and support leading up to the Return of Champions.

Part of the proceeds raised through ticket sales will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Foundation — a national non-profit

group whose mission is to help wounded and disabled military members who have lead the fight in the war against Terrorism.

Rey said his focus in bringing professional boxing to Eastern North Carolina is to make the lives of our wounded warriors better through fundraising. "We are committed to bringing as many professional boxing events to Camp Lejeune as it takes, to raise substantial funds for the Wounded Warrior Foundation," he said. "It is well-known that many have returned from the current conflict with special medical needs ... Our objective is to give back to these

gallant warriors, who ask for nothing and have given so much."

With four other fights scheduled on the undercard, there is sure to be plenty of action in the ring when the doors to Goettge Memorial Field House open at 6:30 p.m.

General admission seating for military ID card holders is \$30; \$40 for civilians. Preferred seating tickets are available at \$45 for service members and \$60 for everyone else and ringsides seats go for \$60 and \$100 respectively. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.redleathersports.com/events](http://www.redleathersports.com/events) or on fight night at the gate for a \$5 additional charge.

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Maintaining his arm strength and definition, Christopher J. Talbot, a scout with Company C, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, carries a 50-pound dumbbell during one of his weight lifting sessions at Camp Korean Village, Iraq, May 6. Once Talbot was in the ninth grade, he began working out every single day to mold himself into a bodybuilder and hopes to one day become a professional.

## Amateur bodybuilder maintains power

Story and photos  
Capt. Ryan Tardieu  
Regimental Combat Team 5

KOREAN VILLAGE, Iraq — Inside the gym here, weights hang and stand as Christopher J. Talbot, a scout with Company C, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, works on sculpting his body.

Talbot, an amateur bodybuilder, believes weight training improves his discipline and determination with every repetition.

"Lifting weights made me more disciplined in what I do as a person and a Marine," said Talbot, 23. "It helps me remember that you need to be disciplined in everything you do."

The native of Torrington, Conn., began working out at the

age of 10 when his mom decided to attend aerobics classes at the local YMCA. While his mother was engaged in her workouts, he took the opportunity to achieve what would become his lifelong goal.

"I was big into athletics, and I always wanted to become stronger to give myself the edge," said Talbot. "I also did it for myself because it made me feel great."

Once Talbot was in the ninth grade, he began working out every single day to mold himself into a bodybuilder. He graduated high school early and moved to Florida with hopes of becoming a police officer in 2003, where his life would change forever.

"I was working out at a gym in Florida and a man by the name of Danny talked to me about competing at the regional amateur's bodybuilding contest," he said.



Christopher J. Talbot, a scout with Company C, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, dead-lifts 475 pounds during a daily work out at Camp Korean Village, Iraq, May 6. Native of Torrington, Conn., began working out at age 10 when his mom decided to attend aerobics classes at the local YMCA. While his mother was engaged in her workouts, he took the opportunity to achieve what would become his life long goal; becoming a professional bodybuilder.

"He became my trainer during the longest nine weeks of my life."

Talbot spent nine weeks eating a strict diet to bring out his physique for the competition. Every day he would eat the same rations of high protein and carbohydrates while blowing through a whirlwind of extreme workout routines ranging from four to five hours in the weight room.

His hard work paid off as he placed second in the competition. He qualified for nationals in amateur body-building, but instead of proceeding to nationals he embarked on a different journey by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"When the police department put me on a waiting list, I wanted a challenge and to still serve

my country," Talbot said. "I have always liked helping people and making a difference so I decided to be part of the best at it."

After serving two years with security forces in Rota, Spain, he is on his first tour in Iraq. Although he is engaging in operations with his company and often away from the weight room, Talbot maintains his work out schedule. Talbot has a set of weights he takes with him when he is out on an operation.

"My head always tends to clear when I am lifting because all of my energy is centered on what I am doing at that time," said Talbot. "The Marine Corps

has made me a stronger person and even more determined to maintain my physique."

When Talbot is not on an operation, he can usually be found in the gym and openly invites anyone who wants to join.

Talbot is very experienced in everything he does, said Casey L. Ward, 26, executive officer of Company C, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5. "He leads by example with an example that if you get it."

He added the workouts Talbot are very challenging and keeps him driving down the path of physical training.

Talbot plans on leaving the Marine Corps someday to join the Broward County Police Department in Florida and to pursue becoming a professional bodybuilder.

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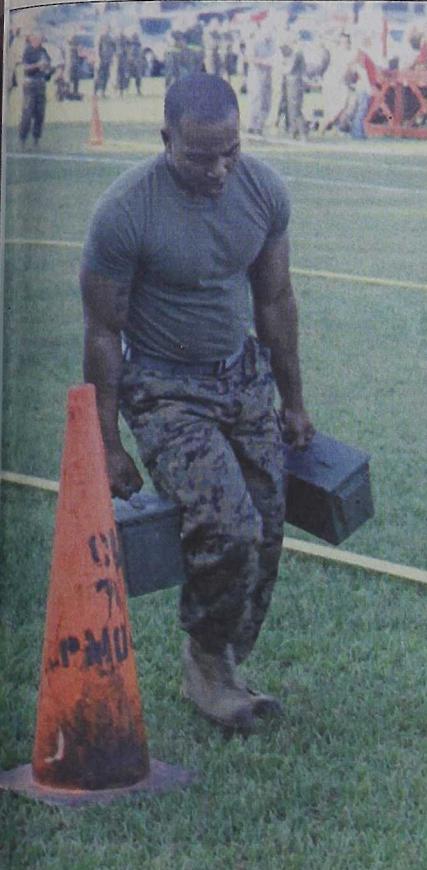


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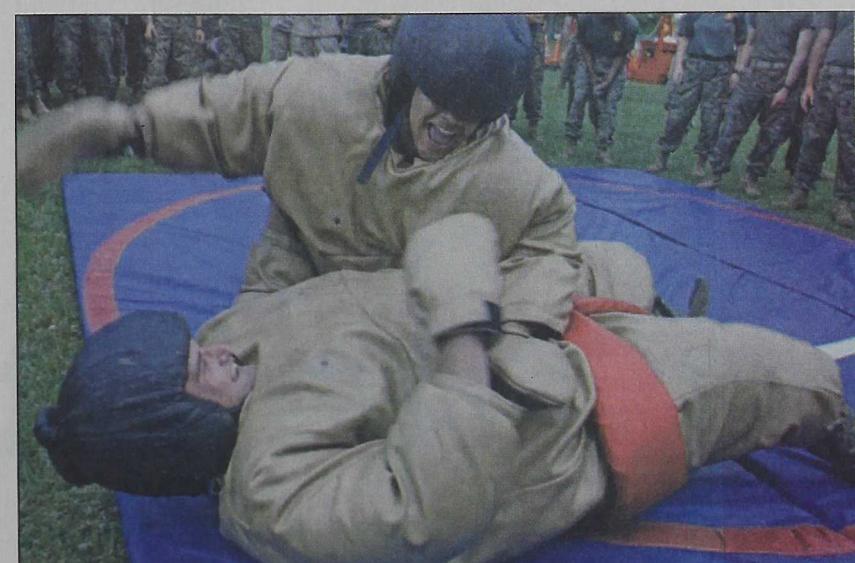
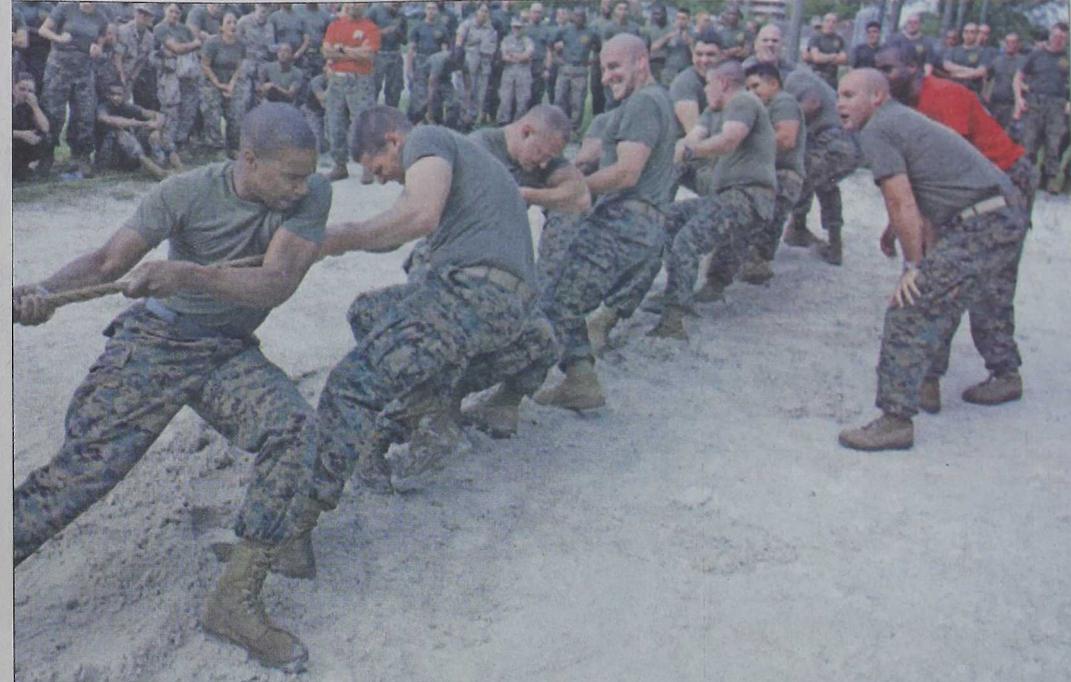


## base Headquarters and Support Battalion Marines hold field meet

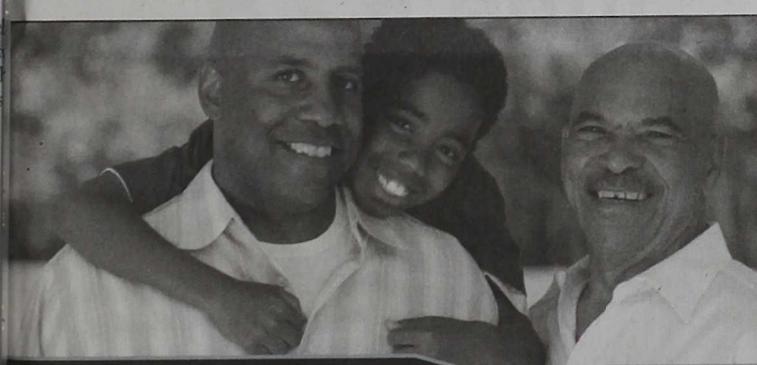


In the photo at top right, William Gregory, upper right, Marine Corps Base, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Company

A first sergeant, coaches Marines with Company A during a tug-o-war match while competing against other companies during the battalion's annual field meet. In the photo above, a Marine with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, slaloms through the combat fitness test course carrying ammo cans as his company's team attempts to score a better course time than their competitors. Lance Cpl. Randy Little



At left, Marines donned sumo suits and battled during the annual field meet, held May 8, for Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base. The event gave Marines a break and a chance to mingle with co-workers. "This gives Marines an opportunity to get out of the office and have some fun," said Col. David Leppelmeier, Headquarters and Support Battalion commanding officer. "We're all warriors here and we never get the chance to see what other companies are up to, so it's a good chance to get together." Lance Cpl. Randy Little



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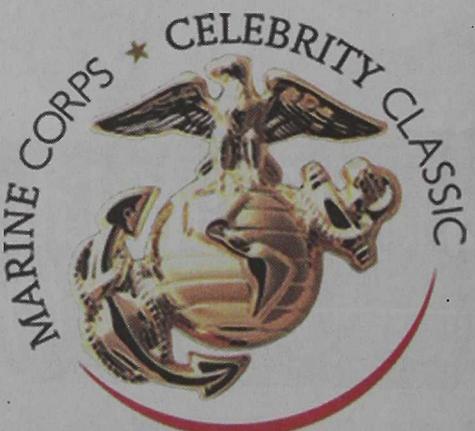
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# Florida residents welcome Wounded Warriors



Mackenzie, a Marine from Camp Lejeune wounded in Iraq, free-falls through the sky above Deland, with his parachute instructor. Mackenzie and other wounded service members spent three days in with the Wounded Warrior Project. Richard Powell

**Nicholas A. DiOrio**  
Corps Base

LAND, Fla. — Wounded veterans from Camp Lejeune after Reed Medical Center had a chance to leave their treatments for a weekend of fun in Florida.

Marines and soldiers headed to Daytona Beach to play a round of golf on an exclusive course and followed that with an exhilarating adventure in skydiving.

"We were able to include the wounded warrior members in a skydive and some golf, and then we were also able to raise some money for them to contribute to the project itself," Fred Williams, vice president of Complete Parachute Solutions, which sponsored the skydiving.

The Wounded Warrior Project, a charitable organization, helps wounded service members back on their feet and

builds their morale, uses trips like this golf outing as a way to get them out of the barracks and into a physical activity.

"The first five holes, I was hitting them straight, but it pretty much went downhill from there for me," said Dale Jorgenson, the platoon sergeant for the Wounded Warriors barracks on Camp Lejeune. "It was a great time; I never thought I'd see myself playing on Pelican Bay Golf Course in Florida."

Although golf is fun, skydiving offers a thrilling ride that many consider as a once in a lifetime experience, and the wounded warriors jumped right in.

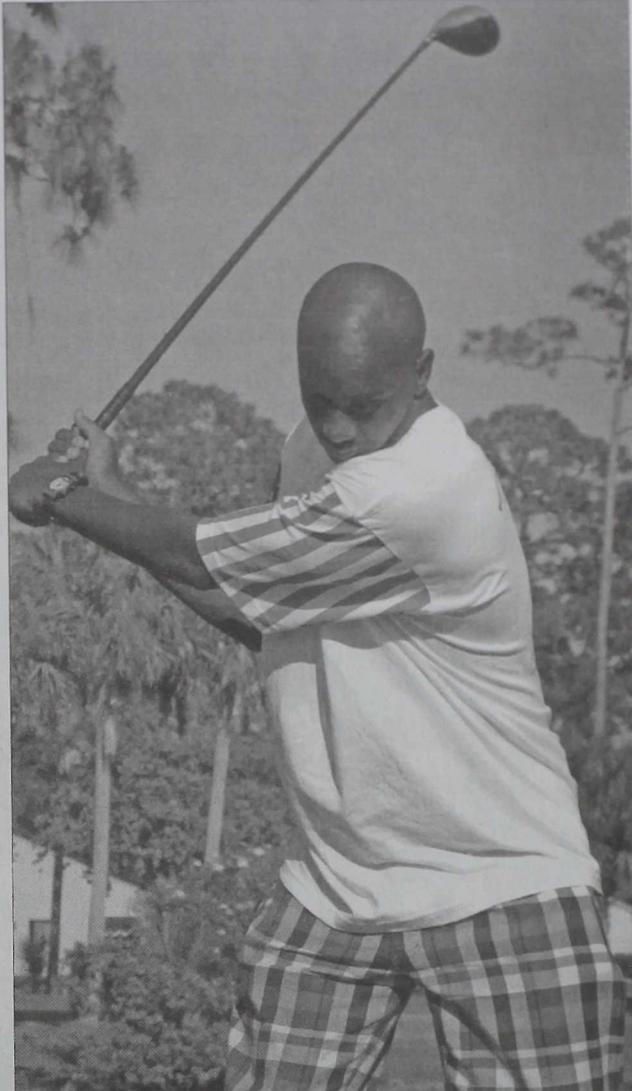
"It's an awesome experience, I'd never been skydiving. I'm actually afraid of heights, but you have to overcome it somehow," said James Mackenzie, a Marine from Camp Lejeune injured in Iraq.

An important part of the weekend's events simply involved bringing together some of the men and women who've shared the experience of being injured in combat.

"To actually get out and do some kind of event and hang out with guys who've actually been through what you've been through, there's a bond there because you've all shared the same experience," said retired specialist Robert Loria, who was injured in Iraq in 2004.

The recovery process can take years; however, the Marines and soldiers said the best way to deal with their wounds is to look forward and move ahead with their lives.

"You've got to keep your spirits high, wish for the best and stay positive," said Jeff Reffner, an Army combat engineer recovering from injuries received from an improvised explosive device in Baghdad. "Everyday is a challenge, but in the end it pays off, and in the end, you'll be alright."



Bobby Joseph, a Marine from Camp Lejeune recovering from combat injuries sustained in Iraq, concentrates on teeing off at Pelican Bay Golf Course in Daytona Beach. Joseph traveled to Florida with the Wounded Warrior Project to play golf, skydive and meet with other service members injured in combat. Sgt. Nicholas A. DiOrio

The Wounded Warrior Project will continue to coordinate events that will build morale and help the recovery of wounded service members. For information on how you can contribute to the project, visit [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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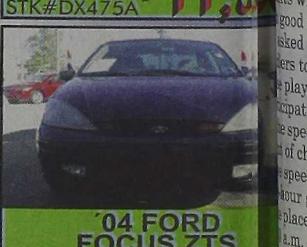
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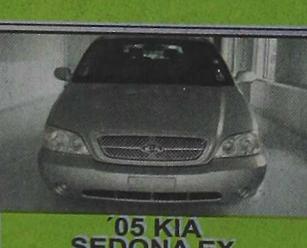
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**Equal Employment Opportunity Workshop** Supervisory Equal Employment Opportunity Workshop is scheduled for June 4-5 at the Camp Lejeune Civilian Workforce Learning Center. The program starts at 8 a.m. Participants will gain an understanding of civilian work in federal employment and the responsibilities of management. For more information, Tanya Quiero at 45272 or e-mail her [Tanya.Quiero@usmc.mil](mailto:Tanya.Quiero@usmc.mil).

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## Junior Marine leaves a lasting impression

**Lance Cpl. Meg Varvil**  
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Outstanding Marines can be found throughout the Marine Corps. Not only do these Marines excel at their Military Occupational Specialty; they also lead productive off-duty lives.

In the Marine Corps, 19-year-old Cpl. James R. Schneider III is a motor vehicle operator with Motor Transport Platoon, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II MEF. After hours, he is a coach, mentor and future pilot.

Seven weeks after completing training at Motor Transport Operations School and receiving orders to Camp Lejeune, Schneider was headed to Al Anbar, Iraq, for a seven-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he participated in more than 150 successful combat-related missions.

However, he thinks the Iraqi children made his tour all the more worthwhile.

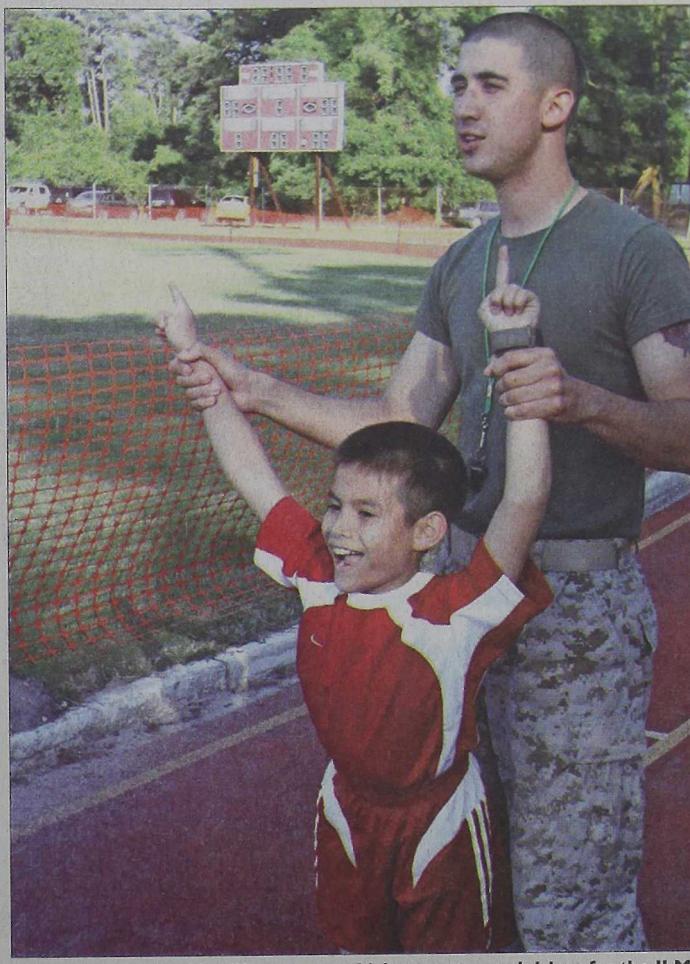
"We spent time with the kids in Iraq, playing with them and handing out candy," Schneider said. "They would wave at us and give us thumbs-up every time we rolled through and that made me feel like we were making a difference in their lives."

Two months after returning to Camp Lejeune, Schneider was assigned to his current position as the driver for the II MHG commanding officer.

Along with his role as a driver, he also took on many administrative and legal tasks.

"I never went to administrative school, but I try to take initiative and fill in the gaps whenever I can," Schneider said. "You never

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**Cpl. James R. Schneider III**, a motor vehicle operator and driver for the II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group commanding officer, waits for children on his track team to cross the finish line. Schneider not only takes on extra tasks in his unit, but he also spends his personal time coaching "The Green Team," a local track team for children ages 5-9. Lance Cpl. Meg Varvil

## Marines pursue goals

**Lance Cpl. Katie Mathison**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Serving in the Marine Corps is a calling that can't be ignored. Many Marines believe they have to give up their dreams of playing sports in order to serve their country, but a select few Marines don't have to sacrifice either.

Both 2nd Lt. Haley Katz, an S-4 officer with Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, and Cpl. Danielle Figueroa, a travel clerk with New Joins, Installation Personnel Administration Center, are trying out for the U.S. Armed Forces soccer team at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., May 9-26.

Figueroa learned of the U.S. Armed Forces soccer team last year but was ineligible to try out.

"I saw a flyer from [Morale, Welfare and Recreation] advertising the 2007 competition, but I was on student status at the time," Figueroa said. "[The school] wouldn't let me play, but the seed was planted. I sent in my application for the 2008 competition January 1 and heard back in April."

Katz, on the other hand, learned from a friend who had competed in last year's competition.

"I was in Iraq late January when Stephanie Drake, who I played with two years

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## Fallen Marine honored one year after ultimate sacrifice

**Lance Cpl. Meg Varvil**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Service members saluted and family and friends covered their hearts as the colors passed in front of the Mack Motor Transport Facility here, May 5.

"This may not be the biggest, nicest building, but it's where Master Sgt. Mack prepared his shop for combat," said Col. Raymond Coia, commanding officer, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II MEF.

Master Sgt. Kenneth N. Mack was killed in action May 5, 2007, while conducting combat operations in support of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, near Khalidiyah, Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

The II MHG motor transport facility was dedicated to Mack for his exceptional courage and leadership on and off the battlefield.

"Two days before the deployment, we

had Master Sgt. Mack over for dinner," said retired Col. Dan Leshchysyn. "I asked why he wanted to deploy again ... and he told me 'I need to be there, because we have inexperienced guys. They need someone who knows the ropes to carry them through.'"

Mack left a permanent impression on the Marines serving under him.

"He treated everyone with respect and dignity, no matter what their rank was," said Staff Sgt. Ronnie Moore, a Marine who deployed with Mack. "He willingly and quickly embraced every Marine like he was their father."

Mack's compassion was also evident in his personal life.

"No one was a stranger to [Mack]," said Mack's mother. "He would just come up to them and start talking. I never met anyone like him in my life."

All who spoke about Mack agreed



Service members and family and friends show respect as the colors pass in front of the Mack Motor Transport Facility here May 5. The motor transport facility was dedicated to Master Sgt. Kenneth N. Mack exactly one year after he was killed in action during a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lance Cpl. Meg Varvil

## Marine receives recognition for service to Asian community

**Lance Cpl. Randy Little**  
Marine Corps Base

Some Marines feel compelled to give their time and services back to the community.

Setting this example, 1st Lt. Monica Moon, former adjutant for Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., will be presented the Federal Asian Pacific-American Council Award for her contributions to the Asian Pacific-American community during the 23rd annual FAPAC conference in Brooklyn, New York June 25.

Moon said she coordinated with the Jacksonville Korean Baptist Church to set up a booth to educate people about the Korean community during the Cultural Heritage Fair in 2006 and 2007.

"I talked with the church and set up a booth so people could learn about the Korean culture," said Moon. "I also organized and sold food at the booth."

Moon was also the equal opportunity representative for the battalion.

An equal opportunity representative is in charge of ensuring every service member in the battalion is not discriminated against based on national origin, color, race, age, religion or gender.

Moon recalled when she first joined the



**1st Lt. Monica Moon**, former adjutant for Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., poses for a photo with some of the children she teaches. Moon said she enjoys being a role model for kids because she knows what it's like to not have one. Lance Cpl. Randy Little

See COMMUNITY, 2C

# Vegetation control self-help program

**James D. Mahoney**  
Deputy Maintenance Superintendent,  
Public Works Division, I&E Department

Organizational and area commanders are responsible for ensuring that occupants of facilities assigned to their care maintain the facilities and adjoining grounds in a high state of serviceability, to include the police of grounds, sidewalks, parking areas, and streets adjacent to them. The absence of facilities ownership does not relieve units and shops of the responsibility for effective, use, care and preservation of the facilities they occupy.

Driving around the base, a formidable landscape of weed-laden sidewalks, curbs, foundations, and fence lines catches the eye, begging the question, "What can units and shops do to battle the weed infestation within their areas of responsibility?" Public Works believes it may have an answer: the Vegetation Control Self-Help Program.

The Vegetation Control



**Weed control around base facilities falls to those units that occupy them.** Jamie Cameron

Self-Help Program enables the use of Ready-to-Use Roundup by installation personnel who receive adequate training and guidance via the Self-Help Program prior to performing herbicide operations. In order to participate in the program, units or shops must submit a written work request to the Maintenance Operations Branch, Public Works, Bldg. 1005, for a work ticket to apply RTU Roundup for small-scale weed control via the Self-Help Program.

Upon approval of the work request by the Self-Help Supervisor, the designated unit or shop personnel report to the Self-Help Section, Bldg. 1204, in order to receive training, training materials and a short open-book test. After passing the test, the personnel then sign an Acknowledgment of Training to indicate they have had Hazardous Communications training, received the Weed Kill Training and possess the Personal Protective Equipment

necessary to conduct the job. The Self-Help Supervisor or designee will then, and only then, issue the RTU Roundup and its accompanying Material Safety Data Sheet.

When the unit or shop's herbicide operation is complete, unit and shop personnel must return the unused portion or empty container to the Self-Help Shop by 3 p.m. on the day of issue. The Self-Help Supervisor or designee will annotate the amounts utilized for that particular job and the location at which the herbicide was applied.

If your unit or shop is responsible for an area that is currently being overrun by weeds, now is the time to have your S4 submit that written work request for the application of RTU Roundup via Self-Help. Any questions regarding the Vegetation Control Self-Help Program may be directed to the Deputy Maintenance Operations Superintendent, Public Works, at 451-0867.

## GOALS, from IC

ago in college, told me about how great it was when she played on the Armed Forces team two years ago," Katz said. "She let me know when the [Marine Corps Administrative Message] came out and encouraged me to get into it."

However, the process to even make it to the tryouts is not an easy one. The Marines had to go to the Marine Corps Headquarters all-sports Web site and fill out an application. The application lists past and current soccer experiences. Then, the Marine's command needs to approve the request even before it can be reviewed.

There are 50-60 service members trying out for the 18-member team, but only four of them are Marines.

If Figueroa and Katz are chosen for the team, they will compete against service members from all over the world in the Netherlands at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire games. The games begin shortly after the tryouts and last until June 10.

Both of the Marines have extensive soccer backgrounds starting in childhood that will hopefully provide the needed experience for the competition.

## COMMUNITY, from IC

Marine Corps and started to volunteer to teach youth groups about what opportunities they would have when they grew up.

"I remember there was a girl who was always looking at me in awe," said Moon. "I realized when you are a Marine, you are a role model. I was a role model to this girl and I wanted to continue to be one to everyone."

Moon said being a role model to the girl spurred her to get more involved with the Asian community.

She said she realizes it's important to have a role model growing up.

"I remember when I was younger I didn't have anyone to look up to and I want to be that person to kids now," said Moon.

Moon said she began volunteering her time to help others since she was a junior in high school and she wants to continue to volunteer no matter where she goes next.

"I enjoy doing it," she said. "I am going to continue to go to youth groups when I go back to California and volunteer with the kids."

Moon said she feels honored to receive the award for both the Asian and Marine Corps communities.

"You don't have to be Asian or any other nationality to get involved with other communities," said Moon. "I encourage other service members to get involved and become role models to some one."

## Courts Martial

Pfc. Edgar F. Gonzalezsuarez, of 8th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violation of Article 86 (unauthorized absence). He was sentenced to confinement for 90 days, reduction to pay-grade E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Lance Cpl. Wei Feng Xie, of Combat Logistics Group 27, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violation of Article 86 (unauthorized absence). He was sentenced to confinement for 45 days and reduction to pay grade E-2.

Pvt. Kelvin Coleman Jr., of 2nd Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violations of Article 112a (wrongful use of marijuana and wrongful possession of marijuana) and Article 108 (loss of military property). He was sentenced to confinement for seven months, forfeitures of \$898 per month for seven months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Pfc. Allayne L. Ebanks, of 8th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violation of Article 86 (unauthorized absence) and violation of Article 112a (wrongful use of marijuana). He was sentenced to confinement for 60 days and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Pfc. Juan C. Gonzalez, of 8th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., was convicted of violation of Article 86 (unauthorized absence). He was sentenced to confinement for 175 days and reduction to pay grade E-1.

Cpl. Joshua W. Scott, of Headquarters and Support Battalion, School Of Infantry-East, was convicted of violation of Article 92, two specifications, violation of Article 112 and violation of Article 134. He was sentenced to confinement for 150 days, reduction to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.



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## JUNIOR, from IC

know what you might encounter later in the M Corps, so it gives me that extra edge."

Schneider's command has also noticed his personal drive.

"He absolutely has a lot of initiative," said John DePinto, the II MHG adjutant and Schneider's officer in-charge. "Even when he is asked to do things not related to his job, he is eager and willing to do them in his shop."

Currently, Schneider is applying to become a driver for the incoming II MEF commanding general. His chain of command recommended him for the position.

"We chose Cpl. Schneider because of his initiative and drive," DePinto said.

Schneider is excited about the new opportunity.

"I think to myself, 'How many people get a chance to be put in that position?'" Schneider said. "Even if I don't get the job, it's still awesome to know that [staff noncommissioned officers] and my OIC recommended me for it."

When the work day is over, Schneider isn't ready to go home. He drives to the track to coach a team for the Youth Sports Program here.

Volunteering to coach "The Green Team," a team for children ages 5-9, is one way Schneider tries to positively effect the future.

"It takes time and patience," Schneider said. "You just have to realize that half the time, they're not even going to be listening to you."

Schneider believes being a role model for children is important.

"If I can set a good example this early for the kids on my team, then maybe they'll think about 'Cpl. Schneider' when they get in their teens and mimic the things I did and did not do," Schneider said.

Schneider also uses his personal time for improvement.

"I've wanted to fly my whole life," Schneider said. "The Marine Corps gave me the funds and discipline to make it through the classes."

He has completed the ground portion of his flight school, and after completing a specified amount of flight time, Schneider will receive his private pilot's license.

DePinto said volunteer work and self-improvement is crucial, and he commended Schneider for giving his free time to do just that.

Schneider said he tries to emulate those who have influenced him throughout his life.

"I base a lot of what I do on my OIC, sergeant major, gunny and other NCOs because they've been in the Marine Corps longer and know what it's like," Schneider said. "I also look up to my high school track coach and my family because they set such good examples for me."

Schneider isn't sure what his future holds, but he is sure he wants to continue making a difference.

"Ten years down the road I want people to think of me and say 'He did it. So can I,'" Schneider said. "I want to be a positive influence that others can emulate."

## FALLEN, from IC

he had an immense amount of courage.

"He had the courage to look the enemy in the eye," Coia said. "He also had the hardest kind of courage — to say what needed to be said in order to take care of his Marines."

The Mack Motor Trans-

port Facility will ensure that Mack's memory and dedication will be evoked in a piece of Camp Lejeune and the Marine Corps.

Mack's wife said he had so much potential, so much of which he never got a chance to tap into. She knew he would go down in history, because Mack was that kind of a man.

## Congratulations

### 2008 Marine FCU Scholarship Winners



Pictured 1-12 (front row): Alicia Hancock, Southwest High School; and Danielle Batin, Northside High School; (middle row): Samantha Fountain, East Duplin High School; Jessica Pierce, Dixon High School; Derrick Black, Southwest High School; Ashley O'Rourke, Lejeune High School; and Kayla McMillan, Pender High School; (back row): Jessica Killmeier, White Oak High School; Ryan Askins, White Oak High School; Anthony Vallone, Croatan High School; Nicholas Carlson, Swansboro High School; and William Felker, Jacksonville High School. Pictured below 1-12: Hiral Patel, Colonial Forge High School; and Margaret Beckwith, Stafford Senior High School. Not pictured: Lindsey Woolridge, Havelock High School.



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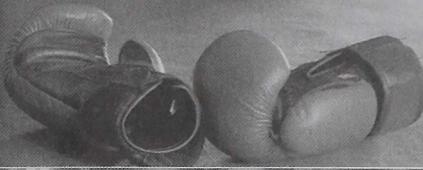
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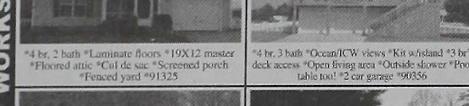
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## Navy Nurse Corps celebrates 100 years of healing



**Heather Owens**  
Carolina Living editor

Navy nurses are there for military members and their families when they are ill or injured and they are there for civilians in times of catastrophe, such as when tsunamis rocked the Indian Ocean in December 2004.

Though they have been aiding the ailing since the early 1900s, Navy nurses celebrate the 100th birthday of their organization this week. Having been signed into being by Congress May 13, 1908, the Navy Nurse Corps formalized the service of Navy nurses and gave them more recognition for their efforts.

Nurses and their supporters at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune have been celebrating the birth of the Navy Nurse Corps this month. There has been a special breakfast plus a cake cutting ceremony. Nurses are also anticipating their annual Nurse Corps Ball, a joint event with nurses based out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Saturday at the Officer's Club.

Recently The Globe spoke with NHCL Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Olesen, and two Navy nurses about their experiences and the importance of Navy nurses.

From his perspective as a medical administrator and long-time Naval officer, Olesen is enthusiastic about Navy nursing. "I see the Navy Nurse Corps as the foundation of Navy medicine. We could not do what we do, in terms of providing superlative care, without the nurses," said Olesen. "As my first wife told me, doctors treat the patients, but nurses keep them alive."

Olesen said that Navy nurses have a "collective flexibility" to serve where the mission takes them, from working in a medical surgical ward to humanitarian relief to overseas

missions such as treating the detainees at U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay. "Every Navy nurse, from the day they first put on the uniform, has made a commitment to our nation," he said.

Cmdr. Vickie Weaver, community health nurse, has been a Navy nurse for 20 years. Loyal readers of The Globe may recognize her name from the community health columns she writes for the publication. "I believe that military nursing is the best, bar none, because we have a strong support unit in the military. We have a tight physician-corpseman relationship and because of that, I think that our patients receive the best of care," said Weaver, who is the chair of NHCL's Navy Nurse Corps Association chapter.

Weaver exudes pride in her chosen profession. "If I had it all to do over again, you bet, I would," she said.

Lt. j.g. Stephanie Burleson, a Maternal Child Infant Nursing nurse and secretary of the hospital's Navy Nurse Corps Association chapter, celebrated her two-year anniversary as a Navy nurse Monday. "I really enjoy being a Navy nurse for the leadership, the diversity, the people I get to meet and the people I get to care for. It's such a diverse group and wonderful group," said Burleson. "[Being a Navy nurse] is a way to give back not only to those in need but also your country as well."

Consumers of military medicine perhaps benefit most from the expertise and professionalism of Navy nurses. As a nurse who cares for mothers and babies, Burleson said she often assists women whose husbands are deployed. "You're there to support them when their husbands are deployed and I think the warriors who are deployed take comfort in that," said Burleson.



In the top photo, Cmdr. Vickie Weaver and Lt. j.g. Stephanie Burleson, pictured here as an Ensign, talk with Sgt. Jesse Ford of the 8th Communications Battalion about pain management. Heather Owens in the middle photo, Ensign Joy A. Hardt and Capt. Paula A. Pendrick cut the Naval Nurse Corps cake Friday at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. By Navy tradition, the most junior and senior members cut the birthday cake. Above, a view of the Navy Nurse Corps 100th birthday is represented. Lt. Joseph Plasse and Capt. Sheila Weiburton are expected to cut the Nurse Corps birthday cake at Saturday's Navy Nurse Corps Association Ball. For a column regarding the history of the Navy Nurse Corps written by Weaver, see The Globe Web site at [www.campjeune#globe.com](http://www.campjeune#globe.com). HM2 Tom M. Bush

## Entertainment

# 'Nim's Island': Endearing, old-fashioned family flick



Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

**"NIM'S ISLAND" (PG)**

"Nim's Island" is an adventure comedy about becoming the hero of your own story.

The film tells the tale of a girl who thought she was alone and a grown woman who thought she was scared of the world and who, together, discover they can be so much more than they ever dreamed.

Anything can happen on Nim's Island, a magical place ruled by a young girl's imagination.

Abigail Breslin ("Little Miss Sunshine," "No Reservation," "Definitely, Maybe") stars as Nim, a feisty young girl, who lives on a deserted tropical Australian isle, called Nim's Island, with her father, a marine biologist.

Nim spends her days having wild adventures, inspired by legends and books, with her exotic buddies Selkie, a sea lion; Chica, a sea turtle and Fred, a lizard.

An avid reader, her existence mirrors that of her favorite literary character, Alex Rover, the world's greatest adventurer.

Jodie Foster ("The Brave One," "Inside Man," "Little Man Tate") stars as Alexandria Rover, the acclaimed author of the Rover books, who has her own secrets and leads a reclusive life in a big city.

Gerard Butler ("300," "P.S. I Love You," "Phantom of the Opera") is seen in a dual role as Jack, Nim's father, and as the valiant fictional idol Alex Rover.

When Jack's boat is lost during a big storm and Nim is left on the deserted island alone, a twist of fate brings Nim together with Alexandria.

Nim reaches out to her hero and writes a letter asking for help, not knowing that Alex Rover is actually a woman.

After long and painful deliberations with herself and her fictional character, Alexandria leaves her confines and ventures out into the world to help Nim.

Together, they draw courage from their fictional hero and find the strength in one another to save Nim's Island.

Husband and wife team, Jennifer Flackett and Mark Levin attempt their first crack at directing. Both are writers ("Wimbledon," "The Perfect Storm") who also collaborated on the screenplay, taking their source for the material from the children's book by the same name, written by Wendy Orr.

The film was shot on the sandy beaches of Australia's Gold Coast and the lush rainforests of Hinchinbrook Island at Queensland, which brings Nim's world of natural and imaginary wonders to life.

Foster expands her many talents with this witty fantasy tale and shows us her knack for slapstick comedy.

"Nim's Island" is an endearing and wonderful old-fashioned family movie and a great adventure saga for all of us who are still young at heart.

**"THE RUINS" (R)**

"The Ruins" is a horror film about a group of young tourists who encounter mysterious skin-crawling creatures in Cancun.

The story follows a group of friends who become entangled in a brutal struggle for survival after visiting a remote archaeological dig deep in the Mexican jungle where they discover something deadly living among the ruins.

The American friends are on a leisurely vacation in Cancun, Mexico, where they meet a German tourist that persuades them to join his hunt for his younger brother, who was last seen with his girlfriend near some mysterious ruins.

Uncovering the Mayan ruins, entangled with vicious man-eating vines, there lurks something vicious and evil that methodically is picking off the unfortunate visitors.

Starring in this scary and sinister adventure



"Nim's Island" stars Abigail Breslin as Nim, a feisty young girl who lives on a deserted isle. This movie also stars Jodie Foster as Alexandria Rover, the author of Nim's favorite books. [movies.com](#)

ture are: Jonathan Tucker ("In the Valley of Elah," "Pulse," "Hostage") as Jeff, who is planning on entering medical school in the fall; Jena Malone ("Into the Wild," "Pride and Prejudice") as Amy, Jeff's girlfriend, also set to begin medical school; Laura Ramsey ("She's the Man," "The Covenant") as Stacy, a social worker and Amy's best friend whose nickname is "Spacy"; Shawna Ashmore ("X-Men: The Last Stand," "The Quiet") as Eric, Stacy's boyfriend who wants to become a high school teacher; and Joe Anderson ("Becoming Jane," "Across the Universe") as Mathias, the German tourist.

Novelist and screen writer Carter Smith ("A Simple Plan") makes his directorial debut with this horror tale which he adapted from his seriously scary best-selling book.

"The Ruins" is a terrifying horror fable with gruesome images and a totally creepy subject.

**Playing at the Midway Park Theater****"DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO" (G)**

"Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who" is a lovely animated family film.

The movie tells the tale about the imaginative elephant, Horton, who hears a faint cry for help coming from a tiny speck of dust floating through the air.

Horton doesn't have a clue, that speck houses an entire city named Who-ville, inhabited by the microscopic Whos.

Horton, however, suspects there may be life on that speck and is determined to lend a hand to help and protect this small community.

Despite being ridiculed and threatened by his neighbors, he is sets out to save the tiny particle.

His neighbors think he has lost his mind and refuse to believe the tiny speck exists.

Talented and funny Jim Carrey lends his voice to the starring role of Horton, the big-hearted elephant, who lives by the motto that a person is a person no matter how small.

Steve Carell voices the Mayor of Who-ville.

You can also hear Carol Burnett as the buxom kangaroo; Will Arnett as Morton; Seth Rogen as Vlad; Isla Fisher as Dr. Mary Lou Larue; Jaime Pressly as Mrs. Quilligan and Dan Vogler as Coun-

cilman Yummo Wickersham.

Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino, two old pros in Hollywood make their directing debut with this delightful animated movie.

The story is based on the 1954 book "Horton Hears a Who" by Dr. Seuss, the beloved author of children books.

The computer-generated animation is beautifully done and stays close to the artful and distinctive illustrations of Dr. Seuss' work.

Carrey is hilarious and the funny Carol Burnett is a rare treat.

Dr. Seuss' "Horton Hears a Who" is a very sweet and funny film and a wonderful experience for all of us who are still young at heart. Take the little ones for a fantastic treat.

**Playing at the Jacksonville Theater****"IRON MAN" (PG-13)**

"Iron Man" is a fantasy adventure and adaptation of the lesser-known Marvel Comic series of a super hero.

Robert Downey Jr. ("Zodiac," "The Outsider," "Chaplin") stars as Tony Stark, a billionaire industrialist, a genius inventor, and a consummate playboy, who leads a double life as an iron-plated crime fighter his comic book alter ego, Iron Man.

However, this hero is very different from the other popular comic book series. Stark is a rather flawed human being who does not possess any super powers.

While performing weapons tests overseas, the wealthy inventor and weapons tycoon is kidnapped and forced to build a devastating weapon. Instead, he uses his intelligence and ingenuity to build a highly-technical suit of armor.

Stark designs a protective suit, which is able to turn him into an action hero in order for him to escape captivity.

Upon returning to America and uncovering a devious plot with global implications, Stark decides to refine the armor and use this technology to fight against evil.

Promising to protect the world as the Invincible Iron Man, Stark dons his powerful armor and vows to save the world.

Gwyneth Paltrow ("Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow," "Shakespeare

"in Love") costars as Pepper Potts, brainy and capable executive as Pepper who efficiently manages his tasks has become and indispensable part of his life over the years. Never far away from an argument, Pepper is there to put out the fires, which leaves in his path.

Jeff Bridges ("Seabiscuit") plays Obadiah Stane, Stark's right-hand man, top executive at Stark Industries, a calculating genius who is willing whatever it takes to get the job done.

Terrence Howard ("Crash," "Private Lt. Col. James Rhodes, the military liaison to Stark Industries. Rhodes is Tony Stark's most trusted ally and friend.

Also appearing are Shaun Toub ("Kite Runner") as Yinsen, Stark's fellow scientist and Leslie Bibb ("Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby") as Christine Everhart, a fast talking reporter.

Also spotted in a cameo appearance is Stan Lee, co-creator of Iron Man.

Director Jon Favreau ("Daredevil," "Man on Fire," "Open Season," "Swingers," "Deep Impact") successfully took less-familiar Marvel superhero to the leap from comics to the movies, introducing this legendary flying superhero to the comic fantasy hungry audience.

Downey, as the unlikely hero is success, and the solid supporting cast is equally outstanding.

"Iron Man" is an intense and soaring science fiction action movie lots of great special effects eye candy sequel to this entertaining and successful adventure might well be in the works.

**"MADE OF HONOR" (PG-13)**

"Made of Honor" is a romantic about a guy who is in love with an engaged woman and who is trying to win her over after she asks him to be her maid of honor.

Patrick Dempsey ("Enchanted," "Home Alabama") stars as Tom Baker, footloose bachelor and man-about who leads a great life. He is sexy and successful and has great luck with the ladies.

Michelle Monaghan ("Gone Baby Gone," "Mission Impossible III") costars as Hannah, Tom's delightful best friend, who is a constant in his life and with whom he has a platonic relationship for many years.

It is the perfect setup for Tom who is a good man but sees no reason to settle down.

That is, until Hannah goes over to Scotland on a six week business trip. Tom realizes how much he misses her and is stunned how empty his life is without her.

He finally decides that as soon as Hannah returns, he will ask her to marry him.

However, when he learns that she is engaged to a handsome art student, he becomes engaged to a Scottish fellow and plans a peregrine from move overseas, he is devastated.

And when Hannah asks Tom to be his unconventional "maid" of honor, he reluctantly agrees to fill the role.

But Tom has another reason for agreeing to her request. Since Tom has decided to pursue the girl of his dreams, this will give him time to persuade Hannah to the wedding before it is too late.

Kevin McKidd costars as Colin Murray, the hunky Scotsman who sweeps Hannah off her feet.

Kathleen Quinlan plays Joan, Hannah's mother and veteran filmmaker Sienna Pollack is Tom's father.

Paul Weiland ("City Slickers II") directs this romantic tale which is similar to "The Best Friend's Wedding," only this time seen through the perspective of the guy.

This movie seems custom made especially for all the Dempsey fans, even though the filmmakers decided to use every trick in the book to give the already charming Dempsey a much younger look.

"Made of Honor" is a very light and predictable movie. It may not necessarily be the most original film, but it is fun and entertaining and should appeal to both female and male audiences.

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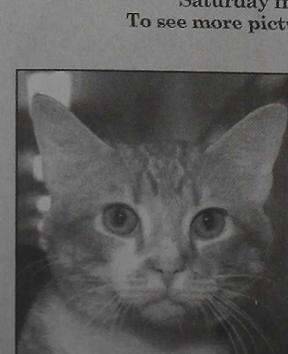
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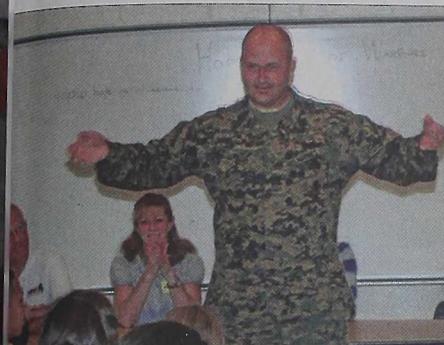
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## 2: Brewster Middle School students get moving for great cause



**Sgt. Cory W. Willis, of Wounded Warrior Battalion** talks with Brewster students about training as Frank and Robin Kelleher of Hope for the Warriors look on.

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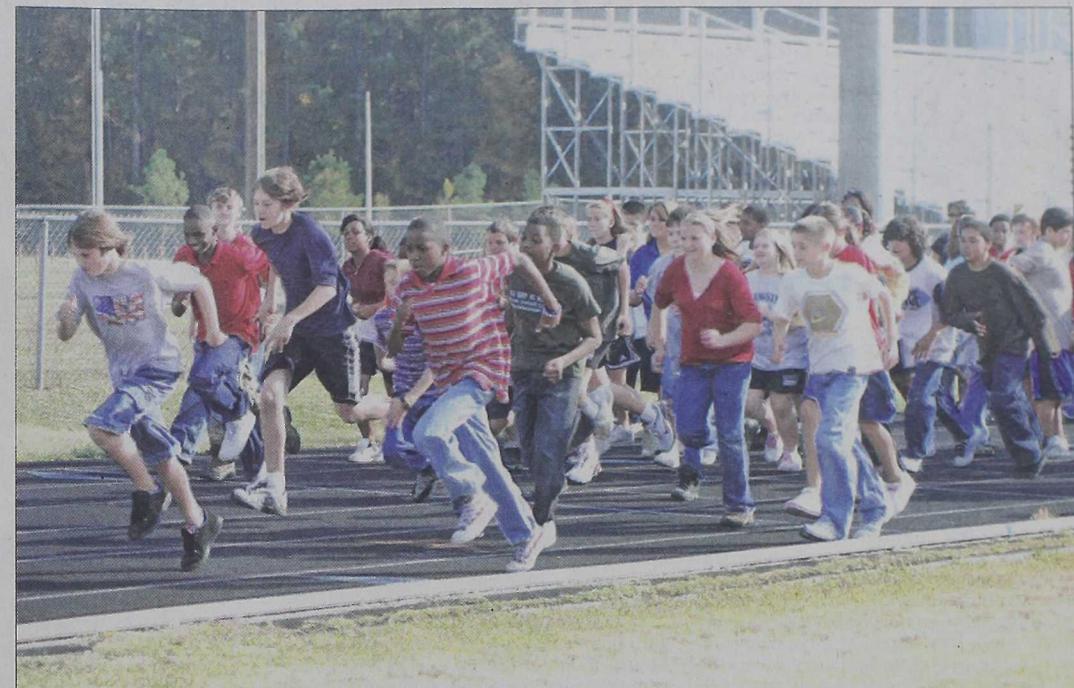
he ancients noted, a of a thousand miles with a single step. In the past several students at Brewster School have learned a of 26.2 miles, the distance of a marathon, can be beat by following that

students of the seventh grade "Wolf Team" and teachers, Carly Batzel, Albertson, Kristin Field and Lillian Chenee eye can select walking or 26.2 miles over the in the world of several months and money for Hope for Warriors, as their service project for this year. With an ear the Warriors is a non-profit organization that assists warriors and their family members affected by the Global Terrorism.

part of our middle with the la philosophy that all of one Baby students should engage in a service learning project friend, who prove citizenship and with whom to better global citizen for many said Batzel in a recent Tom who saw. Each grade-level to settle which at the Camp goes over Dependent Schools business from the name of a par

ises her animal, incorporates withoutional objectives and soon to be carried out over that of the school year. Nov. 19, 2007, representatives from Hope for Warriors met with the students to pump them up for the project and express appreciation for the efforts.

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Students from Brewster Middle School's seventh grade "Wolf Team" run the first mile of their 26.2 mile challenge Nov. 19, 2007. The students are running or walking a marathon as their school service learning project.

bark on this 26.2-mile endeavor, you have to take care of yourself," said Robin Kelleher, president of Hope for the Warriors. "You have got to come into the training mode. You are athletes and you have to treat yourself as athletes."

That message resonated with the teachers especially. Part of the reason the teachers selected the project was to address issues of body image and childhood obesity. Thus they wanted to instill values of proper nutrition and exercise in their students. "There are girls at this age who have issues with body image and we have noticed over the years that many girls, and some boys, don't eat lunch," said Batzel.

Gunnery Sgt. Cory W. Willis, of the Wounded Warrior Battalion East, was on hand at that first meeting. He told the students of his own training efforts and reinforced the idea that proper nutrition is really important for athletes.

"You have to eat the good stuff," he said.

After the pep talk, Willis accompanied the students and teachers out to the school's track. There he ran the students through warm up exercises and ran the first mile of the marathon with them.

The students were amazed when one of the Wounded Warriors [Willis] was able to 'school' them out on the track and run that mile in boots better than some of them could. That was inspiring," said Batzel.

Yet moving the 26.2 miles was not the students' only challenge. They had to research issues of nutrition, eating disorders and adoles-



Gunnery Sgt. Cory W. Willis and DeAnthony Bennett run the students through stretching techniques prior to the run.

cent obesity rates. Then they put that information together into a Power-Point presentation which they gave in front of students in other classes in other grade levels. They even invited members of other classes to participate in the marathon. More than 40 students from other classes have decided to join the challenge.

"They are doing the 26.2-mile run to improve their own lifestyle, but they are also asking their friends and family to pledge money for their miles. We are going to give that money to Hope for the Warriors," said Batzel.

One sixth grade student, who is not a member of the project team, raised more than \$100 in donations.

"I thought it was so wonderful she decided to help out," said Batzel. "Here is someone who

heard a presentation and decided to participate. I hope

that she was proud of herself

for making a commitment

and sticking by it to make a difference."

Many of the students will wrap up their marathon com-

mitment at Saturday's 3rd

annual Run for the Warriors,

which is set to kick off at Göttinge Memorial Field House

well as the families of service members who were killed in the Global War on Terrorism," said Koury. "It is phenomenal that the students got together to do this. I think it teaches them that there is hope beyond recovery for our wounded warriors."

Willis, who will be running in the Run for the Warriors this weekend,

agreed that the students' efforts were remarkable. "Medals are good because they show your achievement, but the one medal that no one can give you is your personal pride," Willis told the students back in November. "What you are doing is awesome. What you are doing touches me in my heart."

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# Warriors: It is brave to seek help for combat stress



## Operation Homefront

By Jacey Eckhart

I wasn't too surprised. My little boy is attracted to all things comic book — even when the comic

book isn't aimed at him.

And this one wasn't aimed at him. "Coming Home: What to expect, how to deal when you return from combat" is a new project by Military OneSource. Created by comic book masters Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colon, who formerly worked at Harvey and Marvel Comics, "Coming Home" is aimed at service members who have worn combat gear every day for a year. It's aimed at people who see potential improvised explosive devices at every intersection. It is aimed at guys who come back to the States to feel fury at traffic, and females who find that half the world thinks they're bad mothers since they had to serve overseas and family members who can't understand why their returning soldier or Marine is drinking so darn much.

This comic is aimed at helping folks who need to learn about post-traumatic stress disorder. Since I wasn't one of those people, and I wasn't sure really how I felt about treating a subject as serious as PTSD in a comic book. I threw "Coming Home" into a stack of reading material to look at later.

Not a minute later my 14 year old picked it up. Then the kindergartner. Then our house guest, a 48-year-old former Navy helicopter pilot, picked it up.

"What kind of aircraft is that?" he said, holding the cover up to the light from the sliding glass doors. Then he read the whole thing.

Why? Does it take a comic book to appeal to a male of the species? I found that I just didn't care. The important thing was that these guys were reading about PTSD and other combat-related conditions as a common outcome of war, ubiquitous enough to appear in a comic book.

So many articles and pamphlets about

PTSD aimed at our troops and family members suggest that only certain people have a physiological or psychological response to war and that it is "okay to get help."

What I liked about this comic book is that it never went there. It didn't assume that having symptoms and getting help are the last resort of the weak. Instead, all four main characters in the comic suffer from one or more classic symptoms of PTSD after coming home. The reader gets the idea that things like sleep disturbances, sensitivity to certain sounds, anger, apathy, avoidance and increased alcohol use are the normal reaction to a year of living dangerously. It would be abnormal to go out on patrols in a war zone for such an extended period of time and not be altered.

That kind of message freaks out those of us at home. We want to believe that we send our service members out and they will be so stalwart, so perfect that they will return home unchanged. We want to believe that a steak out on the grill and Grandma's potato salad and the environment of home will be enough to bring our soldiers and Marines all the way back to normal in just a week or two.

It takes longer than that. Months longer. Sometimes years longer. Our job as family members and friends and neighbors is not to watch and wait, hoping that nothing is wrong with our returning service member. Our job is not to assume that the person we've known all our lives will miraculously reappear unscathed.

We need to start assuming that our service members will need some kind of treatment if they have been under fire. It should be our common assumption. Just like we expect soldiers and Marines to get a series of prophylactic shots before they go to a war zone, we should equally expect that they'll need some kind of treatment when they get home. That the reaction to war is normal. That the treatment is normal.

We have to stop telling our military members and their families that it is just "okay" to get treatment, implying mere tolerance for damage or weakness. Instead we have to start saying that it is brave to get treatment. It takes courage to go back into the heart of darkness and evict the things the war has installed. That this is merely one more courageous and necessary act we expect from them.

A military spouse of 20 years, Eckhart is a nationally syndicated columnist with CincHouse.com.



Lt. Cmdr. Stacy Barton prepares overly-eager Johnson Primary School student Rachael Baker for her immunization. Rachael's mother, Kerry Baker, checks her on. Kathy Flanagan

## Hepatitis A immunizations come to CLDS

**Kathy Flanagan**  
Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools

Naval Hospital personnel returned to all seven Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools in late April and early May to complete the Hepatitis A series for CLDS students with the second immunization.

The first round of Hepatitis A clinics were held in October, making mid April the target six-month window for the second of the series. Naval Hospital nurses and corpsmen more than tripled the number of students immunized in October by reaching an astounding 371 students in this community-based outreach.

"We were incredibly pleased to see the number of parents taking advantage of these immunization clinics held right here at their child's school," said Eric Steimel, CLDS instructional systems specialist. "We're working very hard to make meeting immunization requirements as convenient for our military families as we can. That's where our strong partnership with the Naval Hospital and Preventive Medicine is so very important."

New Department of Defense Education Activity immunization requirements

were implemented last school year and CLDS has taken an approach in ensuring that parents offered easy opportunities for their children to become compliant.

"So far, we've completed immunization clinics for two new vaccine requirements for Camp Lejeune Schools, Public Health Nurse Cmdr. Vickie Weaver. "The meningococcal vaccine is mandatory at the middle and high school levels and we completed those clinics this school year. This year, we've just finished the Hepatitis A series at each school. I'm very pleased with the number we've seen in these clinics."

Steimel appreciates the partnership. "It's a benefit for everyone when able to partner together and facilitate the entire process," he said.

As these immunization clinics for CLDS have worked so well the past two years, Weaver is working on plans to offer Influenza vaccine clinics at the schools in the fall. "It would be wonderful if we could immunize the staff and students while we're there," she said.

As always, every CLDS student received a hug, sticker and lollipop at their school's Hepatitis A clinic.

## Vacation Bible School

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# WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

low Women's Center Thrift  
days - Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Onslow Women's Center Thrift Store  
open in the New River Shopping  
center and taking donations. The new  
hours are Monday through Saturday  
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The thrift store  
appreciate furniture donations.  
the proceeds from the thrift store  
fit the Center and its programs. For  
information, call Rosa Pittman at  
4000.

## Starlight Fridays

ay, 6:30 p.m.  
acksonville Recreation and Parks  
rtment has planned Starlight Fridays  
ugh June. Festivities will include live  
rtainment, children's activities, food  
d outdoor movies. All events are sched-  
ed to start at 6:30 p.m., with an outdoor  
ie starting at dusk. Bring your chair  
anek. For more information check  
e Web site at [www.ci.jacksonville.nc.us](http://www.ci.jacksonville.nc.us)  
all Susan Baptist at 938-5317.

## Overseas workshop

ay, 9 a.m. - noon  
ermanent Change of Station Overseas  
shop is scheduled to take place in  
classroom of Bldg. 40, the Russell Ma-  
and Family Services Center. The class  
ee to all identification card holders.  
topics covered will include: PCS pay  
entitlements, financial planning, moving  
personal property, passports, travel  
with pets, housing information, loan  
er and cultural aspects of an overseas  
e. To register, call 449-9704 or 451-  
5.

## Service cabaret

day - Saturday, 6 p.m.  
United Service Organizations of  
th 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 Jack-  
sonville's local talent. Tickets are \$40 and  
will be sold at the USO. Ticket price in-  
cludes a four course meal and the show.  
All proceeds will go toward USO pro-  
grams which support our local troops.  
For more information, contact Harold  
Rowland or Judy Robinson at 455-3411.

## Noon tunes

Various dates, noon to 1:30 p.m.  
The Onslow County Parks and Recre-  
ation Department, Onslow County Pub-  
lic Library and Pizza Hut are sponsoring a  
Musical Lunch Series starting continuing  
every Friday through May 30. The perfor-  
mances are scheduled to be held at the  
New River Waterfront Park in JACK-  
sonville. If it is raining the concerts will be  
held in the United Service Organizations  
facility across the street from the Water-  
front Park.  
Tomorrow - Jordan Southerland (Variety)  
May 23 - Sandra Padilla Cervantes (Latin)  
May 30 - Carolina Connection (Bluegrass)  
This project was supported by the North  
Carolina Arts Council with funding from  
the state of North Carolina and the Na-  
tional Endowment for the Arts, which  
believes that a great nation deserves great  
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some great musical entertainment. For  
more information, call 347-5332 or visit  
[www.onslowcountync.gov/parks](http://www.onslowcountync.gov/parks).

## Strawberry Day

Saturday, 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 mar-  
ket is located at 4024 Richlands Highway  
(US 258). For more information, visit [www.onslowcountync.gov/parks](http://www.onslowcountync.gov/parks).

## Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, 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 to a  
locally crafted works of art. Held at the Riverwalk  
Crossing Park adjacent to downtown JACK-  
sonville'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 [CCAGGuild@yahoo.com](mailto:CCAGGuild@yahoo.com) or  
call 938-7077.

## Concert and barbecue

Sunday, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
A concert and barbecue fundraiser is scheduled  
to take place at Marston Pavilion Gazebo on Seth  
Williams Drive. The fundraiser is for the  
People to People Program  
with partial proceeds  
going to the Wounded  
Warrior Program.  
Six local bands and  
solo artists are set  
to perform. Additionally,  
drawings and door  
prizes will be given out.  
Tickets are \$4.

## Dinner n' Books

Wednesday, 6:30  
p.m.  
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and join us for a  
lively discussion of  
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Storm: A man, a time and the deadliest  
hurricane in history" at Camp Johnson Library  
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. For more information  
or to register, call 450-0844.

## Memorial Day parade

May 24, 11 a.m.

The Door Christian Church is sponsor-  
ing a Memorial Day parade May 24 at  
Rose Brothers Furniture at 2501 Onslow  
Dr. The event is set to step off at 11 a.m.  
The parade route is scheduled to end at the  
New Market Square Shopping Center  
where a post-parade memorial ceremony  
is set to take place at approximately 1 p.m.  
Relevant patriotic groups and veteran's  
groups are invited to march in the parade.  
Military groups are especially encouraged  
to participate. To sign up to participate or  
for more information, call 382-7062.

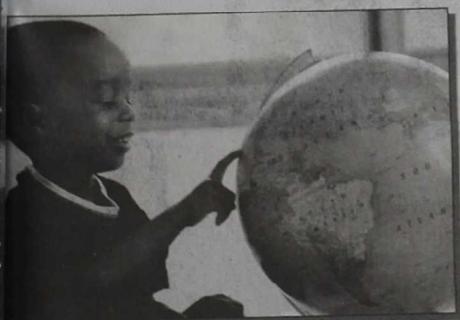
## Free movie night

May 30, 6:30 p.m.

The Tarawa Terrace Community Center is  
scheduled to hold a free screening of the  
movie "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (PG)  
May 30 at 6:30 p.m. For more information,  
call 451-3026.



## 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 Schools will also make their change in the preschool eligibility date beginning SY 2008-09 to mirror Onslow County Schools.

Beginning school year 2008-09, children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 to be eligible to enroll in the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools' Preschool program. 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. Three 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 any time after his/her third birthday, regardless of their birth date.

## 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.

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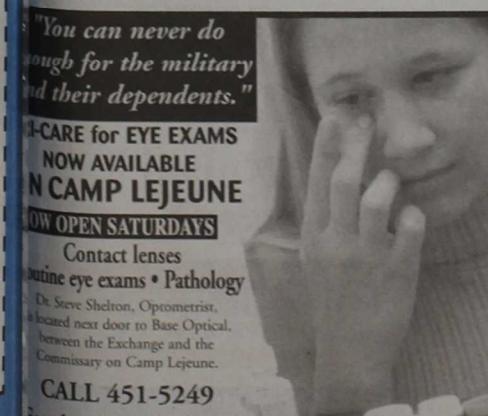
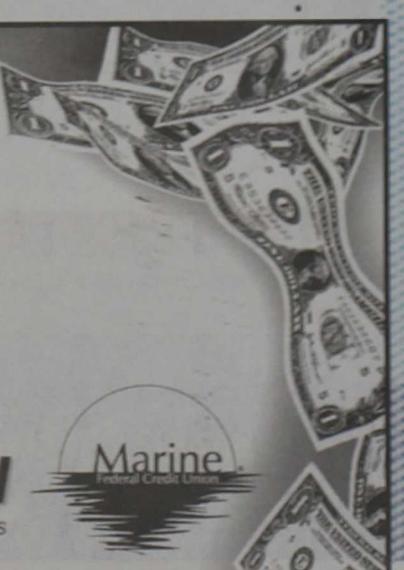
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An advertisement for GMAC Financial Services. It features a large Chevrolet bowtie logo at the top left. The text "AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION" is written in a stylized font above the phone numbers. Below that are two phone numbers: "910-455-2121" and "1-800-737-2122". To the left, the text "SE HABLA ESPAÑOL" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. The bottom half of the ad shows a map of the San Antonio area with several landmarks labeled: "MARINE", "FORD", "WAL MART", "Western Blvd. Est.", "Woolworth", "TARGET", "Circuit City", and "Hwy. 17". A circular logo for "GMAC FINANCIAL SERVICES" is in the bottom left corner of the map area.