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Combat fitness test demonstrations

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Tanks stay afloat with semiannual training

Story and photos Staff Sgt. Juan Vara

Marines from Company D, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, made waves in the New River Oct. 10, when they teamed up with Bridge Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, for a rivercrossing exercise.

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The exercise moved
10 M1A1 Abrams tanks
and one M88 tank recovery vehicle from Landing Zone Jaybird aboard
Camp Lejeune to Camp
Devil Dog.

Tankers and tanks, on their way to semiannual gunnery qualifications in the Greater Sandy Run Training Area, sailed across the river on rafts pulled by Mark III Bridge Erection Boats.

"This was something new for me," said Lance Cpl. David R. Moore, a tank loader. "Everybody in the unit should do this to gain the experience because it'd be very beneficial if we have to cross a river when we're deployed."

Cpl. Joshua J. Pelletier, Bridge Company's maintenance noncommissioned

See TANKS, IIA









An MIAI Abrams tank from Company D, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division backs up onto a raft to be transported from Landing Zone Jaybird to Camp Devil Dog Oct. 10. The tankers teamed up with Bridge Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, to conduct a river-crossing exercise to hone their skills and move heavy equipment in the most efficient manner.

1/9 returns home



Lance Cpl. Ray Madigon, a machine gunner with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, kisses his wife Shelley for the first time following the battalion's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The "Walking Dead" took part in training Iraqi Security Forces and conducted civil affairs missions in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, for the past seven months. Photo by Lance Cpl. David A Weikle

MarForCom commander tours Lejeune

Lance Cpl. Brian Lewis
Il Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines and sailors with II Marine Expeditionary Force were recently visited by the leadership of Marine Forces Command.

Lt. Gen. Richard F. Natonski and Sgt. Maj. Greg W. Grizzle arrived Oct. 15 for two days to tour the base and meet the Marines and sailors who live and train here.

The first stop on the tour was the Wounded Warriors Battalion – East. The general received a briefing on future plans for the battalion, as well as time to speak with injured Marines and sailors.

jured Marines and sailors.

"I cannot tell you how thankful I am of the service you gave this country," said Lt. Gen. Natonski. "We wouldn't have made the progress we have without Marines like you."

After a few questions, the entourage moved to a tour of the Military Operations, Urban Terrain facility, as well as a question and answer period with Marines of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, who are training in preparation for an uncoming deployment.

training in preparation for an upcoming deployment.
"You will be breaking new ground when you deploy to
Afghanistan," Lt. Gen. Natonski said. "I'm proud of you all
for joining in the fight."

for joining in the fight."

He also spoke with various Marines about their families and the effects the deployment will have on them.

"Your families don't want you to go, but if they weren't able to hang in there, they wouldn't allow you to leave,"

Marines with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 at Marine Corps Air Station New River, who just returned from a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, were visited next by the group. After seeing the MV-22 Osprey and speaking with the unit's leadership, the general addressed the Marines on the job they did

"You are so valuable to your families, this country and the Corps," he said. "You all did an amazing job out there, and we are all the pleful for your."

and we are all thankful for you."

He then took a moment to speak on the dangers of motorcycles and the rise of accidents in the Corps.

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Intramural tackle football

Defense was
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Marines volunteer

Close to 300 Marines volunteered to support Task Force 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment in Afghanistan Read about them on IC.



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What are your thoughts on domestic violence? How would you prevent it?



"Where I come from, I'm used to that. That's life. Domestic violence is wrong but it happens and there's not much we can do. The military does give you a better awareness of what help is out there. They drill it through PME's.

Lance Cpl. Eric A. Hernandez 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division

"Of course domestic violence is wrong. My reaction to it would depend on who is committing the violence. If it was a mother to a child, I would have the child taken from her and put her in jail. If it was a father, I'd take physical measures."

Cpl. Stephen C.Vath 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division





"There's no reason for anyone to die or get hurt from domestic vio-lence. If you take something that seriously and take it home, it's not worth harming your family. If it gets that serious, go to the gym. I'm sure they have punching bags there. Find a safe alternate means to release that anger."

Staff Sgt. Derrial R. Robertson Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group

"Domestic violence is wrong and preventable. Education and training throughout all ranks (is important). We shouldn't wait for domestic violence to occur then take action, but take preventative measures before it happens." Petty Officer 3 Class Oliver Colombin 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment 2nd Marine Division

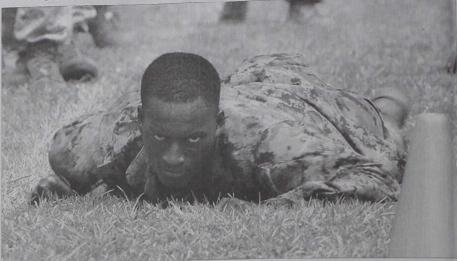




"Domestic violence is something that has to be addressed. To raise awareness, it's going to take time. Knowledge is power. The more you know, the more you are prepared to deal, the more you can see warning signs to get involved when you need to, hopefully before there is an incident."

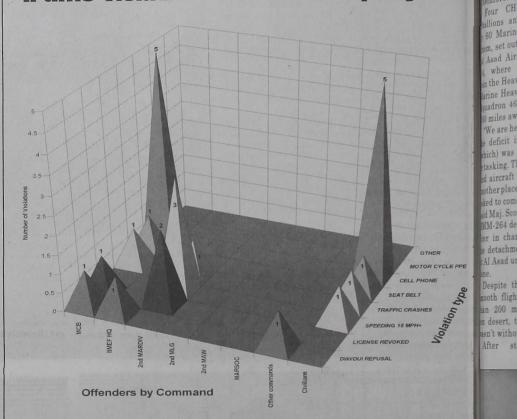
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kenneth W. Brewer Logistics Modernization Team East

Combat Fitness Test Road Show hits Lejeune



Pfc. Roger Francois, a motor transportation operator with III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group low crawls during the Combat Fitness Test Road Show demonstrations on Camp Hansen, Sept. 18. The road show brief is scheduled to be at the Camp Lejeune Base Theater with CFT demonstrations being conducted across the street from the base theater Monday and Tuesday. Official U.S. Marine Corps photo

Traffic violations aboard Camp Lejeune



This graph represents traffic violations and Driving While Intoxicated / Driving Under the Influence refusals for Camp Lejeune during the week of Oct. I I through Saturday.

Traffic violations are defined as: driving while license revoked, speeding in excess of 15mph or over, traffic crashes, seatbelt, cellular telephone and motorcycle personal protective equipment violations.

Source: Command Inspector General's Office for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Drive safely

Marine Corps Safety Division

"Drive Safely Work Week" is an annual week during the month of October that is devoted to improving safety on the nation's roadways. This lifesaving campaign is accomplished by promoting safe driving practices for all motorists aboard MCB Camp Lejeune. Whether your daily commute to work is on a congested city roadway, or on a rural two-lane roadway, your chances of being involved in an accident are high. There are more than 17,000 traffic crashes across the country each day. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration a crash occurs every five seconds in the United States, and every 10 seconds there is an injury from a traffic crash. Although we can not control everything that happens on the road, the one thing drivers can control is their own driving. By improving driving behaviors and making

safer decisions on the road, all motorists can play a key role in reducing accidents and ultimately saving lives.

Sharing the road requires mutual respect by all road users. You share the road with drivers of various ages and skill levels. You also share the road with pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists and vehicles of varying sizes. It is important to be mindful of the special needs and limitations of other drivers and roadway users

Steps for Responsible Driving:

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- · Focus your attention on the road. · Minimize your distractions; do not use a cell phone without a handsfree device.
 - · Know your surroundings.
 - · Share your space.
 - · Obey the posted speed limit. · Keep your distance.

· Signal your intensions.

· Always wear your seatbelt or related personal protective equipment. Your chances of staying alive in a motor vehicle crash are greatly enhanced by staying in the vehicle instead of being ejected from not wearing a seatbelt or in the case of a motorcycle having on all your gear.

See the "Drive Safely Work Week" Web site for more tips; www.trafficsafety.org/index2.asp.

Commanders and supervisors: It is your responsibility to ensure your personnel understand the importance of operating a motor vehicle in a safe manner. For more information, contact your unit safety officer, base safety representative or visit our Web site at; https://intranet.mcieast. usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20 Information%20S/default.aspx.

As Marines, sailors and civilians we live by our ethos. Think before you jeopardize the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, sailors, civilians or family members. Semper Safe!

Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr.

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From Sea to Shore

26th MEU detachment heads to Iraq

Cpl. Jason D. Mills 26th MEU Public Affairs

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Oct. 11

AL ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq — In a war where there are no front lines and the needs of the warfighters fluctuate on a dynamic battle-field, it wasn't surprising to hear that Marines ng conducted in the fight needed the capabilities of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Black Knights of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 (Reinforced).

Four CH-53E Super Stallions and the nearly 60 Marines who man Al Asad Air Base, Sept. 14, where they would join the Heavy Haulers of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 more than 350 miles away.

"We are here to backfill the deficit in HMH-462, (which) was given another tasking. Those Marines and aircraft were sent to another place and we were asked to come and fill in," said Maj. Scott Wadle, the HMM-264 detachment oficer in charge. He said the detachment will stay at Al Asad until the job is

Despite the relatively mooth flight over more than 200 miles of baren desert, their journey wasn't without issue.

stopping for

fuel near the town of Ar Rutbah at Camp Korean Village, which got its name because it once housed Korean laborers who paved the Amman-Baghdad highway during Saddam Hussein's regime, the Black Knights found themselves delayed due to a sandstorm near Al Asad.

After nearly three days waiting, the undeterred Marines saw an opportunity to push on and took it, leaving Camp KV and finally reaching their destination at Al Asad.

Cpl. Daniel Templin said that despite the setthem, set out on a trek to backs, he was excited and anxious to see for the first time what Iraq was like and that, above all else, he thinks that it's dusty.

"This has been the greatest experience ever," said the CH-53 air frames mechanic. "It doesn't feel any different than it did back in New River. You're in a different environment, doing the same thing. It's just more important, what we're doing

While in Iraq, the Marines will likely do everything from moving civilian contractors to conducting raids, said Lt. Col. Kevin G. Moss, the commanding deployment abroad. officer of HMH-462.

"I think it's great. What's cool about it is our ability to actually pull



Shortly after arriving, Marines load their gear onto a waiting truck. Marines from HMM-264 (Rein) detached from the MEU to support operations at Al Asad, Iraq.

this off as a squadron company, I'm thrilled they're here." He said he hoped that when the 26th MEU Marines load back into the helicopters to leave, "that they'd look back and wish they could be a part of us.

All in all, the words of Lance Cpl. Rachel My-ers, CH-53E air frames mechanic, wrap up the attitude of the newly appointed Heavy Haulers all too well, "It's game time, you know."

The 26th MEU is currently embarked on the ships of the USS Iwo Jima Strike Group during their

For more information, news and video on the 26th MEU, visit www.26meu.



Cpl. Michael Pugliese with the Black Knights of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 264 (Reinforced), examines a patch given to him by the commanding officer of the Heavy Haulers of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. The Marines from HMM-264 (Rein) detached from the MEU to support operations at Al Asad.



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An MIAI Abrams Main Battle Tank with 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, fires its 120 mm main gun during a gunnery range, Oct. 8. "The sound of a tank coming down a street puts fear in a lot of people," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Pugmire, a tank commander. "We can draw fire from the infantry so they can do what they need to." Photo by Staff Sgt. Juan Vara

Masters of Iron Horse conduct gunnery range

Lance Cpl. David A. Weikle

2nd Marine Division

provide effective combat support to Marines on the battlefield, tankers re required to qualify on live-fire tank ranges.

Marines with Company 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, participated in a tank gunnery range here, Oct. 8 as part of their annual training.

The M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank has been in America's arsenal armored fighting ve-

hicles since 1980. midable tool of death and destruction, the Abrams is considered one of the most advanced tanks on the modern battlefield.

"The tanks we use are equipped with a variety of weapons from the 7.62 mm coaxial gun all the way up to the 120 mm main gun," said Lance Cpl. Michael Beadlescomb, a loader with the battalion. "We're expected to be extremely

The mission of 2nd Tank Bn., also known as the Iron Horse, is to close with and destroy the ened firepower, shock effect and maneuver, and to provide precision-direct fires against enemy armor, fighting vehicles, troops and hardened positions.

"The sound of a tank coming down a street puts fear in a lot of people," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Pugmire, tank commander. "We can draw fire from the infantry so they can do what they need to.'

Tankers supporting Operations Iraqi and Endur-ing Freedoms help combat insurgents in an environment where there are no armored enemies.

'Masters of the Iron Horse are expected to provide support to infantrymen in several ways.
"We can do anything

from leveling a building to blowing a hole in a wall for guys to move through," said Beadlescomb.

The gunnery training enhanced teamwork and required individual tank crews to hone their skills to rain death on the enemy. This awesome firepower has been unleashed on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan where tanks give Marines the fighting edge needed to succeed.

Khalidyah government center on track for grand opening

Lance Cpl. Scott Schmidt 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines

KHALIDYAH, Iraq Marines from Civil Affairs Team 4, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, in direct sup-port of Task Force 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, visited the construction site of the Khalidyah government center Sept. 29.

The Marines evaluated progress being made at the center to ensure it will be completed in time for its grand opening ceremony later this month.

The building is near completion aside from small, final cosmetic touch-ups," said Cpl. Isaac Martinez. "When completed it will give people the access they need to their

local government."

Erected from the ground up throughout the last four months, the government center stands three stories high and will serve as a symbol of achievement in the community.

"There was no real government facility in the area," explained 1st Lt. Matthew Ashton, the team's officer in charge.

Ashton said the Habbaniyah Mayor and City Council had requested a modern government center for some time, but were unable to attain the funds to build

The government center has the potential to be an enabler for future achievements in the community. It brings the two bodies of local government, the mayor and city council, together, allowing for one location where citizens can voice their concerns.

"The center allows the community to continue establishing their own government and become more independent," said seaman Timothy Tilney, a corpsman. "It legitimizes and puts the local government officials in

The construction project also fueled the growth of the community's economy by providing jobs to local Iraqis, who, in some cases, learned a new skil they can use for future

opened, the Khalidyah Governmen Center will provide the community with the nec essary tools for contin ued economic and gov ernmental growth.

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– October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Visit mccslejeune.com/health to learn how to break the silence

Make Healthy Choices During the Holidays

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The Marine Corps is preparing to unveil its new Family Readiness Program.

The program, which will include many changes to promote family stability and welfare, was a main focus of the commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James Con-

way.
"Marines take care of their own - period," Conway said in his planning guidance. This enduring pledge bepotential to tween Marines is never more sacred than during time of war. Just as every Marine makes a commitment to the Corps when they earn the ti-tle Marine, the Corps makes an enduring commitment to every Marine - and an en-during commitment to their itizens can family.

Keeping with the com-mandant's guidance, the program is now receiving a face lift to give better sup-port to Marines, sailors and their families. "We received feedback from Marines and sailors of different genera-tions," Linda Philipp, II Marine Expeditionary Force amily readiness officer said. rine We now have a better idea of the various issues that afect service members of diferent ages."

ling jobs to The Family Readiness concept is to provide support or Marines, their spouses a new skill for future and children during mission events, life events such as hildren being born, and caeer events such as promoovernment rovide the ions and relocation. There vill be two elements to proth the necride assistance, the com-nand team and the Marine or contin-Corps Community Services and gov

One aspect of this new program is that family readiess officers will be dedicatd solely to providing family upport. In the past, Family Readiness was often a collat-ral duty for officers or Staff VCOs in individual units.

To provide the FRO with ontact information, the Ma-ines will be able to choose heir primary points of con-act, whether that person is mother, a distant cousin or boyfriend or girlfriend.

"Marines have three fami-s," said Lt. Gen. Dennis Hejlik, II MEF commandng general. "They have the amily they are born into, he family the are sworn nto (meaning the Marine lorps) and the family they narry into. We are committed to providing support o all three, and every unit commander within II MEF responsible for providing hat support."
While unit commanders

re responsible for the execuion of the family readiness nission, Marines and sailors lay an equally important ole in ensuring their famly members are prepared for the rigors of life while asigned to a MEF.

"It's just like anything else our Corps," said Philipp. ent upon the ability of the individual Marine, with small-unit leadership provid-Ing the guiding hand."

A new device that will

greatly improve the effectiveness of the FRO is the mass communication tool, a omputer program that allows recipients to choose the way they are contacted with

"We are very excited about the mass communication tool," Philipp said. "It allows instant updates customized to your families' needs."

o your families' needs."
Philipp said that even with these advances, voluncers are still a vital component of family readiness.
"One thing we need to tress to the Key Volunteers as we need them now more than ever," Philipp said. They are our biggest asset for maintaining stability as maintaining stability as transition to the new pro-am, and they'll still play a ge role even once the trantion is complete.

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Flames devour nearly 6,000

Pvt. Daniel Boothe Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLE-TON, Calif. - Wildfires ravaged nearly 6,000 acres during the last week requiring more than 670 firefighters on the ground and in the air to contain the flames aboard Camp Pendleton.

Brushfires which started at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 13 forced the evacuation of 2,000 people living in Serra Mesa and San Luis Rey military housing, said Fire Capt. Nick Schuler, spokesman for California's Department of Forestry and Fire. The Juliet Fire, named by fire officials, was also responsible for the evacuation of more than 200 homes in Fallbrook and 1,240 in Oceanside.

Local residents south of Pendleton began to worry when fires stretched only a

mile from the base's border, said emergency dispatchers from North County after receiving numerous calls from concerned residents.

"Had we not had the 'super-scoopers' and other air assets, we would have lost a lot of homes of Marines and sailors," said Col. James B. Seaton III, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

Pendleton's firefighters battled the blaze through the night alongside local fire and state forestry departments, said Schuler. Helicopter support flew in from San Diego's Fire Department along with two air tankers to extinguish the flames.

Two CL-415 Super Scooper planes made their firefighting debut during Pendleton's brushfires after San Diego County recently leased the new aircraft from Canada, said Greg Cox, San Each plane is equipped with a 1,600-gallon tank that can refill in seconds at any large water source.

Following a cooling trend Oct. 9-12, the dry offshore winds known as the Santa Ana winds kicked up in San Diego County Oct. 12.

The cause of the Juliet Fire is still unknown, but military personnel were not conducting any live fire training in the area when the flames were ignited, said Bill Gick, Public Information Officer, Fire and Emergency Services, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

The first (November) fire, ignited Pendleton at 3:30 p.m. at Range 401, an explosive ordnance disposal area, in the southwest corner of the base, said Gick.

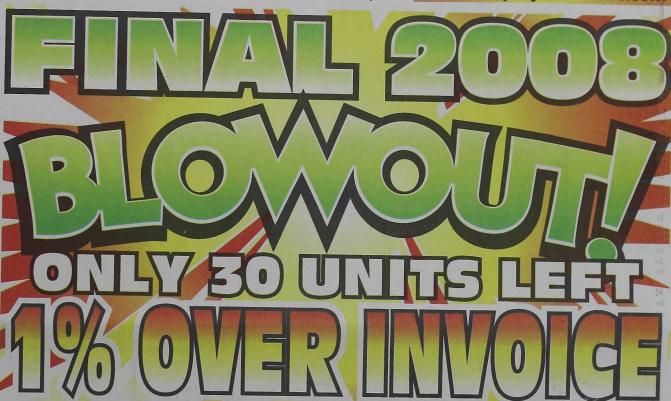
At 9 p.m., a second fire was reported just south of Serra Mesa military housbut was quickly extinguished, said Gick. Firefighters then announced a third fire beginning at 12:45 p.m. Oct. 9 near Range 800, on the eastern portion of base at one of Pendleton's highest

elevations, he added. Santa Ana winds are known for pushing wild-fires throughout the region, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Wildfires, fueled by Santa Ana winds and low humidity, burned

400,000 acres 2007 and 700,000 acres in October 2003 throughout Southern California destroying thousands of homes and claiming 26 lives.

"It's great to see the coordinated effort between Camp Pendleton Fire alongside local, state and federal agencies," said Seaton. "The work being done here is a real credit to the leadership of the local communities and San Diego County in preparing for this fire sea son," he added.







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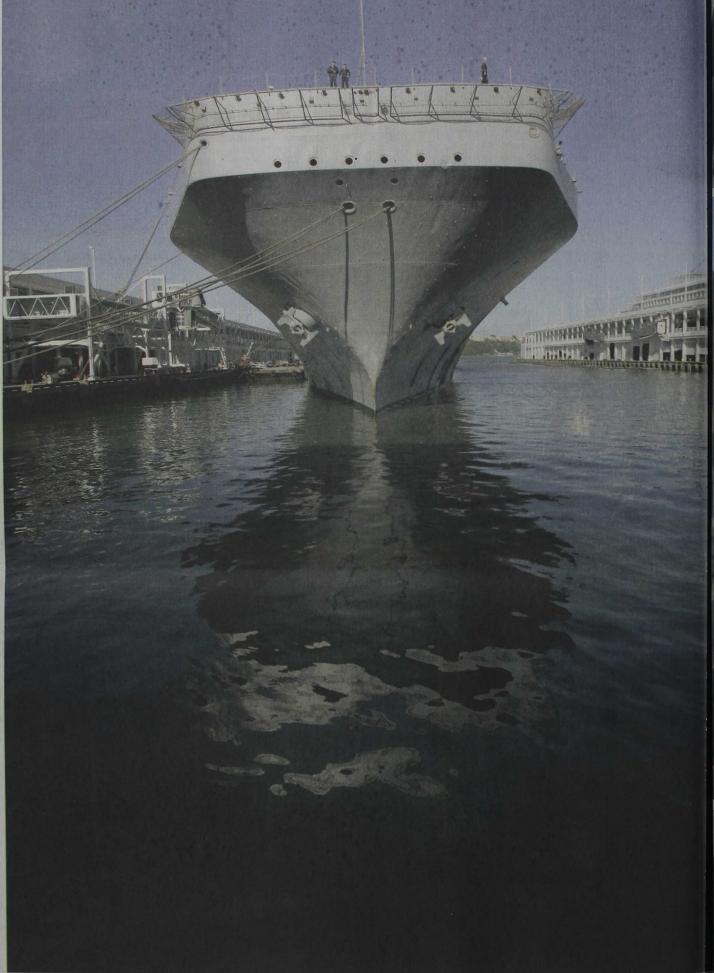
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II MEF Marines take part in 100th anniversary of the Great White Fle



Dock workers maneuver the USS Nassau to Manhattan's Pier 88 during an exhibition here Oct. 11. The USS Nassau is named after the first joint amphibious land-ing of the Revolu-

> Story and photos by Cpl. Ryan Blaich

NEW YORK - The USS Nassau sailed into Man-hattan's Pier 88 Oct.11 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Pres. Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet. The exhibition demonstrated once again America's naval dominance to the city and the rest of

During December 1907, Pres. Roosevelt ordered 16 U.S. Navy battleships of the Atlantic Fleet to circumnavigate the world to demonstrate the emergence of the U.S. Navy as a global power. With their hulls painted white, except for the gilded scrollwork with a red, white and blue

banner on their bows, these ships would later come be known as the Great

White Fleet. As a warship, the Nassau's primary role is to transport Marines to and from the fight. But, she has also served as a flagship, logistics hub and a platform for combat search and rescue and tactical recovery of downed aircraft and personnel. During September 2008, the amphibious assault ship anchored seven miles offshore Galveston Island, Texas, to aid in relief efforts after Hurricane

Onboard Nassau were more than 60 Marines from the North Carolina area, including Marine Corps Air Stations New River and Cherry Point and Marine

Corps Base Camp Lejeune. II Marine Expeditionary Force and 2nd Marine Division Marines on the Nassau represented an infantry battalion. Marines from 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing represented fixed- and rotary-wing attack squad-

Prior to pulling into port, Marines took advantage of shipboard training and familiarizing themselves with their Navy counter-

rons and assault support

squadrons.

"There were a lot of questions being asked, a lot of getting to know one another," said Sgt. Anthony Santos, a Tube-launched optically-guided wire-to-command-link gun-ner for Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. "Once the Navy guys came up and started talking to us, they were very inquisitive. They even thanked us for what we do. which shocked the hell out

Once the warship had docked, Marines and sailors welcomed aboard hundreds of distinguished visitors, including the Secretary of the Navy, and more than 1,000 visitors from the New York area.

Guests learned about a wide range of weapon systems to include machine guns and mortar systems. Marines also had an MV-22 Osprey on display as well as a CH-53E Sea Stallion, an AH-1W Cobra, a UH-1N Huey and an AV-8B Harrier.

The experience was not solely reserved for the civilian guests. Marines also got a chance to visit the Big Apple. Major

television works NBC, CBS and Fox hosted Marines and sailors on their morning show. Santos, a Purple Heart recipient and native of Jersey City, N.J., was interviewed on NBC's Good Morning

America.

The Late Show with David Letterman also provided tickets to Marines and sailors for a taping of the Late Show. The exclusive Waldorf-Astoria Hotel held a \$1,000 a plate dinner and honored two Marines who recently returned from

Iraq.
"People were very welcoming," Santos said.

got a lot of thank photos taken. Th very pro-military.

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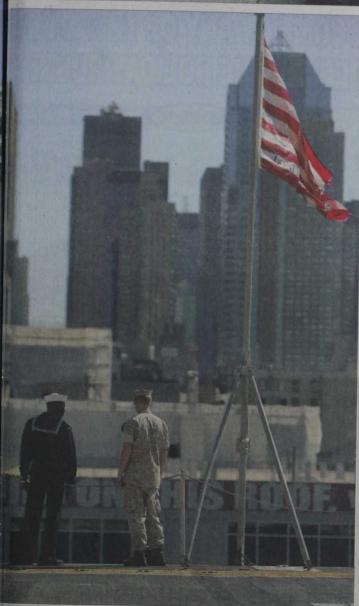






Fox News Network took time to honor the service of Marines and sailors on its morning show "Fox & Friends." The Marines and sailors celebrated a 100-year-old tradition begun by Pres. Theodore Roosevelt. During their five-day stay, service members were also invited to appear on NBC and CBS.

Several Marines await their chance to attend "The Late Show with David Letterman."





A Cub Scout inspects a .50-caliber machine gun with help from a Marine corporal.

A Marine and sailor gaze upon the New York City skyline from the flight deck of the USS Nassau during an exhibition here Oct. 11. The exhibition commemorated the 100th anniversary of Pres. Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet.



Nassau, an amphibious assault ship, sails up the Hudson River to take part in an exhibition here Oct. 11. More than 60 Marines from the North Carolina area were aboard the vessel.

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Work begins on new Khalidyah courthouse

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KHALIDYAH, Iraq While Iraqi Police continue to progress in their role as law enforcers, civc leaders in Khalidyah, Iraq, are making advancements of their own o uphold the rule of law. City officials, with the assistance of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, Civil Affairs Detachment 3, Team 4, with Task Force 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, Regimental Combat Team 1, began construction of the city's future courthouse.

"The judiciary needs an adequate and secure facility, which can provide the citizens of the Habbaniyah area basic civil ervices," explained Capt. Polecti William Carman, the battalion judge advocate.

When completed, the courthouse will provide the necessary means for the judicial sector to provide civil services to local Iragis, adjudicate misdemeanor-level offenses and examine evidence of felonious crimes.

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"The courthouse is important to ensure justice is done as far as crime, punishment and rule of aw are concerned," said Carman.

Besides providing the udiciary with a facilty, "The project stands on their own," said Cpl. ber of Team 4.

precedent and customs.

Well before Coalition Forces' assistance, a well-defined and developed Iraqi penal code, code of criminal procedure, and other laws

"The new courthouse will facilitate the development of the rule of law in a way that other projects can't," explained Carman. "It will serve as the substantive and symbolic center of justice (in the community)."

building standing for 'Iraqi solutions to Iraqi problems,' the courthouse is a place where Iraqis may resolve disputes according to civil law and gain access to other public services.

"It will show that criminals, Iraqi security forces, and Iraqi citizens are all subject to and beneficiaries of the rule of law," said Carman.

Currently in its first phase of construction, the Khalidyah Courthouse is scheduled for completion this spring.

as a symbol of the community's desire to take the next step and stand Isaac Martinez, a mem-

Iraqi courts follow what is called civil law, a legal system based on broad, conceptualized principles rather than

were in place.

Marine Corps Base Quantico MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. - Since the war in Iraq began in 2003, more than 1,700 of the nearly 4,200 U.S. fatalities have been caused by improvised explosive devices employed against troops in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Cpl.Travis J. Crewdson

In an effort to counter enemy tactics and combat the successful use of these lethal weapons, students at The Basic School are taught to identify and react to devices in IED lane training.

Lieutenants from Company F at TBS experienced training at Murphy's Demo Range as they entered week 15 of the 26-week training cycle. After classroom training, the student-officers get up-close IED training from the Marines of Combat Engineer Platoon, part of Combat Instructor Company.

The purpose of this training is to expose (the students) to currently-used trends and

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IED indicators," said Sgt. Victor Magana, senior instructor at combat engineer platoon. "Insurgents have habits just like everyone else, and that creates these common trends.'

Magana said that much of what he teaches is based off reports from deployed troops around the world as well as his experiences in Afghanistan, where he saw several examples of what he shows his classes.

After some instruction and a closer look at some Marinemade versions of IEDs, the students try their hand at identifying and reacting to employed devices in three themed IED lane trails. The "Korean trail" contains devices reported or suspected to be used in Korea. The "Afghan trail" is themed toward desert operations, the types of devices used and their methods of employment. The "Vietnam trail" is set in the tree line and serves as a reminder that not all IEDs are roadside bombs.

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in the desert," Magana said. "Jungle warfare could come back, and as Marines, we have to be ready for anything. I want our students to be aware of their surroundings, understand the (intelligence reports) they receive and not be new to the concept.

Company F students at The Basic School try to identify simulated improvised explosive devices along the Afghan trail during IED lane training Tuesday instructed by Marines from MCB Quantico's Combat Engineer Platoon. Photo by Cpl. Travis J. Crewdson

TBS keeps IED training up to speed

Along the lanes, TBS students perform a mock foot patrol in full combat gear to maintain their combat mindset. Magana said, the simulation devices they encounter range in size, complexity and employment. Some are victim activated, while others may use command wire, remote activation or multiple incorporated methods. Of course, if a lieutenant happens to step on a pressure plate on the "Afghan trail," he will not receive the Purple Heart, just a lot of white powder.

According to Capt. Donnie around the world.

Fricks, combat engineer platoon commander, the training is part of a combat engineer field exercise, which also incorporates two more days of mobility and counter-mobility demolition applications. During these drills, each studentofficer gets to make their own "bang" using C4 and TNT, learning to employ it to remove or create obstacles in an effort to turn, fix, block or disrupt the enemy.

Some of the Company F lieutenants will get a chance to use the techniques they learned this week in their third field exercise by incorporating it into their battle plans. Continued IED detection and reaction training can make the difference in Marine casualties when these officers lead their troops into battlefields

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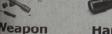




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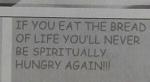
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"We always maintain hese boats so that we're eady for the mission," he aid. "We also have to know hat we're doing to be ready give these guys a ride henever they need it."

Pelletier said rides are sually needed twice a nonth, when the various nk companies in the batalion go to the range and fter they're done. "It's more

fficient to just take them cross the water," he said.

Capt. Cornelius D. lickey, operations officer or 2nd Tank Battalion, aid the alternative to iking the tanks across ne water would be to haul nem on heavy equipment

"This training served two irposes," said Hickey. "It axed out the rafts' load at) tons and gave the Manes in the tank company a ance to do something they on't normally get to do." Staying afloat when it

mes to job proficiency quires countless hours training. The two com-mies worked together to complish the mission at ind and helped each other ovide their Marines with valuable experience.



An MIAI Abrams tank from Company D, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division leaves a raft from Bridge Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group after reaching the beach at Camp Devil Dog Oct. 10. Ten tanks and one M88 tank recovery vehicle were moved across the New River during a river-crossing exercise conducted to transport the heavy equipment in the most efficient manner. Photo by Staff Sgt. Juan Vara

COMMANDER, from IA

"Many Marines have been purchasing motorcycles after they return home with all this money," Lt. Gen. Natonski said. "But Marines, you must be careful and go through all the proper training. We've doubled the amount of Marines lost by motorcycles since last year, and that isn't something to be proud of."

Following a flight back to Camp Leje-une, the general met with Marines from 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. He viewed firsthand what goes behind fixing the equipment

of the Marine Corps. He then remarked on the maintenance Marines importance to the Corps.

"Marines keep breaking things and you guys keep fixing them," he said. "If not for you guys, the Marines wouldn't have any toys to play with at the end of the day.'

Before leaving the building, he briefly spoke to the Marines about their roles in today's war and their importance to

the country.

"Marines, all of us are in the fight, but you volunteered in a time of war when

this country faced a threat," he said. "Today, unlike Vietnam, you are appreciated by your country, and I couldn't be

Lt. Gen. Natonski arrived at the Marine Corps Association luncheon at the Camp Lejeune Officers' Club the next day, the guest speaker. He addressed the war, as well as his concerns after visiting the

"The welfare of the Marines is being examined and new ideas are being added each day," he said. "The commandant wants to see the Marines who deploy for seven or eight months to have 14 months at home.

14 months at home.

The Marines he spoke with also felt his concern for improving their quality of life.

"He was an extremely nice and considerate man," Cpl. Joshua A. Smith, the assistant logistics chief for the II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group. Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group transition team cell. "It is nice to see he is taking such an interest in improving the quality of life for the Marines who live in the barracks."

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A New River tight end reaches out for a pass while cornerback Paul Botto struggles to catch up. The ball fell incomplete.

Jamie Cameron

efense was the name of the game during the intramural tackle football clash between Marine Corps Air Station New River and Installation Personnel Administra-

New River won the battle for the line of scrimmage, barely, and eked out a 8-0 victory to improve to 3-2 on the season.

"We definitely controlled the clock and every-thing else," said Brian Walker, New River head coach. "We didn't play as well as we can, but we managed to scrap out a win.

The tone of the game was set from the kickoff. IPAC's opening drive ended in a punt after three unsuccessful running plays against the ball-hawking New River defense. Quarterback Angel Pantoja started New River's first turn with the ball with a couple

short passes, but both of them were broken up by IPAC cornerback Paul Botto. The New River offense did manage two running first downs but the drive ended at midfield when IPAC stopped them on fourth down and long.

The first turnover of the game came in IPAC's next possession. Quarterback Masio Jernigan fumbled the ball when he was swept under by the New River pass rush up the middle. New River couldn't convert the change in possession into any points, going three and out with a punt that pinned their opponents inside the IPAC 10-yard line.

IPAC failed to gain more than a yard with their backs against the wall and punted away, giving New River its best field position of the game on the 23-yard line. The game remained scoreless, however, when the IPAC defense block New River's field goal attempt four plays

The offense for IPAC continued to struggle and was forced to give the ball back with time ticking down in the first half. New River proceeded to engineer its best drive of the game and got as close as the 5-yard line on a quarterback keeper that went for big yardage. With the opposition threatening to draw first blood. IPAC's Rashad Thompson sliced through the New River front line and caught the running back 10 yards behind the line of scrimmage to

snuff out the drive as time expired.

After the break, New River's defensive scheme evolved to include more blitzing the



New River quarterback Angelo Pantoja leaves the pocket and looks downfield for an opin intramural football action against Installation Personnel Administration Center.

IPAC quarterback. The tactic paid big dividends when outside linebacker Todd Dawson blew through the middle of the IPAC line for a solo tackle and a safety. The play gave New River a slim 2-0 lead, but also served to inspire the defense to become even more aggressiv

After several possession changes, the IPAC offense switched to a shotgun formation to give Jernigan more time to find his receivers, who had, until that point, seen little or no action for the entire game. The tactic resulted in several IPAC completions, but the New River secondary kept any gains to a minimum.

The nail in the coffin came with time winding down in the later stages of the fourth quarter. New River went on a clock-eating drive

that culminated in a five-yard plunge across the goal line by running back Dejuan Rudolph Though the extra point failed, the 8-0 advantage was more than enough to give New River the hard-fought victory.

'In tight games like this, I have to constantly stay on my team to stay focused and keep their heads in the game," said Walker after the win. If they can take care of the little things, the

big plays will follow."

On the other side of the field, IPAC saw its record sink to 2-3 for the season, but took away

a valuable lesson from the loss.
"It was a great game," said Thompson. "We won't take anyone lightly after this and we will be more prepared for our games in the future."

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question the safety of such a large group taking to the field with

guns, understand that these guys

years. They hunt the same areas with the same tactics season after season and everyone knows their

responsibilities.

The results? Well, one club of

50 I heard about during our stay harvested 13 wild boar on a Sunday

(yes, they hunt Sundays in Italy).

During the two month season,

Italians hunt like it's their one

and only job. The resulting meat is often distributed throughout the

towns and much of it shows up on

have been doing it for hundreds of



Lejeune Outdoors By Jamie Cameron

Through the miracle of print, I have been away on vacation for the past two weeks and you probably didn't even notice (Aww heck, who am I kidding?

probably wouldn't notice if I went on permanent vacation).

My destination was the impossibly beautiful region in Italy called Tuscany, an agricultural state steeped in ancient history, fantastic food and friendly people.

If you're not staying in the cultural hub of Florence, your options in Tuscany are decidedly rural. My family rented a 300year-old stone farmhouse in what many would consider the middle

of nowhere.

Now, what has this got to do with hunting you ask? Going into the trip, I had read a little about the Italians' love for hunting and I had even been advised to be on the lookout for regional dishes that included wild boar meat, but had no idea the lengths to which Italians will go to pursue their national pastime.

Indeed, the first morning at the farmhouse, I awoke to the sound of gunfire echoing across the valley. It went on sporadically throughout the afternoon, along with the baying of hounds and the hollers of distant hunt masters

I figured they must be driving some sort of game, maybe red deer or boar, but the scale of the operation was most impressive.

restaurant menus and in local delis as delicious salamis. Unlike the feral hogs that

are taking over much of the Southeastern United States, which come in all colors and shapes, The pigs in Italy are of a pure strain called Eurasian boar. These critters are dark brown with silver-tipped hairs, lean, mean and the mature males can sport some serious cutters.

While on vacation, I missed the rifle season opener for deer here in eastern North Carolina. The few I spoke with who made it out said the nasty weather didn't stop the deer from moving and I got to see a pretty 10-point rack collected in Jones County by my neighbor and hunting buddy, Rick Tattersal.

Out on the water, Richard Ehrenkaufer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, reported the speckled trout and flounder bite has improved with the seasonal cool down in air and water temperatures.

Along the surf, red drum have dominated, along with a scattering of Spanish mackerel, ladyfish and small jacks.

On the piers, anglers are landing croakers, bluefish, Spanish mackerel and some nice keeper flounder.

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Italian wild boar often sport impressive tusks and have a mean streak to match them.

Buffs unleash latest member of QB-happy Big 12

Arnie Stapleton

BOULDER, Colo. - Did the Colorado Buffaloes just join the League of Quarterbacks?

Time will tell, but they sure put themselves into position to do so by stripping the red shirt off athletic freshman Tyler Hansen at midseason and unleashing this unknown signal-caller on the Big 12 and the astounded Kansas State Wildcats on Saturday night.

The Buffaloes (4-3, 1-2) probably saved their season with the bold move, their 14-13 win snapping a three-game skid. They're now two wins shy of another bowl game, that all-important extra month of workouts and acknowledgment to alumni and fans alike that the school is heading in the right direction.

Nobody's going to confuse Hansen with Texas' Colt McCoy, Missouri's Chase Daniel, Texas Tech's Graham Harrell, Kansas' Todd Reesing, Oklahoma's Sam Bradford or Kansas State's Josh Freeman.

Not yet, anyway.

But the Buffs are an entirely different team with Hansen under

'Any quarterback who can move halfway decent is a surprise, from watching our team," said incumbent sophomore Cody Hawkins, the admittedly unathletic son of coach Dan Hawkins.

Cody Hawkins sounds like Hansen's biggest fan, saying the fantastic freshman has all the tools necessary to be a Big 12 quarterback

and a good one, at that.

Hansen may have had a truncated playbook and a bevy of bootlegs and draws against the Wildcats "but Tyler has a strong arm and he's a smart and tough kid," Cody Hawkins said. "He's not going to be a package runner all the time. I mean, he's a guy who can drop back and throw it 50 times a game if he needs to.

"At practice, the guy's accurate, he has a very strong arm and he has good feet. So, he's the kind of guy who can be a great program quarterback. A lot of people might only have seen him run tonight, but he's got a great quarterback and he's a dual threat.

"If I'm on the sideline, my most

important job is coaching up Tyler." Cody Hawkins, who has struggled to match last year's solid debut season, wasn't exactly benched. He took 33 snaps on five drives and Hansen took 49 snaps on eight drives against Kansas State.

Hansen finished a modest 7-of-14 for 71 yards with one TD and one interception, but he also ran 19 times for 86 yards. Hawkins was 6-of-11 for 35 yards and didn't attempt a single

Mired in a three-game slump in which Matt Ballenger had replaced Cody Hawkins in consecutive losses to Texas and Kansas, the Buffaloes realized this athletic kid who was wowing them at practice had something to offer them that just couldn't wait 'til next year.

Well, mainly it's because of his legs. He can really run," Dan Hawkins said. "And so it was a huge sacrifice for him. ... It's not something we would have made him do. We just said, 'Hey, how do you feel about it? And he didn't hesitate an instant.

Dan Hawkins thanked not only Hansen but also his son and his former backup Matt Ballenger for putting their egos aside and placing team pursuits ahead of individual

"Matt ran over and ran the scout team," Dan Hawkins said. "He's big and he's the closest thing we have to Josh Freeman. And again, that was a huge sacrifice for him, to go over

But where does this leave him? With a three-headed monster at

Probably not.

away from a kid for spot duty, right?

Logic says Hansen will get more and more of the snaps, leaving Cody Hawkins to guide him from the sideline and Ballenger to keep running the scout team.

Well, the best thing about it is, again, I think we've got a number of kids that are just more concerned about the team and winning than they are about themselves," Dan Hawkins said.

Even though Hansen sparked the Buffs to victory, concerns remain about Colorado's passing game. Asked about his level of concern, Dan Hawkins retorted: "Are you concerned about the stock market?

OK, so Hansen is the bailout then. And this man of mystery sure

threw the Wildcats for a loop "I was like, who is he? I didn't even know who the kid was said Kansas State defensive back Courtney Herndon.

But now that the rabbit is out of the hat, it's the Buffs who are going to have to be even more creative if they plan to continue

sharing snaps. Opponents quickly figured out that running back Demetrius Sumler was the Buffs' best pass blocker and whenever he entered the game, they assumed a pass was on its way.

They might decipher the Buffs' intentions depending on who's lining up under center.

The thing is, Dan Hawkins has never been a fan of playing more than one quarterback.

"I hate it," he said. "But it is what it is. I didn't like the fact that I was so slow and short and not very athletic, either. But I had to deal with that.'

Of course, they could avoid all the pitfalls by giving Hansen more of the playbook and leaving him out there

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Tryouts for the Regional Soccer Team are scheduled for Nov. 21 and 23 aboard Camp Lejeune at Liversedge Field, starting at 6 p.m. Prospective players should bring cleats, shin guards, tennis shoes and a water bottle. For more information, call Antonio Warner at 451-2061.

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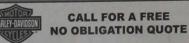
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Austin Feavel, No. 26 for Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, runs for 20-plus yards, avoiding defenders from Installation Personnel Administration Center, during a football game at the O Street field, Oct. 6. CLR-27 is undefeated with a streak of three consecutive shutouts. Photo by Cpl. M. Bravo

CLR-27 tramples IPAC for third consecutive shutout 1:29 p.m

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The undefeated Marines of Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, trampled the Marines of 2nd MLG's Installation Personnel Administration Center, during the team's third football game at the O Street field,

CLR-27 started the game with a clean kick-off that set the tone for the game. Ryan Hatch, comptroller's training noncommissioned officer, followed with a recovered fumble early in the first quarter. IPAC was kept on the tips of their cleans from that the tips of their cleats from that point on, as the regiment domi-nated IPAC both offensively and defensively.

quarter when quarterback Christopher Endicott from Military Police Company, threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Bradlee Bruns, also with MP Company, scoring six points. A successful point after ended the quarter with a score of 7-0.

CLR-27 maintained control of the game during the second quarter as the score remained 7-0 through

Austin Feavel with MP Company, CLR-27 rushed for the team's second touchdown on a toss play in the third quarter. CLR-27 bumped the score up to 14-0, leaving IPAC feeling CLR-27's domination.

CLR-27 continued to run

by Daniel Clark of MP Company that was so intense, it took IPAC's quarterback out of the

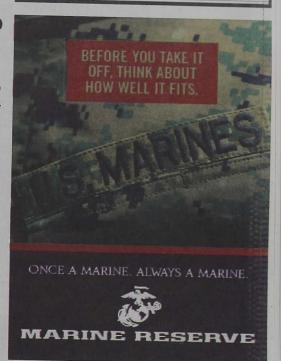
The teams played on. With two minutes left in the game, CLR-27's Michael Andrews, with Disbursing, recovered a fumble and scored the final touchdown, bringing the

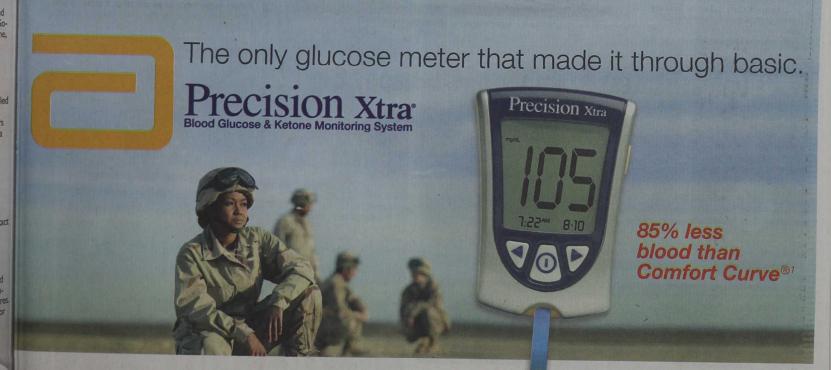
score to 21-0.
"It was a good game," said Wesley Jones, a Marine with Disbursing and defensive end for CLR-27. "The offense is still coming along, but the defense is the base of our team and we are going to continue to win.

CLR-27 remains undefeated, having no points scored against them in three games this year.

Intramural tackle football standings As of Oct. 15

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Camp Johnson	4	0
Headquarters Support Battalion	4	0
Cherry Point	3	1
Combat Logistics Regiment 27	3	i
2nd Amphibian Assault Battalion	2	2
New River	3	2
IPAC	2	3
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American Gladiators bring fight to Marines



O'Hearn, known as Titan from "American Gladi stopher Eardley, a team leader with Company L, 3rd Battalion, 7th ine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, at Camp Hit, Iraq, Oct. 8.



x Castro, better known as Militia from the TV show "American Gladiators," stares down the competition Alex Castro, better known as Milita from the 19 show American Gladiators, stares down the competition after tossing two Marines out of the ring during a round of "Bull in the Ring" with members of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5 at Camp Hit, Iraq, Oct. 8. After sitting down for lunch and talking to the Marines, the gladiators tested their strength against some of the Marines with some tugof-war and a few rounds of "Bull in the Ring." Photo by Cpl. Sho

Lance Cpl. Shawn Cummins Regimental Combat Team 5

HIT, Iraq — The American Gladiators paid a visit to the Ma-rines of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, to show their support and

have some fun Oct. 8. Titan, Militia, Panther, Phoenix and Venom, stars from the television show "American Gladiators," traveled here to sign autographs and take pictures with the Marines

The gladiators arrived early in the day and started by spending time visiting the Marines and sailors with the battalion. One of the gladia-Venom, even stopped to help Marines fill sand bags. After sitting down for lunch and talking to the Marines, the gladiators tested their strength against the Marines with some tug-of-war and a few rounds of "Bull in the Ring."

'I really didn't expect them to come out and actually do (events)," said Dillon J. Bob, a squad automatic weapon gun-ner with Company L, 3rd Bn., 7th Marines. "For them to actually come out here, it makes us feel like they care.

Alex Castro, a former Marine who plays Militia on "American Gladiators," was the first to get things started, jumping in line with some of the larger Marines to take on Co. L's machine gunners in a match of tug-ofwar. After a failed attempt by Militia's team to take the win, Titan ran up to give them a hand during the second round. Despite their best efforts, the

machine gunners won again.
After the tug-of-war, the ground fighting began with a game called "Bull in the Ring," which is a con-test to see the last man standing. Two Marines stepped up to take on Militia at once and were tossed beyond the sand bags lining the perimeter of the ring in a matter of

"It was a good time," said Kyle D. Dringman, who stepped into the ring with Militia during the event. "I'm glad we got to do a little tug-of-war and ground fighting. I'm glad they did something with us instead of just coming and taking pictures because we actually got

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involved with them a little."

After leaving Hit, the American Gladiators traveled to Camp Rawah to visit more Marines with the battalion.







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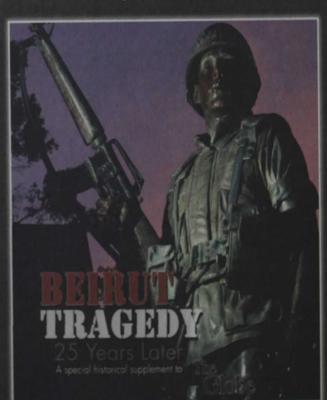
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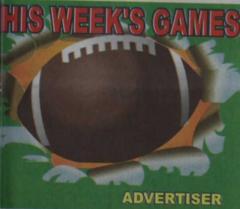
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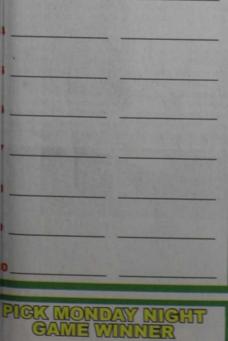
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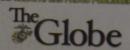
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Lejeune community runs for fun

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Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez

Marines, families and friends joined together for the Columbus Day Fun Run sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Division here, Oct. 9.

The run was one of nine runs scheduled throughout the year before each 96-hour liberty period. The runs are held at 11:30 a.m. and begin near the corner of Ash and Holcomb Bou-levard, near the Hadnot Point gas station.

The fun run series was started in 2005 by Michael Marion, the French Creek Fitness Center manager. All of the runs are free to all participants. Tables at the event are set up to bring awareness to safety issues, alcohol abuse and drug abuse.

Participants need only sign up, sign a waiver, get a race number and run. At the conclusion of the run, participants' race numbers are drawn for prizes such as shirts, water bottles, workout bands, gym bags

and more.
"This is my second run I've done with the fun run series," said Steve J. Shepard, a forester with forest management. "I want to run the half marathon next year, so I'm using the fun runs to get back into shape and

ready for the marathon."
Shepard said it was nice to know he was able to physically do these runs





Right, two members of the Silver Striders group walked down Holcomb Boulevard during the Columbus Day Fun Run, Oct. 9, sponsored by Marine Community Services Semper Fit Division. The Silver Striders are a group of men and women past the age of 65 years who perform a variety of exerc weekly at the Tarawa Terrace Fitness Center. At left, participants run down Holcomb Boulevard. The runs are held before each 96-hour liberty performance of the Silver Striders group walked down Holcomb Boulevard. The runs are held before each 96-hour liberty performance of the Silver Striders group walked down Holcomb Boulevard. The runs are held before each 96-hour liberty performance of the Silver Striders group walked down Holcomb Boulevard. The runs are held before each 96-hour liberty performance of the Silver Striders group walked down Holcomb Boulevard. The runs are held before each 96-hour liberty performance of the Silver Striders group walked down Holcomb Boulevard. The runs are held before each 96-hour liberty performance of the Silver Striders group walked down Holcomb Boulevard. The runs are held before each 96-hour liberty performance of the Silver Striders group walked down Holcomb Boulevard. free to all Marines, family and friends.

when just nine months ago he wasn't able to due to his physical health.

I could walk three to four miles, but I couldn't run that far," said Shepard. "I used to be able to run a half marathon, but that was before marriage, a career and kids. I just want to be able to run a marathon again.'

The fun runs are a different type of physical training because the fun atmosphere and group

"We come to every fun run and run them all," said Gail A. Badell, the II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) plans chief with II MEF Command Element. "It's a good bonding experience and extra physical training for our unit. We even have a celebration afterward."

The runs are meant to give participants a break from the normal everyday PT. It also allows the runner to set their own pace.

"I ran this run in boots and (utility trousers). It's a lot harder," said Aaron L. Davis, the II MEF (Fwd) force deployment noncommissioned officer in charge with II MEF Command Element. "The run was definitely worth it. It's great PT, especially for those who don't get a lot every day.

The event, sponsored by MCCS, was not only informative and fun, but also well organized.

"I thought the run was well put together," said Glenn A. Pappas, a reference technician at the base library. "I run most of the fun runs. It's a great free event and I always have

fun."
Weather was also a factor that contributed to the runs success.

"It was a great day for it and the weather was perfect," said Margaret H. Jones, a retired school counselor and member of the Sil-

ver Striders. "I enjoyed event enough that I will definitely do it again. It great getting out, social izing and getting exerci all in a fun way. It was stressful. You go your o speed and finish."

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The next fun run is t Veteran's Day 5K schee uled for Nov. 6.

For more information the Fun Runs series and upcoming runs, call 451 0092 or visit the Web si www.mccslejeune.com.

Mixed Martial Arts fitness program prepares Marines mentally, physical

Lance Cpl. B.A. Curtis 2nd Marine Logistics Group

Since 1999, the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program has been a key component in the development and training of America's

Marines.
The MCMAP's motto; "One mind, any weapon," is taken to heart by Marines shortly after they first place their feet on the infamous yellow footprints, to the day they depart from active

service in the Corps.
Although all Marines take part in MCMAP, a unique blend of combat-tested martial arts skills, close combat training techniques and time-honored core values, some use the program's fundamental teachings as a base to further their own martial arts

One Marine from the 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Adam R. O'Malley, had no martial arts experience before joining the Marine Corps, but was immediately drawn in by the competitiveness and skill required to be successful in MCMAP, and has now taken what he learned from the pro-

gram to the next level.
"The MCMAP program sparked a greater interest to learn about martial arts for me," O'Malley said. "I wanted to learn more."

The average person will likely run from the towering, 6-foot-6-inch, broad-shouldered Cleveland native, who is now a black belt instructor in MCMAP. To add on to that, he has used the curiosity

created by the program to drive himself to learn multiple disciplines of martial arts including: Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Muay-thai, kickboxing and Sambo.
The talented martial artist

uses the skills he's learned to travel around the country competing in mixed martial arts competitions. Mixed martial arts is a full contact mixture of striking and grappling martial arts techniques.

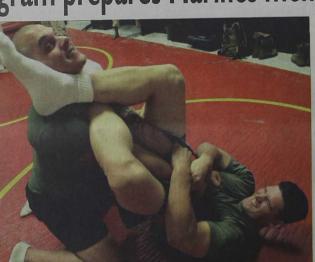
O'Malley competes in dozens of competitions throughout the year. Later this year, he will be going to the South Carolina Submission Grappling and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu State Championship, to see if he can win his division for a third year in a row.

O'Malley, who currently serves as the heavy equipment platoon commander for Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd MLG, also uses MCMAP as a launching pad to train eager Marines who share his love of martial arts.

I think that teaching Marines MCMAP will open up their curiosity to learn other martial arts on their own accord," O'Malley said. "MCMAP to me is a basic fun-

damental understanding of martial arts," he added. "Whenever a student has a curiosity about other techniques, I have the means to take the opportunity to teach them something else they can use

During the upcoming MMA competition in South Carolina, O'Malley will be competing alongside a team of aspiring martial artists chosen by him from MC-MAP classes he teaches around



Adam R. O'Malley, who currently serves as the heavy equipment platoon commander, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, applies an arm bar submission to Brandon J. Gibson, a logistics vehicle operator with O'Malley's platoon and one of his students. Photo by Lance Cpl. B.A. Curtis

Camp Lejeune. He has furthered these Marines' skills by helping them learn additional forms of martial arts, thus preparing them for the competition and helping them better themselves by achieving their personal martial arts aspirations.

"I have always wanted to get into Jiu-Jitsu and Muay-thai," explained Brandon J. Gibson, a student of O'Malley who is in the competition. "Coming here and be-

knows what he's doing has really helped me ... there's a lot of things he has taught me I never thought I could do

Gibson, a seasoned wrestler, now has serious aspirations to pursue greater skills in MCMAP and MMA thanks to O'Malley's mentorship and dedication to teaching martial arts.

"By the time I leave here, I want to be at least a brown belt in MCMAP," Gibson said. "Staff sergeant (O'Malley) is way more then qualified to teach me those sk O'Malley's love for MCMA and other martial arts stems from the experiences he's ene tered early during his martic

arts training. "Martial arts are a differe means of competition that de rely on being part of a team, O'Malley noted. "It all comes down to you. Can you keep y focus? Were you disciplined enough to accomplish everyt you needed to achieve a win

O'Malley is confident the teaching of martial arts is a re-enforcer of the values tau to Marines from the beginning their training, such as discip courage, commitment and co skills. He feels it's crucial to Marines accomplish the dan ous missions they will face in Corps, like prisoner handlin room clearing and any other sions where Marines may en ter hand-to-hand combat.

"I think it's very importan Marines to learn martial ar O'Malley stated. "Marines l always been the types to em

in close-quarters combat, we rit may be armed or unarn O'Malley's long hours of tice and hard work have he him become the martial arti-he is today. He contributes success as a martial artist people he has trained with have made it a way of life to has embraced and come to

'I would just like to than the people who have helped for all they have done," he s









fur Gridiron Guru plans return to greatness in Week

been waiting for my return after my two week absence from the Football Forecast. Hopefully, you had enough sense to disregard everything my prognosticating fill-ins had to say

must a big thank you to Randall Little and Joe Day for at

ast giving it a shot). I must admit that I received very little formation during the European vaca-on I recently enjoyed. The only football ws I got had to do with guys in shorts ho couldn't use their hands, but don't

truly believe soccer highlights (i.e. goals and great saves) are the most entertaining moments in professional sports it's just the interminable amount of time that passes before you actually see one.

So, I'm happy to be back in the world of hard-hitting, smash-mouth, good ol' American football. It's just going to take me a week to get caught up.

It only took me a day to learn about Dallas Cowboys cornerback PacMan Jones ... ummm, predictable? But Dallas owner Jerry Jones, like Oakland's Al Davis, has always been willing to take a chance on players with questionable morals. Whether or not the Cowboys will be able to cover their misstep on Jones and the injury to Tony Romo with their trade for Roy Williams remains to be seen.

Brett Favre passing along inside tips to the Colts before their game against Green Bay? Preposterous. I really don't think Favre would ever do something like that to the fans who gave him so much love during his storied career with the Packers.

Tennessee is undefeated? Kerry Collins is the starting quarterback? I wouldn't have guessed it in a million years. The rise of the Titans is a nice story, but it is thanks to the defense that the team is the last remaining undefeated squad in the league ... and it won't last much longer.

I feel like I'm about to have a break-out week, so let's move on to the picks.

Tampa Bay (5-2) at Dallas (4-3)

Both of these teams were expected to do well this season, but the unexpected loss of Tony Romo has put the Cowboys in a bad position. I liken the current situation in Dallas to the scene in New England — an offensive powerhouse with no one to run it. But, then again, the Dallas defense is much better than that of the Patriots, so they should be better off going down the stretch. How-ever, I've always been a Jeff Garcia fan and he seems to be having another good year at the helm of the Buccaneers. Pick Tampa Bay

San Diego (3-4) at New Orleans (3-4)

These two teams are performing
below expectations and I think they will
continue to do so. Neither one seems to
have the focus or sense of purpose to put
together back-to-back wins. In any case,
this should be a fun game to watch, with
lots of offense and big plays. LaDanian
Tomlinson has definitely lost a step, but
I'm still scared to death of him. Drew
Brees is having another good year, but
if Reggie Bush is lost for a long stretch,
it could be all for naught. I have no faith
in Chargers coach Norv Turner and a in Chargers coach Norv Turner and a heartfelt animosity toward the team (especially after it whipped up on my Pa-triots two weeks ago). Pick: New Orleans

New York Giants (5-1) at Pittsburgh

Try as I might to disregard the reigning Super Bowl champs, the Giants just keep on winning. It's not pretty, but it's effective ... so far. Pittsburgh has had a lot of guys step up this season and looks to me to be the stronger side. Pick: Pittsburgh

Soccer America tabs midshipmen to national team of week

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. - For the second time in her career, Navy junior Shelly Moeller, of Milford, Ohio, has been named to Soccer America's 11-member Women's Team of the Week, the publication announced.

Moeller, who last received special mention as a freshman Nov. 11, 2006, joins senior teammate Kristen Laraway (Long Valley, N.J.) as the second Navy player to garner team-of-the-week kudos this fall. She is now one of week kudos this fan. She is now one of just two Midshipmen; the other being former keeper Sarah Wilson (Class of 2001), who have twice been recognized by Soccer America as having one of the top-11 weekly performances from around the nation.

Moeller, a two-time All-Patriot League selection, enjoyed a terrific all-around week. The 5-foot-10-inch center

back anchored a Navy defense that pitched three consecutive shutouts, including two against league foes, while also scoring a pair of goals, including the game-winner in Friday's win over

On the season, Moeller has been a major reason why the Mids (11-3-1, 3-0 PL) have allowed a Patriot Leaguelow 11 goals (0.73 g/gm), shutout eight opponents and been scored upon more than once in just two of their 15

She has started every game on Navy's backline this fall, pushing her streak to 62 straight dating back to her freshman year, and has three goals,

including a pair of game-winners. Navy, which is ranked No. 13 in the latest Soccer Buzz Mid-Atlantic Regional Poll, will look to improve to 4-0 in Patriot League play for just the second time in program history when it hosts American University (5-9-1,



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2008 Greater Camp Joint Daytime emony commemorating 233 Marine Corps thday is scheduled to be i at Liversedge Field, 7. 7 at 9:30 a.m. The mony will include a orical uniform pageant, edication of the national Marine Corps colors, well as the traditional hday cake cutting. All manding manding generals, manding officers and sergeants major are dially invited to attend. ximum unit attendance highly encouraged. ilian employees, family

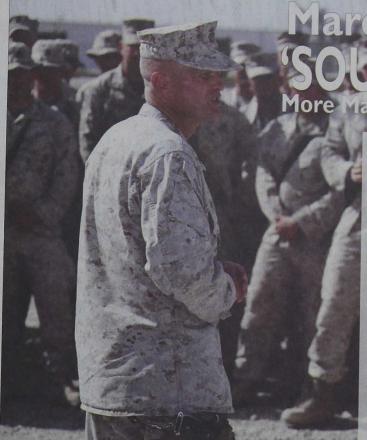
mbers and guests are dially invited. This emony is open to the eral public.

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Onslow County Vetn's Job Fair is set to e place Nov. 10. The 9 to 11 a.m. time slot r veterans only. From a.m. to 2 p.m., the pub-is welcome to attend. job fair is scheduled ake place at 300 Sherd Rd. in Jacksonville. more information, 347-2121.

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Sgt. Steve Cushman Task Force 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Afghanistan

CAMP BARBER, Afghanistan - When it was announced that more Marines were needed to support Task Force 2nd Battal-ion, 7th Marine Regiment in Afghanistan, close to 300 Marines raised their hands and volunteered.

Anxious to join the fight, Anxious to join the fight, these Marines deployed as combat replacements to fill in for the combat losses suffered by TF 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, since it arrived here during early April.

Of those who "stepped forward," only 150 were selected. Surprisingly, many of the volunteers had

many of the volunteers had just returned from serv-ing in Iraq. Upon hearing these Marines had cut their postdeployment leave

short, senior leaders were awestricken to see so many Marines come forward to support their fellow war-

riors in combat.
"This is what Marines do; they answer the call when they answer the call when needed," said Sergeant Maj. Matthew B. Brookshire of TF 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, now part of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Afghanistan. "It was humbling to see so many volunteers. It is truly inspiring, and it speaks ly inspiring, and it speaks tremendously of their character and courage.

The first group of combat replacements landed here at the Bastion flight line Sept. 11. Also referred to as 9/11, this date serves as a constant reminder of the atrocious and horrific attacks that took place on U.S. soil seven years ago.

See DEPLOY, 3C

6th Marine Regiment family fun day strengthens ties

Marines enjoy time spent with loved ones

Story and photos

Sgt. Dorian Gardner

6th Marine Regiment

Headquarters Company, 6th Marine Regiment, Headquarters hosted a first family day gathering on the waterfront across from the regiment, giving loved ones an opportunity to enjoy a day here and get a feel for the daily routine

of 6th Marines' personnel.

The family day served more than just a single purpose. A big part of the event was geared toward allowing Marines a day at work with their loved ones, as well as expose spouses to the regiment's readiness network, said Capt. Jake Hood, Headquarters Company commanding of-

The readiness network helps to keep families in-formed and aware of the



Capt. Scott Wise smashes a pie into Cpl. Forrester Safford's face to raise money for the ball fund at the family day barbeque. Money donated to buy the pie will be used for the ball.

cape their own demanding schedules on a Friday but the turnout was nothing

upcoming deployments.

Hood agreed it might be hard for people to es-

mation. Rather than form up to run, Marines formed up for accountability before being released to enjoy the day.

See FAMILY DAY, 2C



Sgt. Dustin Pellot and his wife Sarah pause with their dog during the family day outing

Navy celebrates 233rd birthday



Navy Capt. Richard Welton, II Marine Expeditionary Force surgeon and Navy Capt. Richard Welton, Il Marine Expeditionary Force surgeon and the oldest sailor within Il MEF, passes the first piece of cake to Seaman Derek Meluzio, a corpsman and the youngest sailor with the Il MEF group aid station, during a ceremony for the Navy's 233rd birthday Oct. 10. The passing of the cake signifies the oldest sailor handing down his wisdom and heritage to the youngest sailor. Photo by Cpl. Katie Mathison

From two wooden ships to 280 warcraft

Cpl. Katie Mathison

Il Marine Expeditionary Force Combat Correspondent

When the Continental Congress established the Navy Oct. 13, 1775, it consisted of merely two wooden ships. Two hundred thirty-three years later, the Navy encompasses 280 ships and more than 3,700 aircraft.

II Marine Expeditionary Force hon-ored the Navy's 233rd birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony, Oct. 10.

The ceremony began with an invocation by Lt. Cmdr. David Mcbeth, the II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group chaplain. Mc-beth spoke of the proud history of the Navy and the changes, which have made it stronger.

'Yes, it is true," Mcbeth said during his invocation. "The days of

wooden ships and iron men are over, but not cast aside. The Navy has moved forward into the 21st century. No longer is it just men in the Navy, but it's men and women of all races and nationalities who love their country and believe in something greater than themselves

After the invocation, Col. Scott Aiken, commanding officer, II MHG, II MEF, took the microphone to tell a personal story of how the U.S. Navy has awed him and how he believes it is one of the finest naval forces in the

"While I was aboard the USS Mount Whitney, I watched an un-derway replenishment between the Whitney, a supply ship and what appeared to be about half of the 5th Fleet out there," Aiken said. "The ability to amass that much combat power halfway around the world, conduct complex maneuvers and

See BIRTHDAY, 2C

24th MEU returns from war Iomeward bound:

Sgt. Randall A. Clinton

It's over for 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit Marines. No more midday patrols in 150 degree heat or endless gusts of powder-like sand. No more sleeping on humvee hoods or in some Afghan villager's bombed out compound. Marines returned home following an eightmonth deployment to southern Afghanistan recently.

Their deployment illustrated how adaptable a Marine Air Ground Task Force is in the Global War on

Terrorism.

"As a MEU, our missions are always unique and you can never predict what the next year will hold. Deploying to Afghanistan was another example of how versatile this unit is. One year we evacuated Americans from the Beirut Embassy in the largest such evacuation of noncombatants, and the next we spent eight months in southern Afghanistan fighting the Taliban," said Lt. Col. Kent Hayes, executive officer, 24th MEU.

After much self-sacrifice many Marines returned longing for life's simple pleasures. Such was on the mind of Gunnery Sgt. Angel Cruz, who just wanted to be back home, "sleeping in my own bed, next to my wife and being in my house playing with my daughter and the dogs."

Cruz, the 24th MEU's informa-

tion assurance officer, and a handful of other Marines who came back before of the rest of the unit, were unexpectedly greeted by USO vol-unteers while walking through the airport.

I was taken back by all of it. It was the last thing I thought would happen at 11 p.m. in Baltimore. Those families of other service members waiting to greet us was a beautiful display of support for he explained, still noticeably honored by the patriotic display.

As Marines continue arriving, there are constant reminders of their still-fragile success in Helmand province. The 24th MEU commander, Col. Peter Petronzio, has begun explaining the exploits of his Marines as a textbook casestudy in Marine counterinsurgent

The tenants of a successful counterinsurgency are clear, hold and build. You can't just clear. If you don't hold, the insurgents come back and if you don't build then you

really aren't making the place any better. You need to make the place better so the people can see the value of choosing government rule vice accepting insurgent intimidation," said Petronzio, part of the 24th MEU's brain trust that will stay behind in Afghanistan to help incoming Marine units transition to the unique challenges of the area.

As he discusses the counterinsurgent strategy, it seems to be at the least a subconscious explanation to one of the most famous phases from their deployment. The planned first fight with the Taliban was to be an aerial raid, rivaling any previous heliborne insertion dating back to Vietnam. The Marines of Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, packed lightly for their mission, counting on re-turning to base in seven to 10 days for another assignment in the volatile south. Instead, they stayed.

Taliban fighters flowed into the area resupplying and reinforcing those already well-equipped and aiming in on the Marines.

We were told there were insurgents in the area just south of the British southernmost forward operating base (Delhi) and that they would fight us for a few days should we try to move through the area. As we moved to secure the route the insurgents did fight us, but not for a few days. They fought us daily for more than a month," said the 24th MEU commander.

The increased resistance caused re-examination of plans. If the 24th MEU moved on after clearing their way through Garmsir, the Taliban would obviously attempt to take back their precious gateway into Afghanistan.

The Marines stayed and transi-tioned from quick reaction raiders to counterinsurgent specialists, and through the next few months, focused the full spectrum of the 24th MEU in the Garmsir City district. Taliban fighters battled Marines for 35 days in more than 170 engagements. The death knell for the Taliban came May 28, when the Marines of Weapons Company and Company C both of BLT 1st Battallion 6th Marines, captured Fort Jugroom, a former British strong-point turned Taliban headquarters. Meanwhile, Company A reclaimed the once Taliban-controlled Amir Agar Bazaar.

In keeping with counterinsurgency doctrine, Marines held their



Gunnery Sgt. Prino Bonzani, ammunition chief, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, kisses his baby girl as wife watches through teary eyes at the 24th MEU's homecoming. Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Piper

ground. Just a few days after the Battle for Jugroom, the Marines of Company A, met with village elders in a shura, the first such gathering of local elders in three years. During their shura and in subsequent meetings with locals, the Marines invited people to return without fear of the Taliban. For many, it was the first time they could safely bring their family home since the Taliban forced them out years ago. Petronzio felt the Marines needed to stay in the area to reinforce the sense of security to a population that hadn't seen international troops since the Soviet occupation decades earlier.

"Another factor was the concern about giving the insurgents a false victory by enabling them to claim they had run us off if we vacated the area a soon as we pushed further south. Also, as we secured the routes through the district center, Afghan citizens who had been displaced by the insurgents began to return to their homes. It would not have boded well for them had we left just as they were returning to an area they thought we had secured and they thought we would remain in to sustain the security.' said Petronzio.

The 24th MEU began the last block of the three-stage counter-insurgent doctrine June 23, when Battery A sent Marines from their six-cannon gun line to Forward Operating Base Delhi. There, they opened a civil military operations center, where Marines doled out cash payments for battle damage. By the time Marines closed the center they had met 1,082 locals and paid them a total of \$785,000.

Throughout the city, Afghan National Forces began joining Marines on daily patrols and security exercises and shortly after British forces were walking side by side with their American allies. They hunted for improvised explosive devices and other weapons caches, finding 86 unexploded ordnances and 26 weapons stockpiles. The Marines officially handed control of the citydistrict back to the British Sept. 8, the country previously tasked by NATO for securing Garmsir and the rest of Helmand province.

The Marines spent the better part of September and October cleaning and packing all of their gear in preparation for the trip home from one of the largest Afghanistan bases. Frustratingly tiny sand particles had to be washed

from each vehicle, weapon syst and piece of equipment before Marines could board planes a head home. The trip itself was exercise in endurance for the tr eling Marines as they spent d split between flights and layov at airports along the way.

"The flight was long but ex ing," Cruz said of the nearly

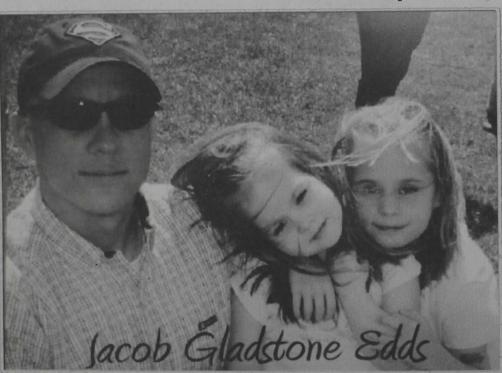
hour flight home.

The Marines landed and loabuses for the final leg of their jo ney home. They exited the bu to the screams and cries of the much-missed loved ones. Their rival home moves their action Afghanistan from front page n into historic context.

"Al Anbar has come to sig the Marines success in Iraq, believe Helmand province Garmsir will show the world w impact the Marines can have Afghanistan," said Hayes.

"I'm proud of what these rines have accomplished. T lived in some of the most u sirable locations and conditi imaginable in Garmsir. Seeing warm welcome they received i their friends and family wa well-deserved end to a deman deployment.

Fallen Marine honored with tree planting



Staff Sgt. Jacob G. Edds poses with his daughters in a family photograph. Edds passed away Aug. 31 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., after a battle with T Cell Lymphoma. Edds arrived at Camp Lejeune during October 2006, then deployed to Iraq the following February where he was later diagnosed. A tree will be planted outside the Bldg. 1770 post office here as a tribute to his love of Marines and the Corps. Courtesy photo

BIRTHDAY, from IC

resupplies was something no other navy in the world can come close to

The narrator then read letters from the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Conway. The letters touched on the long, proud history of the Navy and its continued tradition of excellence.

"I have seen the work the Navy does around the world, and I could not be more proud and inspired," Adm. Roughead stated in his letter. "The service and sacrifice of each sailor exemplifies the character of the Navy and the ideal of service to our

After the reading of the letters, the ceremonial cake was brought out. The first piece of cake is traditionally given to the oldest sailor, Navy Capt. Richard Welton, 61, the II MEF surgeon, signifying wisdom and heritage. Then, the cake was passed to the youngest sailor, Seaman Derek Meluzio, 19, a corpsman with the II MEF group aid station, symbolizing the passing of na-val heritage and wisdom to the young ailors who will lead the Navy in the

The Navy has come a long way from two small ships. The ships and technology may have changed, but the proud traditions and core values of those first sailors remain within the



FAMILY DAY, from IC

A scene full of marksmanship ranges, blow-up obsta moon-jumps, sumo suits, ring tosses, dunk tanks, static plays and raffled prizes awaited the Marines, sailors their families.

Once Cpl. Jeremy Jakel was released from his m ing formation, he and his wife Falon ventured to the p range where safety officers were waiting with flak v Kevlar helmets and M9 Beretta pistols. Before particip where allowed to walk onto the range, the range staff commissioned officer in charge took his time explainin importance of range safety and every precaution show must take while in possession of a loaded weapon. Spor up and down the firing line were given the order to soon after. With magazines of 15 rounds, shooters seven yards away from silhouette targets and unleasly fury of rounds into their stagnant opponents.

Participants returned from their line of fire just in to grab a plate and enjoy some good barbeque with the

Brandy Gresh, a spouse whose Marine husband rec checked into the regiment, commented that she has to quite a few but this family was exceptional. 'It's really about the kids," said Brandy. "Seeing

enjoy the activities is fun for me." The children were not Brandy's only motivation to

"My husband is new here so I had a chance to meet people," said Brandy. "I like to stay in the loop as fi what's going on with my husband."

With a 13-month deployment around the corner, H quarters Company is planning to schedule a holiday before their departure.

Hood when asked about the outcome of this event.

As Marines and sailors and husbands and wives l their trip home, Marines began cleaning up what wa

MARSOC screening notice

The Recruiting and Screening team for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Of erations Command, will be conducting screenings and interviews at the Cam Lejeune Base Theater, Nov. 4, from 8:3 - 10:30 a.m., for Marines in the infantu and 0621 military occupational special ties who would like the opportunity to a tend assessment and selection with un endorsement. The MARSOC team w also screen for support and direct support Marines within 132 different MOS for possible orders if eligible for permi nent change of station/permanent chang of assignment. All interested Marines a invited to attend.

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Military Police Supply Company, II MEF stands up

Rows of Marines stood in front of the II Marine Expedition-ary Force Headquarters Group building, Oct. 1, with hands be-hind their backs and military working dogs at their side.

Marines with Military Police Supply Company, II Marine Ex-peditionary Force, celebrated af-

"There are three (military police supply companies) waiting to be stood up," said Col. Scott D. Aiken, commander of II MHG. "You are the first one to stand up, and we have a lot of work to do."

The unit has Marines who are

currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as members who are preparing to go.
"It is inspiring to see the

Marines who haven't deployed raining enthusiastically," said Maj. Matthew Mestemaker, the company's commanding officer.
I am looking forward to the company earning their reputaion in the upcoming Operation

weapon syntage in the dependency of the raqui Freedom deployment."
"We have a lot of work the rad planes and not much time," said M "We have a lot of work to do, ind not much time," said Mestenaker. "It is time to get back to work."



Marines with Military Police Support Company, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II MEF, pose for a photograph after a ceremony, Oct 1. The ceremony was to celebrate their activation as a unit. Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian Lewis

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Hayes.

The events that resulted from these terrorist attacks against the Pentagon and World Trade Center towers led to America's involvement in the Global War on

In light of their Iraq deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and now their support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the combat replacements have sacrificed time to spend with family and friends to support TF 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, in its mission to conduct counterinsurgency and full spectrum operations with an emphasis on police mentoring of the Afghan National Police. A reinforced infantry battalion of approximately 1,000 Marines, TF 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, is currently operating throughout the Helmand and Farah provinces, an area estimated as large expenses. provinces, an area estimated as large as Vermont.

Although this display of selflessness and dedication to duty will certainly attest to the character and values of each deploying service member, Sergeant Maj. Brookshire offered thanks to the senior leadership at 1st Marine Division as wall

as well.
"Credit for getting the Marines here
goes to the 1st MarDiv staff," Brookshire said. "Everything we have needed, they have found a way to make it happen. Their support has been outstanding." Assembled from various units within

1st Marine Division, including 1st Bn.,

7th Marines; 1st Bn., 5th Marines; 2nd Bn., 1st Marines; 2nd Bn., 4th Marines, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion; and Headquarters Battalion, the combat replacements had only a short time to prepare for this deployment. The Marines of 2nd Bn., 4th Marines, had just returned to California a few months ago.

"We came back from a deployment with the 31st (Marine Expeditionary Unit) in mid-July," said Sgt. Sean R. Patereau, a machine gunner from 2nd Bn., 4th Marines. "We weren't scheduled to return from block leave until Aug. 21, but most of us were back by the 18th to deploy to Afghanistan."

Other Marines, particularly those assigned to 1st Bn., 7th Marines, are scheduled to deploy to Iraq within only a few months after TF 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, ends their OEF deployment.

"Marines march to the 'sound of the guns," said Lt. Col. Rick Hall, commander, TF 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, noting that he was thoroughly impressed by the galiber of Marines in the history. by the caliber of Marines joining his task force. He said he was absolutely floored by the number of Marines who had volunteered to join his unit.

Many of the Marines said they volunteered because the battalion needed help and Marines go where they are needed to help each other. One Marine even vol-unteered because his childhood friend serves with TF 2nd Bn., 7th Marines.

"Sgt. Alvin M. Klauson Jr., and I grew up in the same neighborhood. We lived

five houses apart, and went to the same high school," said Cpl. James D. Shy-manik, an assault man from 2nd Bn., 4th Marines. "I came out here to help him."

The majority of the Marines, however, said the reason they volunteered for this deployment was the chance to fight.

Nobody joins the Marine Corps for college benefits, or because you make a lot of money. It doesn't matter if they're a rifleman or an aviation tech, people become Marines because they want to go out and fight the war," said Capt. James D. Searels, the Combat Replacement Detachment.

"Everyone wants to go to Afghanistan, even the commandant, because this is where the kinetic fight is and that's what Marines are good at," Searels said.
"Marines are good at blowing stuff up and killing enemy forces who deserve to be killed. That's what's going on here

right now."

While supplementing a unit with combat replacements is not a new concept, the sergeant major thought it was extraordi-

nary how the planning came to fruition.
"We are still above our required numbers for deployment, but with the casualties and our short-term deployers who returned to the States, we were just spread too thin throughout our area of operations," said Brookshire, explaining the reason behind the task force requesting additional forces. "The shortterm deployers didn't count against our total strength, but we soon came to realize that they were a vital asset to the

During his introduction, Hall explained the task force mission and thanked the Marines for raising their hands on short notice to fill in for his unit's combat losses.

Due to the previous coordination made in selecting the Marines and preparing for their arrival, the Marines had few questions to ask the task force commander. Although, a few of the questions asked when they arrived here were, "When do we get our Ammo?" and a few asked, "How can we stay to serve with the replacement unit?"

Hall took an opportunity to brief the Marines on the roles they're expected to fill and dispel any rumors or exaggerated casualty figures they may have heard. He also took a few minutes to explain the Afghas caller. explain the Afghan culture.

"This is not Iraq, and you need to have a proper perspective on this place," Hall said. "You will appreciate the dif-Hall said. "You will appreciate the dif-ference, as the Afghans are more like us. Your efforts here will be more quickly and greatly appreciated by the people.

What you are doing is unprecedent." Hall, referring to his combat replacements as magnificent young men. "You have volunteered for one of the toughest and most critical missions for the defense of our nation. You are handpicked out of 280 volunteers... you are some of the most combat ready NCOs and 'warriors' in 1st Marine Division.

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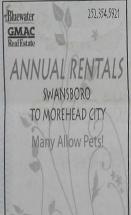
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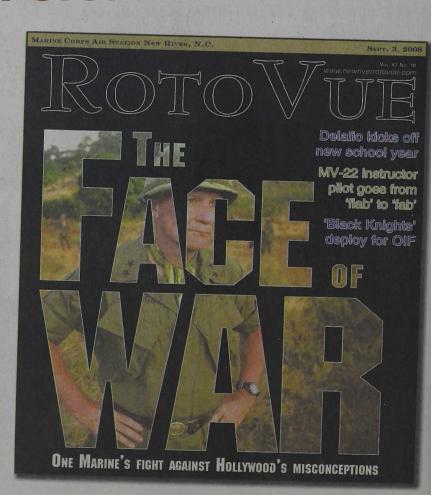
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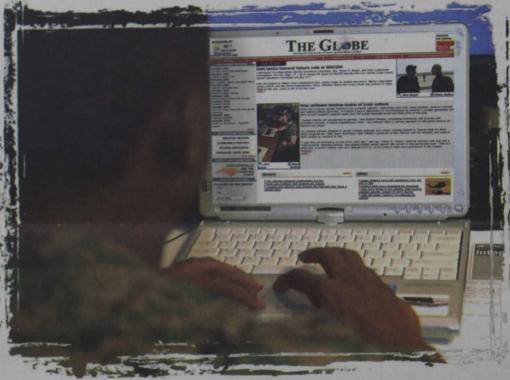
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The pinging, popping and growing pains of expanding and contracting metal can all be explained away.

But caretakers of the now retired Battleship North Carolina, docked may downtown Wilmington

Danny Bradshaw, the ship's night watchman, a former skeptic, has many details to share of his experiences staying aboard the ship most nights since 1976. (For more on his story, turn to page 1D)

conjunction with the Sci-Fi channel' Ghost Hunters program, filmed an episode aboard the battleship and were intrigued by what they found. This Halloween, the staff of Battleship North Carolina invites members of the public – if they dare – to step aboard the historic battleship and experience her for themselves. "Almost everyone I meet asks me about the ghosts, who they are, what they do? They tap, run and slam hatches. On this tour we connect thes experiences to historical evidence to what may have happened. The real stories are so gruesome; it may explain

Photo courtesy of Battleship North

in-law of a Camp Leje-une Marine currently serving in Iraq. "We're out here to find out

that something out of the ordinary is going on aboard the battleship.

"With one being nothing at all and 10 being bleeding walls," he joked while making a serious point," I'd say the battleship is a good, solid seven."

Most of the members of the team have a history of studying and working in the scien.

empirical tools and employ strict scientific principles in their investigations. They all also said that they are skeptical and don't believe in things that they cannot prove.

McCreath-Ray said that Marines from Camp Lejeune really ought to check out the tour tomorrow. "Why would the Marines be interested in the page."



The staff of the Battleship North Carolina invite the public to "Ghost Ship" tomorrow. The program will include a tour with ghost stories and other surprises (top, right photo). During World War II, 1,880 officers and men served aboard the battleship (as seen at left). The battleship is now moored in downtown Wilmington as seen above. Above photo by Heather Owens

Entertainment =

Brothers in Arms:' WWII series makes grim landing in Netherlands

Even heroes need some help, and the best video games recognize that.

Many titles let you take on Hitler and his Nazi hordes single-handedly, but those games never feel very realistic or satisfying to me.

Brothers In Arms: Hell's Highway" is different, offering an excellent blend of first-person and squad-based action. You play as Staff Sgt. Mat-

thew Baker, squad leader in the 01st Airborne Division, in the M-rated game created by Gearbox for Ubisoft. You're dropped into the Netherlands during Operation Market Garden, the September 1944 effort to quickly cross the Rhine and push into Germany via string of air assaults.

Developers took pains to create historically accurate weapons, buildings, animations and factics. As a result, almost everything looks and feels right.

the physical and emotional car-nage experienced by the soldiers who fought in the Netherlands. Expect to see a lot of spurting blood and severed limbs. Ex pect to see Dutch civilians shot blasted and hanged by the Nazis. And expect to experience an emo-

tionally wrenching story line. This all makes "Hell's High way" far grimmer than most

During most of the game, you lead a squad that consists of a rotating mix of riflemen, machine gunners and bazooka men.

As a squad leader, you won't be too successful if you send your men charging headlong at the enemy. The German troops are good marksmen, even at lower difficulty levels. The key to suc cess is using one team to keep the enemy suppressed while another team flanks them.

It's often best to do the flanking yourself. During these times, the game is much more like a

In addition, there are a few missions where you're on your own. The first-person controls are pretty standard for shooters and work smoothly and efficiently.

The squad controls are simple

and work well most of the time. Press the left trigger to activate commands, such as "go there" or "shoot that." Press another button to switch teams. Normally, you can simply send a team to a good spot and they'll find their own cover and start shooting at the enemy. However, your bazooka team often needs some prodding and repositioning before

Sometimes, you don't need to flank an enemy; you just need to obliterate his cover. Many weapons can chew through a wooden fence without too much effort. Sandbags demand something more powerful, either a bazooka, hand grenade or tank. And you need to remember that the enemy can destroy your cover, too, so don't get comfortable behind

This ability to destroy cover is beyond what's available in most shooters. However, it pales in comparison to the level of destruction you can unleash in "Battlefield: Bad Company. Walls and even some windows are impervious to your fire-

The artificial intelligence is pretty good most of the time. Friends and foes typically avoid becoming easy targets and the Germans usually respond well when you try to flank them. However, it's not uncommon to see squad mates get struck while trying to run through barrels or run in front of cover instead of behind it. And it's sometimes way too easy to sneak up on an enemy

The graphics are good, but not great. Outside of the cut scenes, most characters and backgrounds lack the fine texture and visual depth that makes "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare" so stunning. In addition, the frame rate sometimes gets a bit choppy.

Those are points that might hurt when "Hell's Highway" goe head-to-head with Activision's "Call of Duty: World at War" when it's released in November. This game will bring the phe-nomenal "Call of Duty 4" engine to World War II - and offer

split-screen co-op play. "Hell's Highway" doesn't of-fer co-op or local multi-player matches. But it does permit online competition for up to 20 players. Unfortunately, that was not yet running when I tested th

In the end, those who savor historical accuracy will be very satisfied with the game's depth. And those who crave good squad based action will be more than satisfied by its insistence that

heroes don't work alone. Platforms: Xbox 360, PlaySta

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Body of Lies:' New spy feature focuses on war on terrorism



From the front row

"BODY OF LIES"

"Body of Lies" is a political spy thriller about the Global War on Ter-

The movie tells the story of two Central Intelligence Agency operatives searching for Islamic terrorists

Leonardo Di-Caprio ("Blood Diamond," "The Departed," "Gangs of New York")

stars as Roger Ferris, the best man U.S. Intelligence has on the ground in places were human life is worth no more than the information it can get you.

His operations take him around the

globe and his last breath is often dependent on the voice at the end of a secure line from Washington.

Russell Crowe (""Gladiator," "American angster," "Cinderella Man") stars as Ed Hoffman, the clever and callous veteran spymaster who is working inside Washington, D.C. and who is strategizing and pulling the strings from his laptop.

Ferris goes undercover as a CIA opera-tive, traveling through the Mideast to follow a lead discovered by Hoffman on a major terrorist leader suspected to be operating out of Jordan.

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'Body of Lies' stars Russell Crowe as Ed Hoffman and Leonardo DiCaprio as Roger Ferris, two Central Intelligence Age operatives searching for Islamic Terrorists. Photo courtesy of movies.com

Ferris must convince Hoffman and the head of Jordan's covert operations of his plan to infiltrate a terrorist organization to sow suspicions about loyalties among them.

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"Wall-E," G, 3:30 p.m. *Free showing "Miracle At St. Anna," R, 6:30 p.m. TUESDAY

"Death Race," R. 7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY

Once in Jordan, he is aided by Hani, played by Mark Strong ("Syriana"), the head of Jordan's intelligence agency in an uneasy alliance that leads to cultural and moral clashes between the men.

Ferris also questions how far he can really trust these men without putting his entire operation and his life on the

Costarring is Michael Gaston ("Stay") as Holiday; Oscar Isaac ("The Nativity Story"); Simon McBurney ("The Golden Compass") and Iranian actress Golshifteh Farahani as Aisha, Ferris' love interest.

The super-successful filmmaker Ridley Scott ("American Gangster," "Gladiator," "Hannibal," "Black Hawk Down," "Thel-

ma and Louise," "Alien") directed this story about a CIA operative. Michael Monahan ("The Departed," "Kingdom of Heaven") adapted his screenplay from the 2007 novel by David Ignatius, a Washington Post columnist.

"Body of Lies" is an exciting and com-pelling action thriller that is high quality, precisely executed and played out.

"NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST" (PG-13)

"Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" is a romantic comedy about a boy-meetsgirl in a city that never sleeps

Two high school seniors are thrust together for one hilarious, sleepless night of adventure in a world of mix tapes, late-night living and live, loud music

Michael Cera ("Juno," "Superbad") stars as Nick, a music geek, who frequents New York's indie rock scene nuing a broken heart and a vague ability play the bass.

Kat Dennings ("The House Bunny," "40-Year-Old Virgin") stars as Norah, kindred spirit, who is questioning pret much all of her assumptions about the

Though the two have nothing in com mon except for their taste in music, the chance encounter leads to an all-night quest to find a legendary band's secret

Prowling the streets of Manhattan, t ends up becoming the first date in a ro-mance that could change both their live

Costarring are Alexis Dziena ("Fool's Gold") as Tris, Nick's shallow ex girlfrien Ari Graynor ("For Your Consideration") a Caroline, Norah's hard-partying, ditzy be friend; Jay Baruchel ("Tropic Thunder"); Norah's wannabe musician's friend and li Gavron ("Braking and Entering") as Dev Director Pete Sollett ("Raising Victor")

gas") adapted this teen fare from a novel the same name written by Rachel Cohn David Levithan

'Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" is your typical teen movie; the thematic marrial could apply to any two people thrown together.

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

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alone. 360, PlaySo Friday, 6 - 8 p.m.

Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation has scheduled a Halloween carnival for Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Fun for the whole family includes creating a glow in the dark mural, freaky face painting, outrageous liver toss, murky duck pond pull, frightening cake walk, fortune telling, spine-chilling relays, hanging donut eating contest, ghostly graveyard, ID kits by the Emerald Isle Police Department and more. Please come in costume. Admission fee is one bag of individually wrapped candy per child. Call 252-354-6350 for more information or visit www.emeraldisle-nc.org/eiprd.

Ghost walk in haunted New Bern Friday, Saturday, 5 - 9 p.m.

New Bern located an easy drive from Camp Lejeune, has once again planned a ghost walk. This year's theme, "Spirits of the Neuse," focuses on the maritime history of historic New Bern. "Ghosts" in the 2008 tour will include pirates, ship builders, entrepreneurs and Native Americans with dug-out canoes harvesting the riches from the river. As a bonus this year, Union Point Park will be part of the tour and serve as a backdrop for ghostly tales of the river and its influence on this maritime town. The tour will feature 17 ghost homes with each site having spirits from New Bern's colorful past that disclose their intriguing stories. The tour is set to kick off in historic downtown New Bern. Admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 on days of the tour, \$13 for active duty military and \$10 for children 3 to 10 years of age. Children under 3 years old are free. For more information, visit the Web site at www.newbernhistorical.org or call 252-638-8558.

Halloween costume contest, movie Saturday, 9 a.m.

The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and Carmike Cinema 16 are sponsoring a Halloween costume contest and movie. The event, which will be held at Carmike Cinema 16, behind the Jacksonville Mall, is set to start at 9 a.m. The cost for this year's event is three canned goods per person (which will be donated to Onslow County Christmas Cheer). It is open to all children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to costume contest winners in several age groups. Free goody bags will be distributed. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslow.countync.gov/parks.

Base Halloween walk-in vet clinic Saturday, 8 a.m. - noon

The Base Veterinary Clinic (located in Tarawa Terrace) staff have planned the Annual Halloween Walk-in Clinic for Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. Animals in costume (with up-to-date vaccines and a current negative heartworm test) will receive up to six months of free heartworm prevention, while supplies last. Vaccinations, microchips and heartworm tests will be offered at regular price. No sick calls, please. Bring all previous health records on your pet. Military ID required for services. All pets must be restrained either on a leash or in a carrier. Routine appointments for vaccinations and sick calls are available by calling 450-1607.

Trick or Treat Under the Sea Oct. 30, 5 - 8 p.m.

The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores casts a spell as the sun sets Oct. 30 with "Trick or Treat Under the Sea." Tickets for the night of Halloween family fun will be sold from 5 - 8 p.m. Children can trick or treat at booths sponsored by local businesses and organizations throughout the aquarium. Admission after 5 p.m. is \$5 per person for ages 3 and up; children ages 2 and under are admitted free. Aquarium proceeds support education programs at the aquarium. For more information, call 247-4003, ext. 225 or see the Web site at www.ncaquariums.com.

Halloween concert Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Feel the chill in the air as Jacksonville High School's Cardinal Orchestras call forth the spirit of Halloween Oct. 30. The concert, under the direction of Joli Brooks, is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m in the auditorium at Jacksonville High School. Ghoulish tunes to fit the season include "Danse Macabre," from the movie Fantasia and "Funeral March of a Marionette," from Alfred Hitchcock's popular television

series. Other "haunting" melodies will help everyone get into the Halloween spirit. Join the JHS Orchestra for this free concert and discover a whole new way to appreciate Halloween. For additional information, call 346-4011, extension 3.

Camp Lejeune trick-or-treat hours Oct. 31, 6 - 9 p.m.

Trick-or-treat hours for Camp Lejeune housing areas are scheduled for Oct. 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. Safety is paramount. Each child should carry or wear something reflective. Flashlights are suggested for visibility. Props should be flexible. Consider leaving play weapons at home. At the least, they should be distinguishable from the real item. Children should only approach houses which are lit as those who do not wish to receive trick-or-treaters leave their lights off. All candy should be inspected by an adult prior to consuming.





Battleship North Carolina: Caretaker has stories to tell

Heather Owens

For 32 years now, Danny Bradshaw has been the night watchman for the historic World War II-era sel, the Battleship North

After each guest and employee leaves for the day, he takes down the flags, cuts off all the lights, turns on the alarm system and then prepares to turn in for the night in his berth aboard the

That's been his nightly ritual all these years. Put the ship to bed, so to speak,

and then tuck in himself.
It's a straight-forward routine and most nights every thing goes according to design. Except for the two or three nights a year when things get

a little ... interesting.

Perhaps, it's best to start from the beginning.

Bradshaw was born in Wilmington and has lived there all his life.

He became most acquainted with the battleship when his best friend was her night watchman. Bradshaw would visit his buddy at night to play poker

After five and a half years, Bradshaw's friend decided to move onto other endeavors, and Bradshaw

asked to take his place.

As his friend turned over the reins, Bradshaw sensed he might be holding something back. Though it might sound

crazy, Bradshaw's buddy

had a word of warning. "The ship is haunted," said the friend. Bradshaw was skeptical,

and did not believe in ghosts. That is, until he experienced one.
About 10

months into the gig, Bradshaw heard loud footsteps in the passageway outside his quarters on the ship. He opened the hatch and lit the passageway with his flashlight. He could not see a thing, yet he heard the running footsteps near him.

It scared me to death,' said Bradshaw. Though that encounter was spooky, he had not re-

ally seen anything. Since then, Bradshaw

said he has seen an apparition three times. econd time I saw him was the most horrible night of my life," he said.

One evening he was below deck and had just cut off the lights when he felt a hand on his shoulder. "Well, I screamed," he said

Then his emotion turned to anger thinking that someone was playing a prank on him. As he slowly turned around, he felt the hand lift off his shoulder. No one was

there.
"I took my flashlight all over the big room and I couldn't see him anywhere,"

said Bradshaw. But he heard footsteps.
As he turned and looked down an adjoining passage-

way, he saw something.
"What I saw was an image of a man. I could see right through him," remembered Bradshaw.

It seemed to be the image of a strong, young man. From his hairline up, it

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appeared that his head was

Bradshaw shone his flashlight in that direction. "He looked at me like 'don't do that,' and then he turned his head and he disappeared," said Bradshaw.

Though the encounter did not end there, this telling of

If one would like to know more, there is the opportunity to visit the battle-ship's "Ghost Ship" program Friday from 5 until 10 p.m. Ghost stories will be told ... and, who knows, perhaps illustrated.

Bradshaw will also be on hand to entertain questions. Additionally, copies of Bradshaw's 2002 book,

Ghosts on the Battleship North Carolina," which he wrote to both tell his story and honor his niece, Cheryl, will be on sale. Part of the proceeds of the volume go to benefit the Battleship North Carolina and part goes to assist Bradshaw's niece who deals with a medicallyexpensive chronic illness

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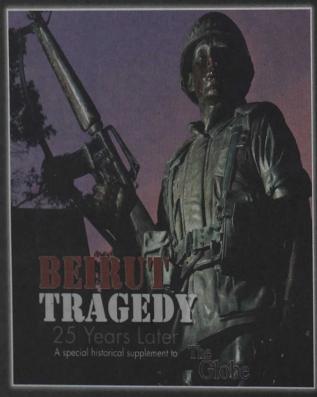




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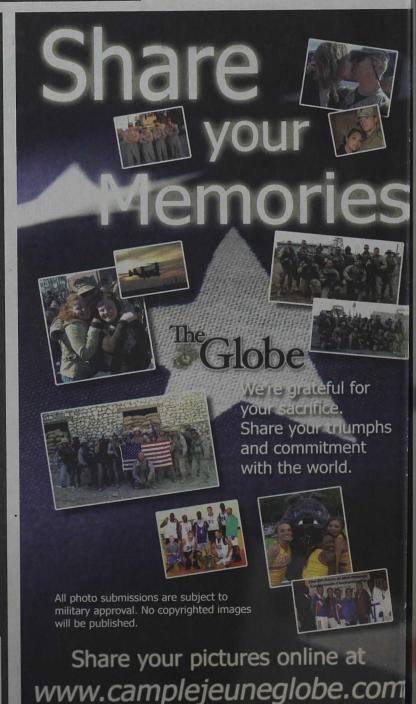
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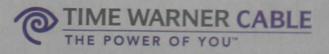
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Nov. 5 2nd Marine Division Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Ball at the Goettge Memorial Field House

Nov. 6 2nd Marine Division Officers' Ball at the Goettge Memorial Field House

Nov. 7 Marine Corps Base Officers and Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Ball at the Goettge Memorial Field House

Nov. 7 2nd Marine Logistics Group Officers' Ball at the Officer's Club

Nov. 8
II Marine
Expeditionary
Force Ball at the
Goettge Memorial
Field House

Nov. 8
Deployed Spouses
Ball at the Tarawa
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Nov. 14 Marine Corps Engineer School Students' Ball at the Courthouse Bay Gym

Nov. 15 Marine Corps Combat Service Support School Students' Ball at the Goettge Memorial Field House

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Signs of the times: New batch of warriors return

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The fence line along North Carolina Highway 24 near Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune have long been bare. This month, color returned as family and friends of returning Marines and sailors have once again lined the barriers with welcome home greetings. Many of the new signs are professionally printed, as the one above. However, plenty of the old stand by — artfully painted sheets and banners, such as the one at right — have been hung as well. Family and friends are reminded to keep their signs respectful and tasteful. Additionally, base officials have stated that signs may not be posted on road signs, trees or underpasses. All signs may be posted for a maximum of five days after the homecoming of the member's unit. For more photographs of new welcome home signs, visit The Globe Web site at www.camplejeuneglobe.com. Photos by Heather Owens

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Community honors victims of domestic violence



uring the 14th Annual Candlelight Vigil, Oct. 9, sponsored by the nslow Women's Center, Sammy Phillips, the mayor of Jacksonville, resents a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence wareness Month to Don Shreve, the executive director of the Onslow formen's Center and Alechea Guichardo, the lead domestic violence runselor with the Onslow Women's Center.

ory and photos
pl. Jessica L. Martinez

In honor of Domestic Violence vareness Month, the comunities of Jacksonville and amp Lejeune joined together iring the 14th annual candleth vigil held at the Onslow omen's Center in downtown cksonville, Oct. 9.

The event was held to remem-r and honor all the victims no lost their lives due to doestic violence

"We do this because it's portant to stop and take ne from our busy schedules recognize them," said Donald .Shreve, executive director the Onslow Women's Center corporated. "We plan a day (of tivies) and during that eve-

ng we hold a service to honor e victims."

Victims of domestic violence e not just women. The victims e children and adults, young d old, males and females. North Carolina alone, there ve been 78 deaths due to

mestic violence this year, said reve. October is Domestic Violence

Awareness Month. In honor of the victims, people wore purple bracelets at the vigil that stated love shouldn't hurt. Purple is the color that signifies domestic violence awareness.

"Every year, we have anywhere from 75 to 100 people come out in support," said Shreve. "As more and more people in the come in the come in the come." people in the community hear about the touching candlelight vigil, the number of attendees continues to increase.

The community is extremely supportive, said Shreve. The vigil has become a tradition people have come to expect. The candlelight vigil lights the hearts of victims while honoring and remembering the ones who couldn't be here.

Each year during the ceremony, guests and attendees hold a candlelight vigil and walk down with a police escort to the Jacksonville water front in honor of the victims," said Shreve. "This year was the first time in nine years this didn't happen due to inclement weather. Instead the event was held indoors at the Onslow Women's

The event is held each year in



Jennifer Libby, a court advocate with the Onslow Women's Center, Alechea Guichardo, the lead domestic violence counselor with the Onslow Women's Center, and Megan Howell, the sexual assault counselor with the Onslow Women's Center pose with Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., the commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, one of the guest speakers at the candlelight vigil. During Flatau's remarks he commented on how it is important for Camp Lejeune and the community of Jacksonville to work together and have a united effort in overcoming the problem of domestic violence. and have a united effort in overcoming the problem of domestic violence.

support of the victims of domes-tic violence and to get the word out to the community there is help available.

We want people to know we are here to support women, children and men who are victims of domes-tic violence," said Shirley F. Cox, the vice president of human re-sources with Jones-Onslow Electric Company and board member with the Onslow Women's Center board of directors. "This is a much needed event. The facility has numerous resources available to help victims. It's important to bring awareness of domestic violence and break the

The center offers a 24-hour shelter and crisis line, victim advocacy, counseling and support groups. The center also helps victims gain back their self-esteem and the courage not to go back to their

One woman who attended the candlelight vigil shared her own

"I came here tonight because I was a victim of family violence 30 years ago," said Carole J. Welsby, a retired licensed practical nurse. "At the time, there wasn't anywhere to go for help or support. I know firsthand how important this subject is, and it's not a fun thing to go through or experience. God definitely helped me through it, but if it wasn't for a friend who took me in and helped me out. I couldn't have done it alone."
With the help of the friend,

Welsby said she was able to get a divorce, gain custody of her children and get a nursing de-gree. This was her first time at the candlelight vigil and came to the event out of curiosity

"It's very good the Onslow Women's Center is doing events like this and offers all the support and resources they do," said Welsby. "I'm here tonight for everyone who can't be here due to domestic violence."

Welsby said now that she's retired, she wants to contribute to the cause. She expressed that domestic violence is close to her heart and wants to help any way she can.

Among the many attendees and guests at the vigil were Sammy Phillips, Jacksonville's mayor; Lionell Midgett, the chairman of the Onslow County Board of Commissioners; Paula Redick, the president of the board of directors for Onslow Women's Center and Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

"This is a pervasive and serious problem," said Flatau. "It's important to work with the community and have a team effort in improving this problem with domestic violence.

For more information on domestic violence and the help available in the community, contact the On-

pouses of deployed Marines to celebrate their own birthday ball

I. Jessica L. Martinez ine Corps Base

Ball season is just around the corner d Marine Corps Community Services loing its part to ensure spouses of ployed military members are included

the pomp and circumstance.

MCCS sponsors a Deployed Spouses
Il during November at the Tarawa
rrace Community Center for all
buses of deployed military for every anch of service on base.

Judy A. Lopez, a recreation aid with CCS thought of the idea for having a Il last year. She said she had never en to a ball because her husband was vays gone on deployments, so she pre-ited the idea to MCCS and the first ll was held during 2007.

We don't want to forget about our deyed spouses while we're all together ving fun," said Lopez. "We want to ep our husbands included in the ball, we ask guests to bring in a framed e by seven photo of their deployed ouse. Then we place everyone's photos a special table.

One spouse who attended the Deyed Spouses Ball last year said it was r first time attending any sort of ball.

"I loved it," said Amie Meadows. "It was a really nice event. It's a lot of fun dancing and meeting new people. It was a really great experience and I'm definitely looking forward to this year's ball.

Meadows said she brought two of her friends last year and they all had such a wonderful time they are all planning to attend again this year.

This year's ball is scheduled for Nov.

8 and has a variety of events planned for it's guests to include a full course meal, colors conducted by Lejeune High School, a cake cutting ceremony performed by the "most seasoned" and the "least seasoned" military spouses and a 45-minute comedy show by Mollie Gross.

We try to keep the event as cheap and as close to a traditional ball as possible," said Heather Yakupkovic, recreation assistant with MCCS. "We just want spouses to have a chance to attend a ball and have fun even though their spouse may be deployed.

The theme for this year's ball is a "floral affair" and a professional photographer will be present for taking guests

Free child care is available for guests attending the Deployed Spouse Ball. MCCS asks participants to register with



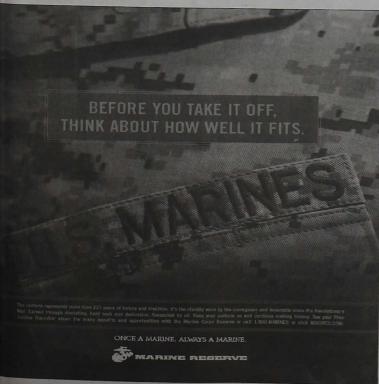
As seen above, photographs of deployed spouses were displayed at last year's Deployed Spouses Ball. This year, organizers again ask that attendees bring a framed, five by seven photograph of their deployed spouse. Courtesy photo

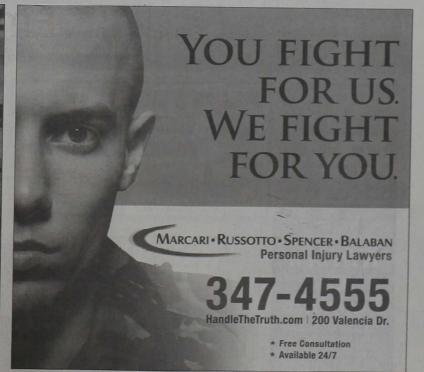
child development centers in advance.

"We had a good turn out last year and expect even more this year," said Lopez. "People interested in attending need to keep in mind space is limited."
Tickets for this year's ball went on

sale Monday and can be purchased at the Tarawa Terrace or Midway Park Community Centers.

For more information about the Deployed Spouses ball, call 450-1687 or visit the Web site at www.mccslejeune.com.





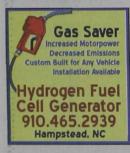




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