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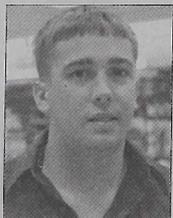
Would you like to see more Mixed Martial Arts events at Lejeune and who would you like to see?



"I would like to see more fights come to Lejeune, they're always fun to watch. I would like to see Chuck Liddell come fight."

Cpl. Joey Lewis
2nd MarDiv.
Oklahoma City

"I think it would be awesome to have more fights come to base. I would like to see Randy Couture in the octagon."



Lance Cpl. Josh Reynolds
2nd MarDiv.
Rome, Ga.



"A lot of the younger Marines like to watch Mixed Martial Arts fights so it would be nice to have those events more often."

Cpl. David Gardner
2nd MarDiv.
New York, N.Y.

"It would be nice to see the base host more big name fighters."



Lance Cpl. Corey Alderman
2nd MarDiv.
Statesboro, Ga.



"Its always cool to the watch the fights when they come. I would like to see George St. Pierre come to the base."

Lance Cpl. Bryce Garlock
2nd MarDiv.
Lima, Ohio

Timeline for Iraq drawdown would be dangerous

Fred W. Baker III
American Forces Press Service

Setting a timeline for U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq would be "dangerous," and troop reductions there should continue to be made based on security conditions on the ground, the nation's top military officer said July 20.

President George W. Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki this week agreed to set a general "time horizon" for bringing more U.S. troops home from the war, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday," but he added that to his knowledge, the agreement does not include specific dates. "I think the consequences could be very dangerous in that regard," he said.

The admiral stressed his view that troop-strength decisions must be conditions-based, but said he wants to see more U.S. forces come home. "I think the strategic goals of having timed horizons are ones that we all seek," he said, "because eventually we would like to see U.S. forces draw down and eventually all come home," he said.

Though he said he worries that a "rapid" movement of U.S. forces out of Iraq could create instability, Mullen said he found during a trip

there two weeks ago that security conditions were better than he expected they would be, and that could mean more troops can come home if the trend continues.

With the return home this month of the last "surge" brigade, commanders will spend the next several weeks assessing post-surge conditions in Iraq, including political and economic progress, before making their recommendations concerning future troop levels.

"We're engaged very much right now with the Iraqi people," Mullen said. "The Iraqi leadership is starting to generate the kind of political progress that we need to make, (and) the economy is starting to move in the right direction."

The admiral said he doesn't know if that means more troops could be home by the end of this administration in January. Logistics and other security details would factor into that, he explained.

"There is a physical challenge with respect to moving troops around," he said. "You just can't do it overnight."

Asked about recent struggles in Afghanistan, Mullen said safe havens across the border in Pakistan are allowing extremist groups free movement into the region.

"(It) is big challenge and it's having an impact on our ability to move forward," he said.

A "syndication" of extremist and terrorist groups in Iraq is creating a major internal threat, the chairman said, and recent attacks have been more serious and sophisticated, such as the attack last month in which nine U.S. members were killed. He said, commanders on the ground say that forces are making progress and moving into territories previously controlled by extremists.

Mullen acknowledged progress has been mixed, but is "not concerned at all" about losing in Afghanistan.

Concerning Iran, Mullen is "encouraged" by talks between Iran and the European Union in Geneva, Switzerland, that the international community needs to continue its pressure on Iran's nuclear weapons program.

"I fundamentally believe they are on a path to achieving a deal in the future," he said. "I think that's a very real possibility in that part of the world. We don't need any more troops in that part of the world."

Pentagon mulls troop increase to Afghanistan

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Pentagon planners are studying ways to get more U.S. troops to Afghanistan quickly.

"We're constantly reviewing troop needs, troop levels," President George W. Bush said during a July 2 news conference. "We're halfway through 2008; as I said, we're going to increase troops by 2009."

U.S. and international leaders agree on the need for more troops in Afghanistan. A statement released at the end of the NATO Summit in Bucharest in April stressed the need for allies to provide troops needed in Afghanistan. The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan has unmet requirements for more forces, including three combat battalions. The NATO force also needs more helicopters and airlift assets, officials have said.

ISAF, which includes such non-NATO allies as Australia, New Zealand, Jordan and 11 other nations, needs troops capable of engaging in full-spectrum combat operations, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said yesterday.

In 2009, the United States would like to send 11,000 additional troops to Afghanistan, he said. Currently, there are roughly 35,000 U.S. troops in the country — 23,550 assigned to ISAF and another 18,500 assigned to the Combined Joint Task Force 101, U.S. command in the country.

Whitman said the U.S. would like to increase the troop level in Afghanistan by two brigade combat teams and about 4,000 trainers in 2009.

But there can be no discussion of increasing troop levels in Afghanistan without considering troops levels in Iraq, a DoD official said. "The two are tied," a Pentagon spokesman said on background today.

Since his confirmation as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen has said that United States does what it must in Iraq and does what it can

in Afghanistan. He has called Afghanistan an "offense of force" mission, with Iraq receiving priority for equipment and resources.

Mullen said, the signs of progress in Iraq are encouraging. Levels of violence are down in Iraq and are to reduce even as the last of the surge brigades leave the country. "I won't go so far as to say that progress in Iraq, from a military perspective, has reached a point or it is irreversible," Mullen said during the news conference. "It has not, and it is not."

Defense leaders have said these reductions could open the door for more troops in Afghanistan.

"I think that we are clearly working very hard if there are opportunities to send additional forces (to Afghanistan) sooner rather than later," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said during the July 16 news conference. "No decisions have been made. No recommendations have been made."

Defense officials believe units currently on the ground in Iraq could be shifted to Afghanistan if gains in Iraq hold steady. However, the service would need to shift a unit training to deploy for Iraq to Afghanistan, Whitman said, adding that it is not so easy to purpose a force in the midst of training. Forces in Iraq are different in Iraq and Afghanistan, he said.

The enemy, terrain and missions are different in Afghanistan, he said. Service members would have to familiarize themselves with different languages, cultures and command arrangements and have different relationships with allies.

Units often work months in advance with the enemy, he said. "This, too, would have to be considered," the Pentagon spokesman said on background.

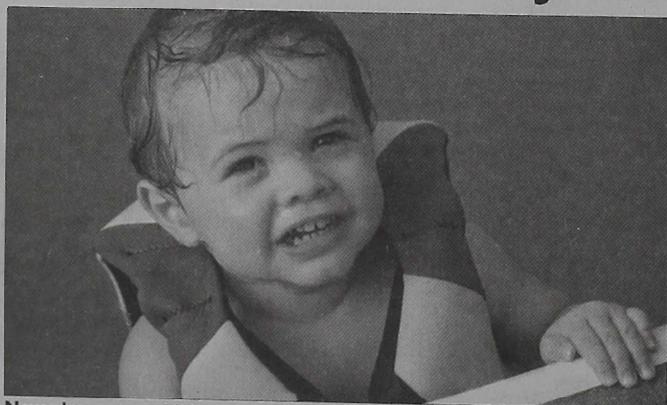
If events in Iraq take a turn for the worse, a drawdown will stop. "Any decision on troops will be conditions-based," the spokesman said.

Where's your child? Pool safety 101

Staff reports
Camp Lejeune's Marine Corps Base Safety Division

Did you know the majority of all drowning deaths occur in family pools? Typically, the child was last seen in a "safe area," far from the pool. The most common drowning victim is a two-year-old male. These tragedies often occur while one or both parents are home. Drowning is "the silent killer" because there is often no cry for help and very little sound from splashing. These drownings can occur in the smallest of wading pools, intermediate inflatable pools to large in-ground pools. In an effort to assist those that may have pools in your back yard or let your children frequent pools in your community, follow the below safety tips to help protect your loved ones from a pool mishap:

- Install and maintain an isolation fence separating your pool from the house and play areas.
- Designate an adult to supervise children around water, especially at social gatherings.
- Never consider children to be "water safe" despite swimming skills, lessons or water experience.
- Floaties, swimmers or other inflatable flotation toys are not life jackets and should never be substituted for an adult's supervision. Ensure toys are kept away from the water's edge.
- Assure a clear view from the house to the pool or spa by removing vegetation or other obstacles.
- Always completely remove covers before using pool or spa. Lightweight, floating covers are not safety covers and



Never leave your children unattended. Always designate an adult to supervise regardless of your child's swimming skills. *Ena Sellers*

will not support the weight of a child and could become trapped under the cover.

- Consider use of a pool alarm that will detect the fall of a child in the water.
- Ensure you have appropriate life saving equipment available
- Ensure underwater drains are guarded to keep swimmers from being entrapped
- Use steps/hand railings when entering/exiting pools to prevent slips and falls on hard surfaces
- Never dive into above-ground pools, they are too shallow. Don't dive from the side of an in-ground pool. Enter the water feet first. Dive only from the end of the diving board, not the sides.

For more valuable safety tips go to Safe Kids USA Web site www.usa.safekids.org/water/

Marine Corps Base Housing Private Pool Safety Guidelines:

Private pools are not to exceed two feet in height. While private wading/swimming pools are allowed for small children, they cannot be left overnight or unattended at any time while there is water in the pool. This presents a safety hazard for children as well as pets. Structures such as personal whirlpools/spas are not allowed. No four foot pools allowed in accordance with www.atlantimcc.com/our_communities/documents/ResidentGuide.pdf.

For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer, Base Safety Representative or visit <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>.

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Partnership ensures progress

Chris T. Mann
Combat Team 1

FALLUJAH, Iraq — A community member looks outside each window and sees signs of progress in their neighborhood. Small, but significant signs of hope are brought by new construction appearing all over

the city rising from the rubble of war. Marines with Detachment 3, Civil Affairs Group 3, Regimental Combat Team 1, met with Iraqi contractors and construction workers July 5 to help facilitate their efforts in building a new school for the children in the Abu Saleh area of Fallujah.

The new school will replace an older one that was destroyed apart due to weather damage during battles between insurgents and coalition forces.

The detachment oversees construction projects like this one, in hopes that children in Fallujah can go to school and lead a better life.

The old building was destroyed and students do not go to school when it rains because the teachers are afraid the roof would collapse on them," said Cpl. Greg W. Holt, a 20-year-old civil affairs operations assistant from Aucutt, Calif.

The school will include 12 new classrooms and house up to 350 students in kindergarten through sixth grade.



Local Iraqi children from the Abu Saleh area of Fallujah watch as construction workers build a new school for students in kindergarten through sixth grade July 5. Marines with Detachment 3, Civil Affairs Group 3, Regimental Combat Team 1, met with Iraqi contractors and construction workers to continue to help facilitate efforts in building a new school for the children. Cpl. Chris T. Mann

Marines with the civil affairs group have been coordinating for months with the school headmasters and the Iraqi Administration of Education to ensure the new building will be a success for the students.

The detachment also took the time to meet with "Brothers for Building," a

company that works hand in hand with Marines from RCT-1 and the Iraqi Administration of Education.

"We have started working really closely with the Iraqi government so eventually they can take over future projects such as this one," said 2nd Lt. Michael B. Robison, Detachment 3's team

leader from Sierra Madre, Calif. "This project is an example of a patronage project where a tribal leader spearheads an activity to help a community."

A sheik and tribal leader known by coalition members as "Dark," owns the building company and has worked with Marines in previous

years to help with several similar projects.

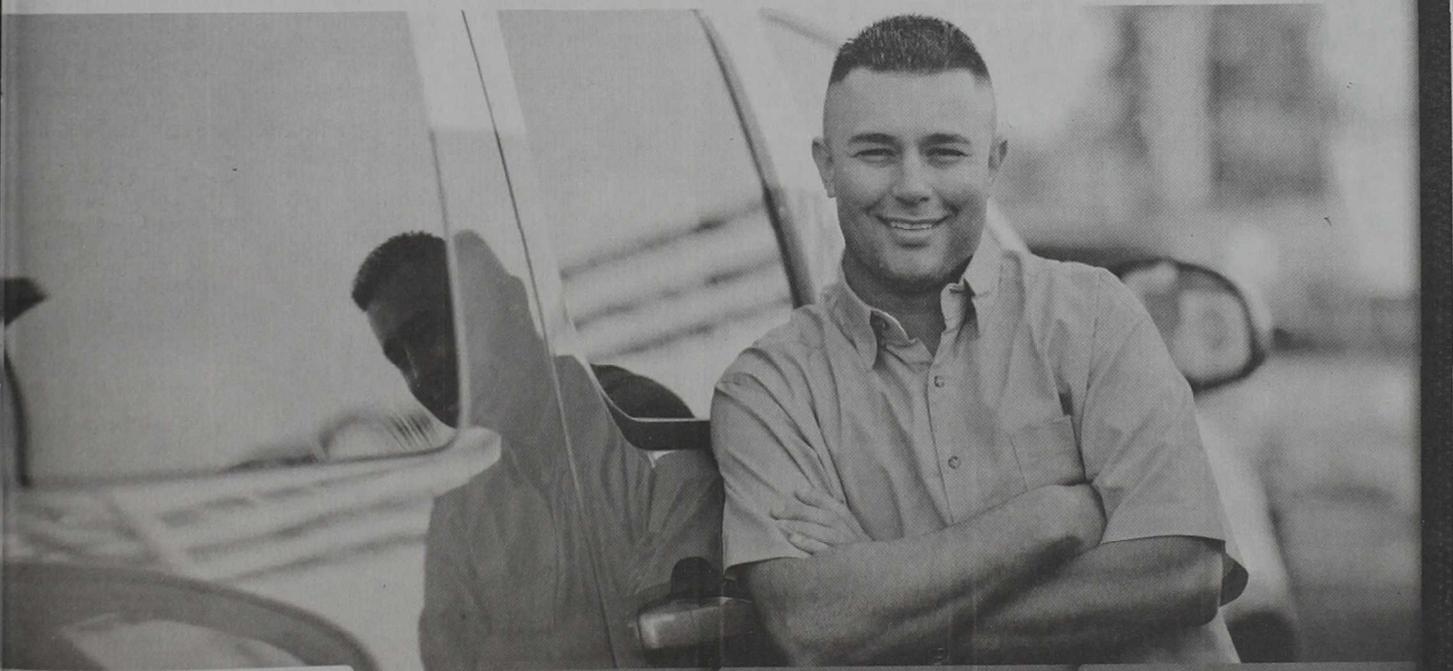
The Fallujah City Council votes on building plans and takes bids from trusted contractors. The Marine Corps has worked with the Iraqi government, ensuring workers are up to standards. Now, Marines are hoping the torch will be passed, and the

Iraqi government will take charge of future projects.

"We hope to get the local people less focused on the Marines helping them, and look to the Iraqi government for support for the community," said Robison.

The school's construction is scheduled to be finished Aug. 20.

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Helicopters bring new training to MCAS Cherry Point

Mike Barton
Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — Cherry Point personnel are beginning to get a brief glimpse of things to come with the arrival of a small group of helicopters on the air station — one of the first visible signs of a new squadron due here later this year.

Four AH-1W Cobras and three UH-1N Hueys, all from Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron 775 Det A out of Johnstown, Pa., were scheduled to arrive July 9, bringing a new look to the Cherry Point flight line.

These aircraft will not be permanently stationed here — instead, the reserve unit will stay for only two weeks.

Its mission is to provide currency training for pilots and maintenance crews who have formed the lead cadre for HMLA-467, one of two squadrons slated to officially stand up at Cherry Point in October.

According to Maj. Allen Grinalds, HMLA-467's advance cadre currently consists of 25 percent of the total number of personnel that will man the unit when it stands up.

This training with the visiting aircraft will help keep the cadre pilots' flying skills sharp and will also help validate the work space needed for the new squadron.

Grinalds, the officer in charge of this cadre, will serve as the HMLA-467 executive officer.

"The intent behind this training is to work on instructor quals," said Grinalds.

The cadre's six pilots, who will later serve as instructors within the squadron, will



Marines from Marine Light Attack Squadron 775, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, prepare an AH-1 Cobra after landing. The squadron will train at Cherry Point for two weeks, and will also assist the air station in preparing for active helicopter squadrons scheduled to stand up here in late 2008. Lance Cpl. Alan Foust

rely heavily on the visiting pilots to regain their instructor currency and to tune up their piloting proficiency, explained Grinalds.

"This will also be an opportunity for our personnel to maintain their maintenance qualifications down in the 'garage.'"

The visit will not only be a warm-up for HMLA-467 — it

will also provide added benefits for the visiting aircrews and maintenance personnel of HMLA-775 Det A.

"This will be our active two-week training period," said Maj. Alan Foust, the detachment's operations officer.

"It will provide us with refresher training, much needed flight time for our reserve pilots, and the opportunity to

get on the ranges, which we don't have up here."

This is just the beginning of a new support mission for Cherry Point.

A second squadron, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366, will stand up here in October as well.

HMH-366 aircrews will fly CH-53E Super Stallions, the heavy haulers of the air wing.

The aircraft that will eventually form both new squadrons will begin arriving later this year from various reserve unit locations.

The creation of these two squadrons will change the look of things around the air station.

Until now, with the occasional exception of visiting aircraft or helicopters

bound for maintenance, the fleet readiness of Cherry Point's helicopters were the and rescue HH Knights flown by Transport Squadron

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CBRN Marine provides double threat

Villagran
Combat Team 5

Iraq — Cpl. Jeremy Wright is a Marine who forward to pressure as. At, a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear specialist for 3rd n, 4th Marine Regimental Combat is a watch non-commissioned officer in the n's Combat Operator when he's not ing his primary occupational spe- While he works in the e anticipates the day be called to check a for any chemical

n I work in the COC, or all the missions ovements of units out the battalion's operations," Wright also coordinate with any level COCs." ht, from Carters- a., understands the nce of being a watch out doesn't think it es to his CBRN job. njoy doing CBRN Wright said. "I chose a job not a lot of peo- to do."



Cpl. Jeremy M. Wright, a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear defense specialist with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, prepares his Hazardous Material Identifier before an operation in Hit, Iraq, July 10. Cpl. Erik Villagran

When Wright is tasked to investigate an area, he takes all the necessary precautions to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Before proceeding to the objective, he gives a quick class to ensure the Marines participating in the mission have properly functioning

masks and are in the right state of mind.

"I want them to understand that once we're in a hot zone, chemicals are present

in the air," Wright said. "If they don't take appropriate precautions there are going to be severe consequences." In his first deployment,

Wright said he has enjoyed being the Marine who is called to enter the hot zone when a suspected hazard is found. Though the battalion hasn't had any actual chemical threats here, Wright continues to keep his skills sharp in the event a real threat occurs by going on operations and conducting random tests.

"When I get there, I determine the proper mission oriented protective posture level," Wright said. "I go to the site and begin testing the suspected substance."

Wright can use a variety of machines to figure out what a substance is. The instrument he uses depends on the intelligence he has before he enters a site. He carefully collects a sample of the suspected substance and works to identify it. The process can take a few minutes or hours depending on the situation and how fast he identifies a threat.

Although many people get nervous when they think of a chemical attack, Wright feels right at home.

"This is the best MOS in the Marine Corps," Wright said. "I wouldn't want to do any other job."

With MEU embarks final exercise before deployment

Iron Rock

Public Affairs Office

THE COAST OF SONVILLE, N.C. — six months after the ts of the 26th Marine tationary Unit formed Camp Lejeune, N.C., es of the 26th MEU ome together again the ships of the USS Jima Expeditionary Group for what will r last exercise before it's impending deploy- scheduled for early 08.

Composite Training Exercise, or COMP- will be the final at- aining period for both EU and the ships of o Jima ESG, and will the certification exer- the MEU readies for ment.

linarily, the COMP- would be followed e more at-sea period, Certification Exercise, e would act as the final efore deployment. ormally a MEU does at-sea work-ups," said Mark J. Desens, 26th commanding officer. with our accelerated yment schedule, we d to combine the last evolutions and conduct eevaluation within our osite exercise," he said.

Desens went on to say he's confident in the capabilities of his MEU, considering the Marines' performance at exercises and the real-world operations in Indiana in June.

"I believe we will do just fine," said Desens. "At the end of this we will certify with the commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force that we are ready to deploy."

The 26th MEU has accelerated its training schedule, but has not missed out on any training. In fact, during the predeployment training period, the MEU has done more real-world operations than some MEUs do during their deployments.

When the 26th MEU went to Indianapolis, for its Realistic Urban Training exercise, it simultaneously ran training exercises while assisting flood-relief efforts in the state.

This year, the MEU's unique predeployment training period prepared it for almost any situation, according to Desens. The Marines have had to do more in less time than a MEU normally would, which Desens said is good training. COMPTUEX is one example.

With nearly all of the

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Cpl. Luke J. Weber (top left), a sentry with Guard Force, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, and Lance Cpl. Michael Smith (bottom left/top right), originally a mortarman with the battalion, guard the entry points of Camp Baharia in Fallujah, July 8. While terrorist activity has reached a lull, the sentries' job is still arguably one of the most important, as the battalion relies on them to keep the base secure. Cpl. Chris Lyttle

3/6 sentries — all guards, no glory

Cpl. Chris Lyttle
6th Marine Regiment

FALLUJAH, Iraq — On the outer perimeter of Camp Baharia there are vigilant eyes and ears that never rest — Marine sentries manning guard towers alertly in their desolate surroundings with miles of open desert and roadways in the distance.

Working as a sentry on Guard Force may seem tedious and uneventful to some, but it's arguably one of the most important jobs in terms of securing a military compound.

Cpl. Luke J. Weber, a sentry with Guard Force, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, walks his post and patrols with other Marines several hours each day. He described how sentries frequently change assignments to master multiple jobs and avoid combat complacency.

"The majority of the day I stand post, but we alternate

people around different posts so we don't get complacent," said Weber, a native of Austin, Texas.

Weber, an avionics technician by military occupational specialty, said he remembers his deployment last year when terrorist activity was reported almost daily. Now that Iraqi police are filling the security role in Fallujah and the level of violence has decreased, sentries must ensure they do not become idle, he said.

"The fact that there is less violence makes it harder not to be complacent," Weber said. "That's why we have to stay on our toes. If something were to happen, we have to be ready and expect it. Stuff doesn't happen nearly as much as it used to, but we still have to look at everything as a potential threat."

Lance Cpl. Michael Smith, originally a mortarman

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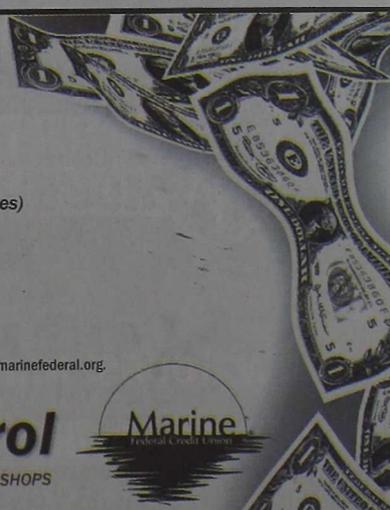
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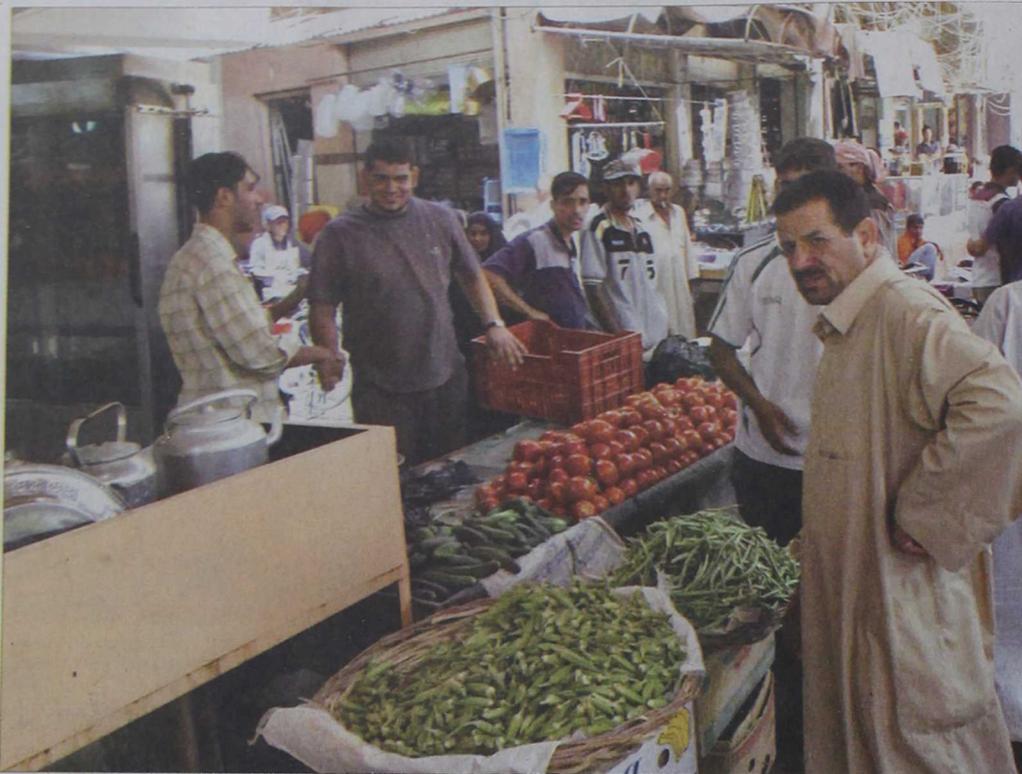
CAMP RAMADI, Iraq — Free enterprise, widely regarded as the cornerstone of democracy, appears to be taking hold in Ramadi, Iraq.

The capital city of the western province of Al Anbar is experiencing an increase in available fuel, electricity and other basic services as part of the reconstruction effort. Along with the increase in available services, the city is experiencing an increase in small business growth.

"The success of a democracy is directly correlated with strength of the economy and small business growth," said Lt. Col. Charles "Ty" Harris of Task Force Ramadi. Over the past four months, Harris has closely tracked the small business growth in Ramadi as he has worked toward getting grants approved to support small business loans. He is one of several Task Force Ramadi members supporting the Department of State's embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team 2 — Ramadi.

Harris has had two grants recently approved through Department of State, totaling more than \$1 million. The grants are paid out to a non-government organization, Al Takadum, and then distributed to the community in the form of small to medium business loans.

"Al Takadum is a non-profit organization that manages and distributes the loans," said Harris. "It is an Iraqi organiza-



Shoppers examine the wide variety of fruits and vegetables available in the market area of downtown Ramadi, Iraq. The shopping area has seen an increase in activity as new small businesses are opening up throughout the area. Senior Chief Petty Officer Gary Boucher

tion, without an American face in it. The Iraqis are setting the standard and a very high standard at that. We are just providing the seed money." That seed money includes an initial grant of \$750,000, which has already financed 350 small business loans. "Those three-hundred and fifty loans are being paid back at an interest rate of twelve percent," said Harris. "That means that the original loan money is al-

ready back in the system and going out to finance new loans, while the interest generated is going toward paying the management expenses of the NGO."

Harris views the repayment rate of the initial loans as a huge success. "The repayment rate for micro-finance loans in Iraq is more than ninety-eight percent. In Ramadi, it is currently at one-hundred percent," he said. "As a

taxpayer, I'm proud of the fact that our money is being used more than once. It is being used over and over again."

As Harris points out, it is the repayment rate that will generate a long-term benefit and, eventually, ensure the Iraqi loan system is able to support itself without endless funding from grants.

"The end state is when the interest generated from

the loans exceeds the cost of the NGO," he said. "Our projection is that the self-sustaining point starts in September 2009," he said.

This means in little more than a year from now, the interest generated from the loans will cover the operational expenses and salaries, allow for increased loan values and enable the organization to grow along with the overall growth of the city.

The loan process is different from what Americans might expect. Al Takadum provides loans to applicants to have a guarantee in some cases, but guarantors — must co-sign the loan contract to ensure the loan will be repaid.

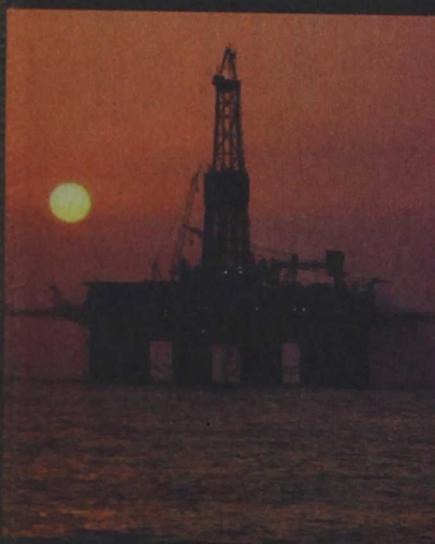
"They are not a typical loan officer system," Harris said.

Once the loan is approved, money is sent out directly to the borrower. Instead, a representative from the NGO and purchases the materials, goods and services necessary to start the business on behalf of the borrower and the lender.

As complicated as it sounds, Harris says it is a measure of how well the Iraqi's manage their loans. "They do not have a functioning credit system," he said. "Borrowing money is not a person's responsibility in the community. The materials, goods and services needed have been agreed upon by the borrower and the lender."

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exercise for the MEU before its scheduled deployment later this fall in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

COMPTUEX incorporates all the skill sets the MEU has developed over the past few months during its pre deployment training period. Up to this point, most training has been conducted on land. This exercise is meant to teach the Marines to conduct missions

from the unique ship environment and provides the sailors familiarity with the Marines' mission requirements and operating procedures. The 26th MEU's diverse elements will integrate systems, procedures and Marines and sailors to build teamwork and act effectively as an Expeditionary Strike Group.

The exercise will also serve as the final evalua-

tion for the MEU and Strike Group before they deploy. COMPTUEX is event-driven so the Marines do not know what type of mission they will be assigned or when it will come. The MEU will be evaluated by Marine Special Operations Training Group and the Navy will be evaluated by the Commander Strike Force Training Atlan-

tic. The Navy has been conducting their portion of the exercise since July 9, and the exercise will continue until the end of the month.

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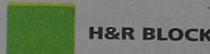
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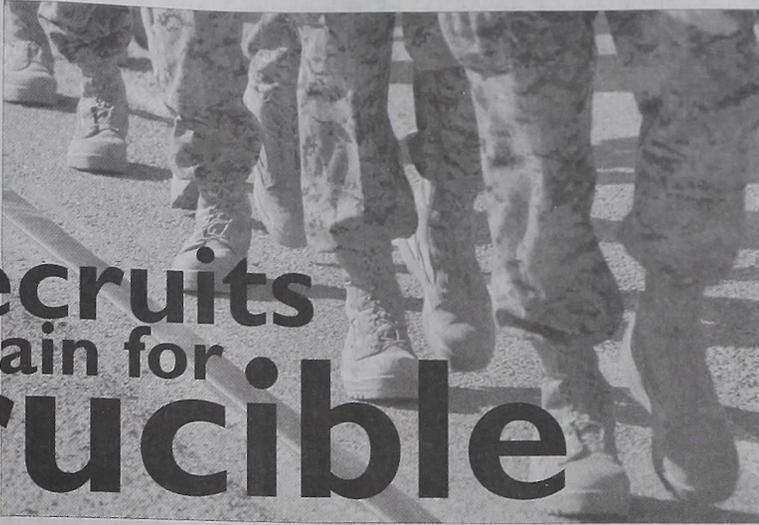
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Company F recruits march on the flat surfaces of the depot. During their first two hikes at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Parris Point, Calif., recruits marched longer distances on hilly terrain.

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Recruits train for Crucible

Robert W. Beaver
Recruit Depot San Diego

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPARTMENT SAN DIEGO — While recruits slept in a few hours extra weekend to recover from the week, Company F recruits were up and ready to train. Carrying 30-pound packs and armed with M16A2 service rifles, Co. F marched almost six miles around the historical grounds of the depot during a sustainment hike. Subtly, this hike has been the best so far in boot camp. The hike, which was their third hike training, took Co. F recruits nearly across flat terrain while lugging light gear. The first two hikes were held at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., on more challenging terrain. Since then, Co. F recruits have been in field training and returned to the depot to begin the final phase of boot camp training.

However, they needed to stay in shape for one of their final challenges.

According to 1st Sgt. John Calhoun, company first sergeant, Co. F, the purpose of the sustainment hike was to help the recruits maintain physical conditioning for the upcoming Crucible at Edson Range.

"The hike was also easy compared to (Edson Range) because our packs were lighter," said Recruit Jason Hile, Platoon 2129. "Seeing civilian life for the first time in two-and-a-half months was also motivating."

During the Crucible, Co. F recruits will march nearly 40 miles across hilly mountainous terrain within a 54-hour training period. Upon finishing the final hike on the Reaper, the final and steepest hill of the Crucible, Co. F recruits received their eagle, globe and anchor, and the title, United States Marine.

"Sustainment is important for anything recruits do," said Calhoun. "It keeps their bodies prepared for challenges ahead, like our final hike."

Company F recruits geared up near their squad bays and began their journey shortly after sunrise. They marched to the depot physical training field in a two-column formation that spanned six platoons.

"Hikes are mostly mental, but they do prepare our endurance," said Recruit Connor Modiena, Platoon 2129. "Although this wasn't my first hike, it was the first time I saw some parts of the depot."

The recruits walked along the depot's northern fence line to the commanding general's home, Quarters One. The formation then looped past the Arcade (the Spanish Colonial arches along Shepherd Memorial Drill Field), to McDougal Hall. While the recruits hiked, they recited the Marine Corps knowledge they are required to memorize to graduate.

After Co. F recruits graduate from boot camp today, they will go on longer hikes during their Marine Corps careers. Sustainment training in boot camp builds off basic skills and hones them, making Co. F Marines more capable of challenges that lay ahead.

Local doctor influences Anbar

Dr. Jamil Yasseen
Combat Team 5

RUTBAH, Iraq — The city of Rutbah resides in the middle rural, western Al Anbar province. The people of Rutbah have come to love a man who has changed and improved the health care in the city and surrounding areas. Dr. Jamil Shami Maadahidi, the surgeon and manager of the Rutbah General Hospital, has worked tirelessly to improve the health of others.

"I received my certification in Baghdad, Dhea has helped me the last six years treating patients here. Since arriving, he has helped rebuild the old hospital, which had been destroyed by previous conflicts and boosted the medical program conducting only minor surgeries to major surgeries."

"I have been able to do many great things at the hospital (repairing) the walls, acquiring new equipment in the future, building housing for long-term patients," said Dhea. "This hospital was destroyed at one point and now it's back and running."

"The new hospital has been open for close to a year, and operates with 24 patient rooms, two surgical theatres and outpatient recovery rooms. Hundreds of patients are treated every day in the Rutbah General Hospital, and Dhea is faced in regards to supplies. Although advanced medical supplies are hard to acquire, which presents a high level of stress for the staff, Dhea remains optimistic of their capabilities."

"With the supplies we possess, we make the best of it," Dhea said. "We still have a lot of improvement to make to be able to perform better as a hospital. Once the situation improves, the city government will provide us with funding for medical equipment."

"During his first five years at the hospital, Dhea was the doctor with others occasionally coming and going to him. He has treated sicknesses ranging from common colds to fatal diseases without hesitation. Because

of his hard work in the hospital and for the people of Rutbah, the respect for him has spread throughout the community.

"Everybody in this city loves and respects Doctor Dhea because he's provided a lot more than just being a doctor," said Nozar Jamil Yasseen, a radiologist at the Rutbah Hospital and Dhea's assistant. "He's had more success than any other manager in the history of (the hospital) and has established a huge influence in our city council."

The hospital now has seven doctors, and Dhea has begun projects with 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, to provide medical assistance to the cities of Nukayb and Akashat. According to Dhea, these projects help benefit the people who don't have the luxury of a doctor.

"It's a great feeling to be able to go to these towns and provide health assistance that is hard to come by for those people," said Dhea. "I always like to do good things for people and increase their hope in my work."

Although he plans to leave Rutbah to practice his specialty, abdominal surgery, in Baghdad, the people of the city have been more to Dhea than just patients — they're also his family.

"I've had a great relationship with the city of Rutbah. They care for me more than I care for them I think sometimes," he said. "Whenever they come to thank me, they tell me they will pray for me, and that's all the thanks I need for my work."

CLB-1 recognizes civilian recovery mechanics

Lance Cpl. Cindy G. Alejandre
1st Marine Logistics Group

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Civilian contractors who work with Maintenance Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, were awarded Certificates of Appreciation here, July 8.

The eight civilians were recognized for their support while working alongside maintenance Marines to recover military assets outside friendly lines.

"We're just here to support the Marines ... no matter what the conditions are," said Don V. Tremain, recovery mechanic from Grand Rapids, Mich.

The civilian contractors explained that although working in Iraq is difficult and the conditions usually extreme, they are proud to be doing their part alongside service members.

"I am proud to say that I work with the Marines," said Chris Farmer, a recovery mechanic. "Every time we go out with the Marines, they are great and we appreciate their recognition," said the Paris, Texas native.

Dod P. Ireland, from Lolo, Mont., who is a former Marine, said it was an honor to be working with his fellow Marines again. Although most contractors are separated from their families who miss them, they remain dedicated to the Marines to help them complete their missions.

They take risks every day and that's why it's important to recognize their hard work, according to Lt. Col. David Nathanson, commanding officer, Combat Logistics Battalion 1, who handed the recovery mechanics their awards and also congratulated them for their work.

"They epitomize what patriotism is in my mind," added Nathanson.

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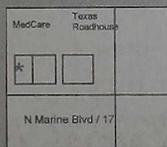
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24th MEU Public Affairs
24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Soon after changing deployment plans in mid-January and arriving in Afghanistan mid-March, the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit began planning for counterinsurgency operations in southern Afghanistan, specifically focusing on the Garmisir District of Helmand province.

"The geography of Afghanistan is the geography of water. People live, crops grow and trade routes are all located within 10 kilometers either side of the river. Beyond that — it is barren desert," said Col. Peter Petronzio, commanding officer, 24th MEU, International Security Assistance Force.

The water in Helmand province is the Helmand River — the longest river in Afghanistan. It runs north to south through the center of the province and through the center of Garmisir. In the northern part of Garmisir, there is an intricate canal and irrigation system, built by United States Agency for International Development in the 1950s. Looking at a map and seeing how the Helmand River bulges at the northern edge of the district, it looks like the head of a snake. Which is why the Marines dubbed the area the "snake's head."

With their eyes turned to Garmisir, the Marines' first task was to secure key routes through the district center — just south of the southernmost British forward operating base, and a region in which NATO-ISAF forces had not had a presence in years. This operation was only going to take a few days, seven to 10.

Although the southern border of Afghanistan is porous and offers many routes through — all traffic converges on the river. Garmisir was a stronghold that allowed a throughput for insurgent's logistics.

"Fighters and weapons funneled through there, it was a stop along the way to other locations in and out of Afghanistan," said Maj. Carl McCleod, intelligence officer, 24th MEU, ISAF.

Knowing this, the true value of that land to the insurgents did not become clear until after the insurgents engaged Marines and refused to quickly concede.

"We were told that the insurgents would fight for a few days and then they would scatter," McCleod said, "but that's not what happened."

Launching Operation Azada Wosa

April 28, more than 1,000 Marines sat and waited, some near helicopters delivered them to battle, others in vehicles parked in a vast, vacant desert, all covered by a moonless sky and unaware of a hitch that would delay their assault.



Marines serving with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit's infantry battalion congratulate Afghan police after a successful joint patrol in Garmisir. Cpl. Andrew J. Carlson

At 9:39 pm AV-8 Harriers set to launch from Kandahar Airfield but there was a problem: the refueling tanker support is temporarily lost. Without refuel capabilities the planes are grounded. This delay has a ripple effect on the entire operation — setting everything back about 40 minutes and requiring some on-the-spot creative problem solving.

"We couldn't punch into the predetermined landing zones because we didn't have the objective secure or at least have eyes-on it [from the Harriers]," said that night's air mission commander Capt. Brandon L. Whitfield, officer in charge, Tactics and Planning, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365, 24th MEU, ISAF. "I had to push the skids (the AH-1Ws and UH-1Ns — the fire support from above) in first, which was completely not planned — but it worked out, to get eyes-on, to make sure the landing zone was secure and then I had to bring the assault (the troops in the CH-46E and CH-53E helicopters) in."

At 11:20 p.m. the first wave of Marines, in transport helicopters, depart for the landing area, followed two hours later by wave two, and so on under KC-130 provided battlefield illumination until dawn.

In the first hours of the insert some Marines jokingly call the operation: Operation Rolled Ankle. Marines charging off aircraft in the dark, along with the unfamiliar and difficult terrain and the weight of full combat load and sustainment gear combine to form a perfect storm of ankle and leg injuries. At one point during the insert the battalion commander, Lieutenant Col. Anthony Henderson, comes over the radio and says, "When you come off the helo, it's quiet here, so Walk off the aircraft."

By 3 a.m. motorized Company C arrived at a pre-staged launching point near the southernmost friendly outpost, south of them three Company A Marines, two

sprained ankles and one broken leg, are evacuated from the landing zone.

As the first beams of light break over the eastern horizon the Marines are in place, Company C is set to create a diversion in the north and Companies A and B are inserted into their objectives to the south. The plan being that insurgents could not react to a three pronged attack and they would certainly not be ready for the Marines when they woke up in the morning, explained Maj. Mark D. McCarroll, battery commander, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th MEU, ISAF.

"They had no idea we were going to land that far south. They weren't prepared for us. We literally dropped in behind them," said McLeod. "It took them a few days to realize we were there in that size of force behind them."

With adrenaline pumping through their veins, Marines performed the last few function checks on gear and weapons. Birds chirped in the trees, and it was quiet enough to hear the babbling water in the canals. This was as tranquil as Garmisir would be for the next month.

35 days and 170 enemy engagements

Just after 8 a.m. on the 29th the sound of automatic weapons firing crackled through the air, Charlie Company, motorized but cleared the north on foot, was in contact with enemy forces.

For the next 48 hours Company C wielded the power of combined arms with the precision of a sculptor, wreaking havoc on insurgent positions, before the fighting began to ebb and flow with intense firefights followed by hours of nothing. To the south, Companies A and B began getting regular contact, catching some insurgents by surprise as they tried to escape to the south.

This was the start of Marine combat operations in Garmisir. In less than 12 hours the Marines penetrat-

ed into the enemy held territory of the "snake's head" and seized key crossing points and terrain. For the next 35 days, the Marines and insurgents engaged in approximately 170 engagements.

Operations in May were maneuver warfare in its truest form. It was a constant struggle to gain the position of advantage over the enemy while fighting to keep the battalion supply lines open.

"The enemy consistently fought from fortified positions to include the hardened structures they evicted the civilians from," said Maj. Todd Mahar, operations officer, Battalion Landing Team 1/6, 24th MEU, ISAF. "They dug textbook trench lines and bunker systems and at times had mutually supporting positions."

On a daily basis, Marines fought the "Three Block War," ever mindful of precautions to protect innocent civilians. They were decisively engaged with the enemy in one area while they provided security and aid to the local populous a few kilometers away in another area, all while seizing ground and exploiting the area for weapons cache and intelligence, said Mahar.

"In some areas, within days of the initial assault, we began to see civilians repopulating areas that we had just cleared. They wanted to work their fields and live under the security of the Marines," said Mahar.

One Last Push

On May 28, two Marine companies pushed from their eastern positions to the Helmand River, disrupting insurgent strongholds in between the two and essentially ending the combat phase of operations.

One of the objectives incorporated in this push included the insurgent base known as Jugroom Fort — the British objective in an attack Jan. 15 last year.

"Much like we did on the initial assault, the insurgents were oriented to

one direction, we went up around them and dropped in behind them ... again," said McLeod.

"Within 48 hours of us pushing down on them there was a mass exodus of insurgents," said McLeod.

The last sustained engagement with enemy forces was May 30, but the hard work was just beginning.

Stable, but not secure

In June, soon after ISAF's command changed hands, the MEU's mission was re-evaluated. Now, instead of securing routes through the district center and moving on to other missions, the MEU would remain in Garmisir to capitalize on successes achieved.

Although still clearing the area of insurgents albeit less dramatically than the past weeks, the Marines found themselves doing more of the hold and build tenets of counterinsurgency.

"I don't see them as phases [the classic counterinsurgency doctrine of clear-hold-build]," said Petronzio. "I think of them as a circle and they run continuously, we're constantly clearing, we're constantly holding and constantly building."

Marines established new strong point positions and began conducting security and census patrols through the villages in order to determine the make-up of the civilian population living in and moving back to the district — the leaders, the workers, the ones who don't belong, etc.

However, no one is waving the victory flag just yet and the Marines now fight complacency with the same vigor once reserved for enemy forces.

As insurgencies go, they realize they can't stand toe-to-toe against a conventional fighting force and win, so they adapt. That adaptation manifests in asymmetric attacks such as improvised explosive devices and suicide bombs attacks.

"Insurgents are highly adaptive organisms that must not be underestimated. They constantly change their tactics based on what they observe us doing," said

Mahar.

Being able to see the insurgents amongst the logs is the challenging asymmetric fight. The terrain of warfare the po the 'key terrain' must focus on g trust and confide people so they he the enemy — this t the enemy's safe h

"The key to h area is the elim safe havens. E their ability to ha where everybody meet, plan and p opposed is very im their defeat. The i must be denied th establish these ne but not at the exper ing what has alr cleared," said Petronzio.

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On June 5, Garmisir's first shura in ne years — with not elders, but the dis erior and chief of attendance.

"The shura is an part of Afghan gov This was a major i for them to have th ing since the insur filtrated the area m two years ago," sa Warrant Officer Re civil affairs office MEU, ISAF.

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ant major of the Marine Corps. "It matches up what has been done in the past."

ere is currently no incentive for Marines to do their campaign as it is ongoing, said Jonah Aycox, unit chief for Headquarters Marine Corps, Arlington, Va. However, awards made in a Marine's career can be recorded before the unit can wear new medals or devices.

ive duty and selected Marine Corps reserve unit commanders are authorized to issue campaign medals to Marines who meet the criteria.

he majority of our Marines have deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, so the commanding officers and (administrative) have a large head start to establish their records.

are properly updated," said Lee Freund, Headquarters Marine Corps military awards branch head in Quantico, Va.

Freund also said Marines who deployed in support of the Long War need to pay special attention to their time in country because they rate a campaign star for just spending 24 hours in one of the Afghanistan or Iraq phases.

"Marines should understand that the campaign stars weren't intended to reflect the number of deployments a Marine has made or the total amount of time the Marine spent in Iraq or Afghanistan," said Freund.

Military officials recognized that service members with multiple deployments wanted to have some visible recognition of each operation beyond the basic award of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal or the Iraq Campaign Medal, said Freund.

Therefore, the war in Afghanistan has been broken down into three phases and Iraq operations have been separated into four.

"This follows the same model as the engagement stars on the Korean Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Southwest Asia Service Medal," said Freund.

The Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals were approved by Congress in 2005. Marines who earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for deployments prior to May 1, 2005, may still elect to receive the Afghanistan or Iraq Campaign Medal in lieu of the expeditionary medal.

However, if a Marine decides to retain the expeditionary medal from their deployment, that time will not be counted toward determining the number of campaign stars for either campaign medal.

Receiving the campaign and expeditionary medal for the same deployment period in Afghanistan or Iraq would be duplicating the intended use of these awards and is prohibited under Department of Defense policy, said Freund.

Individuals can check Marine Online to see if their campaign stars have already been updated.

Afghanistan Phases:

- Liberation of Afghanistan: Sept. 11, 2001 - Nov. 30, 2001
- Consolidation I: Dec. 1, 2001 - Sept. 30, 2006
- Consolidation II: Oct. 1, 2006 - Present

Iraq Phases:

- Liberation of Iraq: March 19, 2003 - May 1, 2003
- Transition of Iraq: May 2, 2003 - June 28, 2004
- Iraqi Governance: June 29, 2004 - Dec. 15, 2005
- National Resolution: Dec. 16, 2005 - Present

GUARDS, from 5A

with the battalion, stood out on post with Weber on what they described as one of the quieter days. The only thing that breaks the total silence around their post is walking reporting to each other or radio traffic. Smith said any activity seems to make the shifts go by faster, but the days of their deployment often feel like they blend together.

"Time passes by faster when there's a lot of military traffic passing through," said Smith, a native of Coatsville, Pa. "When there's nothing going on, we always find a way to keep ourselves occupied. Plus, we have to stay in the mindset that something could always be out there."

Smith and Weber said there have been a few incidents when the battalion has sent quick reaction forces out to investigate suspicious activities, but on this deployment no major incidents have occurred.

Smith described only a few minor incidents during their deployment when people accidentally approached their post.

"Actually, we've had a couple of people (Iraqi local nationals) come down here and they couldn't read, so they (weren't aware of the rules)," he said. "I actually saw one guy park his car and try to walk up here. He kept saying 'Meeting, meeting, Fallujah,' so apparently he had to get to a meeting. We always get them turned away before anything happens."

Minor situations like this could be something to be thankful for, but sentries must stand post with the mindset that today could be the day an enemy wants to attack. While terrorist activity has reached a lull without the opportunity and perceived glory of combat action, the significance of the sentries' duty still remains.

"There's not a lot of glory, that's true," Weber said. "But people have to understand it's one of the most important jobs because everyone inside is relying on us to keep them safe. The (senior Marines) tell us that all of the time. It's not the most glamorous job, but it's definitely important."

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in the region. Here, the of Garmsir meet to discuss plans while also compensation for losses of property they sustained in the fighting. The CMOC have its 1,000th visit to date has paid approximately 20.8 million Afghani to reconstruct their roads and replace property destroyed in battle.

insurgents no longer in the shadows and control all transactions, businesses returned to the area district center bazaar. In an month, more than 70 opened, peddling everything produce and livestock packaged items found on shelves of most convenience stores. On the heels of the bazaar

the community members of Garmsir organized their own flea market with approximately 350 people attending to buy, sell and trade various items.

"It shows that people feel safe enough in their own community to come back out," said Master Gunnery Sgt. John Garth, civil affairs chief, 24th MEU, ISAF. "A feeling that is shared by more than Sunday shoppers, you see a lot more of them on the side of the road, more people out playing in the canal," said.

One merchant, speaking to Garth, gave one reason for the bolstered confidence of the locals.

"Before, everything was bad," an interpreter relayed. "Since you guys got here the Taliban are not here."

Also returning to an operational status is the Garmsir District hospital, treating al-

most 100 patients a day.

British forces, who will eventually resume full responsibility for the region's security with Afghan National forces, are planning to refurbish the hospital with work due to start in August, said Louise Perrotta, Garmsir Stabilization Advisor. "This should enable the hospital to attract more staff and to provide a more comprehensive service. The people are delighted to have any healthcare in the district."

"It's great how quickly the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has responded along with various aid organizations. But we have to maintain a measured approach. This place needs to be better for us having been there, but we can't define what better is. The citizens of Garmsir will do that and we need to listen," said Petronzio.

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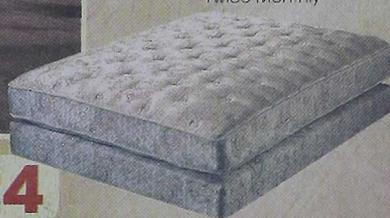
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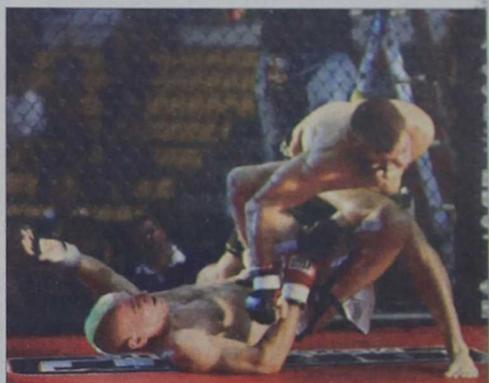
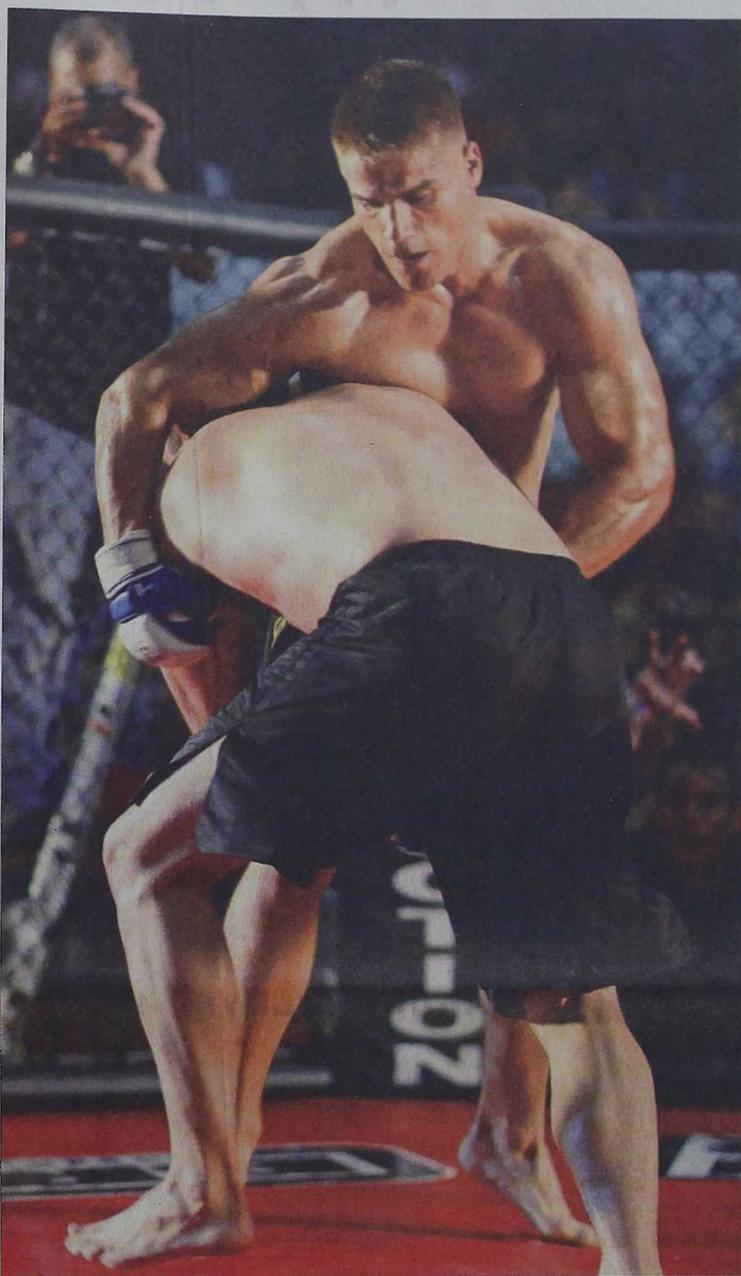
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Miller Wrights (standing) works his opponent, "Chicken" Hawk, early on in their mixed martial arts match at Goette Memorial Field House, Friday. The Brawl at the Beach proceeds went to benefit wounded warriors.

Mixed Martial Arts event raises funds for wounded warriors

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Randy Little
Marine Corps Base

Camp Lejeune's first-ever Brawl at the Beach gave approximately 400 mixed martial arts fans everything they could hope for. Much like the air inside the field house, the action was hot and never cooled down, featuring seven amateur and 12 professional fights back-to-back.

The amateur fights were only amateur in name, as Marines and other combatants hyped up the crowd using their expertise in a wide variety of fighting styles. Jon Wier, a machine gunner with 2nd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, won his debut fight against Aaron Tankersley.

Wier said his fight was a good learning experience and helped get out his first fight jitters. He also said he was excited to fight for a cause benefiting his fellow Marines.

"I think it's awesome

that the proceeds are going to the wounded Marines," said Wier. "I have a lot of boys out there who were injured and it's great to see money going to them."

Another Marine, not so fortunate in his fight, still had something to get excited about knowing he was fighting for a good cause.

Robert Vasquez, an assault man with 1st Bn., 8th Marines, said he was happy to see his Marine brothers get the proceeds and although Vasquez didn't win, he said he didn't mind getting beat up so they could get the money.

The fans received another special treat, as former Ultimate Fighting Championship middleweight champ, Rich "Ace" Franklin, signed autographs throughout night.

Franklin said he was excited about coming back to the base for his second time to benefit the wounded warriors.

"It's my way of saying

See **BRAWL**, 3B

Jon Weir, a Marine with 3rd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Regiment, gains the advantage on his opponent, Aaron Tankersley.

2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion grabs softball title

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

The Gators from 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion came away with Camp Lejeune's biggest softball prize July 17 by beating MARSOC's Blue Falcons 4-2 in the intramural league championship.

The Gators came into the playoffs as the second seed out of the National League, with a regular season record of 15-4. They won all three of their post-season games to claim the trophy. The Blue Falcons were the top team out of Camp Lejeune's American League, boasting an impressive 20-2 regular season mark, but they had to fight their way to the finals through the loser's bracket after dropping their second playoff game. The consequences of that loss would haunt MARSOC in the final.

While 2nd AABn. conducted a light practice and tried to stay loose for the championship, MARSOC needed to win two games in two hours to gain the championship round. By the time they went to the plate for their first at-bats against 2nd AABn., the Blue Falcons were starting their third game of the evening — and it affected their offensive output when it mattered most.

Through the first two innings, neither team was able to generate any runs. The Gators threatened in the bottom of the second with a two outs-bases loaded situation, but MARSOC shortstop Brian Barlock snuffed out the opportunity



The Gators of 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion pose with their 2008 Intramural Softball Championship trophy. The Gators won the final game by the score of 4-2 over MARSOC. Jamie Cameron

when he snagged Michael Gibbons' weak line drive.

The Gators would not be denied a second time, however, and finally grabbed the first run of the evening in the bottom of the third inning. With two outs and nobody on, Ross Klosheim roached second base on an error. Pitcher and team captain Donnie Thompson singled in the run to make it 1-0.

While the Blue Falcons continued to struggle at the plate, 2nd AABn. tacked on two more runs in

the fourth. Lyndon Villone led off the inning with a single to right center, followed by Mike Blackstone's rip down the right field line. What happened next was surely one of the most curious sequences of the play-offs — David Pina singled up the middle, scoring Villone from second; Blackstone took advantage of the play at the plate to grab third, drawing a late throw from MARSOC's catcher, Donald Hutchinson; as Blackstone was called safe at third, Pina took off

from first and beat the tag at second; with the action centered in the middle of the diamond, Blackstone attempted to sneak home, but was thrown out at the plate by the alert MARSOC infield; amazingly, Pina took off for third and beat the throw — turning his original RBI single into two runs and a spot on third base. Pina didn't have to wait long to complete his journey around the bases, as Justin Smoot singled him in on the

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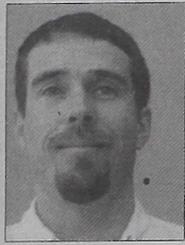
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Tropical storm roils waters, squashes bite



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Lejeune Outdoors
By Jamie Cameron

For our first brush with a tropical storm this hurricane season, Cristobal didn't pack very much of a punch. It did, however, serve as a prime example of the unpredictability in forecasting tropical systems. Weather forecasts Friday didn't give the unorganized low pressure system much of a chance for further development, but by Saturday morning, the entire North Carolina coast was under a tropical storm warning.

The lesson here is to never underestimate tropical systems during hurricane season. Stay tuned to local and national news outlets and take heed of warnings and recommendations. Though we didn't get much rain or wind from Cristobal, the storm did affect the local fishing scene, and it wasn't for the good. Mid- to late July is traditionally a time when the water temperatures

get so high the fish start to retreat to deeper and cooler waters. The weekend's tropical storm simply added heavy surf and low visibility to the equation. If you caught fish over the past few days, my hat's off to you.

All is not lost though. Anglers taking advantage of the marginally cooler mornings and evenings are finding fish both inshore and in the tidal creeks and rivers. According to Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, catches of red drum and speckled trout have remained steady through these Dog Days of summer. The New River is the place to be for trout and drum. While drum are hitting all sorts of artificial lures — from buzz-baits to plastic grubs — the trout are being finicky. Live shrimp are the bait de jour when searching for specks. Luckily, the shrimp population seems to be quite high in many areas this year as a result of the ongoing, though easing, drought conditions still gripping the Southeast. All you need to do is pick up a small cast net and catch all the bait you want. It goes without saying that if you find yourself catching eating-sized shrimp, well, you don't use them for bait, you eat them.

Red drum fishing should get better as the full moon causes astronomically high tides that will flood the marshes and open up new

feeding grounds for the fish. There is nothing quite like stalking red drum in a canoe or kayak over the spartina grass. It's amazing just how shallow those fish will go to chase the shrimp, crabs and juvenile mullet into the marsh.

Other inshore action includes black drum and sheepshead around the oyster bars and bridge pilings of Bogue Sound and the Intracoastal Waterway. A few flounder are starting to appear around the eastern half of Bogue Sound, but, for the most part, the season continues to be a bit of a disappointment.

On the piers, the surf conditions have put a damper on what action there was, but before Tropical Storm Cristobal, there were fair catches of bluefish and Spanish mackerel, especially in the mornings and evenings. Bottom-fishermen have had a little luck, landing a smattering of sea mullet and pompano on cut shrimp and mole crabs.

With gasoline prices as high as they are, there's a lot to be said for sticking closer to home and taking advantage of the inshore species.

For those who can afford it, the offshore bite has had a bit more to offer. Dr. Bogus reports excellent cobia and dolphin (mahi-mahi) fishing at Big 10 in around 60 feet of water and the sailfish bite continues to be hot at the Big Rock.

In an effort to promote a little reader participation, I invite you to send pictures of your most-recent fishing conquests. E-mail your high-resolution photos to (Jamie.cameron@militarynews.com) and provide your name, if you are military or civilian, the date of your catch and the specifics (weight, length, location and lure or bait used). If you released your fish after the photos, let us know about that too — you deserve a special kudos. I'll try to post as many of your photos here in the coming weeks. Good luck and let's see what you're catching.

Panthers sign two draft picks

News report
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers signed more draft choices Thursday, reaching deals with Dan Connor and defensive end Hilee Taylor.

Carolina has signed five of its nine draft picks. The team's first-round pick was defensive tackle Jonathan Stewart and third-round choice Charles Godfrey, and seventh-round pick Geoff Schwartz.

Connor ranks as Penn State's all-time leader in sacks, with 14 sacks, three forced fumbles, three recoveries and four interceptions. He won the 2007 Award given to the nation's top defensive player.

Taylor played linebacker as well as defensive end for North Carolina. He started all 12 games as a sophomore and led the team with 10-1/2 sacks.

Tide tables for New River Inland National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration

	Today	
High tide	12:40	
Low tide	6:16 a.m.	6:52
	Friday	
High tide	12:46 a.m.	1:36
Low tide	7:01 a.m.	7:56
	Saturday	
High tide	1:41 a.m.	2:37
Low tide	7:53 a.m.	9:07
	Sunday	
High tide	2:43 a.m.	3:42
Low tide	8:51 a.m.	10:18
	Monday	
High tide	3:51 a.m.	4:47
Low tide	9:55 a.m.	11:25
	Tuesday	
High tide	4:59 a.m.	5:49
Low tide	11:00 a.m.	
	Wednesday	
High tide	6:03 a.m.	6:47
Low tide	12:26 a.m.	12:03

Ryan Newman to leave Penske Racing

News report
The Associated Press

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Ryan Newman, projected as a possible teammate for fellow Indiana native Tony Stewart on the two-time NASCAR champion's new team, will leave Penske Racing at the end of the 2008 season.

Newman's impending departure was announced Monday in a release from the Penske team.

"We want to thank Ryan for his hard work and contributions to Penske Racing over the past nine years," team owner Roger Penske said in a statement. "We wish Ryan all the best for the future and we'll continue to focus our efforts on making the Chase with Ryan and the Alltel Dodge team this season."

Newman, a South Bend, Ind., native, expressed his appreciation to Penske and to the team in a statement, but gave no indication where he will be racing in 2009.

Newman has been with the Penske team since making his Sprint Cup debut in 2000. He got a full-time Cup ride in 2002 and

has notched 13 victories, including this year's Daytona 500.

The 30-year-old Newman, known as one of the best qualifiers in NASCAR history, won 11 of his 43 career poles and eight races in 2003 and finished no worse than seventh in the season points from 2002 through 2005. But Newman went winless in both 2006 and 2007 and slipped out of the Chase for the championship, finishing 13th and 18th.

He has struggled since giving Penske his first Daytona win and is currently 16th in the standings.

The team said Newman's replacement will be announced "in the near future." Penske test driver David Stremme is considered a leading candidate for the job.

Stewart, who is from Columbus, Ind., announced last week he will leave Joe Gibbs Racing at the end of 2008 to become driver and part-owner of the team currently known as Haas-CNC Racing. The name will be changed to Stewart-Haas.

The two-car team currently fields the No. 66 car for Scott Riggs and the No. 70 car for Jason Leffler, and both cars are outside the top 35 in owners points.

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Group swimming lessons

Aug. 4-8

Group swimming lessons are scheduled to run Aug. 4-8 at Tarawa Terrace Outdoor Pool. Registration is open through Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the pool. For more information, call 450-1610.

Summer basketball tournament

Aug. 4-8

A mandatory coaches meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 6 for teams registered in the third annual summer basketball tournament aboard Camp Lejeune. Coaches will meet at 6 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House with completed letters of intent and official team rosters. The tournament is open to all military ID cardholders, authorized Department of Defense civilian employees and family dependents. For more information, call 451-2061.

Bicycle rodeo

Aug. 23

Several Onslow County clubs and government agencies have planned a bicycle rodeo for kids ages 4-14, Aug. 23 beside the Jacksonville Mall. The event will include minor bike repairs, helmet fitting, a skills course and bicycle registration. Free helmets will be given out while supplies last. The rodeo will take place between 8:30 and 10 a.m. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Marine Corps Boxing Invitational

Aug. 28-30

Be there when amateur boxing returns to Camp Lejeune for three late summer nights. The action, sanctioned by North Carolina USA Boxing, will take place inside two rings at Goettge Memorial Field House, starting at 7 p.m. In addition to top amateurs from across the country, several Canadian fighters from Nova Scotia are expected to attend. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 451-2710.

Team Bass Tournament

Sept. 6

The Gottschalk Marina 19th annual Team Bass September Starter tournament. Two-person teams fish for largemouth bass on the New River and its tributaries. The average prize amount is \$2,500 based on a 50-boat entry, with a guaranteed \$1,000 per event. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded for the first three places. Active duty teams may participate through usage of unit funds with permission from their unit's special services officer. Entry forms are available at the marina and online at mccslejeune.com/marinas.html. The tournament is open to the public. For more information, call 451-8307.

Running Club

Ongoing

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Semper Fit Challenge Passport

Ongoing

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Mixed martial arts and combat fitness classes

Ongoing

Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit presents Lee Stuckey, a Marine and mixed martial arts professional cage fighter and Andrea Lucie as the new program instructors. Classes take place in the Area 3 boxing gym Fridays starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 451-0826.

Yoga and pilates classes

Ongoing

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

Roller-hockey 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 At Station New River spring league. Experience is not required. The season is ongoing. For more information and practice schedule, call Brandon Kjartansson at 910-545-8070.

Go-kart racing

Ongoing

Active-duty service members and their dependents get free admission to watch the best go-kart racers in the East every weekend. Saturday races are held at the Highway 24 Raceway in Richlands, N.C. A special "Freedom Race" has been scheduled for Saturday. For more information, call 919-324-5918.

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. Practices take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Green room at Goettge Memorial Field House, starting at 6 p.m. For more information, call Chief James Stolarczyk at 450-9127.

SOFTBALL, from 1B

next pitch to make the score 3-0 in the Gators' favor.

With the game entering its final half, the Blue Falcons simply could not muster any offense — going down 1-2-3 in the top of the fifth. Meanwhile, 2nd AABn. added an insurance run, thanks to three consecutive singles by Klosheim, Thompson and Shawn Blackmon.

If anyone in the stands thought MARSOC would go down without a fight, they would have been wrong. The Blue Falcons set a standard for late-inning scoring throughout the season and the championship game was no different.

Down to their final two outs, MARSOC's clean-up batter, Troy Hollett, hit a drive to left field. Gator outfielder, Villone, got a great jump on the ball and made a sliding catch for the second out. With one out to go, the MARSOC bats finally came to life. Pitcher Tracy Self reached on a misplay in the outfield. Charles Kinsey followed with a bomb to left field that dropped, allowing Self to score and put MARSOC on the board. William Goodacre kept the two out rally going with his RBI single up the middle, but the charge ended there with a disputed third out. The home plate umpire called Michael Beaton out for making an illegal swing — ending the game with a short-lived controversy that was quickly ironed

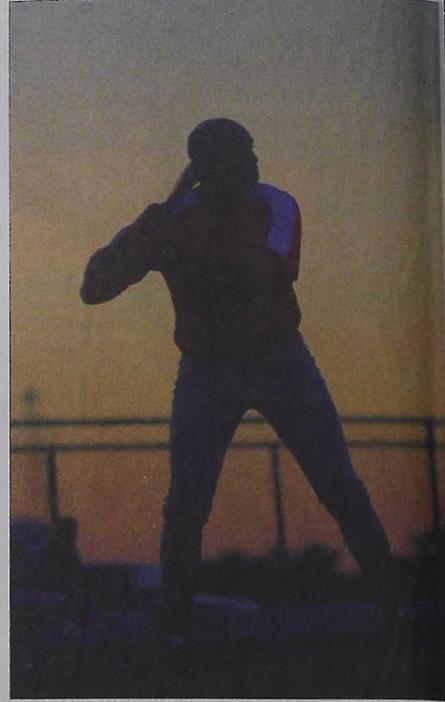


Mike Blackstone fields an infield hit to start a double-play for 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion. Jamie Cameron

out among the coaches and officials.

"It was a long, hot day and this was our third game," said MARSOC head coach Brian Beck. "It was hard enough just winning one game, let alone three. Our hitting just never came around in this one. Our defense has always been good (this season), it's just been whether or not or hitting shows up. (2nd AABn.) played very well tonight. They're a very good team."

For his part, Thompson could not have been more proud of his Gator squad. "They fought all year; won the Maynia tournament and got knocked out of the Midnight Madness tournament by MARSOC," he said. "I've played with and against (MARSOC) and they're a good bunch of guys. My guys were just better tonight — they hit better, played defense better and wanted it more."



Shawn Blackmon steadies himself in the batters box during a late-innings pitch. Jamie Cameron

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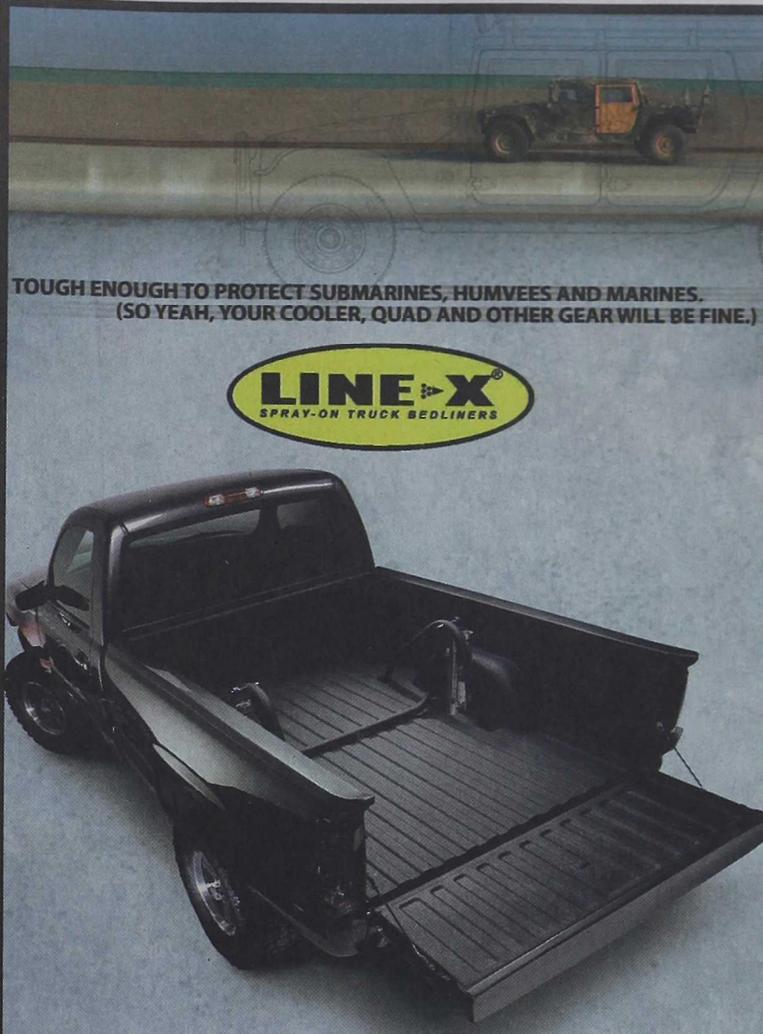


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Marines with 8th Marine Regiment stretch alongside the Area 2 pool for the 1,600-meter swim relay, during the 8th Marine Regiment Field Meet July 9.

Marines prove mettle poolside

Story and photos by
Cpl. Eric Schwartz
2nd Marine Division

Marines have always been known for being amphibious fighters. Since their conception in 1775 as naval infantry, water has been their second home. While keeping up with their maritime history and future amphibious need, Marines with 8th Marine Regiment competed in a swim competition during the 8th Marine Regimental Field Meet July 9.

"It was absolutely a good time. There was a lot of good competition out there," said Master Sgt. Floyd Spaulding, a communications chief with Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines.

The 1,600-meter swim challenge was split between four individual swimmers per team. After completing their 400 meters, they tapped their teammate's foot, signaling that Marine to dive into the pool for their 400 meters.

The 1st Bn. 8th Marines' team won first place and following close second was 3rd Bn. 8th Marines.

"(1st Bn. 8th Marines) brought their heavy hitters out there and were fierce competitors," the Sullivan, Mo. native said.

The field meet consisted of more than 19 events focusing on military knowledge, strength, teamwork and leadership. Although the swim competition also focused on team coordination and strength, this was the first time they had been able to swim for training since their Iraq deployment.

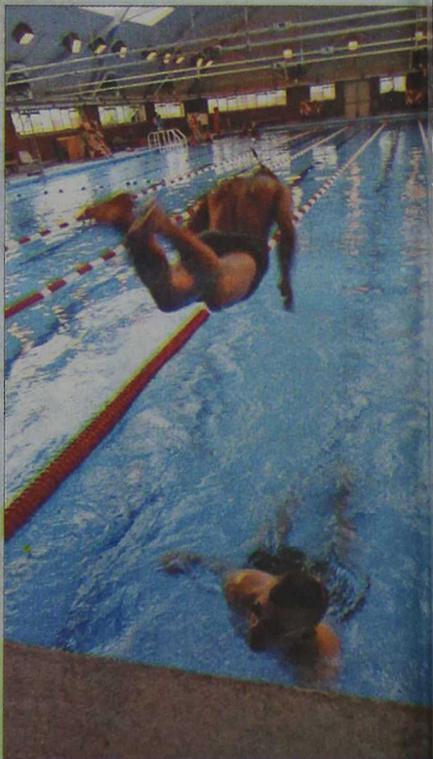
"It was a chance for us to get back into the pool and focus on standard swimming basics," Spaulding said.

Marines annually qualify with a water survival training course where they are tested on buoyancy, diving and swimming.

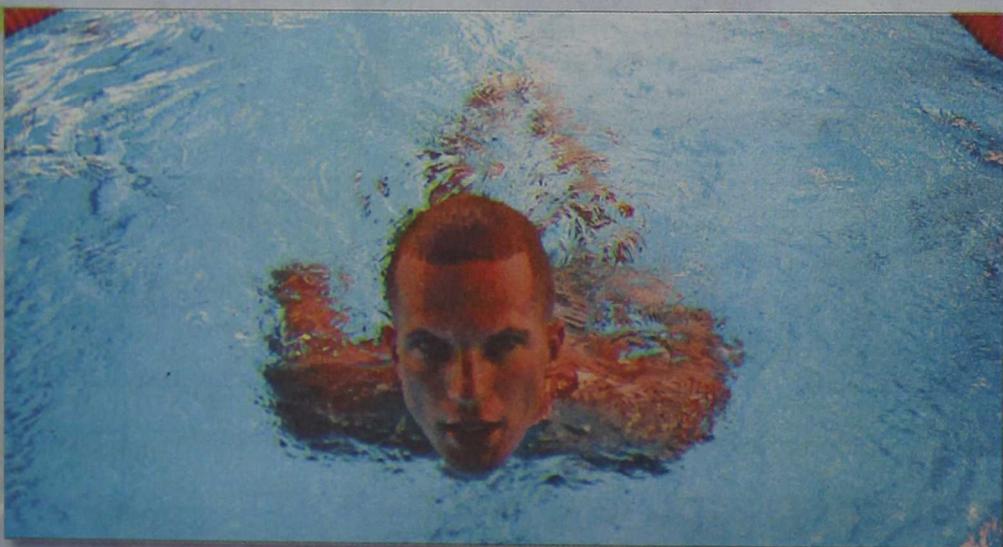
Spaulding, a triathlon competitor, understands swimming is important to living a healthy lifestyle.

"Swimming is a great way to cross-train and use muscles you wouldn't normally use," Spaulding said.

Marines with the regiment will continue to train in the water, both keeping the Marines physically fit for combat and upholding their proud amphibious legacy.



(above) A Marine with 8th Marine Regiment touched the end of the Area 2 pool, signaling the completion of his 400-meter leg, while another Marine dives into pool to start his 400 meters during the 1,600-meter swim relay, during the 8th Marine Regiment Field Meet. The swim relay was one of 19 events during the field meet. At left, Justin Jones approaches the wall during his relay leg.



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Wheelchair Games include wounded Marines

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INGTON — The National Veterans Wheelchair Games, scheduled to take place July 25-27 in Omaha, Neb., will feature more than 500 veterans with physical disabilities. It has the largest annual wheelchair sports competition in the world. Veterans who were wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq will again be among the thousands of fellow veterans in attendance.

The VA is proud to present the 28th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, a therapeutic event, a demonstration of the superior care veterans receive at medical centers each year, said Dr. James B. Franks, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "Rehabilitation is crucial to living a full life following an injury. We want all of the veterans participating as they achieve their goals

during this week of athletic competition."

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games, co-sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America, are open to all U.S. military veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System in Omaha and the Paralyzed Veterans Great Plains Chapter are the local hosts for the 2008 Games. Veterans competing in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games come from nearly every state, as well as Puerto Rico and Great Britain.

"Like serving our nation, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games are not really about the medals.



Athletes participate in last year's rugby competition. Courtesy photo

Instead, they're a mix of camaraderie, competition and courage. They're rehabilitation at its best for our paralyzed veterans," said Randy L. Pleva Sr., national president of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. "If you are in the Omaha area, please join us this July. You'll be inspired."

At the Games, veterans will compete in swimming, basketball, track, weight lifting, softball, air guns, quad rugby, nine-ball, field events, bowling, table tennis, archery, handcycling, wheelchair slalom, trapshooting, a motorized wheelchair relay and power soccer. An exhibition event in sled hockey

will also take place this year. For the second year, several stand-up events will be held for athletes with amputations who choose to compete using prosthetic devices instead of competing in their wheelchairs.

The 28th National Veterans Wheelchair Games begin Friday with a kickoff wheelchair basketball demonstration at the Qwest Center Omaha, and the 2008 Disabled Sports, Recreation and Fitness Expo. Kids Day at the Games will take place Sunday at Northwest High School, where local children with disabilities will meet the athletes and learn about wheelchair sports.

Opening and closing ceremonies will also be held at the Qwest Center Omaha, along with many of the week's competitive events. Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman is expected to attend, along with senior VA leaders and the president of Paralyzed Veterans of America. Some of the sports events will be held at the Henry Doorly Zoo, the University of Nebraska, Mockingbird and Thunderbowl Lanes, Tranquility Ice Plex and other area venues. Admission is free to the public and the community is encouraged to attend.

Sports are important in the therapy used to treat many disabilities. VA is a recognized leader in rehabilitation, with therapeutic programs available at VA health care facilities across the nation. For many injured veterans, the Wheelchair Games provide their first exposure to wheelchair athletics.

For more information about the National Veterans Wheelchair Games or to volunteer during the week, visit the Games Web site at www.wheelchair-games.va.gov.

CrossFit craze grows aboard Cherry Point

Major B. Poole
MCAS Air Station Cherry Point

INE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — Three miles, pull-ups and the flexed arm sit-ups are the hallmark of the Corps' physical fitness test and the core of regular physical training.

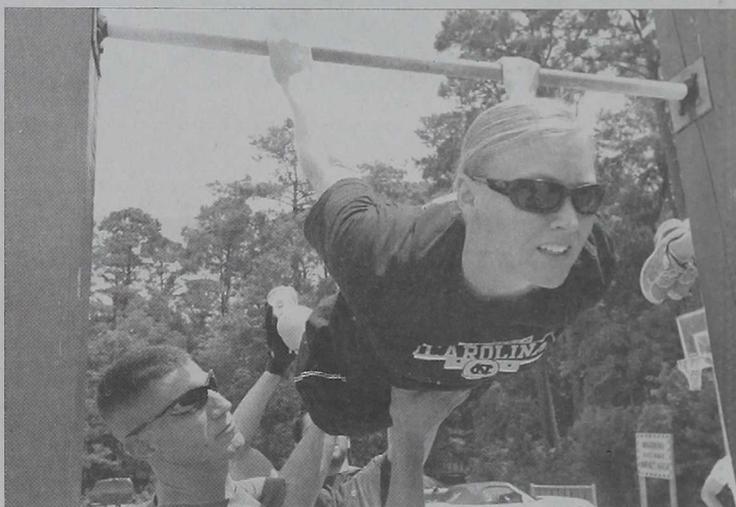
CrossFit is a new core strength and conditioning program designed to optimize performance. CrossFit focuses on three areas, like cardiovascular and muscular endurance, strength, flexibility, agility and balance. Although CrossFit is an independent, private organization, they have given special attention to certain groups, such as the Corps, to conduct their program at

workouts," said Joseforsky. "These type of exercises not only promote a healthy, strong body and physique, but also improve PFT run times and scores."

The CrossFit workouts are a mix between cardio, weight training and gymnastics.

"Through these metabolic workouts, our cardiovascular system is constantly being worked," said Joseforsky. "Therefore, while we only run maybe two or three times a month, Marines are dropping their three-mile run times by three and four minutes. The transformation people receive from these workouts is not just physical, but mental as well. Just knowing you can accomplish something above what you thought you could makes a difference."

The workouts are set in a way that anyone from any physical background can participate.



Maj. David Joseforsky assists 2nd Lt. Samantha Crews with a back lever stretch. The back lever stretch is used to stretch the entire back. Cpl. Jennifer B. Poole

submitted our request to conduct CrossFit at MCAS Cherry Point (CrossFit's) headquarters and they agreed," said Maj. David Joseforsky, the support detachment commanding officer for Marine Air Control Group 28.

Greg Glassman, the founder of CrossFit, opens up the seminars that teach the concepts of CrossFit to military personnel for free.

Through CrossFit, Inc., provides training for instructors, the Cherry Point has provided the equipment and facilities for the program through personal donations.

"I rely solely on personal donation equipment," said Joseforsky. "We're focused on trying to get command support for the equipment right now, but it's open to anyone who would like to donate."

The program offers a different workout every day, said Joseforsky. CrossFit exercises are constant, varied, and emphasize functional movement

"I was recovering from a broken ankle and was trying to get my body back into shape and thought the workouts would challenge me, without hurting me," said 1st Lt. Jason Dequenne, logistics officer for MACG-28. "There's an amazing amount of camaraderie shared when coming to these workouts. With each workout, you wonder what kind of shared pain you're going to endure together. I've never been with a group more supportive than this group."

The CrossFit program on MCAS Cherry Point is open to military, civilian Department of Defense employees and dependents. Identical workouts are held twice daily, Monday through Friday, at 6:30 and 11:45 a.m., behind the Marine Air Control Group 28 headquarters building. An additional afternoon workout can also be requested based on interest.

For information on CrossFit, visit www.crossfitcherrypoint.com or contact Maj. Joseforsky at 466-7057 or Maj. Ward at 466-7897.

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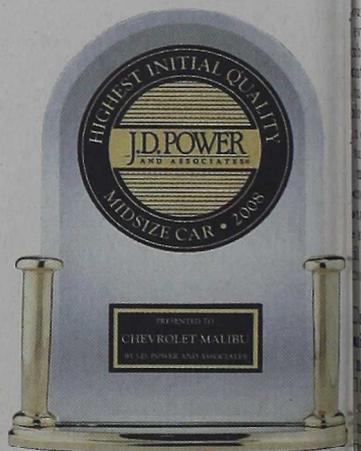
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Recruiting scheduled
Marine Corps Special Operations Command recruitment team led at the Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. An information session will start at 10 a.m., followed by questions and interviews until 3:30 p.m. Marines interested in the process will be invited to attend. The process will be open to all Marines for permanent and selective assignments. To become operational in MARSOC, Marines will also be used for support and support assignments.

Recruiting patrol officers

Lejeune is accepting applications for civil patrol officers. Visit www.usa.mil and search 0083, 0083, 0083, N.C.

and EWS training seminar

Continuation of the Command Staff College. School seminars for 2009 commence the last week of September. Requests received no later than Sept. 1. EWS seminar meet each week for a couple of hours. Training from May through the end of May. For students deployed, there is an on-line seminar. To enroll, contact the CCE Coordinator's Office at 451-9309 or camplejeune@usmc.mil.

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Base command photos, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8-11:30 a.m., on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointment receive head-of-line status, but personnel are advised to be on time, so as not to have appointments re-scheduled.



Eyes in the sky watching division's back

Sgt. Eugene Clancy, a crew chief with Helicopter Marine Light Attack Squadron-775, Detachment A, Marine Air Group 49, 4th Marine Air Wing, fires upon a barge target during a training exercise July 14. The training had the "skid kids" practice support missions for infantry units.

Story and photos
Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day
2nd Marine Division Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT

Being in combat, on the streets of Iraq or Afghanistan, can be one of the scariest moments for an infantry Marine. Ground troops can't be sure about what might be lying around the corner or off in the distance for them. Who does America's 911 force call when they are in trouble?

They call the "skid kids" for air support. Marines with Helicopter Marine Light Attack Squadron-775, Detachment A, Marine Air Group 49, 4th Marine Air Wing, flew training air support missions at range BT 11 July 14.

"We are the eyes in the sky that look over the ground guys," said Sgt. Eugene Clancy, a crew chief with the unit. "While we're up there, we can see things that they could never see. We don't have to stick to the roads."

During Clancy's recent deployment to Iraq, in support of 1st and 2nd Marine

Division, he said the UH-1N Huey helicopter's role was important because they could find caches that would be impossible for an infantryman to find.

"We can see for miles, and we can go wherever we want," said the Santa Clara, Calif., native. "We provide support, that's our job."

During the training evolution, the two crew chiefs in the helicopter worked in unison, directing the pilots where possible targets may be. Clancy and Staff Sgt. Earl Day, a crew chief with the unit, provided the pilots with invaluable eyes in the back of the helicopter to help guide the pilots.

"We need to work together in the helicopter so we can provide as much security and overwatch for the ground guys as possible," said Day, an Amesbury, Mass., native.

The pilot gave the crew chiefs the order to fire upon a target, and without delay, Clancy unleashed the hellish power of the GUA-16, the Browning .50 Caliber Heavy

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Staff Sgt. Earl Day, a crew chief with Helicopter Marine Light Attack Squadron-775, Detachment A, Marine Air Group 49, 4th Marine Air Wing, attaches the Gau-17/A Minigun to a UH-1N Huey during a training exercise July 14.

Illegal voting can get you deported

Michael Archer
Legal Assistance Office

This November, Americans will go to the polls to elect public officials, including the next president of the United States.

Those eligible to vote should do so. Voting is a fundamental right of citizenship, paid for with the blood of patriots.

On the other hand, those not eligible to vote should not even register. Additionally, leaders, in understandable zeal to persuade service members to vote, should be particularly careful about inadvertently causing a Legal Permanent Resident to vote unlawfully.

Illegal voting by a non-citizen can derail a citizenship application, prevent entry into the United States, and even make the non-citizen deportable.

The Federal Immigration and Naturalization Act provides that "Any alien who has voted in violation of any Federal, State, or local constitutional provision, statute, ordinance or regulation" is not eligible for a visa or for admission into the United States (8 USC 1182) and is deportable (8 USC 1227). Each city, county, and state determines who is qualified to vote in its elections. The state determines who is a resident of that state and which of those residents are eligible to vote in Federal elections. Almost every political jurisdiction requires you to be a U.S. citizen to vote lawfully.

Thus, in the overwhelming majority of elections, Legal Permanent Residents, so-called "green card" holders, are not eligible to vote. To

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Field meet offers Marines chance to shine

Going extra mile

Lance Cpl. Jo Jones
2nd Marine Division

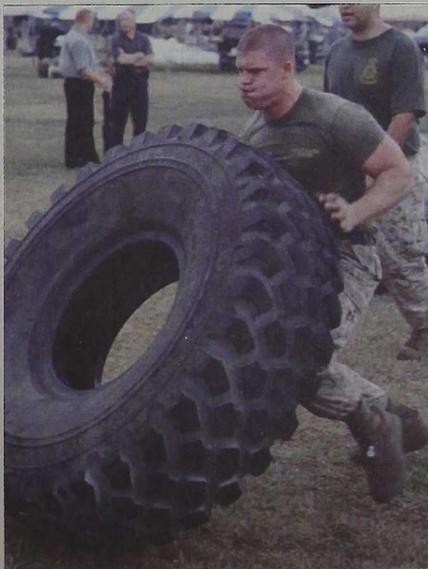
The regimental commanding officer gave the order to step off. As Col. John K. Love ran toward the road, 3,000 Marines and sailors from 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, followed close behind, their boots hitting the ground in unison to create a steady beat that professional musicians might envy.

Some Marines ran alongside the formation, their cadences synchronizing with the rhythm of the boots. Every Marine wore a green T-shirt, water hydration unit, desert camouflage trousers and boots. Red flags with gold letters representing each battalion provided bright spots of color amongst the green and brown mass.

Being careful not to drop my camera, I sprinted to the front of the formation, then turned around to snap a few shots — but even my wide-angle lens couldn't capture the entire regiment in one photograph. As I contemplated how I could take story-telling photos, I heard some Marines encouraging their brothers-in-arms to keep up.

I looked at the infantrymen's expressions. Sweat poured down their red faces, drenching their T-shirts, but the Marines did not stop running. If one Marine fell back, one of his brothers-in-arms ran with him until they both arrived at W.P.T. Hill field, the final destination of the motivational run and the

See MILE, 2C



Pfc. Steven W. Kupryk, a machinergunner with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, competes in the tire-toss competition at the 8th Marines field meet held at W.P.T. Hill Field here, July 9. Events were a mix of traditional athletic sports and combat related competitions. Marines could compete against each other in their choice of events while helping their battalion earn the commander's cup at the end of the day. Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones

8th Marines keep morale high

Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones
2nd Marine Division

Keeping morale high within the military is important for unit cohesion. It keeps the troops moving with motivation to carry out the difficult tasks ahead of them and Col. John Love, the regimental commander of 8th Marine Regiment, brought his Marines together for a day of athletic competition with this in mind. The Marines with 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, took part in their first regimental field meet in more than a decade at W.P.T. Hill Field, July 9.

"I was pretty impressed with what I saw out there," said Sgt. Maj. Rudy Resto, the regimental sergeant major. "We haven't done this since 1996 and what a great opportunity it was to get us all together to have some fun and have some warrior spirit."

A regimental three-mile run with nearly 3,000 Marines kicked off the day. Events were a mix of traditional athletic sports and combat-related competitions. Marines competed against each other in their choice of events while working toward earning the commander's cup for their battalion.

"I believe Col. Love's rationale was to get everyone together in one place and foster the camaraderie and make things fun."

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Storm of concerns for East Coast Marines

Cpl. Aaron Rooks
2nd Marine Logistics Group

The central focus in today's military is on combat operations, physical fitness and overall combat readiness. With our current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, that's not surprising.

But there is another important focus the U.S. Marine Corp's 2nd Marine Logistics Group has its eyes on, one many service-members don't often think about. That concern is destructive weather, which is at its peak during the later months of the year, also known as hurricane season.

The East Coast's latest weather concern was Tropical Storm Bertha. As the Weather Channel reported, Bertha recently passed through Bermuda, and as of 5 a.m. July 15, was headed out to open water in the Atlantic Ocean.

Popular opinion proved to be correct as the storm did not make landfall on U.S. soil, but then again, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, it's still early in the hurricane season, which extends from June 1 through Nov. 30.

"We are simply in that



The St. Bernard Parish still displays extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina Sept. 13, 2005. Sgt. Tracee Jackson

time frame right now for hurricanes," said Gunnery Sgt. Samantha Thompson, the assistant destructive weather officer for Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd MLG. "We've been hit with a couple of storms already right out of the blue. Bertha popped up and did a U-turn, but Marines should still prepare for the worst."

Even though Bertha is on its way further out to sea, Marines should not think that they are out of the woods, as history shows the month of July can still pose a threat. The East Coast took a beating in July

1996 when Hurricane Bertha touched U.S. soil killing eight people and damaging 5,000 homes, which according to the National Weather Service, cost an estimated \$270 million.

Thompson was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, when Bertha struck the Carolinas in the mid-90s. She has seen the full extent of the damage hurricanes can cause, but more importantly, she realizes the importance of preparing for these storms.

"Your life can be turned upside down in an instant," Thompson said, thinking

back to 1996. "Vehicles were flipped, hoods were torn off, there was crazy traffic due to flooding. This is why Marines should prepare now. A storm can happen at any time."

"They should start getting their supplies ready now," she added. "Everyone wants to wait until the last minute to get what they need, but if they do this, they won't have what they need when a storm hits."

Although history has shown that the early months of hurricane season can be a bit rattling, the

fact remains that in most cases, the second half of the season can bring the worst. Just think back to August 2004 when some U.S. states were struck and frayed by one named Charley.

WITN News, Eastern (North) Carolina's Weather Authority, placed Hurricane Charley as the fourth costliest storm in U.S. history with damages totaling \$15 billion. According to the National Weather Service, the hurricane made landfall in Florida and later resulted in 10 deaths.

To add to concern, Charley wasn't the last. Approximately one month later, Hurricane Ivan added to the mix. Ivan touched land Sept. 16 and was labeled by WITN News as the fifth costliest storm in history with damages totaling \$14.2 billion. WITN News said this storm touched 10 states, killing 25 people, 15 more than what Charley caused.

All-in-all, these two hurricanes took 35 lives and caused damages totaling \$29.2 billion across 10 states on the East Coast over just two months time. That's rather scary to think of when you consider that there was still about two months left in hurricane season at the time.

Lance Cpl. Hebert, an admin clerk with Service, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd MLG, said the devastation can cause all to have lived through hurricanes Katrina and Rita, both of which were disastrous impacts on the home state of Louisiana.

Now, three years later, he finds himself back home for his parents were forced to Louisiana years ago. "Some people are still home," he said. "I still see people who don't know their loved ones and their loved ones are still home. It shows an effect."

Donagan said he never wishes that happened, upon person, but feels it's important to realize the true impact of hurricanes and the devastation they're causing.

"A hurricane and then come your way," Donagan said. "If you're not that's the worst possible. Fact is, lose your house, your whole life

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said Lt. Col. Dan Sullivan, the commanding officer of 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. Sullivan said he was proud of his Marines' performance and accredited his combat-experienced Marines for keeping up the training.

"Marines are natural competitors who like to win and the guys are getting a real charge out of this," said Sullivan. The Marines participated in 19 events consisting of individual competitions and team sports.

"There are a couple of them that surprised me," Sullivan said. "The obstacle course was a lot more challenging than I thought. The stretcher carry, believe it or not, was one of the things that crushed guys the most. And of course, the tug-of-war is always a hit because of the heart, enthusiasm and the raw strength that is involved with it."

The event came together just after 2nd Battalion returned from their post deployment leave, after coming home from their recent deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, allowing all the Marines of 8th Marines to participate.

"To get 3,000 guys out here and feed them with 10 to 20 simultaneous sporting events going on, doesn't happen without an enormous amount of detailed planning and hard work on someone's part," said Sullivan. "We just got to take advantage of it and reap the benefits."

One Marine present to make sure morale stayed high after a physical day outdoors was Master Sgt. Sion E. Roach, the 8th Marines mess hall chief and liaison. "Morale is everything to me," said Roach. "I come in every day with a smile and expect everyone to smile with me."

Roach and his Marines served up steaks, burgers and other food off their hot grills during the barbecue cook-off. "This is the best business to be in when it comes to troop welfare, morale and motivation," said Roach, who retired the following day after 26 years of selfless service to the Corps. "Marines are like machines to me and the food is their fuel. I don't care how many rounds you have, they aren't going down range if you don't have the energy to send them down."

Roach continued to say the unit has been great at putting on events that raise morale in the past. They have done many separate events with the battalions and the regiment. The staff and officers play softball from time to time for bragging rights during the work weeks, which shows unit cohesion amongst the higher ranks.

"Col. Love likes to do these things and it's good for the troops," said Roach. "He just went above and beyond, went out of the box and organized it for the regiment."

Retired Maj. Gen. Ray "E-tool" Smith was invited to attend the event and delivered a motivating speech as the guest speaker at the award ceremony. Smith has a long history with the regiment serving as a platoon, company and regimental commander.

"I don't love the Marine Corps, I love the Marines," said Smith. "There is a very special place in my heart for Marines that are a part of the 8th Marine Regiment."

In the end, the Marines with 1st Bn, narrowly beat out those with 3rd Bn, and walked away the winners of the field meet after they accumulated the most points throughout the day's events.

"I am proud of the esprit de corps, unit cohesion, teamwork and the pride that I saw," said Love. "You met and exceeded the expectations that I had for this field meet."

DIVISION, from IC

Machine Gun, that rocked the helicopter. The Huey swept to the left side to give Day a view of the target. Day opened up at 3,000 rounds-a-minute with the Gau-17/A Minigun.

"The Gau-17/A is used for high volume suppression at close range," Day said. "We'll use the mini gun for cleanup after the 50-cal. reaches out and touches them."

The gun jammed on Day as the helicopter passed its target. Working together, Clancy

and Day worked fast while traveling at 120 knots to get the gun back into the fight.

"In combat training, you have to be safe no matter what," Clancy said. "It doesn't matter if it's training. You can still get killed doing our job."

The training event lasted most of the day. The crew chiefs and pilots worked diligently before and after the mission to ensure the training went well.

"Training for us is no different from the ground guys," said Maj. Darin Fox, a UH-1N Huey pilot, with HMLA-

467 a unit that is in the process of joining the ranks of 2nd MAW. "You can't send a ground guy to combat without him going to the rifle range. This is our chance to get in the mentality to train and become more proficient at our jobs."

Day agrees that training keeps them ready to fight when needed.

"We need to work well together, in the back of the bird, so the pilots can work with us and work with the forward air controller on the ground," said Day. "If com-

munication and breaks down, no one is able to perform the way they need to."

The training division upon returning to strip. The crew pilots cleaned the guns and debriefed events. The ground was aided by the job the air crew to the infantry. "When the ground gets trouble, they're going the 'skid kids' in, the eyes and guns sky.

VOTING, from IC

name just a few examples, North Carolina (NC Gen Stat 163-55), California (Cal Elec Code 2101), New York (NY CLS Elec 5-102) and Texas (Tex Elec Code 11.002) all specifically require you to be a United States citizen to vote in their elections. For questions about eligibility to vote, contact the Board of Elections. Remember, however, that almost all jurisdictions require citizenship for voting.

It is very unlikely poll workers will prevent Legal Permanent Residents from registering or voting. The first time a Legal Permanent Resident is

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Vote if you can. Don't vote if you are prohibited. Contact the Board of Elections if you have questions. Legal assistance to attempt to correct violations.

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starting point of the 8th Marines' field meet. No Marine had been left behind.

Afterward, the Marines and sailors assembled in the center of the parade field. The regiment snapped to attention with a resounding thump of their boots for July 9th's morning colors. Moments after the American flag had been raised, the events began. With a motivational run already behind them, each battalion competed in 19 events such as pull-ups, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program ground fighting and tug-of-war.

I walked over to the pull-up bars where an official was timing how long it took a team of four Marines to complete 100 pull-ups. I managed to get close enough with my camera to capture the strain on their faces as they approached the 100th pull-up: The team achieved its goal. I talked to one of those Marines, a corporal from Ypsilanti, Mich., who told me mental endurance is the key to not giving up.

"When you want to quit, you have to push through and keep going," said Cpl. Andrew C. Ellcey, an optics technician with Headquarters and Support Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines.

Back at the parade field, Marines and sailors formed a circle around two MCMAP competitors. As they grappled, their teammates erupted with applause and cheers, encouraging the two to keep going. Determined not to give the other an advantage, the Marines continued to fight until the whistle blew, proving support from the sidelines was vital to the Marines' success.

"It helps to have your brothers cheering for you during these events," said Lance Cpl. Billy Enoch, a rifleman with 3rd Bn., 8th Marines, and the winner of the 100-meter sprint.

Enoch commended the Marines, competitors

and spectators alike. "There's a lot of heart and discipline out here today," Enoch said.

Close-by, steam rose from the grills as Marines unloaded bins of food from a delivery truck. The chef, Master Sgt. Sion E. Roach, regimental mess chief of 8th Marines, greeted me enthusiastically while seasoning the steaks. With 26 years of experience and two days away from retirement, he imparted upon me wisdom learned from his experiences.

Roach emphasized the importance of putting out 100 percent effort 100 percent of the time because giving up in training will have negative long-term ramifications in war.

"If you stop here, you will lose the event. If you stop in combat, you may lose your life," Roach said.

Lance Cpl. David M. Brown, a rifleman with 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, also testified to the role endurance plays in combat zones. The combat veteran deployed to Iraq twice, the first seven-month deployment spent in Fallujah and the second in Ramadi.

"Being able to sustain physical fitness is needed to prepare us for combat patrols and convoys," said Brown, a participant in the ammunition can relay race. "Whether it's 130 degrees below zero or 120 degrees outside, you still have to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy."

After a full morning of strenuous activities, the Marines and sailors gathered en masse around the food tents, eagerly awaiting food prepared especially for them. Despite the sweltering heat and humidity, their spirits were high as they congratulated one another. They battled nature and fatigue, but emerged a victorious band of brothers.

As I walked away, Roach's words resounded in my mind: "It doesn't matter if (the Marines) finish first or last in these events today," said Roach. "The important thing is they finished."



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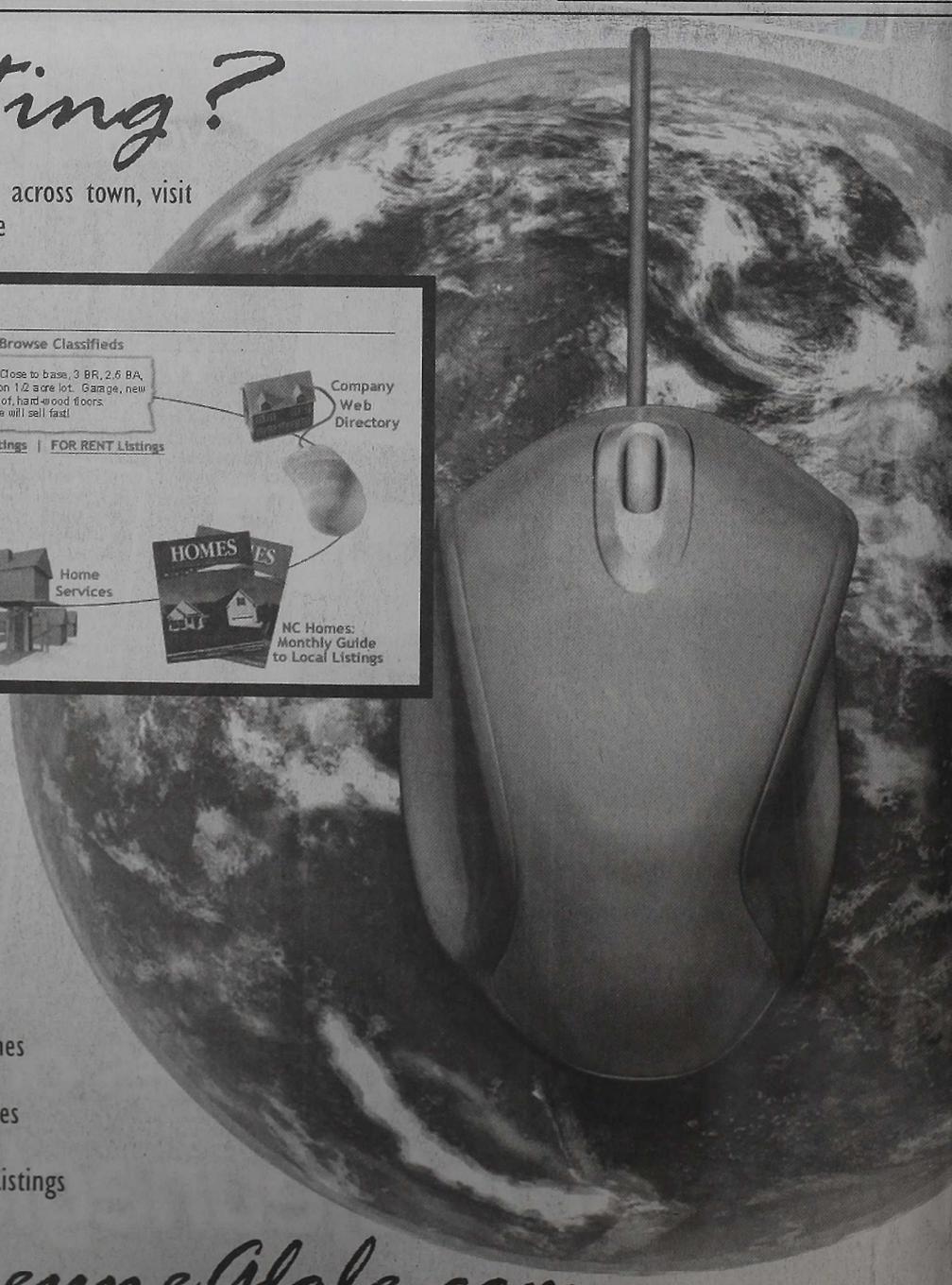
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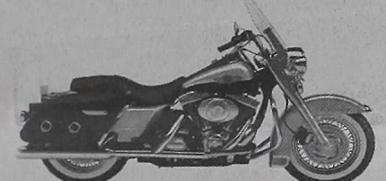
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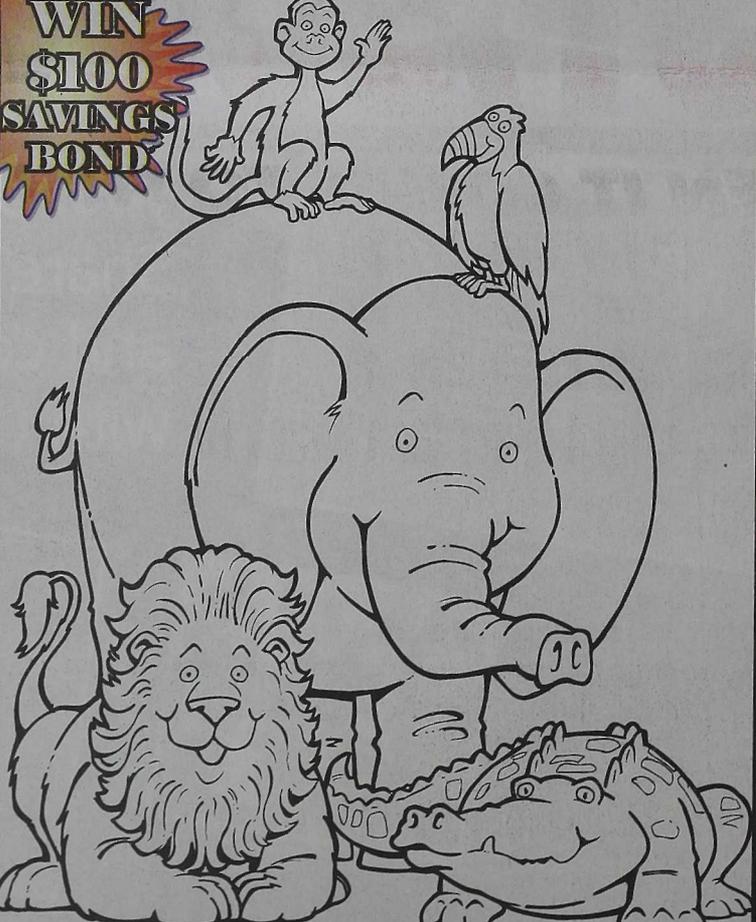
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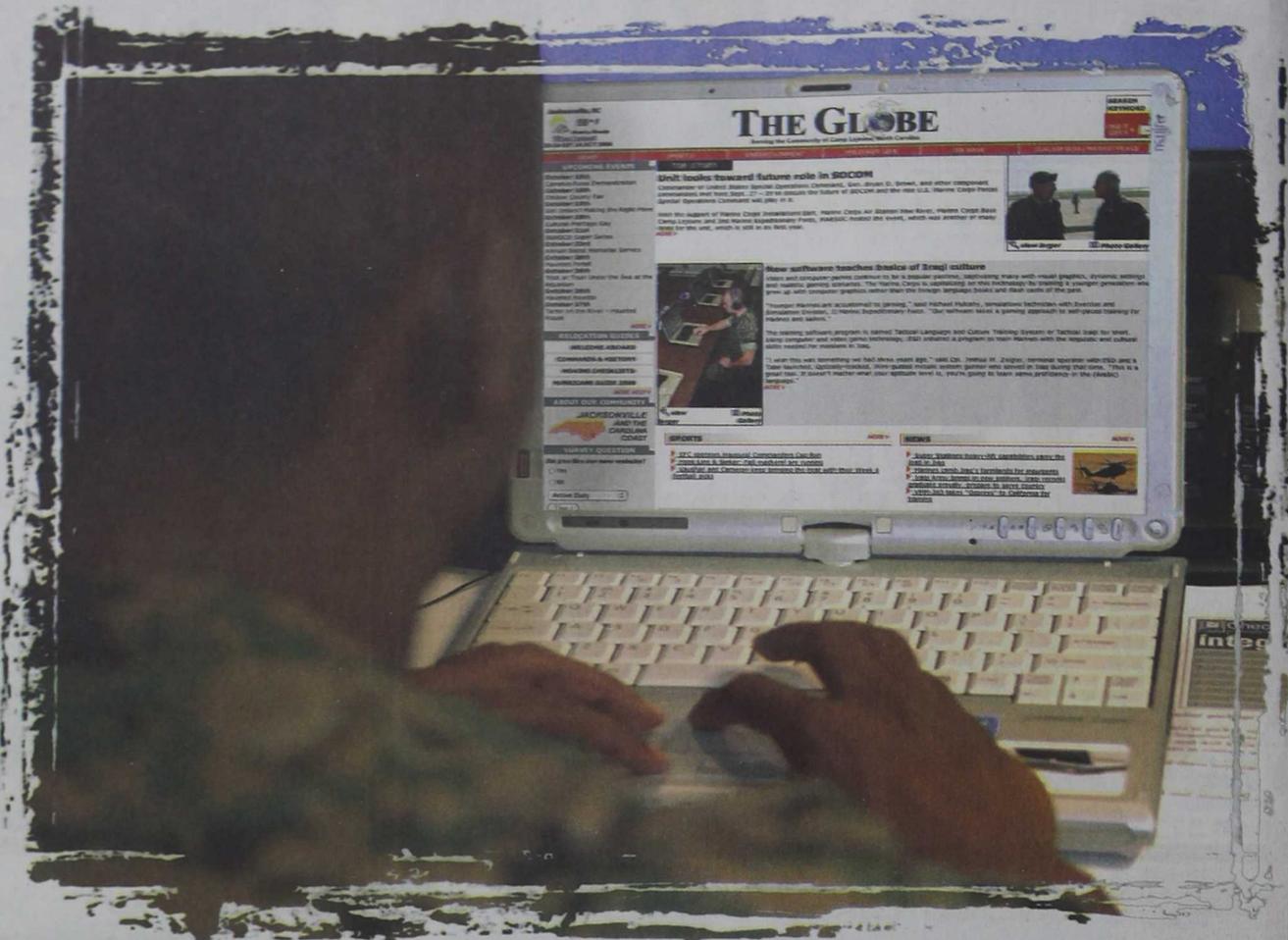
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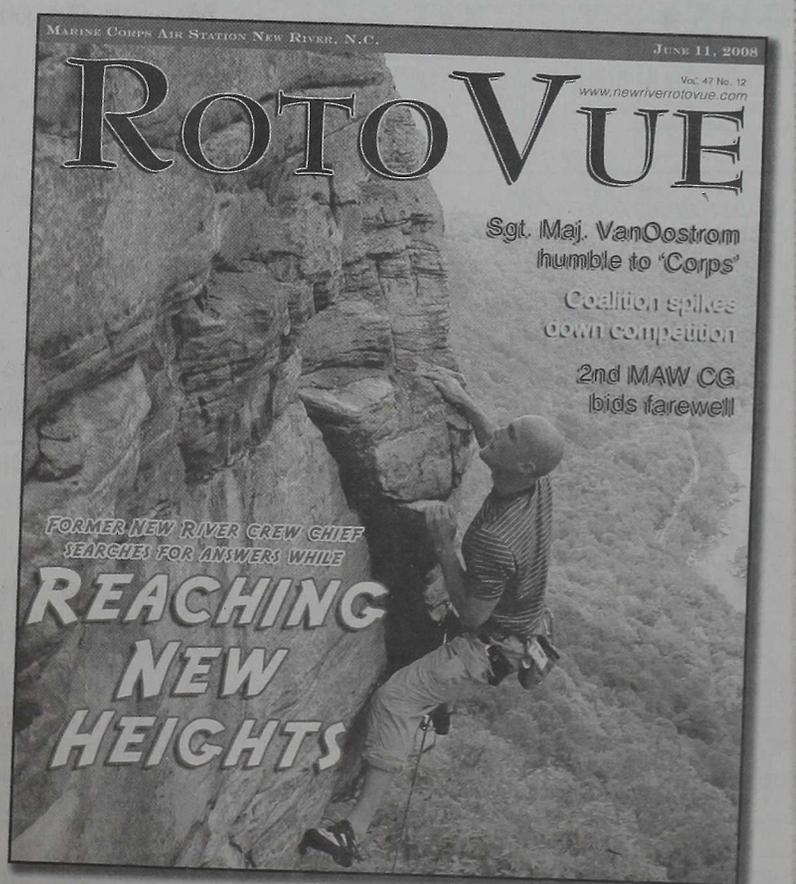
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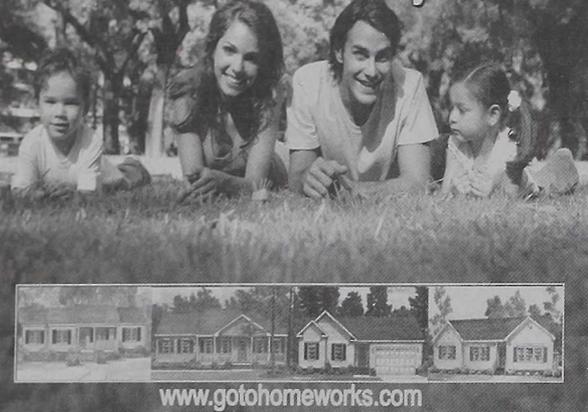
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Street Dance
The Street Dance for military families is coming to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The shows are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Marine and Services Center on Brewster Blvd. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The 60-minute show, which is free, includes a mini-show, games and outreach. For more information, call 451-1807.

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Start early to begin your National Night Out. America's fight against drugs in Jacksonville is set to take place at 5 p.m. at Riverbank. Mardi Gras and Banquet on the main stage. The ever-popular give-away yet again. The event is scheduled from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and will include 190 vendors, fireworks, face painting and static displays of family fun.

Family Clinic
The Hospital Camp Lejeune offers a fertility clinic to help couples who want to control their fertility without drugs, hormones or devices. The clinic introduces couples or single individuals who would like to learn about natural fertility. The clinic is scheduled for 4 p.m. Aug. 7 in the Classroom C. For more information, call 451-4564 to register.

Diabetes Classes
The Hospital Camp Lejeune is sponsoring diabetes classes to promote health and wellness. The Diabetes Education course provides information on cardiac disease prevention and lifestyle changes necessary to manage heart health. The class is offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Three classes are left in 2008: Aug. 14 - Sept. 18, Oct. 16 and Nov. 20. For more information, call 451-1212. Several Diabetes Management Courses are scheduled as well. The course is designed to help patients gain a better understanding of diabetes and how to control it. Courses registered for 2008 include Aug. 26, Sept. 9, 30, Oct. 14 - Nov. 18 - Dec. 5. For more information, call 451-3712.

Sand Jam

Party of summer approaches

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Fans of sand, sun, food and music, it's time to buy the SPF30 and that bikini or those perfect swim trunks. Sand Jam 2008, the beach party of the summer for East Coast Marines, is set to take place at Onslow Beach, Aug. 2.

"We're bringing Marines in from all over the East Coast for Sand Jam," says Susan Goodrich, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Single Marine Program coordinator under the auspices of Marine Corps Community Services.

Marines and sailors formerly stationed on the West Coast, may have noticed SMPs there often plan events together. Now East Coast SMPs are doing the same, and Sand Jam 2008 is the first event of this new initiative. The SMP is busying in Marines from as far south as Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and as far north as Marine Corps Base Quantico for this event.

Though planned by the SMP, Sand Jam is open to both single and married military members and the Jacksonville community. However, Goodrich warns the event is not recommended for children. "It's an adult atmosphere," she said.

The adults who attend are sure to have a great time. MCCS has planned a couple of new attractions for this year's event. A bike show, in conjunction with New River Harley Davidson, is planned to take place in the area adjacent to the beach's enlisted pavilion. The first 100 military personnel who register on the morning of Sand Jam will have the opportunity to display their motorcycles in the competition. Prizes will be offered to the winners.

Also new for this year, a featured band will be performing for party-goers directly on the beach. Local favorites, the Karg Brothers, a country duo act out of Nashville, are set to perform at noon from the "seashells," the brightly colored structures on the beach.

Other activities on the beach include four-person beach volleyball duels and a tug-of-war contest. "To me, (the tug-of-war contest) is the most fun event to watch," says Goodrich.

On the main stage, the Flex on the Beach event is sure to be a hit. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female in the contest.

At 4:30 p.m., the modern rock band, Vayden, is set to perform on the main stage adjacent to the basketball court and enlisted pavilion. Formerly known as Simplify, Vayden is a four-piece rock/alt/metal band which has

opened for the likes of Matchbox 20, Alien Ant Farm and Kings X, among others.

At 6 p.m., PopEvil, whose video "Somebody Like You" has been featured on MTV's hit show MADE, is scheduled to perform. The featured title is also currently the most requested song in the band's hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich., and is poised to take on rock stations nationwide. The band's self-titled album is scheduled to hit stores Aug. 12.

The day's activities will wind up at 7 p.m. Goodrich said coolers will be allowed at the event. However, no glass containers will be permitted on the beach. There will be a designated drop off point for passengers and their accessories near the enlisted pavilion. Drivers will then head to the designated parking area and be shuttled back to the main area by trolley.

So local Marines and sailors, be sure to set aside Aug. 2 for Sand Jam 2008. "We'll have a great party," says Goodrich.

(For more information regarding Sand Jam, call 451-3535 or visit the MCCS Web site at www.mccslejeune.com/sandjam.)

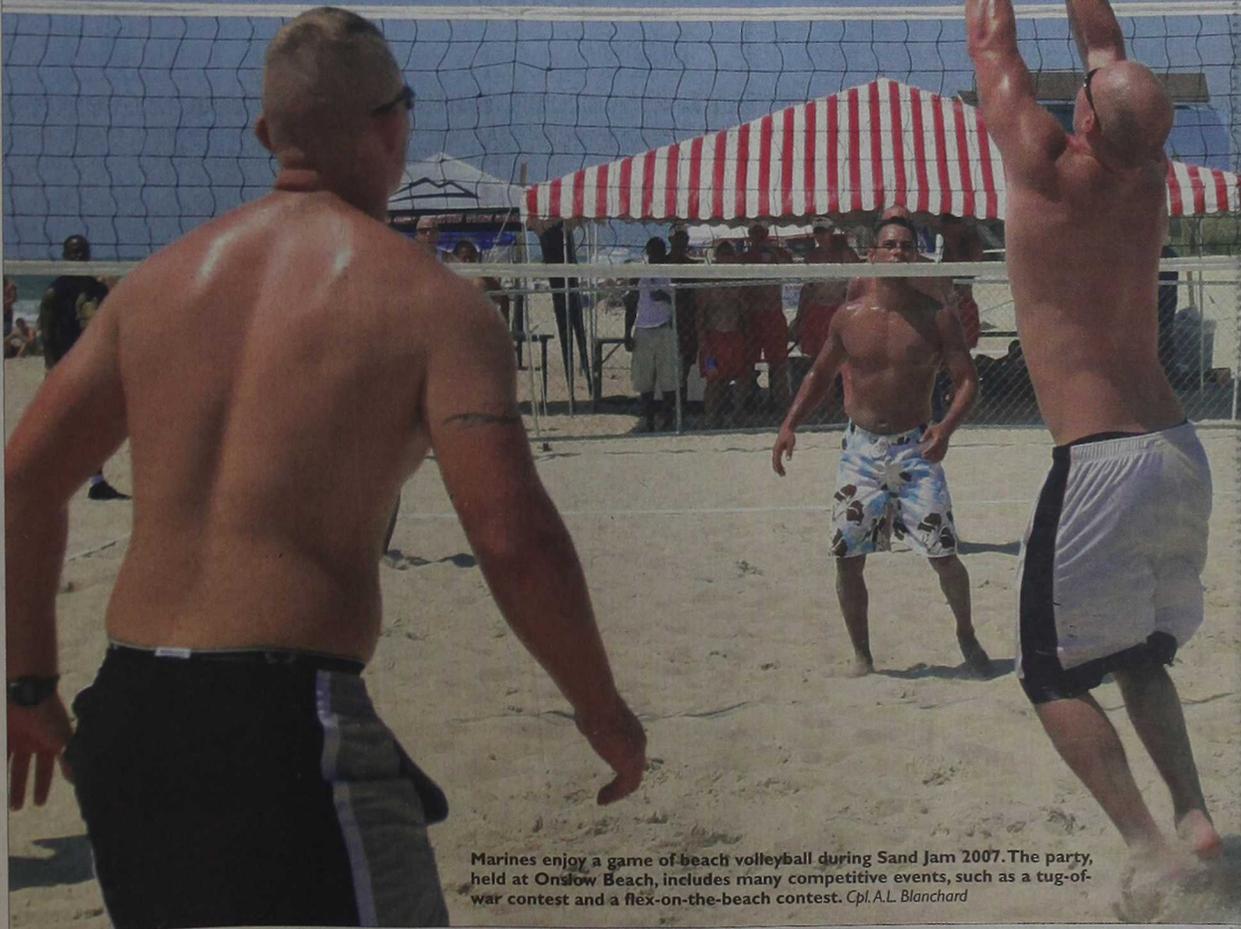
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Musical acts from last year's Sand Jam party rocked the nearly 4,700 attendees. This year's bands include Vayden, PopEvil and the Karg Brothers. Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman

Sand Jam 2008 Schedule of Events Aug. 2, Onslow Beach

- 10 a.m. Registration
- 11 a.m. Kick off
- 11 a.m. Motorcycle Show
- 12 a.m. Karg Brothers perform on beach
- 1 p.m. Tug-of-War contest
- 2:30 p.m. Flex-on-the-Beach contest
- 3:30 p.m. Awards from the stage
- 4:30 p.m. Vayden performs
- 6 p.m. PopEvil performs



Marines enjoy a game of beach volleyball during Sand Jam 2007. The party, held at Onslow Beach, includes many competitive events, such as a tug-of-war contest and a flex-on-the-beach contest. Cpl. A.L. Blanchard

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When the headquarters of the secret U.S. spy agency, CONTROL, are attacked and the identities of its agents is compromised, their chief, played by Alan Arkin ("Little Miss Sunshine," "Firewall") has no choice but to promote his eager analyst, Maxwell Smart, to spy status.

Max has been dreaming of working in the field for a long time, hoping that he can work with his idol, superstar Agent 23, played by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson ("The Game Plan," "The Scorpion King").

But when he is sent on his most dangerous and important mission, that happens to be also his first mission, Smart gets the lovely and sexy veteran Agent 99 as his partner, portrayed by Anne Hathaway ("The Devil Wears Prada," "Ella Enchanted").

Together, they have to try to stop a doomsday scenario by the evil crime syndicate KAOS, and its crime boss, Siegfried, played by Terence Stamp ("Elektra," "Red Planet").

Max, with no field experience and little time, approaches this important mission with wacky gadgets and over-eagerness.

Peter Segal ("The Longest Yard," "Anger Management," "50 First Dates") directed this slapstick-heavy version, based on characters originally created by Mel Brooks and Buck Henry.

This updated version brings new gadgets and props and also takes some liberties with today's technology.

"Get Smart" is a spy spoof with crass and crude humor, action violence and some objectionable language; another remake in the long line of trying to imitate former excellent television series, without much success.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater

"THE LOVE GURU" (PG-13)

"The Love Guru" is another one in the long line of recent crude comedies.

A guru raised in India comes to the America to help a star hockey player's troubled love life.

Mike Myers ("Austin Powers" series,



'Get Smart' is an action comedy starring Anne Hathaway as Agent 99 and Steve Carell as Maxwell Smart. movies.com

"Shrek," "A View From the Top") stars as Maurice Pitka, an American who, by strange circumstances, was brought up in India by spiritual leaders and who now has become a self-help guru.

Seeking fame and fortune, he returns to America to the world of self-help and spirituality.

Pitka's strange methods soon catch the attention of Jacques Grande, played by Justin Timberlake ("Alpha Dog," "Shrek The Third"), hockey player for the Los Angeles Kings, whose career is on the skids and needs Pitka's wise counsel.

This challenge also involves settling the romantic troubles of a star hockey player whose wife left him for a rival athlete.

Romany Malco ("Baby Mama") costars as Darren Roanoke, the star of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Meagan Good ("Stomp the Yard") as Prudence, his wife.

Jessica Alba ("Fantastic Four") costars as Jane Bullard, the owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs, who needs her player back so that the team can break a long-standing curse and win the Stanley Cup.

Verne Troyer ("Austin Powers in Gold Member") plays Coach Cherkov and Ben Kingsley ("Lucky Number Slevin") can be seen as the head guru who teaches Pitka.

Jessica Simpson, Val Kilmer, Stephen Colbert and Mariska Hargitay will pop up in funny cameos.

Myers collaborated with Graham Gordy on writing the screenplay, a strictly nondenominational and fictional story. Myers states that, "He wanted the film to be a real celebration of life and happiness

and silliness."

Marco Schnabel ("Meet the Fockers," "Meet the Parents") directs this silly attempt at comedy.

"The Love Guru" could be an unintended spoof on the popular Indian Bollywood musicals.

Playing at the Jacksonville Theater

"HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY" (PG-13)

"Hellboy II: The Golden Army" is the second action-adventure movie based on the comic book series.

Hellboy is a hero who has super strength and an indestructible right hand, who sprouts two horns and a tail, but who also has a very tender and soft heart.

Hell on Earth is ready to erupt after an ancient truce existing between humankind and the invisible realm of the fantastic is broken.

A ruthless leader who treads the world above and the one below defies his bloodline and awakens an unstoppable army of creatures.

Now, it is up to the planet's roughest superhero to battle the ruthless dictator and his marauding army.

It is time to call in Hellboy.

Ron Perlman ("The Name of the Rose," "The Name of the Game") returns as the giant redskinned, hellfire and netherworld hero who is misunderstood. But when you need right, you always call this superhero to protect the world.

When the mythical world of Hellboy bellion against humanity in the name of the world, Hellboy and his team must save the world from the creatures.

Selma Blair ("Feast of Love") returns as his girlfriend, Liz Sherman, a genetic girlfriend.

Doug Jones ("The Benchwarmer") comes back as Abe Sapien, an aquatic sidekick, who is half fish and half mammal; Jones also voices the character of Death and The Chamberlain.

James Dodd portrays the new member of the team, the mystic Job. Once a flesh and blood human, Kraus now exists only on ectoplasm inside a containment suit. The character belongs to Seth MacFarlane.

The rest of the returning cast includes John Hurt as Trevor Bruttenholm, Hellboy's father, and Jeffrey Tambor as Dr. Tom Marv, the sole purpose is to keep Hellboy out of the world.

Luke Goss ("Blade II") is the character of the otherworldly ruler who takes over the world with the ruthless warriors and Anna Friel as Princess Nuala, his twin sister.

Director Guillermo del Toro ("Labyrinth," "Blade II," "The Devil Inside") is a master of creature movies and continues with this sequel to "Hellboy."

The original Hellboy is based on the favorite graphic novel created by Mike Mignola who also collaborated with Guillermo del Toro on writing the screenplay.

"Hellboy II: The Golden Army" takes the viewer to a fantasy world with a lot of weird creatures, a lot of mythical creatures, a lot of mythical creatures.

The production design and special effects are spectacular and this superhero film is imaginative and entertaining throughout and surpasses the "Hancock" movie of the previous week.

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

Who is qualified to treat u



Operation Homefront

By Jacey Eckhart

looking up from my notebook.

"You wives. You aren't living your own life. You're really living his life."

I didn't think the woman was certifiable. By the diplomas on her wall, I would have said she was certified. A state-licensed, trained, experienced marriage and family therapist. So why was she such an idiot?

It occurred to me that maybe this was one of those psycho tests. That the therapist wanted to see whether I'd agree to such a statement. But she bristled when I explained how I choose my military guy every day. That I can move or not move. That there are careers and lives that don't depend on living in one location.

The therapist shrugged and made a little moue of disagreement. I knew in that moment I was fighting a losing battle, so I shut up. Rare for me. But I pondered this all the way home. How can an educated person like a therapist be so woefully ignorant about military life? How much damage does it do to have an authority figure like a therapist hold such unhelpful ideas about our culture? Is this the kind of unseen, unstudied thing that keeps our military and their family members from seeking therapy?

Maybe. I found myself thinking about that therapist again a few weeks later when the RAND corporation issued a report about the invisible wounds of war. In addition to the usual numbers about how many service members return from Iraq or Afghanistan with post traumatic stress disorder or depression, the authors of the study also concentrated some thought on the quality of the services provided. They found that only 53 percent of service members with symptoms of PTSD or depression sought help from a provider over the past year, and of those who sought care, roughly half got minimally-adequate treatment.

That's only about a quarter of the people who need care actually getting it. No wonder the researchers found an urgent need to train more health providers on delivering evidence-based treatments that actually work.

When I talked to Lisa Jaycox, senior behavioral scientist at RAND and co-author of this study, she told me that the need for the provider was also important.

"Service members and veterans aren't getting care from someone who stands state-of-the-art treatment, but also someone who understands military culture and the unique aspects of military life."

I'm all for that. In addition to training in cognitive behavioral therapy, it seems obvious to me anyone going to treat our service members and their families should also be required to undergo training to understand military culture.

I'm not talking about teaching all the words to the Marine Hymn. I don't demand they be able to identify a sergeant major at 600 yards. I'm just saying they should have some kind of understanding of what it's like to be a sergeant major. That should be familiar with how different career paths there are in military life. They should be able to recognize what motivates people to go to the military outside what they've heard in "Officer and A Gentleman" or "The Thin Red Line." They should be able to identify what is normal for us and what is not. Moves are normal. Deployments are normal. Smacking people around when you get home is not.

When so few people serve in the military, it isn't surprising that the providers have not served themselves or were not brought up in our military community.

It's no wonder they don't always understand the subtleties of our culture. But that can be rectified. Requires providers go through a training program before they are qualified and recommended, before they get paid.

Because we need our returning soldiers and Marines to be able to trust the quality of care available to them. We need them to come back to normal. We need each one of them and their family members to be running well.

A military spouse of 20 years, Lisa Hart is a nationally syndicated columnist with CinCHouse.com.

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Marine discovers father's role in 'DAY OF INFAMY'

her Owens
Living editor

avid Jones' dad was a member of the greatest generation.

They were the men and women who took care of business during World War II, but didn't spend much breath talking about it later.

us Jones, a retired Marine and current employee aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, did not know of his father's role during the war. "When I was a kid, I had these chevrons when I was in the military. I knew he was in the Navy, but not know he was a Pearl Harbor survivor or a war veteran until the day before he joined the Marine Corps," said Jones.

Inspired by his father, Lemuel R. Jones, born April 1922, was stationed aboard the USS Arizona, moored to the USS Arizona, during a Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

wasn't until later that the junior Jones learned a bit more about his father's service. "In the staff academy, I had

to write a paper. So I would write about Pearl Harbor because my dad was a Pearl Harbor survivor. That's when he told me it," said Jones.

At my dad told me he had just been to the Post Exchange, he had put his stuff in his locker and he came up on the starboard side of the ship."

me; he had just been to the Post Exchange, he had put his stuff in his locker and he came up on the starboard side of the ship."

From there, the story got interesting. "He saw a Japanese plane drop a torpedo that was headed for the Vestal and, as this was happening, he was pushing six other sailors out of the way of impending disaster. That torpedo went under the Vestal and struck the Arizona," said Jones.

According to Jones' father, another sailor named Joe George ran the gun while he manned the turret. "The bomb that sunk the Arizona was so powerful when it exploded it knocked 100 men off the Vestal into the oily water. The Vestal had been hit in the forecastle and tail. The commander in charge had the ship unmoored from the Arizona and got her beached on a sandbar," said Jones of his father's recollections of that fateful day.

That was the last Jones would hear the details of his father's war experiences. "I just asked him about it twice and he broke down in tears, so I quit asking because those guys went through pure hell," said Jones.

The senior Jones went on to serve during World War II and was later called back for the Korean War.

"During the Korean War, my dad was now stationed on a destroyer escort because the USS Vestal had been scuttled after being in service since 1914," said Jones.

In total, his father served his country in the Navy for seven years. "Dad told me the only reason he didn't stay for 30 years was because, when they were at the 28th parallel and one quarter mile off the North Korean coast, (the North Korean's) brought a 32-inch gun out of the mountain and hit the destroyer next to him," said Jones.

After the war, the senior Jones headed home to his wife, Evelyn, and they went on to parent two sons, the younger Jones and his brother Paul. His father worked as a postal carrier for 28 years in North Dakota. "And, believe me, being a postal carrier up there is not easy, not in the winter time," said Jones.

His father died at home July 28 of last year and his mother followed not long afterward on Nov. 16. "My mom was a homemaker all her life. They were married six months before he was called back to the Korean War," said Jones. "The only holidays they missed together was when my father was called back for Korea. We buried her the day before Thanksgiving, so they never missed another holiday. She had Thanksgiving with Dad."

After his mother's death, Jones found



himself in her house cleaning out his parent's personal belongings. While looking through a box in a closet, Jones found a copy of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. The newspaper, an eight-page supplement, was dated Dec. 7, 1941, and labeled as the "first extra" edition. "When I pulled (the paper) out of the box and I looked at the lettering, it was clear as a bell," said Jones.

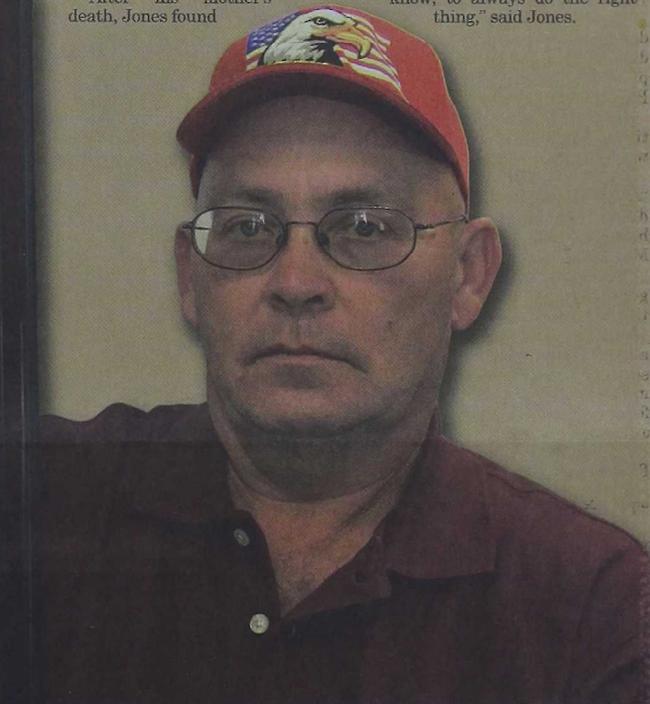
He took the paper to the Frame Game store in town to be framed. "They were flabbergasted when they saw this paper," said Jones.

Imagine his surprise when he was watching the History Channel not too long ago and saw the same edition featured. "I said, 'That is the same paper I have hanging in my living room,'" he said.

Jones is proud of his parents and what their generation accomplished, often without ever griping or telling of the tale later. "My Dad was a hard worker. Him and another rural postal carrier, would go pour concrete when they got done with their route in the afternoon," he says. "When he died, he didn't owe a thing. He didn't believe in buying cars on credit. I guess he taught me right, you know, to always do the right thing," said Jones.



At right, David Jones holds an original newspaper from Dec. 7, 1941. Jones' father was a Pearl Harbor survivor. Jones found this paper while cleaning out his parents' home after their deaths. At right, the elder Jones' medals are displayed. Cpl. Patrick M. Reichman



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Hurricane season: Evacuation entitlements

Mike Archer
Legal Assistance Office

This is the fourth installment of a series of articles on how to prepare for and deal with the property loss resulting from hurricanes and destructive weather. The first article gave advice on insurance, steps to be taken to limit property damage and how to submit claims for damages. The second explained how to expedite claims for property loss incurred on base by having Department of Defense Forms 1842 and 1844 completed along with supporting documents before filing. The third article in this series explained steps to be taken to recover for the loss of property located off-base.

In 1996, Hurricane Fran forced personnel living in some of the low-lying areas, the barrier islands and mobile homes located in Eastern North Carolina to evacuate. This week's installment examines the process by which Marines and their families can receive evacuation entitlements should destructive weather once again force them to evacuate their homes. The article will also outline the responsibilities of commanding officers to ensure that claims are filed legitimately and accurately.

Who is eligible?

Family members of Marines stationed in the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune/Marine Corps Air Station New River area on permanent change of station or temporary additional duty orders, as well as those family members enroute to the Marine's permanent duty station are eligible for evacuation entitlements. In addition, family members of Marines living in an evacuated area are eligible while the Marine is away on an unaccompanied tour.

When is payment authorized?

Payment for evacuation entitlements is authorized when the evacuation is ordered or when the Marine vacates his or her resi-

dence (whichever occurs later). The entitlements will end when transportation for return to your residence is first made available.

How much do I get?

The amount of payment varies according to the length of evacuation and the ages of your family members. During the first 30 days of an evacuation, a Marine's spouse and children 12 years of age and older rate 100 percent of the applicable per diem rate for the locality, with children under 12 receiving 50 percent of the applicable per diem rate. Between the 30th and 180th day of an evacuation, spouse and children 12 years of age and older rate 60 percent of the applicable per diem

rate for the locality with children under 12 receiving 30 percent. If the evacuation lasts more than 180 days, the entitlement request must be approved by the Per Diem, Travel, and Transportation Allowance Committee. Also, mileage allowance in lieu of transportation is payable to one person for one round trip at the applicable rate.

What do I have to do to receive payment?

The entitlement process begins when you obtain and complete a Certificate in Lieu of Orders issued by the commanding officer. This form must be certified by the CO. COs are required to verify the location of family members at the time the evacuation was ordered. The CLO will

then be submitted by the CO along with a DD Form 1351-2 (travel voucher), signed by the individual seeking payment, to the Base Finance Office in Building 8, Post Lane Road.

Hopefully, these articles have been helpful as you prepare for the everpresent possibility of destructive weather hitting Eastern North Carolina. At the very least, you should keep the number of the Base Legal Assistance Office, 451-1903, handy for advice concerning legal matters that are likely to occur during a storm or disaster.

Archer is the Legal Assistance Office officer in charge. This is the last in a series of articles about practical and legal issues regarding hurricanes.

In the event of a hurricane, evacuation entitlements are often available for authorized personnel. Courtesy photo



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Beach safety tips offered

Story and photos
Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Infantry Marines are known for their bravery on the battlefield — and on the beach.

Cpl. Jamie Uhl, of Headquarters Support Battalion, Company A, Beach Detachment, is one of the Marines who provides for the safety of military members and their guests on Onslow Beach. He and his colleagues guard the beach from Memorial Day through Labor Day, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m. daily.

Uhl has advice for staying safe for folks heading out to Sand Jam 2008 or just relaxing on the beach anytime this summer. "Swim with a friend so if something happens to one of you, the other one can react or call for help," he said.

Due to spells of cooler weather and tropical storms, the waves have been rougher recently. "For an adult, feel it out as you are going out (into the ocean). Just don't head right out," he said. "If you're not comfortable with your swimming, then don't go where you can't touch."

Much has been made in the national media this summer regarding heavy waves and currents up and down the East Coast. Uhl said he does not personally know of anyone visiting

Onslow Beach being carried out to sea by a rip current, though it is possible. "The best thing is to not panic. Let the current carry you and swim perpendicular to the current," he said.

As for beach safety for youngsters, Uhl said parents must remain vigilant. "Lifeguards do not replace you. You need to take initiative in watching your children," he said.

For general health and comfort on the beach, Uhl suggests using a beach umbrella. Children tend to become "overcome by the sun" sooner than most adults, he said.

Uhl suggests maintaining a strong situational awareness as well as finding some place to spend some time in the shade every once in a while.

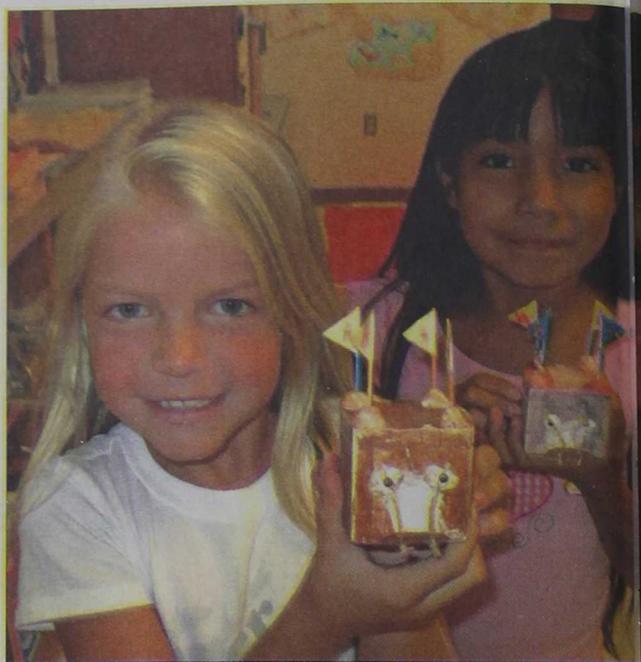
For adults who have been drinking alcohol, beach umbrellas are important. For those attending Sand Jam 2008 or just hanging out on the beach this summer, sun screen is also very important, as is staying hydrated. "If you are drinking alcohol, bring something else to drink in between to hydrate and bring food to eat," he said.

"As Marines, we've been taught to eat and hydrate (to keep up strength during training and missions), and it's no different because you're on the beach."



Uhl

Students discover art's 'Kaleidoscope'



Alea Anderson (left) and Dreyana Benally, both rising third graders at Terrace II Elementary School, show off the artwork they created at the summer enrichment program. Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools, under direction of the Department of Defense Education Activity, have been sponsoring a summer enrichment program for students in kindergarten through grade 5. Titled "Kaleidoscope," the program's focus is on exploring the arts: storytelling, poetry, drama, music and individual creativity. Mary Ann Styons

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...ss, beach music and big sharks mix it up light North Carolina culture from the ins to the sea at the North Carolina ...m at Pine Knoll Shores. The Aquarium ... open late until 9 p.m. for a "From Ban- ...each Music" family night. For more in- ... on, call 866-294-3477.

er's Market Idol Contest 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

...nslow County Farmers Market has ...nd it's second annual "Farmers Market ...nt Contest" for Saturday, from 10 a.m. ... p.m. Be entertained and support your ...lent and enjoy the best of fresh fruits ...etables. It's blackberry and melon day, ...samples will be available. Come enjoy ...oods, cheese, eggs, flowers, jams and ...ies, cobbler and arts and crafts by local ...s. The market opens at 8:30 a.m. and ...ed at 4024 Richlands Hwy. For more ...tion, call 340-0009.

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...Corps Community Services has sched- ...Town Hall meeting for Tuesday at Mar- ...villion. To submit your idea, call 451-2425 ...: mccslejeune.com. Free childcare will ...lable at Brewster Annex Child Devel- ...t Center. Reservations for childcare ...be made by Monday. Call 451-2672 for ...formation regarding childcare.

s and Crafters Guild ay, 6:30 p.m.

...oastal Carolina Artists and Crafters ...meets on a regular basis on the last ...of every month at the Northwoods ...tion Building at 621 Henderson Dr. in ...ville. The meeting is set to begin at 6:30 ...e guild offers refreshments and the

opportunity to network with other artists and crafters. Visit www.ccaguild.blogspot.com to view a listing of the guild members and the variety of artistic talent located right here in Jacksonville and surrounding areas.

Campbell University fall registration Through Aug. 1

Campbell University is continuing its fall registration through Aug. 1. The university's local campus currently offers a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting, business administration and information technology and security; a Bachelor of Science Social Science with a concentration in government and history; a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Bachelor of Applied Science. For information, call 451-3097 or 449-6600.

Bilingual story time Aug. 2, 11 a.m., 2 p.m.

Children and their families are invited to an hour of family fun with theme-based stories, activities and books in Spanish and English. Bilingual Storytime meets at 2 p.m. at the Main Library in Jacksonville. Call 455-7350, ext. 231 for more information.

Teen Dining Etiquette Jeopardy Aug. 4, 2 p.m.

Teens meet at the Main Library in Jacksonville at 2 p.m. to freshen up on American table manners and etiquette in a fun and friendly, yet competitive way. This program is part of Metamorphosis @ Your Library, which runs June 14 through Aug. 15 and features programs, events and prize giveaways for teens. Registration for Metamorphosis is open and ongoing throughout the summer. Call 455-7350 for more information.

Kids' back-to-school bingo Aug. 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

Join Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department for an evening of bingo Aug. 4. Kids 5 to 12 are invited to test their game skills at the Blue

Creek Elementary School Cafeteria. Play bingo and win back-to-school supplies. Kids 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The program is free. For more information, visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Music and dance through the decades Aug. 5, 2 p.m.

Teens meet at the Richlands Branch Library at 2 p.m. to challenge themselves to see if they can identify music and dance through the decades. This program is part of Metamorphosis @ Your Library, which runs June 14 through Aug. 15 and features programs, events and prize giveaways for teens. Call 324-5321 for more information.

Back-to-School Concert Series Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and Onslow County Public Library are sponsoring a "Back To School" music series. Concerts are scheduled outdoors at the Onslow County Public Library Thursday evenings. The Library is located at 58 Doris Ave. Performers are:
Aug. 7: Arise Awake - Blues
Aug. 14: New River Harmony - Barbershop
Aug. 21: Lucia & Levi - Variety
Aug. 28: The Caparuccias - Variety
Concerts are free and open to the public. Join us for a variety of music and fun. In case of rain, the concerts will be held indoors at the library. For more information, call 347-5332.



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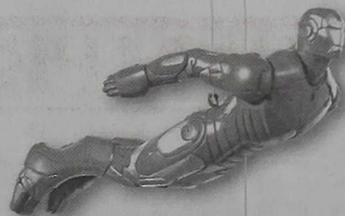
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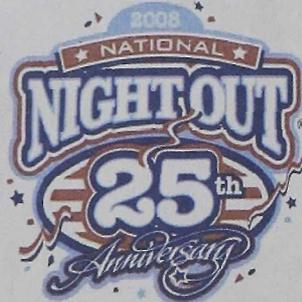
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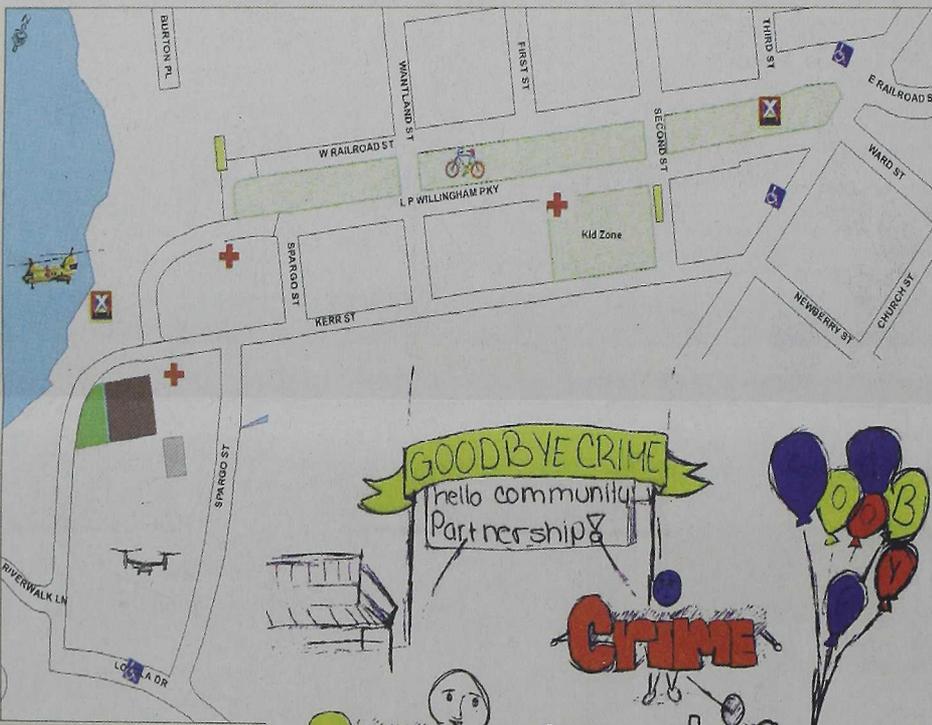


AUGUST 5th

Riverwalk Park

Mardi Gras with Sammy O'Banion (Main Stage)

Bicycle Give-away (must be present to win)
Fireworks Extravaganza



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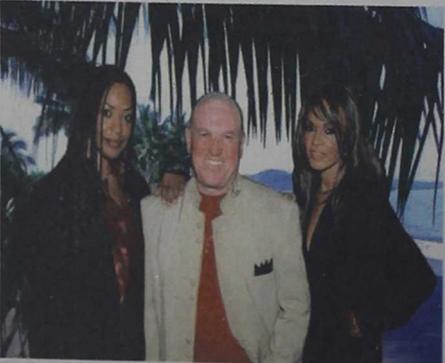


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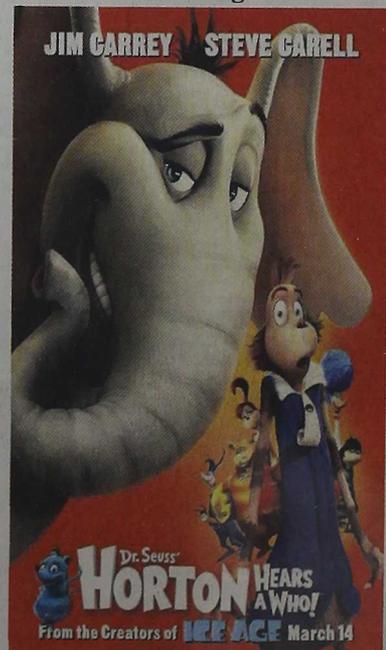


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Mardi Gras with Sammy O'Banion



Join us for the 10th Annual Crime and Drug Prevention Event. The event will be held at the Riverwalk Park located in downtown Jacksonville. From 6 pm till 9:30 pm enjoy family fun, balloons, clowns, face painting, games and prizes. Over 190 vendors will be on display, dancing, fireworks and the annual bicycle give-away will also be available.



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