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The stars were in town for the Marine Corps Celebrity Classic last weekend. To learn more, turn to page 1B.

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The Field Medical Service School on Camp Lejeune is one of two schools in the Navy that trains and prepares sailors to "go green" or work in Marine units as medical technicians. Find out more on 1C.

Turtles
People came out in droves June 6 to participate in the largest release of sea turtles in the history of the Karen Ashley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center. Find out more on 1D.

News Watch

General officer announcements
Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today that President has made the following nominations:
Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Peterson N. Gardner Jr. has been nominated for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and assignment as principal deputy director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense. Gardner is currently serving as the deputy commandant for programs and resources, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

Family town all meeting
Lt. James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps, and his wife will conduct a meeting open to all Marine Corps and Navy families stationed at Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River today.
The event, which takes place at Marston Pavilion from 9:45-11:45 a.m., is a chance to find out what's happening and ask questions. Free child care will be available on site.

SG screening team visits
The Marine Security Guard screening team will visit Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune today at Marston Pavilion. The screening is scheduled to start today at 8 a.m.
Marines interested in joining the team to protect U.S. embassies abroad should contact their Unit Career Retention Specialist for more information.

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Support: An Iraqi soldier kisses a local girl on the cheek. Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) are working alongside Marines from Regimental Combat Team 6 on Operation Alljah in the city of Fallujah.

CLB-6 participates in Operation Alljah

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

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), worked alongside Marines from Regimental Combat Team 6 during Operation Alljah in the city of Fallujah recently.

The operation was designed to turn Fallujah over to local Iraqi law enforcement by dividing the city up into manageable sections. Similar to a successful operation in the city Ar Ramadi, the operation was spearheaded by the Iraqi army and police with coalition forces acting in supporting roles.

"In order to set Fallujah up for success, we put Iraqi police in charge of the city so we can slowly pull the American military presence out," said 1st Lt. Kyle Opel, the executive officer for Transportation Support Company, CLB-6.

The battalion's role in the operation was the emplacement of vital barriers that create a limited number of access points in to the separate districts of the city, Opel explained.

"It keeps insurgents from moving freely through the city," the Fairfax Station, Va., native explained. "The checkpoints will be



Iraqi police station: A Marine with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, stands with his squad automatic weapon outside the gate of an Iraqi police station.

manned by Iraqi police who will ensure the security in the individual districts."

In each district an Iraqi police station will act as the precinct headquarters. Once the new stations are built, they will begin a recruiting drive to train

more Iraqi police to protect one of the largest cities in Al Anbar province.

"There are already recruits waiting for the police stations to come so they can contribute to the protecting of their city," Opel explained. ■

Adm. Mullen recommended for chairman

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — To avoid a contentious reconfirmation process, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates will recommend that President George W. Bush nominate Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael G. Mullen to replace Gen. Peter Pace as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In a Pentagon news conference, Gates said he also will recommend Gen. James E. Cartwright for the position of vice chairman. Cartwright is the commander of U.S. Strategic Command. Navy Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., the current vice chairman, announced his decision to retire last week.

"I have become well acquainted with Adm. Mullen over the last six months and believe he has the strategic insight, experience and integrity to lead America's armed forces," Gates said.

Gates said he intended to re-nominate Pace and Giambastiani, but after consulting with senators of both parties, came to the conclusions "that because Gen. Pace has served as chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the last six years, the focus of his confirmation process would have been on the past rather than the future."

He said the confirmation process would have the possibility of being quite contentious. "I am no stranger to contentious confirmations, and I do not shrink from them," Gates said. "However, I have decided at this moment in our history, the nation, our men and women in uniform, and Gen. Pace himself would not be well-served by a divisive ordeal in selecting the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Pace will continue to serve as chairman until his term ends Sept. 30. He is the first Marine to hold the position.

Pace, a 1967 graduate of

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Reenlistment bonuses hit record highs

Cpl. Michael T. Knight
Marine Corps Base

If you are a Marine currently on the proverbial reenlistment fence, there is now more incentive to stay on the active-duty side.

The Marine Corps is offering up to \$80,000 to reenlist Fiscal Year 2008 Marines with the new Selective Reenlistment Bonus program.

"This is the most money I have ever been offered for reenlisting," said Gunnery Sgt. Clinton Parks, a Career Retention Specialist with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

This new SRB, dubbed the Flat Rate SRB, lists the exact dollar amount you will receive for reenlisting.

"This new plan makes my job a lot easier. Under the previous program, which used a multiple system, there were a lot of calculations and explaining to the Marine," Parks explained.

Marines who reenlist on or after June 24, will be eligible for the new SRB based on their zone, grade, and military occupational specialty. The Marine must also reenlist for at least 48 months in order to get the full bonus. Marine Administrative Message 349/07, signed June 7, lists the exact amount every MOS rates as a bonus for reenlisting.

Marines fall under one of five zones. Zone A applies to Marines with 17 months to six years active duty, zone B is six to 10 years, zone C is 10 to 14 years, zone D is 14 to 18 and zone E is 18 to 20 years of active-duty service.

Marines reenlisting for less than 48 months will rate the number of months divided by 48 months multiplied by SRB authorized amount.

According to the MarAdmin, This new bonus plan was developed because one of the commandant's highest priorities is to retain combat experienced Marines and their leadership. Another goal is to achieve a one month of deployment

for every two months not deployed ratio.

Sgt. Michael Harrold, an intelligence analyst with 2nd Radio

Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force finalized his decision to re-up

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Photo illustration by Sgt. Salju K. Thomas

Bonus: New reenlistment bonus tops out at \$80,000. Turn to 9A for more information about specific MOS bonuses.

MAN on the street

What are you planning for Father's Day?



"I plan on sitting at home and enjoying time spent with my family."

Anthony Stone
Commercial plumber
Lebanon, Tenn.

"I'm going boating with my family for Father's Day."



Bruno Perry
real estate broker
Jacksonville, N.C.



"I'm going to call my dad this weekend and when I go up to visit the weekend after Father's Day we are going to go to dinner."

Seaman Justin Hoffman
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune
Fredrick, Md.

"My wife is going to make me dinner and dessert and then we are going out to the movies."



Staff Sgt. Martin Heath
Motor transport maintenance
Combat Logistics Battalion 22
Chicago



"I just moved here so my family and I are going to enjoy the new surroundings."

Lt. Col. David McMorries
G-6 Deputy
2nd Marine Division, Headquarters Battalion
Corvallis, Ore.

Civil Service employees to convert to Pay-for-Performance System

Press Release
National Security Personnel System

This is the second of a series of articles about the National Security Personnel System that will help Marine Corps supervisors and employees successfully transition to this new human resources system.

The implementation of the National Security Personnel System is the most significant human resources reform since the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. NSPS is a pay-for-performance system that provides the Department of Defense with the tools necessary to compensate and reward its most valuable asset, its employees. NSPS is critical to the overall transformation to a results-oriented, performance-based culture. NSPS emphasizes three key concepts that are core to the system: accountability, flexibility and results. NSPS reinforces these concepts through implementation of new hiring and pay-setting flexibilities, improved ability to reward employee performance, and increased accountability for results through specific and measurable job objectives. Presently, NSPS is being

implemented throughout DoD using a spiral approach. Marine Corps Base is a part of Spiral 2.0 and is tentatively scheduled to convert to NSPS February 3, 2008. NSPS is on an event-driven schedule so these dates may change if events dictate. This conversion currently applies to all non-bargaining unit general schedule employees. Bargaining unit status can be found on each employee's SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, under block 37. Employees with a bargaining unit status code of 8888 or 7777 are non-bargaining unit employees.

Conversion of bargaining unit employees in the general schedule remains on hold until further notice. A system for wage grade employees is under development by DoD. Conversion plans are unknown at this time.

Completion of NSPS 101 web based training provided at www.epms.osd.mil is required for all employees converting to NSPS and their military/NAF supervisors. Classroom training on NSPS will be provided by a contractor and will be given to all affected employees and their military/NAF

supervisors before conversion to NSPS. This training is scheduled to start in July 2007. Required training includes Resources Elements, Performance Management, Pay Management, Alignment/SMART Objective Driven Performance Writing Accomplishments and other skills training.

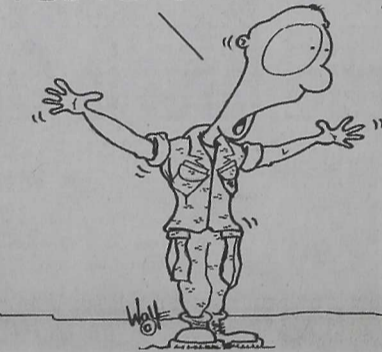


To effectively prepare the force for this significant transition, a Command and Control Implementation Team has been formed.

The mission of the Implementation Team is to successfully guide the command through all aspects of the transition, including Program Management, Training, Records Validation, Policy/Pay Pool Management.

For more information, NSPS, call the NSPS Program Manager, John Armour, at 451-2385, or the NSPS Program Coordinator, Josephine Futrell, at 451-2748 or www.lejeune.usmc.mil/hr/nsps.html. This Web site contains links to other official Web sites. ■

"That's impossible! You just retired YESTERDAY!!!"



"I know, Ain't it cool? I woke up like this!"



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Semper Safe

Are you prepared for severe weather?

What time is it? Time to start watching the weather forecasts a little bit closer, that's what time. As most of us know June 1st to November 30th every year is Atlantic Ocean hurricane season. Camp Lejeune has a new destructive weather manual called BO P3440.6F and this manual provides information, guidance and procedures for use during the different Destructive Weather Conditions, such as locations of the emergency shelters, conditions of readiness and responsibilities of military units including personnel and equipment. You are highly encouraged to become familiar with this manual and plan ahead with your family in preparation for this year's coming season.

First step in preparing for destructive weather is getting together an emergency home survival kit good for three days. Include essentials such as water, nonperishable food requiring little to no cooking, baby supplies,

medications, portable radio, spare batteries, flashlights, sanitation supplies, extra cash and clothes. For more information please refer to the North Carolina Emergency Management website; www.ncrcimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000003,000010. Don't forget about your pets, they are not allowed in the emergency shelters, so plan accordingly.

Here are the destructive weather conditions you need to know for proper planning. Also refer to BO P3440.6F and hurricane information on the Camp Lejeune website for more details:

- **DWC V** - During this condition the potential for destructive weather is elevated but no specific system threatens the area. This condition is automatically set from June 1 through Nov. 30.

- **DWC IV** - Specific system with winds of 50 knots or more is forecast to affect the area in 72 hours.

- **DWC III** - Specific system with winds of 50 knots

or more is forecast to affect the area in 48 hours.

- **DCW II** - Specific system with winds of 50 knots or more is forecast to affect the area in 24 hours.

- **DCW I** - Specific system with winds of 50 knots or more is forecast to affect the area in 12 hours.

- **Secure field training**, release non-essential personnel, restrict liberty to base only and evacuate high risk areas. Secure and store all loose outside items at your residence to minimize damage.

- **DWC IC**, 6 hours - The specific system is within six hours; secure all liberty (restricted to residence/baracks) and close all base facilities except designated emergency mess halls.

- **DWC IE** - The area is currently experiencing a specific destructive weather system with sustained winds of 50 knots and all facilities are closed. Stay put in a safe location until all is clear.

- **DWC IR** - The system

has passed but all orders, restrictions and guidance previously set remains in effect. Only emergency operations are taking place so continue to stay indoors until all is clear.

Visit the Camp Lejeune Web site for more tips; www.lejeune.usmc.mil.

Commanders and Leaders: You are responsible for the safety of your personnel. It is your duty to ensure your personnel understand how important it is to prepare for destructive weather and the smart use of ORM on and off-duty situations. To assist you in your duties, see the "Leaders Guide" available on our Web site below. For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or Base Safety Representative. For more details, see our Web site <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil> to ensure ... "You're prepared for severe weather."

Remember Marines, we live by our ethos. ■

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Osprey gets new nest at Camp Ramadi

Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (FWD)

AL ASAD, Iraq — The Marine Corps' MV-22 Osprey has an easier target to hit in when landing at Camp Ramadi. The forward operating base now has a true expeditionary airfield to receive frequent troop movements and supplies.

The expeditionary airfield technicians and heavy equipment operators of Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 began building two landing pads for the Osprey and other air assets at Camp Ramadi, recently.

"The Osprey is coming into theater and we're building two landing pads so they can bring troops and supplies into Ramadi," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Hague, an expeditionary airfield technician with MWSS-371.

Although the MV-22 has increased troop carrying capacity and ability to fly further and faster than other helicopters, the Osprey needs additional landing space because of the large rotor span.

"This project is specifically for the Osprey," said Lance Cpl. Roberto Zepeda III, an expeditionary airfield technician with MWSS-371. "Most helicopters only need a 96 by 96 foot pad, but we expanded to 120 by 120 so the Osprey can land."

Marines came from various units at 371 comprising a 31-man team, created to help the expeditionary air field section build two 120 foot by 120 foot AM-matting landing pads.

"The matting itself is used universally for landing zones and runways," said Hague, a Jacksonville, Fla. native. "It's very durable so it can be put anywhere. Basically if there's ground there, you can put this

matting down. It can be used for temporary or permanent airfields."

Prior to this project, Ramadi's only landing pad was made of asphalt, which can be melted by the heat produced when the Osprey takes off or lands vertically. The AM-2 matting is made of high grade aluminum and can stand up to elements like extreme heat and cold. The matting can be laid on any type of flat terrain and can be utilized by any military aircraft.

The scheduled 30-day project consisted of two phases; surveying the terrain and constructing two landing pads with heavy equipment, then laying the AM-2 matting. The EAF Marines then paint and light the new landing pads.

"Matting is simple, it's like putting together a big puzzle," said Hague. "You stake it down, then paint it, light it, and certify it. The minute it's built and certified, you can land on it."

The AM-2 matting was installed specifically to support the Osprey, but every aircraft landing in Ramadi will welcome the change.

The airfield was a dirt lot with a small existing asphalt pad, according to Hague. The asphalt pad can only sustain two aircraft; any additional aircraft land in the dirt. With the new pads, the extra aircraft will be able to come in and land on pads while they're waiting to refuel and load or unload passengers.

While increasing aircraft efficiency, the new landing pads will also cut down brown out conditions making it safer for aircrews.

"It's going to help out with all the aircraft traffic," said Hague. "They'll be able to bring in more aircraft for supplies, moving troops and transport between bases." ■



Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson

Airfield: Lance Cpl. Roberto Zepeda III (left), an expeditionary airfield technician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 371, directs the heavy equipment operator while Cpl. Robert Goodall II, an EAF technician with MWSS-371, and Pfc. Timothy Burns, a Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear technician with MWSS-371, jack-hammer a stake as they install a helicopter landing pad, May 19. The "Sandsharks" laid two helicopter landing pads in Ramadi, Iraq.

Retired Military Breakfast

June 30
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All military
are invited

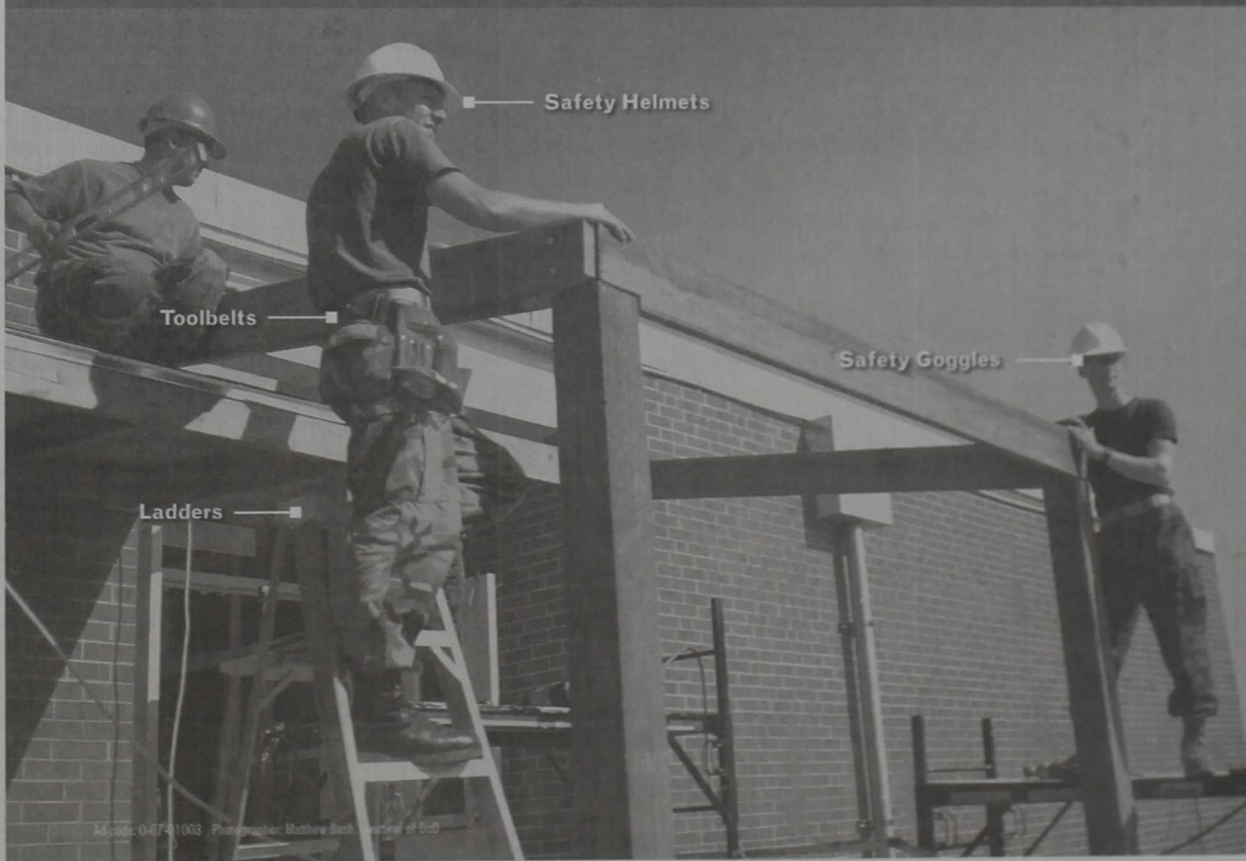
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Expeditionary airfield technicians produce, maintain airfields

Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (FWD)

AL ASAD, Iraq — If you could spend a day with an expeditionary airfield Marine in the States you would see them catching fighter jets with emergency arresting gear on the flightline, or while deployed to Iraq sweeping the flightline for damage and making rapid repairs to ensure a safe landing zone.

The expeditionary airfield technicians of Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 are currently deployed to Iraq and are responsible for maintaining the airfield on Al Taqqadum.

In addition to their normal responsibilities, they are also building helicopter landing pads and when required, manning forward arming and refueling points for helicopters.

"When I was told aircraft recovery, I got the impression I was going outside the wire to pick up downed aircraft, something like 'Blackhawk Down,'" said Cpl. Robert Goodall II, an expeditionary airfield technician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 371. "I got to school and found out I was working with emergency arresting gear for tail-hook aircraft. It's a little different than I expected, but I like it."

The EAF technician military occupational specialty differs while home and deployed. An assignment to a station unit in the United States, consists of aircraft recovery.

"Back at station we are

emergency personnel," said Goodall, a Chilton, Wis. native. "Usually we get five minutes where the tower will let us know if we have an emergency or precautionary arrestment. Then we go and respond. We go out to our gear and make sure it is up and let the tower know we're up and we are clear of the runway."

In aircraft recovery, the Marines work with E-28 emergency arresting gear for tail-hook aircraft like the F/A-18, according to Goodall. Every morning EAF starts up the arresting gear ensuring it has power in case of an emergency. From changing spark plugs to the monthly maintenance, the Marines ensure the gear is ready to go everyday.

Not every arrestment is a worst case scenario. They take aborted arrestments, when a pilot aborts a take off; precautionary arrestments, when a pilot gets a warning light; and emergency, when a plane has a blown out tire or can't land on an aircraft carrier.

Just like everything else in the Marine Corps, safety is paramount. When the EAF crew take an arrestment, there is no one near the cable on the runway, according to Goodall. They turn on the arrestment gear and move away from it in case something happens to the aircraft or their gear breaks.

"We have a minimum of four people, one on each engine, one between the engines and one in front of

the aircraft," said Goodall. "The guy in the front will make sure the brakes are off by signaling the pilot. Then, the point man gives the signal to the guys on the engines and they retract the cable. The point man gives the cut sign and the two engine operators stop the arrestment gear and the aircraft rolls back off the cable and the pilot puts their tail hook up and goes on their way."

The Marines work in a deployable billet while attached to a Marine Aircraft Wing and the EAF mission changes dramatically when deployed. The section takes on more responsibility.

"The wing side is expeditionary work and is more difficult; you have to maintain the matting, the markings and the lighting and the expeditionary arrestment gear," said Staff Sgt. David Bunn, an expeditionary airfield technician with MWSS-371.

All taxiways and runways have to be painted and lighted, so pilots know where to taxi and land on the flightline.

"Lighting is unreal out there, when I left [Al Asad] there were almost 2,500 taxiway and runway lights installed," said Goodall. "We have to make sure they are not down and replace them when they burn out."

In addition to maintaining the flightline on TQ, technicians set up helicopter landing zones and

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Patrol: Hospitalman Benjamin Richardson and Marines with fourth platoon, Company C, Task Force 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, prepare to patrol the town early morning.

China Marines keep vigilant eye on town

Lance Cpl. Eric C. Schwartz
2nd Marine Division

AL AMARI, Iraq — The Marines of Fourth Platoon, Company C, Task Force 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 2, patrolled the town of Al Amari at dusk, showing its citizens the Marines were in the area. Later, during the hours of darkness, Fourth Platoon snuck into an abandoned building and performed patrols searching for enemy activity keeping the small farming town safe from insurgency.

"The first thing we did was occupy an abandoned building as an observation post at night," said Cpl. Brent Jackson, a squad leader with Company C, TF 1/4.

Across town another section of Fourth Platoon set up an observation post thus covering the entire town with two posts.

The overall TF 1/4 operation was in support of Operation Harris Ba'sil, meant to disrupt insurgent activities in towns like Al Amari.

"We were watching both sides of the Euphrates River letting the Marines at the clinic know if there were any enemies in

the area," said Sgt. Arthur Ruiz, a section leader with Company C, TF 1/4.

Insurgents have used darkness to plant improvised explosive devices, ambush coalition forces and use weapon caches since the beginning of the war. Marines counteract the enemy's methods by having a constant watch.

"We wanted to see what the town does at night because things can be much different than during the day," Jackson said.

The patrolling Marines were not alone in their search for weapon caches because of good communication between the observation posts.

"We had line-of-sight with the other posts so we could communicate back and forth," Ruiz said.

The Marines had a constant watchful eye as they patrolled the town, even if the town's local population was unaware of their friendly neighbors.

"Not everybody knew we were there, but we watch everything day or night," Jackson said.

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Task Force Military Police ensures dignified treatment of detainees in Iraq

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

AL ASAD, Iraq — When service members think of military police, they think of those who stand guard at gates or drive around trying to maintain order, but while in Iraq there is a group of Marines who have a different mission.

The Marines of Battery B, Task Force Military Police, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, are responsible for the security and handling of detainees at the Regional Detention Facilities in the Al Anbar province.

"We have Marines working 12- to 16-hour shifts doing everything from guard force to reactionary force," said 1st Sgt. Melvin Chandler, the Battery B first sergeant. "They are also responsible for the movement of detainees to different RDFs, medical and anywhere they need to go."

The Marines of Battery B are playing an important role in the future of the Iraqi government.

"We have an essential mission because we will hand this over to the Iraqi government," said 1st Lt. Roe Lemons, the Battery B executive officer. "They need to be able to run their own prisons."

Battery B is in charge of three RDFs, located in Al Asad, Ramadi and Fallujah.

"The Marines are responsible for the processing of detainees when they arrive to moving them around," said Lemons. "They have to make sure they prepare the detainees for either release or transfer."

About 50 percent of the Marines who



Lance Cpl. Ashley Hoffman

Security: (From right to left) Sgt. Michael Bigley, a Regional Detention Facility 3 security chief, 1st Lt. Roe Lemons, the executive officer, Lance Cpl. Mikell Young, an RDF guard and Cpl. Robert Meisner, the detention operations noncommissioned officer all attached to Battery B, Task Force Military Police, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, are just a few of the Marines who maintain and secure the detention facilities.

man the RDFs are individual augmentments to Battery B, according to Chandler.

"We have a wide range of Marines," said Chandler. "We have 42 different [military occupational specialties], anywhere from cooks to amtrackers. But they

are doing an outstanding job for not being correctional Marines."

Although a large majority of Battery B is comprised of individual augmentments, there are still correctional specialists there to ensure everything runs smoothly.

"I am in charge of the procedural operations, everything from how the guard force operates to the physical security," said Sgt. Michael Bigley, a correctional specialist and security chief for Battery B. "I am like the check and balance. I walk through and make sure the Marines are doing the right thing."

Although security is very important, it is the humane treatment of all detainees, according to Chandler.

"We have to treat everyone equally and make sure we are transferring the right ones to good citizens," said Chandler. "We don't want to put insurgents back on the streets. We want to treat the detainees right so when we release them they have a better respect for coalition forces."

The Marines rotate through various posts in the RDF, which range from checkpoints to control points. Just like standing guard in various posts in the Corps, Marines have to battle the same thing: complacency.

"The Marines are doing an outstanding job for how young they are," said Chandler. "The toughest part of the day is having just sit and watch the detainees."

Although the job may become mundane, the Marines continue to stay their toes and for the most part enjoy their duty.

"I really enjoy the job because it is something totally different than what I expected."

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Learning language keys to success for Marine

Cpl. Christopher Zahn
Infantry Combat Team 6

BU HAWA, Iraq — Language differences between Arabic and English impede Marines when they try to interact with Iraqi people. Interpreters who speak languages are often in supply, leaving Marines with no way of having a proper conversation. Luckily both sides make the effort to breach communication barriers. Most Iraqis have learned English and nearly all Marines know a few words of Arabic. Iraqis are able to converse with Marines in the "pointy" fashion using a mix of Arabic and English and trying to figure out what they

want. However, these one or two word conversations are limited.

One Marine from Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment is seeking to improve that situation. Lance Cpl. Kyle M. Stewart, 22, from Hitchens, Ky., has put intensive effort into learning the Arabic language to the point where he can converse easily with the Iraqis he comes into contact with on a daily basis.

He began learning the language during his first deployment to Iraq from a close friend of his, Lance Cpl. Daniel F. Swaim. Swaim would later be killed while conducting combat operations in Anbar province.

"He was a good friend of mine," said Stewart. "He went to the [Survival Level

Arabic Course] and had been teaching me some things in Arabic. I wanted to finish what he was doing."

Since he was still in Iraq when he made that promise, he couldn't learn in a traditional school setting. He had to learn on the street from the people themselves. Indeed, Stewart has never had any official education in Arabic. Every word he knows is the result of many exasperating conversations in a hodgepodge mix of Arabic and English.

"It was hard at first," said the 2004 John Bowne High School graduate. "Once I figured out how to say 'Shinu'

or what, I would point at something and say 'what' and they would say it in Arabic and I would write it down."

It was still a slow learning process. Patrolling through the streets meant there was not always time to sit down and have a chat to learn a new word; there were more important concerns. Stewart got a helping hand from some allies to keep improving his skills.

"It took probably about five months [to become conversant] from when I started," added Stewart. "A big help was when we started

working hand-in-hand with the Iraqi army. Some of them spoke pretty good English so that helped a lot."

Now that he is back in Iraq for a second time, Stewart has become a valuable asset to his squad. He is a trained infantry Marine first and interpreter second, which gives his squad the benefit of not having to be responsible for an untrained interpreter in a combat zone. As one of the senior Marines in the squad he also has the responsibility of being a fire-team leader.

"I fought to get him [in my squad], then I put him as a team leader," said Cpl. Steven C. Szopa, 28, from Columbia, Mo. "Some people didn't like that decision but he's proved himself to me. He was the first one I chose

for my squad. They gave his name up and I instantly said I'll take him."

One reason for choosing Stewart was people readily opened up to him in ways they wouldn't to an interpreter. Once they get over the initial shock of a Marine speaking Arabic the people are usually friendly.

"The people's first reaction is always one of surprise," said Stewart. "They tell me 'Oh you speak Arabic very good!' They're happy; it's like an honor to them that someone from another country is working to learn Arabic."

"You just don't get that reaction with an interpreter," said Szopa, the squad leader for 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. "With a Marine you get a much better reception." ■



Stewart

Heavy equipment operator comes full circle, becomes well-rounded

Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (FWD)

MADI, Iraq — The Marine Corps forges leaders and professionals by refining the qualities that are inherent in those who serve. But, sometimes people are professionals before they become the 'First to Fight.'

In the case of Sgt. Randy Edwards, a heavy equipment operator with the "Sandsharks" of Marine Wing Squadron 371. Before becoming a Marine, he had already been a soldier and a carpenter.

While in high school, Edwards had an itch that needed scratching. That itch was joining the military.

The Marine recruiter at the time told me he didn't want to talk to me until I had my high school diploma," said Edwards, a native of N.M. "I wanted to join the military. I wanted to join the Marine Corps, but I just couldn't wait."

The 17-year-old joined the Army reserves on a two year contract. During the summer break of his junior year at La Plata High School in La Plata, Mo., he attended basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. After graduating high school, he returned to Fort Benning for his Advanced Individual Course as an infantryman.

While in the Army I was infantry, so that helped me as a Marine because I was already in good physical shape, too."

In 2000, a year after completing his contract with the Army and working in a civilian job as a carpenter, he joined the Marine Corps.

When I came in I wanted to be an infantryman, figuring it would be the easiest transition for me," said the heavy equipment operator. "It was closed out at the time. So, I didn't know what to do and I said 'What's the next closest field?' The recruiter said the engineer field and just kind of picked me for military occupational specialty [for me]."

Although there was room for improvement, Edwards had a lot of experience in the skilled labor field, which translated well for him. He spent his teenage years working in construction, masonry and framing. In high school he took vocational education courses in carpentry and later became a journeyman carpenter during his time as a reservist and up until he joined the Corps.

As a journeyman carpenter before I came in, so I was already around heavy equipment and had been doing construction anyways," said Edwards, who is a platoon sergeant. It was a smooth transition. The only thing I hadn't done was the heavy machinery, but I had been around it the whole time, so it's been an easy MOS for me."

Deployed, the heavy equipment section of 371 provides two types of support; the first is using fork lifts and cranes to move things like pallets of water and storage containers, the second is planned missions, which involve planning and require heavy equipment to complete. The missions are referred to as "dirt work" because they involve equipment, such as the 130 G graders are used for leveling out surfaces, is used to move dirt and shape things like helicopter landing zones and fuel pits. The missions typically take from a few days to a few months.

Heavy equipment operators spend most of their time learning the equipment and preparing for operations.

When they use their skills, they spend time material handling with the crane and fork lift and learning how to use different types of heavy equipment in the training pit. The Sandsharks are currently working with Arizona's Bureau of Land Management prior to their current deployment fixing access roads to beaches and

one complained and everyone had a good time because at the end of the day it actually meant something," said Edwards. "The roads had been washed out and we needed to get them back up. We spent 10 days out there and everyone had a good time. They actually got to learn something, which made my job easier over here, because they knew a little bit more than they had."

Throughout Edward's seven years in the Corps, he has served in two duty stations, Marine Corps Base Iwakuni, Japan and Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. Between his two duty stations he is currently serving on his fifth deployment. His deployment from Iwakuni was spent in Iraq and all succeeding deployments have been to Iraq from

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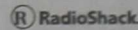
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Sgt. Justin Park

Live-fire training: Marines of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment from Milwaukee, and Security Detachment, Headquarters Company, 24th Marines in Kansas City, Mo., test their accuracy at the start of live-fire training in the desert of northern Chile.

Marines train in Chile's desert

Maj. Dan Huvane
Marine Forces Reserve

CIFUNCHO, Chile — Almost three weeks into their deployment, the Marines of Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force 24 are still discovering just how surprising, yet familiar, Chile's landscape and climate can be.

Comprised of elements of 24th Marine Regiment and attached augments from the Reserve Component, SPMAGTF 24 concluded training exercises with Detachment Miller of Chile's Marine Corps, in the rugged desert of the country's northern region. Unlike the previous week's training — spent on bases in the more populous region of central Chile — the live-fire exercises conducted here closely resembled training in the Corps' own desert ranges in Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., except here the Pacific Ocean is just a few miles away.

One crucial training evolution was the amphibious offload at Cifuncho, as Marines and their vehicles, packed with gear needed for the entire training cycle, landed on the beach by Landing Craft Unit from the decks of the USS Pearl Harbor. Once each serial was assembled and accounted for, it was led into the red mountains in order to set up the

regiment's Combat Operations Center and begin training in a tactical environment.

"From our standpoint, it went very well," said Gunnery Sgt. Aaron R. Vasquez of Belton, Mo., Logistics Chief for SPMAGTF 24. "Especially considering most of these guys have never been on a ship before. The time dispersion of the serials hampered the overall setup, but then the Marines stepped up and accomplished the mission."

The grunts of SPMAGTF 24 took advantage of Cifuncho's vast expanses with live-fire exercises, conducting squad and platoon attacks in the barren desert. Comprised of Marines from Company F, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, and Security Detachment, Headquarters Company, 24th Marine Regiment, the ground combat element made the most of their training time as a cohesive unit.

"I thought it was one of the best squad rush live-fire trainings I ever took part in, especially considering how we were put together" said Lance Cpl. Marcus A. Ruiz of Milwaukee, a rifleman with Co. F, 2/24.

"We got a lot of leadership experience out of it," said Lance Cpl. Cal Servi of Racine, Wis., also of 2/24. "Any time you're five feet away from your buddy and your life is in his

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Company C blocks Euphrates River to insurgents in Al Rafta

Lance Cpl. Eric C. Schwartz
2nd Marine Division

AL RAFTA, Iraq — The quiet current of the Euphrates River was interrupted by a low hum. Two men in a small fishing boat moved along the river. Unseen to the fishermen, Marines stood alongside a crumbling aqueduct waving the men to the shore. Any insurgents moving along the Euphrates River that day were trapped.

The Marines of third platoon, Company C, Task

Force 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 2, blocked the Euphrates River access while Weapons Company 1/4, searched houses north of the river for insurgents.

"We were intercepting anyone trying to flee from the north side of the Euphrates into the south side," said Cpl. Shawn Atwood, a squad leader with third platoon, Company C.

The citizens of Al Rafta normally fished in the Euphrates River but during the day's search, they

were asked to pull up the shore where third platoon searched their boats.

"Most locals we met supported us and understood we were there to help them during the search," Atwood said.

The friendly local provided freshly cooked meals and offered their boats to the Marines for movement along the river.

"I wanted to see the avenues of approach along the river," Atwood said. "And I wanted to observe any boat-landings along the river to pass to my superiors during the mission's debrief."

No insurgents were found on the river that day.

"It seemed a lot of people here were just honest fishermen trying to make an honest living," said Cpl. Justin Ruby, a team leader with third platoon, Company C.

Fishermen moved along the river during the day and seemed happy to help the Marines in their mission.

"Letting the locals know why we were there eased their minds and they became friendly, allowing us to use their boats in the future," Atwood said.

Securing the small fishing town of Al Rafta was equally important to securing the large bustling city of Baghdad.

"Small farming towns like Al Rafta are right in the middle of the road where insurgents transport

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Lance Cpl. Eric C. Schwartz

River patrol: An Al Rafta fisherman helps third platoon, Company C, Task Force 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, patrol the Euphrates River for other boats in the area.

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Yorktown. As a flag officer he commanded the USS George Washington Battle Group and served

as the commander of U.S. 2nd Fleet/NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic.

Gates said that Pace has served as a Marine for more than 40 years. "He deserves the deepest thanks of the American people for a lifetime of service to our country and for his leadership," Gates said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him, trust him completely, and value his candor and willingness to speak his mind."

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nce this new SRB program was released. He was offered \$34,000 from the previous multiple system, it will now receive \$2,000 from this new SRB.

"It's not all about the money, but this new bonus doesn't hurt my decision to reenlist," said Harrold.

This bonus program also allows FY '08 Marines to reenlist prior to October 1, as long as it is within 365 days of their end of current contract. This will allow more Marines to execute permanent change of station orders to and from deployable commands for deployable equity.

The bulletin announces "open service SRB and listed lateral move programs in conjunction with the SRB. Any prior active-duty Marine who reenlists with less than a four year break between active contacts are eligible for the SRB. The lateral move bonus is offered in 46 MOSs for zone A and 14 for zone B Marines.

Marines who have been promoted out of their primary MOS but still fall under zone A qualify for the SRB payment of their primary MOS. For example, if a first term Marine holding MOS 0311 is promoted to staff sergeant, that Marine's MOS changes to 369 automatically. There is no SRB for 0369 in zone A. Therefore he or she is eligible for the SRB for MOS 0311. The same rules apply for this situation in every zone.

While the multiple-payment bonus was offered in conjunction with the 20,000 end strength centive, the flat rate SRB replaces both. The multiple and the ESI will still be authorized until Sept. 30, however Marines reenlisting before then must choose between the SRB/BSSRB and the ESI with available multiple, if both.

Currently the highest available payment of the new SRB is for an E8 or above in MOS 2336, explosive Ordnance specialist for \$80,000. Two MOSs close behind, paying \$80,000, are for E7 and above in both 2671, Arabic cryptologic Linguist and 57, Air Traffic controller. The minimum SRB pay \$10,000.

A scenario was crafted by Parks, maximizing the potential amount of money a Marine could make in the EOD MOS if the SRB program stayed the same for 20 years. This scenario revealed that a Marine retiring after 20 years from EOD could potentially make more than \$300,000 in bonuses one.

Parks advises to take advantage as soon as possible if you have a duty station preference. Since there is a push of an increase for Marines, duty station preference will go fast. Parks' personal goal is to retain 10 percent FY '08 first-term Marines. CRSs have a specific quota to meet, it is based on the command's intent to increase Marine Corps' numbers, keeping as many Marines in as possible is extremely important.

"Get it while you can," Parks said. "This program may not be around for long."

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OPERATOR
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He has worked with nearly every MWSS in the fleet throughout his deployments and believes they are the best place for a heavy equipment operator to become proficient and learn new skills.

"If you ask any Marine which MWSS has the best heavy equipment operators, they are going to tell you it's them," said Edwards. "You

have to let your work speak for you and people have been noticing our work."

As a senior sergeant he has become the go-to-guy on "dirt work," normally landing the project manager slot on any excavation or earth moving job sites.

"On every project related to dirt work in our unit he's the superintendent," said Lance Cpl. Michael Dixon, a heavy equipment operator with MWSS-371. "Everyone in our unit knows he has tons

of experience and knows what he's doing. Back in Yuma, he was in charge. He's not the senior man, but the chief warrant officer lets him do it."

Throughout their careers, Marines pick up on and learn different things, for Edwards being a good leader is the most important thing he has learned.

He spends extra time teaching his Marines, ensuring he passes on all of his knowledge, according to

Edwards. He also treats his troops with respect, treating them better than he feels he was treated as a young Marine.

"He wants to make sure you learn something from your four years or however long you're in," said Dixon. "I think he feels if he passes on 'dirt work,' which is something he's passionate about, he has taught me something I can teach once I'm a [non commissioned-officer]."

Dixon, a Las Cruces, N.M., native, believes Edwards goes out of his way to teach, because when he first arrived in Yuma, Edwards immediately began teaching all of the new heavy equipment operators "dirt work."

"Making mistakes is part of the job, but he will jump in the cab with you and show you what you did wrong instead of just saying you screwed up," said Dixon.

Edwards feels he has

worked hard at everything he's ever done and believes he's good at what he does but feels he has more to learn and wants to try something new. He plans on leaving the Corps and continuing his college education.

"The way I look at it, [Marine Corps] is the foundation for the rest of your life," said Edwards. "My accomplishment was to be a decent person when I got out and I am." ■

DESERT
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hands, it's good to know things go as well as they did here, and the communication is there."

The Marines incorporated Chilean Marines into the training, instructing and supervising their counterparts on crew-served weapons, the .50-caliber M2 machine gun and the Mk-19 grenade launcher. This allowed some trigger-pullers who don't usually work closely with infantry assault tactics on a hot range to gain such experience.

"It's good to train with a line company, and getting the chance to work heavy guns in with a squad attack is neat" said Lance Cpl. Chris Davenport of Topeka, Kan., a tow gunner by specialty with [Headquarters] Co., 24th Marines. "Being on heavy guns, knowing you're operating something that

can destroy a lot, it's a neat feeling knowing [the infantrymen] trust you enough when their lives are in your hands."

In addition to fire and movement, the Marines and sailors fostered a stronger bond with Chile's Corps through professional exchanges. Navy Capt. Matthew Gratton, 24th Marine Regiment surgeon, spoke at the Chilean field hospital about his experiences directing a trauma unit in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Gratton is the EMS medical director for Kansas City, Mo., and currently also interim chairman of the Emergency Department at Truman Medical Center there. Col. Michael Fogel, staff judge advocate for 24th Marines, attended Gratton's lecture and was impressed.

"The Chileans were very interested in it," said Fogel. "Captain Gratton went through a lot of the new proce-

dures he used in Iraq when dealing with casualties, and others that are brand new since he returned. He was able to apply a lot of his civilian trauma experience to deal with the variety of casualties experienced over there. The Chileans had a keen interest in that, with their ongoing peacekeeping obligations in Haiti."

It is the first time the 24th Marine Regiment has deployed as a regimental headquarters outside the United States since Operation Desert Storm in 1991, and their performance on this exercise will play a large role in determining the unit's operational readiness for future missions. The Marines are operating as the landing force for Partnership of the Americas 2007, an annual exercise conducted in South America in support of regional security and cooperation among nations of the Western Hemisphere. ■

AIRFIELDS
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matting over terrain as landing pads. The landing pads are generally made of AM-2 matting, which is made from aluminum and can withstand the vertical takeoff and landing of the AV-8B and MV-22. The matting is heavy resistant, non-skid and reduces brown out conditions.

"A [Landing Zone] is basically bringing two aircraft in the middle of nowhere," said Goodall.

The job offers more variety and requires more responsibility, but most Marines prefer the deployment according to Bunn, a Grand Rapids, Mich. native. The projects are more time consuming and require more precise labor.

Of all the different types of tasks the EAF Marines perform, there is one they all enjoy.

"We all enjoy taking traps, which are arrestment gear. You see all the moving parts and the smoke shoot out of the arrestment gear from the friction." ■

VIGILANT
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Observing the small town kept its residence safe but also allowed a strong force to react if any problems arose.

"If observation is kept, you know what goes in and out of the town, so you can react quickly if needed," Jackson said.

Al Amari's townspeople stayed safe that night while fourth platoon watched over them.

"The appearance of Marines keeps the bad guys in check," said Staff Sgt. Michael

Anderson, a platoon commander with Company C, TF 1/4.

"Our presence and working with the locals makes them feel safer," Anderson said. "They are less likely to work for the insurgents."

"These inhabitants have lost a lot of people from insurgent attacks so they know who the enemy is now," Anderson said.

Silence broke at dawn, not by gunfire or enemy movement, but by roosters cawing, telling everyone a new day has risen. The nocturnal Marines packed up their gear and left the town. They will be back again, making sure the insurgents have no place to hide in the small farming town of Al Amari. ■

RIVER
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weapons and [improvised explosive devices] making materials to the larger cities," said Lance Cpl. Daniel Moore, a machine gun team leader with third platoon, Company C.

Foreign fighters smuggling weapons into Iraq hide weapon caches in small towns by bribing locals or threatening them with fear and intimidation tactics.

"There will be less civilian and coalition deaths in larger populated areas such as Baghdad, Ramadi and Fallujah if we cut off the enemies supply routes," Moore said.

The serenity and safety of the river town was recognized by the Marines, but it wasn't a time for them to remove their body armor and helmets.

"This place is quiet and a prototype for Iraq," Moore said. "But we still need to be vigilant and prepared for anything."

Charlie Marines searched along the Euphrates River while Al Rafta's boat provided boats for Marines to use as an example of Marines and locals working together to search for the insurgency plaguing Iraq.

"Getting rid of this insurgency lets the people of Al Rafta go back to a normal way of life," Rubley said. "That's what they want and this is why we help them." ■

DETAINEES
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to do," said Lance Cpl. Mikell Yound, a field wireman by trade, currently attached to Battery Bravo. "It shows how versatile we can be as Marines."

Just like the worker ants are responsible for the success of the colony, the junior Marines play a pivotal role for Battery Bravo.

"At the end of the day, I know that I can go back to my room satisfied knowing that I have bettered the Marines," said Bigely. "I know I have not only given them the tools to properly handle detainees, but life-long skills. The true success and big part of this is the junior Marines, it all works because of them." ■

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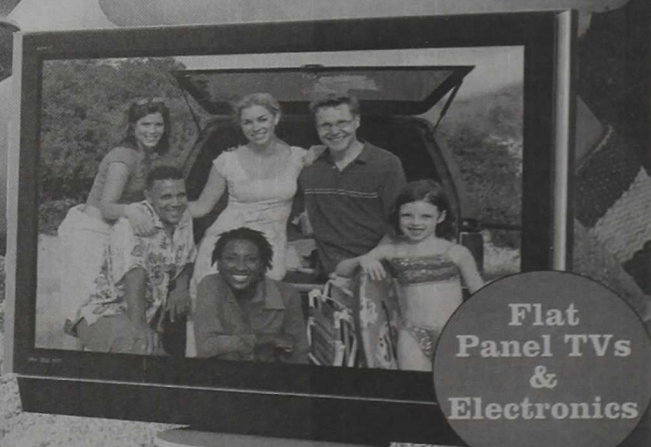


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Rugby team manager sought

Headquarters Marine Corps seeks All-Marine rugby team manager for the All-Marine Rugby Trial Camp which will take place Oct. 13-22 and the Armed Forces Rugby Championship for Oct. 23-28. Both events will be held at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.

Interested parties may submit applications by Aug. 15 to the Camp Lejeune Athletic Director. Applications can be found at www.usmccs.org/Sports or the Camp Lejeune Sports office, Bldg. 751. The position is open to all active, reservist, or Department of Defense civilians.

Extensive rugby management experience at the Armed Forces level is preferred. All candidates must be detail oriented, hardworking, and calm under pressure. The team manager will be placed on temporary away duty orders, as this position is full time from Oct. 11-28. For more information call 451-2710 or email rautmond@usmccs.org.

Youth Sports summer camps

The Youth Sports program is offering a variety of sports camps for young people this summer. The sports include: basketball, volleyball, football, cheerleading and soccer. For more information or to register, visit the Youth Sports Office (Bldg. 985 on Stone Street, across the street from the Berkeley Manor 7 Day store) or call 451-1177/2159.

Scuba lessons

AA Diving offers year-round scuba lessons aboard Camp Lejeune. Lesson days/times are flexible. For more information, call 451-3790.

Pool closure

The Area 2 pool is scheduled to have the deck re-finished with a non-slip coating. The pool must close for this maintenance. The pool will close at 5 p.m. Sunday and remain closed through June 26.

Brazilian Jiu-jitsu

Come try Brazilian Jiu-jitsu lessons 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. There are no contracts to sign. Service members pay \$60 a month or a discounted rate of \$150 for three months. Cash, checks, or Paypal for debit/credit cards are accepted. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.clubjiujitsu.com. Contact Monica at

4th annual golf tournament is a classic

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Former NBA all-star Truck Robinson may have had to rally Sunday to come from a stroke back to win the 4th annual Marine Corps Celebrity Classic but, for the service members who benefited and the community which enjoyed it, the golf tournament was a big victory before the first ball was teed up.

With a field of nearly 50 sports and entertainment celebrities competing under sunny skies, the MCCC put the spotlight on veterans of the ongoing War on Terrorism and their families who have sacrificed so much.

Trailing Robinson's two-round score of 140 was a three-way tie at 141 between Shane Rawley, Greg Stephan and Darren Veitch. Tommy Maddox rounded out the top five with his score of 142.

In the opening rounds Thursday and Friday, celebrity players had a chance to golf with Marines and sailors attached to the Wounded Warriors Barracks aboard Camp Lejeune. The opportunity to play with service members who have suffered life-altering injuries in the line of duty was one of the most-significant reasons for participating in the tournament, according to all of those interviewed.

"It's my way of saying 'thank you' to our troops," said former Chicago Blackhawk and Stanley Cup MVP Stan Mikita. On the first day of the tournament, the hockey star golfed with two Marines with knee injuries they recently sustained in the combat zone. "Those kids showed me that whenever I think I have something to complain about, it sure doesn't compare to what they're going through."

Ed Moses, a former

Olympic swimmer who won a gold medal in the 400-meter relay and a silver in the 100-meter breaststroke at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, said it was an honor to play golf at an event dedicated to improving the lives of military families. "It's pretty amazing what they go through on a day-to-day basis," he said. "Giving back to those who have given so much is 100 percent of what this event is all about."

Proceeds from the MCCC will go to support four non-profit organizations dedicated to American service members. Among those, the United Services Organization of North Carolina was on hand at Paradise Point Golf Course to cater to the needs of celebrity and military participants. Among the services the USO provided, the staff shot a video at the tournament entitled "Hello from the Home Front" which will be sent to the troops serving in the Middle East.

"We've gotten positive reactions wherever we've gone," said Leigh Edmonds who manages the organization's Mobile USO Unit. "Every service member who has seen it has been floored with everything we have on board."

Other charitable organizations that stand to benefit from the success of the MCCC include Disabled Sports USA, Hope for the Warriors and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

Adam Sardinas, a Marine from the Wounded Warrior Battalion, played a practice round with baseball greats Johnny Bench and Doug Flynn. He said the willingness of the celebrities to support the troops and their families is much appreciated. "It feels nice they would take time out of their million-dollar lives to come down here and support us," he said. "It feels good."

In fact, the only thing that kept this year's MCCC from being perfect was the late scratch of the greatly-anticipated Family Night with the Stars dinner and fireworks event scheduled for Saturday. Severe thunderstorms in the area forced tournament organizers to cancel the event.

In all other aspects, the tournament could not have gone any better.

Greg Stephan, assistant coach with the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes and finished just one stroke behind the champion, summed up his experience at the tournament and his appreciation for the Marines and sailors for whom it was held.

"I have a lot of respect for the Marines and what they are doing for our country," he said. "It's great to see all of the athletes and actors come out and support them with this event." ■



New Champ: Maj. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson hands off the 4th Annual MCCC trophy to Truck Robinson. Robinson came back on the final day of the event to win by one stroke. To see more photos from the event and the full results turn to 10B

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Jamie Cameron

Inshore fishing heats up

Can anyone remember how beautiful the weather was last month? The sunny days and cool temperatures seemed like they would never end. As we enter the third week of June however, those gentle days of spring are long gone.

Take heart fisherfolk of eastern North Carolina. The heat and humidity of early summer is warming up the ocean temperature and with it, nearshore gamefish like Spanish and king mackerel, bluefish and cobia are making their strongest runs of the year. Big flounder are migrating from their deep-water lairs of winter to their summertime haunts in the Intracoastal Waterway and the lower reaches of our tidal rivers. It's a great time to go fishing and a good excuse to get out of the house in the relative cool of the early

morning or early evening when the fish often bite best.

Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, has been keeping close tabs on the action in Bogue Sound and along the beachfront from Emerald Isle to Pine Knoll Shores. He reports the Spanish mackerel have been hit or miss in the area. On some days, the fishing is very good, especially around Bogue and New River inlets and from the piers. On other days, there is nary a mackerel to be found.

Luckily, when the Spanish are acting finicky, the bluefish are usually more than willing to take up the slack. Even small bluefish that weigh half-pound or less are voracious predators eager to pounce on anything resembling an injured baitfish. Pier fishermen

catch them on GotCha plugs, metal spoons, lead-headed jigs with soft plastic bodies and, of course, all types of fresh cut bait.

In my opinion, a lot of people don't give bluefish the credit they deserve. Pound-for-pound, I'd put a bluefish up against just about any species of inshore gamefish when it comes to fighting ability. They strike lures and bait like a ton of bricks and tend to slug it out against those who would throw them into and ice-filled cooler with short powerful runs. Bluefish up to two pounds often swim in marauding schools, attacking shoals of baitfish like the piranhas of your childhood nightmares. When a school of blues swims by a fishing pier, the whole place transforms into a frenzy of activity, with anglers fighting fish up and down the railings and hooks and snapping jaws flying through the air. It's pretty exciting stuff, but it often only lasts for a few minutes before the school moves on.

Some people don't like the taste of bluefish because they tend to have a stronger flavor than some of the white-fleshed fish most folks are used to. I find the flavor to be quite delicious in bluefish up to 1-1/2 pounds and my wife considers them to be her favorite eating fish. Once they weigh two pounds or more however, the raw fillets have a grayish color and tend to be a little too oily for me. When they get to be this size, I like to release my bluefish back to the sea so they may spawn and produce more of their kind for

generations of anglers to come.

Flounder fishing in the inlets and back into the sounds and coastal waterways is getting better by the day.

Drifting a live mud minnow across the bottom in a deep channel or next to an oyster reef is a great way to snag some of these tasty flatfish. Make sure your flounder measure 14 inches or more when you're fishing on the soundside and at least 14-1/2 inches when you're fishing along the beach or on the pier. The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries enforcement officers are very serious about everyone fishing by the rules when it comes to minimum lengths and bag limits.

Definitely be sure to have your coastal recreational saltwater fishing license with you at all times when you are fishing coastal waters. Fishing piers are the exception to the rule. Pier operators buy a blanket license at the start of the season that covers all users as long as they fish from the pier. All other fishermen must have their licenses ready for inspection. To find out this year's fishing regulations and buy a fishing license online, go to www.ncwildlife.org.

Stay safe and stay legal. ■

As a young lad, Cameron had a fishing pole ripped from his hands by a hungry bluefish, which caused no small amount of trouble for him with his father. Since that day, Cameron has made it a point to eat as many bluefish as he can.

Tide tables for New River Inlet

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

Today		
High tide	7:19 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Low tide	1:39 a.m.	1:13 p.m.
Friday		
High tide	8:14 a.m.	8:47 p.m.
Low tide	2:33 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Saturday		
High tide	9:08 a.m.	9:38 p.m.
Low tide	3:25 a.m.	2:29 p.m.
Sunday		
High tide	10:01 a.m.	10:28 p.m.
Low tide	4:15 a.m.	3:52 p.m.
Monday		
High tide	10:54 a.m.	11:17 p.m.
Low tide	5:04 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Tuesday		
High tide	11:47 a.m.	
Low tide	5:52 a.m.	5:39 p.m.
Wednesday		
High tide	12:05 a.m.	12:42 p.m.
Low tide	6:38 a.m.	6:36 p.m.

Youth Fishing Day



First fish: 48 children participated in the Youth Fishing Day hosted by the John A. Lejeune Rod and Gun Club at Orr Pond aboard Camp Lejeune Saturday. All participants were presented with a tackle box, provided by representatives from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Division of Inland Fisheries.

All-military Wilderness Challenge registration open

Press Release

Mid-Atlantic Region, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Registration is now open for the Mid-Atlantic Region, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's seventh 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 8-kilometer mountain run, a 14-mile mountain bike race, a 14-mile forced hike through the mountains, a 13-mile whitewater rafting race on the 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. Teams interested in participating can register online at www.wildernesschallenge.net or by calling 757-887-7256. ■

THE WILD WORLD OF LEJEUNE SPORTS

School sports physicals

Today

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune is holding sports physicals for middle school and high school-age military dependents at Lejeune High School today. High school students will receive their physicals from noon until 4 p.m. Middle school students will receive their physicals from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Both dependents who attend Lejeune schools and schools out in town are invited to participate. There is no fee for this service. Athletes need to wear athletic shorts, and a sports bra or swim suit top for girls and bring their current pair of running shoes. For more information, contact Lisa Beavers at 451-2451, ext. 224.

Marine Tae Kwon Do team tryouts

Saturday

There will be a Marine Tae Kwon Do Team Training and an open tryouts for the Marine Corps Tae Kwon Do Team. The tryouts will be held June 16 at 1 p.m. in the Marine Dome, Cherry Point. For more information, visit the team's Web page at www.semperkick.com or call Master

Gunnery Sgt. Freddie McDonald Jr. at 340-2680.

Midnight Maddnes Intramural Softball Tournament

June 22-24

Marine Corps Community Service will be hosting the Midnight Madness Softball Tournament at the Intramural and Harry Agganis ball fields (adjacent to Goettge Memorial Field House) June 22-24. The fun starts at 6 p.m. June 22. Come join the fun and root for your favorite team. Watch as the teams from the two leagues battle it out through the night for the bragging rights of "top dog" of Camp Lejeune. The tournament will consist of all the 21 teams currently involved in this year's Intramural Softball League. For more information, call 451-2061.

Beach Boot Camp

Through July 7

Come join the Onslow Beach Boot Camp every Saturday through July 7. The fun takes place between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Pavilion. This 8-week session will consist of "boot

camp" style training where natural elements such as deep sand, logs, and hills can be used to promote an intense workout. Boot Camp participants can wear physical training clothes or swim suits. Females are authorized to wear sport bras. For more information visit, mccslejeune.com/FitnessGroup.html or call the Group Exercise Office at 451-0826.

Children's golf clinic

July 9-11

The Paradise Point Golf Course is hosting a children's golf clinic July 9-11 from 8 a.m. until noon each day. The clinic is open for children ages 8-17 and limited to the first 40 sign-ups. The covered topics include: full swing, chipping, putting and rules. The cost is \$20 and the registration deadline is July 7. The class is taught by Pro Golf Association professionals. For more information, contact the golf course at 451-5445.

Ladies golf clinic

July 17-19

The Paradise Point Golf Course is sponsoring a ladies golf clinic July 17-19 from 10 a.m. to noon each day. Potential participants may register for \$20 at the Paradise Point Golf Course Pro-Shop prior to July 9. Covered topics include: full swing, putting and chipping. The class is taught by Pro Golf Association professionals. For more information, call 451-5445.

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 Friday nights. 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 to 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 free for community center members. For more information call 252-354-6350.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Ongoing

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu lessons will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Building 1742, adjacent to Protestant Chapel on McHugh Boulevard. For more information, call Monica at 581-0077.

Panthers give Ohio State's Zwick a shot

Mike Cranston
AP sports writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Justin Zwick was watching a lot of movies at his parents' house in Ohio, close to giving up his dream.

"I'm thinking I've got to start earning some money some time, and I can't live off my parents forever," the former Ohio State quarterback said Monday. "Then all of sudden you get a call."

The Carolina Panthers wanted to give Zwick a shot to keep his football career alive.

Zwick, who had stayed in shape since leaving college, first worked out for the team June 7 and the Panthers decided to sign him over the weekend. He practiced at an optional workout Monday.

"He was somebody we were thinking about," general manager Marty Hurney said. "We just took a look at him and figured we'd sign him and bring him in this week."

Hardly a ringing endorsement, but Zwick said he'll take it.

For a player who entered college with great fanfare and left as a forgotten backup behind Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith, Zwick just wants to get invited to an NFL training camp.

"It's tough playing behind a Heisman Trophy winner," said Zwick, who went undrafted. "I learned a lot, probably more life lessons than on the football field. Coming in with all that and then having to humble yourself and sit behind somebody, that's a life lesson."

"But it was a good opportunity to learn, and move on from there."

Zwick faces long odds with Carolina. He is the fifth quarterback on the roster, behind starter Jake Delhomme, backup David Carr, third-string Brett Basanez and fellow undrafted rookie Dalton Bell.

Last year, the Panthers carried

only two quarterbacks on the roster, while Basanez was on the practice squad.

"It's better than not having the opportunity, to be down here throwing balls," Zwick said. "Whether they want to bring me back for training camp or whatever, it's better to have this opportunity, to have a chance to be called back. I'm looking at it as a great opportunity."

Zwick was a Parade All-American after a stellar high school career in Ohio, and he chose to stay close to home after being heavily recruited. Zwick became the Buckeyes' starter in his sophomore year, but he was injured halfway through the season.

Smith stepped in, and Zwick never regained his full-time starter position. He led Ohio State to a win over Oklahoma State in the Alamo Bowl when Smith was suspended, and he played well in a game against Texas, but he mostly watched from the sidelines.

"The career didn't go as well as I wanted it to, but that was the hand I was dealt," Zwick said.

At 6-foot-4 with a quick release, Zwick has some tools. But he knows he faces long odds to make it in the NFL. In between movies and workouts at his parents' house, Zwick was contemplating taking a sales job in Columbus, Ohio, and maybe doing some television work for Ohio State broadcasts.

"Now I have to come out and see if I could throw a little bit and get into a training camp," Zwick said. "That's all I'm focused on."

Notes: Panthers defensive tackle Kris Jenkins remained the only player absent as the team began a third week of optional workouts. Jenkins' agent, Tony Paige, has insisted Jenkins is dealing with family matters and is not protesting a lack of a new contract. "I haven't talked to Tony in a couple of weeks," Hurney said. "There haven't been any other conversations." ■

North Carolina 9, South Carolina 4

Joedy McCreary
AP sports writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Chad Flack spent this season in a slump, desperately trying to resemble the player who hit the home run that carried North Carolina into last year's College World Series.

Then, exactly one year after the homer that defined his career, he rediscovered that form and came through with another one.

Flack's tiebreaking two-run shot in the seventh propelled North Carolina to a 9-4 win over South Carolina Sunday night in the deciding game of their best-of-three super regional series.

"This is what we've worked for all year long," Flack said. "We came back the first day of fall and told each other, 'Last year was fun, but it's over with.' We started working from Day 1 right there, never looked back from there and that's what got us to this point right here."

Flack—whose two-run game-ending homer in last season's super regional at Alabama June 10, 2006, gave the Tar Heels their first CWS berth since 1989—came through with another crucial shot in the postseason. This time, his towering drive to left-center off reliever Will Atwood snapped a 4-4 tie. It was clearly the most noteworthy swing of a trying season for Flack, a career .363 hitter whose batting average this season is more than 100 points below.

"Probably not a bigger swing of the bat than that home run," North Carolina coach Mike Fox said. "He has kept his attitude up the whole time, and mentally, I'm sure, it hurt him not to be doing the things he was doing last year, but he hung in there."

Flack's seventh homer of the season and first since May 19 came just in time for North Carolina (53-13), which snapped a nine-game homer drought and now will face Mississippi State in Omaha in its sixth CWS appearance. The Tar Heels are making consecutive trips to Omaha for the first time in school history.

"It's hard to get back to the College World Series," Fox said. "You've got to cherish it."

Playing before a capacity crowd at Boshamer Stadium that included men's basketball coach Roy Williams and football coach Butch Davis, the Tar Heels came

through with yet another postseason comeback by rallying from a three-run deficit.

North Carolina came from behind twice in last weekend's regional, then erased a six-run deficit to win Game 1 against the Gamecocks (46-20), whose season ended in the super regionals for the second straight year. Georgia beat South Carolina in Game 3 of last year's super regional series.

"Last year, you have a bitter feeling in your stomach leaving Georgia, and tonight, it's the same thing all over again," starter Mike Cisco said.

Dustin Ackley, Garrett Gore and Reid Fronk drove in late insurance runs for North Carolina, which was bounced from three straight NCAA tournaments by South Carolina from 2002-04.

Closer Andrew Carignan (2-1) relieved Rob Wooten in the sixth and finished the game, working four shutout innings.

"I pitch off adrenaline, and there probably couldn't be any more adrenaline than right then," Carignan said. "We know what it feels like to be there. I don't know if anybody has any idea how badly we want to go back."

Atwood (2-2) pitched one inning, allowing two earned runs on three hits. The Tar Heels trailed 4-1 before tying it in the sixth.

Gore started the rally when his bases-loaded single bounced off Cisco's glove and rolled between first and second, scoring two runs and chasing the Gamecocks starter.

Fronk then greeted Atwood by singling home the tying run. Travis Jones drove in three runs to lead the Gamecocks.

He tied it with a run-scoring single in the second, then broke the 1-1 tie two innings later with a two-run double and scored two batters later to give the Gamecocks a three-run lead.

"We didn't tack on runs like we probably should have," catcher Trent Kline said.

South Carolina forced the winner-take-all finale earlier in the day by holding off the Tar Heels' comeback bid and completing a suspended-game 8-6 victory.

In that game, which was suspended Saturday night because of lightning and heavy rain, the Gamecocks nearly blew a six-run lead for the second straight game but used Smoak's 22nd homer and a key two-run double by Phil Disher to stay alive for one more game. ■

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Shredding: Bert LaMar's skateboarding clinic at the Jacksonville Skate Park Friday was a big success. (Below) LaMar talks to a group of young skaters at the top of the ramp before strapping on his protective gear and showing off some moves. (Right) LaMar executes a trick called an invert. In the middle of the page, Ryan Pettus grabs some air as he launches off the ramp at the Jacksonville Skate Park in Jacksonville, N.C.



Ena Sellers



Jamie Cameron

Skateboarding with Bert LaMar

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

The kids who frequent Jacksonville Skate Park didn't seem to know it, but their favorite skateboarding venue was visited by one of the sport's all-time greats Friday afternoon.

After playing his round of golf at the Marine Corps Celebrity Classic, skateboarding and snowboarding guru Bert LaMar grabbed his gear and headed over to the municipal skate park in Jacksonville, N.C. for an impromptu session with the local talent.

LaMar, now 41 years old, came into the spotlight in the 1980s as one of a gang of professional skateboarders from the West Coast that took the sport to the national level. He also competed internationally in snowboarding competitions and is a two-time world champion on the slopes.

Sadly, many of those extreme sport pioneers, including LaMar, have been largely forgotten by the young skaters of today. But, while many of the participants at Friday's skateboarding exhibition didn't know LaMar, their eyes opened wide in amazement and respect when he told them he had competed against the sport's indisputable demigod, Tony Hawk.

"I've never heard of him," said 13-year-old Ryan Pettus of LaMar. "But he's been giving all of us some good pointers."

After coaching the kids on the

importance of fundamentals and practice, LaMar himself borrowed some protective gear from one of the locals and pulled a few tricks out of his now seldom-used bag.

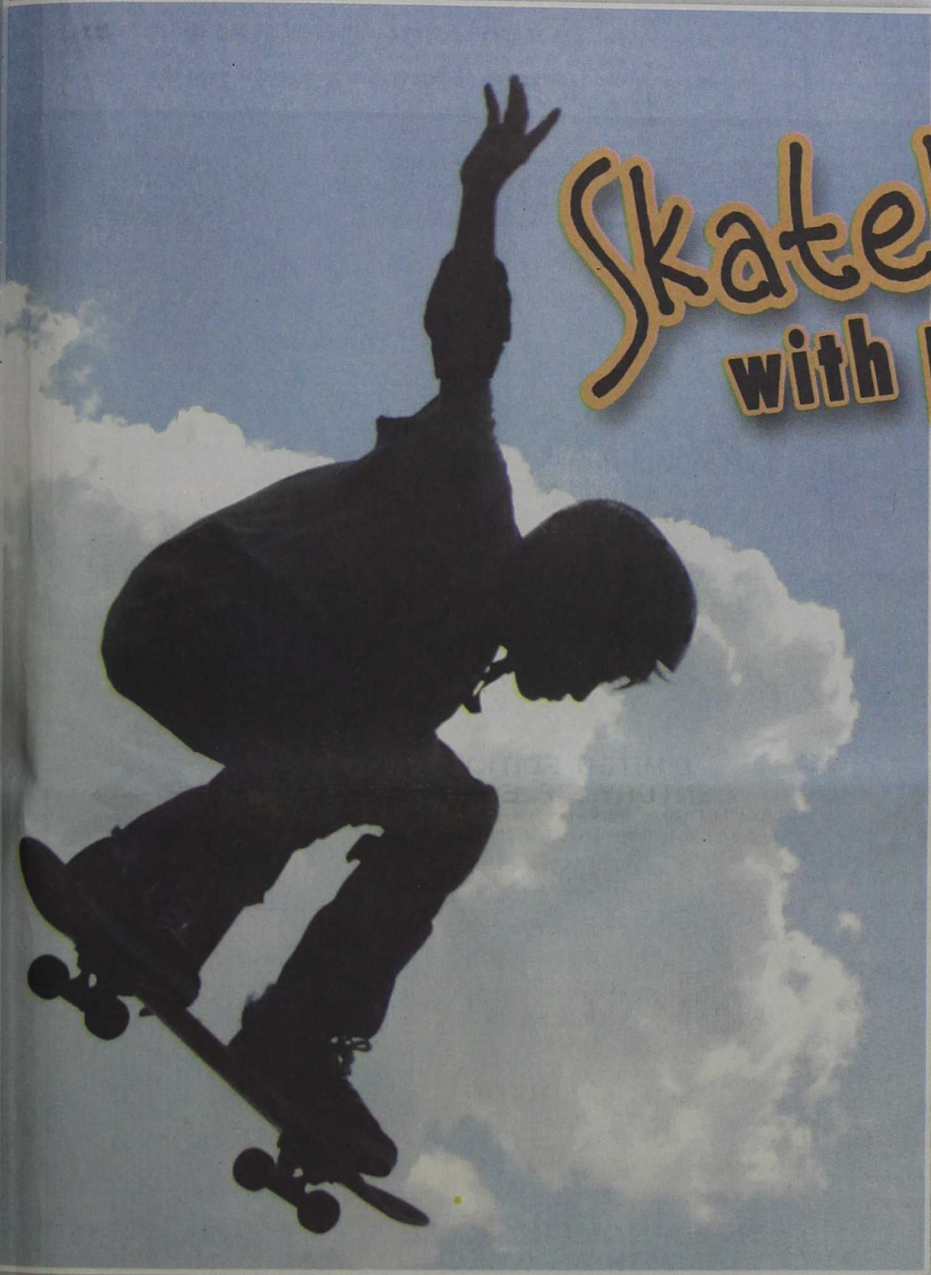
"I'm getting too old for most of this," he admitted after crashing hard off the top of the ramp in an attempt to wow the crowd. "I don't practice much anymore and the muscles don't remember what they're supposed to be doing."

But, with the skills of the old guard now in decline, LaMar pointed hopefully to the new crop of talent skating around in Eastern North Carolina. "It's amazing," he said. "The enthusiasm is awesome and this is the perfect place to learn and progress. There's a lot of potential at this park."

For Seth Salerno, an 8-year-old who just started skateboarding, the sport is a perfect way to express himself. "I like it because you can do anything you want with it," he said. "You can stand on it. You can do tricks on it. If you don't feel like doing that, you can just sit on your board and hang out."

LaMar's skateboarding clinic was just one of a series of community events attached to the 4th annual MCCC. LaMar finished 10 strokes off the lead.

"It's got so many different qualities to it," he said of the golf tournament in which he has now competed twice. "It's nice to see a community come together in such a way for such a good cause." ■



Ena Sellers



Jamie Cameron



Jamie Cameron

Tips from a pro: (Left) Skateboarding and snowboarding professional Bert LaMar counsels young Seth Salerno through his first run at the ramp at the Jacksonville Skate Park. Salerno has been skateboarding for just a few months, but managed to complete his first "fakie" at the park Friday. (Above,) Ryan Pettus is fearless when attacking the ramp. All skaters must wear knee and elbow pads and a helmet when skating at the park.

Marines win Warriors from Across the Sea Cup

Steven Dinote
Headquarters Marine Corps

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — The All-Marine Half Marathon team blazed past the British Royal Navy/Marine team to retake the Warriors from Across the Sea Cup. The Marine team, comprised of five men and three women, scored the top three men's times and the top woman's time compiling a combined time of 5:12:04 beating the British team by more than four minutes at the Plymouth Half Marathon held in Plymouth England, May 27.

Leading the charge for Team Marines was Lance Cpl. Thomas Kunish, III Marine Logistics Group, Okinawa, Japan, with a time of 1:12:22. Staff Sgt. Jeremy Brown, Marine Air Control Group 38, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, rounded out the top six list in second place with a time of 1:14:11, followed by four British Royal Navy/Marines, completing the

men's scoring portion of the race. Marine Corps Running Team veteran, Maj. Jeff Blackwell, 2nd Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, crossed the finish line at 1:17:40.

With only a slim 03:13 lead after the men's competition, it was up to the women runners of Royal Navy/Marine and All-Marine Team to determine who would take home the Challenge Cup. As the tension mounted, Capt. Jennifer Ledford, Marine Forces Pacific, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, fighting an injured Achilles tendon, crossed the finish line 56 seconds ahead of the first Royal Navy/Marine woman, securing the Marines' victory.

Each year, the Marine Corps and the British Royal Navy/Marines take part in the friendly competition at the Plymouth Half Marathon and the Marine Corps Marathon. Since 1995, the Marine Corps has defeated their British counterparts in the Warriors

Challenge five of nine times, and have won four competitions in a row. In 2006, at the Marine Corps Marathon, the All-Marine Women Runners defeated their counterparts, as the British Royal Navy/Marine Men claimed victory. In April, the Marine Corps Boxing Team faced the British Army Air 13 Assault Regiment at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in a competition that ended in a four-four tie.

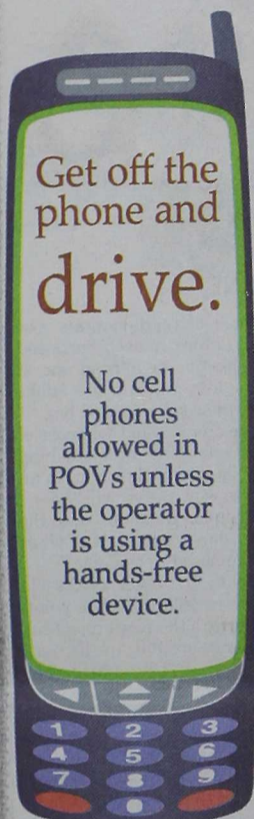
The Challenge Cup will be up for grabs again at the Marine Corps Marathon in October. Teams for the Army, Navy, and Air Force will also be at the race looking to capture the 2007 Armed Forces Marathon Championship.

For more information regarding the Plymouth Half Marathon, visit www.plymouth-halfmarathon.co.uk. For additional information about the Marine Corps Running Program or the All-Marine Sports Program, contact Steven Dinote at 703-784-9542 or steven.dinote@usmc.mil. ■



USMC Office Photo

Victory: The All-Marine Half Marathon team blazed past the British Royal Navy/Marine team to retake the Warriors from Across the Sea Cup at the Plymouth Half Marathon held in Plymouth, England, May 27. Team Marine scored the top three men's times and the top woman's time compiling a combined time of 5:12:04 beating the British team by more than 4 minutes.



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Courthouse Bay ends softball season with a tournament

Story and photos by
Heather Owens
Staff reporter

There's nothing like the North Carolina heat on a pre-summer Saturday, and there's nothing like the All-American sport of softball.

Under the beating sun, the Marines and Coast Guardsmen of Courthouse Bay competed in their post-season tournament Saturday morning.

Just as they won during the regular season, the Marine Corps Engineer School team won the tournament as well. The U.S. Coast Guard Special Missions Training Center took second place honors for the regular season.

For the post-season tournament, the 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion "Diamond Dogs" were the runners up.

During the first game of the post-season tourney, the Diamond Dogs beat the SMTC's team 7-3. Next up, the MCES team beat "One Shot One Kill", also known as Weapons Training Battalion, 12-9. In the third game, MCES again rallied to beat the Diamond Dogs 13-12 in a seventh-inning wonder.

"I've done this (tournament) for three years and this is the best event out here," said Jason Piliaris of MCES.

His coach agreed it was a great event to get all of the guys from the battalion out playing softball together. "I believe it's a great opportunity for the guys that don't work together to get to mingle with each other," said MCES coach Chris Felder, the Combat Engineer Instruction Command executive officer.

The coach of the 2nd Marine Special Operations Bn. "Diamond Dogs," Taylor Baxter was proud of his guys for coming out on such a hot day to play softball with the battalion team.

"I think it says a lot about the character of our guys. Some of the things we do (at work) is a little bit fast-paced and we don't normally get a lot of time relaxing and hanging out together. It shows the camaraderie of our battalion for them to come out here on a hot day and have a good time and fellowship," said Baxter.

Felder and his MCES team came in second last year in both the league and the tournament.

What was it like taking the top spot this year?

"It's great. It really is," he said, adding, "Great things go out to all of the guys who played plus all of the guys who helped put the teams together. The teams that played had a great season this year. The players came together and did a lot of great



Blue zone: The umpire, Gilbert "Spanky" Feest looks on while Pamela Talluto of the Marine Corps Engineer School catches and Edwin Li of 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion takes an at bat.



At bat: Marine Corps Engineer School coach Chris Felder takes an at-bat during the last game of Saturday's tournament. MCES placed first in the league during the season and post-season play.

things for us. And the teams we played worked very well together and gave us a run for our money, and we thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and the competition that we had."

It was a feeling echoed by

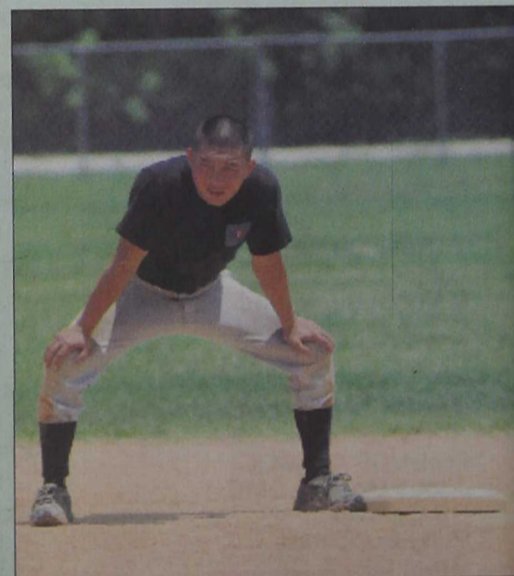
the other players in the tournament as well.

"I like to invite everybody who has an opportunity to play in one of these leagues, to come out. It's family-friendly. They can come out here and bring

their kids in an environment where there's no profanity. It's a good time. There's generally food. So it's really a family affair and we want to encourage more people to get involved," said Baxter. ■



How 'bout them O's: Wearing a Baltimore Orioles hat, Wayne Clark of the 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion pitches during Saturday's tourney.



Leading off: Edwin Li of 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion leads off second base during the third game of the tournament Saturday.

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Olympic swimmer spends time coaching local youth



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and she called his name Moses; and said, 'Because I drew him out of the water.' Exodus 2:10, Bible, King James Version.

Moses is no stranger to water. He has been immersed in it and rocketed through it on the way to two Olympic medals, one gold, in the 400-meter medley relay, one silver, in the 100-meter breaststroke, his specialty stroke. He has even read a Bible verse about water tattooed on his left ankle (Exodus 2:10).

The Olympian is a natural both in and out of the water. Case in point, he conducted two swimming clinics last weekend as part of the Marine Corps Celebrity Classic golf tournament. The first was on Friday afternoon at the Jacksonville Country Club. The second was Saturday afternoon at the Area 2 pool aboard Camp Lejeune.

Friday afternoon he sat in a lawn chair on the deck of the Jacksonville Country Club swimming pool as 12 young swimmers from local swim teams, sat around him. For 30 minutes or so, he sat in a 10-plus degree North Carolina heat talked with the young people about

swimming, life and the Olympics.

"I'm just a normal guy," said Moses, who at age 27 is retired from the sport of swimming. "I could be your best friend, your neighbor or maybe your brother."

He explained how he grew up in a military family, just like many of them. His father was in the Air Force for 30 years. He commiserated that moving often can put a bit of a challenge on a young person.

"I kind of found my relief in sports," he said.

But mostly he talked about swimming. "When I decided to commit myself to the Olympics, I decided to be the best that I could be in everything. I committed to be the best that I could in eating, in nutrition, in sleeping and in training," he explained.

"I mean, how sweet it is to set a goal and achieve it," said Moses. "I had a dream and a passion and nobody could stop me."

He told the assembled crowd about how big swimming was in Australia when he competed in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. "I would be in a taxi cab and swimming would come on the radio. And the driver would turn it up and ask us to be quiet because swimming was on the radio," said Moses.

Moses even bantered with the young people about their favorite types of music and their dreams and goals. He also answered each question the kids put forth.

"What about Ian Thorpe?" asked one young person.

Moses indicated he liked Ian Thorpe. "He's a big boy. He's built for swimming. He has a size 16 shoe," said Moses. Thorpe, also known as Thorpedo, is a former Australian freestyle swimmer that has won five Olympic gold medals.

Then someone asked if swimming would ever get as big in America as it is in Australia. "I think it's getting close," said Moses. "Michael Phelps is doing great things for swimming." Phelps is an American swimmer who won six gold medals and two bronze medals at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

Later, Moses took the swim clinic to the water. There he demonstrated various swimming strokes and techniques. He watched the swimmers and gave pointers.

After almost 90 minutes of in-the-pool technique training in the 90-plus degree heat, Moses raced several of the swimmers in their favorite strokes. Bobbie Dupuis, a

16-year-old in a colorful swim suit, a member of the Jacksonville Country Club Riptides Swim Team, was just one of the lucky swimmers who got to race the Olympian.

"I learned that it doesn't matter how long you have been swimming, you can still achieve wonders," Dupuis said. ■



Heather Owens

Time: Olympian Ed Moses visited the Jacksonville Country Club Friday and the Area 2 pool aboard Camp Lejeune Saturday as part of the Marine Corps Celebrity Classic weekend of events. Moses spent time to speak with area young people about swimming, life and the Olympics.

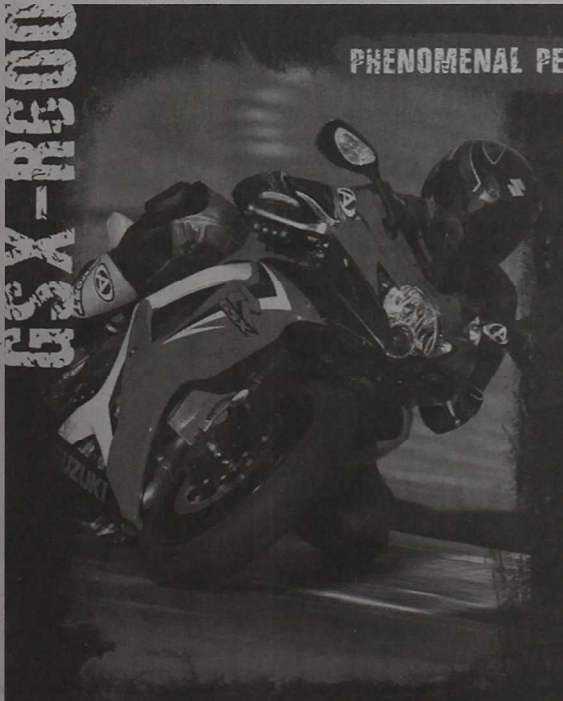
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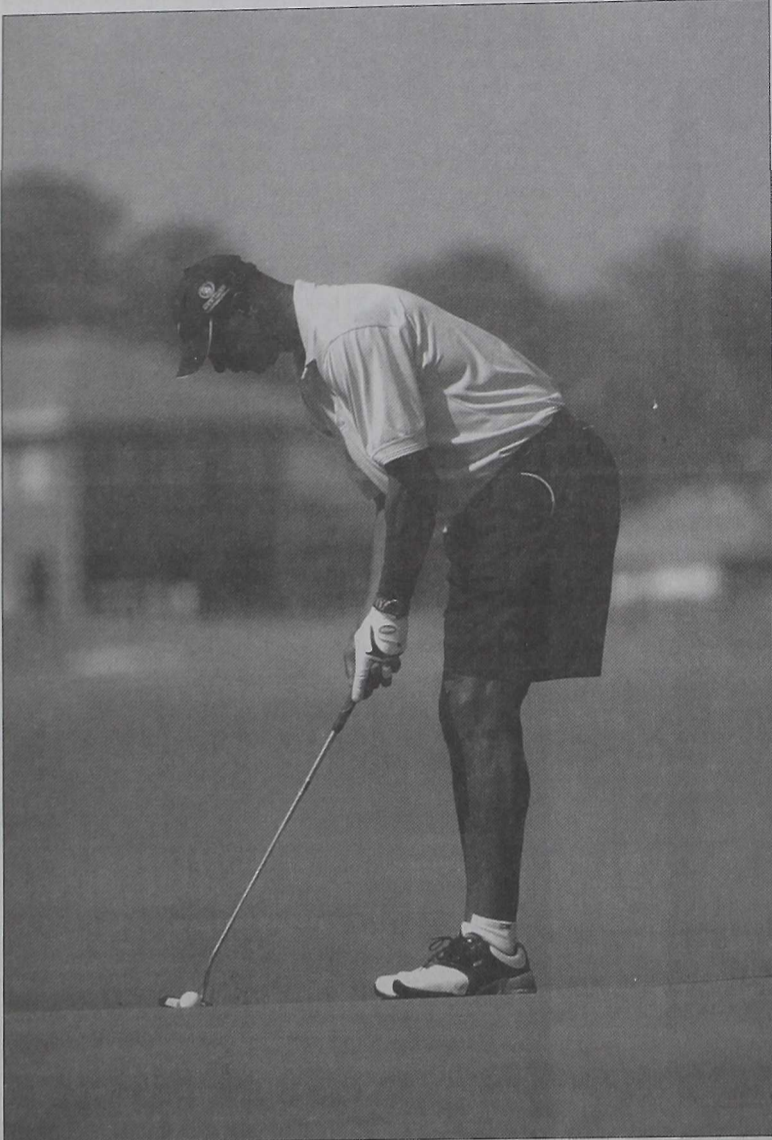
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Scenes from 2007 Marine Corps Celebrity Classic



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Big Hitters: In the photo above, former MLB star Willie Wilson lines up a putt during one of the Marine Corps Celebrity Classic's early rounds. Top right: Olympic swimmer Ed Moses takes a break to accommodate the media. Far right: Golfers muster before tee off. Right: Many Marines from the Wounded Warrior Barracks participated in the early rounds.



Staff Sgt. Michael Mink

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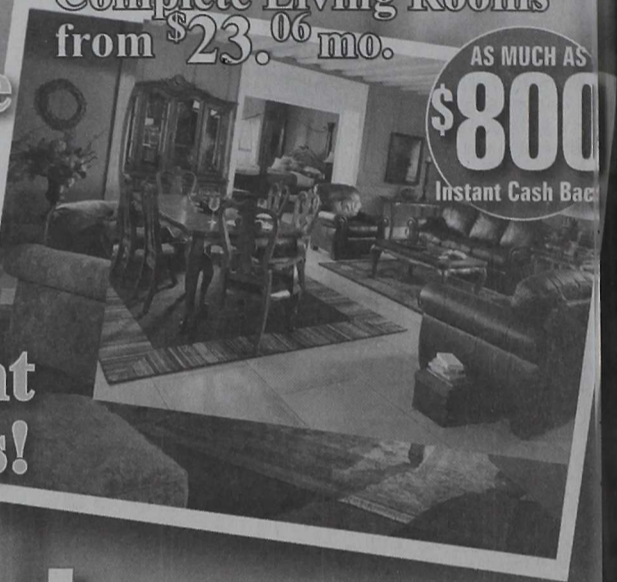
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Quick Shots

Graduation ceremony
Marine Special Operations Advisor Course 1-07 will graduate Friday at 1 p.m. at the Betio Room in the Arston Pavilion. For more information contact Gunnery Sgt. Ferguson at 450-6525.

Prostate support group
The Man-to-Man Prostate Cancer, Information, Education and Support Group will meet Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Onslow Memorial Hospital cafeteria. Man-to-Man is designed to provide an opportunity to talk to men who have questions on prostate cancer, newly diagnosed prostate cancer patients and to those currently undergoing treatment. There will be an opportunity to talk to those who have completed treatment and with health care professionals about their concerns. For additional information, call The American Cancer Society 800-282-4444 or Robert Kimbrough at 347-6289.

National Safety Council Driver Improvement Course
Service members 26 years and younger are invited to participate in the National Safety Council Driver Improvement Course on Friday. The course is held every Wednesday at the Workforce Learning Center in Building 524 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 451-5903/2776.

Deactivation ceremony
The 2nd Marine Division will be deactivated and activated as the 2nd Marine Division, 9th Marines, 1st Marine Division in a ceremony July 13. Lt. Col. Richard C. Jackson will relinquish command of the battalion to Lt. Col. Thad R. Trapp. The event takes place at 8 a.m. at W.P.T. Hill.

Lost and found
The Base Lost and Found Department at Camp Lejeune is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 524. For more information, call 451-5903/2571.

Volunteer dental assistant program
The American Red Cross Office is taking applications for the upcoming Volunteer Dental Assistant program through Aug. 15. The program is open to current military ID holders who have a high school diploma or equivalent, up-to-date immunizations and have completed the American Red Cross orientation. The program begins Sept. 17, with two weeks of full-time classroom training followed by 350 hours of practical experience working as a dental assistant at the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. Call 451-2173 to register.

Sailors looking to go green by crawling through mud



Down and dirty: Seaman Nicholas Calaci pushes a 150-pound dummy on a stretcher under barb wire while crawling through a 10-foot mud hole. The obstacle course the sailors have to go through to become corpsmen is one event during their seven weeks of training.

Story and photos by
Cpl. Shane Suzuki
Marine Corps Base

It's not the famous image of sailors in their white bell-bottomed trousers and long sleeved summer uniform, walking off a ship after a long voyage at sea. These sailors are wearing the digital uniforms of the Marines, carrying 150-plus pounds through mud, under barbwire and over logs. These sailors are training to become corpsmen and today, they're finding out what it takes to work with the Marines.

The Field Medical Service School on Camp Johnson is one of two schools in the Navy that trains and prepares sailors to "go green" or work in Marine units as medical technicians. The seven week course is a continuation of their training, putting their medical knowledge to use in a field environment while teaching the sailors the basics of being a Marine, including

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Base shells out facilities

Low oyster population threatens environment

Cpl. Michael T. Knight
Marine Corps Base

If you believe oysters are only good for slurping down with a couple splashes of hot sauce sauce, you are mistaken. They are an integral part of the fragile ecosystem and are in danger of being wiped out in this area, according to Stephen Taylor, a shellfish biologist with the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.

Decades of oyster harvesting and inter-costal dredging have severely depleted Onslow County's oyster stock, explained Taylor.

This depletion is not a hopeless situation with the help of the NCDMF Oyster Recycling Program, which creates new oyster reefs from oyster shells donated by local businesses and oyster farmers, said Taylor.

The practice of replanting was started in the 1950s after studies showed oysters' chances of survival increases when their larvae settle on oyster shells, said Taylor.

An oyster's reproduction process occurs usually in the spring, when the water temperature reaches 68 degrees. During this time the female oyster releases her eggs and the male releases his sperm. Once the eggs are fertilized, the free-floating organism eventually settles to the bottom.

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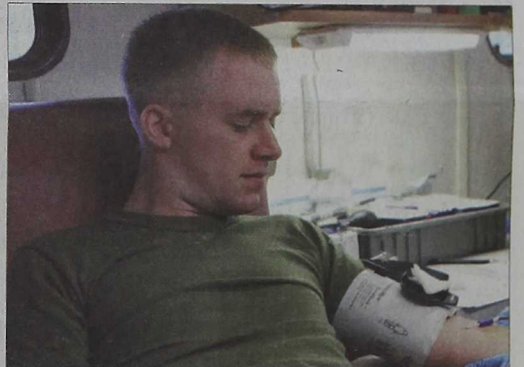
Marines donate to save lives

Lance Cpl. Aaron Rooks
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Marines and sailors from Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, donated blood during the Naval Hospital Blood Program, Camp Lejeune blood drive here, June 6.

"Ninety percent of the blood donated here goes to our servicemembers in Iraq and Afghanistan and also to military hospitals around the world," said Michael A. Maides, a phlebotomist participating in the Naval Hospital Blood Program, Camp Lejeune. "Around 6,000 to 8,000 lives could potentially be saved through our blood drives that Marines and sailors participate in."

With Marines and



Lance Cpl. Aaron Rooks

Giving life: Cpl. Christopher A. Greene waits patiently as he donates blood here, June 6. The blood donated here goes to the men and women deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan as well as military hospitals around the world.

sailors currently stationed around the world participating in the Global War on Terrorism, it's important Marines and sailors do everything possible to support their brothers and sisters in

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Sweet rides decorated for a great cause



Cpl. Michael T. Knight

Auto honors: Members of the Free State Corvette Club put Marine Corps and American flags on their Corvettes outside the Wounded Warrior Barracks before inviting the Marines out to check out the cars.

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need, said Company 1st Sgt. Johnny L. Perry, Service Company, CLR-27, 2nd MLG. "The little things we do to support one another is remarkable," Perry said. "It's needed from the Marines not deploying to give back to those fighting. It's one of the ways we support them."

According to Maides, the efforts of the Marines and sailors here, as well as civilians, have clearly had an effect on the lives of men and women deployed to combat areas. "The men and woman deployed have seen our blood and are happy to know the blood is coming from home and is being put to good use," Maides said. The Naval Hospital

Blood Program has gathered blood to save lives since March 2003. The program is scheduled to return to Camp Lejeune in two weeks to conduct more blood drives. "It's wonderful that Marines and sailors are willing to come out," Maides said. "Donors are getting stuck with needles and many people don't like that, but they still put themselves through it to save a life." ■

Construction relocations

The Provost Marshal's Office (Bldg. 3) will be undergoing renovation starting July 2. All sections will be relocated to the following areas:

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- Military Police Company Office: Bldg. HP-57 (Lucy Brewer Ave.)
- Administration and Physical Security: Bldg. 58 (Virginia Dare Dr.)

For emergencies, continue to call 451-2555.

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Seeking tips for recent Jacksonville robbery

On Saturday, at approximately 2 a.m. the Jacksonville Applebee's was robbed. Two suspects robbed the employees of the restaurant at gun point and took an undetermined amount of money.

Anyone with information to this incident please contact Det. James of the Jacksonville Police Department or Crimestoppers 938-3273.

Courts Martial

Pvt. Steven N. Edgell, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of one count of unauthorized absence terminated by apprehension and one count of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of five months, forfeitures of \$850 per month for a period of five months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Third party ticketing on or off base

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

1. Do not commit unsafe/unlawful acts to get a license plate or vehicle description.
2. Record the vehicle license plate, state, vehicle description, driver description, alleged traffic offense, time and location.
3. Send an e-mail requesting a complaint form to 1st Lt. Swanson at gabriela.swanson@usmc.mil from your official government address. You may also use the following Web site to send in a complaint: www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mcb/pmo.pdf.
4. Provost Marshal's Office will use this information to take appropriate action.

We appreciate your willingness to participate in ensuring base safety.



In the mud: Sailors work their way through an obstacle course carrying a life-size dummy on a stretcher. The course prepares Navy corpsmen for combat situations they may find themselves in when supporting Marine units.

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vocabulary, and customs and courtesies. But June 5, the sailors put those things aside as they got to work on the litter obstacle course. The course, which included a narrow bridge, barbwire-covered mud pits, waist deep water and rip-your-boots-off thick mud, was a challenge most of the sailors have never even dreamed of. Additionally, each team of four had to carry a 150 pound dummy on a stretcher while keeping their "patient" level, well, it was a tough, dirty day for the sailors. "The mud," laughed Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Esper. "The mud made everything harder, but it made us use teamwork to get through the obstacles. The Marines really stress teamwork, which is new for a lot of us. Today, we had to keep the patient level through the swamp, which no one could do by themselves. Plus, there was the mud." Two themes emerged following the course as the sailors discussed what they had just been through — the need for teamwork and the mud. "You have to stop and think your way through each obstacle, otherwise you can't make it through this course," said Seaman Apprentice Brandi Kavan. "I think it really prepares you for combat, especially how to work in teams and how to handle any situation."

For many of the sailors, this will be the last chance to perfect their craft in a training environment. Following their graduation, many of the newly appointed corpsmen will be assigned to deploying Marine units. "We are always improving our training," said Navy Capt. Efrén Saenz, commanding officer of the school. "We have students come back to the school after deploying to thank their teachers and to pass along what they have learned from being in Iraq. A lot of these sailors will be deploying in less than 90 days, so we take what we have here seriously. Our sailors will be as ready as they can be. They will be able to embed into their unit and learn what it is like to be a Marine unit." The class is seven weeks long and includes both lab work and field time, preparing the sailors for all the tasks they will be expected to perform once they are in the Fleet Marine Corps. During the course, the sailors improve their physical fitness, learn aspects of weapons handling skills and are graduated into some of the finer points of Marine Corps life. "The Marines are a lot harder than we are used to," said Seaman Nicholas Calaci. "But in a good way. We need to be ready to do anything the Marines do, and I think this course helps us get there. It has definitely been the hardest thing we've done so far." ■

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President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors

On Tuesday, some of the Commissioners will be visiting. The Commission invites service members who have been injured in Iraq or Afghanistan, health care professionals, and others to meet privately with the Commissioners to share your health care related concerns and views. They will meet with as many interested parties as possible Tuesday morning.

If you are interested in meeting with a Commissioner, please call 1-877-588-2035 between the hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday. During your call, Commission staff members will ask you for some basic information. A staff member will then call you back with your appointment time and location.

To find out more, go to www.PCCWW.gov.

Thank you for your interest.



In the half shell: Oyster shells are sent over the side into areas where they will help promote the growth of healthy new oysters in and around the coastal waters of Camp Lejeune. A high-powered water cannon helps speed the distribution process.

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larvae need to settle something hard and aged in order to hunker down for the two to three year growth cycle. If there is only sand on the bottom, oysters settle there and die, he explained. Different materials have been tested over the years. For example, marlone is sometimes used because oyster shells are a short supply but it doesn't compare to the real thing, he continued. According to Taylor, the alternative materials have become necessary because of the increase in use of shells for various projects. In the mid 1970s, it came popular to use the shells in landscaping, construction, roads and decorative items, Taylor said. The competition for shells is what helped spur his recycling program to overdrive. The state

boards are also considering placing a ban on using oyster shells commercially, said Taylor. In an effort to create more opportunities in the Jacksonville area the NCDMF is building oyster shell collections bins locally and for every bushel donated, business can claim a \$1 tax deduction, he said. The Research Vessel Stone Bay used a fire hose to methodically spray about 450 bushels [29,250 pounds] of shells June 5 into the Ellis Cove, next to NC 172 Bridge. Camp Lejeune's wildlife biologist Martin Korenek explained that the base does its part in preservation efforts by allowing the DMF access to base facilities for storage and loading of the shells on to barges. Since most shells in this area are trucked up from Shallotte, N.C., base access saves the state time and money. Taylor emphasized the

importance of oysters to the environment. "They act as a natural water filter," he said. "One oyster filters up to 50 gallons of water a day. The more oysters, the cleaner the water." There are other positive environmental issues that result from a healthy oyster population, he explained. It creates a healthy habitat for other organisms that small fish like to eat, which in turn attract bigger fish. The DMF hopes other communities and the entire state, beef up their contribution efforts towards keeping our environment healthy. They are asking for restaurants especially, along with other oyster consumers to keep in mind their efforts result in a tax break and keep the cycle of fresh oysters going and going for generations to come. For more information on oyster preservation, visit www.ncdmf.net.

Combat correspondents give back



Special delivery: Mary Simcock, treasurer; Robin Kelleher, president and Amy Koury, marketing director of Hope for the Warriors, accept a donation of \$1,000 from Tom LaPointe of the United States Marine Corps Combat Correspondent's Association Friday. The donation will be split between Hope for the Warriors and the Semper Fi Fund to support the Marines and their families, said LaPointe. "These organizations are working hard taking care of our Marines and they deserve all the help they can get," said LaPointe.

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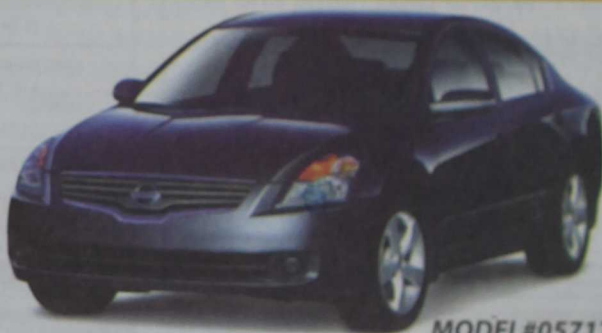
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4 VW BEETLE, BLACK, 63K MILES, #M86442	\$13,970	\$1,000	\$12,970
7 FORD TAURUS SE, SILVER, 18K MILES, #M86417	\$14,775	\$1,500	\$13,275
7 FORD TAURUS SE, 26K MILES, SILVER, #M86860	\$14,625	\$1,500	\$13,400
7 FORD TAURUS SE, L, 26K MILES, SILVER, #M86860	\$14,625	\$1,000	\$13,625
6 CHEVROLET MALIBU MAXX LT, 33K MILES, BLUE, #M86864	\$15,545	\$2,000	\$13,545
6 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER, ROUTE 66, YELLOW, 9K MILES #M86356	\$16,765	\$2,000	\$14,765
6 MAZDA 6S V6, 29K MILES, BLUE, #M86856	\$17,500	\$2,000	\$15,500
6 HONDAI SONATA SLX V6, 26K MILES, SILVER, #M86855	\$17,680	\$2,000	\$15,680
6 MAZDA 6S V6, 27K MILES, BLUE, #M86854	\$17,850	\$2,000	\$15,850
6 MAZDA 6I SPORT, 31K MILES, SILVER, #M86857	\$17,935	\$2,000	\$15,935
6 CHEVROLET MALIBU LTZ, 33K MILES, GRAY, LOADED, #M86863	\$17,975	\$2,000	\$15,975
6 FORD FIVE HUNDRED SEL, 33K MILES, SILVER, #M86852	\$18,815	\$2,000	\$16,815
7 HONDAI SONATA GLS, V6, 27K MILES, WHITE, SUNROOF, #M86853	\$19,900	\$2,000	\$17,900

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	RETAIL PRICE	DISCOUNT	SALE PRICE
6 CHRYSLER SEBRING TOURING CONVERTIBLE, 28K SILVER, #66197A	\$17,580	\$3,000	\$14,580
6 CHRYSLER SEBRING TOURING CONVERTIBLE, 12K WHITE, #C66493	\$21,175	\$4,000	\$17,175
6 MAZDA MIATA SPEED, 29K MILES, GRAY, #M86865	\$19,645	\$1,000	\$18,645
6 MAZDA MIATA, BLUE, 11K MILES, #M86824	\$20,795	\$2,000	\$18,795
6 CHEVY CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE, RED, 31K MILES, #M86470	\$38,590	\$3,000	\$35,590

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	KELLEY BLUE BOOK PRICE	DISCOUNT	SALE PRICE
6 KIA RIO LX, 3 TO CHOOSE FROM	\$13,230	\$3,300	\$9,930
6 DODGE NEON SXT, 11K MILES, #C86525	\$11,705	\$2,000	\$9,705
6 MAZDA PROTEGE 5, RED, 67K MILES, #M86827	\$11,300	\$1,000	\$10,300
6 NISSAN SENTRA 1.8S, GREEN, #C86531A	\$11,745	\$1,000	\$10,745
6 FORD FOCUS ZX3, SILVER, 11K MILES, #M6237A	\$14,040	\$2,500	\$11,540
6 HONDA CIVIC LX, 5 SPEED, SILVER, 65K MILES, #67101A	\$12,945	\$1,000	\$11,945
6 SATURN ION 2, BLACK, 19K MILES, #M86816	\$13,380	\$1,000	\$12,380
6 VW JETTA GLS, 1.8T, BLACK, 41K MILES, GAS SAVER, #M86830	\$13,775	\$1,000	\$12,775
6 DODGE CALIBER, 30K MILES, WHITE, #C86642	\$13,800	\$1,000	\$12,800
6 VW BEETLE GL, BLACK, 63K MILES, #M86442	\$13,970	\$1,000	\$12,970
6 MAZDA 3I SEDAN, 23K MILES, SILVER, #M86874	\$15,570	\$700	\$14,870
6 MITSUBISHI GALANT SE, 36K MILES, BLUE, #M86862	\$15,385	\$500	\$14,885
6 MAZDA 3I, 28K MILES, GREEN, #M86820	\$16,895	\$1,500	\$15,395
6 FORD FIVE HUNDRED SE, 24K MILES SILVER, #M86840	\$17,940	\$2,000	\$15,940
6 HONDA ACCORD LX, SILVER, 27K MILES, #C86568	\$18,600	\$1,000	\$17,600
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6 TOYOTA 4RUNNER SR-5, BURGANDY, 54K MILES, #C86309A	\$17,735	\$3,000	\$14,735
6 CHRYSLER PACIFICA, 60K MILES, BLACK, #C7065A	\$16,165	\$1,000	\$15,165
6 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4, 49K MILES, BURGANDY, LEATHER, SUNROOF, #M86872	\$19,575	\$3,500	\$16,075
6 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4, 49K MILES, BLACK, LEATHER, SUNROOF, #M86873	\$19,575	\$3,500	\$16,075
6 FORD ESCAPE XLS, 4X2, GREEN, 26K MILES, #M86821	\$19,900	\$3,000	\$16,900
6 FORD EXPEDITION XLT 4X4, 44K MILES, BLUE, SUNROOF, LEATHER, #M86871	\$20,745	\$3,000	\$17,745
6 FORD ESCAPE XLT, SILVER, 221K MILES, #M86786A	\$20,955	\$3,000	\$17,955
6 LINCOLN AVATOR AWD, 34K, GREEN, LOADED, #M86869	\$26,000	\$8,000	\$18,000
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6 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT AWD, 26K MILES, BEIGE, #M86858	\$23,030	\$3,500	\$19,530
6 NISSAN MURANO SL, COPPER, 43K MILES, #M86826	\$20,600	\$1,000	\$19,600
6 FORD E350 XLT, 12 PASS, WHITE, 17K MILES, #M86780	\$24,635	\$7,000	\$17,635
6 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY HSE 4X4, 54K MILES, SILVER, #C86623	\$24,915	\$2,000	\$22,915
6 CHEVROLET TAHOE LT 4X4, BURGANDY, 60K MILES	\$24,525	\$1,000	\$23,525
6 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY HSE, SILVER 54K MILES	\$26,750	\$3,000	\$23,750
6 DODGE MAGNUM RT HEMI, GREEN, 30K MILES, #C86570	\$28,125	\$3,000	\$25,125
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'03 JEEP WRANGLER X, 41K MILES, GREEN, #C86635	\$15,425	\$500	\$14,925
'04 JEEP WRANGLER SAHARA, GRAN, 46K MILES, #C86654	\$19,700	\$1,000	\$18,700
'04 JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON, 47K MILES, BLACK, #C86634	\$20,375	\$1,000	\$19,375
'06 JEEP LIBERTY LIMITED 4X4, 40K MILES, BLACK, LOADED #C86633	\$22,075	\$2,500	\$19,575
'06 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4, SILVER, 30K MILES, #C86651	\$22,650	\$3,000	\$19,650
'06 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4, V8, BURGANDY, 40K MILES, #C86532	\$23,240	\$3,000	\$20,240
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Education Bible School registration for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Protestant Chapel is underway. Children ages four through high school ages may register at the Main Protestant Chapel or at the Rawl Terrace II Chapel Sunday mornings until July 23. Parents may also register at the receptionist desk in the command chaplain's department Building 67, Virginia Ave St., Camp Lejeune weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. VBS dates are July 23 - 26, from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday. The location is the TT II Chapel and Religious Education Center. This year's VBS theme is VBS 'Blashtacular.' Take a Plunge with Jesus. For more information, call 451-3210 or 451-3240.

Bookaholics discussion club
A monthly book discussion group for adults 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. at Jacksonville's main library starting June 19. For more information or to join the group, call 455-7350, ext. 242.

Marine Corps Base Overseas' workshop
The Marine Corps Community Service will present a relocation assistance program July 19 from 9 a.m. to noon in Building 100. The workshop will cover aspects of financial planning, passports, travel, housing information, loan lock-out and cultural aspects of traveling. For more information and to register, call 451-3212, ext. 202 or 451-1055.

Arts and crafts classes
Arts and crafts classes for children ages 3-12 years are offered at Midway Park Community Center. Children can learn ballroom, tap, jazz and basic dancing, as well as stage performing. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays. For smaller children, a creative movement class is offered Thursday mornings for 18-month to 3-year-old children. For more information, call 451-5966.

Auto Body Hobby Shop
Enhance your hobby with high-tech equipment at the Auto Body Hobby Shop. The shop offers a full-service paint booth and also houses a service welding shop. It is located at Birch Street extension, Building 1249. Operating hours are Wednesday - Friday, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 451-2042.

BACK TO THE WILD

Largest Topsail sea turtle release



Story and photos by
Heather Owens
Staff reporter

"Turtle people are a different breed," said Carmel Zetts, coordinator of the Sunset Beach Turtle Watch Program.

The 'turtle people' came out in droves June 6 to participate in the largest ever release of sea turtles in the 10-year history of the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center.

They came in cars decorated with sea turtle stickers and the North Carolina sea turtle preservation license plates. They came wearing sea turtle T-shirts, necklaces and earrings. They came from near and far to celebrate the release of 20 sea turtles from three different species.

Early in the morning, people gathered at the Sea Turtle Hospital at Topsail Island for a brief ceremony and blessing of the turtles. The day's release was dedicated to the memory of Lauren Sigmon, 22, a 2005-2006 turtle hospital intern, who passed away the week before the release.

"These animals have a wonderful way of looking into your eyes, and when you look into their eyes, you can see their souls," said Jean Beasley, director and founder of the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, during the opening ceremony.

After the ceremony, hard plastic kiddie pools were brought out and laid on the ground. Wet towels were placed in the pools and the sea turtles were brought out of the hospital one-by-one and placed on top of the towels. Then more wet towels were gently placed on top of each turtle to keep them cool and wet.

Next a caravan of pick up trucks and sport utility vehicles rolled up one at a time as groups of volunteers picked up the pools and carried one each to the back of a waiting vehicle.

Twenty turtles in all were loaded into the waiting vehicles. Their numbers included 13 large turtles, 12 loggerhead and one chelonia mydas, that were rescued and cared for by the Sea Turtle Hospital.

Loggerhead turtles are the most common sea turtle in North Carolina. They are characterized by a heart-shaped, brown shell with a yellow underside. The turtles, which may weigh up to 500 pounds, feed on bottom-dwelling animals, jellyfish and vegetation. Chelonia mydas, a large sea turtle, is most commonly known as the green sea turtle. It can be found in tropical and sub-tropical oceans worldwide.

Each turtle had a name lovingly rendered, names such as: Surf City, Kayak, Nelson, Progress II, Cedar III, Nettie, Fisher III, Harley, Buzz, Taylor, Pi, Frosty and Shackford II.

Surf City, a 150-pound loggerhead, was adopted by the town



See TURTLES page 3D



Turtle time: (Photos clockwise from top) In the top photo, Progress, a loggerhead turtle, is carried to the ocean by volunteers. In the second photo, a turtle is loaded into a kiddie pool for the ride to the beach. Above, Progress makes the trek to the beach in the back of a sport utility vehicle. Volunteers pat Progress on the shell while transporting the turtle to the beach. The patting mimics the feel of ocean on the turtle's shell thus calming the animal. At left, a volunteer walks one of the seven rare Kemp's Ridley turtles to the water while turtle enthusiasts and local media look on.

Design by Kelli Huffman

'Lucky You' a tale of life and poker now playing at Lejeune



From the front row
with
Reinhold Moldenhauer Huneycutt

Now playing at Midway Park

'NEXT' (PG-13)

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

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

Cris, now working as a 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 underwent 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 are not gone unnoticed altogether. Vegas security guards are also watching.

Julianne Moore ("Children of Men," "Freedomland," "Hannibal") stars as Callie Ferris, a FBI counter-terror agent, needs Cris and his talent to help thwart a terrorist group who is planning to attack Los Angeles with a weapon of mass destruction.

With the nuclear time bomb ticking, Cris could be the key to averting a nuclear holocaust.

Now Cris must choose between saving the world or saving himself.

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

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," "Mulholland Falls," "Along Came a Spider") brings us this sharp, fast paced and interesting concept which idea stemmed from the 2002 release of the "Minority Report."

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

Now playing at Jacksonville

'MR. BROOKS' (R)

"Mr. Brooks" is a psychological thriller



'Next:' Nicholas Cage stars as a magician who helps the FBI predict what is coming next.

that delves into the mind of a successful business man, who happens to be addicted to killing.

Kevin Costner ("The Guardian," "Open Range," "Tin Cup," "Field of Dreams," "Dancing With Wolves") stars as Earl Brooks, a successful and highly respected businessman, generous philanthropist, loving father and devoted husband.

However Mr. Brooks, who seems to be perfect, has a secret: he is also an insatiable serial killer ruled by his compulsive alter ego. He is so clever that no one has ever suspected that he is the notorious Thumbprint Killer.

Earl Brooks has managed to keep his two incompatible worlds from intersecting by controlling Marshall, played by William Hurt ("A History of Violence"), his wicked alter ego and his inner voice of conscience. (By the way, Marshall is only visible to him and the viewer.)

But as Mr. Brooks has the urge to do one more murder, an amateur photographer and bloodthirsty creep, played convincingly by comedian Dane Cook ("Employee of the Month") witnesses the crime.

Suddenly, Mr. Brooks finds himself trapped in the twisted agenda of an opportunistic bystander.

He is also hunted by an unorthodox investigator, Tracy Atwood, played by Demi Moore ("Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle," "G.I. Jane," "Ghost"). Jason Lewis ("Sex in the City") plays her jerk of a husband.

Now, a terrifying game is unfolding where desire is dark, knowledge is deadly

and the man who has everything has everything to hide.

Costarring are Marg Helgenberg ("Erin Brockovich," TV's "CSI"), as his Emma; and Danielle Panabaker ("You Mine and Ours," TV's "Shark") as daughter, Emma.

Writer and director Bruce A. Eisner brings us a strong and graphic crime thriller with many different twists and turns.

"Mr. Brooks" is an entertaining and micky but very clever thriller. Costner playing against type; however, against odds, he brings this despicable character successfully to the screen.

'KNOCKED UP' (R)

"Knocked Up" is a romantic comedy about a couple who get pregnant after one night stand.

Katherine Heigl ("Gray's Anatomy") stars as Alison Scott, a gorgeous, ambitious, single, up-and-coming TV entertainment correspondent.

Seth Rogen ("You, Me and Dupree," "Anchorman," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin") plays Ben Stone, an unemployed, fun-loving party animal and slacker, who shares a house with his four, even more lazy buddies.

One night out on the town, Ben and Alison meet at a bar and, after having many drinks and a good time, end up at a place, in bed.

This humiliating hookup and one-night encounter results in an unplanned pregnancy. Now faced with the prospect of going through it alone or getting to know the baby's father, Alison decides to take the goofy but lovable guy a chance.

The last thing Ben ever expected was his one night stand to show up on his doorstep eight weeks later to tell him she's pregnant.

The unlikely couple, who have little in common, decide for the baby's sake, to get to know each other better, to try to make this relationship work and raise the baby together.

Costarring are Leslie Mann ("The Year-Old Virgin") as Debbie, Alison's married sister; and Paul Rudd ("Night at the Museum") as Pete, her husband.

Look for Steve Carell and Ryan Reynolds in cameo roles.

Writer and director Judd Apatow's ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Anchorman") script is fresh and funny. At times, he combines slapstick with lots of heart and real intelligent humor.

"Knocked Up" is a sweet but very raunchy comedy about a one night stand encounter that leads to an unexpected soon-to-be parent experience. The film shows that all relationships are flawed and that they can only work with hard and committed determination.

"Knocked Up" is a satirical piece that works as long as you forget that this is 2006 and standards have changed. The movie plot is a little too drawn out and repetitive would have been better.

Due to the subject matter and crude language, this film is not suited for younger audiences.

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



'Lucky You:' In this drama Drew Barrymore stars as Billie Offer, a lounge singer with little talent. Professional Poker player Huck Cheever is played by Eric Bana.

Pets of the Week: Save a life today.

The Onslow County Animal Shelter is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 7 p.m., Friday from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. To see more pictures of pets available for adoption, visit www.petharbor.com

This female, brown tabby and white domestic short-hair is 2 months old. Take her home today. Pet ID # A008606

Riley is a yellow labrador retriever mix. He is about 1 years old and wants to come home with you! Pet ID # A008611

For more information, call the Onslow County Animal Shelter at 455-0182.

Photos courtesy of the animal shelter

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SATURDAY "Harry Potter: Sorcerers Stone," PG, 3:30 p.m.; "The Invisible," PG-13, 6:30 p.m.; "Hot Fuzz," R, 9:15 p.m.	SATURDAY "Bridge to Terabithia," PG, 3:30 p.m.; "Lucky You," PG-13, 6:30 p.m.; "Spider Man 3," PG-13, 9:15 p.m.
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TUESDAY "Hot Fuzz," R, 7:30 p.m.	TUESDAY "In the Land of Women," PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY "The Invisible," PG-13, 7:30 p.m.	WEDNESDAY "Perfect Stranger," R, 7:30 p.m.

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How you can help protect Sea Turtles

America Supports You: Marine receives belated Christmas gift

Press release

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and North Carolina

Waters off the coast of North Carolina are home to five of the six sea turtle species found in the United States. All these turtles are listed as threatened or endangered and there are penalties for killing, harassing or harming these turtles.

Turtle Facts

Loggerheads are the most common sea turtle which nests on North Carolina beaches.

- May through October is when females come ashore at night to lay their eggs.
- After laying around 120 eggs, the turtle returns to the ocean.
- After a 60-day incubation period, the hatchlings emerge and make their journey to the ocean.

The following are ways we can all help the turtles have a successful nesting season:

- Minimize beachfront lighting-to include closing blinds and draperies in

oceanfront rooms.

- Remove all recreational equipment from the beach when not in use, including chairs, umbrellas, towels, and fill in holes dug on the beach at the end of the day.
- Do not construct beach fires during the nesting season. The hatchlings could become disoriented and crawl toward the fire.

- Refrain from using flashlights on the beach at night.
- Do not take flash photography of a nesting sea turtle, nor the hatchlings.
- Leave the tracks left by turtles undisturbed.
- Do not disturb sea turtles or their nests. Most North Carolina beaches have volunteer programs that protect and monitor sea turtle nests. Report unmarked nests, hurt or dead turtles to the local police.

- Pick up all of your trash from the beach.
- Avoid trampling beach vegetation.
- When boating stay in the channels, avoid sea-grass beds and anchoring in these habitats. ■

the road to the beach. Inside each vehicle, a covey of volunteers surrounded each turtle, gently patting their shells. "The patting mimics the ocean waves and calms the turtle," said one volunteer.

As the 'turtle train' rounded the corner and drove up onto the beach, throngs of turtle enthusiasts, including nearly 500 local school children, tourists and other onlookers, could be seen lining the beach. Gently, each turtle was carried down through a funnel of spectators to the water. School children with colorful signs led each 'delegation' of volunteer turtle carriers.

Then the turtles were carried into the ocean and set free.

For more information about the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, visit the organization's Web site at www.seaturtlehospital.org. For more information about the Sunset Beach Turtle Watch Program, surf to www.sunsetbeachturtles.org. To track the sea turtle surf City, visit the Town of Surf City's Web site at www.surfcity.govoffice.com. ■

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News Release

America's Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — While stationed at Camp Fallujah, Iraq, over Christmas 2006, Lance Cpl. Jordan Richards received a special care package with an extraordinary gift to be claimed upon his return to the states. Troop-support group Operation Gratitude sent the care package.

Richards claimed the gift a new Dodge Caliber — on May 30. Checkers/Rally's restaurants donated the car and presented the Marine with the keys.

"We are honored to recognize one of America's true heroes through our partnership with Operation Gratitude. This new car is one small way Checkers and Rally's can continue to show our appreciation to the troops," Terri Snyder, chief marketing officer for Checkers Drive-in Restaurants, said. "We thank Lance Cpl. Jordan Richards for his service to our country and hope he and his fiancée enjoy their new car."

Operation Gratitude is a member of America Supports You, a Department of Defense program connecting citizens and corporations with military personnel and their families serving at home and abroad. Checkers/Rally's is a corporate supporter of the program.

Richards' special care package marked a significant milestone for Operation Gratitude since the group's beginning in March 2003, and the



Operation Gratitude: Lance Cpl. Jordan Richards, center-right, of St. Louis, got the keys to his new Dodge Caliber at a Rally's drive-in restaurant in his hometown May 30. The Checkers/Rally's fast-food chain donated the car, which was part of an Operation Gratitude care package Richards received while stationed in Iraq over Christmas 2006.

group wanted to make it truly exceptional.

"When we reached our 200,000th care package mark, we wanted to do something very special to commemorate the milestone," Carolyn Blashek, Operation Gratitude's founder, said. "We were overwhelmed and thrilled when Checkers/Rally's said they would donate a new car!"

"We are so thankful for Checkers/Rally's support and feel privileged to be able to give this brave Marine such a wonderful welcome home gift," she added.

In addition to a post card from Checkers Drive-in Restaurants proclaiming "This Dodge Caliber is yours!" the package included, among other things, a DVD player and celebrity-autographed hats to tickets to

a Los Angeles Lakers basketball game.

Operation Gratitude hasn't slowed its mission since sending Richards' package as part of December's holiday care-package drive. In fact, the group kicked off its 4th Annual Patriotic Drive over Memorial Day weekend. Officials also anticipate that this drive, which is expected to produce 50,000 care packages for troops overseas, also will produce a new milestone: care package 250,000.

Blashek added she is still accepting names of deployed service members for the current drive. For more information on how to get an Operation Gratitude care package to a deployed service member or an entire unit this July 4th holiday, contact the group at opgrat@aol.com. ■

TURTLES

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Surf City. In addition to adopting the sea turtle, the town paid to have a satellite tracking device mounted to the turtle's shell.

"We're going to be able to track his exploits. We'll just see where he goes," said Karen Sota, media coordinator for the Sea Turtle Hospital.

Seven rare Kemp's ridley turtles were among the 20 lucky ancient ocean reptiles. These smaller turtles were brought from the National Marine Life Center Buzzard's Bay, Mass., to be released into warmer environs of North Carolina.

Kemp's ridley turtles are the most endangered sea turtle. They have a rounded shell that is grey, brown, black and red in color. The Kemp's ridley sea turtle can reach 2.5 feet. They eat bottom-dwelling animals and vegetation.

Once all of the trucks were loaded, the caravan rolled out at a turtle's pace down

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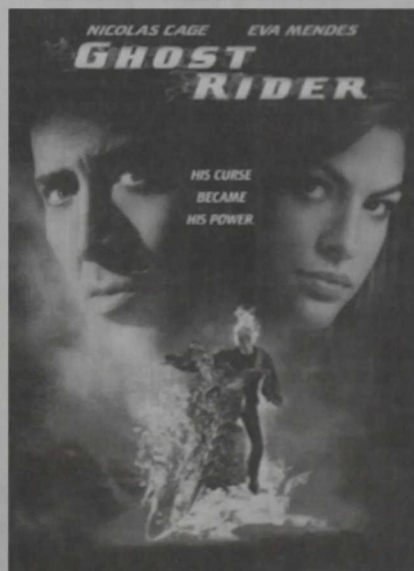
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Wounded Warriors receive Rollx van

Press release and staff reports
Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund

On Monday, the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund presented a Rollx handicapped modified van for use by families at the Wounded Warrior Barracks and the Warrior House aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

This van will provide a means of transporting severely injured Marines to and from the hospital and to where their families are staying, or it will provide a little bit of extra freedom to those who have fought to defend it.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide good, safe transportation to our wounded Marines and sailors to help them transition back to their communities. We

are blessed to have received generous donations from across America to make this gift possible," said Karen Guenther, founder of the IMSFF.

The IMSFF is a non-profit organization established in May 2004 by Guenther, a registered nurse and spouse of an active-duty Marine. The IMSFF provides financial assistance to injured Marines, service members attached to Marine units, and their families.

Since its inception, the IMSFF has given over \$11 million in family program grants, modified vans, homes and specialized equipment to increase the quality of life to our wounded heroes.

For more information on IMSFF, visit the organization's Web site at www.semperfund.org/.



Wounded Warrior: The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund presented a Rollx handicapped modified van for use by families at Wounded Warrior Barracks and the Warrior House aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. From left to right, those pictured are: Robin Kelleher, Lt. Col. Tom Siebenthal, Cpl. Nicholas Scalf, Lance Cpl. Daniel Semrau, Cpl. Noe Aguirre, Karen Guenther, Heather O'Connell, Monica Delie, Mike Harris and Lisa Holden.

Onslow Beach Summer Sizzle cures boring summer-itis

Cpl. Steven King
Marine Corps Community Service

It strikes without warning. Millions of Americans don't even realize they suffer from it until it's the end of August and therefore, too late to rewind the clock to the month of June. It will leave you feeling empty inside and wondering why you didn't have more fun this past summer. If this describes you, or someone you knew at the end of the summer in 2006, you may be suffering from a condition called 'boring summer-itis.' The good news is there is help available at the Onslow Beach Summer Sizzle.

The Onslow Beach Summer Sizzle is three months of summer fun you will not forget. The following programs will take place during the Summer Sizzle to help you in your battle against summeritis:

- Intracoastal Waterway Boat Tours.

Come join fellow fun lovers on the 'JOJAC,' the Marina Café Tour boat. Trips include a two hour boat ride on the Intracoastal Waterway, bottled water, sodas and a Blimpie Sub. Small coolers allowed. All trips need a minimum of 40 guests and a maximum of 60. Tour dates are June 27, July 18, and Aug. 29. For information and tickets call, 451-3535.

- Free Family Movies at Dusk. Onslow Beach has come up with a relaxing way for you to end your day with free movies at dusk. Movies will play at the Enlisted Pavilion Area every Thursday through Aug. 30. For your comfort, bring your own chair and a small cooler. Movies are open to all authorized patrons and beach guests.

- Free Kayak Adventure Days. A limited number of kayaks will be available for one-hour free rental at the Enlisted Pavilion during Memorial Day Weekend

through Labor Day Weekend. Kayaks can also be rented from Gottschalk and Courthouse Bay Marinas. For more information call, 451-8307.

- Sunday Worship. Worship at the beach will take place every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Pavilion Deck beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. All are welcome to attend this short and contemporary worship service. For more information, call 451-3210.

- D.J. Saturdays and Volleyball Tournaments. D.J. and four person volleyball tournaments will be held at the Enlisted Beach. Dates and times are as follows: Sept. 1, noon - 4 p.m.

- Also, Millie's back with her famous grilled hot dogs, burgers, and more. Come out and grab a bite every weekend at the Enlisted Pavilion. Joining the fun is Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream.

- Boot Camp. Boot Camp will meet every Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Pavilion from May 19 to July 7. This eight-week session will consist of boot camp style training where natural elements such as deep sand, logs and hills to promote an intense workout. Participants wear physical training clothes or swimwear. For more information, call 451-0826.

- Meditation By The Sea. Meditation by the Sea will meet every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Officers' Beach Pavilion from July 14 to Sept. 1. This eight-week session will consist of Yoga, Pilates, stretching and meditation techniques. Participants can wear comfortable clothing either PT or regular beach clothes. For more information, call 451-0826.

Don't be a victim of 'boring summer-itis' by making the Onslow Beach Summer Sizzle a part of your plans this year. ■

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Salvation Army looking for 'Angels' to sponsor local, military children

Press Release
Salvation Army

Hiking in the woods, making new friends, singing songs by the campfire — some of our fondest childhood memories come from summer camp.

For the neediest children in Jacksonville, a one week stay at camp can have a long lasting positive effect! "We don't want to see any kids spending their summer vacation wandering the streets," states Salvation Army Captain Joe Muré, of Jacksonville. "Time spent at camp can be a life-changing experience for kids. It can instill feelings of self-worth, open up the world and offer hope for the future."

Last year at the Salvation Army Camp Walter Johnson, more than 2,500 children attended from all over North and South Carolina. "This year we want to place an emphasis on Military dependents

ages 7-16, especially if they have a loved one serving overseas." "The Salvation Army will support the Military Families here in Onslow county any way we can" Muré said.

Last summer the citizens of Jacksonville gave this precious gift to dozens of local children some of whom had never in their lives experienced the wonders of nature. Through these donations, underprivileged Jacksonville kids went to an awesome, fun filled week-long camp where they played sports, swam, explored the outdoors and made crafts. And beyond the recreation, trained counselors helped them deal with troubling issues and concerns that challenged them in their daily lives.

"We are so grateful to our friends who sponsored these children," Muré says. "What a difference their generosity made in these children's lives. The kids not only enjoyed nutritious meals and

explored the great outdoors, they learned new life-skills and got to interact with caring adults who listened to them and showed the love and concern."

Capt. Muré is currently seeking sponsorship for 100 children for summer camp 2007. "School will be ending soon," he points out. "There are lots of spots left and not enough money to fill them. I hope the community will come through for these deserving kids. For many of them, it's the highlight of the whole year."

The Salvation Army Jacksonville, serving the communities of Onslow and Jones Counties provides food, clothing and shelter to more than 15,000 people each year. Headquarters are located at 535 Bell Fork Rd, across from Bell Fork Elementary school.

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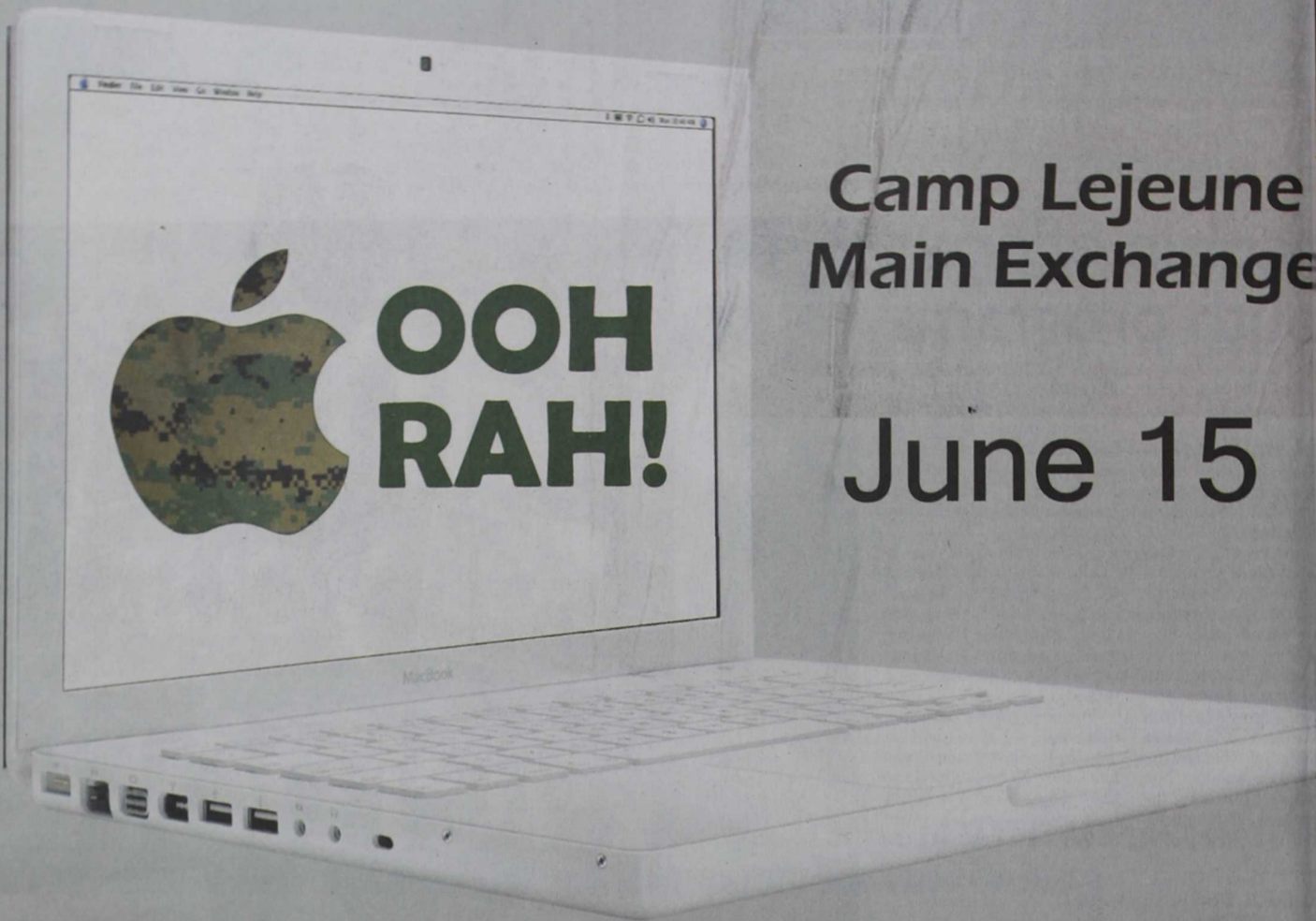
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Base Theatre open for business



Jamie Cameron

Lights, camera, action: Marine Corps Community Services representatives held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday to mark the re-opening of the Base Theatre after months of renovation. The upgrades to the facility's seating, carpets and floors and concession stand totaled \$453,857. Last year, the total attendance for movies, special events and training was 274,600. In the above photo, the official theatre re-opening begins with the ribbon cutting by (from the left) Sgt. Maj. Timothy McCurry, sergeant major Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Charlie Miller, Ray Bell and Ron Griffin of MCCS, William A. Meier, executive officer of MCB Camp Lejeune, and Lisa Moulton of MCCS.

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Fair winds and following seas: an editor's farewell

Amy Segreti
Carolina Living Editor

In November 2006, I was sent on an assignment to write about the Camp Lejeune Dependents School's teacher of the year, Mary Ann Styons. I thought I would go over to Tarawa Terrace II Elementary and finish up the piece pretty quickly, but she stopped me in my tracks when she began talking about her feelings towards her job.

"I come to work every day looking forward to it, feeling like I'm really making a difference," she said. "And my co-workers aren't just co-workers; they're friends. It's a real blessing to work here and I really mean that."

She wasn't overly excited when she said this, in the way some people are when they know something is going to appear in print; she was calm, content. She really meant it.

Then she looked at me and said something I didn't put in my article.

She said, "I hope you're as happy at your job as I am at mine."

She smiled sweetly at me. I smiled back.

Yes, Mary Styons, I am.

But by the time you read this, I will be on my way to San Francisco with a small car, a clear head and fond memories.

During my year-and-a-month as Carolina Living Editor, I've discovered that weekly newspapers with small, dedicated staffs, such as *The Globe*, generally reflect the personalities who produce it — much more so than large (and largely anonymous) daily newspapers.

With that in mind,

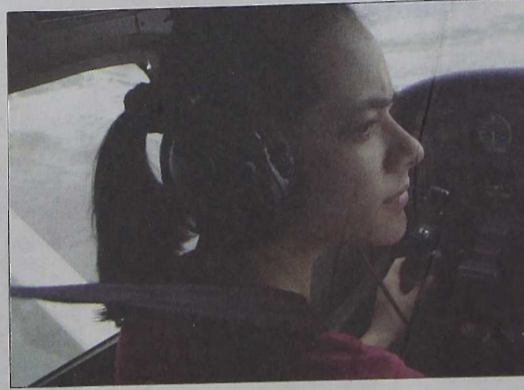
although public farewell columns have a reputation for being exercises in self-indulgence, I cannot fail to attribute whatever success I've had here to the extremely talented writers, editors and photographers who make *The Globe* what it is each week. The members of this team often underestimate themselves, but they have made me appreciate every day I've worked here.

It is a sad day when I will never again hear Ena Sellers sweetly ask me to re-arrange page elements, just as I will never hear Sgt. Salju Thomas order me to completely change my front page design on a Wednesday morning.

I will never again make Jamie Cameron's coffee perfectly or listen to him pitch retorts, with flawless delivery, at any Marine who sends a joke his way.

I will never get "thrown under the bus" by Staff Sgt. Michael Mink, be privy to 2nd Lt. Craig Thomas' powerful renditions of Justin Timberlake songs, or have the pleasure of listening to Heather Owens attempt to extricate the poltergeists that infiltrate her computer on a weekly basis.

There is a lot of laughter here. In my office, we take our jobs — but not always ourselves — seriously. Several months ago, when I really began to step into the flow of things, I thought one day that I could not imagine a happier, more productive working environment for someone of my age and experience. I still can't, actually.



Guns, weddings and steel: Carolina Living Editor Amy Segreti (right) wears an M-16 rifle in a skirt on the 2006 Jane Wayne Day (top left), a Cessna 172 Skyhawk (left) and participated in a faux wedding (middle) for her managing editor, Ena Sellers, during her tenure at *The Globe*.

Somehow, I've managed to shoot M-16 rifles, pilot small aircraft and participate in improvised beach weddings during my tenure as editor. These experiences were a part of the job and I will take them with me in the form of colorful anecdotes to unleash upon unsuspecting cocktail party attendees.

However, some of the most rewarding interactions I've had at *The Globe* don't concern what I did, but rather what the people behind my stories have done and continue to

do. I met a 70-year-old woman who nervously unveiled to me the Ice Age fossils she'd spent 50 years gathering on Onslow Beach; I believe they kept her alive and happy. I wrote about a woman in Jacksonville who trains dogs to care for the sick and elderly, and another woman who rehabilitates injured animals; both women run their organizations entirely on donations, volunteer work and their own dimes. I've spoken with former Marines who were so eager to help others they

started job Web sites, created television shows and formed scholarship organizations. I've seen the passion people have and the work that comes out of it when they truly want to better the lives of others, and it's something I hope to see and write about for the rest of my life.

Working with Marines has put the military lifestyle into a perspective I'd never had before coming here. I appreciate it, respect it and understand it. Unfortunately I will never remember the 194,532 acronyms the

Marine Corps uses to simplify their lives, but the heart of the Marine Corps will remain with me and that is the strong, intelligent, witty people that are a part of it.

What I will remember is that a Marine's got a job but he's not a "soldier."

Farewell readers, workers and friends will really miss your place.

Amy Segreti was Carolina Living Editor from May 2006 through January 2007. She can no longer be reached at amy.segreti@nc.tribune.com. ■

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What's happenin'

For information on concerts, festivals, special events and classes going on up and down the Carolina coast, check out *What's happenin'* each week. To add your event, e-mail heather.owens@militarynews.com. Space is limited to availability.

Inner shag lessons
5 days, starting June 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Inner shag dancing lessons are back by popular demand at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Center. The lessons run Thursday nights starting June 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There are six lessons in all with instructor Toni Schell. Lessons take place at Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation, 7500 Emerald Drive, Emerald Isle. Wear comfortable clothing and preferably leather-bottom shoes. Contact Laura Lee Davis at 252-354-6350 or @emeraldisle-nc.org to register.

City Kiwanis Sunfest
22 - 24
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Low Beach boat tours on the
27, noon - 2 p.m., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
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Cafe tour boat. The trip includes a 2-hour boat ride on the Intracoastal Waterway, bottled water, sodas and a Blimpie sub. Small coolers allowed. All trips need a minimum of 40 guests and a maximum of 60. Meet at the gazebo in Onslow Beach 30 minutes before boarding the boat. For tickets, call 451-3535.

Coastal Gospel Festival
June 30, 7 p.m.
 The Coastal Festival featuring the artists "Heaven Sent", "The Glissons", "The Trinity Trio" and "Born Again" will take place at the Northside High School gym June 30 at 7 p.m. Admission is free; a love offering will be taken. For more information, call 389-4695 or 347-5605.

Nashville recording artist Danielle Peck - live in concert
July 4, 5:30 p.m.
 The North Carolina home grown concert series and WRNS present the North Carolina native Danielle Peck in a free concert at the Camp Lejeune July 4 celebration on W.R.T. Hill Field, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Peck will take the stage at 5:30 p.m. where she will entertain America's heroes and their families. Born the daughter of a Marine in Jacksonville, N.C., Peck is one of today's most popular country artists and has taken the country music industry by storm. Music industry critics have described Peck's voice as a "... bluesy pull, a reluc-

tant smokiness that, when it breaks, yields soaring, ringing, soul-stirring power and clarity." That tantalizing slow-pour tension is a fitting reflection of the artist herself. This is an alcohol-free event and is open to the public. For more information, call 451-3535.

Financial Management Workshops - Taking Control of Your Finances
July 11, 1-4:30 p.m.
 Come to Building 302 on Holcomb Boulevard for an interactive training session, which covers the basics of starting a personal financial plan. Participants focus on developing realistic and measurable personal financial goals. Maintaining a workable budget to include savings, understanding military pay, and managing your credit/checkbook are further explored. For more information, call 451-2865.

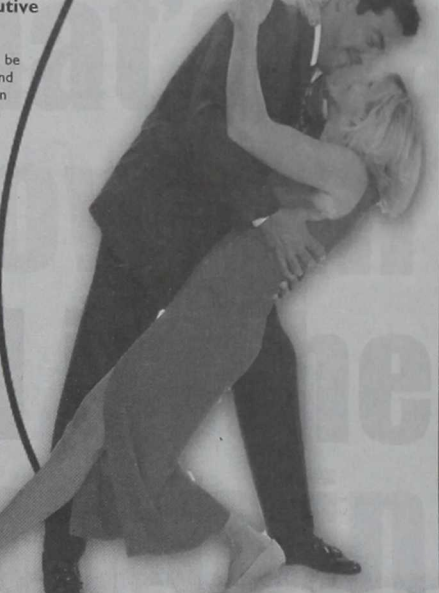
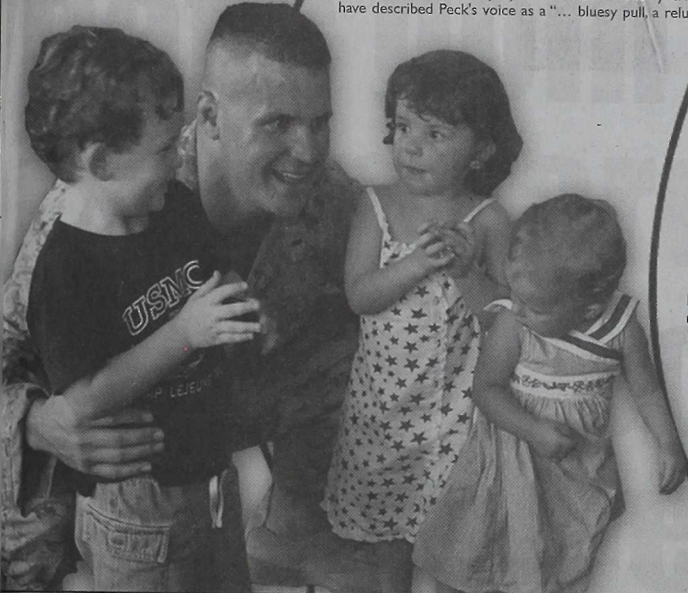
Meditations by the sea
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 This 8-week session will consist of Yoga, Pilates, stretching and meditation techniques. Free for authorized patrons and Onslow Beach guests. Participants can wear comfortable clothes, either physical training or regular beach clothes. For more information visit mccslejeune.com/FitnessGroup.html or call the Group Exercise Office at 451-0826.

Tours at the North Carolina Executive Mansion
Through July 20
 The Executive Mansion in Raleigh and its grounds will be open for tours now through July 20. The Governor and First Lady Mary Easley invite everyone to visit the mansion to learn about the state's history and enjoy the gardens because these treasures belong to the people of North Carolina. Mansion tours will be held Thursdays at 2, 2:30 and 3 p.m. and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Garden tours will take place Thursdays only. Garden tours will be held at 9:30, 10:30 and 1:30 p.m. For reservations, call 919-807-7950. All house and garden tours are by reservation only and should be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Emerald Isle's 50th birthday celebration
Sept. 22, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Emerald Isle makes a huge splash with a full day of entertainment to mark Emerald Isle's 50th birthday and celebrate five decades of family fun at the beach. Musical entertainment will take place from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., featuring The Impressions (Motown), The Breakfast Club (80's cover band), Captain Cook and The Coconutz (Jimmy Buffet and more), BackBeat (Beatles cover band) Sammy O'Banion and Mardi Gras (beach music). A soon to be announced national recording artist will represent today's musical era. There will also be amusement rides, food vendors, a beer garden, magicians and face painters. The right of way along Highway 58 from Emerald Plantation Shopping Center to Lighthouse Mini-Golf will serve as the venue, as Highway 58 will be the site and traffic will be detoured to an alternate route on Reed Drive. Other events for the day include a Classic Car Show and a Beach Volleyball Tournament. The day's festivities will be

rounded out with an astounding fireworks display from the end of Bogue Inlet Pier at 9 p.m. For more information, contact Alesia Sanderson at Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation, 7500 Emerald Drive, 252-354-6350 or e-mail her at asanderson@emeraldisle-nc.org.

Cape Lookout National Seashore interpretive programs and activities
Through Sept. 30
 Interpretive activities are presented by park rangers from now to Sept. 30. These include a wide range of history, natural resource, and recreational programs. Programs include horse watching, habitat hike, light-house lore, storm stories, fishing with the Coast Keeper, barrier island ecology, tidal flat exploration and a Cape truck tour with a ranger. Some programs occur each week, some scheduled programs are repeated and require reservations. Check at the Harkers Island Visitor Center to learn about places to visit and things to do. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/caloc/programs.htm.



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BRATS is the first cinematic glimpse into a global subculture whose journey to adulthood is a high-octane mixture of incredible excitement and enormous pain. Make no mistake - BRATS is not about the U.S. military - it's about their children, who grow up in a paradox that is idealistic and authoritarian, privileged and perilous, supportive and stifling - all at the same time. Their passports say "United States," but they're really citizens of the world.

Singer/songwriter and Air Force brat Kris Kristofferson leads us through the heart of their experiences, sharing intimate memories with fellow BRATS, including General Norman Schwarzkopf and author Mary Edwards Wertsch. Their stories reveal the peculiar landscape of their childhood, the culture that binds them together, and the power it exerts over their lives.

A seven-year work of passion by independent filmmaker Donna Musil, BRATS features rare archival footage, home movies and private photographs from post-war Japan, Germany, and Vietnam.

For more information call 910-451-2785 or visit the film's website at www.bratsourjourneyhome.com

Marine Corps Exchange layaway program discontinued



**Inside
Marine Corps
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Cpl. Steven King

The Marine Corps Exchange layaway program will be discontinued Marine Corps-wide effective July 1. The way the discontinuation process will work is this: July 1 will be the last day anyone will be able to put something on layaway. After that, existing layaway customers will have up to six months (after July 1) to completely 'pay in full' any merchandise more than \$250, and up to 90 days for anything less than \$250. Check with the MCX to find out what items are eligible for layaway.

Someone may ask the questions, 'What's the story behind the Layaways going away?' and 'Why was this decision made?' Truthfully, Layaway has all but disappeared from the face of the Earth. It's a very cumbersome process for both the customer and the store. There's the need to store stuff, someone has to keep track of payments and the redemption date requirements, fraudulent use, high

rates of returns and overstocked products. Demand for layaway by customers has drastically declined since the rising use of credit cards. Consumers can now take products home today and pay for them later using credit.

Through the discontinuation of the layaway program, the cumbersome expenses once associated with it can now be translated into funding for future savings for MCX shoppers.

What am I supposed to do now as far as payment plan options? I'm glad you asked. Well, the two best ideas I've heard all day are, one, get a Military Star Card, or two, just make your own layaway program. Let's look at both.

Military Star Card

The Military Star Card is a credit card that's good worldwide at most Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard Exchanges. It has a more relaxed approval rate than most of the major credit card companies and a lower interest rate of 13.96 percent. The Military Star Card's interest rate beats the pants off department store credit cards like Macy's (24.9 percent) and Sears (25.4 percent). What most MCX shoppers like about the Military Star Card are the tons of exclusive promotions they're constantly running like, 10 percent off your first purchase, and three to six months no interest, no pay-

ments. That's the same amount of time that one would have those same items on layaway, except with layaway you have to make payments or you'll lose your item. On top of that you can't even take it home with you until it's paid for in full; not so with the Star Card.

Let's talk about deployment. Call any of the department store credit card offices and tell them you're getting deployed for nine months and see what they tell you. The Military Star Card is the fighting man/woman's card so they understand deployments. They have programs available that allow you to defer payments until you get back; you can't beat that! So the Military Star Card is definitely one way to go. See any sales associate at the Main Exchange for more information or call 451-5030.

Make your own layaway program

If a Military Star Card is not for you, then your second option is to make up your own layaway program. Hypothetically, let's say you decide to put a \$150 suit on layaway at the MCX. You'll make small payments for the next 90 days until you paid it in full, right? Well, what if you just put the same small payments in a savings account for the next 90 days. You're going to give the money to someone until the full amount is accumulated anyway, why not let it be you. At least this way, if you

decide to change your mind about the product or you see something better somewhere else, you've got the amount you've already put on product.

Banks and credit unions allow you to name your accounts whatever you want so in this case you'd call it 'My Layaway,' and after you bought something just change the name to something that you have on layaway.

With traditional MCX layaway you can't take the product home until you pay for it in full, so shall it be with a personal layaway program. If you come to the Exchange and the product you want is gone, then you can go to someone about placing a special order for you.

You'll rarely have to do that unless it's a clearance or a sale item, the MCX usually has what you're looking for in stock or coming in by shipment. Worst case scenario you can't find what you're looking for at the MCX, and it can't be ordered, you have the cash saved up to go somewhere else. After all, the MCX cares about you getting what you want no matter where it comes from. Of course this method will require more discipline on your part because you can't spend your layaway money. Little discipline never hurt anyone. ■

Cervical cancer vaccine could save a life?

Cmdr. Vickie Weaver
Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune

Cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths amongst women and is responsible for killing more than 240,000 women worldwide. Gardasil is a FDA approved vaccine, when administered early before exposure to Human Papilloma Virus can provide some protection against genital warts, precancerous lesions, and cervical cancers. In addition, Gardasil also offers some protection for women who have been already exposed to HPV, because it offers protection against four different types of HPV that cause 90 percent of the genital warts, and 70 percent of cervical cancers. A young woman may have been exposed to one, or more of the HPV's, but not have all four of the HPV's that the vaccine provides protection against.

HPV is a sexually transmitted virus that infects 50 percent of the people who have been sexually active. Most of the 100 or so viruses that cause HPV are harmless and go away without treatment. However, there are those few HPV's that do not go away, and can cause genital warts, precancerous lesions, and cervical cancers, and can be painful, or difficult to treat, or may even result in death.

Recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Gardasil for use in June of 2006. (The drug is also known by the generic name of quadrivalent human papilloma virus (Types 6, 11, 16, & 18) recombinant vaccine.)

It is an intramuscular vaccine administered in the upper arm or thigh, and is administered in three separate doses at the initial visit, the second, and six month period. It can be received by adolescents and young women between the ages of nine and 26 years, and its side effects are few and generally well tolerated.

The vaccine should not take the place of communicating with your healthcare provider, or receiving routine pelvic and pap exams. It may not be recommended for anyone who has had an allergic reaction to any of the ingredients contained in the vaccine; those with bleeding disorder which prevents them from getting injections; has a weakened immune system; fever greater than 100° F, or 37.8° C; those who are pregnant, or planning on getting pregnant.

Studied for more than a decade, Gardasil has received great reviews and is an extremely important vaccine in the prevention of cervical cancer. Beneficiaries can receive the vaccine at the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital, Immunization Clinic Monday - Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information call the Immunization Information line at 450-4648. ■



Spirit and pride: Marine Corp Community Services Camp Lejeune Retail Division was the recipient of the prestigious Spirit and Pride Award at the Marine Corps Exchange Retail Conference held at Virginia Beach, Va., recently.

MCCS Camp Lejeune Retail Division wins Spirit and Pride Award

Cpl. Steven King
Marine Corps Community Service

Marine Corp Community Services Camp Lejeune Retail Division was the recipient of the prestigious Spirit and Pride Award at the Marine Corps Exchange Retail Conference held at Virginia Beach, Va., recently.

The conference was designed to bring command and headquarters personnel face to face in order to talk about upcoming initiatives and programs that will shape the future of MCX services at Marine Corps installations across the globe.

During the conference a banquet was held in order to recognize the commands that have distinguished themselves by winning the Spirit

and Pride Award for 2006. This award is presented to commands based on excellence and results from the Customer Survey Index, Associate Survey Index, Mystery Shopper evaluations and sales and net profits.

"Winning the Spirit and Pride award four years in a row is an exceptional achievement for which I give total credit to our front line employees. Customer satisfaction, as measured by our yearly customer satisfaction index and our mystery shop program is a major award criterion. My sincere thanks, appreciation, and recognition go out to our front line employees for taking care of our customers each and every day. They are the reason why we received this award and I was very

proud to have received the award on their behalf for the fourth consecutive year," said Carl Mencer, Retail Division Director.

In addition to the Spirit and Pride Awards, the banquet was an opportunity to recognize the heroes that put the serve in the service. Among others, Jeanne from Camp Lejeune was invited to be awarded the first "Everyday Award" for all of her hard work and commitment to the service mission she assists everyday. All recipients of this award received a plaque commemorating their dedication and a \$500 MCX gift card.

"All four Spirit and Pride Awards are prominently displayed in the front entrance of the Exchange," said Mencer. ■



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