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team boxing vs.
British Army's Royal
Corps boxing
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John L.
Sergeant Major
of the Marine Corps,
during his last official visit
to Camp Lejeune April
24, 2007. To see what his
words were on
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by the Daniels and his
band will kick up their
feet and offer a free con-
cert on the
grounds of the
Marine Corps Warfighters May
26. For details, turn to
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News Watch

Warriors
Cpl. Jesse D.
Carr, 29, of
Ill., died April
18 from wounds suf-
fered while conducting
operations in Al
Anbar province, Iraq.

Shaun M.
Carr, 25, of Munster,
Ind., died April 16
from wounds suffered
while conducting com-
bat operations in Al
Anbar province, Iraq.
He was assigned to
the 1st Battalion, 6th
Marine Regiment, 2nd
Marine Division, II
Marine Expeditionary
Force, Camp Lejeune.

Cpl. Jeffery A.
Carr, 23, of Dickson,
Tenn., died April 20
from wounds suffered
while conducting com-
bat operations in Al
Anbar province, Iraq.
He was assigned to
the 1st Battalion, 6th
Marine Regiment, 2nd
Marine Division, II
Marine Expeditionary
Force, Camp Lejeune.

MEU to
Change Hands
An eventful four
days at the helm of the
II Marine
Expeditionary Unit,
Lt. Col. Johnson will
transfer command to
Lt. Col. Peter Petronzio in
a change-of-command
ceremony to be held at
Camp Lejeune on
today in front of
Building H-1, the II
Marine Expeditionary
Force headquarters.

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Wakening the 'dead'

Story and photos
by Lance Cpl. Billy Hall
II Marine Expeditionary Force

The glow of the sun radiated off the shoulders of anxious Marines and corpsmen as they shared the anticipation of the other onlookers. Doves of veterans laced the packed crowd, waiting to bear witness to a historic awakening.

The reactivation ceremony of 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, more reputedly known as the "Walking Dead" of Vietnam fame, was held at 10th Marines landing zone April 18. This reawakening opened the door for a new generation to assume the

legacy of the unit. "No other unit can claim more history or more heroic leaders than one-nine," said Col. David H. Berger, assistant division commander for 2nd Marine Division and commanding officer, 8th Marine Regiment.

The event brought out a slew of distinguished 1st Battalion, 9th Marine veterans, including Navy Cross recipient retired Gunnery Sgt. Lee R. Burns and Medal of Honor recipient retired Col. Wesley Fox.

"I know you'll be impressed," said Berger,

addressing the veterans in attendance. "The legacy you're handing to these Marines is truly in good hands."

The legend of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, has forever forged a place in the annals of Marine Corps history. The unit is recognized for fighting valiantly during World War II campaigns in Guam, Bougainville, Northern Solomons and Iwo Jima.

The
"Walking
Dead"

earned their nickname and reputation for their actions during Vietnam. The unit was engaged in combat operations for 47 months and seven days, from June 15, 1965 to July 14, 1969. This is the longest period of sustained combat of any unit in Marine Corps history. The Marines and corpsmen of the "Walking Dead" also suffered the highest casualty rate in the Corps' history while participating in several Vietnam campaigns, from Da Nang to Khe Sanh, during their tour of duty.

Their brotherhood was solidified during these trying times. The approximately 50 veterans

proved this bond was as strong as ever by attending the notable ceremony.

"The camaraderie is unbelievable," said Don Horseman, who served with Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, from 1966-1967. "We've come from all over the country, even as far as Hawaii."

As the unit's colors were unfurled, a sense of pride filled the air. The "Walking Dead" veterans gazed at the symbol that to this day stands for something most will never understand.

"In all my years in the Marines, I've never run into a more active and engaged alumni," said Lt. Col. Bradley C.

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Photo illustration by Ena Sellers

DoD unveils compensation program for frequent deployments

Sgt. Sara Wood
Army News Service

WASHINGTON —The Defense Department April 18 unveiled a program that will reward administrative leave to service members whose service in combat does not meet the department's goal for the time at home-station between deployments.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates directed the development of this program Jan. 19, when he implemented a force-management policy stating that DoD's goal was to give active-duty troops two years at home-station for every year deployed, and reserve-component troops five years at home-station

for every year deployed. At the time, Gates recognized that national security concerns would require service members to be deployed more frequently than this goal, so he announced a compensation plan to make up for frequent deployments.

Under the new policy, active-duty service members who are deployed for more than 12 months in a 36-month period will earn one day of administrative absence for each month beyond 12. If service-members are deployed for more than 18 months in a 36-month period, they will earn two days of administrative absence a month. Past 24 months, they will earn four days a month.

Members of the reserve components will earn one day of administrative absence a month for every month beyond 12 they are mobilized in a 72-month period. Members of the reserve components will also earn two days a month if they are mobilized past 18 months in a 72-month period, and four days a month if they are mobilized past 24 months in the same period.

Administrative absences are days off authorized by the commander, and are separate from normal leave accrued by a service member.

In a Pentagon news conference announcing the policy, Michael Dominguez, principal deputy

undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said that this program is meant to recognize the sacrifices service members make, but is in no way trying to put a physical value on their service.

"Secretary Gates and all of us honor the service of the men and women in uniform, particularly in these demanding times," Dominguez said. "This program can't be viewed as being commensurate with the level of service that they offer to the nation. In many respects, while it is substantive and it is tangible, it's also symbolic. It's part of our recognition that we're keeping them in our thoughts."

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MAN on the street

How do you incorporate safety into your life outside of work?



"Driving is the most hazardous thing I do outside of work. I always wear my seatbelt and ensure that I have done preventative maintenance on my car."

2nd Lt. Kevin McLinden
Infantry officer
2nd Marine Division
Chicago

"I pay attention to what is going around me. You have to have time to react before a situation gets out of control."



Sgt. Ronnie Clausen
Machine gunner
2nd Marine Division
Oxford, Wis.

"I apply common sense to everything in life."



Lance Cpl. Andre Wilson
Rifleman
2nd Marine Division
Lake Charles, La.

"I incorporate [operational risk management] at my house. I have a 22-month-old at home and I have to make sure he stays out of trouble."



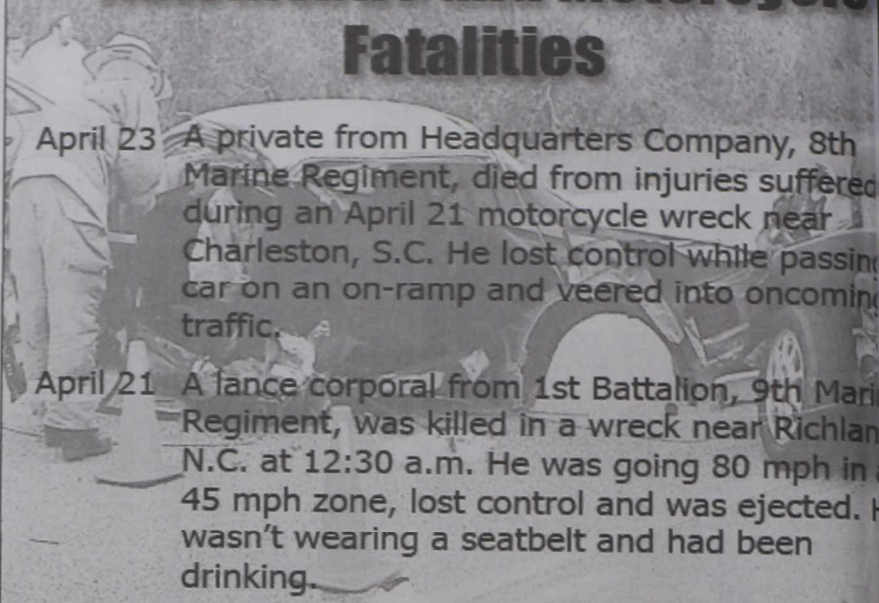
Staff Sgt. Keith Myrick
Photo chief
Marine Corps Base
Thomasville, Ga.

"I don't make stupid decisions. When you are out with your friends you should always do the right thing."



Seaman Thomas Smith
Religious Program Specialist
Marine Corps Base
Texas City, Texas

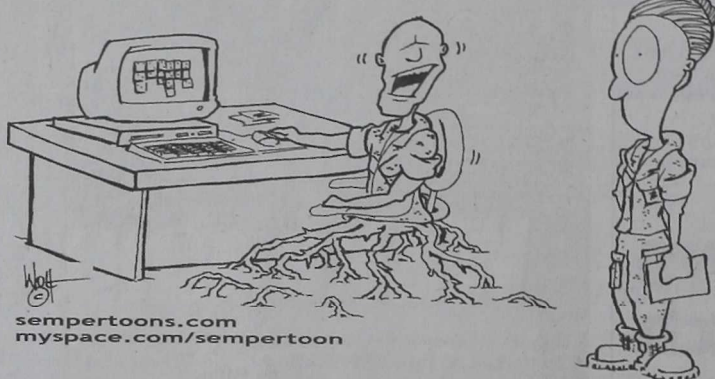
Automobile and Motorcycle Fatalities



April 23 A private from Headquarters Company, 8th Marine Regiment, died from injuries suffered during an April 21 motorcycle wreck near Charleston, S.C. He lost control while passing a car on an on-ramp and veered into oncoming traffic.

April 21 A lance corporal from 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, was killed in a wreck near Richland, N.C. at 12:30 a.m. He was going 80 mph in a 45 mph zone, lost control and was ejected. He wasn't wearing a seatbelt and had been drinking.

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Prevent injuries due to slips, trips and falls

The National Safety Council estimates that off-the-job injuries and fatalities cost the U.S. almost \$200 billion annually in lost productivity. In fact, nine out of 10 unintentional injury deaths and two-thirds of disabling injuries occurred off the job. Slips, trips and falls are one of these leading causes of death off-the-job and is a major concern regarding employee health and safety.

Most Marines and sailors get involved with home repairs or projects at one time or another. There's nothing wrong with doing so, but it takes as much planning as any job done at work and the risk-management process used at work, is just as critical at home too. It is off-duty often where short-cuts are taken and a simple slip of a screwdriver, loss of balance with a tool, or stumble from a ladder can end in a life long injury or worse, death.

In fact last summer one Marine taking photos off-duty suffered a fatal fall and countless other unreported close calls occur everyday on and off-duty. According to the National Safety Council, falls alone accounted for 17,700 deaths annually with 17,000 occurring off-duty. Home projects result in thousands of serious injuries and emergency-room visits each year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission with more than 157,000 people seriously injured using ladders in their homes. Most of those injured were performing seemingly safe tasks, but failed to use good risk-management by simply identifying the potential hazards, the first step of the ORM process. The key is to use smart risk management and plan accordingly, think about the potential hazards

involved in the project, ensure you have the proper tools and training, and make sure ladders or work platforms are safe, then use all the required personal protective equipment, and follow all safety instructions to make completion of the project safe.

Here are a few tips to reduce these types of mishaps:

- Reduce clutter and safely tuck telephone and electrical cords out of walkways.
- Clean up grease, water and other liquids immediately; also be cautious of waxed floors.
- Use non-skid rugs or floor mats to reduce chances of slipping on smooth flooring.
- Install handrails in stairways; grab bars in bathrooms by toilets, tubs and showers.
- Make sure walking areas are well lit to prevent accidental slips in the dark.

- Use the appropriate fall protection equipment or sturdy step stool with handrails to prevent a fall.

- Prevent potential hazards by leveling off uneven walking surfaces and filling holes.

- Ensure obstacle courses/rappelling is governed by military standard or SOP approved CO.

- Ensure that any personnel with duties that exposes them to fall hazards of six feet or greater is assessed by a competent person and personnel receive proper fall protection training.

For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or your Base Safety Representative anytime. Visit their Web site for more details; <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C19/osis/default.aspx>.

As Marines and sailors, we live by our ethos. ■

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Transportation Company supports construction of Iraqi station

Cpl. Andrew M. Kalwitz
Marine Logistics Group

ASAD, Iraq — As goes, the Roman began with a claim of its existence and a basic outline of boundaries. The difference between the founding of the Controlled Observation Post Timberwolf, is that the Roman, who founded Rome, plan to surrender a portion of their territory. This COP is eventually going to become a police facility," said Lt. Michael P. Lincoln, a convoy/platoon commander with the Transportation Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, Marine Logistics Group (Forward).

At the time, the United States military's control over other stations in Iraq will also be transferred to Iraqi forces in order to progress toward a sufficient country. "We're kind of showing them how we would run things and letting them take over on it," said Lincoln, a Fairfield, Ohio, native. "It's one step at a time."

The purpose for the company's visit was to deliver food, water, plywood and other building materials to those constructing the COP, assisting Iraqi forces in building a fully-operational station.

"We're giving them everything we can work with," said Lance Cpl. Justin Smith, a heavy equipment mechanic temporarily assigned with the Transportation Support Company. "We can't have them serve their duty, but we can give them the things they need to do it."



Cpl. Andrew M. Kalwitz

Company briefing: Marines from Transportation Support Company listen to a briefing by 2nd Lt. Michael P. Lincoln, a convoy/platoon commander with the company at Controlled Observation Post Timberwolf. The Marines arrived at the COP the day prior to deliver building materials and other supplies to assist in its construction.

surrounding area, COP Timberwolf is faced with a very low sniper threat. But to even further improve upon the COP, which is near the Euphrates River, one platoon sergeant with the Transportation Support Company said there may be plans to add one more convenient thing.

"I think the ultimate goal is to build a bridge to go across the river,"

said Gunnery Sgt. Marla D. Edwards, a Pine Bluff, Ark., native. "I think it will bring an opportunity to travel and enable them to be a little more prosperous."

Since the most accessible bridge across the river is far north of the company's operating base at Al Asad, they spent hours driving through desert and vil-

lages to get to their destination. In a straight line, this would be a 10-20 minute drive.

However, due to the extended route, Pfc. Ryan J. Henry, a motor transportation operator with the company, said he had the opportunity to experience firsthand

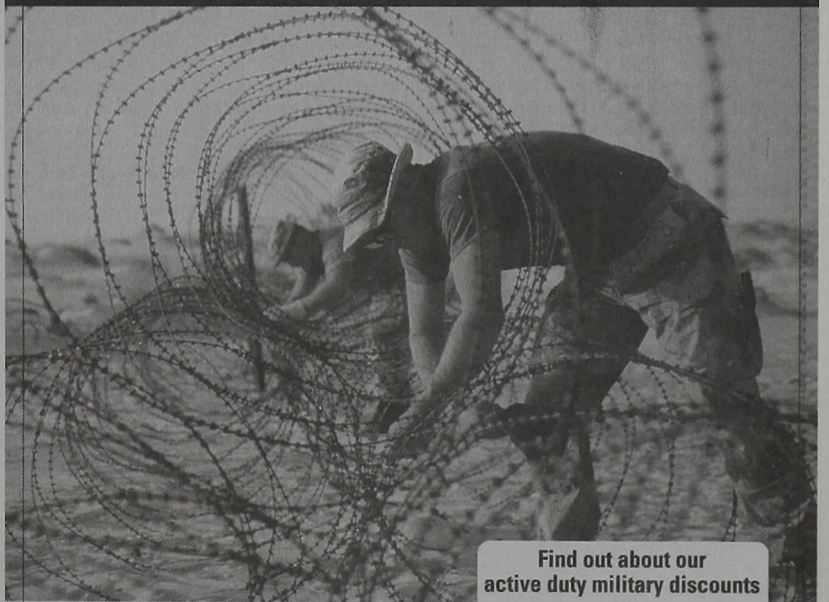
something most people don't get to see.

"Driving through the villages like that and seeing all the people waving makes me think these people really do want to make things happen over here," said the Houston, native.

As TS Company con-

tinues to transport supplies to COP Timberwolf, it grows closer to its completion and adoption by Iraqi forces. But much like other COPs around Iraq, and the country itself, progress comes with persistence. Rome wasn't built in a day either. ■

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Marines build combat outposts

Story and photos
Cpl. Wayne Edmiston
2nd Marine Logistics Group

AMARIYAH-FER-RIS REGION, Iraq — Building a combat outpost is no easy task. Marines may have to turn buildings that were insurgent safe houses days earlier into places where coalition forces can help protect their Iraqi neighbors.

The Marines of 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) are not only up to the task, but specialize in it and are materializing the plans of commanders on the ground.

"The way ahead will be neither quick nor easy and, undoubtedly, there will be tough days. We face a determined, adaptable, barbaric enemy. He will try to wait us out," said Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, the commanding general of Multi-National Forces Iraq during a press conference with the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Petraeus explained controlling terrain would give a window of opportunity for Iraqis to get on



Outpost: Lance Cpl. Pal S. Sebestyen from Bridge Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) sets up wire on the outside of Combat Outpost Blackhawk April 16.

their feet and completely take over their nation's security — the key to the strategy being combat outposts.

Major Bruce Erhardt, the commanding officer of Engineer Support Company, 8th ESB, explained the purpose of building such outposts.

"It's to establish an American and Iraqi presence in this area of operations and we do that by building these [Forward Operating Bases] and [Combat Outposts]," the Beland, Fla., native explained. "My Marines put in

force protection measures, perform earth moving, install water, electrical, sanitation and construct billeting."

Cpl. Steven M. Daniels, a water treatment technician and operations specialist with 8th ESB explained the most important goal is making sure their fellow brothers-in-arms have a safe place to stay. In this particular case, U.S. soldiers assigned to Regimental Combat Team 6 will use the outpost.

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'Warlords' bring gun show to bilateral exercises

Cpl. Jeremy Ross
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

MIDDLE EAST — With successful bilateral training evolution alongside host nation forces in Djibouti and Kenya already under their belt, Marines and sailors from Battalion Landing Team 2/2, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, put the finishing touches on the third such endeavor of their current deployment, here, April 15.

During the exercise, which began April 7, BLT 2/2 put its mechanized and artillery components into action for sustainment and bilateral training alongside a regiment of Middle Eastern troops.

After rolling ashore along with the MEU's command element and Combat Logistics Battalion-26, the battalion began individual unit training that focused on getting its troops back to the basics of ground combat, said Master Gunner Sgt. Tom Gilbert, a Colorado Springs, Colo., native now BLT 2/2's operations chief.

Company F along with the MEU's Assault Amphibian Vehicle Platoon concentrated on improving its convoy and mounted vehicle patrol battle skills. Their training culminated with a day of scenario training that tested the Marines on everything: from casualty evacuation procedures to ambush response tactics.

Weapons Company's Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon lit-up targets on the expansive training ranges as they honed their marksmanship capabilities with M-2 .50-caliber, M-240G medium and MK-19 heavy machine guns. The CAAT Plt. was also given a rare opportunity to fire a tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided missile, a powerful weapon designed to defeat modern main battle tanks.

The battalion's tank, AAV and Light Armored Reconnaissance Platoons all

attained battle-sight zeros with their vehicles' weapons systems, and caught up on day and night maneuver tactics.

Battery K Marines refreshed their skills with M-198 155mm howitzers before sending shells down range. The live-fire marked the first time that the artillery unit's roar had been heard during the current deployment, and was a key point of the sustainment portion of the exercise, said Gilbert.

"The best thing we did during the [sustainment training] was get Battery K back on the range," he explained. "They call themselves the 'King of Battle', and it was definitely time we got the 'King' back into action."

Keeping the battalion's fighting skills sharp was important to their current role as the MEU's ground combat element, said Lt. Col. Christopher C. Starling, commanding officer, BLT 2/2.

"With numerous possibilities of where we could be employed, we need to always be ready to respond," he said. "It's the attention to detail with fundamental skills that gives us the capability to project force from the sea."

After refreshing their individual unit skills, the 'Warlords' began a series of training evolution with their Middle Eastern counterparts April 10.

During the bilateral phase, the battalion's elements spent each day conducting training alongside corresponding components from the host nation's forces, exchanging knowledge and observing one another's vehicles, weapons and tactics.

For the Tank, CAAT and LAR Platoons, the bilateral training involved heading into the desert with the host nation's combat vehicles for unit-on-unit training during which each military displayed their different concepts of mechanized warfare.

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Life fire: Dismounting an Assault Amphibian Vehicle, Marines from Company F, Battalion Landing Team 2/2, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, begin a live-fire mechanized assault range in the Middle East April 12.

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'06 DODGE CARAVAN SXT, GREEN, 28K MILES, #C86401	\$19,085	\$3,000	\$16,085
'06 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE, SILVER, 19K MILES, #C86395	\$19,185	\$2,500	\$16,685
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'04 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE SPECIAL ED, SILVER, 50K MILES, #M86795	\$16,985	\$1,500	\$15,485
'06 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT 4X4, SILVER, 28K MILES, #203413	\$19,550	\$3,000	\$16,550
'06 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO, SILVER, 24K MILES, #C86421	\$22,710	\$4,000	\$18,710
'06 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO, WHITE 27K MILES, #C86529	\$22,135	\$3,500	\$18,635
'07 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE, BLACK, 16K MILES, #C86479	\$24,980	\$5,000	\$19,980
'07 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4X4, BLACK, 17K MILES, #C86517	\$27,900	\$6,000	\$21,900
'06 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X2, SILVER, 33K MILES, #C86535	\$25,310	\$3,000	\$22,310
'06 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED, SILVER, 28K MILES, #M86443	\$26,385	\$3,000	\$23,385
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	BLUE BOOK PRICE	DISCOUNT	SALE PRICE
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	\$18,015	\$2,500	\$15,515
	\$17,735	\$2,000	\$15,735
	\$18,585	\$2,000	\$16,585
	\$17,700	\$1,000	\$16,700
	\$20,955	\$3,000	\$17,955
	\$26,900	\$7,000	\$19,900
	\$28,900	\$8,000	\$20,900
	\$26,640	\$4,000	\$22,640
	\$26,700	\$1,500	\$25,200

	RETAIL PRICE	DISCOUNT	SALE PRICE
	\$15,840	\$1,000	\$14,840
	\$19,425	\$4,000	\$15,425
	\$19,435	\$4,000	\$15,435
	\$27,900	\$1,000	\$26,900
	\$34,815	\$1,500	\$33,315
	\$38,590	\$3,000	\$35,590

	RETAIL PRICE	DISCOUNT	SALE PRICE
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	\$16,040	\$3,052	\$12,988
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The purpose, effect of Observation Post Hawk

Cpl. Paul Robbins Jr.
1st Marine Expeditionary Force

AR RAMADI, Iraq — Observation Post Hawk is one of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment's original posts, standing on the eastern most edge of the battalion's area of responsibility in Ramadi, Iraq.

The main focus of the Charlie Company manned OP was to provide security for and around the city's main medical facility, the Ramadi General Hospital.

Working against a determined enemy, the Marines worked side-by-side with Iraqi Security Forces to return the city's largest civilian care facility to its people.

Rough beginnings

In the early stages of 1/6's deployment, the Marines at OP Hawk were kept busy by an area containing an active insurgent presence.

The observation post would sometimes see several small-arms or mortar attacks per day, while Marines and Iraqi soldiers conducted operations to help stem the violence.

"We did a lot of patrols when we first got here to put boots out on the ground," said Sgt. Jason E. Wing, 22-year-old sergeant of the guard at OP Hawk. "The area was still heavily contested."

Insurgent attacks and activity in the area centered around the Ramadi General Hospital, a valuable component in the city's infrastructure.

The Ramadi General Hospital is the area's premiere medical facility, with a medical staff of more than 260 doctors and emergency care personnel.

The facility remained available to local citizens and the staff was cooperative with Coalition Forces, but insurgents maintained some level of freedom in the hospital as well.

Using intimidation tactics on the staff and residents, insurgents were able to utilize the facility when Marines and Iraqi forces were not in the area.

"The insurgents used to have some freedom in the hospital," said 1st Lt. Aaron M. Zimmerman, 25-year-old platoon commander at OP Hawk. "They used to be able to bring their wounded into the hospital for care."

To loosen the grip of the insurgency in the area, the Marines of OP Hawk, assisted by soldiers of the Iraqi Army's 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 7th

Division, kept constant pressure on the insurgents with observation from fixed positions and regular patrols.

Over the following months, the combined strength of the Marines and Iraqi army made insurgent movement difficult, opening a pathway for civil military operations in the hospital and local neighborhoods.

"Through our operations, we were able to push the insurgents back and open lines of communication with the people," said Zimmerman, a native of Naples, Fla.

Recognizing the importance of the residents' cooperation, the Marines of OP Hawk, assisted by a civil affairs team and their Iraqi army counterparts, began a push to win over the locals with community aid projects.

While continuing to provide a significant security presence in the area, most notably building Iraqi army guard posts at the hospital, the combined force provided fuel, food, generators, and much needed medical supplies to the hospital and surrounding community.

The continuous aid and support of the local families, combined with a decrease in insurgent activity, caused the majority of people in the area to increase their cooperation with Marine and Iraqi Security Forces.

"The insurgency cannot provide the things we can, so the people quickly realized that they are better off working with us," said Zimmerman.

Success and contributions

Now several months later in the deployment, a large measure of success can be seen in the area surrounding OP Hawk.

For the Marines now manning the post, success is easily measured by the number of attacks received recently.

"We've gone from having several attacks a day in the early stages to, now, not having a single attack in weeks," said Wing, a native of Lewiston, Maine.

For the residents of the area and Iraqi soldiers securing the hospital, success is shown in their abilities to prevent the insurgents' return.

"Insurgents can no longer come here discreetly for treatment because my soldiers are here to detain them," said Iraqi Maj. Jabbar, 42, commanding officer of 4th Company. "Around here, insurgents cannot even move through the streets because the Iraqi Army and



Security patrol: Marines of Company C, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, leave Observation Post Hawk for a security patrol through Ramadi, Iraq.

Marines are watching."

Although the efforts of the Marines and Iraqi soldiers at OP Hawk were vital in beginning the process, much of the decline in insurgent activity can be attributed to the battalion's strategy of installing joint security stations throughout West Central Ramadi.

Through this process, Marines, Iraqi soldiers and Iraqi police establish and operate numerous forward bases in key areas of the city.

These security stations provide an increased security presence and introduce Iraqi Security Forces to the people of the area, which has had a significant impact on insurgent activity.

"After [Joint Security Station] Qatana and OP North went up, it really made a big difference here," said Zimmerman. "With the decrease in activity, we were able to work with the hospital staff daily."

While the Marines and Iraqi soldiers at OP Hawk had always assisted the hospital when they could, the opportunity to work with

the hospital every day made a significant difference.

"Talking to them every day, we get to know what they actually need, what we 'think' they need," Zimmerman.

With solid security in place and support from both Marines and Iraqi Security Forces, the local population repeatedly expressed their appreciation for the combined force.

"The people are happy because the area under control," said Jabbar. "They appreciate our efforts and what we've done here."

A different role

The nearly complete success of OP Hawk's area of responsibility has led to a change in roles for the Marines operating there.

In the beginning, Marines led operations to give complete control of the area back to the residents and win over the local populace, but now, the Marines

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Reading list for Marine warriors

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MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Tampa, Fla. — Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command, has recently published the COMUSMARCENT Reading List to help Marines and sailors better prepare for the long road ahead in the Global War on Terrorism.

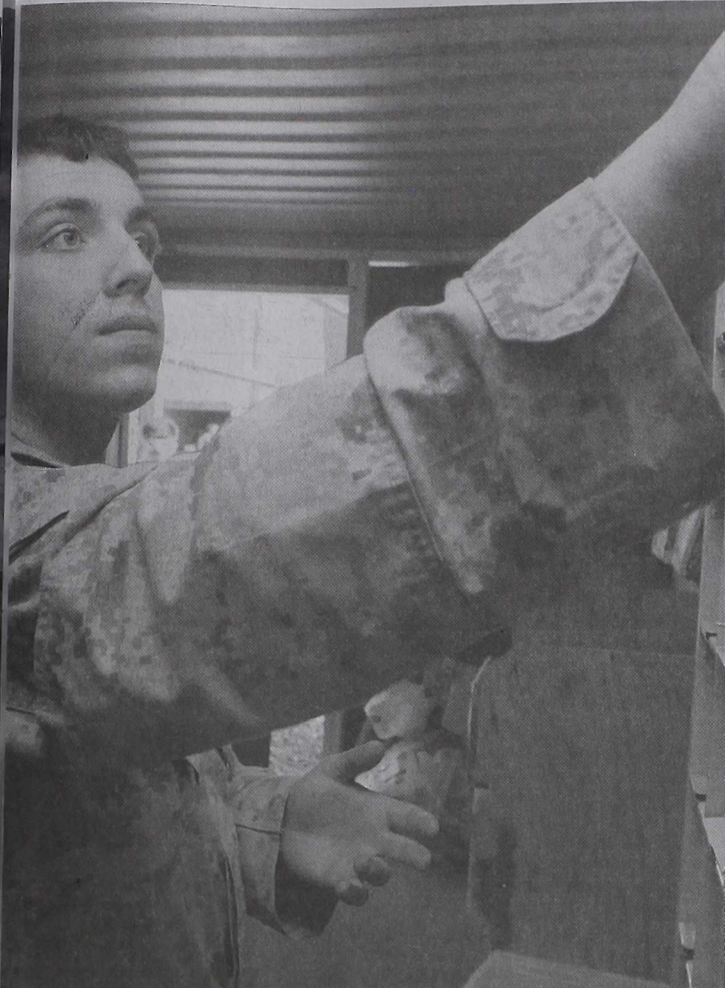
The MARCENT Reading List is a collection of books, newspaper and magazine articles, and Marine Corps publications to be read by Marines and Sailors deploying into the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility.

The CENTCOM AOR is comprised of 27 countries, an estimated 522 million people, seven major languages and hundreds of dialects, more than 12 major religious groups, and 18 ethnic groups.

"The Global War on Terrorism is a long war, and as such we need to continue our preparation to be engaged in all aspects of this war," said Mattis, who commands all Marine forces serving within the CENTCOM AOR. His intent is to prepare Marines and sailors for the operational, tactical, cultural and environmental factors in which they may be confronted.

The COMUSMARCENT Reading List is not all inclusive, and local commands may additionally require their Marines and sailors to accomplish other tasks in preparation for deployment. According to Mattis, these actions will ensure the Marine Corps deploys educated, well-trained and properly prepared Marines and sailors into the fight.

The COMUSMARCENT Reading List is separated into specific regions within the CENTCOM AOR. The list notes what readings are appropriate, dependent on the individual's pay grade and length of time before deploying. The COMUSMARCENT Reading List can be found at the following link: https://www.marcent.usmc.mil/nipr/NIPR_Web_Reading_List.xls. ■



Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Griffith

Lance Cpl. Eric J. Cole, a postal clerk and Galenton, Pa., native, with Postal Detachment 3, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), sorts individual storage containers at the Fallujah Post Office here, April 12. The post office receives an average of four ISOs filled with mail and packages every other day.

Postal Marines deliver to Fallujah service members

Cpl. Thomas J. Griffith
Marine Logistics Group

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Postal Marines are often willing to make many sacrifices to complete the mission in Fallujah. Comfort items such as hot chow and coffee are often over the top. No matter how long the deployments, and no matter the location or situation, Marines are committed. One thing they are committed on is there is a constant effort to maintain morale by ensuring that mail is delivered frequently.

Postal Marines with the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), work out of the Camp Lejeune Post Office to provide postal services to service members here and all the way forward operating.

Postal Marines provide services to approximately 12,000 personnel. Gunnery Sgt. Michael C. Elver, the postal detachment chief, said that the postal detachment, consisting of Marines, sailors, airmen, and airmen, and contractors.

The detachment provides multiple services including shipping, money orders and picking up or dropping off mail and packages.

In addition to receiving packages to be sent elsewhere, the postal Marines must inspect all packages prior to being shipped.

"We have to make sure nothing illegal is going out," said Elver, a Mount Horeb, Wis., native.

According to Elver, there is a long list of contraband items, which include weapons systems.

"Sand also can't go — it's an [Environmental Protection Agency] issue," he said.

The postal detachment here receives its mail on a regular basis from Al Taqaddum.

"We get four [large shipping] containers on average," said Lance Cpl. Michael Carter, a postal clerk and Jackson, Miss., native, with the detachment. "Even when it's raining."

The detachment has even established a wet-weather plan to ensure the safety of the mail they receive.

The Marines at the post office receive so much mail

they require the assistance of other service members from all the units in Fallujah to help out when a shipment arrives.

"We get eight to 12 people on average," said Elver. "We send an e-mail out the day prior requesting people for the working party."

The Marines are well aware that their job is pivotal to the morale of the Marines and personnel assigned to the area.

"Just seeing the customer smile, knowing they can send their mail home or pick mail up — I know we're doing a good thing," said Sgt. Andre D. Gibbs, the detachment's noncommissioned officer in charge.

Gibbs continued by saying he is very confident in the abilities of his Marines who handle thousands of pounds of mail daily.

"They are doing an exceptional job. They're in here seven days a week with no set hours," said the Cleveland, Ohio, native. "When the doors close, we're still working. There's no problem we couldn't overcome or solve."

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BUILD
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"The important part is force protection and making sure all the Army personnel are safe and can still do their job," the Troy, N.H., native explained. "We build so they can get their vehicles and people in here and keep terrorists out."

Building the outpost is not the time consuming part. The planning lasts weeks before the first piece of gear leaves for the work site.

"This site will take about a week, but the planning was a lot longer than that," Daniels continued. "Getting everyone here safely and keeping track of all the people are the hardest parts."

Building the combat outpost may be difficult, but is nothing new to many of these Marines. "In [Operation Iraqi Freedom I] we built bases like this in Kuwait," said Sgt. Robert C. Topper, a heavy equipment mechanic with 2nd Maintenance Bn., 2nd MLG (Fwd). "It was a similar process of putting up berms, observation posts and a wire."

However, Topper said this operation is very different because of the imminent danger of enemy attack, which is much closer than it was in 2003 in Kuwait.

"You have Iraqi civilians around. That makes it a lot more dangerous and a totally different process," the Atlanta native said.

The Marines put up wire, plumbing, barriers and operate heavy machin-

ery all while wearing full personal protective equipment, adding about 50 pounds to their body weight. They also work 12 to 15-hour shifts to get the job done.

Erhardt, who supervised the operation, was up day and night with his Marines but said they fared well in the operation.

"They are doing a good job and are working

hard," he said. When they take some time which is limited, the mission is worthwhile.

"It's nice to be from base and the Iraqis like it," he said. "It feels like help the Iraqi

WAKENING
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Vickers, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, as he addressed the veterans. "Welcome home."

As the newly-formed battalion conducted a pass-in-review, the veterans eagerly cheered on the Marines, as if to pass on the torch to the newest generation. The "Walking Dead" of new and old will now share much more than just a nickname.

"They're more than just Marines now," said William S. Hesse, national president of the [1st Bn., 9th] Marines Network, Inc. "They're our brothers and part of the 1/9 family."

Dave and Michael Zeller share other ties than just being members of the unit's family. Dave Zellar, a member of Headquarters & Support Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, from 1968-1969,

had the honor of witnessing his son, Lance Cpl. Michael Zeller, confidently march by, carrying on the proud tradition.

"I don't know how to explain it," Zeller said, obviously at a loss [for] words regarding his son's accomplishment. "I've been waiting for this moment for a long, long time."

As the ceremony came to an end, friends and families gathered to congratulate the next heroes of the "Walking Dead." Veterans milled through the crowd to reminisce with old friends, some seeing each other for the first time in 40 years.

While it was the newest generation of Marines and corpsmen being activated, the ceremony seemed to be an awakening for many veterans in attendance, once again bringing the legend to life.

"We are very aware of the legacy you've left us," Vickers said. "It's officially time to let the 'Walking Dead' walk again."

COMPENSATION
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and we're trying to do something for them."

The policy is retroactive to Jan. 19, so any service member who was deployed or involuntarily mobilized from that day forward, whose service exceeds the time frame in the policy, will earn the days off, Dominguez said. Also, troops who were deployed within the last three years, and are deployed now, will earn administrative leave for their current deployment, he said.

In deciding what compensation to give service members who are deployed more frequently than DoD would like, defense officials considered a wide range of options, Dominguez said. Monetary compensation was considered, he said, but time off seemed the logical choice to reward increased frequency and intensity of service.

"We weren't trying to find some metaphysical balance between the service you were rendering and buckets full of gold, or any other thing we can do for you," Dominguez said. "This was

about telling men and women in the armed forces that we know ask you to do something nary."

DoD has had a policy since 1992 that pays servicemembers who are in theater beyond 12 months a month, Dominguez said. That policy, still in effect, he said, and Army personnel who now have 15-month tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The new policy is meant to increase the frequency of deployments, rather than the length of each deployment, Dominguez said. The administrative leave service members earn under the new policy will stay with them through their military career and can be used at any time, with commander approval, he said.

"This is what we do; it is the way we do it. This is the job of the women of the armed forces, for they do not shirk, and the force is extraordinary. This is the way we do it. Look, we know what you're doing, we recognize what you're doing, we're proud of what you're doing, we're grateful for what you're doing."

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Sgt. Freddy G. Cantu

Tank: An M-1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Tank Platoon kicks-up dust as it sends a 120mm shell down range at a range in the Middle East April 8.

EXERCISE
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The Marines gained valuable insight from these demonstrations, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Yaw B. Agyapong, a hospital corpsman from Tank Platoon.

"It's good to see what they can bring to the fight," observed the Manchester, Conn., native. "We've learned about them, and if we ever have to fight alongside them, we'll already have some knowledge about what they can do."

Meanwhile, Co. F and AAV Plt. demonstrated their specialized warfare skills with a live-fire mechanized assault April 12.

While the exercise was oriented around sharing tactics, the battalion was equally interested in developing friendly relations between troops from the two nations, said Starling.

After building relationships and exchanging skills, the MEU and its partner regiment capped the exercise with a

massive capability display April 15.

The demonstration featured air, vehicle, and infantry assets performing a joint mechanized assault before a crowd of dignitaries and high-ranking officials from both the American and host nation militaries.

The combined arms display highlighted how the 26th MEU and Middle Eastern regiment achieved their goals in few days time, said Gilbert.

"We conducted a massive live-fire operation," explained. "That's tough enough to do with just our troops, and we were able to do it alongside another military."

"Training like that with foreign militaries is essential because it shows our Marines that the way we do it is always the way everyone else does business," he said. "It's important to keep our allies close."

The 26th MEU is in the fourth month of its scheduled deployment that began Jan. 6 as a task force for the Bataan Expeditionary Strike Group.

For more on the MEU, including news, video and contact information, visit www.usmc.mil/26thmeu.

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Catcher defends home... of brave, family

Cpl. Andrew Kalwitz
and Marine Logistics Group

MP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Benjamin Harrelson, a Virginia all-state catcher, was recognized as a potential, professional athlete on the verge of having a dream shared by sports fans — a shot at the major league.

Harrelson, a Danville, Va., native, took up the opportunity of signing a contract with the Atlanta Braves to instead enlist in the Marine Corps.

Harrelson now serves as a corporal and vehicle commander here in the Maintenance Company, 6th Marine Logistics Battalion 6, Marine Logistics Group (MLG).

Harrelson made my own decision and I wouldn't change it," he said. He has two cousins currently in the military and an uncle who served with the Merchant Marines during World War II and the Korean War. It seems Harrelson was following a family trend. But Harrelson said he's only following in his father's footsteps, who spent much of his life working to support his family.

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Harrelson said his dad wasn't spending much time with his family because he spent most of his time working. "I don't blame him. I did the best thing," said Harrelson, who has a wife and daughter waiting his return from his 11-month deployment.

Harrelson never expected to be in his current situation. But he probably didn't expect her meeting the future mother of his child when he met Sherri Walker while standing in a line at a camp formation at age 14. "I was seriously, it really was a form on," he said, smiling at the thought of a non-military formation. "She stopped right in front of me and looked up at me."

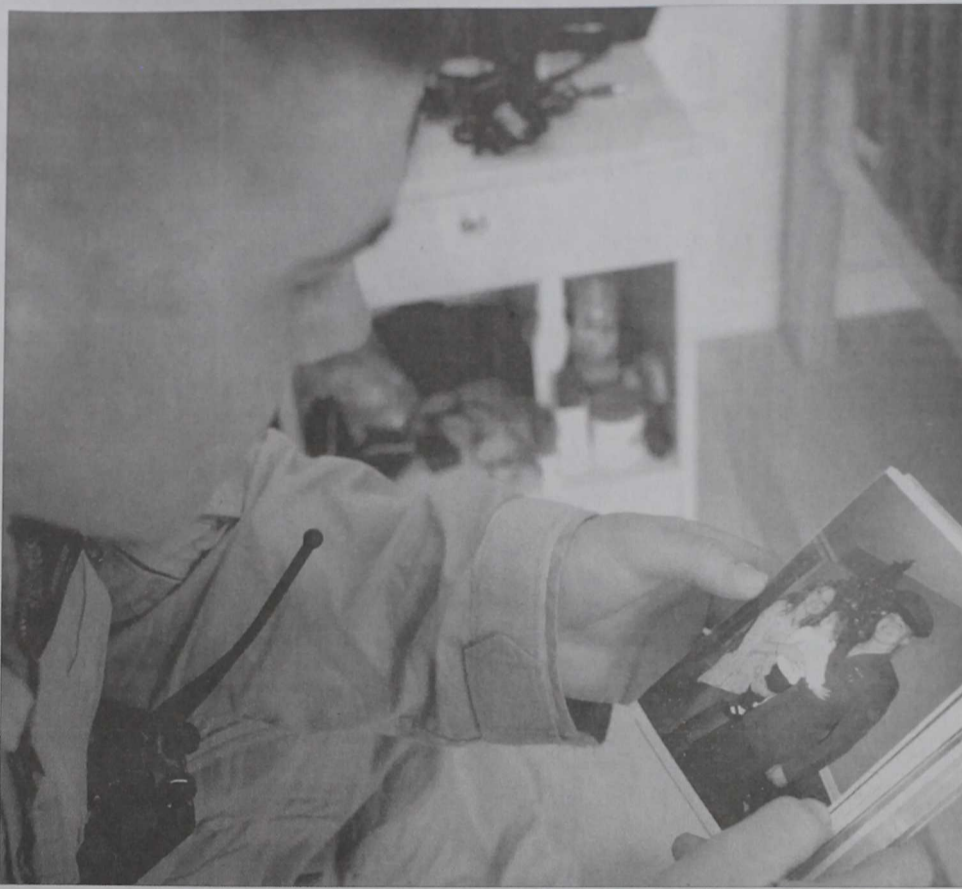
Harrelson recounted their conversation. "She said 'your shoe's untied.' It cracked a huge smile," he said. "She asked me why I was in the military and I couldn't even answer her. I couldn't really talk straight."

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He decided he was going to enlist and broke the news to Sherri, who was initially unhappy but supportive nonetheless. He left for basic training November 2004, having to leave 6-month-old Savana behind.

The trials of family separation were to continue for the Harrelsons. Between Marine Corps recruit training, combat training and his job specialty school, Harrelson spent 10 months away from his wife and daughter even before deploying to Iraq. Perhaps when she's older, his daughter will understand his absence as the byproduct of a decision he made for her.



Cpl. Andrew Kalwitz

Dedicated Marine: In the interest of his family, Cpl. Benjamin Harrelson, a vehicle commander with Maintenance Company, passed on the possibility of signing a contract with the Atlanta Braves to instead enlist in the Marine Corps. 'I made my own decision and I wouldn't change it,' he said. Harrelson, of Danville, Va., is currently deployed and separated from his wife, Sherri, and three-year-old daughter, Savana.

Harrelson said despite his passion for baseball, he wanted to further his education to have "something to fall back on."

But just three months into his first year at the small, private school in the mountains of Virginia, Sherri discovered she was pregnant. He dropped out of college after completing his freshman year to support his new family, which now included their newborn daughter, Savana.

"When she told me she was pregnant, I already knew I wasn't going to stay in school," he explained. "I was holding down three jobs at one point in time to support them. I would never see her because I was working so damn much."

But the desire to take care of his family the way his father had done for him was something Harrelson wanted to emulate. Weighing his options, he visited a nearby recruiting office to see if military service might be the answer he was looking for.

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she was given an American flag, which she told her mother would need to be sent to daddy.

Harrelson said he no longer has time for baseball and he needs to learn to "put that time toward family."

He was not present for his second marriage anniversary and his daughter's first Christmas and New Year. He also nearly missed her first birthday.

"Just like this guy right here," he said pointing to one of two Marines in the dusty, Fallujah living quarters with him. "His wife is pregnant and about to have a baby any day. And Clark — his wife is in labor right now... You know what they say though — absence makes the heart grow fonder."

The Harrelsons both agree being apart has been difficult. Though Sherri said she would prefer to be near her husband, she is proud of what he is doing and respects him for it.

"I think that anyone who can go over to Iraq is incredibly brave," she said. "And he's had nothing bad to say. Everything he's said has been really positive. He seems to have gotten more spiritual and has a better value of life."

Her husband's change may or may not have occurred if he had chosen the baseball route, but she said she's happy with his choice. She was only unhappy with her involvement, or lack thereof, in his decision to turn down a contract with the Braves.

"She didn't know until well after I got to the fleet. I didn't want her to think I was giving up on my dream so I could be with her," Harrelson said. "My dream was being with her."

So far, it appears Harrelson's dreams have come true, which he credits to his decision to serve.

"There are a lot of ups and downs in the Marine Corps," he said. "I've seen a lot of those ups. The Marine Corps did a lot for me."

Harrelson said he is very content serving in the military, which has given him "so many opportunities." But regardless of the honor there may be in his decision, a Marine is human and can't help thinking, what if?

"When baseball comes around, I still think, 'What if I would've done that?'" he said. "My philosophy on life is you can't look at the past. If you do, you're just going to get stuck there."

So instead, Harrelson looks to the future.

When he returns from deployment this fall, the Harrelsons said they will buy a house and pay off their vehicle and any bills that may have been accrued. Sherri said she hopes to become an elementary school teacher and get a master's degree so she can become a college professor.

But they are once again faced with the same question — How will they make this happen? Fortunately, it requires the same solution.

"I'm going to re-enlist," Harrelson said. ■

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helping hand. The purpose here is to assist the Iraqi in maintaining control of the hospital local neighborhoods," said Wing.

In recent months, the majority of boots

on the streets are those of the Iraqi army.

"It seems like the only 'patrolling' we do now is our visits to the hospital," said Wing.

With their decreased security role, the Marines of OP Hawk will remain focused on assisting the staff of the Ramadi General Hospital and working alongside civil affairs

Marines to improve the surrounding area.

Although many of the Marines attribute the area's continued success to their Iraqi counterparts' hard work, the soldiers of 4th Company say it couldn't be done without them.

"The cooperation between the Marines and Iraqi soldiers has made Ramadi safer," said Jabbar. "We could not accomplish as much as we have without the Marines." ■

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Arate classes
Tarawa Terrace Community Center is sponsoring Shorin Ryu Arate Classes. Beginner, intermediate and advanced courses are available. There is a group called the Dragons that meets on Wednesday evenings for ages three and up. For more information, call 450-1687.

Kayak Camp
Marine Corps Community Services is offering the opportunity for the family members ages 14-18 of active duty and reservist personnel deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism to participate in one of three Coastal Sea Kayak Summer Camps. The camp is designed to provide participants with the skill set to travel safely and efficiently by sea kayak. The dates of the three separate camps are June 25-29, July 16-20 and July 30-August 3. The camps will run Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The registration deadline for all three camps is June 1 at 4:30 p.m. Program participants will be selected from a qualified pool. For more information, call 451-1440.

Physical Training Coordinator's Course
Super Fit Fitness and Marine Corps Community Services are sponsoring several Physical Training Coordinator's Courses this year. This week-long course addresses fitness principles related to effective fitness programming for troops. Topics include: anatomy, injury prevention, exercise prescription, nutrition, training programming, functional fitness, pool workouts, circuit training, assessments, and lifting techniques. Participants are awarded a certificate of completion upon finishing the course. The next workshop will be June 18-24 and will run 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Interested PT coordinators may register for a free workshop by contacting Tina Brooks at 451-0470.



Sgt. Salju K. Thomas



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Wednesday Night fights



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Jabs: USMC Robert Rocha, left, flicks at British Army's James Ronan with a straight jab, during bout # 2 light welterweight division, April 18 during the boxing tournament at the Goettge Memorial Field House.

Down: USMC's Ruben Gutierrez, light welterweight, is down for the count.

Boxing: USMC's Samuel Martinez, right, puts British Army's Nicky Burndred on the defensive during the light weight division, April 18.

Marines tie Brits in the ring

Sgt. Salju K. Thomas
Marine Corps Base

The British didn't bring tea and crumpets April 18, 1775 — or on the same day in 2007. They came to fight.

Boxers from the 13th Air Assault Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps took on the U.S. Marine Corps Boxing Team at the Goettge Memorial Field House.

The event featured eight fights consisting of three rounds. Even though the Marines and the British tied 4-4, the clear winner was the fans.

"The match was great opportunity to build camaraderie with our British allies," said 1st Sgt. Michael C. Kagle, Headquarters and Support Battalion, sergeant major. "The match drew in a large crowd and it seemed as if everyone enjoyed it. The blood we shed together today strengthens our

bonds for the future."

The Marines got off to a great start with Robert Castillo taking on British boxer Nathan Chester. Castillo clearly dominated the bantamweight bout giving the Marines an early lead.

The British won the next two matches with James Ronan beating Robert Rocha in the light welterweight division and Martine Fisher beating Rashawn Rawls in the middleweight division. Rawls came out of his corner with too much fire in the first round and struck a low blow on Fisher. Fisher took a minute to recover and was back in good stride for the next two rounds. He scored a strong hit that dazed Rawls, after which the referee stopped the fight.

Kelvin Del La O couldn't bring the Marines out of their slump either in his match against heavyweight

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Ena Sellers

Super Heavyweight: British super-heavyweight Matsisi Vave, takes a few moments to recuperate.

A nation of sports nuts expresses itself through automobile art



Sports Notes
with
Heather Owens

Many Marines know plenty about self-expression through body art, but what about that other American past-time? No, I'm not exactly talking about sports, but how Americans decorate their cars to reflect their love of sports.

I've been studying this issue over the last several months while sitting around in Jacksonville traffic, and I've decided that one of the things that sets Americans apart is the way we express ourselves on our cars. For example, can you imagine a Citroën driving around the Arc de Triomphe with a big number 8 stuck to the back window?

My favorite car art item is the gadget that looks like a baseball has shattered and lodged itself into a vehicle's rearview window. Usually found on the back of an SUV or mini-van, this effect is created when half a ball is mounted on a strong plastic base made to look like shattered glass. Golf balls and footballs also exist in this category of illusion. I've actually only seen one football lodged in a back window, but it made quite an impact on me.

The other day on the way home, I spotted an SUV with a Denver Broncos sticker and a vanity plate paying homage to the Bronco's former Super Bowl-winning quarter back John Elway. Hopefully, the driver understood why I smiled and gave him the thumbs up. Being from Colorado Springs (as much as a military brat can be "from" anywhere), I grew up loving John Elway. I remember friendly arguments on the playground about who was going to play QB in a pick-up football game and "be" John Elway.

Another design I saw recently was on

the back of a mini-van of what one would assume to be a proud parent of a high school sports star. In a large mural on the back left of the car was the sports star's name, the school's name and a large soccer ball. It's good to see that Americans are as crazy about their kids as they are about car art.

Then, of course, is the ubiquitous (well, if you're in a college town on the way to the big football game) team battle flag. I remember driving into a coliseum for Final Four a few years back. It seemed like every other car, truck or van had one of those flags flying. Some vehicles even had multiple flags flying. It felt like we were one tribe on the way to a major battle. Maybe like one of those last battle scenes in "The Lord of the Rings." We just felt cool. Plus it was fun to make faces at the cars with the other team's flag on it.

Another staple of (usually) the youth or college sports fan is the window paint. Often times this is delightful exhibition of Americana: "Go Tigers!" "Soccer Rulz!" "Shanna — # 33" "State Champions!" You've got to love a parent that will take window paint to a \$40,000 vehicle for little Johnny's Little League success.

Then there is the other staple of (primarily) youth sports: the magnetic sports ball. This item comes in all shapes and sizes: basketball, soccer ball, volleyball, golf ball. My favorite of this iteration is when the owner puts the magnetic ball right over the round gas flap. Some mini-vans, especially, have the whole rear panel covered in these sports magnets. Again, you probably wouldn't see that on a car driving around the Arc de Triomphe.

How about those boat propellers on truck hitches? The first time I saw one of those I marveled at American's sense of humor. Of course, the 20th, 21st, and 22nd time I saw one didn't garner the same reaction.

Ah, yes, creative self-expression through the canvas of our cars ... just another reason why I'm proud to be an American. Baseball rulz!

Heather Owens is a staff reporter at The Globe and a fan of all things athletic. ■

Marine Corps Marathon offers 1,000 guaranteed entries at registration

Press release

Marine Corps Marathon Public Relations

QUANTICO, Va. — Local runners are invited to join the Marine Corps Marathon for a mid-day break May 8, the day prior to the opening of online registration, to be among the first to secure an entry into the 32nd MCM. One thousand early entries and active-duty discounts will be available at the MCM Registration Rally from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Pentagon Row in Arlington, Va. The Rally will feature live music, food and product sampling by Pentagon Row merchants, giveaways and the debut of the 2007 MCM line of training apparel.

"Pentagon Row is pleased to host the 3rd Annual Marine Corps Marathon Registration Rally," said Jill Powell, senior marketing manager for Federal Realty. "It is a natural fit for our property, as many of the marathon runners live in the area and are Pentagon Row customers"

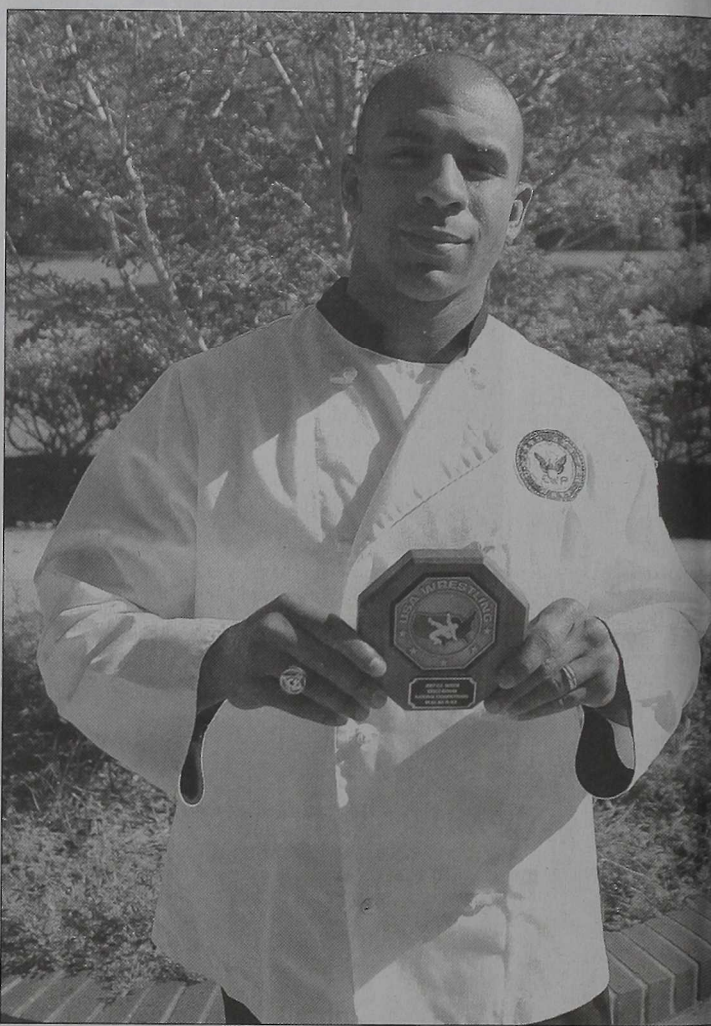
The MCM Registration Rally will offer

entries to runners 24 hours before rolling registration opens May 32nd MCM, to be held Oct. 28, is to fill quickly. Online registration May 9 at noon Eastern on the MCM site, www.marinemarathon.com runners seeking to avoid the online registration frenzy can sign up at the Registration Rally. Would-be runners must be present to register. Military members taking advantage of the active-duty discount are bringing a photocopy of their military orders.

Voted "Best Marathon for Fun" the MCM continues a combined of dedication, sportsmanship and teamwork. Runners from all walks of life participated in the world's longest continuous race to not offer prize money, but to offer the nickname "People's Marathon."

The 32nd MCM is presented by USAA, Brooks Sports, Inc. and other sponsors. ■

Culinary specialist cuts through competition



Top grade: William LaSalle, a culinary specialist at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, placed eighth at the U.S. Nationals wrestling competition in Colorado Springs. LaSalle is a Greco-Roman wrestler. There were 32 individuals in his bracket at the competition.

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Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run

Today
The Jacksonville Recreation and Parks and Onslow County Parks and Recreation present the Pepsi Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run event today from 5:15 through 6 p.m. at the Jacksonville Commons Youth Field. Boys and girls compete together. For more information, call 938-5303 or 347-5332.

10K European Cross Country Mud Run

Saturday
The Marine Corps Grand Prix Series presents the European Cross Country 10K Trail/Mud Run Saturday at Molly Pitcher Field on Virginia Dare Road. The entry fee is \$20 and includes a T-shirt. Late entry is \$25 for all entries received after noon on April 25. For more information, call 451-0092.

Spring fling golf day

May 4
The 18th Annual Marine Corps Fling Golf Day will take place at the Paradise Point Golf Course May 4. The \$28 person includes greens fee, cart, club

rental (if needed), lunch and soft drinks. Teams will include four players and individuals will be placed on teams if necessary. For more information, call 451-5445.

Drive, Pitch & Putt

May 6
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, Jacksonville Country Club, and various local businesses are sponsoring a Kids Golf Competition May 6 at Jacksonville Country Club. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. Contest begins at 3:30 p.m. Individual competition open to all junior golfers, up to 17, and graduating High School Seniors, age 18, as of May 1. There are four age divisions for both boys and girls and a unique handicap system allows kids to compete against one another in this national and worldwide competition. There is no cost for this competition. If you have questions about this program please call the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department at 347-5332 or visit their Web site at www.co.onslow.nc.us/parks.

Sports Hall of Fame

May 6
The Greater Wilmington Sports Hall

of Fame will induct its second class of locally-bred sports heroes May 6 at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside. The 2007 class of legends includes Bill Brooks, who is credited with establishing the University of North Carolina-Wilmington athletics program, Jap Davis, who played and coached at the Duke University football program, Tommy Greene, who pitched in the Major Leagues from 1989-1997, Jack Holley, who played on four state champion football teams at New Hanover High School and went on to coach high school for 44 years, Althea Gibson, who became the first black woman to win a Wimbledon singles title in 1957 and went on to win five Grand Slam crowns and Bill Curry, who is a well-known college football analyst for ESPN. For more information on this event, call Suesan Sullivan at 620-3906 or e-mail her at suesan@ec.rr.com.

Bass tournament

May 12
Hope for the Warriors is Gottschalk Marina's 18th Annual Team Bass Tournament Series is in progress. Two-person teams fish for largemouth bass on the New River and its tributaries. The average prize amount is \$2,500 based on 50 boats with a guaranteed \$1,000 cash prize per tournament. Trophies and cash prizes are awarded for first three places. Sponsor giveaway by drawings, and food and soft drinks are provided at weigh-in. Active-duty

teams may participate through the use of unit funds with the permission of the unit's special services officer. The next tournament in the series is the Summer Starter Bass Tournament May 12. The tournament will begin at 6 a.m. (or safe light) and end at 4 p.m. There is a \$70 per team charge for the tournament and a \$15 late fee on the day of the event. For more information, contact 451-8307.

Run for the Warriors

May 19
Hope for the Warriors is sponsoring the Run for the Warriors 10K, 5K and One-Mile Fun Run May 19. The Run for the Warriors is part of the Marine Corps Grand Prix Series, and all finishers are eligible for Marine Corps Grand Prix points. The race will start from Goettge Memorial Field House aboard Camp Lejeune. Wheelchair categories are available. Early registration discounts will end April 25. Units are encouraged to register. For more information, log on to www.hopeforthewarriors.org.

Personal training

Ongoing
Semper Fit Fitness Centers are offering free personal training for active-duty military to help them meet all of their fitness goals. Retirees, family members, and civilian employees can also participate for \$10 per appointment. For more information, call 451-0470.

Let's go out to the ball game

Kinston, N.C. has professional baseball just one hour from base

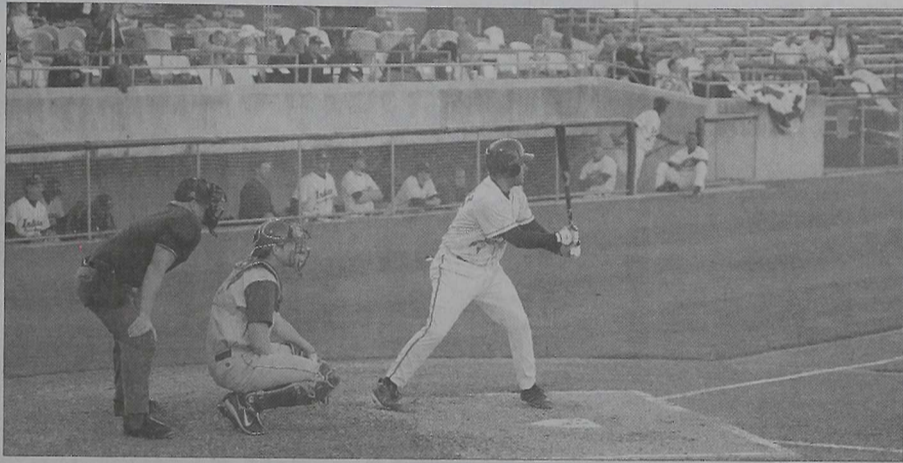
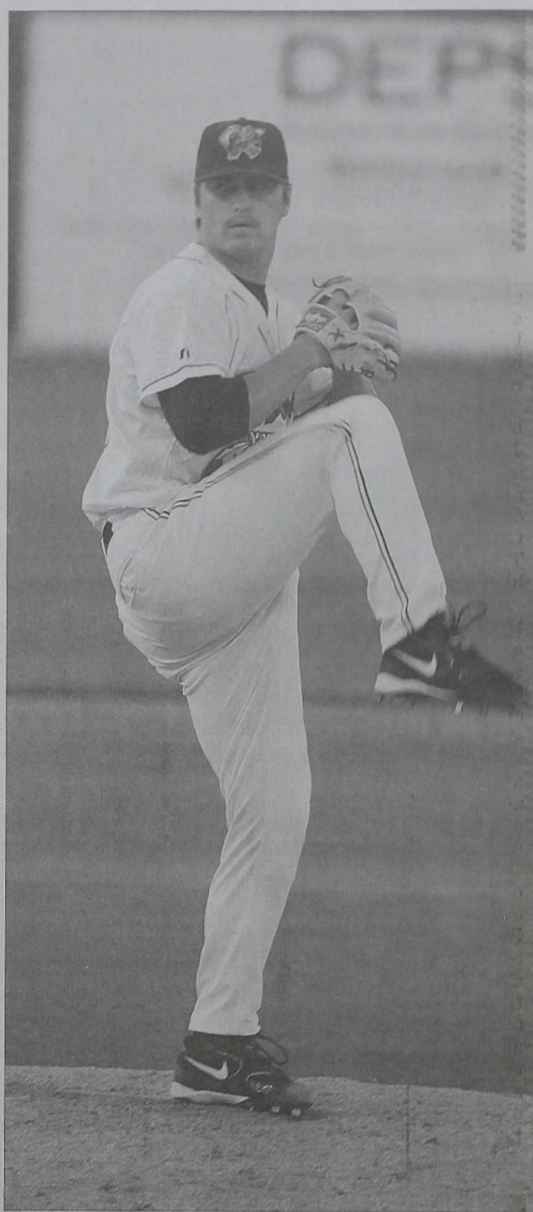
by Staff reporter
ather Owens

nothing like small-merica and big-league. In Kinston, N.C., get your fill of both. Kinston Indians, an d Class A affiliate of league Cleveland have their home in historic Grainger free parking and re- prices for food and s, even large fami- enjoy a night out at park. ct, every Wednesday he season is Military ation Night, where ary members (includ- rees) and their fami- into the game for free. nally, service mem- ith a valid military ation card) and their get a \$2 discount on rickets on other game as well bringing the admission down to \$4. atrina Carter, the

organization's director of sales and promotions. Having a baseball team located in a state full of military bases has facilitated a close relationship between the military and the Kinston Indians. The organization brings in military bands each year to play the national anthem prior to certain games and also works with the Single Marine Program to bus in Marines to a game periodically. Good, clean family fun — including all of the sights, sounds and smells of the ballpark — is located just an hour away from Jacksonville. Who can resist a rousing rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballpark" for the seventh-inning-stretch? Then there are also the fun activities for kids between innings — including races around the bases and Frisbee tosses sponsored by local businesses. One of the most crowd-appreciated kid's event is the

sumo-wrestling contest in which two children dress up in large, padded sumo-wrestling costumes and bump into each other until one — or sometimes both — of them fall down. Of course, the crowd also seems to enjoy the frequent visits by the K-Tribe mascot as he makes his rounds handing out free T-shirts and inflatable Kinston Indians baseball bats. There is also the opportunity for fans to have parties during the games at Grainger Stadium. During one recent game, a group of women were having a bachelorette party. The group was even recognized over the public address system. For children 14-and-under, the K-Tribe organization provides an opportunity for an all-out birthday party. For \$10 per child, partygoers will receive the opportunity to sit in box seats, a hot dog meal, a souvenir for each child, and public address and message center recognition. For an

additional \$30, the party will receive a personalized birthday cake, a personalized birthday team baseball for each child, birthday recognition on the field for the birthday child, and birthday balloons. Also a family favorite, there will be eight fireworks presentations after games and 11 giveaway nights during this season. The K-Tribe is the 2006 Carolina League champions, their second such title in the last three years. Though several of the returning superstars are likely to be called up to the big leagues, team general manager Shari Massengill is confident that 2007 is going to be an exciting year as well. "We have had a good 10 years with Cleveland sending us good prospects and we expect to have a great year this year as well," she said. For more information about the Kinston Indians, visit the organization's Web site at www.kinstonindians.com.



In action: At 15 Max takes an at-bat for Kinston Indians recent ballgame vs the Kinston Blue Jays. Photo at far left: Coach David [Name] gets ready to throw from home plate. Kinston Indians organization honors military members and families with free admission every Wednesday night during the games.

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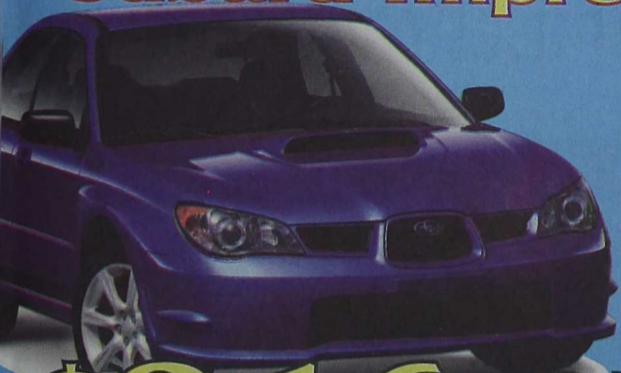
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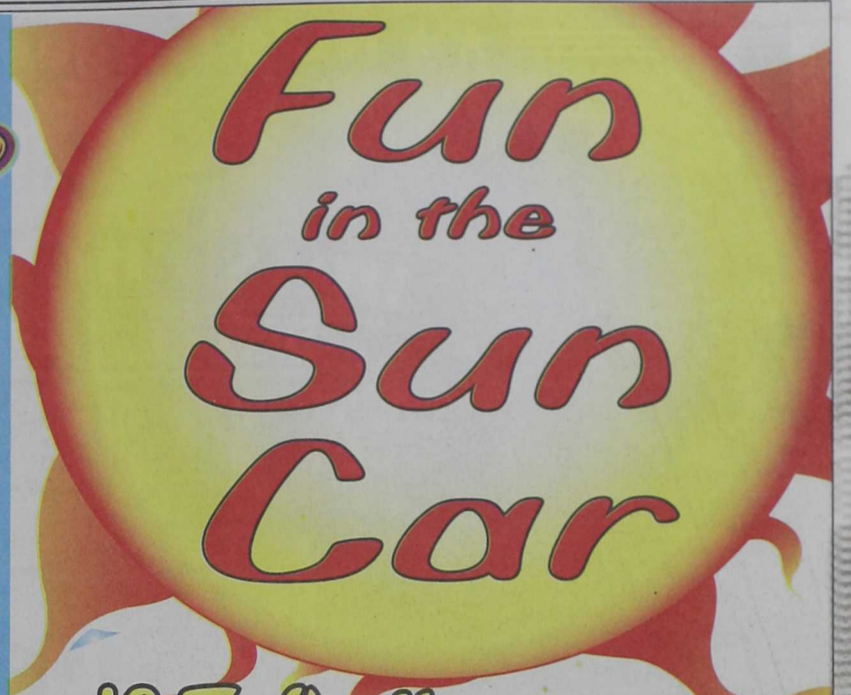
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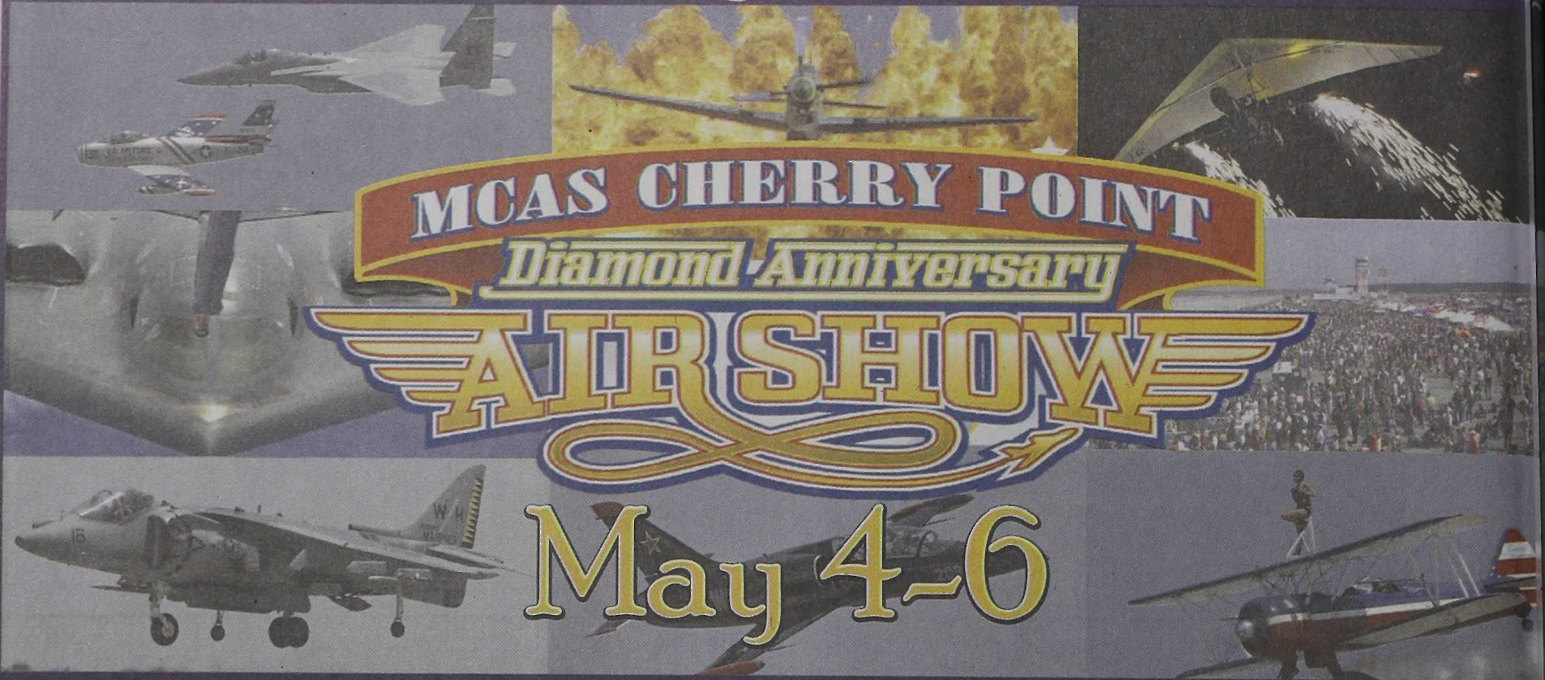
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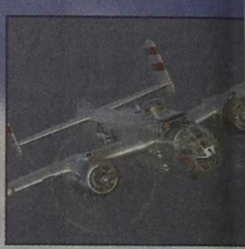
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Marines help at Wayne County Special Olympics

Lance Cpl. Bryce C.K. Muhlenberg
Marine Division

Approximately 105 athletes and about 130 Marine volunteers participated in the annual Special Olympics of Wayne County, N.C., at the Middle School track and field event.

the battalion. "And it is good for the Marines to see that the community appreciates them."

Carmen L. Hurdle, the mother of Carlina Hurdle, the Wayne County Special Olympics Athlete of the Year, thought it was encouraging to see the Marines working at the event.

"It's a wonderful thing to see they care for this population," said Hurdle. "It means a lot to all of us to see men of such high stature taking time out of their day to help out."

For more information on Wayne County Special Olympics, please call 919-743-7023 or visit www.specialolympics.org.



Lean on me: Staff Sgt. Juan Montez, right, a Marine with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, runs with athlete Jovon L. Polite, who competed during the annual Wayne County Special Olympics.

participating in the event from more than 10 different Wayne County schools, according to R. Walderman, County Special Olympics coordinator.

"I like the Special Olympics because it lets athletes with physical disabilities have a good time and get the community involved," said Montez, who has been with the program for more than four years.

"It gets rid of the stigma that people with special needs are and we appreciate the Marines who come to support us."

Montez was helped by the support provided and by the fact that they respond to requests for support.

"I can never have enough volunteers," said Walderman. "We hope they have a good time at it."

The Marines did have a conversation with the athlete and Cpl. Keegan A. Montez, an assault amphibian vehicle crew member.

"This is my first time participating in something like this," said Donehoo, a 16-year-old native. "And I'm having a lot of fun. I want to do something like this in the future."

The athletes participated in track and field events, including long jump, softball, rowing, wheelchair basketball and walk and run.

Montez, like Donehoo, is a professional athlete who coordinated the event, running alongside the athletes, helping throw the javelin and cheering them on as they competed in the events.

"It's good for the community to see the Marines as a professional organization that works for the community," said Staff Sgt. Timothy L. Hill, operations chief for the motor vehicle section of the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion.

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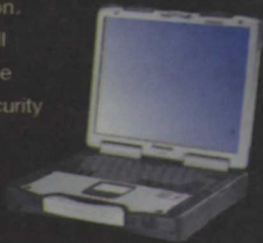
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Dhliwayo. The referee stopped the fight in the third round.

The Marines needed a victory and they needed it quick. The answer to the crowds' prayers came in the form of Marine heavyweight Juan Hernandez. Hernandez pummeled Mataisi Vave from one side of the ring to the other. His flurry of combinations and strong strikes forced British coach Johnnie Griffin to throw in the towel to save his fighter.

It was time for the Marines Olympic hopeful to show the British one of the Corps' finest. Samuel Martinez out-boxed Nicky Burndred in every round. Martinez controlled the whole match showing the crowd why he is going to the Olympic tryouts; Burndred didn't have a chance. The referee stopped the fight in the third round.

With the match tied, the Marines looked to take the lead. Mo Patel had other plans though. He hit Ruben Gutierrez so hard it knocked him on his back in the first round. The referee had seen enough; he instructed Gutierrez to stay on the floor and called in the medical team.

It was all up to Erick Earvin to stop the British from walking away with a victory on the Marines home turf. Earvin was more than up to the task. His strong blows kept Andrew Chilcott from returning after the second round.

"We put in a good show," said Martinez. "Everyone fought excellent."

The team will be heading to the USA Boxing Eastern trials in Cocoa Beach, Fla. May 7 and Martinez will also participate in the Olympic tryouts in August.

"I just take it one fight at a time," Martinez said. ■



Jason Sellers

Sage advice: Coach Emmanuel Simmons counsels middleweight Rashawn Rawls during Bout #3.



Jason Sellers



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Sgt. Sal...



Ena Sellers

Cornered: Juan Hernandez, right, works on Britain's Mataisi Vave in the corner during the super heavyweight bout.

Offensive flare: (above) Bantamweight Robert Castillo in the red, black and gold trunks, backs up his British opponent Nathan Chester, during Bout #1. (above left) Olympic hopeful Samuel Martinez and British Nicky Burndred pose for our cameras moments after their fight.



Unafraid: (below) The British team poses for the cameras moments before the fighting began.



Chin music: Max Dhliwayom of the British team puts Dela O on his heels during bout # 4, heavyweight division.

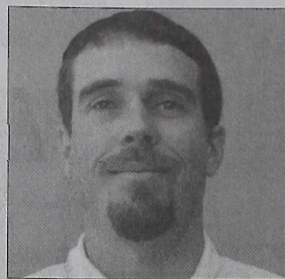
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Tiny tunas starting to snap



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With nor'easters, high winds and unseasonably-cool temperatures now firmly behind us, it's time to get serious about the fishing season.

Local reports are starting to include the types of fish that everyone looks forward to catching in spring; namely bluefish, Atlantic bonito, false albacore and king mackerel.

Anglers with ocean-worthy vessels (or friends with ocean-worthy vessels) are finding the Atlantic bonito season is

starting just outside New River Inlet around Divers Rock.

Bonito and false albacore are smallish members of the tuna family and despite rarely growing to more than 15-20 pounds, bring a lot to the table for light tackle anglers. Bonito and albacore are schooling fish. Where you find one, you will find 100. Hooking them can be ridiculously easy or incredibly frustrating depending on what the fish are feeding

on and how clear the water is. Both tunas feed voraciously on small baitfish, slashing the surface of the water into a frothy boil as they crash into schools of silversides, small menhaden and minnows.

Most fishermen pull up to the edge of the feeding frenzy and cast small spoons and soft plastics into the melee. You can also catch a few fish by trolling around the schools, but take care not to motor right through them. Doing so will almost always put the fish down and ruin everyone's chances — not considered good fishing etiquette around these parts.

If you are successful and happen to land a few of these nearshore brawlers, it's time to make a careful assessment of what you've caught. False albacore are chunky, football-shaped fish with silver sides and dark, horizontal markings back toward the tail. Bonito are slimmer with dark, horizontal lines that run down the length of the fish. And of course, there is the significant difference in palatability: Atlantic bonito are delicious, while most people consider false albacore to be strongly flavored and oily.

Piers from Topsail Island to Bogue Banks are

reporting sporadic catches of small bluefish, sea mullet, speckled trout and even a few early flounder. The action for these should get better by leaps and bounds as the water temperature in the surf rises into the mid-60s.

Surf casters are still catching red drum around the shoals along Onslow Beach and Bogue Banks. Drum fishing is also happening in some of the inland waterways like the New and White Oak rivers.

According to Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, offshore action has been good for yellowfin tuna out at the Big Rock and king mackerel from the 240 Rock to the 14 Buoy.

Remember, before heading out that spring weather conditions can change rapidly. Be sure to leave a float plan with someone who's staying onshore and do not hesitate to run back to the inlet if the weather starts to sour. It's better to be back at the dock with everyone safe and only a few fish in the cooler than to tempt fate out in the unforgiving ocean.

In his angling career, Cameron has landed a 300-pound blue marlin, but admits he would rather catch bait than go through that ordeal again. ■

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Lucie, head of Lejeune's Mobile Unit, chosen to the Irving Memorial from the Military...



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Lucie has been invited to be recognized for her achievement May 18 at the IMCEA Conference awards banquet in Chicago. ■

MARSOC 'Ironman' goes the distance to honor, support fallen and injured Marines

Lance Cpl. Joseph R. Stahlman
MARSOC Public Affairs

People swim, cycle and run for a variety of reasons: for fun, fitness or competition. Capt. Andrew Christian, a Marine assigned to U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, does all three in memory of fellow warriors killed and injured in the Global War on Terrorism and to raise money to help support their families.

While deployed to Iraq in 2006 as a member of a Military Transition Team, the Neenah, Wis., native was authorized two weeks of leave to return to the United States and run the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in June of that year. He completed the 26.2-mile run while carrying a 3 x 5 foot American flag and crossed the finish line in three hours and 23 minutes.

The flag Christian carried was in the back of a HMMWV in Iraq Feb. 20, 2006 when one of his teammates and fellow Marine, Staff Sgt. Jay Collado, was killed while en route to train soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Division.

Collado died from injuries sustained during an insurgent attack with an improvised explosive device and two other members of the team, 1st Lt. Justin Waldeck and Staff Sgt. Chris Claude, were severely wounded.

Following the attack, Christian and his team discussed ways to honor their fallen and injured comrades and

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Strong finish: Capt. Andrew Christian, is joined by his son as he completes the 2007 Ironman Arizona triathlon in Tempe, Ariz., April 15.

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decided to raise scholarship money for Collado's 6-year-old daughter.

"We gained a lot of funds simply by word of mouth," said Christian, the branch head for 1st Special Missions Training Branch, Marine Special Operations School, MARSOC.

But to really get the word out, they had to advertise and find great Americans and corporations willing to donate to their cause.

Friends, family members and other supporters of America's troops donated thousands of dollars when they learned of Christian's commitment to carry the U.S. Colors during a marathon — and of his reasons for doing so.

"Carrying the flag is a way for me to honor Staff Sgt. Collado and show all Americans that our true heroes are making the ultimate sacrifice every day in Iraq and Afghanistan," Christian said.

True to the amphibious tradition of the Marine Corps, the four-time marathon-runner would not be satisfied until he attacked his objective from the sea: He set his sites on the Ironman Arizona triathlon in Tempe, Ariz., and committed to carrying his U.S. flag through the harsh desert heat and 30-mile-per-hour winds for a marathon's distance once again — but this time after swimming 2.4 miles to shore and completing a 112-mile bicycle ride.

Christian contacted a company that agreed to sponsor his cause to raise money, both for the daughter of his fallen teammate and for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. The sponsor then asked three-time Ironman World Champion, Peter Reid, to be Christian's coach and prepare him for the competition.

With the memory of Collado's death and his wounded teammates' lengthy rehabilitation process on his mind to motivate him, Christian began a rigor-

ous four-month training plan that included training time with some of the top professional athletes in the Southern California area.

Triathletes must find ways to stay motivated throughout the months of extreme physical training required to complete an Ironman race. Christian found all the motivation he needed by thinking of his fellow Marines.

Christian often spent six or more hours per day bike riding and running to prepare, but he said there is no easy way to carry a flag. He carried the Colors on several runs early on in his training, but quickly realized the weight of the flag would cause him to suffer no matter what he did and instead focused his efforts on getting into top physical shape.

"An Ironman requires you to train at odd hours to get in your mileage. I spent a great deal of time swimming, riding and running between [3-7 a.m.]," Christian said. "Training like this is time consuming and forces you to develop a strict time-management schedule."

"In four short months, Reid took me from 177 pounds to 160 pounds and put me in the best shape of my life," Christian said. "Without the support of Reid, I wouldn't have been able to accomplish what I did."

When race day finally arrived, Marines from Christian's unit were on hand to show their support.

"It was truly an honor and a privilege to watch Christian carry the American flag during the race," said Master Sgt. Charles H. Padilla, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of 1st SMTB, MSOS, MARSOC. "To be there and watch him on the course, you get a good appreciation of what he accomplished and what type of man he is."

While carrying the flag during the marathon portion of the triathlon, Christian received support from his fellow runners and spectators alike.

"I received comments like 'Go USA'

and 'We support the Marines,'" Christian said. "I had several people stop, salute the flag and yell 'Semper Fi' as I ran by."

Throughout the race, the crowd's cheers motivated him, and though the weight of the flag bore down on his arms and shoulders, Christian never gave up.

"The thought of not finishing didn't cross my mind," said the husband of 17 years and father of one. "I knew carrying the flag would make me suffer, but when you think about a wounded Marine's situation, your pain subsides very quickly."

Christian neared exhaustion as he entered the last 50 meters of the race and was joined by his 13-year-old son who came to his father's side to run the final stretch beside him.

"This is something my son will remember for the rest of his life. It was really special having him there at the finish line," said Christian. "Training for this made me sacrifice a lot of time with my family, but they understood it was for a great cause."

Christian crossed the finish line after 10 hours, 54 minutes of non-stop physical exertion with the American flag held high in remembrance of America's fallen and in support of their families and surviving wounded warriors.

He finished the race 185th out of 2,066 entries.

"The memory of my fallen teammates gave me the motivation to finish strong," Christian said.

"Christian is a natural leader and an exceptional role model, not just as a Marine, but in his personal and family life," said Lt. Col. Anthony R. Herlihy, officer in charge, 1st SMTB, MSOS, MARSOC. "He upholds the highest standards for himself and inspires others to excel."

Together, Christian and his team of fellow Marines have raised more than \$30,000 dollars for Collado's daughter and \$50,000 for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. ■

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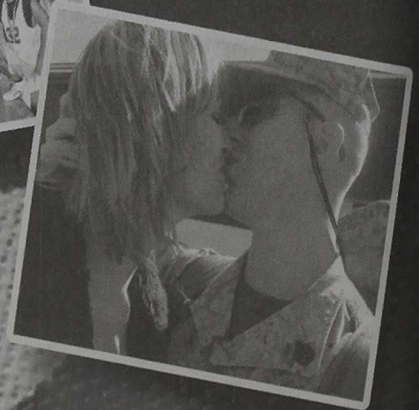
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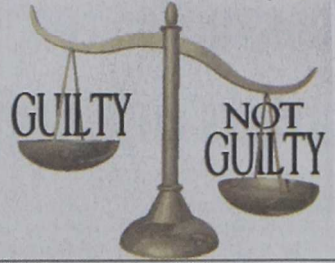
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Quick shots

MEU to get hands
An eventful four days at the helm of the Marine Expeditionary Unit, Lt. Col. Johnson will finish command to Master Petronzio in a go-of-command ceremony to be held at Camp Lejeune today in front of H-1, the II Marine Expeditionary Unit headquarters.

closure
The Green gate closed through the morning. From 6 - 8 a.m., the round lane will be closed. From 3:30 - 6 p.m. the outbound lane will be open. All traffic will be routed through the Triangle gate. Larger vehicles will be able to access any gate.

Marine Corps Association
The Association is active duty, reservists, guests and family members of the Corps are invited today, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Paradise Point Officers' Club. The cost is \$14 and reservations are required. Registration is made by phone at www.mca-usa.org.

American Red Cross orientation
Interested in volunteering your time to others? The American Red Cross volunteer orientation is at 10:30 a.m. on the third day of each week at the American Red Cross Camp Lejeune main building. For more information, call 2173.

Looking for a few Marines
The Recruiting Station at Camp Lejeune, S.C., is looking for Marines for a six-month temporary assignment on duty on the island. Under the recruiter's assistance, lance corporals and corporals are able to earn 20 points per referral toward promotion. Applicants receive a letter of appreciation. Interested Marines should contact their hometown recruiting station. For further assistance call 788-8788.

Lost and found
The Base Lost and Found Department at Camp Lejeune is open today through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 100 for more information call 451-22571.

Over improvement class
All service members 26 years of age and below are required to sign up for the National Safety Council Driver Improvement Course. Classes take place on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at building 524. For more information, call 451-5903/2776.

Marines anticipate deployment during raid training



Cpl. Peter R. Miller
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

The Marines and sailors of the Combined Anti-Armor Team and Light Armored Reconnaissance Platoons of Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, completed their joint "raid week" April 6, in preparation for an upcoming deployment.

The two platoons worked together to complete several raid scenarios over four days, all under the tactical supervision of the Marine Corps Special Operations Training Group.

The battalion returned from an Iraq deployment in October and has since added many new faces to their veteran ranks.

"We had a tough job in Ramadi. We were out patrolling the streets every day," said Lance Cpl. William N. Sullivan of Halifax, Mass.

The training reinforced familiar techniques for the veterans and gave the new faces some new lessons.

"Raid week is definitely a tough time. We put a lot of hours into it, but you do get a lot out of it, especially the new guys - especially when you have a big group of new guys like we do," said Sullivan, an assaultman with CAAT "black," one of three CAAT Platoon sections.

CAAT Platoon's new Marines said the training was beneficial and most learned important lessons during the course.

"Raid week was awesome," said one private first class who joined CAAT Platoon in October. "I had never cleared a house before, and learning was awesome. It can get confusing, but I'm getting the hang of it."

Among the company's old salts, like Cpl. Keith D. Turnbow of

Long Branch, N.J., the most frequent comment was that the training was good, but it could have been harder.

"This is decent training for the new guys, but it could always be more realistic," said Turnbow, a scout with LAR. "We have a couple new guys straight out of [the School Of Infantry], and they didn't know anything about raid stuff. They learned a lot."

Turnbow cleared many houses during his tour last year in Iraq with 2nd LAR Battalion, he said. The insurgents he encountered there were far more crafty than the role-players they battled during this training.

"I would rather have them go in and see how it is in real life with people hiding in corners and behind furniture," said Turnbow. "Real houses have rooms we would have to figure out how to get into and dark corners you can't see. Insurgents won't leave the front door wide open; they'll barricade themselves inside a house and make it tough."

While the training presented some challenges to the leather-necks, many said they had a good time.

"Raid week is cool; it's kind of fun," said Lance Cpl. Alfonso G. Matos, a Bronx, N.Y. native. "Some of the new guys are coming around, and some of them need a little work. I'm trying to break them in as we go along."

Though a young lance corporal himself, Matos is an old hand at whipping his charges into shape. He said he learned what was expected of him in boot camp three years ago, but his two years in the Dominican navy and two consecutive deployments to Iraq

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Anyone home?: Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan Stormont, company gunnery sergeant for Combined Anti-Armor Team, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, investigates a source of incoming fire during a raid training scenario. The Marines and sailors of BLT 3/8 are scheduled to deploy as the Ground Combat Element of the 22nd MEU later this year.

Sgt. Maj. Estrada bids fond farewell to Carolina MAGTF

Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, the sergeant major of the Marine Corps, made his last official visit to Camp Lejeune in that capacity April 17.

"Thank you for the magnificent job you have done for the Marine Corps," said Estrada. "As I look back on my career it was a very rewarding professionally and personally because of what you have done."

During his visit, Estrada met with more than 300 staff noncommissioned officers at the Carolina Marine Air Ground Task Force SNCO professional military education meeting, where he spoke about goals and obstacles of the Marine Corps.

He spoke about the good support Congress was giving the Marine Corps by helping to acquire 3,700 mine-resistant vehicles, which increase the survivability of an improvised explosive device attack by

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66 years for local USO

Staff Sgt. Michael Mink
Marine Corps Base

When you think of Bob Hope, one thing comes to mind — United Service Organizations. In fact Hope performed his first show for the USO, May 6, 1941, at March Field, California. He continued to travel and entertain troops for the rest of World War II and later during the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf.

While the famous comedian is no longer with us, the USO is. The USO was founded in 1941 in response to a request from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to provide morale and recreation services to uniformed military personnel. The USO was incorporated in New York February 4, 1941.

Since 1941, the USO volunteers and staff have been taking care of Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River Marines, sailors and their families.

"It is the oldest continuously operating USO in the world," said Sarah Beth Burchell, Jacksonville USO director. "The Jacksonville USO is the only USO that

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Earth Day celebrated aboard Lejeune

News report
The Globe and press reports

Last weekend, people all over the world took a moment to think about the Earth and the way we use its natural resources.

April 22 was Earth Day and whether you planted a tree, helped clean up a beach or simply turned off the water while you were brushing your teeth, it was a time to focus on the Earth's limited natural resources and how to protect them.

Earth Day began in 1970 when a grassroots effort brought millions of Americans to the streets to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment.

The movement brought attention to the nation's environmental challenges, and that attention brought about governmental action; the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts.

This year's Earth Day theme was "Defending Our Freedom — Protecting Our Environment." Camp Lejeune's Environmental Management Division promoted several activities to celebrate the noted occasion.

An Environmental Open House will be held Friday. Representatives from both Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River's environmental staff, along with supporting contractors and regulatory personnel will be on-site to discuss their role in maintaining environmental programs aboard the Base and Air Station. Attendees will learn about how the military manages the environment and protects the health of those living and working around the installations and within the surrounding community. Tours for Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools will be provided. In addition to displays of written descriptions and photos related to various program initiatives, actual equipment related to many of the following program areas are also available for viewing.

The Mess Hall at Building 9 had an environmental display during the week preceding Earth Day. This static display provided environmental information as it pertains to daily operations executed by the Marines and sailors aboard Camp

Lejeune. Presentation material consisted of information on air quality, water quality, solid waste, hazardous material management, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, archeology, and training area environmental restrictions.

Family Housing recycling flyers were distributed to over 3,000 students in all seven of Camp Lejeune's Dependent Schools. The flyer promoted the recycling service provided to each student's family by reviewing the types of materials collected, reminding the reader that materials do not have to be segregated and reviewing some interesting facts about how material they recycle is processed for additional use.

An Earth Day message, endorsed by the Commanding Officer of Camp Lejeune, Colonel Adele E. Hodges, was distributed via Wide Area Network e-mail. The power-point presentation recognized Earth Day and reminded the recipients of the Base's commitment to preserving the environment — whether in the Base training areas, maintenance shops, office areas, or at home.

Colonel Hodges acknowledged the Base's commitment to the environment in Camp Lejeune's Environmental Policy Statement, which declares, "To sustain our operations and training capabilities, and to safeguard land-use availability, Camp Lejeune will comply with environmental laws and conserve the natural and cultural resources with which it has been entrusted."

As the largest and most comprehensive amphibious training facility in the world, the Base faces a number of unique environmental challenges.

This 143,000-acre facility has 26,000 acres of rivers and estuaries, 11.5 miles of beachfront, 450 miles of roads, a 15 million gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant, five drinking water plants and a municipal solid waste landfill.

Eight federally-listed plant and animal species reside aboard Camp Lejeune. Some of the threatened and endangered animal species are the red-cockaded woodpecker, piping plover, loggerhead and green sea turtles; rough-leaved loosestrife plant; seabeach amaranth plant; bald eagle; Florida manatee; northern, right, fin, sei, hump-backed and sperm whales migrating

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Construction continues on barracks improvements

Sgt. Matt Preston
Marine Corps Base

A plan to improve the living quarters of Marines aboard base and throughout the Marine Corps continues aboard Camp Lejeune.

The Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Campaign Plan aims to build enough barracks to attain what's known as the "2x0" standard. The standard would have privates through lance corporals living no more than two per room, and sharing a bathroom with no more than three others.

Barracks that meet the "2x0" standard are currently occupied, with more being built aboard Camp Lejeune.

"We currently have six '2x0' barracks currently occupied and we have four more that are in the process of being built," said Nina McBroom, director of bachelor housing. "Two of

them should be up in May and two more should be up in October."

Though other services are attempting to put every service member in their own room, the Marine Corps maintains the minimum "two person per room" for the junior enlisted for a specific purpose.

"Everything that the Marine Corps is based on is not the individual," said McBroom. "You rely on your Marine for support and he relies on you. You can't have camaraderie with a closed door between you."

Each Marine in the room can have 90 square feet per person for privates through lance corporals. Corporals and sergeants, who rate their own room under the plan, will have approximately 180 square feet per person.

The Marine Corps is scheduled to complete the campaign by 2012. ■

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along the coastal waters and other migrating species.

The Base is home to the Greater Sandy Run Area Wetlands Mitigation Bank, one of DoD's largest wetlands restoration projects.

Camp Lejeune must work to restore and clean up past damage to the environment and has taken an aggressive approach to restoration.

Camp Lejeune's Environmental Management Division integrates the Base Environmental Policy into daily operations by restoring the land and water, assuring environmental quality, fostering conservation, preventing pollution, cultivating relationships, and implementing an Environmental Management System. ■

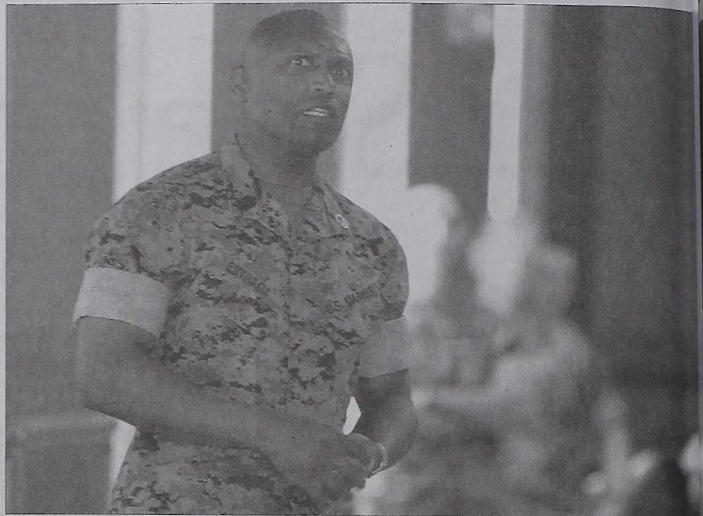
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Estrada also touched on the subject of the plus up for the Marine Corps and that even though the Marine Corps will grow, it will not lower the standard of living for Marines and they will continue his Barracks Campaign.

Before leaving, Sgt. Maj. R. D. Himsworth, the sergeant major of II Marine Expeditionary Force, presented Estrada with a golf bag as a parting gift from the Carolina MAGTF.

"I will be thinking of all of you," said Estrada. "It was a privilege and an honor to represent all of you." ■



Cpl. Brandt
Final thoughts: Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, the sergeant major of the Marine Corps, visited with 300 senior enlisted Marines April 17. He spoke about current issues and policies in the M

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has not closed its doors during peace time that I know of."

According to the USO's Web site, the USO has been the bridge between the American public and the U.S. military since before the United States entered World War II.

In times of peace and war, the USO has consistently delivered its special brand of comfort, morale and recreational services to the military. The USO, a congressionally chartered, private, nonprofit organization, relies on the generosity of individuals and corporations to support USO activities.

The Jacksonville USO celebrated their anniversary at one of the local car dealerships.

"We thought it was appropriate to hold the anniversary here," Burchell said. "Sanders Ford has done so much for the USO." Earlier this year Sanders Ford donated a 2005 Ford Freestar minivan.

"We use the van for everything," said Burchell. "Mainly it is used for the deployment care packages we bring to units deploying."

Burchell and assistant director, Judy Robinson, have only been with the local USO since February of this year.

With the anniversary behind them, both Burchell and Robinson look to the future.

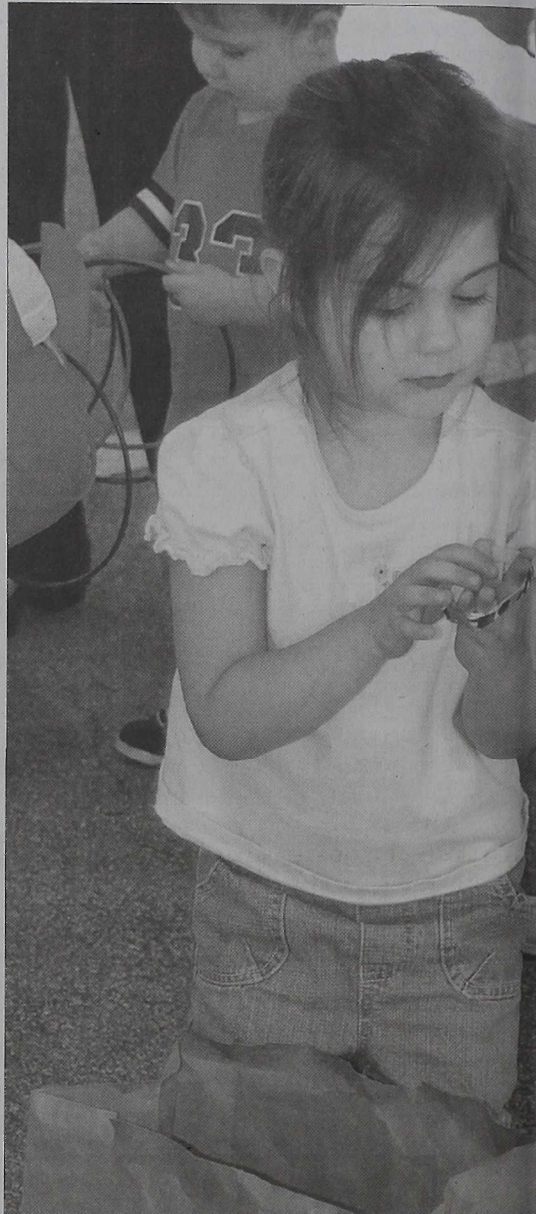
"We are planning a dinner cabaret and we are working with the Single Marine Program to try and put together a sorority dance this summer," Burchell said.

According to the Web site, the Jacksonville Center has a large auditorium, a snack bar, a library, pool tables, a foosball table, a cyber café with 10 internet linked computers, and three meeting rooms that can accommodate up to 40 people.

"This place is great," said Marine Corps Air Station New River's Lance Cpl. Nathaniel A. Mann, a ground support equipment mechanic for Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261. "It is a safe, quiet place to relax and the staff always greets you with a smile."

To see events and activities that the local USO staff is working on go to www.uso-nc.org/CALENDAR/ or call 455-3411.

The Jacksonville USO is located at 9 Tallman Street, just past the courthouse. ■



USO anniversary: Haliea Anderson, 3, picks out her prize at the 60th anniversary of the USO April 21.

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Pfc. James P. Beattie, a member of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of one count of violating a lawful general order, four counts of using illegal drugs, one count of possession of illegal drugs, one count of distribution of illegal drugs and one count of introduction of illegal drugs. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of eight months, forfeiture of \$865 pay per month for a period of eight months, reduction to the pay grade E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

Lance Cpl. M.E. Caskey, Combat Logistics Regiment-2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted of attempted sale of military property, larceny and unlawful entry. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 months, reduction in rank to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dishonorable discharge.

Third party complaints on or off base

Officers and staff noncommissioned officers who observe unsafe driving behavior among suspected Marines and sailors on or off base are expected to report such behavior using the following procedures:

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Pleasure Palace	Highway 17, Jacksonville
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Cpl. Peter R. Miller

Training ground: A Marine assigned to Combined Anti-Armor Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, assaults his way to an objective in a raid scenario.



Cpl. Peter R. Miller

Strategy session: 1st Lt. Nathan Wright, commander of Light Armored Reconnaissance Platoon, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, uses a terrain model to explain an upcoming raid scenario during a training evolution.

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are what toughened him up.

"A MEU sounds like a plan," said Matos. "It will be a learning experience. We'll get to see what's going on around the world. I've been on a lot of planes and helicopters, but I've never deployed on a ship."

With the shipboard deployment looming ahead, an often-bantered topic

among the Marines was the subject of liberty ports.

"Hopefully, we don't go right back into a combat zone," said infantryman Lance Cpl. William N. Sullivan of Halifax, Mass. "I'd like to see some of Europe or the United Arab Emirates, and have a good time first."

The attitudes were diverse.

"I don't really care about liberty ports," said LAV crewman Lance Cpl. Edward D. Timpson of

Anaheim, Calif. "I want to go to Africa or Afghanistan, some place where I haven't been yet, but I can still see some action."

Marines like Timpson and Matos simply wait for their next opportunity to engage with America's enemies.

The exact location of where the MEU will deploy is yet to be determined; however, Matos is hoping to see more action in Iraq.

"I want to pay a few

more respects to the insurgents for leaving me this little gift in my leg," said Matos as he rolled up his pant leg to display a grisly 10-inch scar running down the outside of his calf.

The Marines and sailors of BLT 3/8 are scheduled to deploy as the Ground Combat Element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit later this year. To stay informed on their upcoming training and missions, visit the MEU's Web site at www.22meu.usmc.mil.

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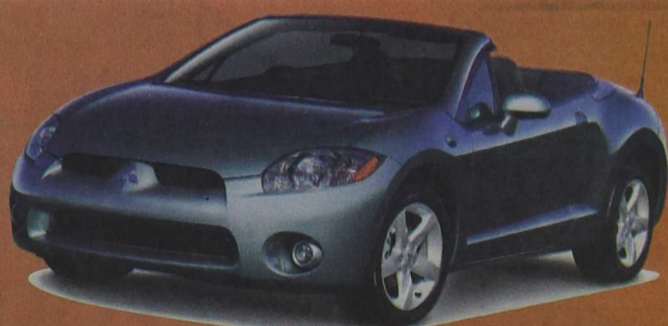
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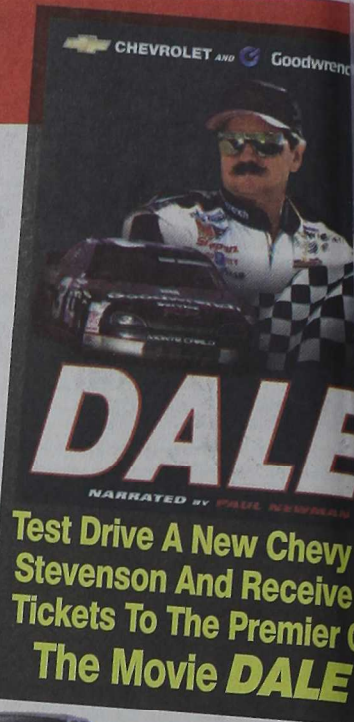
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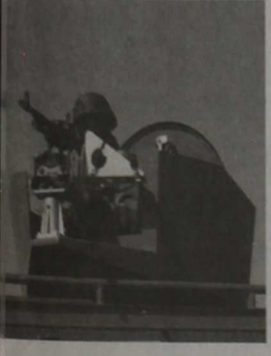
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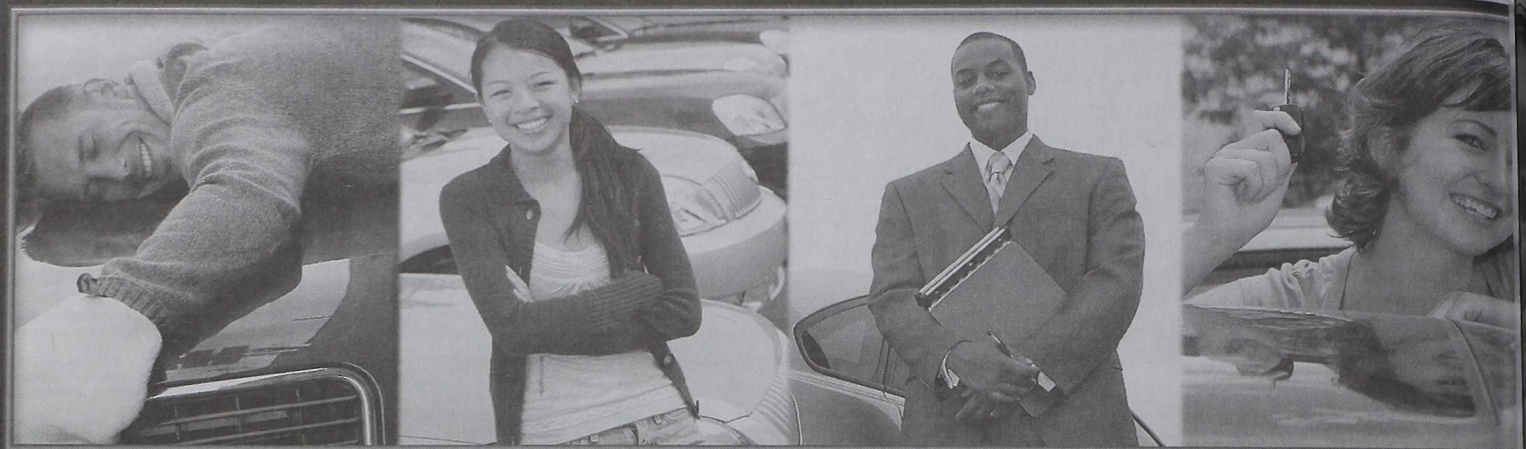
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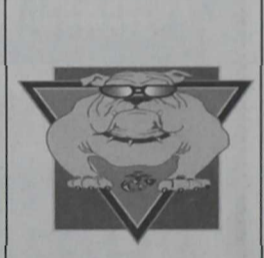
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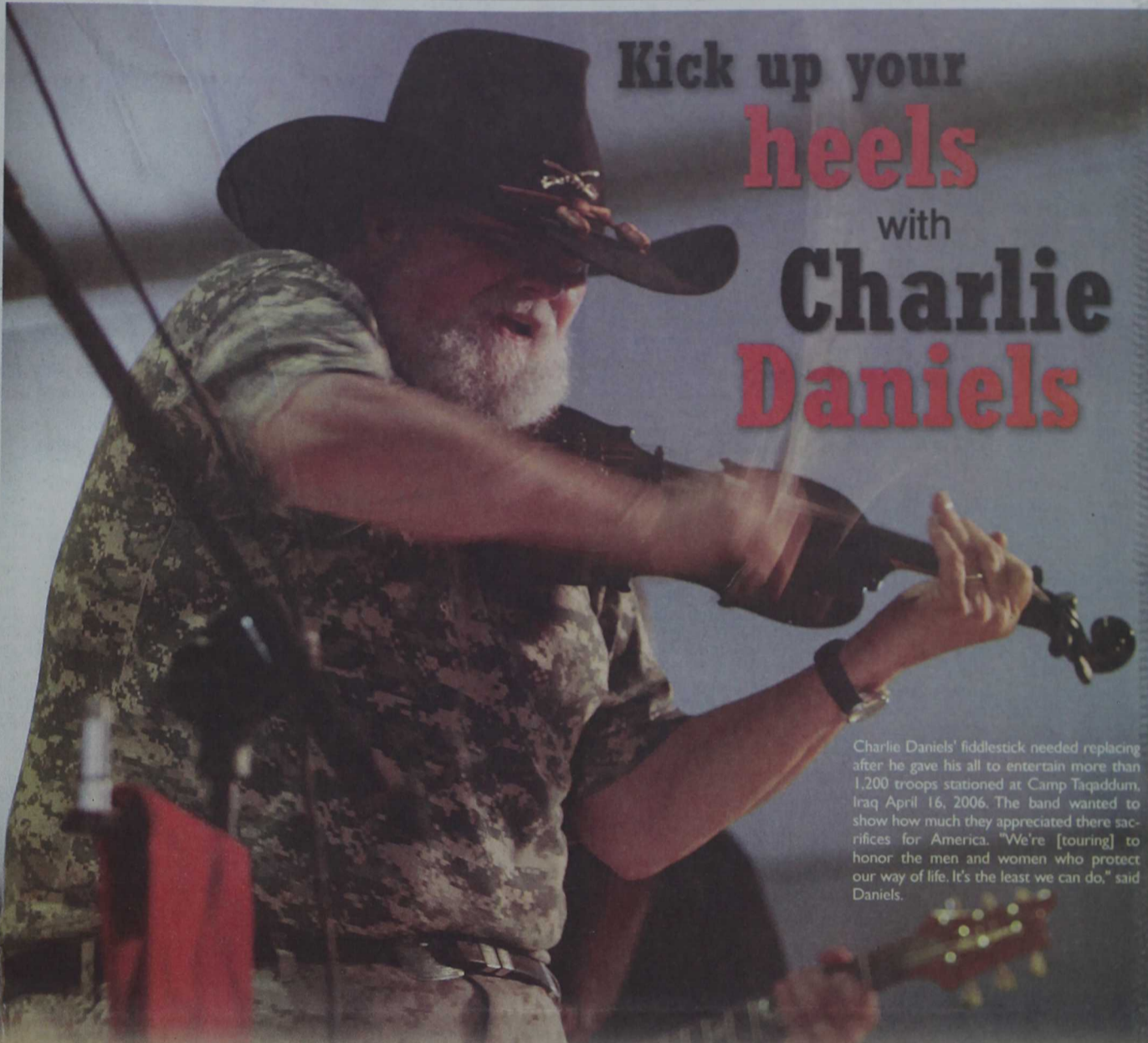
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Charlie Daniels Band to honor Wounded Warriors at free concert

Lance Cpl. Kimberly Crawford
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The Charlie Daniels Band is scheduled to perform a free concert at the Marine Corps Air Station New River concert site, May 16 at 7 p.m., to honor the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Wounded Warriors.

The concert, organized by the Spirit of America Tour, is open to all active-duty service members, dependents, retirees and Department of Defense employees, said Paul Quinn, New River's Marine Corps Community Services director.

"I've been a fan of Charlie my whole life and I'm glad I'll get a chance to see him play, let alone be one of the honored guests. Him coming here really makes me appreciate him even more," said Sgt. Dustin A. Wood, a machine gunner who is recovering at Wounded

Warrior Battalion East.

Charlie Daniels, a Wilmington, N.C., native, started his career in this area with his first paying show being at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, said Quinn.

The patriotic Daniels is supportive of the troops in America and overseas. Many of his songs such as "Still in Saigon" and "In America" are about the hardships service members face and the struggles they must overcome as veterans.

"I can relate to a lot of his songs because there's so much meaning behind the words, which is why my favorite song by the band is "Simple Man," said Wood.

Daniels, a multi-award winning performer, has been entertaining troops around the world for more than 35 years. His support of the U.S. military has taken him to many areas, including combat zones overseas, to perform for service members and their families.

"The tour contacted the Station about bringing Daniels here, and when Daniels heard about the Wounded Warriors at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, he got excited about it and wanted to honor them at the show," explained Quinn.

There have been many artists who have performed at the Station. The show will be the third time the Spirit of America Tour has come to the Station, but the first time Daniels will perform here for troops.

"I enjoy every time we get some entertainment here. It means so much to all of us here at the barracks. The community is a big help to a lot of the guys here and their families," said Wood.

Having big-name entertainers like Daniels come to the Station, shows the troops here these people care enough about service members they are willing to come and perform for them for free. It also is beneficial to the troops overseas to see these

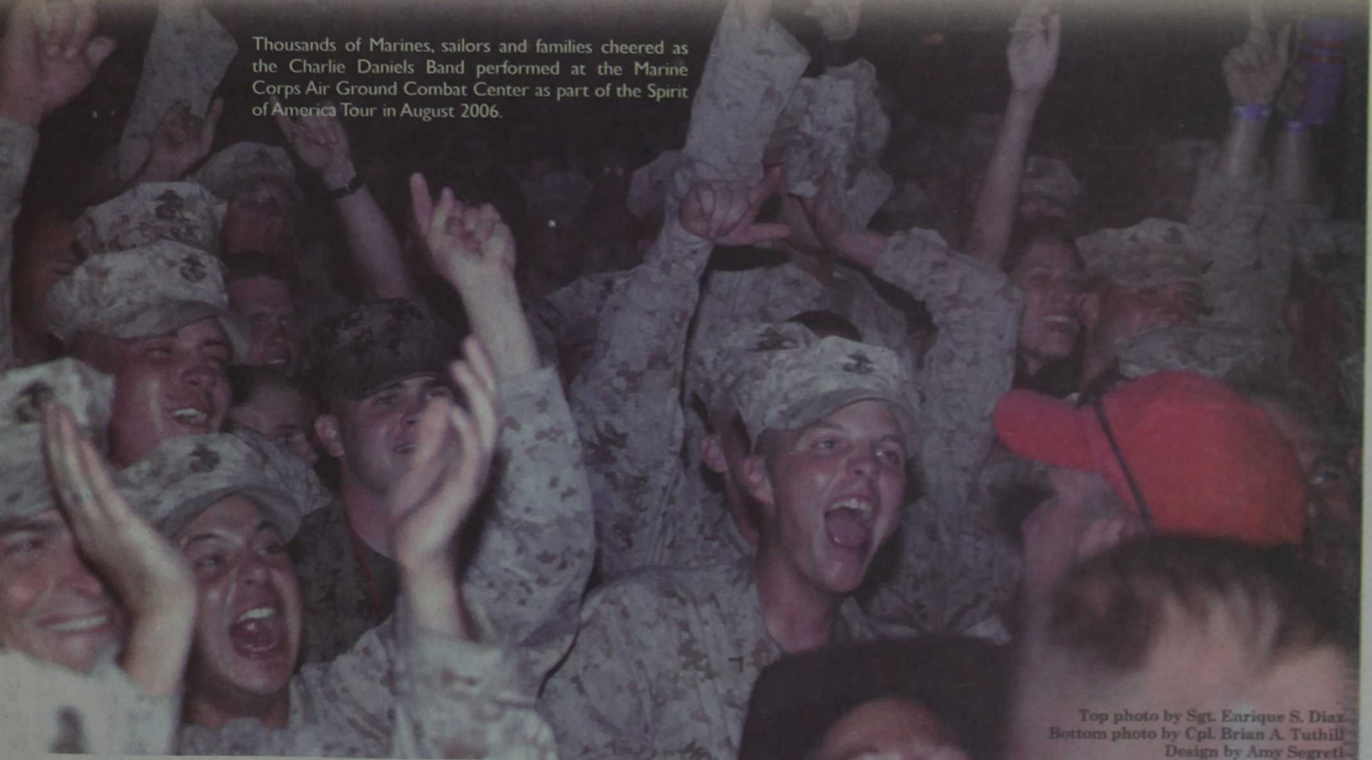
music stars are willing to support their families by playing for them, said Quinn.

According to the official Web site, the Spirit of America Tour is a non-profit organization of volunteers created in 2002 to bring headline entertainment to America's stateside military bases. The organization's intent is for their shows to boost the morale of the men, women and families of the Armed Forces.

"If we can make just a few people happy with this concert, then we must have done our job," said Quinn.

The Charlie Daniels Band plays a mixture of rock, country, blue grass, blues and gospel music. They're well-known for their fiddle solos and the hit songs "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," "Uneasy Rider," "Long Haired Country Boy" and "The South's Gonna Do It."

MCCS will be selling concessions on site. For more information, call MCCS at 449-6301. ■



Thousands of Marines, sailors and families cheered as the Charlie Daniels Band performed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center as part of the Spirit of America Tour in August 2006.

Top photo by Sgt. Enrique S. Diaz. Bottom photo by Cpl. Brian A. Tuthill. Design by Amy Segretti.

'Premonition' isn't pulled together; 'Disturbia' a decent thrill



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'PREMONITION' (PG-13)

"Premonition" is a spooky thriller about a woman whose life is torn apart when her husband dies in an automobile accident.

Sandra Bullock ("The Lake House," "Murder by Numbers," "The Net") stars as Linda Hanson, an ordinary housewife who is devastated when her husband dies suddenly in a car crash.

Linda has a beautiful house, a loving husband and two adorable daughters. Her life is perfect, until the day she receives the devastating news that her husband has died in a car accident.

When she wakes up the next morning to find him alive and well, she assumes it was all a dream, but is shaken by how vivid it felt. She soon realizes it wasn't a dream, and her world is turned upside down as the surreal circumstances lead her to discover that her perfect life may not have been all that it appeared.

Desperate to save her family, Linda begins a furious race against time and fate to try and preserve everything that she and her husband have built

together. Julian McMahon (TV's "Nip/Tuck") costars as Jim, her husband.

Also appearing are Mark Famiglietti ("Full Ride") as Doug Caruthers; Kate Nelligan ("The Cider House Rules") as Linda's mother; Nia Long ("Alfie") as Linda's best friend; Peter Stormare as the shrink; and Amber Valletta ("Hitch") as Claire, a colleague of Jim.

German director Mennan Yapo ("Lautlos") doesn't quite pull this movie together.

'BLACK SNAKE MOAN' (R)

"Black Snake Moan" is a deep, dark melodrama that plays out in the Tennessee backwoods slums.

Samuel L. Jackson ("Freedomland," "Coach Carter") stars as Lazarus, a Bible thumping loner and has-been bluesman who tries to reform a promiscuous girl through unorthodox methods.

Christina Ricci ("Prozac Nation," "Monster," "The Gathering") costars as Rae, a young, deeply troubled, oversexed nymphomaniac, small town girl, who is also known for being the town tramp.

Lazarus, a bitter and broken man who still suffers from a cheating wife and a shattered marriage, lives alone with his past.

When he discovers a severely beaten, half-naked Rae left for dead on the side of the road, he brings her home to tend her wounds.

After finding what a wasted soul she is, the god-fearing, middle-aged black man sees his chance for redemption. He



'Premonition' Sandra Bullock stars as Linda Hanson, an ordinary housewife who is devastated when her husband dies suddenly in a car crash.

chains the young white woman to the radiator in his living room, in order to brake her of her affliction.

Justin Timberlake ("Alpha Dog") plays Ronnie, Rae's boyfriend who ships out to boot camp.

Also appearing is John Cothran Jr. ("Get Shorty") as Preacher R. L.; and S. Epatha Merkerson ("Radio") as Angela.

Writer-director Craig Brewer ("Hustle & Flow") is taking a risk in bringing this shocking exploitive theme to the general audience.

The movie's soundtrack is full of terrific blues music; Samuel L. Jackson learned to play the guitar and also sings.

Ricci smolders in her captivity but overacts her part.

"Black Snake Moan" is not for everyone and certainly not for the prudish and morally conscious.

Now playing in Jacksonville

'DISTURBIA' (PG-13)

"Disturbia" is a teen suspense thriller.

Shia LaBeouf ("The Greatest Game Ever Played," "Constantine," "I, Robot") stars as Kale, a teenager who has everything. Kyle leads a carefree life, playing video games, surfing and watching TV.

Now, a beautiful girl, Ashley, played by Sarah Roemer ("The Grudge 2"), has moved in next door.

There is only one problem. He cannot leave his house. He is under house arrest and any vio-

lution will land him in jail.

A year ago, his happy home life was shattered by the death of his father for which Kale feels responsible.

Kale's mother, played by Carrie-Anne Moss ("The Matrix" trilogy), is trying to hold things together.

When Kale begins to get interested in the outside world again, he and his friend Ronnie, played by Aaron Yoo, take up spying on the neighbors, especially Ashley, who becomes intrigued with Kale's new-found hobby and joins in.

However, what starts out as a game turns deadly serious when they suspect that Mr. Turner, one of their neighbors, played by David Morse ("16 Blocks," "The Green Mile"), could be a serial killer.

Are his suspicions the result of an overactive imagination or the product of cabin fever, or are they real?

"Disturbia" is directed by D.J. Caruso ("Two for the Money," "Taking Lives," "The Salton Sea").

"Disturbia" is reminiscent of the classic Hitchcock thriller "Rear Window," however created with much less finesse. The film is a perfect suspenseful thriller for the younger generation growing up with cell phones and internet.

'PERFECT STRANGER' (R)

"Perfect Stranger" is a psychological thriller about a journalist who goes undercover to ferret out a businessman as her best friend's killer.

Halle Berry ("Monsters 'X-Men," "Catwoman") st Rowena Price, an invest reporter who learns the best friend's murder mi connected to a respecte public individual.

Bruce Willis ("16 B "Hostage," "Die Hard") st Harrison Hill, her prima pect, a multi-millionaire (a powerful advertising co

Rowena goes undercover the help of her associate, Hailey, a computer wi hacker, played by Gi Ribisi ("The Imposter," " Cold Mountain").

Posing as Katherine, a at Hill's ad agency, a Veronica, a girl Hill flirts online, Rowena surround prey from all sides and finds herself enmeshed i obsessive and sleazy si online dating.

She also discovers the isn't the only one changing titles.

The closer Rowena ge finding the truth, the mo see how far people will go tect it.

Director James ("Confidence," "The Char "At Close Range," "Glen Glen Ross") brings us th the edge of your seat" thril

"Perfect Stranger" has ryline that has been seen times before. However, with the huge star power movie does not deliver an huge disappointment.

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



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Sustaining the Spark

Chaplain Lee Milliner

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I am surprised at how quickly Marines, sailors

and their spouses can go to a clinic for flu symptoms but refuse to seek any assistance for sick relationships. The symptoms may be evident, but they are ignored or suffered in silence. I highly recommend two free programs offered to assist in keeping marriages strong.

The first program is PREP. Chaplain Shirk describes it:

"Miscommunication is the norm when it comes to dealing with conflict. When emotions are high in relationships it can be hard to communicate in such a way as to understand what your spouse is saying or to even get your point across without saying something you will certainly regret in the future. Learn how to make conflict something productive and not harmful through the Marriage Enrichment Workshop, the PREP Approach. PREP stands for Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program. It is not counseling or group therapy but a research-based program shown in studies to reduce the divorce rate 25 percent in the first five years of marriage and increase the level of marital satisfaction to 90 percent. The next workshop will be today. Find out when and where subsequent workshops will be by calling the Marine Corps Family Building office at 0176. It is an investment in marriage you can afford to miss."

The second program Marriage Enrichment Retreat. Chaplain B describes it: "This retreat focuses on helping couples become aware of and identify the insurgents that might be driving a wedge between them. Couples learn if they ignore marital insurgents a wedge will begin to drive within their relationship to where physical and emotional separation takes place. The retreat takes place within a romantic setting on Emerald Isle. You'll enjoy the picturesque sound of the west side and the beauty of the Atlantic Ocean on the east side. Couples can relax and enjoy one another in a peaceful and educational environment. No couple ever made to feel like they have to discuss their relationship with the group. Most of the exercises are designed for each individual couple to discuss separately instead of collectively." Call CREDC at 450-1668 for dates and times.

Capt. Edward Milliner is the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune chaplain and can be reached at edward.milliner@usmc.mil. ■

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Lejeune High School students put on dazzling performances in 'The Servant of Two Masters'

Story and photos by
Amy Segreti
Carolina Living Editor

...the year 1790 in Venice. A charming, bumbling servant named Truffaldino has decided to make the most of his working hours by taking on two masters for double the pay, double the food and double the humorous mishaps.

...is the setting of a delightful comedy of errors named "The Servant of Two Masters" — a play that Elaine Bixiones, an English teacher at Lejeune High School, knew her students would love to perform for their spring production.

...we saw this performed at Coastal Carolina Community College and we really wanted to do it here," said Bixiones. The cast consists of students from her classes and others, including members of the school's honorary Phi Kappa Theta Society.

"The Servant of Two Masters" is an adapted play emulating *Commedia dell'arte*, which is Italian for "comedy of the masters." This type of drama was popular in Italy in the 15th century where it is largely improvisational.

The piece was written in 1745 by Carlo Goldoni, a Venetian playwright whose plays were heralded for their mix of wit and honesty. The play was translated and adapted for the modern audience by Jeffrey Hatcher and Emilio Landi.

"It's very Shakespearean; it has comic situations, mistaken identities, sexual innuendos and slapstick comedy," said McCarthy. "It's not just slapstick, which is what you think of when you think of *Commedia dell'arte*."

McCarthy's character fumbles through the play, the character of Beatrice disguises herself as her dead brother in search of the man who killed him. Lovers Clarice and Silvio fight the



Family squabbles: Grace Seamon, a 9th grader at Lejeune High School, plays the part of Clarice (left) with ferocity and passion. Chris Herndon, a senior and school president, executes a winning performance as the part of Pantalone, Clarice's overbearing father.

wishes of Clarice's father, Pantalone, who wants Clarice to marry Beatrice's brother, who is, of course, played by Beatrice. Pantalone's servant Smeraldina is smitten with Truffaldino, and all the while the players occasionally break out of character and speak to the audience, making the performance somewhat interactive.

"[The play] is different. It's complex, but it's a lot of fun," said Alex Ruth, a student who plays Smeraldina.

"The Servant of Two Masters" will be performed at the high school auditorium tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. ■



Sword fight: Jessy Quinones, a 12th grader at Lejeune High School, plays the role of Beatrice and pretends to fight Silvio, played by Anthony Coglianese, a 12th grader, for the love of character Clarice in "The Servant of Two Masters."

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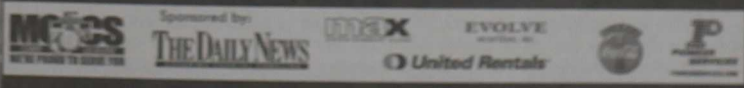
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Interactive workshops provide guidance beyond the brief

Amy Segreti
Carolina Living Editor

You knew it was coming. Your spouse is about to be deployed and you find yourself needing to deal with high-stakes financial, safety and role-changing issues — in addition to overcoming the emotional stress of being separated from your spouse. You knew it would happen, but it seems that the pre-deployment brief isn't quite enough.

Enter the Beyond the Brief workshops, a six-week series designed to help you get through the most important issues people face after their spouse deploys.

"A pre-deployment brief is designed to be just that — brief, so couples have information so the two of them can sit down and plan. But what we saw happening was that a lot of times people wanted a lot more information," said Melissa Slater, family readiness specialist.

The interactive workshops are open to couples and spouses and no registration is required; people can come and go to specific workshops as they please.

"These are relaxed, informative, wonderful workshops," said Slater. The sessions began in 2005 and were run every six weeks until it was decided it would be more advantageous if the workshops were offered along with the deployment cycle, with one in the spring and one in the fall.

The two workshops that took place earlier this month dealt with coping techniques and reassuring attendees that the overwhelming feelings they're having are normal. The workshops also included discussion about safety and life-changing issues such as whether or not the spouse should return home where they may have more support.

"When deployments start to happen, a lot of times we'll here from spouses, 'I should go home, I have more family here,'" said Slater. A lot of spouses moved to the Camp Lejeune area specifically because of their Marine.

Slater acknowledged that the only person who can make that decision is the spouse. "What are your decision-making factors, what goes into that, how do you identify your resources?" asks Slater.

The second workshop also included important safety tips, warning spouses to think before buying popular bumper stickers such as those that state, "1/2 my heart is in Iraq."

"People don't think of it this way, but it can be a message to predators saying, 'Hey, my spouse is gone, follow me home,'" said Slater.

The final four workshops will run as follows:

May 2: Understanding the money

After your spouse deploys, it may seem like you have more money than ever due to the family separation allowance.

However, when the deployment ends, these entitlements end too, and it's important for spouses not only to understand what is coming in and how it can benefit them, but also how to budget for varying lengths of time, from 5-6 months to a year ahead.

"A financial education specialist will be coming in to show spouses how to make the money work for their family and not to get too used to the money coming in during the deployment," said Slater.

May 9: CACO — the process

The Casualty Assistance Calls Officer acts on behalf of the Marine Corps in assisting survivors of active-duty Marines. But while the pre-deployment brief may not give you an all-encompassing idea of what a CACO is (nor may you want to hear it), it's important for spouses to be aware of what can happen.

"As a military spouse, you need to know the process, whether something happens to your spouse here or in Afghanistan or Iraq, the process is still the same," said Slater. "Knowing about it can give you a sense of release because these things do happen and it's important to know what to do."

Slater said that the process is thoroughly covered in the workshop and spouses will walk away from it with necessary information.

May 16: Combat stress vs. PTSD

Combat stress isn't the same as post-traumatic stress disorder, and it's important for spouses to know the difference so they can care for their Marine in the best possible way when he or she returns from deployment. This workshop will enable you to tell the difference and act appropriately.

"We want to let people know what the normal reactions to each case are and how to identify and help with each one," said Slater.

May 23: Homecoming — it's a good thing/Re-defining family roles

You've been without your Marine for months, maybe a year, and things have changed at home. You've taken on the role of sole family provider, your children have grown and now you're wondering how to adjust when your service member returns.

This workshop can help. "It will serve as a small venue where spouses can come and talk about the anxieties they feel concerning homecoming expectations," said Slater.

Units are welcome to schedule any workshops by calling 451-0176. All workshops are free and will take place on Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Midway Park Chapel. Childcare is available but attendees must call 450-1646 to ensure their child has a spot during the session. ■

Know your options: Test occupational therapy services at free open house

Amy Segreti
Carolina Living Editor

Have you ever wondered what therapy services would be available to you if you sustained a serious injury? Now you can find out — and test some of the therapy activities as well to win prizes.

The Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune's Physical/Occupational Clinic on the second floor of the hospital is the place where you can learn what's available, play strategy games and do physical tests to win prizes, and have some free lunch is at their open house today from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

"This is one of the bigger programs in the Marine Corps and Navy, and it's really important that our active-duty and their family members know about the services we can provide for them," said Lt. Lynda Amell, the head of the occupational therapy department and a registered therapist with 16 years of experience.

Amell and the two members of her staff, Clinic Manager Jodi Bannigan and Leading Petty Officer HM1 Trevia Silver will give attendees general information about occupational therapy based on their experience — of which Bannigan has 20 years of occupational therapy experience and Silver has 15 years of military experience.

The open house is to celebrate April as Occupational Therapy Month; informational booths will be available that showcase the areas the clinic specializes in, including activities of daily living, hand function (including physical and coordination) splinting (the hospital creates custom-made splints) and visual/perceptual injuries.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in activities associated with therapy, including competing for prizes by demonstrating grip strength and hand-eye coordination through a nine-hole speed peg test.

"These are all things we test patients for," said Amell. "If we have a patient who's injured and unable to move their hand or wrist very well, they would come to me. I would evaluate them — and the grip



Courtesy photo

Therapy services: Visit the physical/occupational clinic today to find out what's available.

strength activity is part of the testing for that — and then we would treat them."

The peg test involves placing nine small pegs on a board in a specific way. The test is timed against the standards for a healthy individual — if someone needs therapy, it will be evident through the coordination test.

Hand-shaped cookies (as the hospital specializes in hand therapy) will be offered in addition to vegetable, cheese and crackers, and meat trays; specialty drinks including a sparkling punch will also be provided.

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Sometimes you find your niche. Sometimes your niche finds you. And sometimes, it takes being sent from Iraq with a broom to find it. As part of rehabilitation, some Marines from the Camp Lejeune Wounded Warrior Barracks work part-time at Johnson Primary School and base. These Marines work with the children, helping them spell words, read books and create the mouse refrigerator art using in kitchens across the country. One Marine though, took his mission a little further. Cpl. Robert Schlaff, a rifleman who deployed to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, began working with Melissa Snyder's classroom in Ramadi, Iraq, after being wounded during a combat mission in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He soon began to develop a connection with the students, many of whom have a parent deployed to Iraq. Schlaff says that teaching is not where he sees himself. "I'll be a little sad actually when this year ends. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I am lucky to have been able to come here and do this. I considered being a teacher, but I'm not mean enough or tough enough to discipline the kids," he laughed. Whether or not he becomes a teacher, working in the school will have left a lasting mark on both him and the children. "We keep telling him he

with the children is a chance to both relax and recuperate.

"I think it helps both mentally and physically," said the 25-year-old Hubert, N.C., native. "I pretty much fell into this. When I got to the Wounded Warrior Barracks, I was just put into a squad that helps out here. Pretty soon, I was coming on my own, getting here at nine and staying until three."

Before being wounded, Schlaff spent five months in Ar Ramadi patrolling the streets in what is one of the most dangerous cities in Iraq. In fact, he said, it's still a little surreal knowing that it wasn't that long ago he was on those streets. "Just a few months ago, I was patrolling Ramadi, and now I'm sitting here cutting out paper butterflies," he said. "It's pretty weird."

Sometimes though, cutting out butterflies is what it takes to move past the memories of a combat zone. Despite his success with the children in the classroom, he says that teaching is not where he sees himself.

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Whether or not he becomes a teacher, working in the school will have left a lasting mark on both him and the children.

"We keep telling him he

needs to become a teacher," says Snyder. "He is so incredibly patient with the kids, he really is able to connect with them. Some of the children have really come to look at Robert as a father figure. They are going to miss him after this school year."

Five-year-old Lauren Fowler isn't so sure. When asked if she will miss him, the tough kindergartener said, "Yes. But I won't cry."

Although his unit is heading back to Iraq soon, Schlaff, who is not deploying again, will be finishing the school year in Snyder's room helping the children cut out those paper butterflies.

"Every day these kids surprise me," he said. "They are so smart and remember every detail. I've been pretty lucky." ■



Cpl. Shane Suzuki
Help for two: Lance Cpl. Robert Schlaff helps kindergartener Lauren Fowler finish her window-sill greenhouse April 19 at Camp Lejeune's Johnson Primary School. Fowler, who was injured while serving in Iraq, has been volunteering at the school since November.

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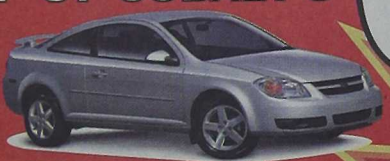
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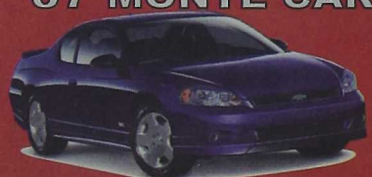
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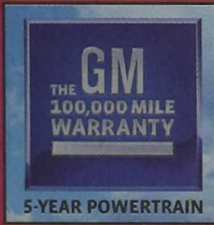


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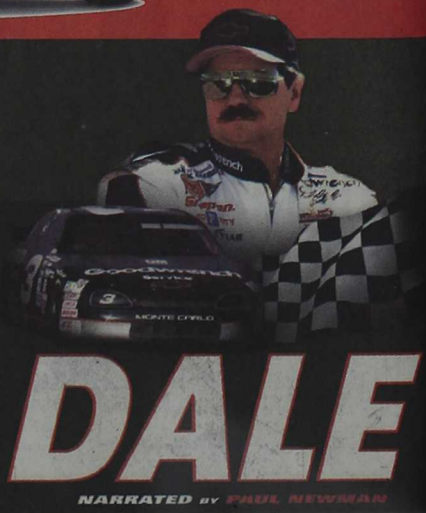
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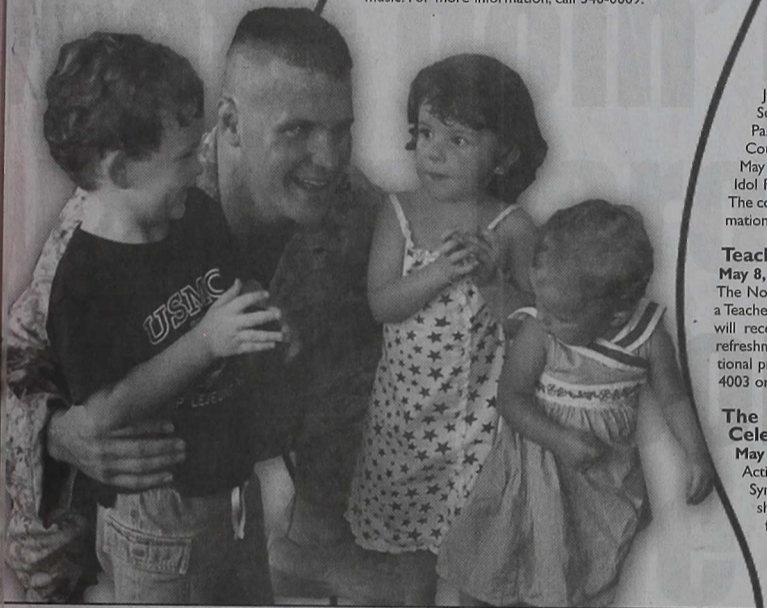
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Teacher Appreciation Day
May 8, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
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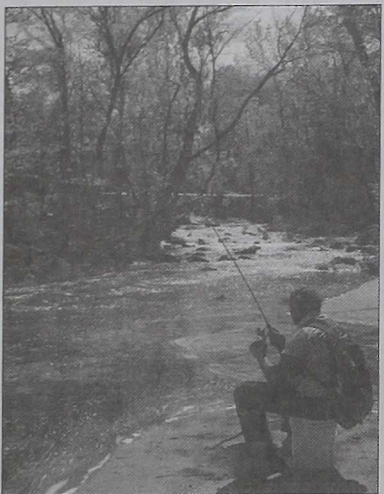
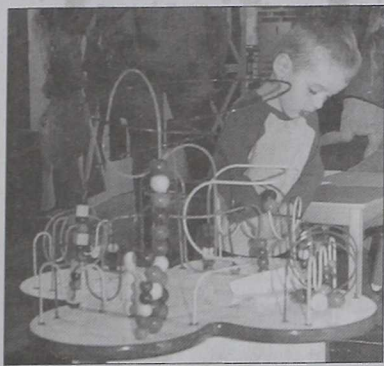
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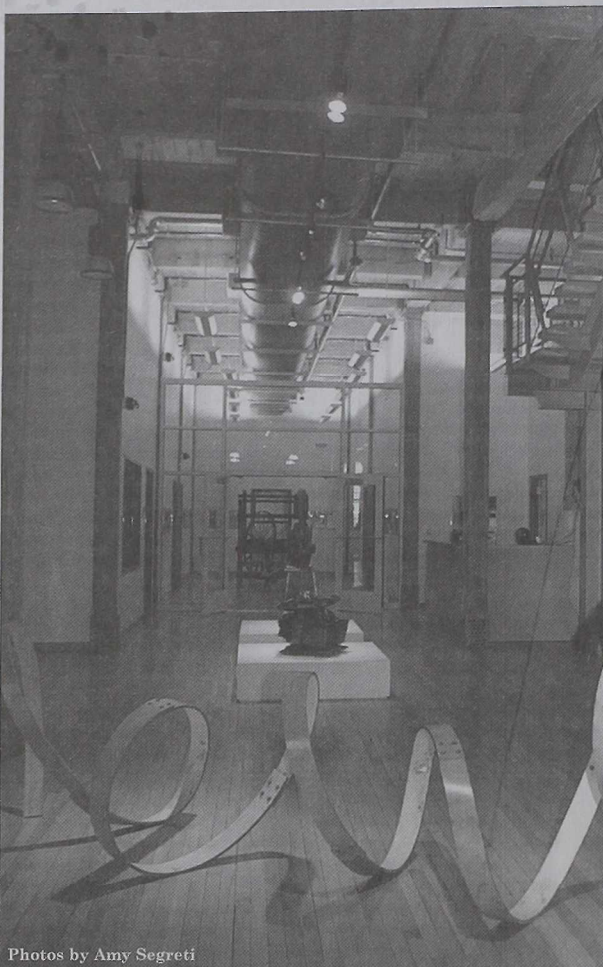
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Rocky Mount: more than meets the eye



Rocky Mount: Top and right, the Imperial Centre provides fun for all ages at the Children's Museum and the Arts Center. Above, residents enjoy fishing in the Tar River at Battle Park.



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You might not think of Rocky Mount as a destination for your travels, but in terms of a day trip — particularly if you're with children — or a perfect place to entertain your kids on a drive up north, the town has just what you're looking for.

Rocky Mount is about four miles off of I-95, making it an excellent place to stop and give your restless kids something to do with their energy. From Camp Lejeune, it's located about half-way to Washington, D.C. and a third of the way to New York City.

The first place you need to visit is the **Imperial Centre** on 270 Gay St. The name hardly implies all that is there; inside is an interactive children's museum and science center, arts center, performing arts theater, live animal gallery, planetarium, and an education center where a number of free and low-cost community arts classes take place regularly.

The building is a kind of cultural complex that used to be a combination of smaller structures, such as the old tobacco factory and the old library — a merging that attempts to preserve Rocky Mount's past.

"You not only get to come and see the arts and sciences, you get a bit of history too," said Arts and Education

Coordinator Katherine Coulter.

The **Children's Museum and Science Center** comprises two levels of interactive activities — specifically of interest is the drama theatre on the second floor, where children can try on a number of theatrical costumes and put on their own show on a mini-stage.

The planetarium is also notable. "It's the only digital planetarium in North Carolina," said Coulter. This means that the planetarium can link with satellites and Hubble telescopes to give an extremely accurate picture of the night sky.

And although other living animal galleries might be bigger, Rocky Mount's has embedded cameras in the exhibits. Visitors can move the cameras with joysticks in order to get a bigger picture of the featured creature.

"It provides a great way to learn," said Coulter.

For more information on ongoing events and hours, call 252-972-1266. Admission to the arts center is free; the children's museum and science center costs \$4 for adults and \$3 for children age 3-15 and senior citizens age 60 and up. Both museums are free on Wednesdays from 2 - 5 p.m.

While Rocky Mount has little in the way of high-profile restaurants, there are a few quality finds here nestled among the bigger chains. One is **Cuvee**, located in a non-descript strip mall on 2921 Zebulon Rd. behind the Sunset Avenue McDonalds.

Cuvee is an adorable combination café and bakery with a sizeable wine selection. Sandwiches and salads are homemade; the restaurant also offers pastries, Italian-style gelato and sorbet and fresh-

ly-ground fair-trade coffee for dining in or prepackaged whole beans to go.

You could also head to **Chico's Mexican Restaurant** located in the Power Plant building on 1701 Sunset Ave. They've got what you'd expect — traditional Mexican fare such as enchiladas, chimichangas, burritos and fajitas — and it's all surprisingly well-prepared. The décor is bright and vivid but not garish, and the outside terrace overlooking the Tar River is rather pretty. If you're there on the third Thursday of every month, you might catch the Laff Trax Comedy Network, which showcases top comics from across the country. Shows are free and begin at 9 p.m.

If the weather is right, head to **Battle Park** before you leave; it's conveniently located right next to the I-95 ramp. The park is comprised of 57 acres and located at the Tar River falls, where aboriginal hunters once roamed, and the Tuscarora Indian Tribe hunted and fished.

The Park includes scenic overlooks of the Tar River, three picnic shelters, a gazebo, fishing piers and a boat ramp. It also contains a cemetery with markers dating before the Civil War. The Confederate Monument on the edge of the park was built in 1917 in memory of Nash County soldiers known as "The Bethel Heroes."

Although Rocky Mount might not be your ultimate destination, when you're back in the car, you'll appreciate it as a low-key town with hidden treasures — especially when your children are sleepily worn out from their antics at the children's museum.

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Craft events dedicated to celebrate Month of the Military Child

Press release
Combat Creations

April is the Month of the Military Child, an in support of the month and *America Supports You*, a program of the Department of Defense Connect And Join and the American Legion Auxiliary have enlisted Combat Creations to support the "The Month of the Military Child Arts & Crafts and Scrapbooking Extravaganza" by hosting in-store events weekends during April.

Combat Creations is supporting this event by providing craft and scrapbooking projects for military families and their friends. They will be supplying scrapbook page templates for participants to make in support of the troops and making a special gift for local Wounded Warriors.

On Saturday a "Just Me & My Family Canvas Art" event will be held from noon - 5 p.m. and on Monday, a Mother-in-law Canvas Art event will be held from 7-8:30 p.m.

According to Linda Dennis, founder of Connect And Join, "More than one million American children have at least one parent serving on active-duty in the military. By providing a special place for these children to create arts and craft scrapbooking projects, they help pay tribute to children for their commitment, sacrifice struggles, and unconditional support to our troops."

Some additional project ideas have been made available by Connect And Join on the "The Month of the Military Child" Web site (www.monthofthemilitarychild.com), and focus on arts, crafts and scrapbooking project designed to help military children express their feelings and communicate with deployed family members.

"The American Legion Auxiliary understands the value of the arts in the lives of our military families. We annually co-sponsor the Veterans Creative Arts Festival, which provides veterans with an outlet for healing through the arts. We're excited to expand upon this by offering arts and crafts activities as a creative and positive way for military children and other family members to express their deepest emotions," said JoAnn Cronin, National President, American Legion Auxiliary.

Connect And Join is a family support and education services publishing company that produces a series of multimedia products, primarily a Web-based subscription communication and activities based portal that enable separated families to stay in touch. For more information, visit www.connectandjoin.com. *Connect And Join* is a proud team member of *America Supports You*.

The *American Legion Auxiliary* is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Through its nearly 10,000 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of active American citizenry that has prevailed through war and peace.

America Supports You is an ongoing nationwide program organized by the Department of Defense to showcase American support for the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. To learn more about how you can support military personnel visit www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil. ■

Satellite lets 26th MEU reach out to families

Cpl. Aaron J. Rock
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD USS BATAAN — Several Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit got a chance to talk to, and see, their loved ones in the United States Saturday, courtesy of video teleconferencing.

Each element of the MEU will have the opportunity to take part in the program, which is organized by that element's family readiness officer and the Key Volunteer Network coordinator in the rear.

Capt. Jeremy E. Reinfield, family readiness officer for the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point-based AV-8B Harrier II detachment, which is part of the 26th MEU's aviation combat element, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 264 (Reinforced), said coordinating the VTC is important for the Marines.

"It gives everybody a chance to talk to their family and see their faces," he said.

Twenty-three HMM-264 (Rein) Marines and their families got some time together Saturday with the system, which consists of a camera, television, and a microphone on both ends.

Reinfield credited the KVN coordinator at MCAS Cherry Point for putting the event together.

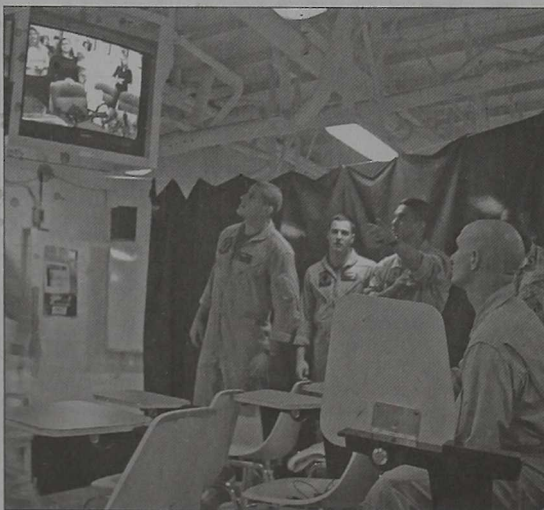
"The KVN did all the work and coordination," he said, adding that it doesn't take much to muster the Marines on ship.

One difficulty in coordinating these events can be the time difference between where the MEU is and the Marines' home station. A reasonable time for both parties had to be reached, not a small task for those with children.

It is also necessary for those who wanted to participate to be at the location of the camera on the base.

Staff Sgt. Michael S. Cunningham, a Harrier maintenance controller for HMM-264 (Rein), enjoyed the chance to see his family.

"It was a little weird looking at your family on TV," he said. "But it was nice to see them and not just talk to them."



Cpl. Aaron J. Rock

Family connections: Marines react as the satellite linkup to their families at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point is established aboard USS Bataan.

The MEU deployed from Camp Lejeune in early January, so while most Marines have talked to their families, few have seen them in more than three months.

Reinfield said the unit decided to put the conferencing together because, "It's about halfway through the float, so it's a good time to do it."

"It's a big morale booster, both for us and our families," he said.

Cunningham agreed. "It's definitely good for morale, especially for the younger guys who haven't been on a deployment yet or have a new baby." ■

Sywanyk to receive Marine Corps 2007 Magruder Award

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Carolina Living Editor

Many members of the military community attest to the fact that the Sywanyk's *Scarlet and Gold Traditions* establishment in Jacksonville is an excellent tribute to Marine culture. Now, Ret. Sgt. Maj. Ihor Sywanyk is getting recognition for his contribution by being awarded the 2007 Colonel John H. Magruder III Award by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

The Colonel John H. Magruder III Award is named for the first director of the Marine Corps Museum. It is given to an individual, institution or organization for excellence in depicting Marine Corps history in exhibits or displays in museum or similar setting.

"There was an unusually robust competition this year for the award," said the Chairman of the Magruder Award Committee Ret. Col. N. Reynolds.

The judges reviewed a number of criteria including the coherence of the exhibit, the initiative of the curator, the overall quality of presentation, Marine Corps spirit and community involvement.

"The Sergeant Major has been a collector of Marine Corps memorabilia since 1969, when he started with a pair of 1930 eagle, globe and anchor drop wings, which he bought for \$1. Since then he has amassed a truly remarkable collection of memorabilia, which he has grouped according to subject and historical period," said Reynolds.

Another factor that won Sywanyk the award is that the *Scarlet and Gold Traditions* is a living museum where Marines come together socially and celebrate the history of their Corps.

The award, which consists of a plaque and a \$1,000 check will be presented Friday at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel in Tysons Corner, the Marine Corps commandant, Gen. James Conway will be in attendance. ■



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