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Students at the Montessori Children's School in Jacksonville help re-design their playground as part of the outdoor learning initiative, Project Greenspace. To read the story turn to 1D.

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Allen Warriors
Sgt. Douglas A. Zembiec, 1st of Albuquerque, N.M., died May 11 while conducting combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to

headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Regional Support Group, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Air Ground Task Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Heroes Welcome
Welcome home warriors of the 1st Battalion 6th Marine Regiment. Job well done. The battalion will be returning from supporting the Global War on Terrorism in the Al Anbar province in Iraq. For information on the homecoming call 451-2401 or visit www.lejeune.usmc.mil/2dnavdiv/16/main.html.

Bush Names Lute to New Post to Support Iraq, Afghanistan Ops
President George W. Bush announced Tuesday that he has named Army Lt. Gen. Douglas E. Lute, director of operations for the Joint Staff, as assistant to the president and deputy national security advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan. To read the story visit www.defenselink.mil.

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Training: Lance Cpl. Kristofer M. Brown, an infantryman from Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon, Battalion Landing Team 2/2, provides security during a convoy live-fire exercise at Udairi Range, Kuwait, May 2.

26th MEU unleashes full capabilities during Kuwait sustainment training

Cpl. Jeremy Ross
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD USS BATAAN — The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned here and to the other ships of the Bataan Strike Group recently, following nearly two weeks of rigorous sustainment training at Udairi Range and Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

The training began April 24 and marked the first time the entire MEU had off-loaded ashore to conduct operations since deploying Jan. 6.

Having the MEU ashore in its entirety played a key role in setting the table for a successful round of desert training, said Col. Gregg A. Sturdevant, 26th MEU commanding officer.

While in Kuwait, each element of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force took advantage of an abundance of training opportunities.

Battalion Landing Team 2/2, the MEU's ground combat element, capitalized on the extensive desert training areas at the Udairi Range complex to put its troops through numerous scenarios, including military operations in urban terrain, entry control point tactics and mounted and dismounted patrol maneuvers.

The wide-open training spaces also gave BLT 2/2 the opportunity to unleash its explosive side, as the battalion's mortar, tank and artillery units all had a chance to conduct live-fire exercises.

"The value of the training [in Kuwait] was absolutely priceless," said Sgt. Maj. Howard K. Long, BLT 2/2 sergeant major. "For the first time in this deployment we got



Live-fire: Cpl. Jarod J. Scapin, fires an M-203 grenade launcher at Udairi Range, Kuwait.

to exercise all of our elements as everyone got a chance to train."

Training was not the only focus of the MEU during its time in the desert, as the unit's combat service support arm, Combat Logistics Battalion-26, proved with a robust maintenance schedule.

The logistics battalion's goal in Kuwait was to knock out as much of its scheduled and accumulated maintenance issues as possible, said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Todd L. McCallister, CLB-26 maintenance officer.

The MEU's ground

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Mattis visits TQ, stays in touch with troops

Cpl. Thomas J. Griffith
2nd Marine Logistics Group

AL TAQADDUM, Iraq — Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis, Commander U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command and Commanding General I Marine Expeditionary Force, visited service members May 10.

Mattis was accompanied by his sergeant major and command master chief petty officer, Sgt. Maj. Dennis W. Reed and Master Chief Petty Officer Raphael Sanchez, and Maj. Gen. Michael E. Ennis, Deputy Director for Community Human Intelligence, National Clandestine Service, Central Intelligence Agency.

He said the reason for the visit was "to stay in touch with the reality seen by [the troops]. I can't get that from my filtered reports without coming to this level."

The Richland, Wash., native said he was able to get a good impression of how the service members are feeling.

"I can tell you they have very high spirits, eagerness to close with and defeat the enemies and compassion for the innocent Iraqis caught up in this fight," said the Marine of more than 30 years. "They are very much aware that the enemy's mistakes have set the enemy up for defeat."

Mattis and the others visited Taqaddum Surgical Detachment and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion during their visit.

Besides getting a feel for how the Marines and sailors are doing, Sanchez said it allows them the opportunity to clarify bad

information, which can weigh on the minds of troops and loved ones alike.

"We bring news from home and dispel rumors," he said, adding that they are able to provide clarification for stories in the media. "We also take information and updates back with us for the staff and families."

One Marine with EOD Company, 8th ESB, said she feels the visit went "extremely well."

"He was able to interact one-on-one with the Marines and see some of the advancements of certain tools and equipment," said Sgt. Natasha C. Young, the administrative chief for EOD Company.

The Lawrence, Mass., native also said it shows the capabilities of today's Corps.

"These visits are important because it depicts an accurate portrait of all the great things we are doing out here and that our Marine Corps is ready for any task and any mission," she added.

Mattis also made stops in Al Asad, Fallujah, Al Qaim, Haditha, Ramadi and Camp Ganon, which is near the Syrian border, during his visit.

He briefly addressed the political situation back in the states as well, saying that service members should not question whether or not they are supported.

"There are many political debates taking place in the states, but in terms of support, there is no argument whatsoever," he said. "They are unified on one point. There's no misunderstanding. They support the troops, so we can stay focused on the mission."



Robot: Staff Sgt. Amin Thrasher shows off a Talon robot to Sergeants Major Carl R. Green and Dennis W. Reed, May 10.

Progress toward a more secure Al Anbar province

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Life in Iraq's Anbar province is still dangerous, but security is improving, the senior commander for ground operations in the province said Sunday in Baghdad.

For example, 22 joint security stations in the town of Ramadi now are helping to tamp down violence, Marine Brig. Gen. Charles M. Gurganus, ground forces commander for Multinational Force West, said during a news conference.

"As security continues to improve, we don't think that there will be a need for all of those security stations," Gurganus, whose jurisdiction includes Anbar province, said.

Much success has been achieved in reducing violence in Anbar province, Gurganus said, although he acknowledged that conditions there can still be precarious for residents as well as for Iraqi and coalition forces.

"There are still dangerous things going on there," the one-star general said. "While we have achieved a great deal of success, there still are dangers."

Gurganus cited Anbar residents' growing disapproval of and hostility toward Al-Qaida and other terrorists as an indicator of an improving climate across the western province.

"We clearly see that the Iraqi citizens have grown tired of what the insurgency has to offer; they do not want any part of it," Gurganus said. Iraqis living in Anbar province want a cessation of violence, he noted, and a secure future for themselves and their families. Iraqi citizens in Anbar are increasingly providing

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MAN on the street

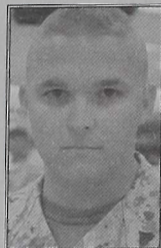
What do you do at the beach to stay safe?



"I normally stay with a crowd and don't stray off alone and I don't go in the water because I am not a strong swimmer."

Staff Sgt. Howard Hayes
Motor transport chief
2nd Marine Division
Dinwiddie, Va.

"Drink moderately, use sun screen and I make sure whomever is with me is in eyesight at all times and I practice [operational risk management]."



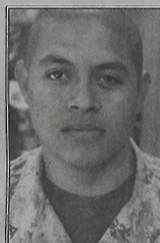
Cpl. Jonathan Timmons
Motor transport operator
II Marine Expeditionary Force
Austin, Texas

"I wear sunscreen and I always have a buddy with me and use ORM."



Pfc. Timothy Cronin
Motor transport operator
II Marine Expeditionary Force
Grand Prairie, Texas

"I don't go out in the water while intoxicated and I stay hydrated."



Lance Cpl. Jesus Silva
Motor transport operator
II Marine Expeditionary Force
Mesquite, Texas

"Make sure you stay aware of your surroundings especially in the water. If you see fish start to jump in a particular area it usually means there are predators there."



Pfc. Skye Pulver
Motor transport operator
II Marine Expeditionary Force
Deland, Fla.

Honoring Armed Forces Day Message from the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps

Established in 1950, the observance of Armed Forces Day continues to provide an excellent opportunity for the military community to celebrate our unique capabilities with the citizens of America. This day not only reinforces the public's understanding of our role in society but also reminds us of the cost of freedom.

On Armed Forces Day in 1963, President Kennedy stated that our service men and women are "evidence of a harsh but inescapable truth, that the

survival of freedom requires great cost and commitment and great personal sacrifice." Those words certainly ring true today as America has tens of thousands of Marines, sailors, soldiers, airmen, and coastguardsmen serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and many thousands more forward deployed to austere locations around the globe securing our freedoms. The courageous efforts of our armed services to protect the homeland and bring hope and security to so many throughout this world are

truly inspirational and a testament to our national resolve. As we observe Armed Forces Day, please remember that we have the firm support of American people in continuing fight to win the war. Know also that your accomplishments over the year are vital to continuing national security. Semper Fidelis, Marines!

Gen. James T. Conway,
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Marines on TV

An episode of the Food Network show "Dinner Impossible" will feature Marines from 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

In just 7 hours (one episode), Chef Robert Irvine, host of "Dinner Impossible" and a former chief petty officer cook in the British Royal Navy, will feed 850 tired, hungry and tough Marines.

Irvine accepted the challenge. He was provided a field kitchen with an oven he was told had the power of a jet fighter's engine. He quickly discovered that Marines have a sense of humor. "Let me tell you this, if any Marine or air service person is flying a jet with that on it, they're not going very far," Irvine said. "It took me 45 minutes to sauté an onion!"

The meal he prepared required 104 pounds of onions. The ill-equipped kitchen was just part of the challenge, however. He was provided no food, and only six Marines trained in combat, but not in cuisine, as assistants.

The show will air Thursday at 1:30 a.m.; Sunday at 4:30 and 11:30 p.m. and Monday at 2 a.m.

If you know Marines who are being highlighted, let us know by calling 451-7423



Semper Safe

'Watercraft safety: Whatever floats your boat'

Summertime is finally here! Along with the beautiful North Carolina weather, miles and miles of beaches, rivers and lakes comes the enjoyment of boating. This includes the increasingly popular use of personal watercrafts or jet skis.

However, with this pleasure comes the possibility of injury or death, especially when mixed with water. There is good news. Despite the increasing number of watercraft accidents and fatalities are decreasing. Of these fatalities, here are some key facts that should help you decide what actions to take to help ensure your time on the water is both safe and enjoyable:

• 70 percent of all fatal boating accident victims drowned.

• 87 percent of the victims who drowned were not wearing a lifejacket.

• The most reported types of accident were collisions with other vessels.

• Capsizing and falls overboard are the most reported types of fatal accidents.

• Approximately 70 percent of all reported fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction

• Alcohol use was a contributing factor in 25 percent of all boating fatalities in 2005.

Do not despair; boating when done correctly and in accordance with state boating law can be done in a safe manner. Here are a few tips to help you enjoy your watercraft activities safely:

• Learn to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around water is to learn to swim.

Sounds simple enough, but you would be surprised.

• Wear a lifejacket. Most state laws require all vessels to have at least one Coast Guard approved, serviceable, properly-sized flotation device for each person on board.

• Attend a boating safety course. Courses are available online and within the local community. North Carolina General Statutes require that anyone between the age of 14 and 16 years complete an approved Boating Education Course and carry a certification card and proof of age in order to operate a personal watercraft on the waters of North Carolina.

• Don't drink and boat. North Carolina law prohibits anyone from operating a watercraft while under the influence of

alcohol or drugs. Anyone with a BAC greater than 0.08 percent is considered under the influence. Alcohol and drugs cause impaired balance, blurred vision, poor coordination, impaired judgment, and slower reaction time.

Boaters and jet skiers: It is your responsibility to ensure that you conduct your watercraft activities safely. Remember that you are not the only one out there. Share the waters, have fun and enjoy the summer.

Additional information on boating accidents, North Carolina required boating equipment and lifejacket information is available at the Camp Lejeune, Safety Division WSIS Web site at: <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplacepercent20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>.

Remember - You are in command - boat responsibly. ■

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Bravo takes on the streets of Haditha

Cpl. Rick Nelson
2nd Marine Division

HADITHA, Iraq — Tasked with defeating insurgents, gaining the trust of the local populace, coordinating reconstruction and other humanitarian projects, Marines assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment of Regimental Combat Team-2 and members of the Iraqi police are immersed in counterinsurgency operations.

Conducting operations in the Haditha Triad region of Iraq's Al Anbar province, Cpl. Cody Hromada, assistant patrol leader, Company B, 1/3rd Iraqi Police lieutenant "Jack", understand the war they fight.

Jack (whose name remains anonymous for security reasons) is satisfied with the Marines working side by side with the Marines. Jack knows they are vital to the success of the Iraqi police.

"They help us with everything and before they got here the town wasn't as safe as it is now," Jack elaborated. People in town used to never speak to us, because they were scared for their lives, but now they come out and invite us into their homes for dinner."

On a recent patrol, Hromada noticed a piece of copper wire on the ground and followed it over a wall.

"I kept following it and noticed that it led into the road underneath the cement, so we called EOD [Explosive Ordnance Disposal] and it turned out to be an IED," Hromada said.



Cpl. Stephen Kwiecinski

Security patrol: Marines assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, provide security to the city of Haditha, Iraq, with mounted patrols April 10. On the patrols the Lava Dogs are looking for Improvised Explosive Device, weapons cache and any insurgent activity.

Understanding his role as a noncommissioned-officer, Hromada is getting to know the local people and children by going on patrols and handing out candy and school supplies.

"The people notice we're a new unit and have been very friendly, wel-

coming us with food and being very helpful," Hromada said. "We just want to do anything and everything we can to show the locals that we're here for them. The more understanding they are that we're here to help, the less likely they'll be to take the side of the insurgents."

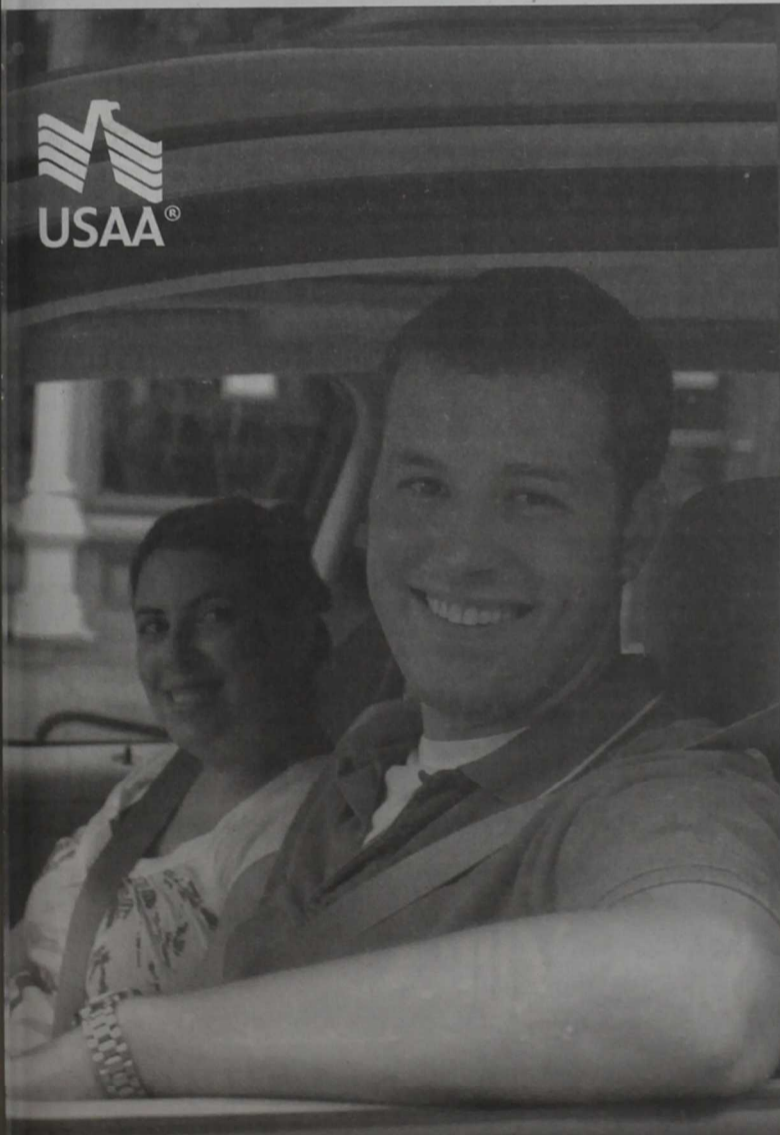
Conducting security patrols, IED sweeps, raids and other operations can be taxing on anyone. But Jack, once an officer in the Iraqi army, explained how the Marines' actions and operations have worked to better this area.

"Before, everyday we had many mortar and

sniper attacks," Jack said. "When we went out we would be shot at. The civilians have changed and will actually talk to us without being scared."

Both Hromada and Jack said they feel their efforts will bring stability and security to the region.

"At any given time we have a section outside the wire," Hromada said, "and that's what it's all about, getting out there and getting the bad guys out of the city, so the people can go on with their lives. I mean, this is what we're here for, to help the locals and keep them safe." ■



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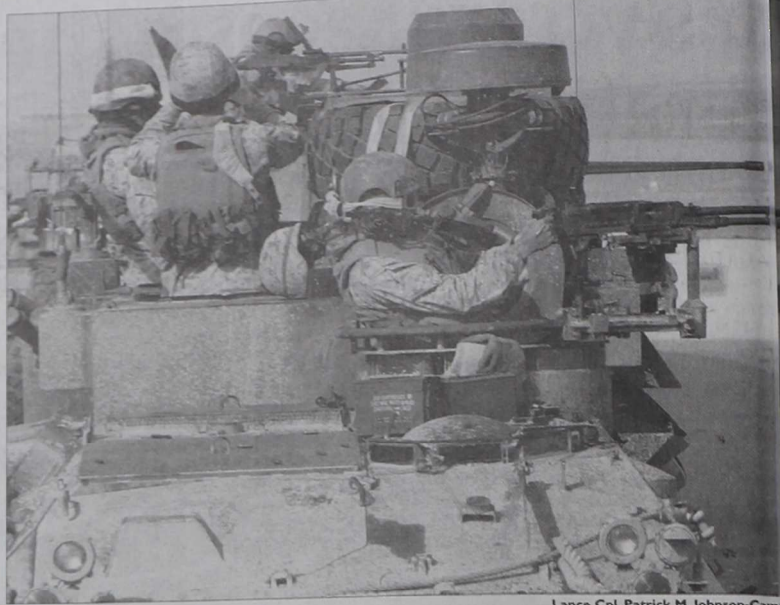
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Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Johnson-Campbell

Range: Marines and Sailors from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit participate in a Combat Marksmanship Program shoot at Udairi Range, Kuwait, April 29.



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elements were not the only components to reap the benefits of the desert training.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 (Reinforced), the MEU's aviation combat element, took to the skies for round-the-clock flight operations that resulted in seven pilots advancing their flight designation qualifications, said Maj. Jan M. January, the squadron's special projects officer.

"There were some awesome terrain features in Kuwait that we used to challenge our pilots," he explained.

An abundance of technol-

ogy-enhanced training opportunities were found at Camp Buehring itself, including a humvee egress simulator, an advanced first-aid trainer and a main battle tank simulator.

When the MEU's personnel were not busy training, the camp also offered comforts to the troops in the form of dining facilities, restaurants and post exchanges.

While these amenities were certainly welcome after spending much of the last few months at sea, the best part of the MEU's time ashore was the intense training, said Lance Cpl. Joshua C. Davis, a rifleman from Company E, BLT 2/2.

"There were a lot of nice things about the base, but in reality it was probably better

that we spent most of time in the field," he said. "It was some of the best training I've ever had, especially because it was set in the desert."

The MEU's accomplishments as a whole were not short of outstanding, said Sturdevant. "Overall, think our time in Kuwait was very productive. We were able to accomplish a majority of our training as an impressive amount of maintenance."

The training in Kuwait marked the MEU's fourth ashore exercise during current deployment as the landing force for the Battle of the Bulge Expeditionary Strike Group. The unit had previously conducted exercises in Djibouti, Kenya and Qatar. ■

Civil Service Employees to convert to pay-for-performance system

Press release

National Security Personnel System

Camp Lejeune will be part of the Department of Defense's change from the current civilian personnel management system to a new pay-for-performance system called the National Security Personnel System.

NSPS is tentatively scheduled to be put into effect at Camp Lejeune on Feb. 3 as part of the system's spiraling implementation, which has bases and stations gradually changing over from the current personnel system to NSPS, said Josephine Futrell, the program coordinator for NSPS at Camp Lejeune.

The new system does away with the general schedule and within-grade raises. Instead, employees are paid for the kind of job they do and how well they do their job, said Futrell.

Employees are evaluated by their immediate supervisors and receive raises based on the supervisor's recommendation. In the current system, employees receive within-grade raises primarily based on the time they have been working at a particular grade level.

This conversion currently applies to all non-bargaining unit general schedule employees. Military and non-appropriated fund supervisors of non-bargaining unit GS employees will also experience changes as a result of NSPS. Bargaining unit status can be found on each employee's SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, under block 37.

Prior to conversion to NSPS, mandatory classroom training on NSPS will be provided to non-bargaining unit employees and their military/non-appropriated fund supervisors. This training is scheduled to start this summer. Affected employees will be notified on when and how to register for the classes.

To effectively prepare the workforce at Camp Lejeune for this transition, a command implementation team has been formed consisting of representatives from the Manpower Department, Training and Operations Department, Business and Logistics Support Department, Installations and

Environment Department, Installation Security and Safety Department, Comptroller Department, Marine Corps Community Services, Public Affairs Office, Civilian Human Resources Office, Information Technology Office and Legal Department. The mission of the implementation team is to successfully guide Marine Corps Base through all aspects of this transition.

The challenges of the country require the change to NSPS. The Marine Corps workforce is being asked to assume new responsibilities, take more risks and be more innovative, agile and accountable than ever before. Flexibility is not a policy preference. It's a requirement.

For more information on NSPS, contact Josephine Futrell, Program Coordinator at 451-2748. Also, recurring articles on NSPS will be published in *The Globe* and at www.leetcode.usmc.mil/hrocast/NSPS.html. ■



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Phase crew keeps aircraft in flight

Cpl. Andrew Kalwitz
2nd Marine Logistics Group

TAQADDUM, Iraq — The crew with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262, 2nd Air Wing (Forward) performs maintenance for the unit's lift — a difficult mission on the 40-year-old helicopter — accumulate more than a hundred flight hours each month. As difficult as it may be, lack of a phase crew would likely result in the lack of capabilities. The squadron's "birds" are vital for supply and troop delivery to most locations within the province. That probably explains why the phase crew, the "Shade Tree Mechanic" as they call themselves, work 12-hour shifts. Cpl. Joe Morales, an instructor, Calif., native com-

mented on the squadron's high operational tempo as they have accumulated three times as many flight hours since deploying.

"On average, in [our home station] we do about 300 hours a month, so here flying a thousand hours a month is saying a lot," said the HMM-262 flightline mechanic.

Each aircraft undergoes four total inspection phases with 150 hours of flight between each stage. Morales said each aircraft is broken down and thoroughly inspected during each stage. Any discovered discrepancies are then repaired and the aircraft is reassembled. After accumulating 600 total flight hours, the cycle begins again.

"I love it," Morales added. "I just like working with my hands, getting dirty... and seeing the bird test up and fly off. That's a reward in itself."

The phase crew chief explained



Cpl. Andrew Kalwitz

Inspection: The 'Shade Tree Mechanic' with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-262 reattach the propellers to one of the squadron's CH-46E helicopters after completing the third inspection phase in a four-phase process.

how he feels about the Marines in his charge.

"They're the life blood out here if you want to call it that," said Gunnery Sgt. Wayne S. Yates, a Jacksonville, N.C., native. "The

Marines are like the aircraft. The harder you work them, the better they are."

"When it comes to their abilities, you can't touch them," he added.

The "Shade Tree Mechanic" anticipate completing the full inspection cycle three to four

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Motor transportation mechanics keep MLG rolling

Cpl. Wayne Edmiston
2nd Marine Logistics Group

AL TAQADDUM, Iraq — The Marines of 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) send hundreds of vehicles out on Iraq's roadways to provide logistical support to all the units in Al Anbar province. However, for every turning wheel there is a turning wrench responsible for keeping it going.

Those vehicles need to be maintained and the Marines of Motor Transportation Maintenance, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd MLG (Fwd) are up to the challenge.

Cpl. Jeremy Roberts, an Amarillo, Texas, native is a noncommissioned officer that works behind the scenes with his fellow Marines taking on the task of never-ending maintenance.

Roberts explained that his unit is responsible for performing preventive maintenance and repairing trucks damaged in combat as well as those damaged by everyday wear and tear.

Maintaining such a mammoth fleet is no small task, but the Marines say that the operational pace helps them combat the strains of separation.

"We work a lot," Roberts explained. "I get homesick but the environment is great."

Smiling faces can be seen around the work bays where these Marines work. The atmosphere is reminiscent of a neighborhood garage in the U.S. Loud music is barely audible over the sounds of tools and Marines exchanging conversation and laughter.

"Getting to know the younger Marines is my favorite part," Roberts said. "Seeing them change and come to you for advice."

Roberts, who has a wife and child back home, works right alongside his younger mechanics as they work on their daily tasks.

"They are the body of this unit," he continued. "They make all this stuff happen. If it wasn't for them, it wouldn't get done."

The relaxed environment is something Roberts has come to benefit from.

"When you are working on the same bolt for an hour, having someone to talk to is what keeps you from flipping out and throwing it across the lot," he said.

Lance Cpl. Michael J. Pennington joined the Marine Corps as a mechanic to learn something new and is one of the shop's junior Marines. His favorite part is troubleshooting. It is always the first step and starts with figuring out the cause of the damage. Many of the small

repairs can be handled by the driver but when the driver really "messes it up" it comes in to motor transportation maintenance.

"Sometimes I want to tell these guys to take better care of their stuff," Roberts said referring to the drivers. "If you were to go into battle on a warhorse, you wouldn't want that horse to be skin and bones. You would water it and feed it; if not, it might not get you very far. Vehicles are the same way."

After the initial damage assessment, they begin to scour the base for parts to make the repair, explained Staff Sgt. Gregory B. McKinney, the Motor Transportation Maintenance section chief.

"We don't order parts unless we absolutely have to," the Detroit native said. "Once we receive all the parts the repair ideally gets done in less than 72 hours."

The Marines then take on their next task, whatever it may be, like a well-oiled machine, McKinney said, whose hometown is ironically nicknamed "The Motor City."

"We have such a high caliber of Marines. No matter what the task, they will do what is required and more," McKinney concluded. ■



Drill: Cpl. Willard C. May works on part of a humvee. The Marines of 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) send hundreds of vehicles out on Iraq's roadways to provide logistical support to all the units in Al Anbar province.

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Devil Dogs take a bite out of Anbar insurgency

Cpl. Zachary Dyer

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward)

AL ASAD, Iraq — In the states, McGruff the "crime" dog is responsible for taking a bite out of crime. In the Al Anbar province, more specifically Al Asad, it is the four-legged Marines at the Military Working Dog Kennel taking a bite out of the insurgency.

The dogs and their handlers make sure that the service members aboard Al Asad and those they accompany outside the wire, are kept safe from improvised explosive devices and other dangers.

The military working dogs and their handlers at Al Asad and the rest of Multi-National Forces-West fall under Task Force Military Police, controlled by 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. Through TFMP, the handlers and their canine partners support all the units in Al Anbar province, helping with everything from foot patrols to entry control point searches.

"The [Explosive Ordnance Disposal team] from this base works with us, and we work hand in hand with them," said Cpl. Tara Parrish, a military working dog handler from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. "But the important part is getting the dogs out there with the different battalions and the platoons that are marching out and actually

searching and doing foot patrols, that way we can protect them."

The number of dogs and handlers at the kennel changes from week to week, because Al Asad is the starting point for handlers and their dogs before moving to different areas of operation, according to Petty Officer 1st Class Jennifer Trambulo, the Al Asad kennel master.

"This is the hub for all the handlers," said Trambulo. "We all have to start from Al Asad to do the in-country briefs and [the battlesight zero] range. Plus, the veterinarian is here."

After checking in at Al Asad, the handlers and their dogs will move to other bases and outposts throughout MNF-W to be closer to the units they will support.

The Marines at the Al Asad kennel come from different bases throughout the Marine Corps, from MCAS Miramar, on the West Coast to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. on the East Coast.

The handlers and their canine counterparts have an important mission to accomplish both on and off base according to Parrish, who works with an MWD named Paco.

"We go with Special Forces, we go with Recon, we go with whatever group needs us," said Parrish, a Columbus, Wis., native. "We search all the vehicles coming into the ECPs. We'll

go to the flight line and search baggage coming in to make sure there are no explosives or narcotics coming onto the base."

The units that handlers and their dogs attach to often welcome them with open arms, because the Marines know that having a dog with them increases their chances of finding weapons caches or capturing insurgents, according to Cpl. James Riepe, a handler from Camp Lejeune who works with MWD Caro.

"When you're out on a long mission, when you have a dog, it helps the Marines," said Riepe, a Sussex County, N.J., native.

Riepe said the Marines get excited when dogs are attached to their units. They know they have a chance to see a dog in action.

The relationship between the dog and their handler is critical to the mission. The Marines must stay alert. A handler that is not paying attention can miss the signals that his dog is sending, according to Lance Cpl. Matthew Blackburn, a handler from MCAS Beaufort, S.C., who works with MWD Bancuk.

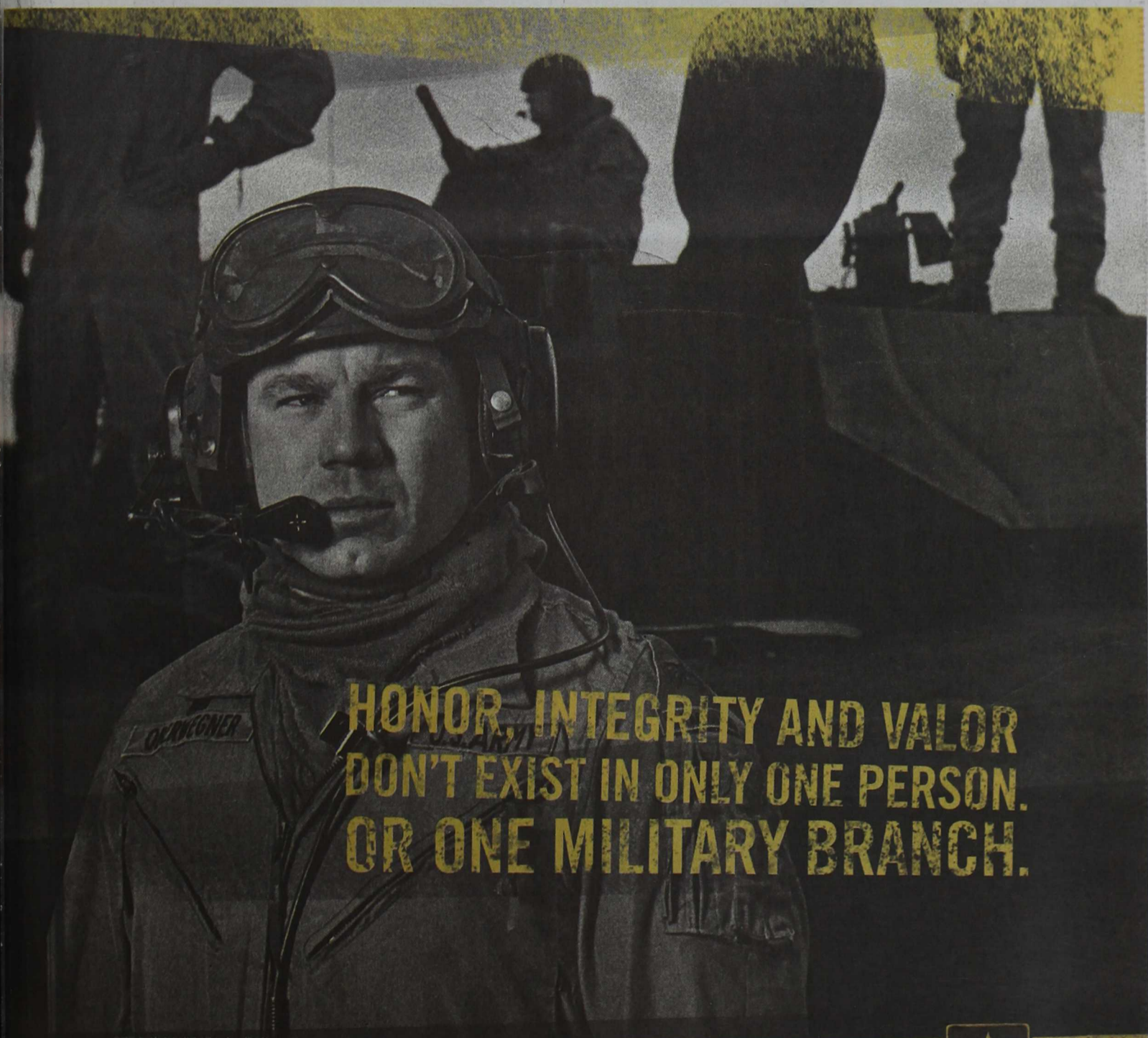
"It can be a challenge at times," said Blackburn, a Wadsworth, Ohio, native. "You don't know what's going to happen. We make it sound like it's fun and it's easy, and that all we do is cache sweeps. But you're

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Cpl. Zachary Dyer

military working dog: Lance Cpl. Melissa Losacker, a military working dog handler, and her canine partner, Karo, conduct a search at Al Asad, Iraq April 23.



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times during their seven-month deployment.
The crew doesn't make their contribution with rifles and protective vests in the sandy setting of the insurgency's presence. Rather, they arm themselves with a wrench and sport grease-spotted coveralls in the premises of their fellow "wingers," a name given to Marines representing the Corps' aviation capabilities.

"We don't see the fight on the frontlines or anything, but we get to build the birds up and make them air-worthy so that the grunts can get to that front line," said Cpl. Zachary A. Newfang, an airframe mechanic with HMM-262.
Newfang, a Wayland, N.Y., native, said the phase crew's work resembles that of the handy repairmen from a television show he once watched.
"They would take old cars and tell you how to kind of beef them up and do it all in a safe manner. They'd break them

down step-by-step for you."
That show became their title, "Shade Tree Mechanix."
"We're the ones doing the maintenance on the birds, so we kind of took it in and made it our name too," Newfang added.
If the idea of a phase crew had never gotten off the ground, it would be difficult for Marine Corps aircraft to do just that. By turning the wrenches, they can turn the propellers and give hope to turning Iraq into a self-sufficient country and partner to the United States. ■



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really out there looking for an explosive that can kill four people in a humvee, and you're on foot with a dog. You have to be on your toes, you can't get complacent as a dog handler. If you do, you'll overlook your dog's change and what your dog's trying to tell you."

The tight relationship between handlers and their dogs means the Marines have to stay upbeat and excited when they are on a mission. Handlers control the drive of their dog. If they get tired or start to slack off, their dog will sense it and do the same thing. The emotions of the handler travel down the leash to the dog, according to Blackburn.

Despite the stressful situations they sometimes encounter, the handlers are having a good time on their deployment. They all agree that they have the best job in the Marine Corps.

"Just imagine, part of my job is to play with my dog anytime I want to," said Trambulo. "How cool is that?"

Being deployed to Iraq provides the Marines with a rare opportunity. Handlers, who are with their dogs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, build a relationship with their MWD that is rare back in the states. While deployed, handlers have complete control over their dogs, whereas in the states, responsibility for the dogs is shared by all the Marines in the kennel.

"That rapport, and that bond, is really strong with you and the dog," said Parrish. "It's a really good way, since you're with them so much, to get a new understanding of how [the dogs] work. A new understanding of what they do when they find odors, or what they do when they are sniffing other stuff."

"It's really hard to give them back when you have to," added Parrish. "They're always with you, and they're always loyal to you." ■

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time in the field," he stated. "It was some of the best training I've ever had, especially because it was set in the desert."

The MEU's accomplishments as a whole were nothing short of outstanding, said Sturdevant. "Overall I think our time in Kuwait was very productive. We were able to accomplish the majority of our training and an impressive amount of maintenance."

The training in Kuwait marked the MEU's fourth ashore exercise during its current deployment as the landing force for the Bataan Expeditionary Strike Group. The unit had previously conducted exercises in Djibouti, Kenya and Qatar. ■

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Service members learn about Anti-Terrorism Force Protection

Cpl. Zachary Dyer
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward)

AL ASAD, Iraq — In the Global War on Terror, security is paramount. Service members go to great lengths to ensure that they stay as safe as possible while deployed. Fences and concrete barriers are erected around buildings, identification cards are checked at the entrances to high-traffic areas, and vehicles are searched as they come through Entry Control Points. All of these measures are taken to increase security aboard military bases in Iraq. The service members in charge of Anti-Terrorism Force Protection in Multi-National Forces-West Iraq recently learned more about what it takes to ensure the people around them are kept safe during a three-day ATFP class at Al Asad.

"We're instructing the Anti-Terrorism Level II class," said Army Lt. Keith Janowski, the Chief of Elements for Multi-National Forces-West. "Anti-Terrorism Level I is the class everyone takes to come into theater. Level II is for force protection officers (antiterrorism officers at the various forward operating bases) and units, battalions and higher need a trained dedicated officer or staff noncommissioned officer to do the job. People aren't able to receive the training on the short notice before coming over here. So, we're catching people up."

More than 60 ATFP officers from units around the Multi-National Forces-West area of operations attended the class. This is the fifth class that Janowski and his team of instructors have given since the beginning of the war. They have taught more than 250 service members in that time, according to Janowski, a Wilmington, Del., native. The service members learned about concepts like compartmentalizing buildings to decrease the effects of an explo-

sion and overhead protection. They also learned how to draw up ATFP plans for their unit, and how to look at the vulnerabilities that were unique to their area of operations.

For some students, the class was a much needed tool to have in their box, especially to the ones who were new to their job, according to Army 1st Lt. Ashley Philbin, the ATFP officer for the 264th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion based at Al Taqaddum, Iraq.

"It was really good," said Philbin, an Altoona, Pa., native. "I didn't take the class back in the rear, I just got thrown into the position of ATFP officer in charge. For me, it was very helpful because they were talking about things that I have to do in TQ that I didn't know about. So everything they covered in here really brought everything to light. I was taking notes on things that I have to do when I get back."

For Marines like Gunnery Sgt. Gilbert Ramon, an ATFP officer for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 29 here, the class was more of a refresher course. Ramon was an instructor at the Marine Security Guard school and has done extensive work in force protection.

"Everything was need-to-know information," said Ramon, a Victoria, Texas, native. "A lot of it was information that covered the different threats that are out there, and their protective measures."

Ramon said the students were shown many examples of events that could have been avoided with proper, or improved, ATFP measures. On the last day of the class, students were split into groups to conduct a vulnerability assessment of four buildings on Al Asad. Each group inspected one building, taking notes based on what they had learned over the past three days.

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Cpl. Zachary Dyer

Cargo: Marines and Airmen prepare to load cargo into the belly of a Marine Aerial Refueling Squadron 252 KC-130J, April 21.

Marines air deliver supplies to COP Timberwolf

Sgt. Anthony Guas
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward)

AL ASAD, Iraq — Just like a football team's defense and offense work together to win a game, different parts of the Marine Air Ground Task Force come together to provide support for Marines on the ground.

The air delivery Marines of Transportation Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), in coordination with Marine Aerial Refueling Squadron 252 (Reinforced), provided much needed supplies to Combat Outpost Timberwolf, April 21.

"This air drop brings in a great deal of

needed supplies without putting people on the roads," said 2nd Lt. Patrick McElhone, the weapons executive officer for 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment.

The Marines delivered more than 33,400 pounds of supplies, which included water, Meals, Ready-to-Eat and various other supplies.

"We dropped a total of 18 [container delivery systems]," said Staff Sgt. Robb McBride, the air delivery staff noncommissioned officer in charge. "This is what we came out here to do, support the warfighters on the ground."

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'Sons of Rutbah' return home

Staff Sgt. Stephen L. Traynham
2nd Marine Division

RUTBAH, Iraq — In what is considered a step toward Iraqi-led Security Forces in this last city before the Syrian and Jordanian borders, 40 newly-graduated Iraqi police returned to the city.

The "Sons of Rutbah" as they are called due to them being from the city, returned April 22 from the police academy to serve and protect their city.

"[The people of Rutbah] have been waiting for their IPs to return," said 2nd Lt. Kieran R. O'Neil, officer in charge of the civil affair group detachment attached to Task Force Tarawa. "They want locals to patrol the streets of Rutbah."

It has been almost a year since there has been a constant police presence in the city.

"There was a police force here about a year ago," said Capt. Daniel W. Micklis, officer in charge of police transition team 21 attached to Task Force

Tarawa. "There were a few issues that caused them to disband. The biggest were the lack of a Coalition presence in the city and not getting paid."

Police transition team 21 has been working with and training the IPs since their return from the academy.

"In the academy, they are taught the basics of police work," said Micklis, a Long Beach, Calif., native. "We reinforce some of the things they were taught, but we focus on orientating them toward being a counter-insurgency force."

These initial 40 IPs are the first wave to return from the academy; there are more to come. Some here are turning back the pages of time to increase the force numbers and add a little seasoning.

"We are in the process of getting a hiring order to rehire some of the members of the police force that used to be here," said O'Neil. "They are the ones with the experience. They will be a great asset to the newly-formed Iraqi police here."



Staff Sgt. Stephen L. Traynham

Training: The "Sons of Rutbah," as the new members of the city's police force are called, gather for a photo with their counterparts, the Marines and sailors of Police Transition Team 21 during a break in their training.

According to some of the Marines here, the presence of the Iraqi police alone, will have a great effect on the city.

"All of the IPs we are working with are from Rutbah," said Micklis. "They know the people and they speak the language. They

will give the people here a greater sense of security."

"By and large, we are looking forward to having them here," said Lt. Col. Andrew H. Smith, commanding officer of Task Force Tarawa. "Having the IPs here means the locals are starting to take

over the security of their own city, and more Iraqi control means less coalition presence."

Though the Iraqi police are not yet working independently, they are well on their way.

"It'll take some time," said O'Neil, "but if they

want it, it'll happen. Task Force Tarawa is part of Regimental Combat Team 2, a Corps command responsible for more than 100 square miles and 1,000 Marines, sailors and airmen in Iraq's Anbar province. ■

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the KC-130J at night to provide better coverage for the aircraft and the Marines on the ground.

"The squadrons like to come in blacked out [without any lights on] because it keeps the threat down," said McBride. "It's a little bit harder for us, but we can use [Night Vision Goggles]. It is a lot safer for all of us."

This was the first time that a drop has been done in more than a year, but the air

delivery Marines are optimistic about having future drops.

"I think that we are underutilized, because people don't know about our capabilities," explained McBride. "This is the tip of the iceberg of what we can do. Hopefully we can get more requests."

Although this was the first drop in a long time, the Marines feel that the mission was a success.

"It was 100 percent mission accomplishment," said Cpl. David Ulrich, an air delivery specialist for TS Company, CLB-2. "We got them all their gear without any incidents." ■

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"They're going to come back and give a report on what the vulnerabilities are and how to mitigate them," explained Janowski. "We've had extensive blocks of instruction on how to mitigate vulnerabilities, not just identify them. We're focusing on what you can do quick, with what you have on hand, and what you need a long term approach to fix."

One of the biggest things that Janowski wants the service members to take away from the class is how important ATFP is to the mission in Iraq.

"Terrorists can be right one time out of 1000, and they win. We have to be right every time, and if we're not right, we have to have measures in place to mitigate the effects of the attack and have as few casualties as possible." ■

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increasingly providing information about insurgent operations to Iraqi Security Forces, he said.

A second indicator of success in Anbar is illustrated by the brave Iraqi army and police that serve across the province, Gurganus said. Although challenged by danger, Iraqi security forces in Anbar province "come back to work" each day, he said.

"They know that they are the solution for the future," Gurganus said of the security forces.

There'll be additional success against insurgents operating in Anbar, Gurganus predicted, noting U.S. and coalition forces now enjoy a "full partnership" with Iraqi security forces serving across the province.

Also, recruitment for Iraqi Security Forces is up across Anbar, Gurganus said.

"Now, the sons of al Anbar have stood up and are stepping forward to join the Iraqi army and the Iraqi police," he said. ■

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	RETAIL PRICE	DISCOUNT	SALE PRICE
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'02 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE, HARD & SOFT TOP, RED, 25K MILES, #M86478	\$27,900	\$1,000	\$26,900
'05 CHRYSLER CROSSFIRE LIMITED CONVERTIBLE, 8K MILES	\$28,400	\$1,500	\$26,900
'02 CHEVY CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE, BLUE, 42K MILES, #M86801	\$34,815	\$1,500	\$33,315
'03 CHEVY CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE, RED, 31K MILES, #M86470	\$38,590	\$3,000	\$35,590

DEALS OF THE WEEK

	RETAIL PRICE	DISCOUNT	SALE PRICE
'06 FORD FOCUS ZX3, #M86237A	\$13,865	\$4,000	\$9,865
'06 PONTIAC VIBE, GRAY, 24K MILES, #M86412	\$14,870	\$2,000	\$12,870
'04 VW BEETLE, BLACK, 63K MILES, #M86442	\$13,970	\$1,000	\$12,970
'06 CHRYSLER SEBRING TOURING, SILVER, 23K MILES, #C86398	\$16,040	\$3,052	\$12,988
'07 FORD TAURUS SE, SILVER, 18K MILES, #M86417	\$14,775	\$1,500	\$13,275
'06 FORD FUSION SEL, BRONZE, 23K MILES, #M86413	\$17,795	\$3,000	\$14,795
'06 FORD FUSION SEL, BRONZE, 23K MILES, #M86413	\$17,895	\$3,000	\$14,895
'06 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER, ROUTE 66, YELLOW, 9K MILES, #M86356	\$16,765	\$1,000	\$15,765
'07 FORD FIVE HUNDRED SEL, BEIGE, 16K MILES, #M86404	\$23,900	\$6,000	\$17,900

TRUCKS

	KELLEY BLUE BOOK PRICE	DISCOUNT	SALE PRICE
'05 GMC SIERRA, PEWTER, 42K MILES, #C86606	\$15,125	\$1,000	\$14,125
'06 ISUZU I-280S EXT. CAB, RED, 6K MILES, #C86695	\$16,790	\$2,500	\$14,290
'06 CHEVY COLORADO LT 4X4, BLACK, 5K MILES	\$19,780	\$2,000	\$17,780
'06 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT CAB LS, 4X4, RED, 37K MILES, #C86573	\$24,690	\$2,000	\$22,690
'05 DODGE RAM 1500 QUAD CAB SLT, DAYTONA, SILVER, 13K MILES, #M86457	\$26,900	\$1,500	\$25,400
'05 DODGE RAM VIPER QUAD CAB, SILVER, 18K MILES, #M86828	\$41,745	\$7,000	\$34,745
'05 CHEVY SILVERADO LT EXT CAB, DIESEL, 4X4, DUALY, WHITE, 29K MILES	\$36,825	\$2,000	\$34,825

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'03 MAZDA PROTEGE 5, RED, 67K MILES, #M86827	\$11,300	\$1,000	\$10,300
'02 HONDA CIVIC LX, BLACK, 55K MILES, #67070A	\$12,185	\$1,500	\$10,685
'04 NISSAN SENTRA 1.8S, GREEN, #C86531A	\$11,745	\$1,000	\$10,745
'06 FORD FOCUS ZX3, SILVER, 11K MILES, #M6237A	\$14,040	\$2,500	\$11,540
'06 SATURN ION 2, BLACK, 19K MILES, #M86816	\$13,380	\$1,000	\$12,380
'02 VW JETTA GLS, 1.8T, BLACK, 41K MILES, GAS SAVER, #M86830	\$13,775	\$1,000	\$12,775
'04 VW BEETLE GL, BLACK, 63K MILES, #M86442	\$13,970	\$1,000	\$12,970
'06 FORD FOCUS ZX5, SE SILVER, 22K MILES, #M86548	\$15,935	\$2,000	\$13,935
'06 MAZDA 6S, BLUE, 15K MILES, #M86800	\$19,300	\$2,000	\$17,300
'06 HONDA ACCORD LX, SILVER, 27K MILES, #C86568	\$18,600	\$1,000	\$17,600

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'03 FORD ESCAPE XLT 4X4, RED, 64K MILES, #M86810	\$15,440	\$1,500	\$13,940
'05 GMC ENVOY 4X4, SILVER, 65K MILES, #M86468	\$18,015	\$2,500	\$15,515
'02 TOYOTA 4RUNNER SR-5, BURGANDY, 54K MILES, #C86309A	\$17,735	\$2,000	\$15,735
'05 MAZDA TRIBUTE S, LOADED, SILVER, 25K MILES, #M86469	\$18,585	\$2,000	\$16,585
'06 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING, SILVER, 37K MILES, #C86537	\$17,700	\$1,000	\$16,700
'07 FORD ESCAPE XLS, 4X2, GREEN, 26K MILES, #M86821	\$19,900	\$3,000	\$16,900
'04 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4, SILVER, 33K MILES, #C86599	\$19,495	\$2,500	\$16,995
'06 FORD ESCAPE XLT, SILVER, 22K MILES, #M86786A	\$20,955	\$3,000	\$17,955
'04 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER AWD, BLUE, 32K MILES, #C86834	\$20,450	\$1,500	\$18,950
'03 NISSAN MURANO SL, COPPER, 43K MILES, #M86826	\$20,600	\$1,000	\$19,600
'06 FORD E350 XLT, 12 PASS, WHITE, 17K MILES, #M86780	\$24,635	\$5,000	\$19,635
'06 FORD ESCAPE XLT 4X4, LOADED, GRAY, 28K MILES, #C86574	\$23,675	\$4,000	\$19,675
'04 CHEVROLET TAHOE LT 4X4, BURGANDY, 60K MILES	\$24,525	\$1,000	\$23,525
'05 FORD SPORT TRAC 4X4, ADRENALINE PKG, BLACK, 10K MILES, #C86594	\$26,050	\$2,000	\$24,050
'06 DODGE MAGNUM RT HEMI, GREEN, 30K MILES, #C86570	\$28,125	\$3,000	\$25,125
'06 TOYOTA 4RUNNER SR5, BEIGE, 28K MILES, #M86466	\$26,700	\$1,500	\$25,200
'04 GMY YUKON SLT 4X4, BURGANDY, 47K MILES, #M86814	\$27,960	\$2,000	\$25,960



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'06 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO, WHITE, 43K MILES, #C86602	\$20,960	\$2,000	\$18,960
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'02 FORD FOCUS SVT, RED, 41K MILES, #C86601	\$10,900	\$2,500	\$8,400
'04 FORD MUSTANG GT BLACK, 24K MILES, #C86580	\$18,640	\$1,000	\$17,640
'04 PONTIAC GTO, BLUE, 45K MILES, #M86815	\$21,710	\$2,000	\$19,710
'05 NISSAN 350Z, ENTHUSIAST BLACK, 39K MILES, #M86536	\$26,275	\$4,000	\$22,275
'04 PONTIAC GTO, 6-SPEED, YELLOW, 18K MILES, #M86452	\$23,785	\$1,000	\$22,785
'05 FORD MUSTANG GT, RED, 4K MILES, #M86825	\$26,265	\$3,000	\$23,265
'05 ACURA TSX, GRAY, 6-SPEED, 34K MILES, #M86782	\$25,215	\$1,500	\$23,715
'04 NISSAN 350Z TOURING, SILVER, 27K MILES, #M86807	\$26,695	\$3,000	\$23,695
'06 DODGE MAGNUM RT HEMI, GREEN, 30K MILES, #C86570	\$28,125	\$3,000	\$25,125
'06 PONTIAC SOLSTICE CONVERTIBLE, RED, 4K MILES, #M86802	\$27,500	\$2,000	\$25,500
'02 CHEVROLET CORVETTE, CONVERTIBLE, BLUE, 42K MILES, #M86801	\$34,815	\$1,500	\$33,315
'03 CHEVY CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE, RED, 31K MILES, #M86470	\$38,590	\$3,000	\$35,590
'04 CHEVY CORVETTE Z-06, COMMERCIAL EDITION, 36K MILES, #M86787	\$40,175	\$2,000	\$38,175

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The Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation will host a Women's Singles Tennis tournament at the E.I. Community Tennis Courts Saturday at 9 a.m. The tourney is open to players of all ages, with handicapping/seeding to accommodate all levels. Prizes will be awarded to the top two players, and the fee is just one of new tennis balls. Registration ends at 3:30 p.m. today and is limited to 12 players. Rain dates will be scheduled. For more detailed information or register contact Anna Julius at 252-446-6350.

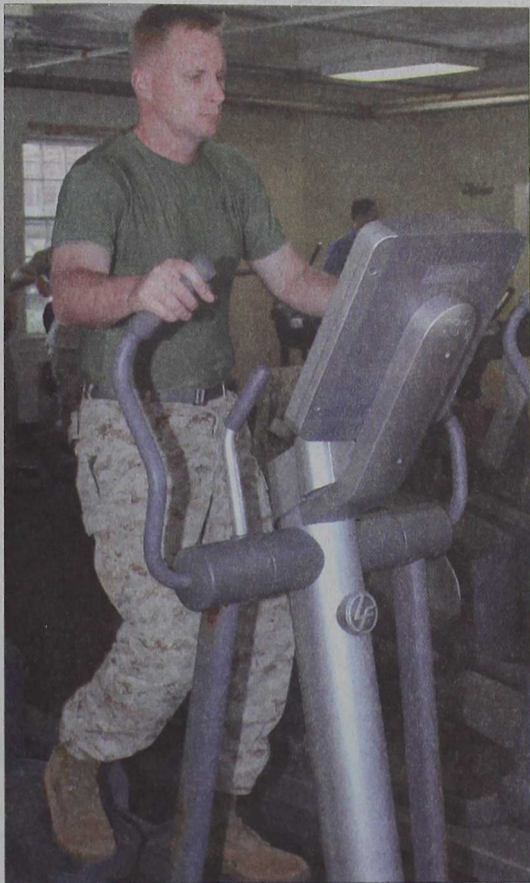
Kids All-American Fishing Derby
Join your fishing pole and join the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department for an exciting, fun-filled day of fishing. Kids 5 to 16 are invited to test their fishing skills at the Kids All-American Fishing Derby from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2. The event will take place at the Jacksonville Training Academy Range (off Highway 17 south of Dawson Cabin Road to 110 Stillwood Road). Kids 12 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. You must pre-register at Onslow County Parks and Recreation by May 31. The program is free. For more information, call 347-5332.

Youth Track & Field Program
The Onslow County Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a Youth Track & Field Program. The final meet is scheduled for June 4 with the final date scheduled for June 5 at White Oak High School Track. Registration for the meet will be from 5 to 8 p.m. with the meet beginning at 5:45 p.m. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of Dec. 31, 2007) are eligible to participate. Proof of age is required at registration and a parent/guardian must sign the participation form. The program is free. Please call 347-5332.

Women softball players needed
The intramural sports program is looking for a few good women to come out for the intramural women's softball league. The games will start June 5. For more information or to sign up, call Antonio Warner at 451-2061.

Indoor Volleyball
The intramural sports program is looking for a couple more teams to round out its intramural indoor volleyball league. Games will take place Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Marine Corps Station New River. For more information to sign up, call Antonio Warner at 451-2061.

Wounded Warriors run to raise money for Hope for the Warriors



Heather Owens

Training: Chadd Jackson works out in preparation for the Run for the Warriors. Jackson hopes to raise at least \$3,000 for Wounded Warriors and their families through his participation in the race.

Heather Owens
Staff reporter

"I run because I can," says Cory Willis, who is stationed at Wounded Warrior Battalion — East. An avid runner who even ran a marathon in his "younger years," Willis is rehabbing from 2004 combat wounds, which include a brain injury, lower back injury and nerve damage.

Willis and his compatriot Chadd Jackson, also stationed at the Wounded Warrior Battalion, are just two of the members of Team Wounded Warriors.

Members of Team Wounded Warriors are training for Saturday's Run for the Warriors, as well as raising money for wounded and killed warriors and their families through the organization Hope for the Warriors.

Hope for the Warriors is a civilian, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to "enhance quality of life for U.S. service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty," according to its Web site.

The Run for the Warriors, one of Hope for the Warriors' main fund-raising events, takes the form of a 10-kilometer run/walk, a 5K run/walk and a One-Mile Fun Run. Though early registration has ended, interested parties can still register between 6 and 7:30 a.m. on the day of the run. Late registration is \$30 per person and \$100 for a family of four. Units and wheelchair participants are also encouraged to participate.

The run's opening ceremonies will take place at 8 a.m., with the races to follow. The race kicks off at Goettge Memorial Field House aboard Camp Lejeune. The

closing and awards ceremonies are scheduled to take place at 10 a.m.

Willis says that being stationed at the Wounded Warrior Battalion has afforded him the opportunity to meet many other wounded warriors, including amputees.

"If I can help even one percent by running this race and running for these guys or if it's just volunteering time helping these guys out, I will go the miles for them," says Willis.

Having the goal of running in the Run for the Warriors and raising money for the Hope for the Warriors has given Willis a sense of purpose during his recovery. He is running through the pain in order to raise money to help other Marines and their families.

"It's mind over matter. There are a lot of things that we do as Marines that are mind over matter. Your body is going to do whatever your mind tells it to do, so if you tell yourself 'I'm going to do it' and go in with a positive mental attitude, you are going to do it," says Willis.

Jackson was stationed with the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in Fallujah, Iraq, when he was injured in an improvised-explosive device incident in February 2005. He received nerve damage when shrapnel went through his right arm and severed a nerve in his dominant right hand.

"It takes a lot of help from others to keep you going, coaching, you might call it, to recover," says Jackson.

For that reason, he jumped at the opportunity to participate in the Run for the Warriors and raise money for others as well.

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Tae Kwon Do builds better people

Story and photos by
Heather Owens
Staff reporter



Fighting stance: Danielle Cabradilla practices her technique in Tae Kwon Do class May 9.

"Our goal really is to make better citizens. I could teach anybody to punch and kick. I want them to learn how to be a good person and a good citizen. We try to emphasize that in every class," says Tae Kwon Do instructor Patrick Ashton.

Ashton teaches the International Tae Kwon Do Alliance-style of the sport for the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department. Classes meet regularly in the Jacksonville Commons area of the city, and during each class Ashton works to instill the club's seven tenets that help build better people: honor, courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, courage and community.

In a large military community such as Jacksonville, Ashton has found his niche. A retired surface warfare qualified Navy chief hospital corpsman, Ashton is helping build body, mind and spirit in students ranging from the very young to the young at heart, many of them military children or spouses.

Ashton, a third degree black belt certified instructor, started the club himself in January 2005 after he moved here with his wife, a Navy nurse, and family. The program has grown from the half dozen children that it started with to almost 70 members, ranging from child to adult that it has now.

"I don't have a fancy-smancy school with padded floors and the big posters on the walls, but that wasn't my intention," says Ashton. "My intention was to provide a physical growth and character-development program for the kids in the community. When you provide something like that, the adults follow. I knew eventually that we would have an adult program, and now we do. So it's working out just fine."

The adults did follow. In fact, a couple mothers asked Ashton if he would consider adding a daytime class and in January of this year he did. Currently four students attend the Thursday morning class.

One of those students Sheila Covington, a Marine spouse, says, "I take Tae Kwon Do to get out and meet people as we're pretty new to this duty station and for the physical aspect of it, to learn a new skill."

Julie Murray and Lori Small, both Marine spouses, are next-door neighbors and fellow Tae Kwon Do students. Both green belts, they started Ashton's daytime class together in January.

"[Tae Kwon Do] gives you a self-confidence that you didn't know that you could have. My daughter actually influenced me to start. She has been involved in Tae Kwon Do for about 18 months and was in Karate before that, so once we got to the point where they had an adult class that Mommy could attend during the day, Mommy jumped right in," says Small.

Murray, whose husband is currently deployed, agrees that Tae Kwon Do provides a respite from the normal pressures of life with a deployed spouse. She says of Tae Kwon Do, "It is my life saver; if I didn't have this break in the day where I could put my kids in school and come do something for myself and only for myself, I think I might go a little bit crazy. I look forward to this class."

Ashton knows exactly what Julie and other families in his program are going through, his spouse Anne also deployed to Iraq some time ago. Also a third degree black belt certified instructor, Ashton's wife is currently teaching Tae Kwon Do during her off hours to Navy and Marine Corps personnel in Iraq.

"Tae Kwon Do is like a family. We know what each other goes through. Julie's husband has been gone just a little longer than

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Marine children benefit thanks to golf tournament

Heather Owens
Staff reporter

The Marine Corps Celebrity Classic golf tournament will take place aboard Camp Lejeune and the Jacksonville Country Club June 6-10. Besides providing the opportunity for members of the community to interact with celebrities in the sports and entertainment arena, the tournament is a fund-raiser benefiting several charities.

One of those beneficiaries is the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., an organization that helps the children of Marines achieve their dreams of higher education. It was founded in 1962 when Brig. Gen. Martin F. Rockmore and a small group of friends sprang into action following a newspaper account about a former Marine who had won the Medal of Honor, but could not afford to send his child to college.

According to the foundation's Web site, Rockmore and his colleagues organized a charity ball in December 1962 after which a \$1,500 scholarship was awarded.

Since then, the scope of the organization has grown, while remaining true to its mission.

"Our mission is honoring Marines by educating their children," said Christopher Randolph, the foundation's president and chief executive officer. "We provide college scholarships to children of Marines and children of former Marines with special consideration given to those children whose parents have been wounded or killed in service to their country."

The foundation is currently in the process of reading applications and awarding scholarships. Randolph said that the organization's board of directors has authorized the awarding of \$3.5 million in scholarships to approximately 1,000 sons and daughters of Marines. Those scholarships will range in size from \$1,000 to

\$10,000, with an estimated average range of \$2,500.

In addition to the standard needs based scholarship that is awarded to students whose family income is less than the standard base pay of a Sergeant Major during any given year, the foundation also offers what it calls the "heroes tribute scholarship."

"We are committed to providing to every child of a Marine and every child of a Navy corpsman serving with the Marines whose parent is killed in service to the country in the Global War on Terrorism a hero's tribute scholarship of \$20,000 over four years in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice their parent has made to their country," said Randolph.

As of March 31, this commitment is represented in the young lives of 320 children of Marines and 19 children of Navy corpsman, explained Randolph.

"Most of these children are under the age of five, which means that when they are ready to apply for college 10, 15 years from now we will be here for all of them with a heroes' tribute scholarship," said Randolph. "It's a labor of love and we can never do enough for the Marine Corps family as far as providing educational opportunities for children of Marines."

The foundation awarded four heroes tribute scholarships last year and is going to award six next year.

Randolph said that many of the scholarships are awarded to students from North Carolina as the state is home of the Marine Corps on the East Coast.

In 2006, the foundation awarded \$2.6 million in scholarships to 996 children, 86 of whom were from the state of North Carolina. Since 1991, this foundation has awarded 975 scholarships in the state of North Carolina totaling \$1.3 million.

"We want to spread the word to the Marine Corps family that we are here to help their children," said Randolph. ■

Marine Corps Celebrity Classic guest list growing

Famous players expected to attend the June 6-10 event

Dan Quayle
44th vice president of the United States



Dan Quayle

Dan Quayle was the 44th Vice President of United States from 1989 to 1993 under George H. W. Bush. Quayle was elected to Congress at age of 29 in 1976 and re-elected again in 1978. He was then elected to the U.S. Senate at 33 in 1984 and again in 1986. He was chairman of President's Council on Competitiveness and National Space Council and served as President Bush's point man on Capitol Hill. Since leaving public office, Dan Quayle has authored three books: "Standing Firm, A Vice-Presidential Memoir," a New York Times bestseller, "The American Family: Discovering the Values that Make Us Strong" and "Worth Fighting For." Quayle currently is chairman of Cerberus Global Investments, LLC.

Davey Johnson
Major League Baseball all star



Davey Johnson

Davey Johnson spent 13 big league seasons playing second base for the Orioles, Braves, Phillies and Cubs. A four-time All-Star, he earned three Gold Glove awards and played on two World Series Championship teams while with the Orioles. He managed the New York Mets in 1985 and directed the team to the 1986 World Series title. During five of his six seasons with the team, the Mets won 90 or more games. Johnson also managed the Reds (1990-1995), Orioles (1996-1997), and Dodgers (1998-2000). In 1997, Johnson was named American League Manager of the Year. Johnson has a career .593 winning percentage as a manager (13th best in history).

Rudy Gatlin
Grammy Award-winning musician



Rudy Gatlin

With his brothers Steve and Larry, The Gatlin Brothers started singing on a Sunday morning radio show in Texas. The Gatlin Brothers won a Grammy for their song "Broken Lady," but recorded many other hits such as number one hits "Houston," "Night Time Magic" and "All the Gold in California." The Gatlin Brothers have recorded many hits and remain one of the most successful country music groups in history. Rudy has also appeared as Curly Howard in the lead role in "Oklahoma," for Broadway Brans USA Productions, and appeared in the starring role as Frank Butler in "Annie Get Your Gun."

All-military wilderness challenge registration open

Press Release
Wilderness Challenge

Registration is now open for the Mid-Atlantic Region, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's 7th annual all-military Wilderness Challenge. The Wilderness Challenge takes place Oct. 4-6 in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains and on the New and the Gauley Rivers in West Virginia. More than 300 military people representing teams from around the World are expected to compete. Only the first 60 teams will compete, so teams are encouraged to register early.

"The MWR Wilderness Challenge is in its seventh year and continues to grow," said Michael Bond, event coordinator. Bond encourages teams to register early to reserve their space in the competition. The challenge contains a series of six outdoor adventure races in a team format designed to bring camaraderie, competition and

team spirit between all five branches of the Armed Services. Teams participating in this year's challenge will compete in a 8K mountain run, a 14-mile mountain bike race, a 14-mile forced hike through the mountains, a 13-mile whitewater raft race Gauley River, a half mile swim in the swift moving waters of the Gauley River, and a 7-mile kayak race on the New River. Last year's challenge winner was a Coast Guard team from Seattle.

"We are extremely excited about the popularity of the challenge and glad this event brings out our military commands and teams that are excited to earn bragging rights for the title. It is not an easy competition and only the strong survive, so the winning team will be the best of the best in outdoor recreation and physical endurance," Bond said.

Registration is open to all branches of the military. Registration can be made online at www.wildernesschallenge.net or by calling 757- 887-7256. ■

THE WILD WORLD OF LEJEUNE SPORTS

Run for the Warriors

Saturday

Hope for the Warriors is sponsoring the Run for the Warriors 10K, 5K and One-Mile Fun Run Saturday. 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. Units are encouraged to register. Registration is available up to the day of the race. For more information, log on to www.hopeforthewarriors.org.

Military Appreciation Day fishing trips

Saturday

Join the U.S. Coast Guard Station Fort Macon and Military Appreciation Day Inc. as they thank all active-duty military. National Guard and reservists with a day of free fishing and fun for the whole family. Fishing will take place on several private and chartered boats. There will also be a cook-out, entertainment for the entire family and transportation from some military

bases available. To register, go to www.militaryappreciationday.org or call Dan Smith at 252-447-3274.

All Camp Intramural Skeet Shoot Tourney

Thursday

The intramural sports program is sponsoring the first of two All Camp Intramural Skeet Shoot tournaments Thursday. A team will consist of five primary shooters and one alternate. A team must have at least four members in an active-duty status. Civilian employees and contractors assigned to the unit may also participate but cannot make up more than two positions on the team. Units (company, battalion, regiment, or major subordinate command) may have multiple teams participating in the shoot and are encouraged to do so. For more information, call 451-2061.

Liberty Fun Run

Thursday

The next run in the Liberty Fun Run Series is Thursday in honor of Memorial Day. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. at the corner of Ash and Holcomb Blvd. For more information, call 451-9092/5430.

Nutrition Workshop

June 5

The next Nutrition Education Workshop will take place June 5 in Bldg. 302 on Holcomb Blvd. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course is designed for service members or civilian employees who would like to know more about nutrition for their own goals. For more information or to sign up, call 451-2865.

Marine Corps Celebrity Classic Golf Tourney

June 6-10

The 4th annual Marine Corps Celebrity Classic will be held June 6-10. Thursday's and Friday's preliminary rounds of golf will be held both aboard Camp Lejeune at the Paradise Point Golf Course and in town at the Jacksonville Country Club. The celebrity rounds on Saturday and Sunday will take place exclusively aboard Camp Lejeune. There will also be the Family Night With the Stars and other fun events. For more information, visit www.mccgolf.com.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Ongoing

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu lessons will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Bldg. 1742, adjacent to Protestant Chapel on McHugh Blvd. There is also a Wednesday lunch class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, peruse the club's Web site at

www.clubjiujitsu.com, or contact Monica at 581-0077.

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.

Indoor Wiffle Ball

Ongoing

Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation announces Indoor Open-Play Wiffle Ball on Friday nights. Come on out to play this fun "old school" game! Official wiffle ball rules apply (posted in the gymnasium). The open-play age timeslots are as follows: 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10, 6-7 p.m. for ages 11-14, and 7-8 p.m. for ages 15-Adult. Please note that all open-play sports nights (including Wiffle Ball) are subject to change when special events take place in the gymnasium. Refer to the monthly gymnasium calendar posted in the gymnasium and on www.emeraldisle-nc.org/eiprd. The fee for all open-play sports is \$2 per person per night and is free for Community Center members. For more information contact Dena Julius, Athletic Coordinator at 252-354-6350 or djulius@emeraldisle-nc.org.



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Women's intramural softball standings

as of May 10

League standings	WINS	LOSSES
Sho-Nuf	4	1
Slidin' Dirty	4	1
Extreme	2	2
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune	0	5

Men's intramural softball standings

National and American league results as of May 10

American League standings	WINS	LOSSES
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune	9	0
Brig Company	7	2
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command	5	2
2nd Supply Battalion	5	3
2nd Tank Battalion	5	4
Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Mar CPCA	4	5
Outlaws	3	5
Headquarters and Service, CLR-27	3	7
Anti-terrorism Battalion	2	6
Division Public Administration Center	2	7
2nd Intelligence Battalion	1	5

National League standings	WINS	LOSSES
Marine Corps Combat Service Support School	7	0
2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion	6	2
II Marine Expeditionary Force G-6	6	2
Group Consolidated Administration Center, CLR-27	5	2
2nd Combat Engineer Battalion	5	3
2nd Medical Battalion	3	2
Combat Logistics Battalion 24	3	5
Headquarters Support Disbursing	2	6
1st Battalion, 9th Marines	1	7
Navy Administration Center	0	8



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Cpl. Shane Suzuki

Interview: Cory Willis talks with members of the local media Friday about his training for the Run for the Warriors. While training, Willis wears a T-shirt that says: "I run because I can. That is my right as an American. Now I run to support and hail those who sacrifice without fail."

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"It means a lot to give back to those who have given to me, all of the help and support that they have given to my family and myself, to give a little bit of support and effort back to those who have given to me," says Jackson.

He says he also wants to run the race to prove to himself that he can still do the things that he used to do prior to his injury.

Jackson ran the Hope for the Warriors race last year as well, and he says that training for the race has given him a lot of motivation. He says it is also gratifying to see the Hope for the Warriors grow from a one-event race to an organization helping Marines worldwide.

He feels that he will be even more ready for the race than he was last year, now with an extra year of healing on his side. Yet he admits that the last five miles of the 10K might be a little challenging for him. But that doesn't mean

he is backing down.

"It's like any other challenge in the Marine Corps, you just take it and go and overcome and adapt. It feels good though. I am looking forward to that day," says Jackson.

Amy Koury, marketing director for Hope for the Warriors, says that it is especially important for wounded warriors to participate in the run.

"It makes it real," she says. "There's something to be said for these guys to come out for this run, because they have been through those beginning stages of being injured and they have been through the steps emotionally and mentally. I think for these guys, especially the tenured ones, I would hope that they feel like, 'Wow, I am doing this because I want them [the newly injured] to know that our injuries aren't a roadblock to our success in life.'"

Koury says that wounded warriors are coming in from all over the country to participate in this race. In addition to this Run for the Warriors being held aboard Camp Lejeune, there will be a

children's race in Chesapeake, the same day.

There will also be a Run for the Warriors in Iraq Saturday.

"For us as an organization, we know that there are a 1,000 in Iraq who have probably seen people home injured, that have been here at the Wounded Warriors Barracks, I feel like it is an honor for their fellow Marines to be there and be in the fight with my brothers are still running today. I think that is a wonderful way to show the support for the guys that the sent home."

For more information on the Run for the Warriors or the Hope for the Warriors organization, visit the website for the Warriors Web at www.hopeforthewarriors.org.

To donate money to support the Team Wounded Warriors, their link at www.hopeforthewarriors.org/tww.html. ■

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Ready Stance: At top left, Julie Murray, a green belt, stands at the ready during the Tae Kwon Do club's Thursday morning class May 3. Murray's husband, Chris, is deployed right now. She and the other military spouses in the Thursday morning class say that they are "Tae Kwon Do junkies" and find retreat from daily pressures in their Tae Kwon Do training. At top right, students from one of Patrick Ashton's Tae Kwon Do classes pose for a picture after the May 9 class. Ashton teaches students ranging from young to young at heart in his Tae Kwon Do classes. At left, Ashton helps Avery Enstrom with her form.

TAE KWON DO
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my wife, and we don't talk about it because we know that we're going through, but we have that bonding. I know what it's like, and I sympathize and empathize. That's what makes our little group here different," says Ashton. Ashton says that it is important for kids, especially during deployments, to have structure and strong role models in their lives. Tae Kwon Do provides that. Perhaps adults need the same thing. Ashton says that each person who wears the uniform is a role model in fact. As Ashton, a role model of strong character for students, his students are also role models in the community.

He teaches the children in the program to model good character on the playground and, he says, the women in his Thursday morning class are role models for the other women in the community. It is just a circle that keeps on growing.

Even the young are an inspiration. Just as Small's daughter influenced her to start Tae Kwon Do, Ashton's son influenced his entrance to the sport.

"My 5-year-old son at the time came up to me and wanted to know if I would do Tae Kwon Do with him. He had a flyer in his hand from a health center that my wife had picked up. And he said, 'Daddy, daddy we could do Tae Kwon Do' and I was like, 'Isn't that like exercise? Isn't that like karate or something?'" remembers Ashton.

Ashton told his son that

if he could show that he would stick with it, he would do Tae Kwon Do with him. His son started taking classes, and he stuck with it.

"On my 46th birthday, I became a Tae Kwon Do student," says Ashton.

"Tae Kwon Do showed me that I could do something I never thought I could do — just as long as you stick it out and keep going. When I first started, I was 46-years-old. I had a 44-inch waist. Now I have a 35-inch waist. You know, when I had a 44-inch waist, I was sadly out of shape and I felt like, 'I can't do this; I'm too old; I'm too fat; I'm too out of shape; this is ridiculous. But I continued to do it,'" says Ashton.

For Ashton and his students, that has made all the difference. ■

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Winging into the summer, Ducks Unlimited holds Greenwings event

Staff Sgt. A.C. Mink
Marine Corps Air Station New River

HUBERT, N.C. - With a smile that lit her face, 6-year-old Alexa Wilbur man-handled her "hugest, 18-3/4 inch catfish" onto the board to be measured, at the second annual Swansboro/Jacksonville Ducks Unlimited Greenwings event, Saturday.

"I'm gonna win a trophy with him," she said after her father, Michael, a Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, helped her release the fish back into one of the ponds at Flatwoods Outfitters in Hubert, N.C.

The event itself, opened up the outdoors to more than 160 participants with events such as fishing, skeet shooting and target practice, a class on duck calls and a fire safety demonstration by the Hubert Volunteer Fire Department, at Flatwoods, who donated their facilities for the day.

A favorite demonstration by many was the retriever dog demo where trainer Bill Mettes allowed labrador retrievers of varying skill levels and experience to showcase their abilities.

"This is great for the kids," said Mettes. "If we don't share what we know about conservation and the environment, we will all lose out."

Greenwings is the youth branch of Ducks Unlimited — a national organization com-

mitted to the conservation, restoration and management of wetlands and associated habitats for North American waterfowl. The event, according to Mark Amell, committee co-chairman of the Jacksonville Greenwings chapter and committee president of their Ducks Unlimited chapter, was an opportunity to "get kids off the couch."

"This is an opportunity to expose youth to wildlife and the idea of conservation, so that they gain an appreciation for what goes on outside in nature," said Darrell L. Thacker, Marine Corps Air Station New River, commanding officer, who was the coordinator for the skeet range portion of the event.

Thacker's daughter, Katelynn who hunts with him, said she was happy for the chance to spend time with her dad. "You learn something new about hunting and the environment ... It all helps with and is part of the circle of life."

The Thackers were not the only military family to take advantage of the opportunity to get together outdoors.

Amelia, Olivia, Charles and Virginia Van Der Werff spent the morning at Flatwoods with their father.

"I always grew up doing outdoor stuff," said Jay Van Der Werff, Marine Aircraft Group 26, executive officer. "This is the first time I've been able to do this with them, and it's important because there are fewer and

fewer young sportsmen and women; interest is dying out."

That didn't seem to be a problem with Amelia who said even though fishing was "kind of dirty," "catchin' 'em" was going to be fun.

This wasn't the first time for everyone. Jonathan, Joseph and Justin Pizzo of Richlands "stay in the woods," according to their father Joe. However, he said it was important to support events such as this so that children who usually don't have an opportunity to be exposed to outdoor activities get the chance.

Marines Charles Davis, Joshua Ackiss and Cal McCarthy, all avid hunters before joining the Corps, heard about the opportunity to volunteer at the event through MCAS New River's Single Marine Program. All three are students at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training aboard New River.

"I see this as the future of hunting," said McCarthy, whose father first took him hunting in his hometown of Burlington, Wis.

Both Ackiss, who has hunted in several southern states and McCarthy, who hunted turkey near his hometown of Boston, with his father, said they really enjoyed coaching the participants with their shooting and weapons safety.

Safety was key during the event, from weapons handling and hearing protection to water and fire safety.

"If they learn to do things properly when they are young, hopefully they will carry it with them," said Amell, who along with fellow coordinators, refused to take credit for the success of the day.

"The success is all due to the volunteers," he said. "There were more than 20 volunteers from the Air Station and 15 private individuals who signed on just because they wanted to support the event."

According to Amell, the heroes of the day were also the more than 30 sponsors who donated money or goods for the event. All funds went directly to the event which along with the activities provided each participant with a Greenwings t-shirt, a year's subscription to DU's "Puddler" magazine, a fishing pole, and much to the amusement of all present — a Buck Gardner duck call.

Fourteen Ducks Unlimited committee members volunteered their time as well, many of whom placed the "responsibility or blame" with a smile, firmly back on Amell's shoulders.

Amell, whose mother was a single



Staff Sgt. Michael Mink

Top Duck: Alexa Wilbur, 6, watches as her catch is measured at 18 3/4 inches, during the Swansboro/Jacksonville Chapters of Ducks Unlimited Greenwings event held at Flatwoods Outfitters, Saturday. Wilbur's catfish was the winning catch of the day.

parent, spent much of his time in the outdoors alone, and there were not enough opportunities.

"I want each and every child that has an interest in hunting or fishing or anything in the outdoors to have every opportunity possible," he said. He takes that seriously, often taking groups of children hunting and fishing regardless of skill level or physical disability.

"If they're in a wheelchair or need assistance, that's fine," he said. "We'll find a way to make it work and get them out there."

The day drew to a close, the sound of dozens of "ducks" in the air. And no one seemed as surprised as Alexa Wilbur when, competing against youth up to age of 17, she got her trophy.

Editor's Note: May is National Military Family Month. For more information on activities to spend more time with the family, contact MCB Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Community Services. For more information on Ducks Unlimited and their environmental programs, visit their Web site www.ducks.org.



Staff Sgt. Michael Mink

Shooter: Joshua Ackiss, a student with the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River, coaches Dylan Foley, 13, of Jacksonville, as he prepares to send rounds down range. Ackiss was one of 20 from the air station, who volunteered for the Greenwings event, Saturday. More than 160 children and youths up to age 17 participated in the event.

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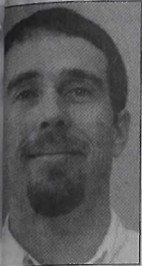
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Tony Monaco and his partner, John Crowe, proved their mettle by bringing a limit of bass to the scales that weighed 19 pounds, 1 ounce. The winning team beat out the closest competitors by more than six pounds.

Whether or not the military participants caught their limit of bass or couldn't catch a cold, the message of appreciation was clear — America appreciates the sacrifices and the courage it takes to lead a military life.

The three men responsible for Warriors on the Water know that as well as anyone. Hal Abshire, Greg Lohr and Bob Cunningham are all veterans of Desert Storm and avid bass fishermen. The idea of the tournament was born from their desire to show active-duty service members that their sacrifices do not go unnoticed. Last year, the event drew 59 entries. This year, the number of fishermen who donated their time, equipment and expertise was nearly triple that.

Closer to home along the shores of Camp Lejeune, the wind has stifled the fishing a bit. Before last week's storm, pier fishermen were landing bluefish, Spanish mackerel, pompano and a few keeper flounder. Red drum are active in the creeks and lower reaches of the New River.

Once the wind dies down and the water clears up, the fishing will return to normal.

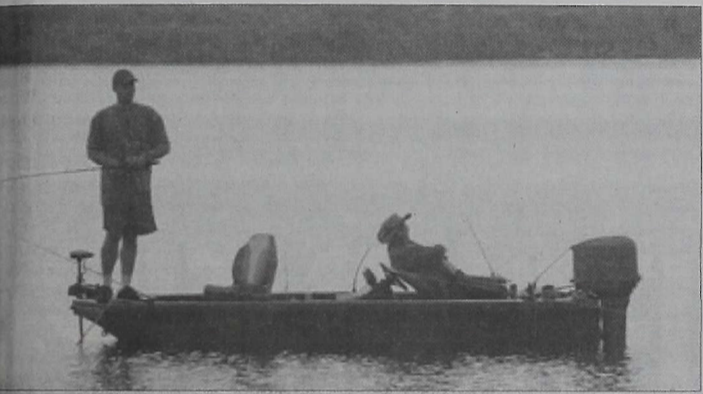
Good luck.

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. ■

Sometimes fishing isn't just about catching fish. Sometimes, it's about saying thanks.

That's what 151 tournament bass anglers did Friday for the same number of active-duty American service members at second annual Warriors on the Water's tournament.

Held at Jordan Lake in central North Carolina, the event paired service members from all military branches, who had been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan in the last 18 months, with professional and amateur bass anglers for a test of fishing prowess and fellowship. The military participants, including seven from Camp Lejeune, were treated

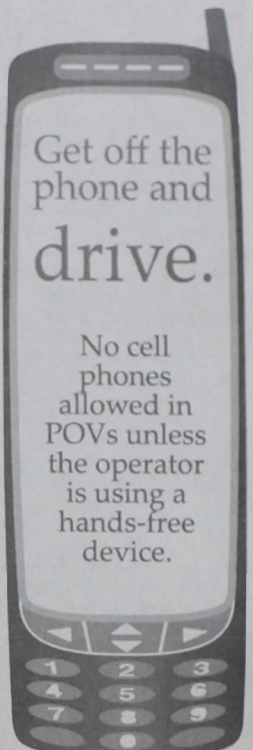


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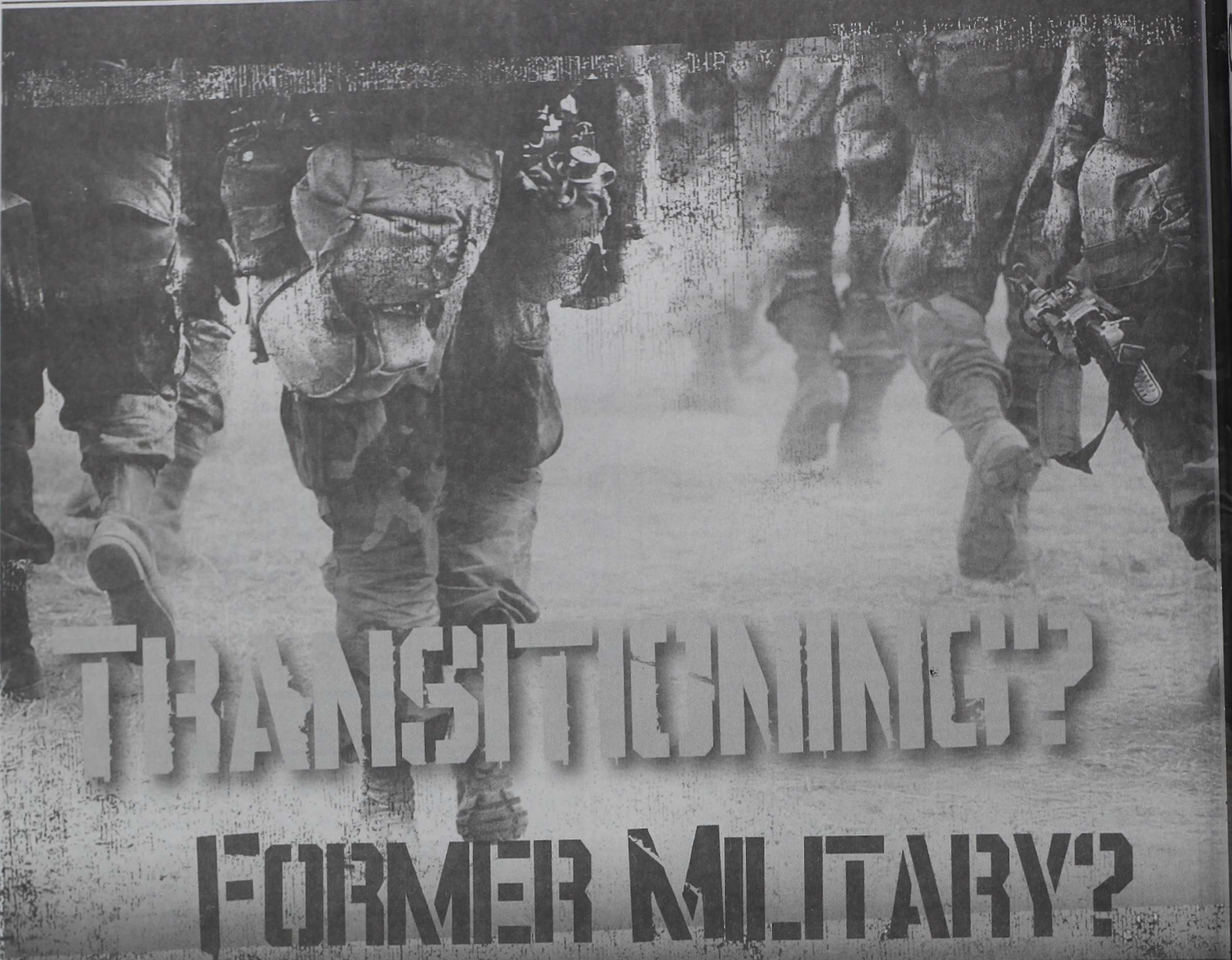
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2006 Marine Corps Athletes of the Year announced



Triathlete: Jessica Utter tears through the bicycle leg of a recent triathlon competition. She completed the world-renowned Ironman World Championship in Hawaii with a time of 12:02:07.



Supreme effort: Michael Green gets a spot and some encouragement during a recent bench press competition. He holds several titles and records.

News report
Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame

QUANTICO, Va. — Jessica Utter and Michael Green have been selected as the U.S. Marine Corps Female and Male Athletes of the Year for 2006.

The pair will be honored at the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon Ceremony at the Clubs at Quantico in Quantico, Va. Aug. 17, at 11 a.m.

Utter, an electronic countermeasures officer with Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron, EA-6B Prowler squadron at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., is a member of the 2006 All-Marine Triathlon and Ironman Teams and was the eighth overall service member and first Marine finisher at the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship. Her strong finish earned her a spot on the U.S. Armed Forces

team that competed at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Triathlon Championship in Satenas, Sweden where she placed fifth among the Armed Forces women.

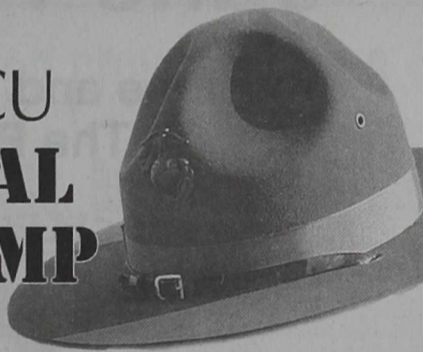
She was also the second overall female finisher at the Mt. Rainier Duathlon; the sixth overall finisher (men and women) at the Elma, Wa., Mother's Day Triathlon; and the first female to cross the line at the Race the Rock Triathlon, Langley, Wa. Finally, in October 2006, Utter also completed the Ironman World Championship in Kona, H.I., with a time of 12:02:07.

Green, an instructor within the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21 at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., is the current Submaster Bench Press World Record Holder in the 220-pound weight class. During 2006,

Green displayed an incredible feat of strength at the World Association of Bench Pressers and Dead Lifters River Country Record Breakers Championships when he surpassed his own world record of 617.2 pounds on his opening lift, and finished with an impressive final lift of 678 pounds. In November 2006, Green captured his second consecutive WABDL World Championship while lifting 679 pounds in the 220-pound weight class. In addition, Green set the Florida State Record in the 242-pound division at the Alabama Classic and has lifted more than 700 pounds as a guest lifter at non-sanctioned events.

For more information about the Athletes of the Year program or the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame, please contact Steven Dinote, HQMC Semper Fit, 703-784-9542, or e-mail him at steven.dinote@usmc.mil.

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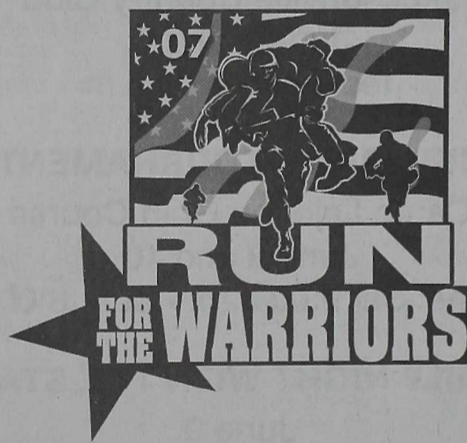
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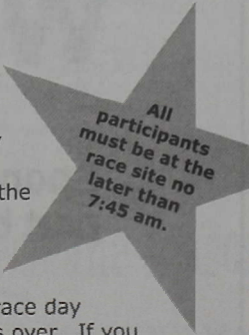
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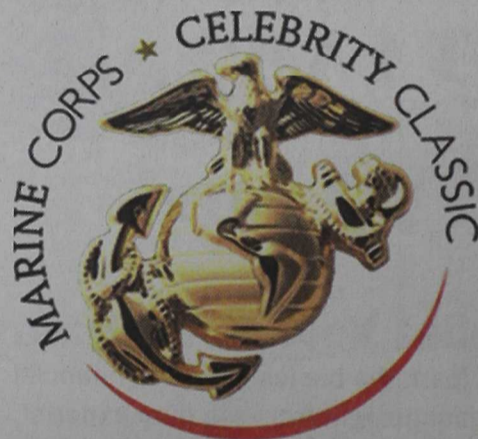
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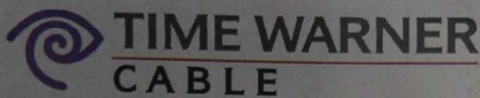
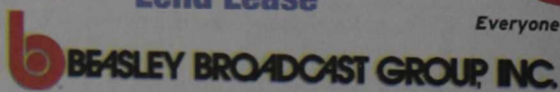
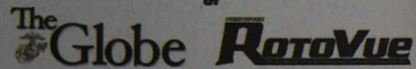
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Quick Shots

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Pre-deployment Brief for spouses
Spouses of Marines with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit are encouraged to attend the unit's pre-deployment brief June 4. Married Marines are required to attend. During this informational event, you will learn what to expect from the upcoming deployment, how to communicate with your spouse while they are deployed and ask questions of the commanding officer and the Volunteer Network representative. Child care will be provided by the Brewster Child Development Center to those who register to attend two days in advance of the briefing. Call 451-2672 for child care information. Call 51-0401 for information on the brief.

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Cpl. A.L. Blanchard

Waiting room: Every day appointment times are wasted because of patients just not showing up. This means thousands of Marines, sailors and their family members could have gotten an earlier clinical appointment and reduced their wait time.

Where are the patients?

Cpl. A.L. Blanchard
Marine Corps Base

No shows
On average, the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune has about 3,000 missed appointments per month — appointments that could have been filled by other patients.

"Every appointment [not used] is one taken away from another patient," said

Capt. Mark C. Olesen, commanding officer of the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune.

Olesen also said these missed appointments are a significant challenge for the hospital and interfere with its overall efficiency.

Missed appointments especially affect the hospital and branch clinics during times of high demand, such as cold and flu sea-

son when it's more difficult to get a medical appointment.

"The last thing we need [during high demand periods] is unused appointments because of no-shows."

Missed appointments aren't overlooked though, according to Olesen. The hospital keeps a record of missed appointments and, in some cases, notifies the patient's chain of command in the case

of repeat offenders.

"We prefer to work with patients to get them appointments at convenient times, but we ask in return, if for whatever reason they no longer need the appointment, to call and cancel the appointment so someone else can use it in their stead," said Olesen.

Olesen also said patients that cannot make it on time

can notify their clinic and they'll work them in instead of canceling.

He also added, "We will do our part to try to make appointments available when patients want and need them, but in return we ask if they can't make an appointment that they formally cancel it."

This story can also be seen on LC1V-10's news show, *The Globe Magazine*. ■

Recon proves 'Once a Marine, always a Marine'

Cpl. Lucian Friel
2nd Marine Division

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — U.S. Marines are considered to be a band of brothers. Whether it's brotherhood in combat or back home, Marines stick together.

But what about after they get out of the Marine Corps? Does the bond break?

For the Marines of 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, who served in Vietnam from 1965-1970, the answer is an emphatic no.

The unit reunited for a weekend of camaraderie and reminiscing May 5.

To these Marines, the only thing that has changed over the years is their appearance. Stories and memories of the times they spent together in the Corps could be heard throughout the picnic area.

The reunions started around 1989. A few of the members gathered for a funeral at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Retired Chief Warrant Officer Ron Lauzon was one of those Marines.

"We decided that this is not the way to get together. We should get together while we're still alive," Lauzon explained.

Over the years, the Marines have met in various fashions and each time the gathering continued to grow.

"This is a 40-year friendship. It matters that we all get together," said Retired Sgt. Dick Crepeau.

The reunion was held with an open invitation to the Recon community and the Marine Corps community.

The majority of the Marines at the event were from 1st, 3rd and 5th Platoons of 3rd Force Recon.

According to Retired Capt. John Borst, reunions later down the road are not uncommon.

"A lot of times I've read of units that have been in combat together coming back home, and they don't see each other because of jobs, busy lives and going separate ways. But then 20 or 30 years later, they want to reunite and rebound as they get older," explained Borst.

Due to the nature of their missions in Vietnam, there is little record of the unit in Marine Corps history. But one thing is for certain; the men of 3rd Force Recon were and are a tight-knit group of combat veterans, who fought on freedom's farthest outpost in the Vietnam War.

"It was an honor and a privilege to serve with these men, and it's an honor to meet up with them and their families now," Borst said.

During the ceremony, the veterans got a chance to meet and talk to some of today's heroes from the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, Wounded Warrior Regiment, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Washington, D.C.

For many of the Recon Marines, meeting the younger Marines was a reminder of the harshness of war and got

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Practice water safety this summer

Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

Summer is here and the beach is starting to draw a crowd, but even though the beach can be fun it can also be a dangerous place.

One of the first safety procedures people should follow is one of the same things that keep Marines safe while on liberty, which is the buddy system, according to Cpl. Mathew Spencer, a life

guard with the Onslow Beach Beach Detachment.

"Even as life guards we go out in the water as buddy pairs," said Spencer.

Another danger on the beach is a rip current. Rip currents are located in the gap between breaking waves where water gets sucked back out to sea. They have a noticeable difference in water color and can be seen by the sea foam

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Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

Beach day: In 2004, there were 3,308 unintentional fatal drownings in the United States, averaging nine people per day. This figure does not include the 676 fatalities, from drowning and other causes, due to boating-related incidents. However, if some simple safety precautions are followed, people can avoid becoming a victim.

Preparation is key for hurricane season

Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

Hurricane season is just around the corner and even though it hasn't officially started, Camp Lejeune has already caught the edge of a tropical depression. Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 20-26 but it's never too early to start planning a family disaster plan and a disaster supply kit.

"It is the difference between life and death and preparedness is key," said Robert Seklosky, the operations chief for Installation Security and Safety.

May and June are the perfect times to start planning for a destructive storm and building a disaster kit, said Seklosky. It will be too late to start plan-

ning when a storm is about to hit and necessary supplies like batteries, flash lights and even water will be in short supply at stores.

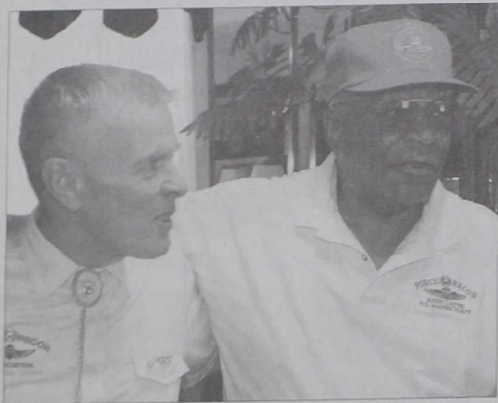
"Preparing a disaster kit doesn't break you and it isn't a waste of money," said Seklosky.

A family disaster plan consists of making a plan and ensuring every member of the family understands the plan, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Part of that plan is discussing the type of hazards that could affect the family, knowing the home's vulnerability to storm surges, flooding and wind and locating a safe room or the safest areas in the home for each hurricane hazard,

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Camp Lejeune relief society celebrates birthday



Cpl. Lucian Friel

Old friends: Retired Maj. James Capers (right) and Retired Col. Gregory K. Manary explain the bond among the Marines who served with the 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company during the Vietnam War from 1965-1970 during the 3rd Recon reunion, May 5. The two men were two of the original members of the unit and have remained friends even after they retired.

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retired Marines, like Retired Col. Gregory K. Manary, thinking, 'I wish I were out there with them.'

"I wake up at night sweating, because I'm not there [in Iraq] and they are," Manary explained. "I could yell out the door right now, 'hey we just got permission to take 10 volunteers from Force Recon, Vietnam era, to Iraq,' I'd be trampled by wheeled-

chairs, walkers and canes. It's like family when a part of your family is in harms way, you're going to go and help them."

Although the unit was disbanded more than 35 years ago, the Marines of 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company are living proof that Marines are a band of brothers and that band will not break and can stand the test of time.

"There's a saying, 'once a Marine, always a Marine,' well that's what [we'll] always be," Manary said. ■

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according to the center. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be at home but within the community.

Another part of the disaster plan is to determine escape routes from the home and places to meet in case of separation. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles. Naming a single out-of-state friend as a family contact is also important so the family has one point of contact.

"Your family should know where the shelters are and have a plan," said Seklosky.

It is also important to check insurance coverage, according to the center. Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.

The disaster supply kit is part of this plan, according to the center. There should be at least one gallon of water daily per person for three to seven days. There should be at least enough food for the same amount of time, which should consist of non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices with a non-electric can opener. Blankets, seasonal clothing, first aid kits, medicine, toiletries, hygiene items, flash lights, batteries, radio and a weather radio should be part of the kit. Cell phones should also be fully charged. Cash and credit cards should also be kept in a safe place because banks and automated teller machines may not be available after a storm. Important documents should be kept in a water proof container, which should include insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, and social security cards.

A person should also think about where to store their supplies so that they can be easily reached and safe if a destructive storm hits, said Seklosky.

"The better you prepare your family the safer they will be," said Seklosky. ■

Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen Marine Corps Base

The Camp Lejeune Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society celebrated its 65th year here serving Marines, sailors and their families May 9.

The society also held its recognition and award ceremony, which is held every year to thank those who volunteer and to award 32 volunteers Volunteer Hour pins, said Gini Schopfel, the director of the Camp Lejeune Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

The volunteers are the heart and soul of the society, said Schopfel. They are the ones that work as receptionists, case workers, teach classes and volunteer at clinics.

"This is a room filled with people that wanted to make a difference not just to make a living," said John Sollis, honorary vice chairman of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, who spoke on behalf of Col. Adele E. Hodges, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base.

On May 9, 1942 the North Carolina Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society was formed and was run by one Marine private, said Schopfel. In that year, there



Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

Cut the cake: Gini Schopfel (center), director of the Camp Lejeune Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, cuts a cake for the volunteer with the least and most volunteer hours, during their celebration of the society's 65th birthday on Camp Lejeune. Dana Grigsby (left) has the least amount of volunteer hours and Vicki Wilson (right), the director of Marine Corps Aircraft Station Cherry Point, has the most.

were \$3,229 given out in loans and nine dollars were collected in contributions. The office was also swamped with three clients per month. The auxiliary continued to grow on Camp Lejeune and during the Vietnam War the society gave out \$183,000 in loans, \$106,000 in grants and

received \$76,000 in contributions. In 2006, the society handles 300 cases a month and has provided more than \$1,000,000 in loans.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is the largest and oldest relief organization in the country, said Schopfel.

The society was founded

in 1904 and has been committed to ensuring the available resources are used to assist members of the Marines and serve active duty, retired, and their eligible family members to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs. ■

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being swept out to sea.

If caught in a rip current, don't panic, said Spencer. Swim parallel to the shore until clear of the current. If you can't break free of the rip current, let it take you out beyond the breakers then swim diagonally toward the shore. Never swim against the current.

It is important to be careful with alcohol and the beach, said Spencer.

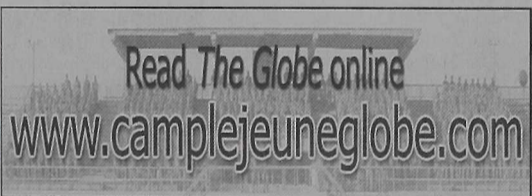
"There have been some incidents in the past where Marines have drunk too much and then decided to get in the water and then passed out," said Spencer.

Onslow Beach is equipped with a flag system in place to warn swimmers of the sea condition and tell them whether or not it is safe to swim, said Spencer. There are four colors: green, yellow, red and black.

Green means it is safe to swim, yellow means keep a look out for bad weather, red means get out of the water and black means no one should be on the beach because there is destructive weather, said Spencer. Use this system and ocean condition reports on television to plan a safe visit.

Parents should also keep a close eye on their children, said Spencer. Water conditions can change rapidly and it takes very little water for a person to drown.

The beach can be dangerous so it is important to learn and remember these safety precautions to have a fun and enjoyable summer, according to Spencer. ■



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Freedom Is Not Free transporting wounded

Press release
Public Affairs Office

SAN DIEGO — Freedom Is Not Free is partnering with Executive Wings on a program called Jets for Vets to ease the burden of the cost of transportation for wounded military personnel and their families. The program enables volunteers to make would-be empty travel seats available on private jets to those wounded while serving. "Non-conforming" relatives such as fiancés, best friends, grandparents, and significant others who do not qualify for Department of Defense travel benefits may also take advantage of the program.

Jets for Vets is a charitable initiative of the Executive Wings alliance, made up of the world's top pre-owned business jet dealers and brokers. Its members recognize the sacrifice of those who serve and recognize the additional strain placed on those who require medical treatments or physical therapy as a result of injuries suffered while serving. They also recognize the tremendous benefit that can come as a result of having loved ones present during

the recovery process. However, realizing that substantial financial burdens are often a side-effect, Jets for Vets donors seek to alleviate at least one obstacle for wounded troops and their families.

Through the FINF Web site, those in need of transportation may submit a request detailing their travel needs. FINF will work with Jets for Vets to seek a solution. Launched in March 2007, the initiative has already garnered several volunteers who have generously donated their private planes for the program and looks forward to building an extensive database that will allow FINF and Jets for Vets to assist as many of our military personnel as possible.

The initiative has also received a positive reception from the start, as shown by Gen. Colin L. Powell, who thanked Jets for Vets founder Tony Smith, saying "I am sure this will be appreciated by many of our troops who have served us so nobly."

Please visit the FINF Web site at www.FreedomIsNotFree.com for more information or to request a flight through the Jets for Vets program. ■

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Communications Marines prepare for Operation Iraqi Freedom

Pfc. Brian D. Jones
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines of Headquarters and Service Company, 8th Communications Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, began pre-deployment training recently to enhance the combat readiness of the Marines potentially deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It's money and time well spent out here," said Gunnery Sgt. Raymond B. Groover, an electronics maintenance technician with the battalion. "It's a great training evolution. Anytime Marines get a chance to shoot their weapons, put rounds down range and earn something that could possibly save their lives and the lives of their fellow Marines ... it is well worth the investment. With this training, they will be able to put their weapons up and react."

The exercise began with three days of Enhanced Marksmanship Program training, taught by Marine combat veterans from Weapons Company, 1st Bn., 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. These Marines have plenty of combat experience, easily making them qualified to not only teach the course, but also share personal stories and advice to the attentive Marines from 8th Comm. Bn.

EMP training is conducted to sharpen and enhance combat marksmanship skills, to help the Marines become proficient in weapons handling, increase combat survivability and to develop individual proficiency operating in a combat environment. The program included lectures, dry-fire practices and re-fire exercises.

Lectures given throughout the program covered combat mindset, fundamentals of combat marksmanship, ballistics, immediate target engagement and methods of target engagement.

"We teach the things that Marines might see over in Iraq and be expected to react to," said Sgt. Scott B. Green, section leader with Mobile Assault Unit Weapons Co., 1st Bn., 8th Marines, who led the EMP instruction. "It gets the Marines behind the weapons and the things they focused."

"It's very beneficial training, because you never know when you'll be augmented out to [an infantry] unit and actually have to use these skills," said Sgt. Michael C.

Williams, a satellite communications technician with 8th Comm. Bn.

The program was a big help in teaching Marines to become familiar with their weapons again. For the majority of the Marines taking the course, this was the first opportunity to handle and fire their weapons in quite some time. Not being in the infantry can lead to prolonged periods of time without sending rounds down range.

"Honestly, these Marines mostly concentrate on their military occupational specialty ... they don't get out in the field enough," said Sgt. Christopher N. Bianca, the headquarters platoon sergeant with Weapons Co., 1st Bn., 8th Marines, and EMP instructor.

"Overall, I think this training is very important, not just for non-infantry Marines, but for infantry Marines because combat skills are a perishable trade," said Sgt. Alexander I. Bartlett, a mortar man with Weapons Co., 1st Bn., 8th Marines, and EMP instructor. "Going to a rifle range once a year doesn't make you a proficient rifleman."

Each instructor highlighted the different aspects of the training they felt were important. Communication between Marines in a combat environment, reiteration of the basic fundamentals of marksmanship, getting used to handling the weapon, magazine retention, speed and confidence were the most crucial.

The training continued the following week with two days of convoy operations and security training, ending with weapons training on the M240G medium machine gun and the M2 .50 caliber heavy machine gun.

"Each individual Marine has a job to do in a convoy," said Gunnery Sgt. Joel B. Burton, motor transport maintenance chief with Headquarters and Service Co., 8th Comm. Bn., who was the lead instructor for the convoy operations and weapons training. "It's not just riding in the back of a truck."

"We'll have something to resort back to, to keep us from going in there blind sided," said Williams. "The better prepared you are, the better job you'll do and the more alert you will be in aggressive situations."

Overall, most of the Marines in training felt positive about the instruction they received.

"It was good quality training, no nonsense, focusing on the important things



Pfc. Brian D. Jones

At home on the range: Marines of Headquarters and Service Company, 8th Communications Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, began pre-deployment training aboard Camp Lejeune.

that need to be taught," Groover said.

"I was very surprised," said Bianca. "They actually did better than I expected. They came out here; they were all motivated and ready to run, retained the knowledge and worked together in full force."

"Groups like this one that come out here are always way more motivated," said Green speaking of non-infantry Marines that don't have the chance to shoot as often. "These are Marines that want to learn."

Burton summed it up the best when he said, "a lot of the information we get in the Marine Corps is shoved down our throats early on and then you have a brain dump before you get out into the fleet. All of this becomes a refresher course; you see light bulbs turning on everywhere."

"These Marines know the stuff, they're just refreshing their minds," said Burton about instructing the Marines. ■

Combined Federal Campaign stays busy through summer

Press release
Combined Federal Campaign

The Onslow County/Camp Lejeune/New River Combined Federal Campaign is staying busy year round. Most people aren't aware that the CFC is an ongoing campaign. They usually think of the CFC in the fall when being asked for donations.

On the other hand, folks might be thinking of CFC every time they read their Leave and Earning Statement, especially if they donated. Donors might also be wondering just exactly what happens to that money when it disappears from their paycheck.

The wheels of the CFC are in constant motion. The local CFC office aboard Camp Lejeune is staying pretty busy.

In February, the local campaign welcomed a new director, Kristi Halstead. The previous director, Patricia Morin, left big shoes to fill, especially since she took the CFC campaign to new heights last year. Because of Morin's creative campaign efforts and hard work, the Onslow County/Camp Lejeune/New River CFC saw a 53 percent increase in money raised last year, totalling \$712,000 in local donations. This dramatic of an increase is definitely making waves in the CFC world.

Earlier this month, Earth Share of North Carolina, a statewide organization that participates in many campaigns across the state, chose the local CFC campaign to be recognized for a job well done. It was awarded the most outstanding of all fund raising campaigns in 2006 in North Carolina. In addition to the award just received, there is talk of a possible presidential recognition.

Every year around the world, a handful of CFC campaigns are nominated to receive an award from the White House. Organizers of the local CFC campaign are anxiously awaiting the results of this year's top choice, expected in June.

The money raised last year between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 is being disbursed to organizations all around the world.

At the beginning of this month, the first quarterly disbursement was made for the 2006 campaign. A total of \$172,000 was given out locally, statewide and nationally — all of the money that donors contributed here at the local level. As donations continue to be received throughout the year, disbursements will be made to the donor designated agencies. Donors and volunteers of the local 2006 CFC campaign aboard Camp Lejeune, New River and in Onslow County should be commended for making a direct and powerful impact on the world that we live in. ■

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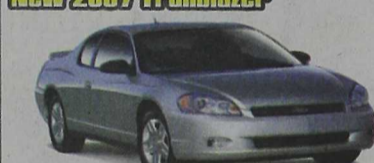


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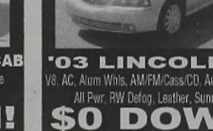
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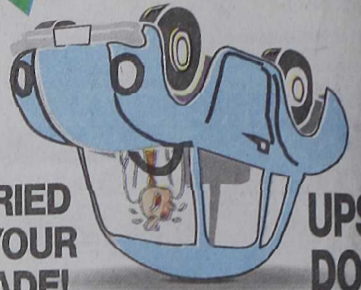


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Lejeune happenings

Book signing
The Marine Corps Association will host a book signing with author David S. Lowry, the author of "Marines in the Garden of Eden: The Tale for Anriyah." The book is a gripping account perhaps the bloodiest battle in the campaign to overthrow regime change Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. "Marines in the Garden of Eden" paints a symmetrical portrait of the Marines who blitzed up the strategically valuable city of Anriyah and fought their way through deadly streets to seize the local Euphrates river bridges and rescue Pvt. Michael Lynch. The book signing will be held Friday, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Marine Corps Association, 84 Exchange Annex.

Habitat for Humanity store opening
ReStore on 1909 Lejeune Blvd. in Jacksonville is re-opening to the public. People will be able to purchase building materials, electrical supplies, lights, paint, furniture, plumbing materials, appliances and more at low prices. The store is run by Habitat for Humanity volunteers and all proceeds from sales go toward the Jacksonville-Onslow Habitat for Humanity to assist in building homes for those in need in Jacksonville. The store will be open every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call 347-2860.

Summer Fit class schedule
Classes take place at Building 302 on Alcomb Blvd: Alcohol Abuse 101, 8:30-11:30 a.m., May 30; Anger Management, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m., Early Signs of Drug Use Among Teens, 11 a.m., May 29. To register, call 451-2865.

Bookaholics discussion club
A monthly book discussion group for adults co-sponsored by Onslow County Public Library and the Harriette B. Smith Library of Camp Lejeune, will meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the main library in Jacksonville starting June 26. The book up for discussion this month is "Will in the World" by Stephen Greenblatt. For more information or to join the group, call 455-7350, ext. 242.

Store expanded hours
Due to your requests, Midway Park C-Store will begin opening one hour earlier Monday through Thursday, starting Sunday, the store hours at that location will be Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m. For more information, call 451-2341.

Mother nature: a child's finest instructor

Community, Marines optimize school's outdoor learning space

Amy Segreti
Carolina Living Editor

The next time you architecturally overhaul an outdoor space, consider asking a dozen pre-school-age children to help with the re-design. Dr. Robin Moore and his team from the Natural Learning Initiative at North Carolina State University find the youngsters' opinions essential.

"Ya'll show me around, tell me what you do and tell me what you'd like out here," said Brad Bieber to the 3-6 year olds who enthusiastically gave him a tour of their playground at the Montessori Children's School in Jacksonville May 10. Bieber is a graduate student at N.C. State University and part of Moore's design team, which also consists of landscape architects Julie Sherk and Katherine Ellsworth.

The playground is being designed to enhance children's interaction with the natural world. A "green" schoolyard goes hand in hand with the Montessori philosophy; the outside space can be used as a giant, diverse classroom, where hands-on activities integrate different school lessons.

The Project Greenspace initiative began months ago and the Marine Corps Base Camp

Lejeune Headquarters and Support Battalion, among other groups, has been helping to make the playground safer and more beautiful. The project has since blossomed into a ten-year renovation plan, outlined by the design specialists from NLI and spearheaded by Montessori school director Peggy Higgins.

"Interacting with nature is integral to a child's development. By giving them this outdoor space, we show them the world they already live in but give them a safe place to explore it," said Higgins. The schoolyard is fenced in and among other things includes a playground, mini-forest, house garden and digging pit.

Moore has known Higgins for 15 years and recently worked on a similar design project with her in Wilmington, N.C. He has helped design learning environments for children in eight Montessori schools in locations such as Raleigh, N.C., New York and Austin, Texas.

"Montessori schools place a definite value on being out of doors. We're very comfortable working with this type of school," said Moore.

Founded by Maria

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Mini-marathon: Braden DeCapite, 3, runs through the woods at Montessori Children's School in Jacksonville. The area will be re-designed for enhanced outdoor learning.



The thinker: Jacob Leming, 3, watches fellow classmates play in the schoolyard.



Design huddle: Brad Bieber gets ideas from the children.



Going green: Above, 3-year-old Madeleine Ukeiley (left), and Noelle Miller, 5, explore the outdoors hand in hand. Right, Dr. Robin Moore, a landscape architecture professor at North Carolina State University and school Director Peggy Higgins brainstorm ideas for the schoolyard re-design.

Photos by Sgt. Salju K. Thomas



Sweet reward: Andrea Michael, 6, tries to taste the nectar of a honeysuckle flower.

'Blades' a glorious spectacle; 'Next' will keep you on edge



From the front row with

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"BLADES OF GLORY" (PG-13)

"Blades of Glory" is a comedy involving the sport of competitive figure skating.

Perhaps nowhere in sports is the marriage of athleticism and grace more evident than in the arena of world champion pairs figure skating.

The movie centers on the comic adventures of two disgraced world champion skaters who must overcome their considerable differences and get back in the game by becoming the first competitive male-pair figure skaters in history.

Will Ferrell ("Anchorman," "Old School") and Jon Heder ("School for Scoundrels," "Benchwarmers") star as Chazz Michael Michaels and Jimmy MacElroy, two rival Olympic figure skaters who have been barred from competition.

Due to a big brawl at the world championships, the athletes have been stripped of their gold medals and banned from the sport for life.

Three years later, both men are still trying to find their way in the world without competitive skating.

Then they have an inspiration; in order for them to take the ice again, they have to find a loophole. The only way that can happen is if they were to become partners.

Now, Chazz and Jimmy have to set aside their long-festering hatred of one another and join forces as the first male/male figure skating pair to compete in the history of the sport.

Differences are soon left outside the rink



Photo courtesy of Movies.com

'Blades of Glory': A hilarious parody of the world of figure skating centers on the comic adventures of two disgraced world champion skaters who must overcome their differences and get back in the game by becoming the first competitive male-pair figure skaters in history.

and the unlikely couple find themselves back in competition against a brother-sister duo, whose creepy close relationship raises a few eyebrows.

Co-starring as the brother-sister duo are Amy Poehler ("Mean Girls") as Fairchild Van Waldenberg and Will Arnett ("RV") as Stranz Van Waldenberg.

Also appearing are William Fichtner ("Crash") as billionaire Darren MacElroy, Jimmy's adopted father; Craig T. Nelson ("The Family Stone") as the coach and Jenna Fischer ("Lucky 13") as Katie Van Waldenberg, the wallflower sister who falls for Jimmy.

Making special cameo appearances are some of the best in the ice skating sport: Scott Hamilton as the sports anchor; Nancy Kerrigan as an official; Peggy Fleming, Brian Boitano and Dorothy Hamill as Federation Judges and Sasha Cohen as herself.

Directors Will Speck and Josh Gordon are known for their clever GEICO insurance commercials featuring a group of cavemen.

To create the perfect musical theme for this sports film, "American Idol" runner-up and national favorite, rocker Bo Bice, provides a rousing anthem entitled "Blades of Glory."

"Blades of Glory" is hailed as a comedy spoof and sports movie that is funny and hilariously entertaining, but that is also paying homage to the talented and dedicated athletes.

This hilarious parody of the world of figure skating however misses on that promise and looks more like a parody on Saturday Live.

"FIREHOUSE DOG" (PG)

"Firehouse Dog" is a family film about a mega-movie star dog who gets lost and is adopted into a shabby firehouse. He teams up with a young kid to get the station back on its feet.

Rex is Hollywood's top-grossing canine with all the perks of a celebrity. He is known for his extreme athletic abilities and diva-like demeanor.

Rex's luck and high life runs out while shooting a commercial. Rex's handlers think he is dead, but Rex is merely lost and all alone.

He takes refuge in an abandoned loft where he finds himself in danger when a fire breaks out.

Bruce Greenwood ("Eight Below," "Déjà Vu," "Racing Stripes") plays Connor Fahey, the captain of the rundown inner city fire station known as Dogpatch, who gets the emergency call for the blaze where Rex is trapped. However, Rex makes a death-defying leap and is rescued by Connor.

Connor asks his bright but rebellious 12-year-old son, Shane, played by Josh Hutcherson ("Zathura," "RV," "One Last Ride"), to find the owner of the dog.

Unaware of the dog's true identity, Shane becomes the reluctant new master.

Rex soon becomes the hero of the fire station, and inspired by the dog's talent and courage, Dogpatch makes Rex its mascot.

But Rex's fame has drawn the attention of the dog's handlers who want him back.

Costarring is Bree Turner ("Just Luck") as Liz Knowles; Dash M. (Hollywoodland") as Trey Falcon; Steven Culp ("Number 23") as Zach Hayden.

Director Todd Holland ("The Believers," "Krippendorfs Tribe") brings us this tale of the boy and the dog; and also heartfelt father and son relationship.

"Firehouse Dog" is a cute family movie.

Now playing in Jacksonville

"NEXT" (PG-13)

"Next" is a science fiction thriller about a Las Vegas showroom magician who can travel minutes into the future and mold upcoming events.

Nicholas Cage ("Ghost Rider," "V.I.P. Trade Center," "Leaving Las Vegas") plays Cris Johnson, a man pursued by government agents for use of his secret ability.

Cris, now working as a Las Vegas magician, has a secret gift that is both a blessing and a curse. Cris has the uncanny ability to tell you what will happen next.

Cris is sick of the examinations he undergoes as a child and the interest of the government and medical establishment in his power. He now lies low under an assumed name, performing cheap tricks and using his talent at the blackjack tables when he needs some extra money.

However, Cris' tricks do not go unnoticed altogether. Vegas security guards are also watching.

Cris must choose between saving the world or saving himself.

Jessica Biel ("The Illusionist," "Stealing Liz Cooper," a teacher trying to make a difference by teaching underprivileged children, who is the love of Cris' life.

Costarring are Thomas Kretschmann ("The Pianist") as Mr. Smith;

Tory Kittles ("Tigerland") as Cavanaugh and Peter Falk, best remembered for his role in "Columbo", as Irv.

Director Lee Tamahori ("Die Another Day," "XXX: State of the Union," "The Edge of Hell," "Mulholland Falls," "Along Came a Spider") brings us this sharp, fast-paced and interesting concept which stemmed from a 2002 release of the "Minority Report."

"Next" is an edgy and exciting sci-fi thriller.

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

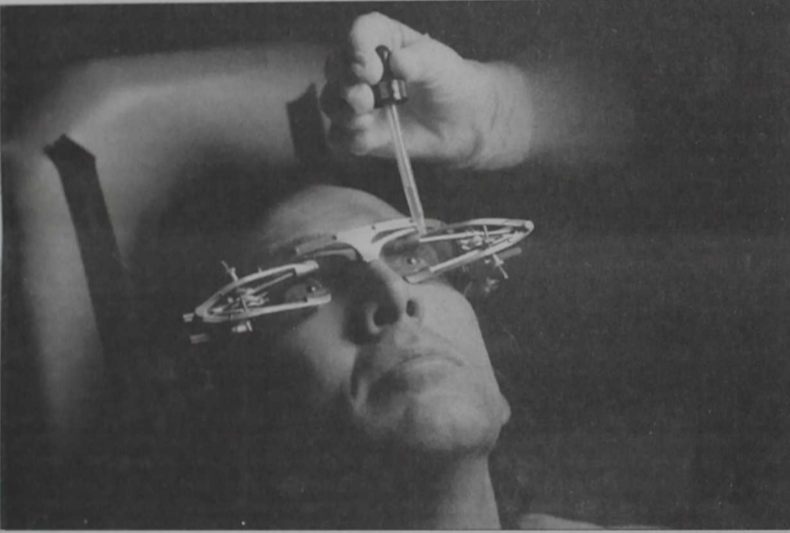


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'Next': Nicholas Cage stars as Cris Johnson, a man who can see into the future and mold events.

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Appreciating Lejeune's nurses, teachers



Photos by Amy Segreti

Lejeune's keepers: In appreciation and recognition for the many hours of service and sacrifice Lejeune teachers and nurses have made to the community and armed forces, Col. Adele E. Hodges, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune organized an appreciation night May 9 at the Officer's Club. Attendees were treated to complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres (right) and listened to Col. Hodges send her appreciation via cell phone (above) as William Meier, Chief of Staff for the base, held the phone up for the crowd in good humor.

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Online health forum puts service members, families in contact with DeCA dietitian



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Caroline Williams
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Defense Commissary Agency officials are excited to announce the start of a new, interactive health and wellness page on the agency's Web site, www.commissaries.com. The forum, hosted by DeCA dietitian Maj. Karen Fauber, went live Monday.

"More and more consumers indicate they look to grocery stores for nutrition education and guidance," said DeCA Director and Chief Executive Officer Patrick B. Nixon. "Now that we have a dietitian on staff, it's critical that she has a forum for discussing health and wellness with commissary customers."

According to Nixon, the page will include a weekly column, "The Dietitian's Voice," and a discussion forum, "Ask the DeCA Dietitian," which will allow customers to exchange comments, experiences, views and opinions regarding nutrition topics with the DeCA dietitian and other registered users.

"DeCA has made great strides in promoting health and wellness within the military community," Nixon explained. "We've partnered with TRICARE for the past several years in educating commissary customers on the importance of weight maintenance and we feel that making DeCA's staff dietitian readily available to the millions of people who shop in commissaries worldwide will strengthen our position as the nutritional leader for the military community."

Fauber says she is thrilled to be touching

base with commissary customers and hopes that the forum will encourage an open-ended conversation about the very thing many of us take for granted: good health.

"Working with commissary customers is the best part of my job," she said. "Nutrition science becomes the real thing when it is applied and makes a difference in people's lives. Our goal is to accomplish this with the health and wellness forum."

In her role as host of the forum, Fauber will tap into her extensive education and experience. She is a registered and licensed dietitian with more than 16 years of military service: 10 as an Army Reserve dietitian and six on active duty, including experience as a certified diabetes educator in Army medical facilities and public health clinics. Fauber developed, coordinated and evaluated health and nutrition programs in Virginia and served as the state's "5 A Day for Better Health" program coordinator.

Fauber has a bachelor's degree in dietetics from Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga., and a master's degree in education and human development from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. She interned at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. Continuing her studies, Fauber is currently enrolled in an online doctoral program in health education through A.T. Still University, Kirksville, Mo.

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In honor of Memorial Day ... A letter to my son about war

Navy Capt. Larry D. Cripps
Marine Forces Reserve

What do you say to your 13-year-old son about war? When I left home the morning after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, my youngest son, Alex, was 8 years old. He was certainly too young to comprehend the fact that our nation was now at war. However, over the next five years, he would share a journey with me that would not only deepen our own personal relationship, but cause us both to appreciate the meaning of the words, "Greater love has no man than this, that one lay down his life for his friend (John 15:13)."

For almost 46 months now, I've been privileged to serve the Marines and sailors and their family members of the largest combat arms unit in the United States Marine Corps, the 4th Marine Division. The command is comprised of 20,500 Reservists plus their families widely dispersed over 38 different states and located at 106 different sites. As the division chaplain, I'm responsible for promoting the spiritual and moral readiness of warfighters, equipping them for the demands of the battlefield and in facing its realities in the aftermath of redeployment and demobilization.

When I reported to the division in October of 2003, I had no way of knowing that of all the reserve commands, the 4th Marine Division would be at the tip of the spear in the long War on Terrorism.

Today, the division continues to resource to the active component two infantry battalions plus supporting detachments per year to the extent that each battalion in four line regiments has made at least one if not two deployments to Iraq.

As I lead the ministry to scores of families across this great nation of ours, I'm aware of the need to help my own family understand in the broader terms of all eternity just why I'm not home for weeks and months at a time. So, I decided to write my son Alex a letter explaining why my place at the dinner table is often vacant and why I'm forced to miss those important sporting events, which we've shared together since he was 5 years old. Even though I assumed he understood, I felt it important to share my thoughts with him in a letter.

Thoughts for my son

The letter began by explaining to Alex the importance of studying God's word, especially now that our country is at war, and how in doing this our warfighters are better

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Professional impact

In order to understand the professional
impact that pregnancy can have on one's
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may authorize up to 10 days of permissive
temporary additional duty for a married
male Marine either following the birth of
his child or prior to and just after the
child's delivery in cases where appropriate
medical facilities are not available and the
Marine accompanies his spouse to a differ-
ent location.

On the other hand, according to the
Bureau of Naval Personnel, the Navy does-
n't have a leave category called paternity
because every active-duty sailor earns reg-
ular leave at the rate of 2 and 1/2 days per
month. If a sailor would like time off fol-
lowing birth of a baby or adoption of a
child, they may submit a request to the
chain of command. Leave policy is up to
each command.

The bottom line for service members
who will be having children — either you
or your spouse — is to be aware of your
services policy and plan accordingly.

Timing is everything

Neither service dictates when members
should or should not get pregnant. By

instruction, a servicewoman should plan
her pregnancy in a manner that allows her
to meet both family and military obliga-
tions. However, the Navy is educating all
Navy personnel to have their families
while assigned to a shore command.

It is clear that command climate and
mission play a huge role in the overall
assessment of the military as a maternity-
and family-friendly workplace.

Generally speaking, those who are on
shore duty or work in an office while preg-
nant will find their commands to be sup-
portive and pregnancy will have little or no
impact on co-workers or mission accom-
plishment. Conversely, sea duty or deploy-
ing units will be less positive about preg-
nancy. Common sense dictates that preg-
nancy will have greater impact on a ser-
vice member's ability to accomplish the mis-
sion at sea or deployed and a greater incon-
venience for your co-workers.

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NATURE.
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Montessori, an Italian educator, philosopher and humanitarian, the Montessori method encourages independence, freedom of movement and concentration. Teachers are called "directors" or "directresses" and believe that children learn through discovery. Everything in the classroom is miniature and a teacher's big desk is nowhere to be seen.

The Montessori educational philosophy focuses on the individual needs and talents of each child as opposed to the needs of the class as a whole. In traditional classrooms, children are grouped by age and taught the same curriculum. In Montessori classrooms, children are exposed to a more varied age-group and each student essentially has his or her own "curriculum."

Part-time directress Stacey Ralston put it this way: "If there are 20 children, there are 20 different lesson plans."

It is the school's emphasis on cultivating a love and appreciation for nature that allows the directors to make an outdoor initiative like Project Greenspace a high priority.

"This workshop is awesome. It allows the design team to look over everything and give us a long-range plan," said Neeva Tucker, outdoor classroom directress at the school. "We promote respect of nature and taking care of the earth."

"Outside, the children have free reign to explore," said directress Zoe Fleischman. "Which isn't to say we don't watch over them; we're always aware of what's going on. We just let them make their own discoveries."

Whether that's digging for treasure in a hole in the roots of a tree in the schoolyard's mini-forest area, discovering what honeysuckle tastes like or just watching over the schoolyard's resident guinea pig, the children seem to genuinely enjoy learning in nature.

Among other changes, Moore intends to make the space more accessible by establishing a pathway system so the children can use wheeled-toys. Above all, the natural environment will be maintained as much as possible.

"See that?" said Higgins as she pointed to a tree stump the children were playing on. "We kept that stump intact because it was part of the environment. You can really see the difference when children are interacting in an environment someone created as opposed to one that is more natural, and so



Pint-sized Tarzan: Kyle Leming, 5, hangs from a tree outside of Montessori Children's School.

we leave things like that alone for the children, because we want to make them aware of the value of that."

The changes to the schoolyard will be completed with community support. When Project Greenspace was first developed, Col. David

Leppelmeier, Commanding Officer of the Headquarters and Support Battalion called the school and asked if they needed assistance.

"He said essentially, 'Ma'am, I've got 1,400 Marines that can give you a hand, and we are so grateful to continue to have their

help," said Higgins.

"We've had many partners in this. This truly is a community project and the Headquarters and Support Battalion are a key part, as well as having Robin Moore's magnificent expertise," she said. "It's a wonderful dream to have this happen." ■

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Community plans to enhance local Vietnam Veterans Memorial



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Memorial facelift: The re-designed curved glass memorial will feature a handicap-accessible bridge, walkways, an exhibit honoring the five branches of service, a gazebo and water pool.

Amy Segreti
Carolina Living Editor

The community is bringing big changes to the Lejeune Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville, thanks to a new 3-D design model created by Coastal

Carolina Community College, a memorial architect and the help of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation.

The CCCC students and Patrick Jacques, head of the architectural technology department,

created a model of a new design for the Vietnam Memorial adjacent to the Beirut Memorial from architect John Sinnet's blueprints.

The change in design around the memorial's original 600-foot wall is

due to concerns about how the wall would withstand harsh weather. The wall will now be curved and constructed mainly from glass and granite and designed to withstand 140 mph winds. The wall will be 6-8 feet high and include all 58,229 names of the service members who died protecting our country during the war, listed in alphabetical order. The wall will surround a small pool of water and gazebo, creating a spot for visitors to sit and reflect.

A handicap-accessible bridge and exhibit featuring the five branches of the armed services is also a part of the plan.

"We felt that more was needed here at the memorial. Lots of the veterans can't go from here to the beautiful memorial in D.C., and we felt that this would be beneficial to our community and state," said Clinton Williams, treasurer and fund-raiser for the memorial.

The foundation is still deciding who they will

contract with to engineer the project, but Williams is currently trying to raise funds for the project through community events, such as a large scale motorcycle run in September encompassing areas in the city of Jacksonville and Camp Lejeune. So far, the foundation has raised almost \$1 million, a quarter of the memorial's original cost estimate.

While the foundation presented the new design at CCCC's architectural technology program spring show on May 7, Williams also hopes to present the design to Col. Adele I. Hodges, Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, in the near future.

If members of the community would like to participate in the motorcycle ride or donate to the memorial fund, they can send mail to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, P.O. Box 7325, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540 or call Williams for information at 324-6254. ■

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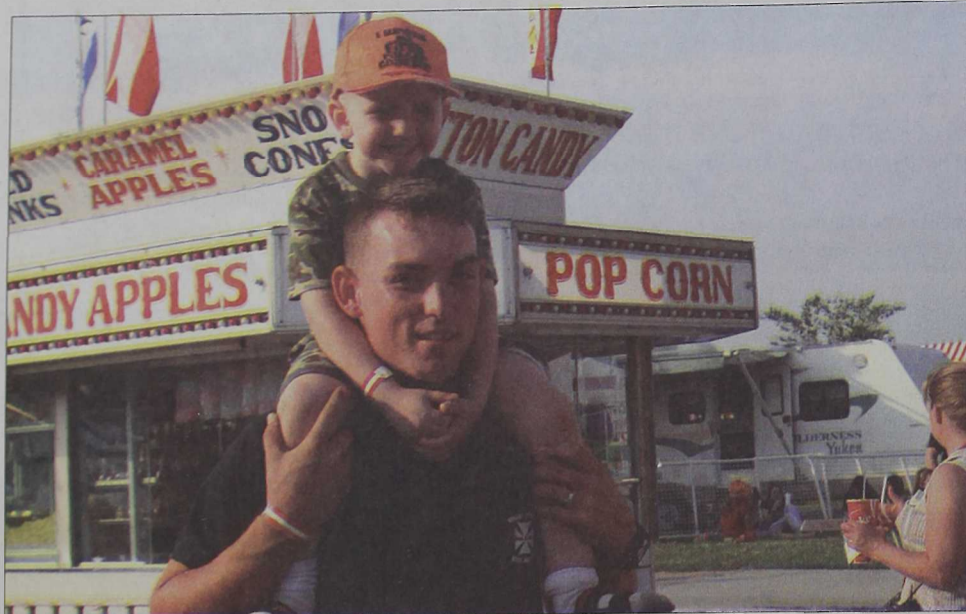
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Marines, children gear up for spring at Maynia



Maynia highlights: 4-year-old Freddy Whale gets a bird's eye view on the shoulders of his uncle, Pfc. Eric Swisher at the spring festival Maynia, which took place last weekend aboard Camp Lejeune.

Cpl. Amber L. Blanchard

PREGNANCY CONTINUED FROM 5D

women who are pregnant (and subsequently become a parent) while on active duty believe that the experience actually made them better sailors or Marines. Being on active duty means having a steady paycheck to support a child, and being a mother has a positive impact on career in many ways. Stability and focus are attributes associated with family life and parenting, and certainly more patience and understanding.

Not without challenges

Sleep deprivation, general fatigue and "morning sickness" are the main drawbacks faced by pregnant sailors and Marines. A supportive command and work environment will overcome many of these difficulties. The possibility of postpartum depression and more lack of sleep after birth are additional issues to deal with.

Also remember, you must meet physical fitness standards within six months after the end of your pregnancy.

Taking it day by day

As difficult as it is to decide whether to become pregnant while on active duty, it's a relatively short-term decision from conception to completion of convalescent leave is less than a year. (Of course, you'll be a parent for a lifetime.) Whether to remain on active duty as parents is a decision that many sailors and Marines — men and women alike — evaluate and determine throughout their careers. As your military service requirements evolve, so too must your parenting responsibilities. Some service members can successfully combine parenting and active-duty military service with all of their associated complications. Others have to choose one or the other. Most feel it's best to take it day by day. ■

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LETTER

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ed for what they must face and do on the battlefield. The following excerpts from my letter illustrate a father's heart for his youngest son:

I'm writing this letter to explain why I'm sharing this special edition of the Marine Bible with you and your family.

First, I want to commend you all for the time you spend studying the Scriptures, for that is time well spent. The Bible is the Word of God, recording his interactions with his people in all places and for all times. Our nation's history is filled with highlighting the bravery of some of our early heroes like Washington, Patrick Henry and John Paul Jones, the face of opposition to the dominating ruling held strong to their principles of liberty and freedom enshrined in the Bible.

Gen. Charles C. USMC, 31st and 1st Marine Divisions, once stressed to his sons the importance of God's word, explaining it "is like cool water in a canteen. During the difficult times, it gives you relief and a feeling of renewal that you can accomplish any mission you are given."

Marines and sailors, the reading and studying of the Bible is paramount to success as protectors of freedom-loving people everywhere. Today, our warriors are fighting in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, engaged against insurgents, and religious extremists epitomize the barbarian nature of 21st century warfare. As a Navy aviator assigned to the Marine Corps, it is my privilege to lead our warriors in the study of the Bible so they are spiritually prepared for the realities of the battlefield.

The Marine Bible that I've shared with you is used in a number of ways. First, a copy is given to our senior commanders, sergeants major, and other key staff members who have the responsibility of leading our warriors into combat. It provides them the moral compass needed to navigate the extremes in war, which is commonplace among many of our enemies.

Second, a copy is given to our warriors who are wounded in combat bearing the scars for a lifetime. Third, a copy is given to family members of warriors killed in combat providing for them a beacon of hope and stability when navigating the various stages of their grief. So, you see, the

Marine Bible plays a major role in my ministry to warriors and their families. That is why I felt it important to share copies with you and your friends. You of all people are dearest to me and I'm very proud that you've opened your hearts to the ongoing study of the Bible. As you do so, you will be better prepared to aid those who yearn for freedom. After all, it is the responsibilities of those who are free to help those who are oppressed seize this God-given right. It has been said, "Without freedom, we have nothing."

A young Marine

I want to illustrate this point further by sharing a story about a young Marine, Lance Cpl. William D. Spenser, who was killed in the streets of Fallujah, while pulling another fallen Marine to safety. He was a member of India Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines from Nashville, Tenn. Alex, your older brother Jacob served in that exact same unit until completing his tour of duty in 2002. In ministering to Lance Cpl. Spenser's family, I heard stories paying tribute to an outstanding Marine who had come to faith in Jesus Christ while attending recruit training at Parris Island, S.C.



Capt. Larry D. Cripps

Spenser's profession of faith underscores once again the importance of the chaplain's ministry. What was being said about William was in reality being said about this generation of young Americans, who are discovering in hellish places like Afghanistan and Iraq, where death is a constant companion, how to serve each other with courage — to die for each other, weep for each other, and in time, to love each other as brothers. Their experience is a candid, warrior's eye view regarding the realities of war — its momentary interludes of joy at reaching major milestones in the operation to devastating moments of grief over the loss of a fellow warrior. By reading the Bible, whether in some makeshift chapel in the desert somewhere or just before a mission, our warriors gain the assurance they need to face the challenges of combat.

Furthermore, the word of God gives them great joy and the inspiration to turn each day into a day of celebration ... a day where they, as warriors, celebrate all that is embodied in their motto, Semper Fidelis — always faithful to God, to country, to family, to the Corps and to their fellow Marines.

In time, these warriors will return home and rebuild their lives, find jobs or professions, marry, raise families and wait patiently for America to come to its senses

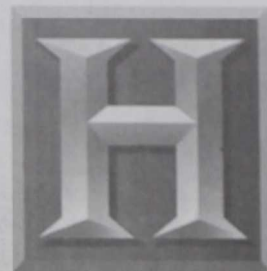
and appreciate the fact that what they did in war was more in the defense of each other than anything else. As the years pass, they will search each other out, and find that the half-remembered pride shared by them who shared everything else in war is still there. With them, and only with them, will they talk about what really happened in combat — what they had seen, what they had done, and what they had survived.

Touched warriors

As a Navy Chaplain, they expect me to understand these experiences and to ensure support when they and their families need it the most. I have lived the warrior experience for most of my adult life, walking battlefields in such places as Vietnam, Desert Storm, the Balkans, and now in the aftermath of 9/11. What I have learned from these experiences is that the wounded do not wash away the red and go on with life unharmed. Those who are miraculously spared are by no means untouched, for no warrior leaves the battlefield the same person he or she was when they first arrived. In the days, months, and years ahead, it is my calling and the calling of many others to lead and encourage our warriors and veterans with the following commander's intent: "Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31)."

Alex, as your father, I am very proud of you and your friends for being so committed to the study of the Bible. In being so, you are equipping yourselves for the spiritual battles you must face in life's journey. Remember, freedom is priceless, yet it comes with a high price. For your sakes, it is my earnest prayer that from the ashes of this present war God will resurrect a better world. A world founded upon faith and understanding. A world dedicated to the dignity of people and the fulfillment of their most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance, and justice. With deepest admiration and affection, I remain your loving father.

Capt. Larry D. Cripps is a Navy Reservist recalled to active duty in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He is currently assigned as the Division Chaplain/Assistant Chief of Staff for Religious Ministry, 4th Marine Division. Captain Cripps' tours of duty include Vietnam, Desert Storm, the Balkans, and in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon. His son Alex Webb Cripps is a student at High Point Christian Academy, High Point, NC. Comments regarding this article can be sent to larry.cripps@usmc.mil.



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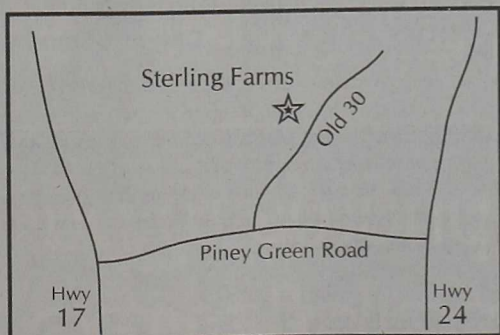


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Noon Tunes Friday, May 25

The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, Onslow County Public Library and Pizza Hut are sponsoring a Musical Lunch Series every Friday through May 25. The performances will be held from noon - 1:30 p.m. at the New River Waterfront Park in Jacksonville. If it is raining the

concerts will be in the United Services Organization across the street from the Waterfront Park. Friday's featured guest is Mandy Cheek (Patsy Cline). May 18 will feature Joran Lake Southerland (Top 40 American Idol Finalist) and May 25 will feature Pauline Smith (Variety). The concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call 347-5332, or visit www.co.onslow.nc.us/parks.

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Fourth Friday gallery nights May 25, 6 - 9 p.m.

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Sneads Ferry Memorial Day ceremony May 28, 10 a.m.

This ceremony will honor all who served and sacrificed in the Armed Services. The parade will start at 10 a.m. from the New River Community Church parking lot on Wheeler Creek Rd. in Sneads Ferry, N.C. A free picnic will be held following the parade at the Community Center for veterans and their families and parade participants and viewers. An open house at the Post 983 off Highway 17N will follow the picnic. Color guards provided by Camp Lejeune and Hampstead American Legion will perform. For more information, call 327-0692.

Wilmington's 42nd Annual Memorial Day observance May 28, 5:45 p.m.

Remember those who gave their lives in service and honor veterans at this traditional Memorial Day Observance featuring a military guest speaker, an all-service Color Guard, a 21-gun salute by a Marine Corps Honor Guard, military band, Taps and a memorial wreath cast onto the waters. This free program will be held on the Fantail of the Battleship, N.C. in Wilmington. For more information call 251-5797, ext. 2050 or visit www.battleshipnc.com.

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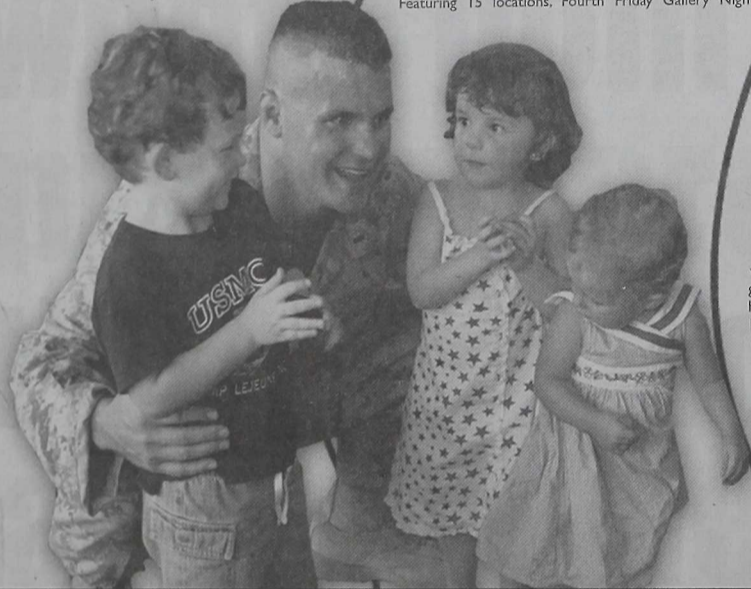
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