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Principals
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News Watch

Warriors
The announced the three Marines are supporting Iraqi Freedom. **Cpl. Robert A. ...**, 20, of Louisville, **L. James H. ...**, 22, of Brown, Texas, **Matthew R. ...**, 21, of Brown, Wis. The Marines died while conducting operations in province, Iraq. was assigned to Battalion, 12th Regiment, 3rd Division, III Expeditionary Okinawa, Japan. was assigned to maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, Marine Logistics Battalion, III MEF. was assigned to Battalion, 11th Regiment, 1st Division, I MEF, Pendleton, Calif.

es, Rice Affirm U.S. Ties Gulf Region

Secretary Robert Gates said his rare possibly unprecedented joint trip to Egypt Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice sends a message that the United States has no intention of ending long-term ties in the region. "I think that it is important, first of all, the importance of this mission in terms of U.S. interests and the importance we attach to ensuring our friends out there of our staying power," Gates told reporters traveling with him. Finally, he said he wants to reassure region-countries that U.S. policies in Iraq "have had and will continue to have national stability and security as a very high priority."

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U.S. Special Operations Forces, Afghan National Army battle insurgents



Official U.S. Marine Corps photo

Iraqis: Afghan Security Forces take a break at a strategic location in the northern Helmund province, Afghanistan.

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GERESHK, Afghanistan
— In southeastern Afghanistan, there are three constants: frequent enemy activity, searing heat, and special operations forces hunting the enemies of peace and prosperity.

Special operations Soldiers and Marines and Afghan Security Forces routed a tough group of Taliban insurgents using air strikes, rockets, and an imposing show of force June 23-24 in the area of Washir, Helmund province, Afghanistan.

"A U.S. and Afghan patrol was ambushed and suffered casualties while conducting a morning patrol in the area," said an Army special operations officer. "The enemy was bringing more fighters into

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Official U.S. Marine Corps photo

Vehicle: An insurgent vehicle ignites after being rigged for destruction by Afghan Security Forces in the northern Helmund province.

Highlanders apply 'ounce of prevention' to Mawtini

Cpl. Ryan C. Heiser
2nd Marine Division

COMBAT OUTPOST RAWAH, Iraq — Someone once said, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." First Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 2, is applying this truism to their operations in the Iraqi desert.

The battalion is part of the regimental-wide 'Operation Mawtini,' which kicked off July 15. This operation closely follows 'Operation Harris Ba'sil,' which gave the regiment a wider picture of enemy movement patterns, and

was intended to provide more focused operations in the critical enemy areas. Data gathered by military officials shows an increase in enemy activity during this time of year.

"We anticipate the terrorists will attempt to step-up their attacks in the urban areas to gain power and influence over the population," said Col. Stacy Clardy, the regiment's commanding officer. "We're hunting them down so that doesn't happen."

First LAR launched Company C, also known as the 'Warpigs,' in support of the operation, which

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Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman

Scrolls: Gary Zimmerman of the Shma' Ministries presents pages of 200-year-old text of the Ten Commandments to Col. Adele E. Hodges, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune at the Protestant Chapel here Sunday.

Ten Commandments donated to Lejeune chapel

Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

Copies of the Ten Commandments have been passed down for centuries to individuals, groups and even museums for safekeeping, but now they have a new home aboard Camp Lejeune.

Gary Zimmerman of the Shma' Ministries recently donated three pages of 200-year-old manuscripts containing Deuteronomy 4:20 - 8:30, more commonly known as the Ten Commandments, at the Protestant Chapel here Sunday.

Accepting the framed pages, which was part of a complete Torah scroll, on behalf of the base was Col. Adele E. Hodges, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

"It's a great honor, there are only so many of these documents left, and I'm so glad they thought to honor us with such a unique piece of history," said Hodges.

Prior to the presentation, Zimmerman explained the detailed history and nature of the scrolls, which he restores and donates to various worldwide organizations.

"The pages donated here were transcribed in Poland during the 1800s," explained Zimmerman.

Following the history of the pages lead Zimmerman through the Holocaust and its eventual final resting place in Israel due to it being believed beyond repair, he continued.

However, the efforts of Zimmerman, the groups he works with and the

more than \$300,000 they have spent, allowed them to recover this scroll along with many traditional Torah scrolls and Hebrew manuscripts in an overall attempt to piece together the Old Testament in its entirety, he said.

Zimmerman has personally facilitated the donation of historic biblical documents to more than 150 churches, 40 Christian schools, 40 mission works, two Congressmen currently in Washington, and several foreign countries, said Zimmerman.

These efforts are important due to the materials lack of availability to the common observer, he explained.

"Biblical documents such as this scroll are kept at universities and very holy places of worship, where only historians or religious figures can view, but them being here in the chapel allows anyone to enjoy a unique piece of history," said Zimmerman.

Although he and his groups collect many biblical documents, Zimmerman explained that scrolls containing the Ten Commandments are reserved for donation to special organizations and people.

"We feel our troops are defending our country and our rights, and it only seemed fitting that we return the favor with something as powerful and meaningful as the Ten Commandments," concluded Zimmerman.

All are welcomed to view the framed page in the Protestant Chapel's lobby, where it will be on permanent display. ■



Cpl. Ryan C. Heiser

Stand Guard: A Marine with Company C, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 2, stands guard in the turret of a light armored vehicle as the day comes to a close during 'Operation Mawtini.'

MAN on the street

What is your feeling on the new uniform regulations?



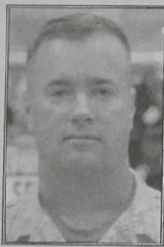
"I don't care either way; it makes everyone uniform."

Sgt. Otha L. Kimrough
Training NCO
2nd Marine Division

"I love it; it makes everything easier; it helps junior Marines that are coming in."



Lance Cpl. Daniel M. Knight
NBC Chief
2nd Marine Division



"I like the new policy. The part that gets me is the stopping for gas."

Master Sgt. James L. Myers
Communications Chief
2nd Marine Division

"I don't like the fact that we can't go to the bank. Not all banks have a drive through. With a long work schedule I cannot get to the bank before or after work."

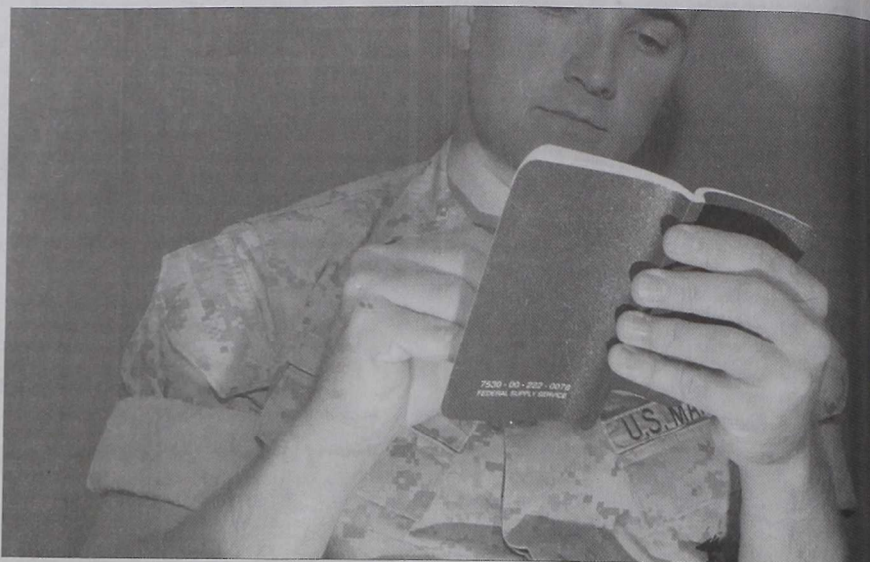


Cpl. Emmanuel J. Sato
Landing Support Specialist
2nd Marine Logistics Group



"I love it; it is a nice change, and the deserts keep us cooler in the summer."

Pfc. Justin J. Smoot
Supply clerk
2nd Marine Division



Memoranda: The trusted memo book is almost archaic with the advent of technology.

In memory of the memo book

Paul W. Siverson
Special to The Globe

As one surveys administrative spaces these days, or watches Marines walking the area with their cute little black bags, those of us who served in the pre-computer age can bid farewell to a good, reliable friend. It had its own service number: 7530-00-222-0078. Its official name: Book, Memoranda.

Its age and time in service: Unknown. It served us well over the years.

Enter its replacement: the desktop and laptop. I can remember well the good old days when the word was passed, everyone took out their little green memo book and took notes.

This info was always passed in formation, something else that has gone by the wayside. Those notes were passed down the chain of lit-

tle green memo books to the lowest ranking Marine. Even the basic rifleman had one.

It contained all the info one needed to function: info on personnel, training, upcoming events, a record of past events, etc. It was a convenient friend, fit everywhere, easy to carry, easy to use.

As a matter of fact, it required no training to use, nor did it come with massive amounts of manuals or attachments, just one - a writing utensil. Any kind would do, any size, any color, any style. It never required a power source to operate. It worked anywhere, in any weather, under any circumstances, all the time. What a great versatile friend.

Its cost at the time - 69 cents for 72 pages of valuable information.

One model, one style, nothing fancy.

Now consider its replacement.

Big, bulky, needs a power source and manuals to operate. Some sort of training to lug some fancy cute case to lug some so it won't get dirty.

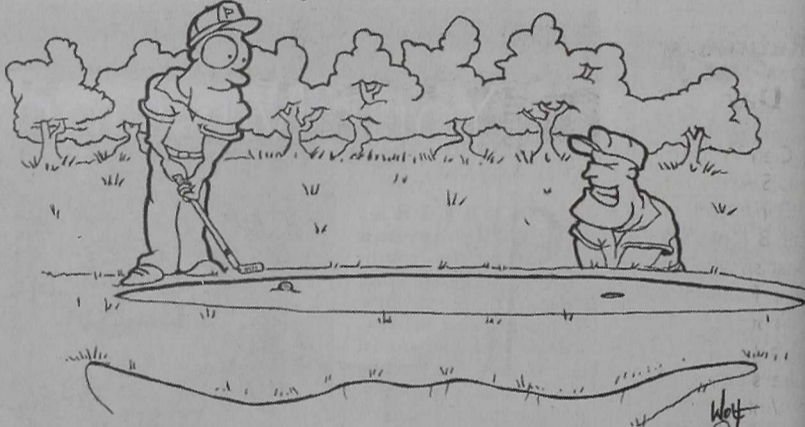
Its cost? Well who knows. Just try and find one for \$60. Guess in today's Marine Corps computers serve some purpose here to stay.

But they should at least be the work spaces, not the work spaces, not the work spaces. For me, I'll never retire my old buddy. I'll never and it goes where I go. When its time in service is over, I'll recruit a new one. At least never have to utter these words to a Marine. "Sorry help you today, my little memo book is down".

Editor's note: Siverson is the 10th Marines regiment major after 30 years of service in August 2000.

Sempertoons

by Gunny Sgt. Charles Wolf



"LET'S MAKE THIS A TEAM EFFORT! YOU PUTT THE MAIN ASSAULT AND I'LL CHIP THE BASE OF FIRE, ONE OF US WILL SECURE THE OBJECTIVE AND BOTH OF US WILL PAR THE HOLE!!!"

Semper Safe

Grilling with common sense: the best hazard deterrent

There's no better way to celebrate the summer months than to barbecue outdoors. Burgers, steaks, chicken or fish it all tastes great off the grill. But as with any outdoor activity there is the potential for injuries and in this case illness and unexpected fires! The following are a few basic safety tips to help you have and enjoy a safe and healthy grilling experience.

Gas Grilling:

- Do not grill indoors or in any enclosed space. This poses a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- Inspect the grill to make sure all hoses are in good condition and properly attached.
- Regularly check hoses and connections for leaks using a soap and water mixture. If a leak is

detected or you smell gas, immediately turn off the gas and do not light until the leak is repaired.

- Inspect the air tubes leading to the burner for blockage from insects or food particles.

- Make sure the grill is positioned at least 3 feet from other objects including the house, bushes or shrubs. This will prevent the chance of catching something on fire.

- Designate the grilling area as a "No Play Zone," keeping children and pets away.

- When lighting a gas grill use the 10 to 5 rule. If the grill does not start within 10 seconds, turn off the gas, leave the lid open and give it 5 minutes before you try again.

- Turn the gas off when not in use.

Charcoal Grilling:

- Use only approved charcoal starter fluid and follow the manufacturer's directions.

- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited.

- Never use charcoal indoors, in a tent or camper. Burning charcoal produces a toxic colorless, odorless gas called carbon monoxide that can build up to hazardous levels.

Food Safety:

- Wash your hands prior to and after handling raw meat. Ensure clean utensils are used.

- Bacteria begin to multiply between 40°F and 140°F, so it's important to keep food either cold or hot right up to the moment of cooking and/or serving.

- To be sure bacteria are destroyed, hamburgers and ribs should be cooked

to 160° F or until the center is no longer pink and juices are clear. Cook ground poultry to 165° F and poultry parts to 180° F. Reheat pre-cooked meats until steaming hot.

Grillers:

As always, remember the greatest safety feature we humans have is common sense. Pay attention to what you are doing and if you have a bad feeling, stop and re-evaluate the situation using smart ORM or common sense.

For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or Base Safety Representative or visit the Camp Lejeune, Safety Division WSIS Web site at: <https://intranet.mcieast.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>.

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

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Marines rebuild explosive aftermath

Cpl. Brian L. Lewis
Marine Division



Lance Cpl. Brian L. Lewis

Rebuild: A hole rests where the explosives planted by insurgents demolished a section of the Wadi Hawran Bridge only days ago. Iraqi contractors were quick to devise a plan to allow passage through the area.

HDADI, Iraq — with 1st Battalion, Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Combat Team and Iraqi contractors together to make in the Baghdad area following the destruction of the Wadi Hawran

bridge, which was destroyed by a home-borne improvised explosive device, was one of the main supply routes between Baghdad and Wadi Hawran.

Marines are here to provide security for the Iraqi contractors, while allowing them to rebuild and create a bypass running around the bridge," said Sgt. Christian D. ... a squad leader with Weapons Company.

Marines, along with engineers of the Iraqi Army, arrived in the area in the early morning and set up barriers on all sides of the crater. The area was kept completely secure for the contractors to work.

Engineers from the 1st Engineer Battalion arrived soon to place barriers to prevent anyone from entering the area. The engineers are conducting the operation not only keeping out insurgents, but to also ensure safety for unarmored drivers.

motor transport operator attached to the engineers, said. "The barriers will be aligned to point in the direction of the bypass we are repairing close by." Iraqi contractors soon rolled in with trucks of gravel, and machinery

for roadwork. "This shows we will not stand for terrorists in our area," said Abdel Jabbar Barzan Himreen Al-Oubeidi, an Iraqi contractor assisting with the project. "If they destroy something, we shall build

it the next day. We will not back down." Young boys from ages six to twenty arrived to help with the project, showing that everyone in Baghdad is willing to work hard to ensure that the insurgency does

not thrive. In the late afternoon, the process was complete and the bypass road was finished. The bridge was still damaged, but because of the perseverance of those who worked that day, the Iraqi people now

had a way to travel between the two cities. "The Iraqis have proven they can always rebuild no matter what the insurgents do to them," said Shostak. "The insurgents thought they had hurt them, but they stood strong." ■

Retiree Appreciation Day

Maj. Gen. William ... U.S. Army ret., and Congressman ... B. Jones will be guest speakers at the ... Pavilion on Sept. 22. Breakfast at 7 a.m. Speakers at 9 a.m. Health/Information Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Come out and bring your family. For more information and to RSVP, call Randy Reichler 51-3212 ext. 205.

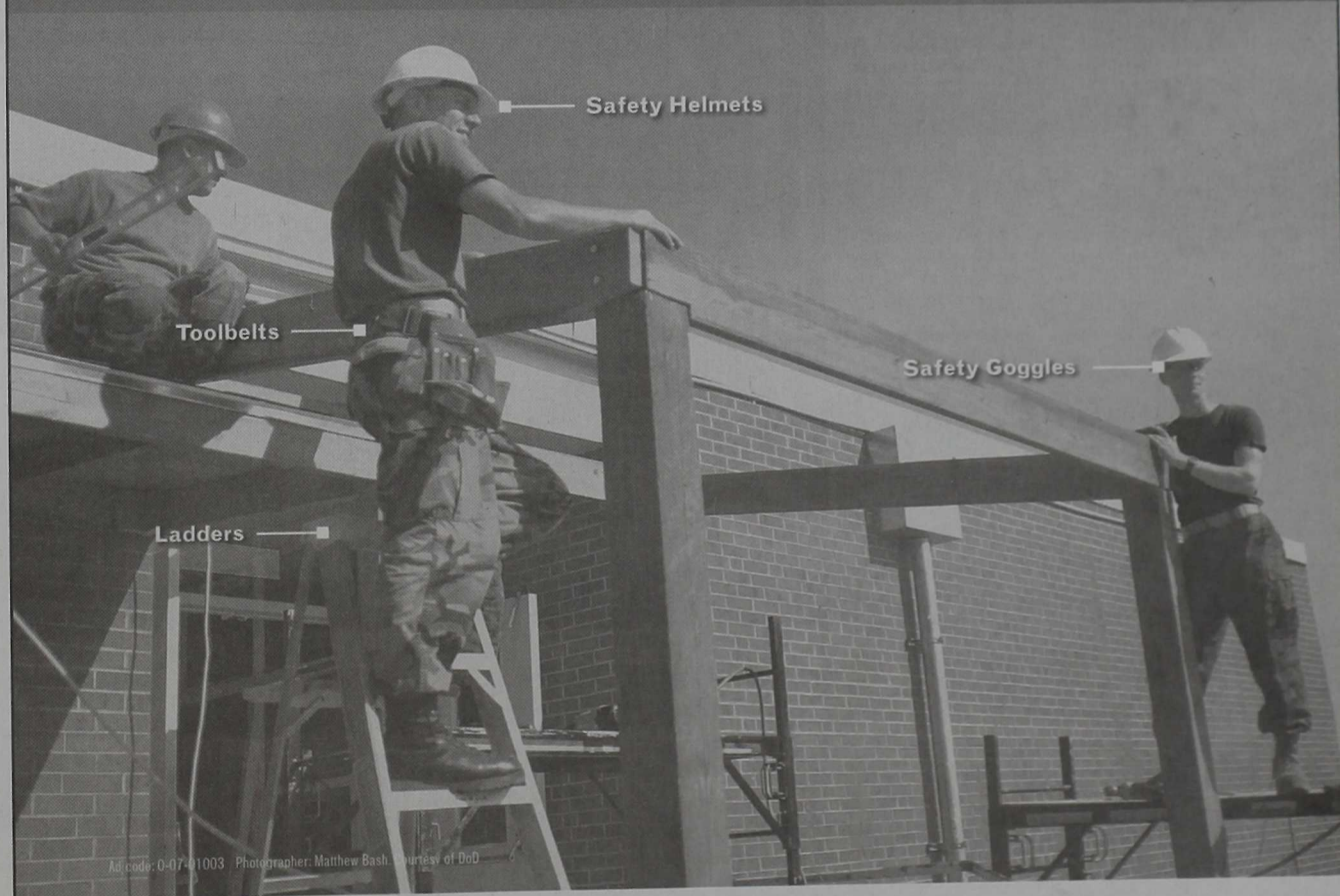
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Former gunnery sergeant works to eliminate safety hazards on TQ

Cpl. Andrew Kalwitz
2nd Marine Logistics Group

AL TAQADDUM, Iraq — Marines do their best to ensure the safety of civilians in Iraq. They, in return, have entrusted a civilian to do the same for them.

Like the Marines here, Todd Smith, the tactical safety specialist for 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), wears an insignia on his desert camouflage uniform, carries a weapon — his 9 mm pistol — and displays the enthusiasm often associated with U.S. service members.

However, Smith's duties consist of providing safety awareness and mishap prevention classes, conducting safety inspections and, in the event of a mishap, identifying the hazard that caused it.

"It's not like I'm here and all the sudden we're all safe," said Smith, a Miami native.

He explained that a tactical safety specialist is intended to assist commanders in protecting assets and supporting force protection, a job that required him to attend a 15-week program at Fort Rucker, Ala. Upon completion of the course, he received the required Certified Safety and Health Official status, which is certified through the Texas A&M University System.

Smith said most tactical safety specialists are military retirees, like him. He became a Marine when he was 17 years old and, after 22 years of service, retired as a gunnery sergeant. He said he is happy to continue working with Marines and sailors as a civil service employee.

"I took off one uniform and put on that same uniform," he said.

Along with that uniform, Smith is still responsible for meeting some of the same standards Marines are held to, including a requirement to qualify with the weapon he still carries.

Staff Sgt. Joseph A. McCarthy, the safety staff non-commissioned officer for 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), said it is different working with Smith.

"In 11 years, I've never worked with a civilian in the same shop," said the Pittsburgh native. "He's been out here for a few weeks, but he's extremely knowledgeable on safety."

Smith arrived here approximately three weeks ago to replace another civilian safety specialist. He said the best part of his job is working with Marines and sailors, whom he keeps in mind as he analyzes data from mishap reports and works to eliminate hazards.

"I think to myself, I might have saved a life today. That feels really good," he said.

Smith's experience in safety began approximately 15 years ago when he served as a logistics chief and took on safety as a collateral duty. After retiring in 2002, he spent three years as a safety officer for Marine Corps Community Services and then was hired by MCB Camp Lejeune as a tactical safety specialist.

Smith has also experienced the safety concerns shared by many parents. He said he may have even learned a few things about safety awareness from his wife as they raised their son, who is now 19 years old.

Smith may not run the household but he has taken charge of safety for all of Camp Taqaddum. He will continue to hold his billet in Iraq for months until he returns home safely. ■



Smith



Progress: Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command, Lt. Gen. James Mattis takes a moment to greet Cpl. Brian E. Bell and Cpl. L. Souza after arriving at the combat operations point military housing complex. Mattis visited the Marines to give an update on their progress.

Marines given three-star praise

Lance Cpl. Brian L. Lewis
2nd Marine Division

BAGHDADI, Iraq — Marines here with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 2, were recently visited by Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command, Lt. Gen. James Mattis, the commanding general of Marine Central Command, who came to motivate and promote troop welfare, as well as give the Marines a chance to speak one-on-one with him.

Praise was the topic as Mattis took the time to speak to all of the Marines as a whole about their efforts in Al Anbar province, and the progress their work has brought to the area.

"You are all doing one hell of a job," Mattis remarked. "I can't thank you enough for putting up with all of

this discomfort and continuing to complete the mission."

With that said, Mattis then turned his attention to complacency while in Iraq, and the risks Marines are taking by allowing themselves to get used to the lifestyle in Iraq.

"All you have to do is hang in there, and keep your eye on the ball," Mattis said. "We are being killed by complacency. I know it is tough out here, but keep your eye on the ball and you will make it out of here."

The Marines were also praised for their efforts in training the Iraqi army and police forces, who have made a huge impact on the security of the area.

"The Iraqi forces have been doing an excellent job and have helped us reach out to the people," he said. "Make the jundi your brothers, and keep teaching them to be better soldiers."

The floor was then turned over to the lieutenant general. When asked about rumors of pulling Marines to keep fighting until they are home.

"The enemy gambled that they could terrorize their own people, but we helped them put a stop to it," Mattis remarked. "It is important to keep fighting until they are safe."

Lastly, Mattis touched on the importance of the Marines as his closing topic.

"We need every Marine in the reenlist, and we want to reward you for doing so," he said. "With your experience, you are the ones who are out here fighting the war. We get what you have been through as new Marines." ■

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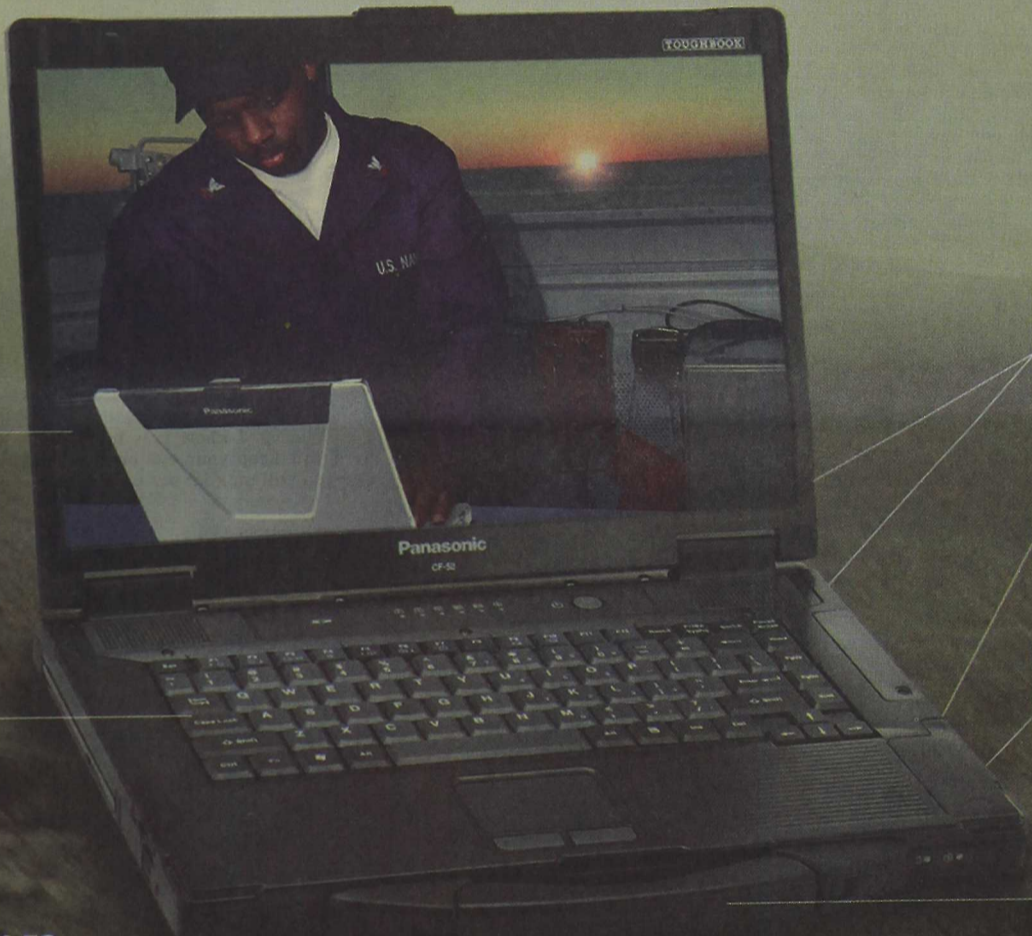
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Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day

Sniper: Lance Cpl. Adam A. Ramirez, squad automatic weapon gunner for the scout snipers, runs off the CH-53 Sea Stallion toward the objective. The Marines only have a short time on the ground so they move fast to ensure they can get everything they need done at each site.

Marines take to skies to hunt insurgents

Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day
2nd Marine Division (FWD)

Ramadi, Iraq — The scout-sniper platoon from 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, left the ground behind as they took to the skies to hunt for weapon caches and insurgents. As part of the aeroscout mission, the Marines travel by helicopter to areas not normally checked because of their remote locations.

"The average size group for this type of mission is usually two platoons. We're doing it with about half," said 1st Lt. Jordan D. Reese, the executive officer for Weapons Company, 3/7. "We train constantly, so that we are comfortable with each other. The Marines know what type of air power they have behind them. We believe there is no objective we can't handle."

Marines from the scout-sniper platoon conducted aeroscout operations south of Ramadi, in the desolate lands of the Razazah plains July 22.

The Marines loaded onto the helicopters at 9 a.m. They carried with them a full combat load, and packs of

food, blankets and water to pass out to the people they encounter on the mission.

"The food drops are our way to show that we are on their side," the Rockford Ill. native said. "In the city this might not be a big deal, but this food could mean life or death to these people. There is nothing out there in the far desert. Maybe it will keep them happy enough to have them stay working with us, and not the terrorists."

During the flight, Reese observed different sites looking for anything suspicious. After flying around for about 15 minutes, he spotted a tent with vehicles around it and people walking around. He decided to insert the team to take a closer look.

The two CH-53 Sea Stallions landed and the two scout-sniper teams moved fast out the door of the helicopter and began to provide security for the landing zone.

"With a unit this small conducting the operation, it is real easy to maneuver," Reese said. "We can get in, hit the objective, and get out in about 20 minutes."

Once the helicopters lifted the scouts went to work,

moving fast, but cautiously toward the tent. Between the two teams, one team held security while the other team searched the people and the structure.

After a quick, but thorough search the Marines decided there weren't any suspicious items or information, so they called in the helicopters for extraction.

"These missions give us a presence in an area which hasn't had any coalition forces in it for years or even ever," Reese said. "This will keep the bad guys on their toes and that is really what we're going for. Keep them guessing so we can catch up to them and get them."

Though the Marines had finished with the objective, they were not done. While observing a different area, Reese noticed some additional suspicious activities. They went back to work.

"The Marines showed the ethos of being a professional warrior today," said Capt. Miguel A. Pena, a forward air controller for the battalion. "They showed the people we're here to provide help to them."

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Neighborhood watch takes root in southwest Fallujah

Cpl. Joel Abshier
Regimental Combat Team 6

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Iraqi men and children gathered alongside the dusty roads of southern Fallujah to catch a glimpse of Marines convoying through their little piece of the city. Although witnessing U.S. military convoys is becoming the norm for Fallujah residents, the Marines are not simply rolling through this time.

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, descended on the southeastern Fallujah district of Shuhada July 18 to begin the next phase of Operation Alljah.

"Operation Alljah is something this city was in dire need of," said Cpl. James T. Robinson, a radio operator with RCT-6. "In simple terms, it's an operation that will help the Iraqi Police maintain law and order within the city. Eventually we will be able to kick our feet up on the desk and let this city run itself."

During each phase of the operation, each targeting was at a different sector of the city, a "swarm" of Marine assets, including engineer and combat vehicles, come in the dark of night. Before the sun crests the horizon, a section of the district is partitioned off using concrete barriers for use as an Iraqi Police precinct. From this precinct, the IPs can enforce law and order on a hyper-local level. In addition, it is an opportunity for the Marines to get out into the neighborhoods and witness the positive impact they are making.

"These swarms are not only beneficial to the locals in the neighborhoods we secure, but to the Marines involved as well," Robinson said. "The Marines who come out here have the opportunity to see firsthand the positive contribution they are making to the Iraqis' quality of life, whether it's kids playing soccer in the street or men gathered at a local café without fear of bombs or stray bullets."

Combat engineers with 4th platoon, C Company, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, RCT-6, kicked off the operation by setting up winding serpentine barriers designed to slow down vehicular traffic and razor-sharp concertina wire around the area. They also provided Marines in G Company with sandbags that were placed in soft spots in the building, such as windows and doorways.

"My platoon's mission was to set this place up," said 1st Lt. Adam C. Jobs, 1st platoon commander with G Company, 2/6. "We came in with a plan. My guys wanted this. Even if the task might've sucked, such as hauling sandbags, my Marines prided themselves in whatever task was given to them. We provided security for everyone here and regulated the traffic flow of Iraqis coming into the precinct."

Upon the completion of the fortification, Iraqi men interested in becoming

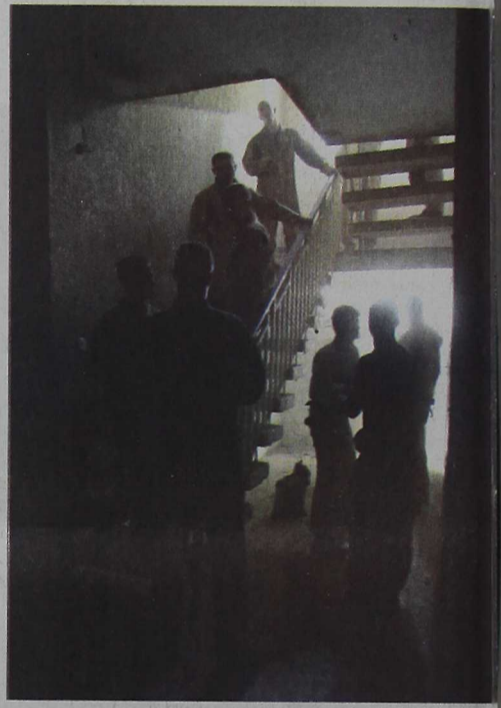
recruits in the Neighborhood Watch program waited outside the barriers away from the precinct for security forces. After being thoroughly searched, the men were escorted to the precinct.

"We brought them in smaller groups so we didn't have hundreds of Iraqis running around," said Northport, N.Y., native Jason N. Prochilo, with RCT-6 Fallujah police transition team.

After the men were escorted through the guard entrance of the building, Capt. Mark C. Cameron, assistant operations officer for 2/6, gave the potential recruits a detailed brief about what the Neighborhood Watch program requires of them.

"Your dedication is asked for — it's required," Cameron said to the residents as they rested under a canopy of camouflage netting.

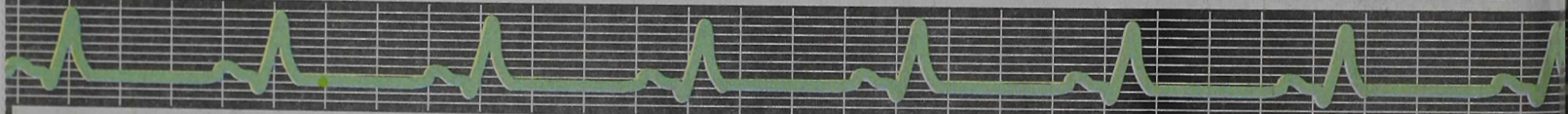
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Watch: Marines carry and emplace sandbags around the interior of a new Iraqi Police precinct during Operation Alljah in Fallujah.

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Marine Message sets new MCMAP belt requirements

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OSTER, Okinawa — All-Marine Message Marines, active and earn a tan belt under the Corps Martial Arts by the end of 2007. The message requires in the infantry to com-

plete green belt training, and all other combat arms Marines to complete grey belt by the end of 2008.

Commandant of the Marine Corps General James T. Conway expressed his support for the MCMAP program and disseminated the new guidance by releasing ALMAR 034/07 July 16.

"MCMAP is integral to the development and sustainment of our

warrior ethos and it continues to be updated based on lessons learned to better prepare Marines for the challenges of current and future battlefields," Conway stated in the message. "It is a key asset in developing both war-fighting skills and character that all commanders should be utilizing to its fullest potential."

The message sets the first belt requirement deadlines since

MCMAP replaced the Linear Infighting Neural Override Engagement Combat System in 2002.

In the message, Conway noted the physical and character discipline requirements in the program, stating the latter is what commanders should emphasize most.

"The character discipline is the bedrock of MCMAP," he stated. "It

has, at its center, the Marine Corps ethos that includes our core values of honor, courage and commitment, as well as the legacy of selfless and honorable service passed on from one generation of Marines to the next."

The program is aimed at helping Marines win battles and molding

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L. David Rogers
Corps Base Okinawa

HANSEN, A, Japan — Marines enter a combat they often waste engaging their with overwhelming sometimes the requires a clandestine-focused on avoid-

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ve-week R&S course require Marines to simulated missions s Schwab, Courtney ter. SOTG conducts se twice a year when platoon rotates into 31st Marine ionary Unit pre- ent training cycle. toon will soon serve a th tour with the 31st eplacing the current atoon.

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ID system sniffs out hidden enemy fighters

Story and photos by
Cpl. Joel Abshier
Regimental Combat Team 6

FALLUJAH, Iraq — From roadside bombs to small arms fire to rocket attacks, Iraq can often be a dramatically unstable and dangerous place where enemy fighters hide amongst innocent civilians. Marines with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, are letting technology be their guide in the effort to separate the terrorists from the Iraqi innocents.

A key asset in this effort is the Biometrics Automated Toolset. This high-tech system was initially fielded to identify people brought to military detention centers, according to the International Biometric Group in New York, which does work for the Department of Homeland Security and other federal clients. Over time, however, BAT has become a valuable and widely-applied system database used every day by many units, including the Camp Lejeune-based "Ready Battalion."

"The BAT system is a computer system that identifies people and makes a record of said individual," said South Brunswick, N.J., native Cpl. Jonathan H. Rudolph, the BAT system noncommissioned officer with 2/6. "The system includes a laptop with the BAT software, a fingerprint scanner, an iris scanner, a camera and an ID card printer."

The ID badges are provided to all citizens resid-

ing within the city. By controlling the routes in to and out of the city via entry control points, or ECPs, and only providing Iraqis identified as Fallujah residents with badges, it creates an obstacle to terrorists posing as residents.

"With the occupation here, badges have become part of the Iraqis' way of life," Rudolph said. "Traveling to another city or just the other side of Fallujah, the citizens need the badges we create to pass through ECPs manned by either Marines or (Iraqi Police)."

Marines posted at ECPs throughout the city have BAT system capabilities. Although these Marines don't create the badges, they do have iris scanners and connectivity to the shared database housing thousands of records. Using iris scans or fingerprinting, the Marine on post can access information such as the person's birthday, their job, place of residence and also any documentation if they have been involved in or have been associated with anyone involved in terrorist activities.

"With this badge we can see all their info, such as when and why they have been detained in the past or if he's a known informant," said Lance Cpl. Chris T. Neunriter, one of the BAT system operators.

He continued to explain, for example, if an improvised explosive device or weapons cache is found, the immediate area is swept for fingerprints. If the

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Biometrics: Marines take fingerprints, iris scans and other information from Iraqi citizens using the Biometrics Automated Toolset in an Iraqi Police precinct in Fallujah on July 19.



Tools: Cpl. Andrew S. Moore finishes setting up the Biometrics Automated Toolset in an Iraqi Police precinct in the city of Fallujah.

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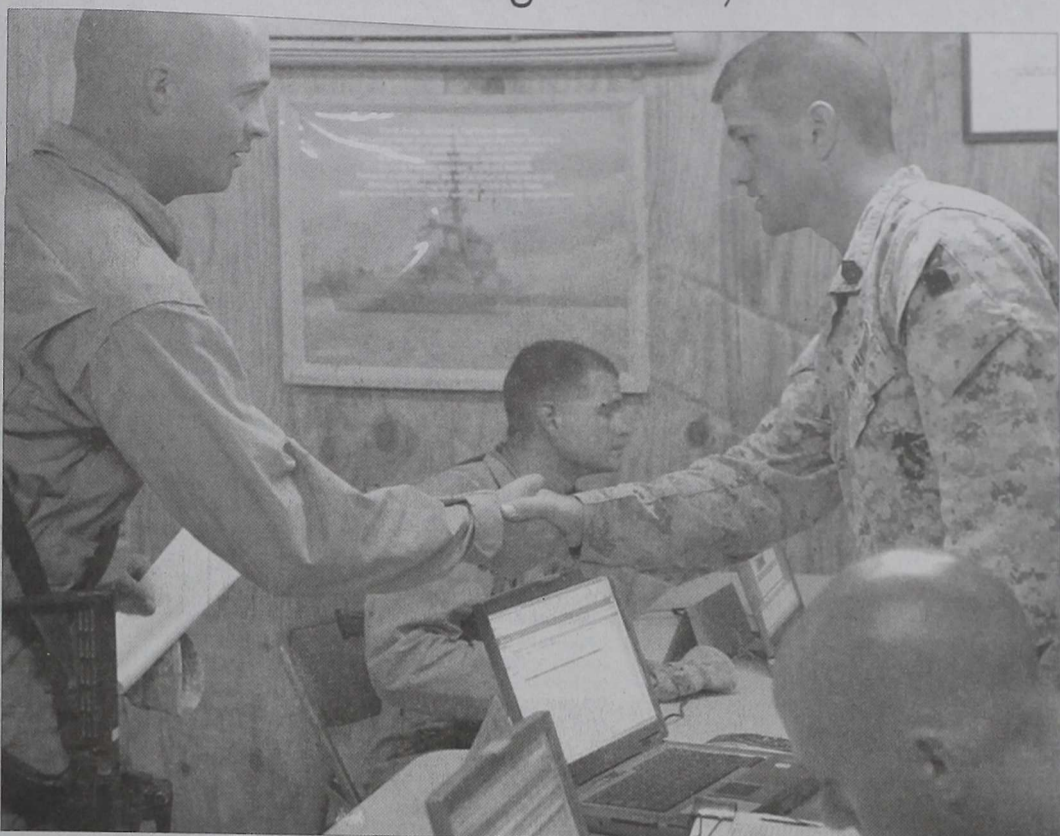
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'Road show' visits Task Force Highlander, monitors take gloves off

Cpl. Ryan C. Heiser
Marine Division



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Retention: Sgt. Glenn E. Hendee, a light armored vehicle crewman with 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 2, shakes hands with Gunnery Sgt. James N. Emch, the 0300 (infantry) series monitor with Headquarters Marine Corps. The monitors stopped at Combat Outpost Rawah, Iraq and a dozen other bases and outposts throughout Iraq in an effort to aide Marine Corps retention efforts.

scheduled stops to 13 outposts and bases over a three-week period. On their visit here, they aided in more than 70 reenlistment packages.

"The monitors were here to focus on facilitating first term retention efforts and assist in increasing the size of the Marine Corps. They entertained requests about bonuses, special incentives, duty station preferences, lateral moves, and

provided general information on career options," said Staff Sgt. Tim M. Wray, the career retention specialist for 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 2.

"The road show is when we do the deals," said Hansen. "The gloves are off, and we are welcoming our Marines with open arms. We provide instant orders and duty assignments; we guarantee spe-

cial duty and other preferences provided the Marine signs up today. It's like a free for all one-time offer thing, and it makes the Marines happy."

"I'm really glad they came," said Cpl. Jeremy W. Alexander, a team leader with the battalion's Company D. "They explained a lot of things I didn't understand and laid everything out for me. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't have known how to go

about trying to get into recon. Thanks to them I'm submitting a package, and I got a really sweet deal."

Alexander, a Cedar Park, Texas, native, went on to say the visit increased the Marines' morale.

"This takes a weight off our shoulders. Now we know what road we are on and what to expect. Before there were all these 'what ifs,' but now we all know what it is we want and

exactly how to go about getting it," said Alexander.

"It makes me happy that they are happy," Hansen said, indicating the Marines around her. "It's good to see them all get what they want, and they deserve it, they really do. They deserve whatever they want."

Hansen went on to say it was important for the Marines to meet the people who control their careers.

"Too often the image these guys get is a faceless entity behind a desk moving them around like chess pieces and that's just not the case. This gives them a chance to see we are people just like them, and we are willing to do whatever we can to take care of them. If they come in with an idea of what they want, generally speaking they leave with a guarantee," said Hansen.

Wray, a native of St. Charles, Mo., agreed with the importance of face-to-face meetings between the Marines and their monitors. He said the effect on their morale and the ease of mind is what influences Marines toward their career decisions.

"This opportunity to actually interact with the decision makers motivates Marines to explore their options," Wray said.

"Even the ones who were undecided or had decided not to reenlist got the chance to get information and sort out the facts to help them make an informed decision."

Marines can contact their monitors over the phone, e-mail, in person, or by using their chain of command. For more information about monitors and how to speak with them, contact your unit's career retention specialist. ■

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He continued to explain, with the assistance of an interpreter, about the monetary pay, responsibilities and the reason for the neighborhood watch, which is for them to assume responsibility for the security of their own community. "The barriers surrounding your neighborhood are to keep the bad people out and the good people in." The recruits then went through a simple process to

determine their eligibility to join. They were given a written test to establish their reading and writing ability, in addition to a medical screening. Once cleared, recruits are processed through the Biometrics Automated Toolset system, a documenting system that contains background information on the residents of the city, including criminal records. "The BATS system is a computer system that identifies people and makes a record of said individual," said South Brunswick, N.J., native, Cpl.

Jonathan H. Rudolph, the BATS system noncommissioned officer with 2/6. "The system includes a laptop with the BATS software, a fingerprint scanner, an iris scanner, a camera and an ID card printer. Once they are in the system, Marines can scan (the subject's) iris or get their fingerprints to see when the person's birthday is, their job, place of residence and also shows previous documentation if they have been involved or have known of anyone involved in terrorist activities."

The men found without criminal backgrounds were given a blue knit shirt and other credentials indicating their involvement in the program. "It was easy," said one Fallujah resident who is now in Neighborhood Watch program. "There were a lot of us, and I am glad I was able to become part of the watch." Only 200 neighborhood watchers are recruited during each swarm. Once they don their blue shirts, they are tasked with cleaning up their city in more ways than one,

and often literally. "Just the other day while I was on a convoy I saw them picking up trash along (one of the busier streets in the city)," Prochilo said. Once the goal of 200 recruits was reached, all local residents were allowed to come into the precinct to receive new or updated ID cards. Numerous Marines operating the BATS system completed more than 1,200 ID cards in a few dusk-till-dawn workdays. Once the call went out for the Marines to pack up shop,

the most of the establishment Marine back to their home Camp Baharia. infantry Marines with talion, whose area of encompasses the pre remain to continue t of supporting the Iraq "Though there is knowing for sure, improvement these s play is any indicati progress in the rest reflected Robinson, optimistic about the this country." ■

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the town and they were looking for a big fight so the U.S. and Afghan element drew back and called for air strikes and reinforcements. Coalition reports estimate as many as 10 enemy fighters were killed by a precision air strike. The air support bought time for the U.S. element to call in special operations soldiers and Marines from the surrounding areas. The hillsides around the town were soon bristling with heavily armed special operations troops. "Washir is a large town so we couldn't immediately plug all of the escape routes," said the special operations officer. As our forces were building up,

theirs were filtering out of the city." The joint special operations team suspected the enemy could be escaping so they drove to the city entrance to test for reaction. After seeing no sign of the enemy, Afghan National Police searched the village and questioned its inhabitants. "The enemy was probably overwhelmed when more than 40 gun trucks arrived throughout the day," said a Marine special operations officer "When we went down to see if there were any Taliban in the town, we only found local residents." The special operations troops learned from area residents the insurgents had made a run to a nearby town and holed up there, hoping the U.S. forces would give up on chasing them.

"We had an idea where they were going so we stopped for the night at a secure high point overlooking the paths they might try to take though the area," said the Marine special operations officer. "When it started to get light, we came down and visited the town." Afghan National Police searched the town and found 10 kilograms of opium and an RPG round. Residents again reported the insurgents had moved on to the next town. "Once they retreat, they'll stay one step ahead," said the Army special operations officer. "We'll get them eventually though. The Helmund valley is the home of the Taliban, so many of their best fighters live and die here. It's only a matter of time before their luck runs out." ■

ID
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fingerprints come up positive on someone's profile in the database, the information is updated and the threat status is changed on the resident. "This is the quickest and most convenient way to see if a person is shady or not," said Cpl. Josslyn D. Selzer, the corporal of the guard at an ECP in the city. "If we run someone's badge number and they pop positive on a threat status, we take them in." The ID badges and BAT system are the primary line of the strategic defense of the people of Fallujah, Neunriter explained. "In the long run, I can see the BAT [system] become a concrete foundation for a future Iraqi identification system," Rudolph said. "It won't be anything like Social Security numbers that

Americans have it's a solid start. The small number of Marines operating BAT systems have completed, updated renewed over 5,200 cards since the beginning of June. cooperation with identification systems not mandatory, said most Iraqis to the system with the goal peaceful Fallujah their minds. "The one thing stands out the my mind is the enasm of the local l You can tell they their neighbor back," said B "Many of them are ing to do whate takes to provide environment for friends and famil live and work in. good feeling to we are part of thing that will c the future of this try, to see the c the hands of the p That's where it be after all." ■

BELT
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them into quality citizens, according to Marine Corps Order 1500.54A, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. It brings together physical discipline, and teaches different techniques in rifle & bayonet, edged weapons, weapons of opportunity and unarmed combat. In addition to learning new and more advanced martial arts techniques to attain each belt, Marines must also meet other requirements such

as completing Marine Corps Institute courses and Professional Military Education, according to the order. "The new guidance emphasizes to units how important the MCMAP system is when it comes to building the mental and character disciplines," said Gunnery Sgt. Norberto P. Rodrigues, the Provost Marshal's Office training chief on Camp Kinser. "Units need to understand that MCMAP training will enhance the personal development of each Marine in a team framework. It is designed to enhance unit cohesion, esprit de corps, and combat effectiveness." ■

HIGHLANDER
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covered most of the battalion's area of operation across the northeastern side of the Euphrates River. In addition to the Warpigs, the battalion also had several attachments and Iraqi Security Forces participating in the first stages of the operation. "We projected our force into our AO, showed our presence, talked to people, and gathered a lot of information," said Staff Sgt. Thomas R. Johnson, a platoon commander with the company. "That's a large part of what LAR does; it's even in the name: reconnaissance; we gather information. I think this operation is the right answer to some of the problems we have seen in the past. Continually going out in force, and continually showing our presence is definitely working in our favor and producing results." During the first week of the operation the battalion and its attachments, commonly referred to as 'Task Force Highlander,' found three weapons caches and storage areas and detained two Iraqis suspected of insurgent activity. Some of the things they recovered were: propane tanks, a truck rigged with a detonation trigger, electrical wiring, detonation cord, (16) 10-gallon drums of nitric acid - 14 of which were rigged with detonation cord, several small arms weapons including AK-47s and a submachine gun, 59 fully loaded AK-47 magazines, (100) 9mm rounds, (880) .762-caliber rounds, a shotgun, a house rigged with several explosives, and a Ruchnoi Pulemet Kalashnikova medium machine gun, commonly referred to as the Kalashnikov or an RPK.

"We have done an amazing job so far disrupting [anti-Iraqi forces] presence in the North [of the Euphrates River]," said 1st Lt. Ryan C. Stewart, the battalion's intelligence officer. The battalion's focus during the operation is to deny insurgents the ability to conduct a surge of activity and setting the conditions for continued Iraqi government and Iraqi provincial leadership. "So far we have provided stability and security for the Iraqi civilians, and we are disrupting AIF movement from urban areas. We are stopping them from fleeing into the open terrain and preventing them from getting back into the cities to disrupt security," said Stewart, who is serving on his second tour to Iraq. The operation not only includes Marines, soldiers and sailors, but also Iraqi Security Forces. The Warpigs had several Iraqi army soldiers attached to their light armored vehicles who participated in searching houses and questioning Iraqi civilians about insurgent activity. Marines in the battalion say they are confident the remainder of the operation will go as smoothly as the first week has, and they remain optimistic about the overall goal of provincial Iraqi control. "The ISF needs to take over, so it is essential and imperative that we include them on operations like this and take them along with us so we can continue to teach them," said Johnson, an Elbert, Colo., native. "They need to know how to counteract insurgents and fight insurgent activity, so they can continue this work after we are gone. And they will. They have done a good job so far, and they will continue to do it after we are gone, so long as we continue to train them and teach them what we know." ■

HUNT
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As the Marines sprinted toward their second men came out with their hands up as the approached their vehicles. "We are able to reach far into the desert winds some people who we had no contact with before," P "We are conducting these missions in a nonstanda Before they were ground driven, now we bring the ment to the fight." The Marines questioned the men through the int They asked them about, where they were from, w were there, and if anything suspicious happened. The Marines gave the group of men the one of their food for co-operating with them. The Marines then set up landing zone security while Pena called for the birds to come pick them up. "These missions provide us with the opportunity t enemy before they hit us," Reese said. "We will con do it because of all the positive effects it has on the and on our mission here in Ramadi." ■

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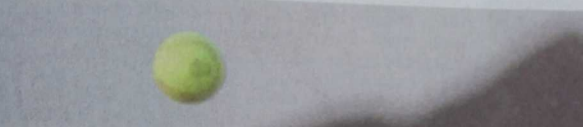
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 Assistant managing editor

Sho-nuf added another women's intramural softball championship to its bulging trophy case July 26 with an exciting 8-7 victory over the upstart Extreme team. The game featured sparkling defense and clutch hitting from both sides. Sho-nuf and Extreme finished the regular summer league standings in first and second place respectively, so it was only fitting the two squads meet in the championship tilt.

"We didn't want to play two games," said an exuberant Pam Henderson, Sho-nuf's head coach after the winning run came across the plate. "I told my girls not to try to hit it over the fence — hit it hard and hit it on the ground, and they came through when they needed to." Since women's softball has been played at Camp Lejeune, Sho-nuf has held a stranglehold on the championship. No one could say with certainty just how many titles the team has won, but the players could easily count how many they haven't — two. They weren't about to allow the number to run to three, at least, not this time around.

Team Extreme came into the championship with just two regular season losses and a fearless attitude. The women scored three runs in the top of the first inning with two outs, thanks largely to a line-drive double by Stevielyn Sweeney that scored two.

Extreme held onto the 3-0 lead with great defense in the bottom of the first after allowing singles to the first two Sho-nuf batters, but could not keep the potent Sho-nuf offense off the board in the second.

Jackie Watkins hit a run-scoring double to centerfield to get things rolling for the defending champs and the lead was cut to 3-2 by the end of the second inning.

Showing they would not go down without a fight, the Extreme line-up roared back with three more runs in their half of the third to stake their claim to the largest lead either team would hold in the game at 6-2.

By the top of the fifth, however, Sho-nuf had the lead trimmed to 7-6 and pitcher Mary Blair put the Extreme batters down in order.

Blair helped out her own cause in Sho-nuf's half of the inning with a lead-off double, but Extreme head coach Everett Dockett called for two intentional walks that resulted in tag-outs and kept Sho-nuf one run back.

With Extreme looking to extend its one-run advantage in the sixth and runners on first and second, Sho-nuf shortstop Susan Havard ended the threat with an unassisted double play.

Extreme looked to have the Sho-nuf line-up under wraps in the bottom of the inning, with a runner on first and two outs, but second baseman Ivy White scorched a double, advancing the runner to third. Karen Burroughs picked up the game-tying RBI with a single and the squads were knotted at 7-7 going into the final frame.

With the title on the line in the seventh inning, Sho-nuf's defense tightened up and, with another great infield play by Havard, the mighty Sho-nuf bats came up with three outs to give. It was obvious this was a team that performed well under pressure as Sho-nuf cranked out three singles, including Carolyn Harrison's game-winner, to lay claim to yet another title.

"Normally we're way ahead, but not this time," said Coach Harrison. "This is the best Extreme team we have ever faced. They really gave us a run for our money."

After losing such a tight game, Extreme's Coach Dockett had nothing but praise for his side. "We played a helluva defense and I'm proud of them," he said. Dockett also had a warning for Sho-nuf and all of the intramural softball teams playing in future seasons. "[Extreme's roster was] all rookies and a lot of them will be back for next season."

Stayed tuned for the next installment of a budding rivalry.

Editor's note: To see more photos of the championship go online to www.camplejeuneglobe.com.

Softball champions crowned: Sho-nuf wins



Diamond divas: Extreme pitcher Tatiana Tucker (main photo) tosses a change-up toward the plate. Ivy White (above) of the champion team, Sho-nuf, pounds a lead-off single in the first inning. (At right) Sho-nuf celebrates another Lejeune Women's Intramural Softball championship with a gathering at home plate.

Hook Line & SINKER



Hook Line & Sinker

Jamie Cameron

Non-fishermen not permitted

It was recently brought to my attention that one of the Marines here at the Public Affairs Office had never been fishing.

The idea that a 20-something, red-blooded American male might never have caught a fish is distressing enough. When the fishless Cpl. Shane "Zook" Suzuki admitted to me he was from the Seattle area — a sportsman's paradise, with sounds and rivers filled with Pacific salmon and steelhead — I could only shake my head in disbelief and scheme on how to remedy the situation.

Enter my good friend Brian Degan, a Beaufort, N.C. resident and consummate angler. Once he heard about Zook's deprived past, plans were made to get him out on Brian's flat-bottom skiff as soon as possible. This was an excellent turn of events for Zook and his dream of catching a fish. One could go fishing with me and catch seaweed, oyster shells and submerged tires or one could go with Brian and catch actual fish — big ones.

Operation Zook Fluke took place Saturday at the dark and early hour of 4:30 a.m. when I awoke and started gathering up gear that I should have stowed the night before. By 5:20 a.m., a bleary-eyed Zook climbed into the passenger side of my car and we were off to Beaufort.

After a quick introduction, we loaded Brian's boat and headed out the inlet, along with dozens and dozens of other fishing crews, all hopeful for a productive day at sea.

Brian took us to a small area where live corals grow, some three miles offshore of Shackleford Banks. As we hunted for the underwater structure — eyes glued to the boat's electronic Fishfinder display — schools of Spanish mackerel slashed the surface of the choppy ocean (remember this description, it will become important later on) as they chased tiny baitfish into a frothy panic.

We finally found the exact spot Brian was looking for and deployed the anchor in around 55 feet of water. Brian was thinking flounder, so we started

out sending live mullet minnows to the bottom. Discerning a flounder nibble amid the rocking of the boat proved harder than expected so we counseled Zook to bait up with a piece of squid for a sure-fire cure to his no-fish blues.

Squid is a universal bait — all fish love it. It wasn't more than a couple of minutes after the switch that Zook brought up his first, honest-to-goodness fish, a pinfish. The rollicking seas prevented Zook from celebrating (note: this is the third reference to how rough the conditions were) and we threw back his catch with little fanfare.

Meanwhile, Brian had put out a couple live baits (a mullet minnow and a 12-inch sand diver) and drifted them back behind the boat under large bobbers in the hope of enticing a king mackerel to strike.

Spanish mackerel were busting all over the place and Brian and I tried in vain to get them to hit our lures. Zook, who was now turning a noticeable shade of green, dutifully fished the bottom with squid strips and continued to catch pinfish, black sea bass and even a nice triggerfish that went into the cooler. Eventually Brian and I duped a couple of overzealous Spanish into joining the triggerfish, but the bite was finicky to say the least.

Somewhere along the line, one of the live-baits got gobbled and Brian fought a nice 6-7 pound king mackerel to the boat. After a few muffed attempts with the gaff, I finally connected and swung his prize onboard.

Brian did a much better job with the gaff a little later on when he stuck Zook's first honest-to-goodness gamefish behind the ear and slung it into the cooler. Zook was so excited at that point that he decided to throw up.

Once that bit of unpleasantness was taken care of, our fishing newbie really started to enjoy himself and the action all around us.

A small sea turtle decided to come by for a visit and some large, 6- to 7-foot sharks were spotted leaping ½-mile away. We didn't catch any of the big boys, but we did land a couple of small blacktip sharks, which we admired and then released with good wishes.

Zook was really starting to perk up by the time we decided to head back to the inlet (it's funny how that happens) and we decided to extend the adventure with a trip up the Newport River for some red drum fishing.

Catching red drum in shallow water is a being stealthy and casting accurately — a lot from a guy who had never made a cast before morning.

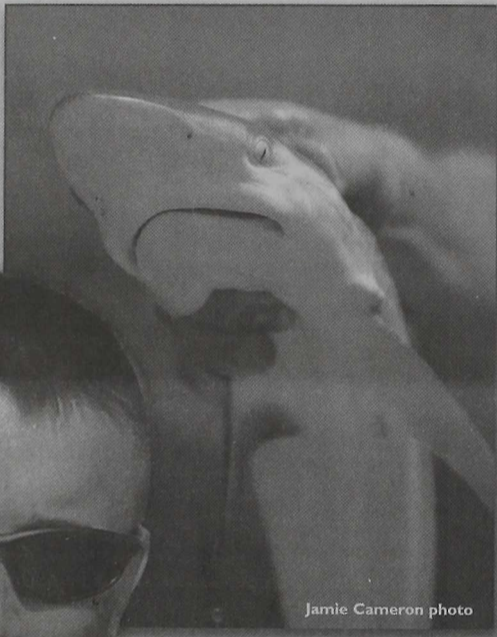
The drum were there and Brian put Zook in perfect position time and time again. After bungled casts and a few choice cuss words (for Zook doesn't curse), I finally broke the ice with a pretty little drum of around 20 inches. We took him and continued up the creek in search of more but soon found ourselves stranded on a shoal. We had to move until the tide came in.

Instead of waiting around for the creek to turn, I took matters into my own hands and debarred the boat to slog across the marsh to hunt more drum. After much ado and no small amount of thigh-deep in the primordial ooze, I made it to a spot upstream and cast into a pod of feeding drum. My presentation was honored and I soon had a nice redfish of the day in hand.

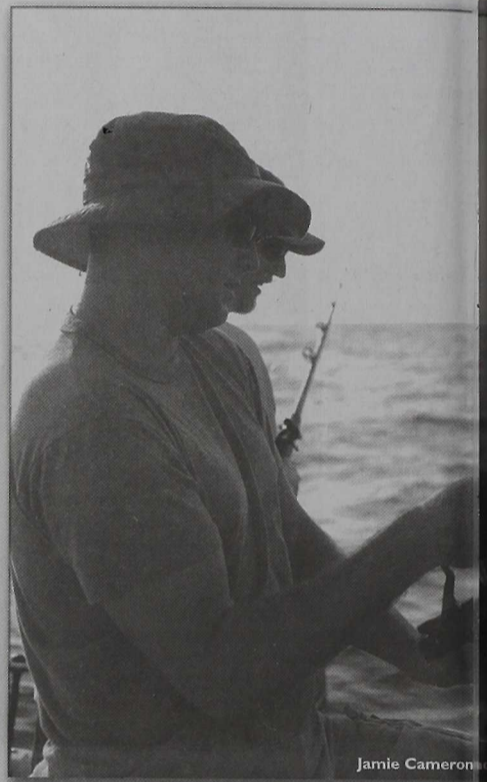
Zook, bless his heart, followed my lead, but unfortunately, I had scared all of the remaining drum by my thrashing. Zook will have to return another day to catch his drum.

We spent another hour stranded again on a shoal, which gave Zook an important lesson on that all good things (like catching fish) must be followed by bad things (like getting stuck in the mud).

Zook finished his day tired, muddied and humiliated, but never again will he have to head in shame when the topic of fishing arises at the next office party. ■



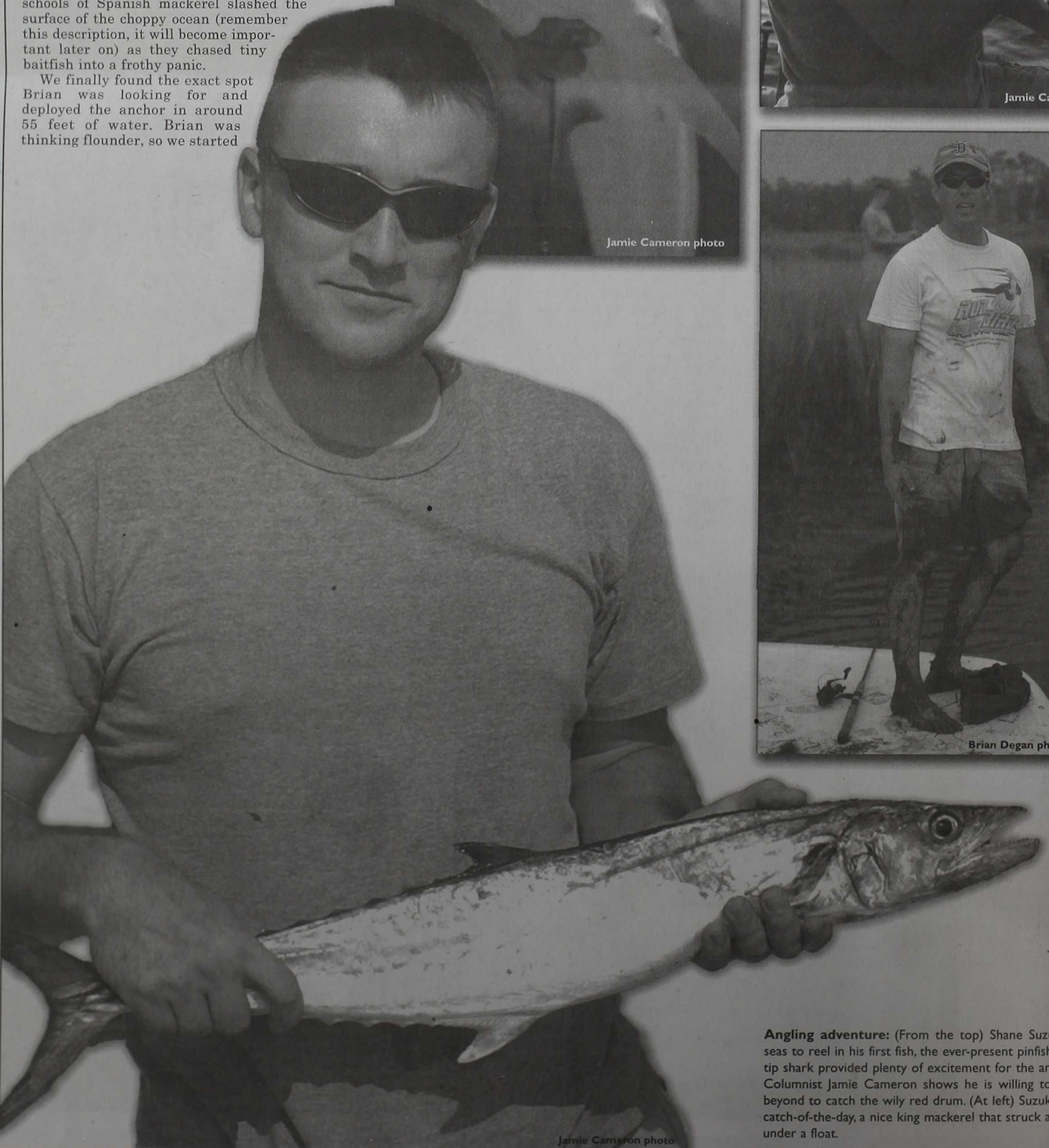
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Angling adventure: (From the top) Shane Suzuki bailed out to sea to reel in his first fish, the ever-present pinfish. A small blacktip shark provided plenty of excitement for the angling columnist. (At left) Cameron shows he is willing to go beyond to catch the wily red drum. (At right) Suzuki shows off his catch-of-the-day, a nice king mackerel that struck a live bait under a float.

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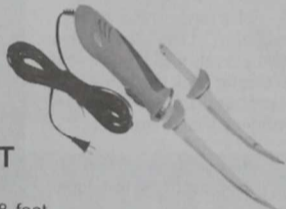
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Friday
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Tennis camps

Monday-Wednesday and Aug. 13-15
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two youth tennis camps this month. Players ages 10-18 can sign up to attend classes taught by United States Tennis Association certified instructor Sam Jones. Classes run from 9 a.m. until noon each day. The next session starts Monday at Steed Park in Richlands. The Aug. 13-15 session will take place at Stump Sound

Park in Sneads Ferry. Each session costs \$35 per participant. Call 347-5332 for more information.

Goettge Memorial Field House closure

Ongoing
Goettge Memorial Field House is closed for scheduled improvements until Sept. 10 (opening date is tentative at this time). The French Creek Fitness Center's gym (open daily) and Area 4 Gym (5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday-Friday) are available for your convenience. For additional information please contact the Semper Fit Sports office at 451-0022.

3-D archery tournament

Aug. 18
The next archery tournament will take place Aug. 18, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Camp Lejeune Archery Range on Parachute Tower Road. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place shooters in each adult and youth division. Trophies will be awarded to all participants in the Cub and Pee Wee divisions. Entry fees are \$2.50 for Cubs and Pee Wees

and \$5 for all other competitors. For more information, call Mike Piggins at 451-8386.

Intramural flag football

Aug. 20
Letter of Intent forms for the season, which starts Sept. 19, must be submitted to the Camp Lejeune Semper Fit Sports Office by Aug. 20 for consideration. Letter of Intent forms are available at the Intramural Sports Office located inside Goettge Memorial Field House. The forms will be located on the outside of the office door for pick up. The intent forms must have command endorsement. Units must form their own team. The sports office will not get involved with player placement. Individuals belonging to a unit that does not form a team can play for any team with the same major command, i.e., base, division, Marine Logistics Group, or Marine Expeditionary Force. Female players are encouraged to participate. The league is open to active-duty, dependents and civilian employees aboard Camp Lejeune. There will be a mandatory coaches meeting Aug. 23, 6 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House.

Beginning golf lessons

Aug. 21
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and Sea Gull Driving Range are sponsoring beginning golf lessons. Tuesday and

Thursday lessons are available beginning Aug. 21. Lessons run 6:30 - 8 p.m. and are held at Sea Gull Driving Range for \$35 per person. The classes are designed for golfers 12 and older, but children ages 12 and older may register if a parent is enrolled. Pre-register at Onslow Pines weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Class is limited. Call 347-5332 or www.co.onslow.nc.us/parks for information.

Intramural skeet shooting

Aug. 30
Teams of five shooters and alternate must submit a letter of intent to the Camp Lejeune Semper Fit Sports Office no later than 10 working days prior to shooting tournament. The team can be picked up outside Intramural Sports Office Goettge Memorial Field House. Intent forms must have command endorsement. Each team must have at least four members with active-duty status. Civilian employees or contractors assigned to the unit may also participate but cannot take up more than two positions on a team. Units are available for shooters who do not have their own. There will be a mandatory captain's meeting Aug. 29 at 3:30 p.m. at McIver Skeet Range aboard Camp Lejeune. For more information call 451-2061.

Couch signs with Jaguars, hopes to revive career

Mark Long
AP sports writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Tim Couch's agent sent a memo to all NFL teams a few weeks ago, letting them know the former No. 1 draft pick was healthy again and looking for a place to play.

The Jacksonville Jaguars were the first to call and Couch jumped at the opportunity.

He signed a two-year contract with the Jaguars on Sunday, getting a chance to revive his career as a backup to quarterback Byron Leftwich.

Couch, the top pick by Cleveland in 1999, hasn't played a down in the NFL since the 2004 preseason.

"Right now, I'm just trying to be a guy, fit in, learn the offense and just try to make the football team — nothing more than that," Couch said following his first practice Sunday night.

The contract, which did not include a signing bonus, will pay Couch the veteran minimum of \$595,000 this season if he makes the team. He would earn slightly more in 2008.

Couch could end up supplanting Quinn Gray as the team's third-string quarterback — a move that would save the Jags about \$700,000 this season.

Gray, who has failed to move up the depth chart in four years playing behind Leftwich and David Garrard, signed a one-year deal worth \$1.3 million in April.

But Gray has a sprained ankle and started training camp on the physically unable to perform list. Coach Jack Del Rio said he needed a fourth quarterback during camp. The team also has undrafted rookie Lester Ricard.

"We plan on throwing the ball in this camp and we're a little short at that position with Quinn down, so we've added a fourth quarterback," Del Rio said. "At some point, Quinn will get healthy and we'll deal with the numbers. At this point, we've added an experienced quarterback to come in and give us an opportunity to throw the football like we need to in this camp."

Scott Eyster from Delta State and Sam Hollenbach from Maryland worked out alongside Couch on Sunday, and the

Jaguars struck a deal with the former Kentucky star after he passed a physical. Couch had shoulder surgery in 2004 to repair a torn labrum, a torn biceps and a torn rotator cuff.

"I have a lot of confidence I can play," Couch said. "I'm going to throw some balls over people's heads and throw some balls at people's feet just to get the timing back down and get used to throwing to these fast receivers again. Once I get back into the swing of things, I feel confident that I can play the game."

The Jags considered signing Daunte Culpepper following his release from Miami, but Culpepper reportedly wanted just a one-year deal.

The team ended up with another member of the heralded 1999 quarterback draft class, which included Couch, Donovan McNabb, Akili Smith, Culpepper and Cade McNown — all taken in the top 12 picks.

Couch's five years in Cleveland were filled with disappointment. He was sacked often, booed regularly and plagued by elbow trouble.

He played in 62 games with the Browns, completing 59.8 percent of his passes for 11,131 yards with 64 touchdowns and 67 interceptions.

After leaving Cleveland in 2004, Couch signed a one-year deal with Green Bay to be Brett Favre's backup. The Packers didn't work out Couch before signing him to a contract that included a \$625,000 bonus, and it seemed to backfire.

Couch was bothered by the sore shoulder, struggled to grasp the West Coast offense and couldn't even unseat third-string quarterback Craig Nall.

"This is what I do. This is what I love to do," he said. "Sitting out the last few years, I think I really got the hunger back to play again. I just didn't like the way my career ended in Green Bay with the shoulder injury. I just wanted to give myself a chance to play a few more years and go out on better terms."

Couch worked out for Chicago and Cincinnati in 2005, but neither team signed him. He worked out for Tennessee, Miami, Pittsburgh and Houston last year.

"He's got an opportunity like anybody else in camp," Del Rio said. ■

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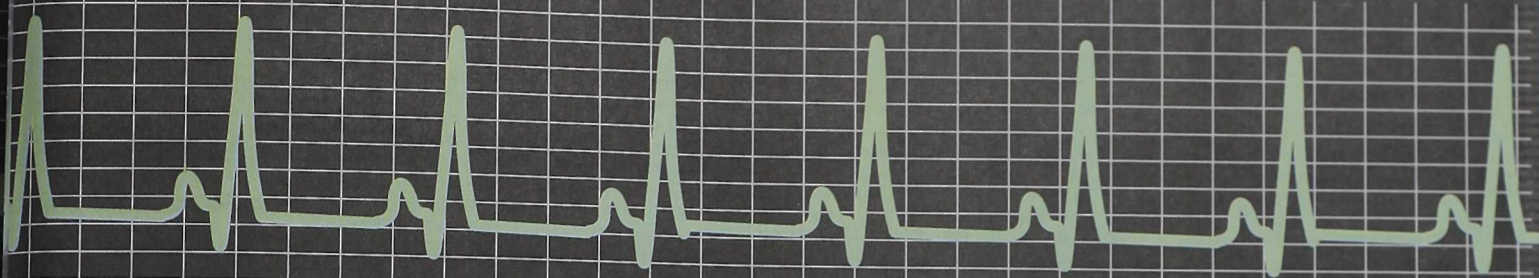
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Jack Parks' memorial shoot scheduled

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Among the elite marksmen of the United States Marine Corps, Robert Leslie Parks was exceptional. The 22-year active-duty veteran of World War II and Korea was "double distinguished" in both rifle and pistol shooting and held innumerable military, national and world titles in trap and skeet. Along with Chief Warrant Officer Robert McIntyre, Parks played an important role in establishing the skeet range aboard Camp Lejeune.

Parks, known as "Jack" to those who called him friend, died April 16 at the age of 88. He was buried at the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery at Montford Point after funeral services at Camp Lejeune's Protestant Chapel.

"He wouldn't hesitate to stop and help you; tell you what you were doing wrong," said Mike Singhas, manager at the skeet range, of his long-time

friend. "He was very well-liked by all of the shooters here, even the young shooters."

To memorialize the passing of such a great marksman and proponent of all the shooting sports, friends of Parks and skeet range officials plan to conduct the first Jack Parks Memorial Shoot, starting at the range tomorrow and lasting into the weekend. During the shoot, Field No. 3 will be dedicated to Parks and a memorial placard will be erected.

"Mr. Parks always shot here on Field 3," explained Singhas. Up to 45 competitors will be allowed to register for the shoot. At press time, 32 of those slots had been filled. Shooters must be members in good standing of the National Skeet Shooting Association. Family members from the Parks clan, as well as public officials and special guests are expected to attend.

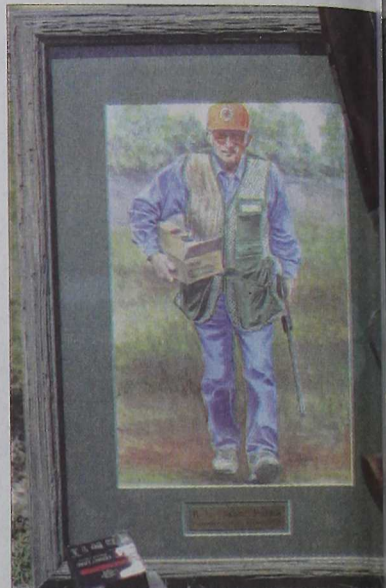
According to his bio, Parks retired from the Marine Corps on July 31, 1960 as a chief warrant officer. Before he

became ill in March, Parks taught concealed weapons courses and gun safety to hundreds of shooters in North Carolina. He was a well-respected citizen who was often sought out by both local and state politicians for opinions on important issues of the day.

But, in spite of his active civic schedule and professional life as a well-digger, Parks always found time to shoot skeet at the range at Camp Lejeune.

"He would shoot here at least two or three times a week, every week, all the way up to the time he got sick [two months before he died]," said Singhas. It is widely-believed the last time he shot a round of 25 targets at the range, Parks broke 22 clay pigeons — a worthy score for even the most accomplished shooters, let alone for an 88 year old. He won his age group in the last competition he entered.

For more information on the shoot, call Singhas at 451-3889.



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Stewart scores second career victory Brickyard with dominating form

Mike Harris
P auto racing writer

NAPOLIS — A little y from racing helped wart come away from yard with another huge

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ro-time series champion arvick in the duel of s and made at least two to pass. Harvick held on. t finally powered along- 10 laps to go, but Harvick elent and the cars ground

together as they drag-raced around the narrow oval.

Stewart surged into the lead, then seemingly put his orange No. 14 on cruise control for the final 25 miles. With six to go, his in-car camera caught him casually drinking from a water bottle with no hands on his steering wheel as he headed down the straightaway at more than 200 miles per hour.

"I just went down there on the restart and got real, real tight for some reason," Stewart said. "Kevin got by us and I knew after 15 laps I could get around him. So I was just trying to be patient, got a good run on him off of [Turn] 1 and got by him."

"That's a hard guy to race there. He's a clean guy. That's one of my best friends."

Stewart joyously celebrated the win, pumping his fist through the window as he crossed the finish line. After a brief victory lap, he stopped his car on the Yard of Bricks, was embraced by his father, Nelson, and his Joe Gibbs Racing crew. The team then joined him for his celebratory fence climb.

Juan Pablo Montoya, who won the 2000 Indianapolis 500 in his only appearance, chased down Harvick to finish second — his best showing on an oval since leaving Formula One last summer.

"I don't think anyone had anything for Tony," Montoya said. "His car was way too fast. But second here at the Brickyard, it was awesome."

Jeff Gordon, the series points leader and four-time Brickyard winner, was third followed by Kyle Busch, pole-sitter Reed Sorenson and Mark Martin.

Harvick faded all the way to seventh after Stewart's race-winning pass.

"It was just good racing until I got the left front fender saved in," Harvick said. "He didn't quite give us enough room."

The victory made Stewart the

favorite for a third title. Six of the past nine Indy winners went on to win the Cup, including the last two, and Stewart himself did it in 2005.

"I don't know about that," Stewart said. "There's still a lot of racing to go. There's no guarantees. But it's neat knowing the last two guys that have won this race [Jimmie Johnson in 2006 and Stewart] have won the championship."

"I wouldn't mortgage my house on it — yet," he added playfully.

Now Stewart appears poised to rip off one of his trademark winning streaks. He won five of six races during the summer of 2005, closed last year with three wins in the final eight, and now has two in a row.

The race was not so kind to Jimmie Johnson, the defending race winner and Cup champion, or Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Johnson, who ended his own personal streak of poor performance at Indy by winning here last year, recovered from an early wreck only to slam into the wall when his tire erupted midway through the race. He had to frantically climb from his car as flames shot inside the cockpit.

"It's feast or famine here for us," Johnson said. "I'm OK. The impact wasn't bad. The flames had me nervous there inside the car and I lost some eyelashes and the side of my face got pretty hot."

Earnhardt led 33 laps early and appeared to be the only car capable of running with Stewart. But his handling eventually faded, and he dropped back to fifth place. That's where he was running when his motor failed, and Earnhardt wound up 34th.

It was a setback in his bid to make the Chase for the championship — he's fighting for the 12th and final qualifying spot and is now locked into a tight battle with Kurt Busch, who finished 11th. ■

Calls for unity in Iraq after soccer victory

Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Hundreds of pages have been ripped from the calendar since Iraqis last showed the unity and happiness that flowed across the land Sunday.

And it would have been foolhardy to predict a soccer team — the determined Lions of the Two Rivers — would unleash a flood of joy held back for decades by the dam of Saddam Hussein's tyranny and four-plus years of war since America toppled him.

But after the team's victory in the prestigious 2007 Asian Cup, the Iraqi people seemed far ahead of their leaders in letting sectarian bygones be bygones and allowing ethnic atrocities to fade.

Despite a security crackdown, curfews banning vehicles, and decrees forbidding the penchant in this part of the world to grab an AK-47 and rip off celebratory rounds, people rejoiced in the streets — and gunfire roared.

It roared across Baghdad at the second-half goal against Saudi Arabia. It was deafening when the underdog Lions sealed the 1-0 victory in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Iraq team's win dripped with symbolism, not least in the makeup of its front-line strikers: one Kurd, one Shiite, one Sunni.

State television said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was on the phone in seconds talking to the victors. The dour, hard-line Shiite leader announced only minutes into the game that each team member had been awarded \$10,000.

And the leader's office quickly cranked out a note of congratulations:

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The U.S. military command issued a message shortly afterward.

"Throughout this demanding competition, you represented Iraq with distinction and honor, inspiring all Iraqis by your unity, teamwork, dedication and athletic ability. We salute you and congratulate you on this tremendous achievement."

But even amid the joy, tragedy struck and danger loomed.

In just one Baghdad neighborhood, four people died of celebratory gunshot wounds. Scores were wounded nationwide, and reports of more continued seeping in.

Dozens died last week when bombers hit crowds after the team's quarterfinal and semifinal wins.

With parliamentarians at sectarian loggerheads, and political and religious-driven violence still raging, huge strides await politicians in matching the unity that sprang from Iraqis Sunday. ■



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Trails on base continue to expand

Lance Cpl. Randy Little
Marine Corps Base

The Rails to Trails program developed by the city of Jacksonville and Camp Lejeune is an initiative to expand existing infrastructure to further connect the city and the base via a series of biking, walking and jogging trails.

"The idea to construct trails on [Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune] came from the installation and environmental office in 1995," said

Tony Sholar, the Marine Corps Base deputy public works officer when the idea started.

The project was formulated to expand recreational opportunities and provide safe commuting alternatives for those who live, work and train on base, according to the Greenway Master Plan.

Funding to build the trail came from several different places, including money received after the base won the Department of Defense's

Installation Excellence Award in 1998.

Also, when a new barracks is built on base, part of that funding is typically used to build a trail from the barracks to an existing part of the trail, he continued.

"As the base expands we try to expand the trails with it," said Sholar.

Beside the expansions on Lejeune, base officials gave the deed to the section of railroad past the main gate to the city of Jacksonville so they could

expand the trail off base, he continued.

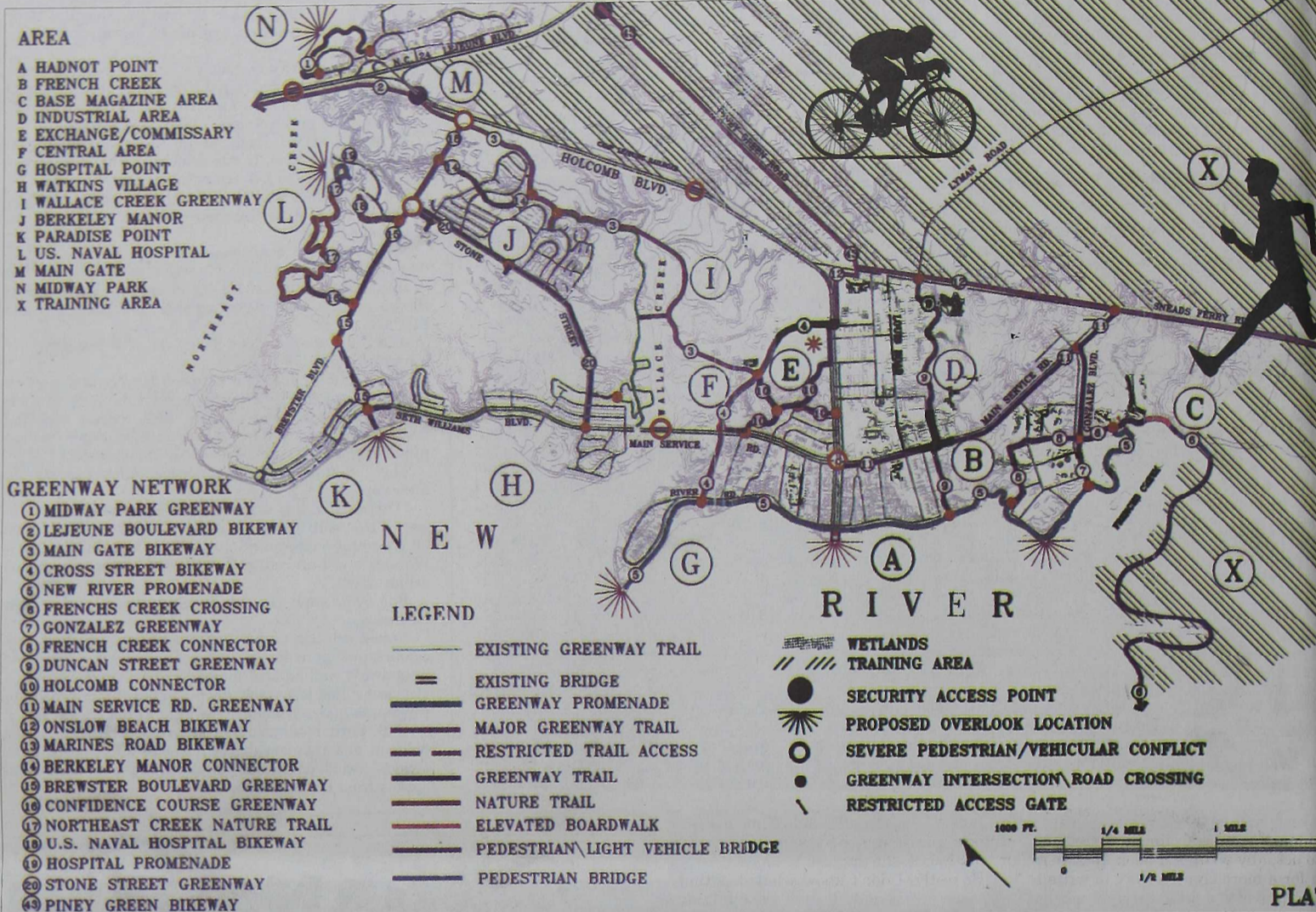
"The railroad property from Highway 24 to Highway 17 was deeded to the city of Jacksonville through special legislation Aug. 29, 2003. Railroad deliveries were discontinued for this section of railroad more than 10 years ago," said Sholar.

Although work on the initial 5.2 mile asphalt trail began last winter at the intersection of Bell Fork Rd., and Lejeune Blvd., construction is expected to finish

February 2008 and will more than 175 miles of both local residents and

In order to keep the secure as the trail expands base; plans to modify the force traffic to the visitors will be put into operation the next six months by the fences, said Scholar.

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Wounded Warrior sets new world record in shotput

Kirk Bauer
Disabled Sports USA

CKVILLE, Md. — Wounded warrior Scott Winkler, Grovetown, Ga., set a new world record in the men's shot wheel chair division, with a throw of 101.01 meters at the 2007 U.S. Paralympics Track and Field National Championships held in Marietta, Ga., on July 2. His throw officially broke the previous world record of 9.76 meters, and, as a result, Winkler becomes the first severely-injured veteran from Iraq war to qualify for the U.S. Paralympics Track and Field National Championships and the 2008 Beijing Paralympics. "I just want to do my best," said Winkler. "I believed and achieved my goal. If you believe, you can do anything you want, and my end goal is to go to Beijing next year and win a medal." Winkler, who sustained a spinal cord

injury in 2003 while serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq, is a participant in the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project, a partnership program between Disabled Sports USA and the Wounded Warrior Project that provides year-round sports programs for severely wounded service members from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts and the Global War on Terrorism. Winkler also participates in DS/USA's Youth Sports Mentoring Program where he works with young wheelchair athlete, Josh Ruoff.

"Scott is an outstanding example of the tremendous talent and motivation our Wounded Warriors possess," said Executive Director of Disabled Sports USA and disabled Vietnam War Veteran Kirk Bauer, JD. "Scott's achievement demonstrates how much these fine young men and women can attain with the help of such programs as the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project, providing sports rehabilitation

and development; and the U.S. Paralympics providing training and opportunities for elite competition."

The Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project provides sports rehabilitation programs for severely wounded service members rehabilitating at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas; Balboa Naval Medical Center in San Diego, Calif.; and Veterans Hospitals in Tampa, Fla., and Palo Alto, Calif. Wounded Warriors discharged from the military also have the opportunity to continue to participate at DS/USA national and chapter programs throughout the United States, so they can maintain an active sports life. All services are provided free of charge to the Wounded Warrior and his or her family members.

In addition to Wounded Warrior Project, sponsors include National Corporate Partner AIG Insurance, The Chart Group,

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About the Wounded Warrior Project

The Wounded Warrior Project is a non-profit organization aimed at assisting those men and women of the United States armed forces who have been severely injured during the war on terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots around the world. Beginning at the bedside of the severely wounded, WWP provides programs and services designated to ease the burdens of these heroes and their families, aid in the recovery process and smooth the transition back to civilian life. For more information, please call 904-296-7350 ■

National pistol champ defends title

Pfc. Skyler Tooker
Marine Corps Base Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Quantico's Gunnery Sgt. Brian H. Zins has won the National Rifle Association Championships eight of the nine times, including this year, when he won by 15 points. Zins has won the NRA championship matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, earlier this year. "I have been shooting competitively since 1990, but the first time I picked up a pistol was in 1988 in military police school," said Zins, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the Marine Corps Pistol Team. "I am a distinguished marksman with the rifle and pistol." Zins' father recalled his son being a dead-end with a .22-caliber pistol in the family room growing up. "In high school he was the second best in the state with the pistol and that's when I started taking notice about how good he could shoot," said Chuck Zins, his father. "I never imagined he would go anywhere shooting weapons, much less be on the national team. I have a partner I work with, and we go out and teach bull's-eye clinics. We're looking into actually writing a book, but we're looking for a more creative way to write a book that provides a different approach to methods of shooting pistols, because I don't want it to be boring," Zins said. Zins travels all over the U.S. doing the bull's-eye clinics. The clinics consist of two hours in the classroom learning the proper techniques and eight hours on the range line shooting rounds downrange practicing the techniques learned in the classroom. "I want everyone to learn the way to shoot a pistol, because it has been taught the wrong way in some places," Zins said. Zins puts up great scores in the pistol competitions and is a great part of the team. He also does a great job with his

responsibilities and tasks at work, and he helps the younger Marines with their shooting," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 James R. Fraley, the officer in charge of the USMC Pistol Team.

Zins loves shooting and wants to keep shooting and helping other shooters out as long as he is able to.

"I don't want to retire someday and see the level of the competition go down, because even after I retire, I want to stay active in bull's-eye shooting in the pistol competition with the NRA. My personal best score is a 2679 out of a possible 2700, and the national record is a 2680," said Zins.

Zins and Jem Henderson are the only competitors who consistently shoot above 2660 at the NRAC.

"I want to see more people shoot in my range, and that is why I do the clinics," Zins said. "If someone beats me, I want it to be someone that I taught to shoot."

"I was sitting there at Camp Perry and I hear this master sergeant tell a younger guy, 'you see that guy pulling in the parking lot,' talking about Gunnery Sgt. Zins. 'We aren't going to win this contest if he is competing,'" Chuck Zins said.

Before every match Zins listens to Tool's Lateralus album. Although Zins doesn't think it contributes to his winning, he said it puts him in the mindset to shoot.

"Honestly, I don't know what it is that makes me different. I don't do anything different. You just have to have sight alignment and trigger control. I think that mentally, that is the breaking point between me and others. I can turn off and on distractions, and I don't believe most people can do that," Zins said.

"I'm fairly modest. I really don't go out of my way to brag about my accomplishments with the pistol, although I do with the Marines on my team to motivate them a little bit," Zins said.

"I want to be a legacy for any and all pistol shooters," Zins said. With eight NRA Championships and a high score of 2,679, Zins is well on his way. ■

Oden to skip U.S. training camp after tonsillectomy

Brian Mahoney
AP basketball writer

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — Greg Oden is leaning toward skipping U.S. training camp next month, possibly ending his chances of playing in the 2008 Olympics.

Oden, the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, had a tonsillectomy July 14 and was forced to miss the Americans' mini-camp last weekend in Las Vegas. He has an invitation to join the team when it reconvenes for training camp on Aug. 15, but said July 27 he probably wouldn't be there.

Oden was in New York for the rookie photo shoot, where most of next season's incoming class of players donned their uniforms for the first time for their pictures that will be used on Topps and Upper Deck trading cards.

Oden was here last month for the draft and flew that night to Portland to be introduced the next day. He's had multiple trips to New York and Oregon, plus trips to Orlando, Fla., and Las Vegas since his college career ended. He struggled through two games of the Las Vegas summer league before shutting down for the surgery.

Oden said he would soon begin working out back home in Indianapolis, joined by Trail Blazers assistant Bill Bayno.

Oden was invited to practice with the Americans last summer but couldn't play because of his broken wrist. He is unlikely to be a candidate for the roster in Beijing without playing either of the two previous summers.

"Those who have missed two years in a row, the odds are against them," USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo said.

USA Basketball hasn't heard from Oden one way or the other, but Colangelo has been kept aware of Oden's situation from Portland coach Nate McMillan, an assistant with the U.S. team.

With Oden and Shane Battier probably out, J.J. Redick likely being moved to the practice squad that will scrimmage against the Americans next month, and Nick Collison joining the team at that time, the U.S. roster should be at 16 when camp reopens. The roster has to be down to 12 the day before the FIBA Americas tournament starts Aug. 22. ■

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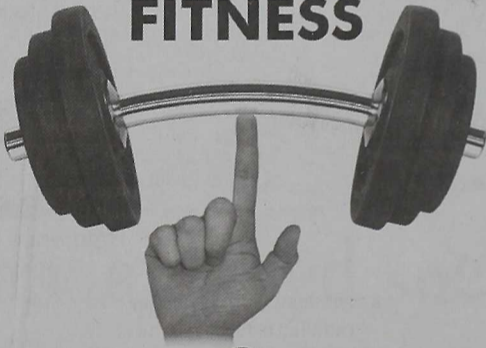


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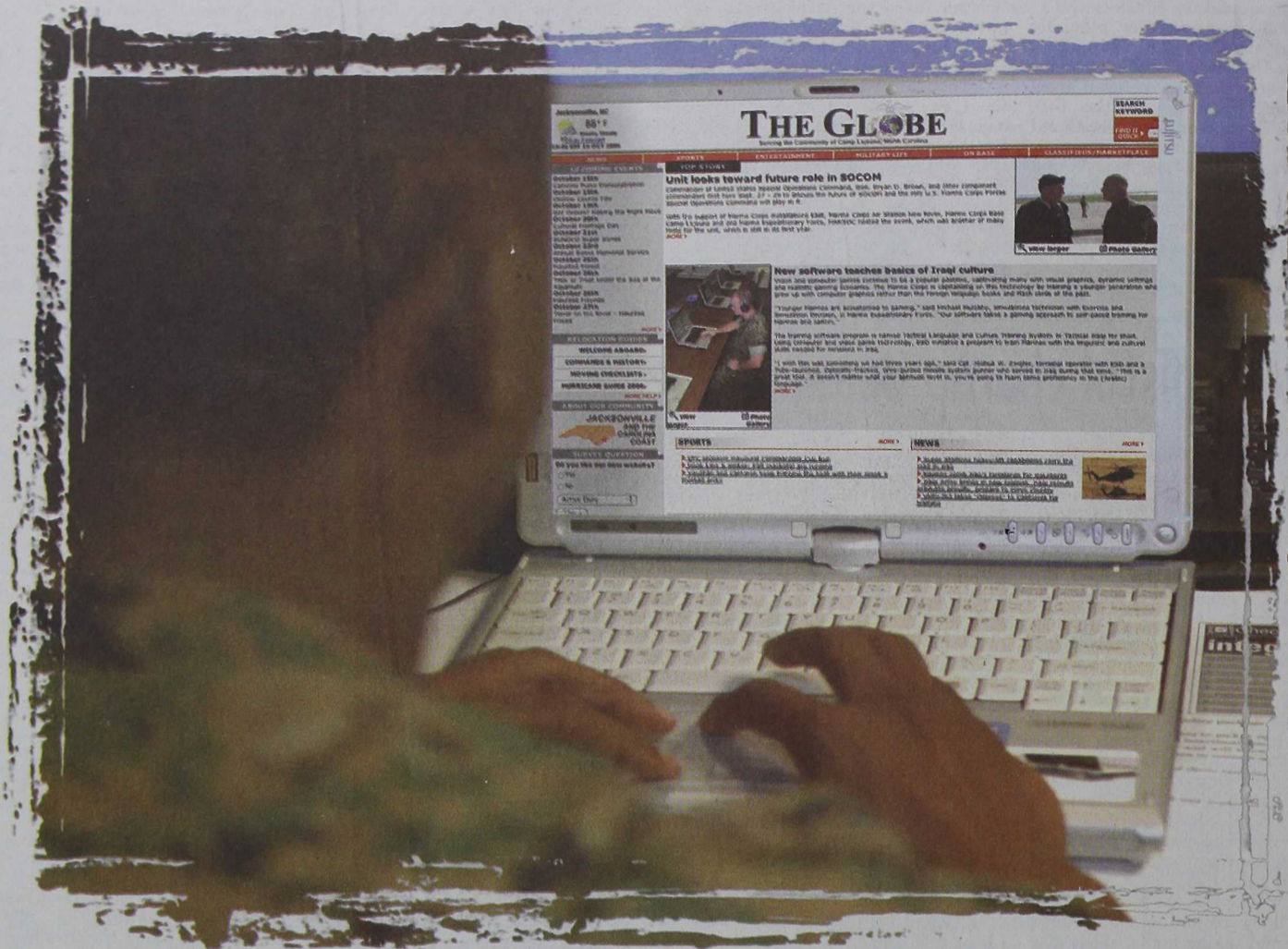


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Ground-breaking Corporals' Course ongoing



Corporals' Course: Staff Sgt. Edward A. Negron, the Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge for the Camp Lejeune Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy's Corporals' Course, teaches his class about Marine leadership traits. The Corporals' Course the Camp Lejeune Staff NCO Academy is now teaching is the first of its kind. There has never been a Corporals' Course taught by a Staff NCO academy in the history of the Marine Corps. The class is set to a schedule and will be held year round for commands wishing to participate.

Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Marine Corps Base

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP GEIGER, N.C. — Never in the history of the Marine Corps has a Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy taught a Corporals' Course. The SNCO academy at Camp Lejeune is now teaching courses on a regular basis. The first ever of these classes is taking place at Camp Geiger right now.

Staff Sgt. Edward A. Negron, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the Corporals' Course, is currently teaching the first course.

"Commands are showing their need for NCOs by sending their Marines here," said Negron.

"There were originally 75 seats available for the

first course: 50 were filled," said Negron. "This is very good for a first class."

"The course is very challenging; it helps us learn how to lead Marines," said Cpl. Jon P. Popp, a crewman with the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Division.

This course is taught on a set curriculum developed from what commands teach in their own classes, said Master Gunnery Sgt. Marc L. Coudriet, deputy director of the academy.

"We saw a definite need for a Corporals' Course that runs on a set schedule," said Coudriet.

In the 1980s, Marine NCOs attended the Marine Leadership Course. This course then turned into the modern day Sergeants' Course.

"There was no specific course for corporals," said Coudriet.

Having no specific course to teach to corporals, developed their own command schools into what is now the Corporals' Course.

Sgt. Maj. Rick D. James, director for the Staff NCO academy came up with the idea to start the Corporals' Course at Camp Lejeune.

Camp Lejeune's academy is planning an annual schedule, which will be released a year in advance so commands can plan when they want to send their Marines to the course, said Coudriet.

Four consecutive classes will begin running in October, and 400 spots will be available for Marines; courses are open to all surrounding commands,

explained Coudriet.

"These classes focus on leadership that helps in becoming a sergeant in the Marine Corps," said Coudriet.

Corporals' courses typically teach junior leaders basic leadership skills to be used in most situations. The Camp Geiger course has now added on a more advance war fighting package. This will teach Marines to lead in a field environment, explained Coudriet. Marines in this class will also learn basic sword manual, drill, physical training and uniform inspections, along with material taught in academic classes.

For more information on the corporals' courses offered by the Camp Lejeune Staff NCO academy call 449-0506. ■

Hotline offers options

Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

Camp Lejeune is home to many costly supplies, vehicles and equipment. The abuse of these things is costly to the tax payer and most importantly — the mission. Fortunately, there is a way to combat this threat.

The Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline is available for reporting such crimes to the proper authorities without going through the chain of command, said Maj. Lou Maida, deputy command inspector general for Marine Corps Installations East and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

"Fraud, waste, abuse and related improprieties, such as theft or misuse of government resources or conflicts of interest, are serious matters, which can significantly increase the cost of government and reduce available resources needed to support Marine Corps operating forces," according to Marine Corps Order 7510.5A.

Examples of such abuse may include theft of supplies, driving a government vehicle for non-work related activities, using government property for personal use or even reporting a hostile work environment, said Maida.

For those thinking their problem will not be addressed, don't doubt the hotline.

"This hotline never

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Base does its part for endangered species

Cpl. Michael T. Knight
Marine Corps Base

The bald eagle was chosen as the emblem of the United States of America, because of its long life, great strength and majestic looks, according to State Handbook and Guide Resources.

This American symbol was one of the first animals placed on the endangered species list with the establishment of the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

And while the bird was officially removed from the list July 9, — Camp Lejeune's Environmental Conservation Department is doing their part to keep it off.

"Over-hunting the bird and its adverse reaction to Dichloro Diphenyl Trichloroethane insecticide have been the primary cata-

lysts in driving the bird near extinction," said Craig Ten Brink, a wildlife biologist for Camp Lejeune's Threatened and Endangered Species Department.

When an eagle's nest was discovered on base in 2000 along New River waterway near Highway 172 bridge, measures were implemented to ensure no base activities interfered with the habitat of the nest, said Ten Brink.

The main threat to the eagle during nesting, which occurs during late fall to mid spring, is low flying aircraft. Camp Lejeune restricts flights during these times to minimize disturbance, he said.

The bald eagle is off the endangered species list but is

still covered under the Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940.

This act was originally established to prohibit the capture of the birds for commerce and over the years several

amendments have been made to cover an increasing variety of threats,

according to Digest of Federal Resource Laws of Interest to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"The Bald Eagle needs coastal regions to nest and in some cases is the only hindrance to coastal development," said Ten Brink.

"The Bald Eagle population has been increasingly thriving for years, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wanted to ensure that the Bald Eagle Protection Act verbiage was amended for current threats to the species," said Ten Brink.

"My staff and I are not only responsible for health of the Bald Eagle but the survival of all wildlife species on base. Extra attention is focused on the

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Disabled American Veterans helping out



Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Veterans: From left to right, Peter Franco, Paul Hetman, Jason Keough, Charles Mondorf, all are disabled veterans who work for the Disabled American Veterans.

Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Marine Corps Base

For many combat veterans, going to war means coming home a different person. For some, that means losing a limb; for others the mental images of war are always a blink away. For those that are injured or permanently disabled, there is help.

Following World War I, the government was under fund-

ed and unable to keep up with the need to supply jobs and provisions for service members. It was in this situation that disabled veterans in need of both social help and funds joined together to raise money and create jobs for their fellow men.

In 1920, Capt. Robert S. Marx played an instrumental role in creating the Disabled American Veterans of the World War. A year later he called a group of disabled veterans from around

the country. The group of 250 veterans met in Cincinnati and created the national organization, which was then divided into state and local chapters.

Staying true to their commitment to building better lives for disabled veterans and their families, Disabled America... Veterans has become one of the finest veteran's service organizations in the world, said Jason

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Quick Shots

Marine Corps Association

Members, active duty, guests and family are invited to the Marine Corps Association luncheon on Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheon is scheduled to be held at the Point Club. Lt. Col. Donald Coleman is the guest speaker. For more information or to make reservations, go to www.mca-usa.org or call Al at 451-0487.

Recruiting Stations Needed

The Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Camp Lejeune is looking for qualified Marines (and below) to assist with the recruiting effort as Recruiters in North Carolina, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The position offers a competitive score bonus, Meritorious Service Medal, Certificates of Appreciation and other incentives awarded to successful Recruiters. For more information, call Sgt. Tracy at 612-725-1111 or e-mail trulson-ybg@marines.us.

Registration for CSC, Distance Education

Registration for the Marine Corps College of Continuing Education will begin on May 31. The Marine Corps College of Continuing Education has ceased enrolling new students in the distance and Staff Sergeant and Staff Sergeant (Honorary) School distance education programs. Students wishing to enroll in the EWS must do so at the Marine College of Continuing Education. Enrollment, transition, discuss your situation please contact the CE Regional Coordinator's office at 751-9309 or send mail to recample@colts.com.

Cross-Training Opportunities Needed

Interested in volunteering your time to others? The American Red Cross is seeking volunteer orientations at 10:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the American Red Cross Camp Lejeune Main Building. The orientation is just across the street from the Camp Lejeune SNCO Thrift Store on Birch Street. Orientation takes about one and a half hours and is the first of one of the volunteer opportunities at the Camp Lejeune Main Building. Primary Clinic, or the American Red Cross office. Call 451-1111 to register for next orientation.

Fair

Interested in seeking are invited to the fair Aug. 23 at Fort Bragg Officer's Club. For more information call 910-907-2582.

Combat Casualty Program meets critical need

Lisa Aszklar

Naval Marine Corps Relief Society
staff writer

From the time he was a young boy, Major James L. Browning Jr. wanted to fly. As a 12 year old, Browning joined the Mississippi Wing Civil Air Patrol, a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. During his time as a Civilian Air Patrol cadet, he learned the importance of leadership, physical fitness, and a strong moral compass—all qualities that would serve him well as a Marine in the years to come.

Following high school, Browning enlisted, earning the rank of corporal before leaving active duty to enter college in Mississippi as a commercial aviation major. In 2000, he accepted a posi-

tion with USAir, flying small passenger jets out of Richmond, Va. Hoping to augment his salary as a commercial pilot, in late 2001 Browning joined 3rd Battalion 14th Marine Regiment, an artillery reserve unit based in Richmond.

As a member of 3/14, Browning was cross-trained as a military policeman in preparation for his unit's activation and deployment to Iraq, and by March 2006, 3/14 was on its way to Anbar province. Then, over a 36-hour period in late April, the young Marine suddenly began to experience excruciating headaches that culminated in an inter-cranial bleed beneath his skull. He had suffered a debilitating stroke that left him partially paralyzed.

When Browning's parents

received word of their son's condition, they immediately made arrangements to meet their son at National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, where he had been airlifted following his initial surgery in Germany.

Together, the family shuffled between National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, the Veterans Administration Hospital in Richmond, Va., and the Traumatic Brain Injury Unit at the Veterans Administration hospital in Tampa, Fla. Very quickly, Jim and Brenda Browning found themselves incapable of meeting expenses, both at home and in their travels with their son during his many surgeries.

Fortunately, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's Combat Casualty Visiting Nurse Program stepped in to assist.

First, NMCRS Bethesda Director Ed Potts met with Major Browning's parents and outlined how the Society could help. Potts provided an immediate grant to cover the cost of food and lodging until government funds were issued to cover these mounting expenses. Also, because the family's income suffered when Brenda Browning left her job to be with their son, the Society was able to help cover some of the Brownings' ongoing expenses back home in Mississippi.

Next, Potts referred the Browning family to an NMCRS Combat Casualty Visiting Nurse, Susan Boyd. Boyd immediately met with the family to answer any questions they had concerning the prescribed course of care and to help navigate through the military medical rehabilitation process.

Serving as the Brownings' personal advocate, Boyd not only monitors Major Browning's rehabilitation, but also makes sure the family is able to successfully address issues that may arise as a result of his injury. She provides the family with critical information concerning resources and programs available to them, and she is available if the family has any concerns or simply needs a shoulder on which to lean. Since the Combat Casualty Program guarantees that a Society Visiting Nurse will be available for as long as the need exists, the family is assured any financial or medical issues that arise as a result of their son's combat-related injury will be addressed quickly and efficiently.

Jim and Brenda Browning

couldn't be more with the care they received at NNMCRS, which Jim Browning, a wonderful house of Further, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and its Casualty Program claim, has helped it afloat, both mentally and financially, and provided the number of families Browning has referred to NMCRS Bethesda. Potts says that at least a dozen service members and their families who have turned to the Society for help meeting their financial expenses!

"Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery," Potts says, "but from service members' families whom we've come in a close sec-



Cpl. Michael Knight

Eagle Nest: The bald eagle's nest, located on base near the Highway 172 Bridge is highlighted in the photo. The nest is usually occupied by the birds during the winter months.

EAGLES

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species currently on the threatened and endangered species list," he said. Red-cockaded woodpeckers, green and log-

gerhead sea turtles, piping plovers, rough-leaved loose strife and sea beach amaranth are the wildlife on base currently threatened or endangered.

"The best part of my job is witnessing the revival of a dying species of an ani-

mal or plant on base, said Ten Brink. "This reward is two fold, a species is saved and the base is put in good standing with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife."

For more information on endangered wildlife visit www.fws.gov. ■

HOTLINE

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turns away a complaint," said Majda. "We go right to the order to see whether or not we can investigate a claim, but it is up to the commanding officer or commanding general to prosecute depending on what level it is."

According to the Department-of-Defense-wide Hotline Web site, this service work, which receives more than 228,000

calls and letters, has helped the government to save or recover \$425 million. Service members, family and personal aboard Camp Lejeune encouraged to report these abuses keeps tax payers' money where it belongs — with the tax payers and mission moving forward.

To report an act of impropriety to ask questions regarding waste and abuse, contact the Marine Corps Base hotline at 451-3929 or DOD hotline at 800-424-9098. ■

DAV

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Keough, the Jacksonville Chapter 16 commander.

Some of the many services DAV offers are the Homeless Veterans Initiative, Transition Service Program, the Service Outreach Programs, Disaster Relief Programs and the DAV's Claim Representative Services before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

DAV's Transition Service Program is designed specifically to help enlisted service members move from military life back into civilian life. This program allows DAV professionals to host pre-discharge assistance briefings and correct service member's military records.

"DAV helps the wounded warriors with the more pressing matters in their lives," said Keough, who is a disabled veteran himself. "We also help with the normal paperwork and issues that appear."

"We help the service members review their VA package and show them what to look for when filing paperwork. Our service officers help them review and get the benefits they deserve, and make

sure they are covered when they get out."

Service and Outreach Programs also offered to educate disabled veterans and their families on specific benefits and services.

"I would say we are probably the best veteran service center in Jacksonville. Day in and day out, we transport veterans to and from hospitals as far away as Durham and Keough.

Claim representatives for transition are trained to help veterans and their families file claims for VA disability compensation, rehabilitation and transition programs, pensions, death benefits, employment and training programs and many other programs.

"Honestly we do what the veterans want us to do; it is our job to go through their records with them to make sure there are no mistakes if there are any, and get the benefits they need," said Keough.

DAV is always looking for volunteers to help them in their effort to serve those who serve. To help or volunteer with the DAV please contact Jacksonville Chapter 16 at 451-3929 for more information. ■

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Playhouse	6568 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville
Pleasure Palace	Highway 17, Jacksonville
Private Pleasures	5527 Highway 258, Jacksonville
Reflection Photo	353 Western Blvd., Jacksonville
Smitty's R&R	Highway 17, Jacksonville
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Tender Touch	Highway 258, Jacksonville
Veterans Affairs Services	La Miranda, Calif.
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Botta Booms	3054 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville
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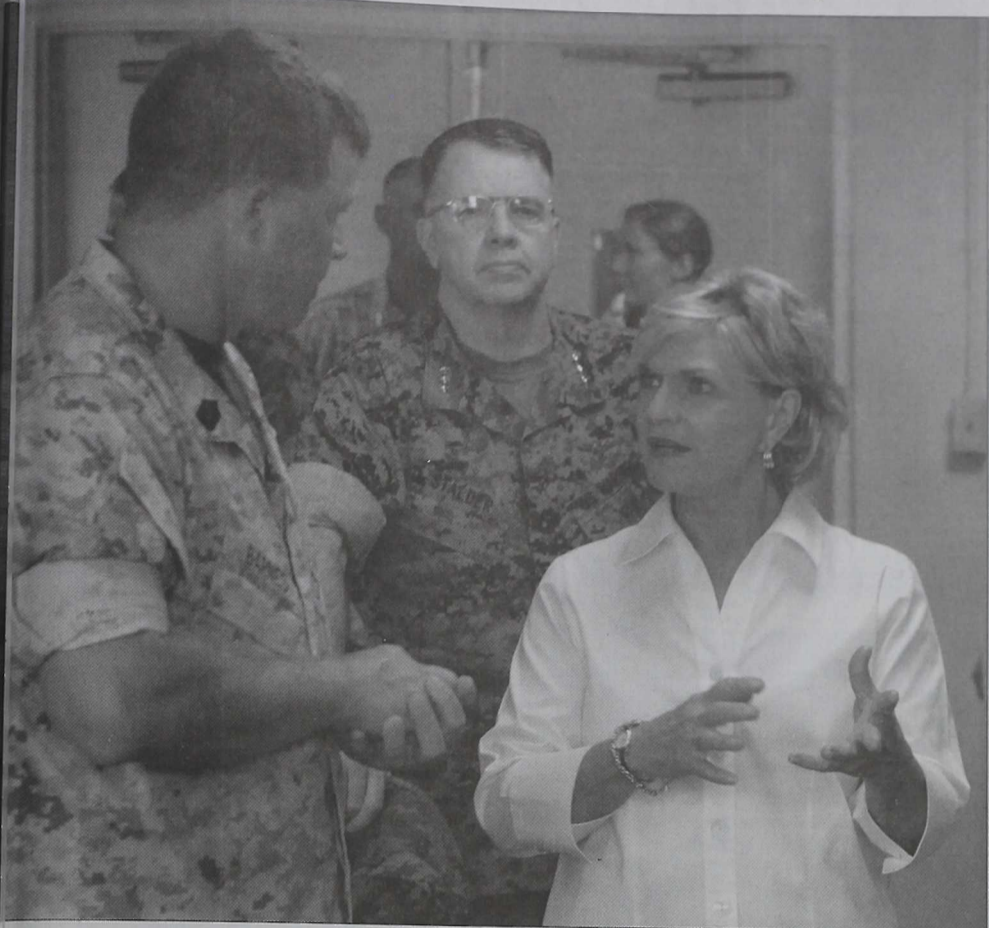
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- carry the same values from work to your off-duty behavior. If you wouldn't do it during duty hours, you should not do it during off time either.
- conduct yourself in a professional image off-duty. Remember, you're an ambassador of the United States Marine Corps and people look up to you.
- take care of each other. Be a good, solid and responsible friend and don't be afraid to step in and call "knock it off." Many off-duty related injuries could have been prevented if friends had intervened.
- not succumb to "road rage." Be the courteous driver and don't be in a hurry ... plan your trip in advance and give yourself buffers so you will not feel rushed.
- be attentive while you drive. Most accidents are caused by not paying attention on the road. Cell phones, switching radio stations and other distractions are the cause of most rear-end collisions.
- seek out required training and become aware of the dangers should you decide to undertake a new hobby or sport.
- travel with friends or a group when enjoying the outdoors. Be in good physical condition for the activity and remember to drink plenty of water.
- watch out for the terrible "Too's" when swimming, too tired, too cold, too far from shore.
- stretch before a game, but not when your muscles are cold. Warm up a little first and then stretch gently. Afterwards, if you have had a vigorous workout, you can stretch more intensely. Learn stretches that are appropriate for your sport.
- never consume alcohol before operating a boat, ATV or other recreational vehicle.
- understand that you are responsible for your own safety both on- and off-duty.
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Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue visits Camp Lejeune



Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue (left) visits Lt. Gen. Keith J. Stalder (right) as they talk about the Wounded Warrior Barracks functions. Lt. Gen. Stalder, commanding general for II Marine Expeditionary Force, listens in, in the background. Perdue visited the Wounded Warrior Barracks and also the MOUT town facility on her visit to Camp Lejeune, July 20.

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New school year starts with two new principals

Story and photos by Heather Owens
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While students around Camp Lejeune are busy selecting their new notebooks and pencils for back-to-school time, two educators are preparing for life at the helm of two different base schools.

Last month, Dewanda Starling Sholar was named principal of Brewster Middle School and Wyonia Butler Chevis was named principal of Lejeune High School. Both are long-time Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools educators.

Meet Dewanda Starling Sholar

Sholar has been a teacher and administrator at Camp Lejeune schools for 19 years. She started teaching at Lejeune High School, then taught at Brewster Middle School for eight years. Later she was assistant principal at Russell Elementary School. At the time she was selected as the principal of Brewster Middle School, she was an assistant principal there.

"Mrs. Sholar is well respected by the staff and community and is a true advocate for children," said Elizabeth Thomas, North Carolina assistant superintendent in a DDESS press release. "She brings a positive energy and enthusiasm and will continue to stay the strong course that Brewster enjoys."

Originally from Raleigh, N.C., Sholar earned her bachelor of science in health education, her masters of education in health education and her education specialist degree in education leadership focusing on administration, supervision and curriculum, all from

East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Sholar and her husband have two children.

Seeing children learn makes Sholar excited to be an educator. "A lot of times you really can see the light-bulbs turn on when students have the 'ah-ha' moments. When you work with children who are already achieving and see them achieve even more, it's wonderful because you know that they're growing and they're continuing to learn. Then it's also wonderful when you see children who have had a hard time learning and they're being successful and they're having the light-bulbs come on," said Sholar in a recent interview.

Sholar enjoys working with middle school youngsters because of the special qualities they possess at this stage of their lives. "I like middle school children. Middle school children are truly in the middle. They're definitely not elementary children. They're definitely not high school students. They're trying to learn to develop themselves. They're funny. They're awkward. They are still sponges in the educational environment. They will challenge you in that they still have that edge where they are inquisitive," she said.

According to Sholar, living in a military community and having parents who deploy are just some of the situations that make the military child unique. Military children help each other through these life issues. She and her staff, as they are specially trained in the issues relevant to military children, do the same. "I think that children who are military dependents become even more independent ... or independent in a different way. They have a lot of coping techniques because they have to



Brewster Middle School: Dewanda Starling Sholar has been an educator at Camp Lejeune for 19 years.

With adults in their life to support them with that, that can be a positive thing. Another thing about being a military child; it allows them the opportunity to live in a lot of different cultures and see a lot of things and learn, not only in school, but learn in society about the different cultures and to make new friends," said Sholar.

DDESS teachers are also uniquely equipped to support the military child, said Sholar. She cited a lot of DDESS teachers have been dependents of military parents, in the military themselves or married to a service member. "We focus specifically on the military child and supporting military families. What's really important is to have the partnership, not just with the child, but with the parent and the community. And if we have those partnerships, it allows us to help make those children successful," said Sholar.

As for the upcoming school year, Sholar has many goals and aspirations. She cites high student achievement as an important goal. Sholar said Brewster Middle school has an "awesome faculty" dedicated to students. According to Sholar, building strong relationships with students and parents tends to raise student achievement. Thus, she and her faculty will continue to build positive relationships with students and parents. Additionally, they will continue to help parents and students who have a family member who is deployed.

Sholar said students at Brewster Middle School can expect a quality education. "Children should expect to want to come to school. We have a positive learning environment at Brewster. I believe that our school is very inviting for students. It's a safe

school. We pride ourselves on the quality education that we provide to the students. Students and parents should also expect the support for education to increase their child's achievement in school," said Sholar.

Meet Wyonia Butler Chevis

Chevis is the 15th principal of LHS. After teaching for a year with the Escambia County schools in Florida, Chevis came to the Camp Lejeune area schools in 1977. She has taught at Stone Street Elementary, Russell Elementary and Brewster Middle schools. She also served as assistant principal at both Russell and Tarawa Terrace II Elementary schools and, most recently, at LHS.

"Lejeune High School is fortunate to have an administrator with the leadership skills and abilities that Mrs. Chevis possess," said Dr. Tom Hager, North Carolina district superintendent in a DDESS press release. "She has a wonderful passion for the teaching and learning process and a great love for the students and their families."

Originally from Church Point, La., Chevis earned her bachelor of art degree in elementary education from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. She earned her master's degree in education administration and supervision from Our Lady of Holy Cross College, in New Orleans, La. Chevis and her husband, retired Marine Lt. Col. Leroy Chevis, have five children.

Chevis said she is excited when former students check in via e-mail, phone call or in person to share their accomplishments and show their gratitude. She enjoys being an educator for so many reasons. "What makes me excited about being an educator is that I am working with and surrounded by a group of educators day in and day out

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Lejeune High School: Wyonia Butler Chevis is the 15th principal of Lejeune High School.

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The 2007 is coming. The Camp Lejeune Single Marine presents the annual Sand Jam, Friday, at Onslow Board Marine Base Camp.

The event will consist of lots of fun activities including a tug-of-war, a flex-on-h event, loads of volleyball and the dunk contest. Of course, it would not be a summer event without musical entertainment.

Entertainment will include "Eve To Adam" and their dynamic and energetic live band. "Mustang" will be present to provide your enjoyment or more information at Sand Jam, 7247 or visit cslejeune.com/

Wise Point Care Center

Wise Point Child Center has opened an afternoon pre-teen class for 4-6 year olds. The class meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. A bus is provided from Johnson School to the center for those students. The center is located at 451-8875.

National

National Night Out
National Night Out is a night out to celebrate crime prevention. It is scheduled to take place at Park in Onslow, Tuesday, August 7, 9:30 p.m. The Onslow Police Department, Camp Lejeune and New River Police Department have sponsored this event locally for the last nine years. O'Banion and Gras are scheduled to play on the main field. Miss North Carolina USA, Erin Chevis, is scheduled to make an appearance at the event. There will be static displays of military equipment as well as family fun including balloons, face painting, and prizes. More than 30 vendors will be available. Dancing, fire-eating and the annual give-away will be available. For more information, call 451-1212.

Spouses Night Out

Spouses Night Out at the Community Center is a free Spouses Night Out for Aug. 17, 7:30 to 8 p.m. The program will include a fashion show by Vogue, entertainment, refreshments, a door prize drawing to win a free limo and much more. Seating is limited, so call 451-1807 to reserve yours today.

'A Mighty Heart:' heart wrenching, real life drama



From the front row

Reinhold Moldenhauer Huneycutt

Playing at Camp Lejeune Theater

A MIGHTY HEART (R)

"A Mighty Heart" is a film about the memoirs of the life of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl and his wife, Mariane.

The movie is based on Mariane Pearl's account of the terrifying and unforgettable story of her husband, his life and their marriage, and her intense search for her husband and his captors. Daniel's colleagues, law enforcement and government officials also helped in the search.

Daniel Pearl, who was the South Asia bureau chief for the Wall Street Journal, was beheaded by terrorists in Pakistan in early 2002. This film raises difficult questions about how reporters cover war, America's role in the Middle East and the danger of religious fundamentalism.

Angelina Jolie ("Mr. & Mrs. Smith," "Taking Lives," "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider") portrays Mariane Pearl, the wife of the slain reporter. Mariane was six months pregnant with her first child when the ordeal began.

Dan Futterman ("Enough," "The Bird Cage") plays Daniel Pearl, who was kidnapped in Pakistan and eventually slain on tape, for the world to see, by al Qaeda operatives.

Also appearing are Irrfan Khan ("The Namesake") as the sympathetic Pakistani official, known as Captain, who is leading the investigation; Denis O'Hare ("Take Me Out") as John Bussey, one of Dan's editors; Will Patton ("Remember the Titans") as Randall Bennett, U. S. Embassy Security agent; Archie Panjabi

("Bend It Like Beckham") as Asra Q. Nomani, Dan's longtime friend and colleague.

Director Michael Winterbottom ("Road to Guantanamo," "Welcome to Sarajevo," "Tristram Shandy," "Code 46," "Under the Sun") shot the film primarily in India; however the filmmakers also decided to shoot on location and traveled to the dangerous parts of Pakistan where the story actually unfolds, including the Village Restaurant where Daniel was to meet his contact and the hotel where he met the man who was later identified as one of his accused murderers.

"A Mighty Heart" could have been a contemporary thriller; however, due to its subject matter, it is presented in a more documentary style.

The material was taken from the 2003 book "A Mighty Heart: The Brave Life and Death of My Husband Danny Pearl," written by Mariane Pearl. She wrote the book for her son, Adam, as an introduction to the father he would never meet.

Jolie's excellent portrayal brings a lot of heart and soul to this political drama showing how Daniel and Mariane were very deeply in love and equal partners in what they both worked for. The movie also conveys the courage and compassion Mariane displayed after the ordeal.

"A Mighty Heart" is a heart wrenching and powerful film about an event that shocked the world.

Note: Pearl is one of 230 journalists who have been murdered since 2002.

Playing at Midway Park Theater

WAITRESS (PG-13)

"Waitress" is a comic drama and a take on modern pregnancy.

A small town waitress' life changes when she discovers she is pregnant with her immature husband's baby. Keri Russell ("Mission Impossible III," "The Upside of Anger") stars as Jenna who is working in a small but cheery southern diner as a waitress where she is best known for

her wonderful tasty pies.

Hoping that one of her pastries will win her a pie contest so she will have enough cash to leave her abusive husband Earl, played by Jeremy Sisto ("A Lot Like Love"), she suddenly finds out that she is pregnant.

Jenna is not thrilled hearing the news of her pregnancy and takes a reckless leap into the arms of the hunky and cute town physician, Dr. Pomatter, played by Nathan Fillion ("Slither").

Costarring is Sheryl Hines ("Along Came Polly") as Becky, Jenna's friend.

Andy Griffith appears as cranky Old Joe, the owner of the diner; and the late filmmaker Adrienne Shelly plays Dawn, a waitress pal of Jenna.

Director, writer and actress Adrienne Shelly ("I'll Take You There," "Sudden Manhattan," "Urban Legend") is known as the original Indie film It Girl. The filmmaker was murdered before the film's debut and never got to enjoy the great reviews and accolades "Waitress" received.

"Waitress" is a sweet and poignant tale with warm and appealing characters. It plays a little like a television sitcom, infused with lots of charm among the fearless sense of humor and powerful strength of its messages.

Playing at Jacksonville Theater

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY (PG-13)

"I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" is a comedy about two straight men who pretend to be a gay couple in order to receive domestic partner benefits.

Adam Sandler ("Click," "Spanglish," "50 First Dates") and Kevin James ("Hitch," "Monster House") star as the fire fighters, Chuck Levine and Larry Valentine.

The two are friends and the pride of their station, always willing to help each other in times of need.

When Larry's wife passes away before signing the couple's life insurance forms, he must think of raising his kids with little means. He is told that if he would remarry, the situation could be ironed out.

Seeing no prospects for the single Dad, Chuck proposed to his friend that they should pretend to have a gay relationship. Larry could then qualify for domestic partner benefits.

Forced to improvise as love struck newlyweds, Chuck and Larry fumble through a hilarious charade of domestic bliss under one roof.

However, the two friends discover that sticking together whenever needed is what truly makes a family.

Costarring are Jessica Biel ("The Illusionist," "Stealth") as



'A Mighty Heart:' This film is about memoirs of the life of Wall Street reporter Daniel Pearl and his wife, Mariane who is played by Angelina Jolie.

Alex McDonough, attorney for Chuck and Larry; Ving Rhames ("Idlewild") as Duncan, one of the tough firefighters; Steve Buscemi ("The Island") as inspector Clinton Fitzer; Dan Aykroyd ("Christmas with the Kranks") as Captain Tucker, the fire chief; and Richard Chamberlain ("The Thorn Birds") as Councilman Banks.

Director Dennis Dugan ("Benchwarmers," "National Security," "Saving Silverman," "Happy Gilmore") based this tale on an idea a widowed fireman in New Jersey had. He did something similar when his insurance paperwork got caught up in bureaucracy's tape.

"I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" is a rather crude and silly attempt of bringing the controversial gay marriage issue to the attention of a broader audience.

1408 (PG-13)

"1408" is a supernatural thriller about a writer who is known for his ghost stories and haunted tales who gets a taste of his own fiction.

John Cusack ("Must Love Dogs," "The Ice Harvest," "Runaway Jury") stars as Mike Enslin, a writer specializing in supernatural tales.

The renowned horror novelist believes only in what he can see

with his own two eyes.

So when he checks in at a New York City hotel for a book project, he is determined to check out the notorious 1408 at the hotel to about the myth and stories. His lonely night about to change forever.

Defying the warning of the hotel manager, Gerold ("Snakes on a Plane" Carter), that 56 people died in that room, an tenant has survived for one hour. Enslin is the son in years to star in a reportedly haunted room.

Now he must suffer a supernatural hotel room from skeptic to true believer.

Costarring is McCormack ("World's End" as Lilly Enslin; and Jessica Anthony ("Cayou Can") as Gracie Enslin, author's young daughter.

Director Mikael ("Derailed," "Vendetta") based this tale from a 2002 story by the diabolical Stephen King. "1408" is a chilling ghost and a creepy psychological horror movie. Most of all, it's a bender.

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



'Waitress:' This drama stars Keri Russell as Jenna, a waitress in a small-town diner who finds out that she is pregnant.

Pets of the Week: Save a life today.

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Writing provides creative outlet; way to 'tell your truth'

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Sgt. Larry D. Johns of Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) felt that improvisational writing was such a wonderful endeavor that he spent one day of his two-week leave at Camp Lejeune at a writing class.

"Writing allows me to really get what's in my heart," Johns said.

Writing from his heart is his specialty. He spends his free time at Camp Lejeune, Iraq, writing devotionals that he distributes via e-mail to interested parties.

"I incorporate what we do into a devotionals to encourage Marines, sailors, soldiers and other service members," said Johns, a 21-year Marine Corps veteran.

Writing is very therapeutic. It gives you to escape reality, but at the same time face reality. Johns said. "It has made it half of my deployment experience."

The local Carolina Community College sponsored the workshop and other service members attended titled "Writing Home: Telling your story from stateside or the combat zone" Wednesday at the A. Lejeune Education Center.

Debra Bates, an English teacher at Coastal and Pines Community College, and Bill Tripp, a Marine first sergeant with 17 years of service to the Marine Corps, taught the class.

Writing is a way to connect with other people," said Bates. She is producing the class. "Think of the stories locked inside — how is anyone going to get them out unless you write them down?"

Tripp, who is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and is currently working on his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, said it is important for service members to tell their truth through writing.

In order to get the average service member's experience in the Global War on Terror out to the general public.



Cpl. Joel Abshier

Journaling: As mentioned in the writing class "Writing the War Home," keeping a journal is a great way to remember events for future writing. It also helps to hone the craft of writing.

"Honestly, they want to hear your story," said Tripp.

Johns agreed. "It's not all about doom and gloom [in Iraq]. The media is doing a great disservice. We don't hear a lot about the families coming together, about the tribes coming together," he said.

There's no reason for the average Marine or sailor not to think that their story is important. Tripp said that traditionally there have been a lot of books written about the "heroes and the generals" of war.

However, he said, "There are still plenty of books out there by the average guy or gal."

One such book Bates encouraged military writers to check out is "Operation Homecoming: Iraq, Afghanistan, and the

Home Front, in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Families" edited by Andrew Carroll (Random House, 2006).

The book contains eye witness accounts, private journals, short stories, poems and other writings from the average Joe's and Jane's of the war.

One of the best ways to remember experiences from deployment (so as to eventually write a short story or book) is to keep a journal.

Bates and Tripp encouraged writers at the workshop to carry around a notebook as a way to capture thoughts, quotations and other bits of information that can be used later in one's writing.

Johns brought his "thoughts" notebook to the class. He said he carries it everywhere to

write down bits of information he can later use in his devotionals and other writings.

Lance Cpl. Emanuel Nelson of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, who also attended the workshop, kept a journal in Iraq as a way to "show my family my emotions at certain times."

"I'm big on history," said Nelson who is about the start work on a criminal justice degree and, therefore, attended the class to get tips to improve his writing. "I want to write about my previous experience so my children and grandchildren can read it."

Nelson's buddy, Cpl. Andrew Morrison, also of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, said he kept a journal for the first part of his tour in Iraq, until things got too busy for him to continue.

"I write about the different experiences I had in Iraq, the different cultures in Iraq, what a typical Marine goes through serving their country," said Morrison.

Morrison said the workshop was helpful to him and could be helpful to other Marines as well.

"There's probably a lot of Marines out there that want to write a book, but they don't know how to do it," said Morrison. "I think that this is a good [workshop] because it might let them know how to do it. So I think the word should be spread [about it]."

Editor's note: Another "Writing the War Home" workshop is scheduled for Sept. 19. For more information about the workshop, call 938-6864. ■

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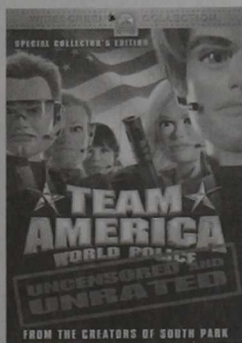
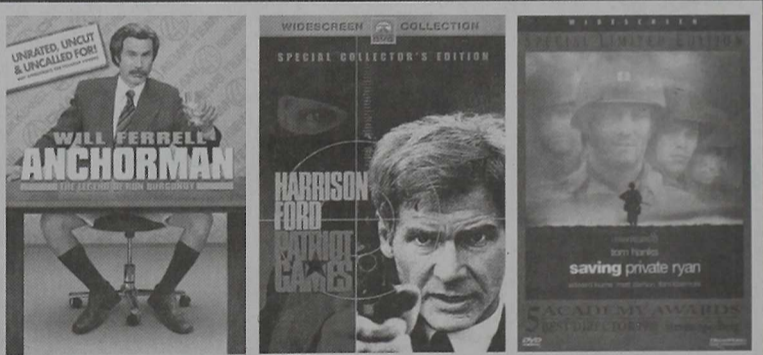
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USO sends greetings abroad

Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

Friends and family can now send cheer and goodwill to service members deployed abroad and even grab a few slices of pizza while they're at it - free.

Volunteers at the Jacksonville United Service Organization will record brief messages from friends and family, which will be sent to their deployed service member in a new program labeled 'Smiles Over the Miles' starting today from 5-8 p.m., said Sarah Beth Burchell, center director for the USO of Jacksonville.

"The idea is to boost the morale of the troops abroad," said Burchell.

Burchell had been sending video messages to her husband during his deployment, but when a request from a local Marine to record more than 16 families left her without a solution, the USO worked to create this program, she said.

"I couldn't support him and all the families, and it became apparent that there was an obvious need for this in this military communi-

ty," said Burchell. Happening on the first Thursday of each month, the program will allow families to talk about home, family events or even to just say "I love you," continued Burchell.

Families and friends are encouraged to bring in props or even sing, she said.

Visitors can also expect a free meal during their visit.

"The most memorable moment of the USO for me was watching a show, as a child, in an airplane hanger, while my father was deployed," said Doug Troop, assistant manager of the Marine Boulevard Pizza Hut, who is donating pizza to the event. "I wanted to give back to a group that gave so much to me so I brought this up to the store and they signed off on it."

Family members interested in attending can include a short letter in the package, but must bring the address of the deployed service member and have a Department of Defense identification or dependant card.

For more information, visit the Jacksonville USO at 9 Tallman St. or contact them at 455-3411. ■



Smiles: Sarah Beth Burchell, center director for the USO of Jacksonville, poses with a DVD and envelope that will be used to mail to deployed service members as part of the USO's new program 'Smiles Over the Miles' starting today from 5-8 p.m.

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who live and breathe wanting to make a difference and wanting to see students successful. Through a variety of strategies, techniques, research, collaboration, meetings and planning there is evidence that student has the opportunity to be challenged, become risk takers, be successful, but most of all be strong leaders in society," said Chevis.

Military youth are unique because they face a great variety of experiences and learn to support one-another through them. "The military dependents living on base are consistently exposed to military life on a day-to-day basis. Most of the students adapt to moving from stateside to overseas giving them a wide range of experiences. Most military students know how to face hardship. They learn to appreciate and respect what their sponsors do in the military. They are unique as they are willing to support their family and each other," said Chevis.

Chevis said that she enjoys working with all age groups of children as they are all unique in their own way. Of high school students, she said, "The high school students' aspirations and goals are more defined and as they challenge themselves to their new world after high school. You [as the educator] get to witness strong leadership roles at work right before your eyes."

Increasing student achievement is Chevis' main goal for the year. "One of my focuses is to create and sustain a unified, cohesive unit which will increase higher achievement levels and encourage empowerment and autonomy of the staff and students. LHS will continue the tradition of taking pride in the students, parents, community, staff and administrators. My hope is to encourage students that failure is not an option. As a community, we want students to excel to their highest potentials and enjoy their high school years," said Chevis.

Coming to a new school can be a little daunting if the student doesn't know what to expect. Chevis said that new students to LHS can expect a safe learning environment. "New students can

expect a safe environment, to be treated fairly, and feel comfortable amongst their peer group because they share similar experiences and background. But most of all they can expect a positive atmosphere at LHS. There are no perfect students, no perfect parents, and no perfect educators but we will strive to make school life better and rewarding for all. I recently read an article titled, "Failure is not an Option" that reinforced my professional goals to help all students reach their highest potentials," said Chevis.

Invoking the school mascot, the Devilpup, Chevis said that, "I would like to salute the principals, staff, students, parents, community, alumni and superintendents [of LHS] from 1944 to present for their efforts, dreams and strong determination. They created traditions in order for LHS families to be proud to be a Devilpup."

During these last weeks of summer vacation while students busy themselves with leisure activities as well as preparing to go back to school, both Sholar and Chevis are preparing Brewster Middle School and Lejeune High School to welcome them back in the fall. ■

Wi-Fi hotspots expand across Camp Lejeune

Sgt. Steven King
Marine Corps Community Services

It's probably not news to most wired Internet users aboard Camp Lejeune that Marine Corps Exchange partnered with Gateway Computers a little while back to establish the Wi-Fi hotspot in the Marine Corps called "SeaWi-Fi." What is news for most is the expansion of Wi-Fi hotspots across Camp Lejeune's Marine Corps Community Services facilities.

Now, wireless Internet is available not only at the Marine Corps Exchange Food Court, but at the Harriette B. Smith Library, the Hospitality Inn, the Communication Centers (fee involved) and all Semper Fit recreation centers. Plan future hotspots include: the Russell Marine Family Services Center (Bldg. 40), Onslow Blvd Camp Johnson facilities and the Air Station Education Center and Library.

Market analysts show that an estimated 14 million Personal Digital Assistants, and other emerging Wi-Fi device sold per year. A person with one of these enabled devices can connect to the Internet in proximity of an access point. The region covered by one or several access points is called a hotspot. Now, with the increased number of hotspots aboard Camp Lejeune, service members and their families can enjoy this service while leaving base, and best of all most locations are free.

"I'm glad that there is Wi-Fi availability at various locations aboard base now, especially a library. It's definitely a convenience. Now I have to wait in the long line here to utilize Internet," said Sgt Patrick Ward, 2nd Battalion.

This Camp Lejeune Wi-Fi hotspot expansion project is a positive initiative toward a better quality of life, and increased personal productivity for service members and their families serving aboard Camp Lejeune. So bring your wireless computer with you and get connected! ■

Sales Tax Holiday

North Carolina law provides a tax exemption for certain items of tangible personal property sold between 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and 11:59 p.m. the following Sunday. For 2007, the dates are Aug. 3 through Aug. 5. Tax exempt items include clothing, footwear, and school supplies of \$100 or less per item; sports and recreation equipment of \$50 or less per item, computers of \$3,500 or less per item; and computer supplies of \$250 or less. Clothing accessories, jewelry, cosmetics, protective equipment, wallets, furniture, items used in a trade or business and rentals are covered by the exemption and will be subject to applicable tax.

The following resources provide additional information about the sales tax holiday:

List of Items Exempt During the Sales Tax Holiday April 2006:
www.dcr.state.nc.us/taxes/sales/Holiday-4-06.pdf

List of Frequently Asked Questions:
www.dcr.state.nc.us/taxes/sales/Holiday_FAQ.pdf

Sales and Use Tax Technical Bulletin Section 34 Sales Tax Holiday:
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Young marriage can be good marriage



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that the laws of gravity didn't apply to her anymore.

Until one afternoon when someone asked how old she was. "I'm 20," she admitted. "Everyone tells me that's young to get married."

Everyone nodded in agreement. But I just shrugged. "That's not too young. I was 21 when we got married and Brad has been in the Navy the whole time. We'll be married 20 years next Wednesday."

"Wednesday? We're getting married that Saturday!" she said. Then she stopped. "Your name is Jacey. My name is Lacie. You're married to Brad. I'm marrying Chad. They're both in the military. Maybe it's a sign."

One of the customers pressed her lips together. As if the sign was that Lacie was too young to get married and I was just lucky not to be three times divorced. I quickly agreed to meet Lacie for lunch. I worried about it for three days afterwards.

By the time I got to the restaur-

ant, all I could think of was how Brad and I were so poor as newlyweds that we ate scrambled eggs and honeymoon potatoes for dinner three days a week. I learned what bitter cold meant in our first housing in Massachusetts. I drove for hours with the dogs in the car because I couldn't bear the loneliness.

And that was during peacetime. I was going to encourage this sweet girl to marry a Marine in the middle of a war?

I had to be crazy. Or justifying my own decisions. We military people do marry too young. According to Department of Defense statistics, over half of all military members 18 - 24 are married. No one has any business getting married that young. Surely I ought to be telling Lacie to live with her lieutenant first or carry on a long distance relationship online or write him off as her first love and move on. Other loves would come for a girl like that.

Then she walked toward me. And she had that darn float on. What can you do with a girl that floats?

So we sat down over salads. She told me about how she already looked into finishing her degree online, but that was going to be harder than she thought. She had contacted the Starbucks in Quantico about transferring there. She told me about how they would probably move four times in the next couple of years and how you couldn't predict where the Corps would send you and when. The questions she had for me showed that she put a lot of thought into the whole thing.

I watched her settle her ducks in a neat little row. I had a row like that myself in 1987. Those ducks didn't stay in a row. They never do. Was that reason enough not to get married?

I could not make myself think so. I'd like to. I'd like to be a more practical woman. I'd like to think that a love that makes your feet

skim the surface of the earth comes along every day.

It doesn't. It doesn't.

I'm not supposed to say that. I'm supposed to believe that you have to be all you can be before you marry. You have to be completely grown up and settled and practically menopausal before you are really ready to settle down.

That's true. I am certain that is true. But it seems less applicable in the face of the float.

Some people really do get lucky. Sometimes the right person does come along when you are in your early twenties. Sometime two young people manage to grow up together. Wind around each other. Shelter each other. Impress each other. Offer kindness upon kindness. Sometimes people manage that for 20 or 40 or 63 years and when they walk toward you, you can't help but know that they still have the float. And nothing is better than that. Nothing. ■

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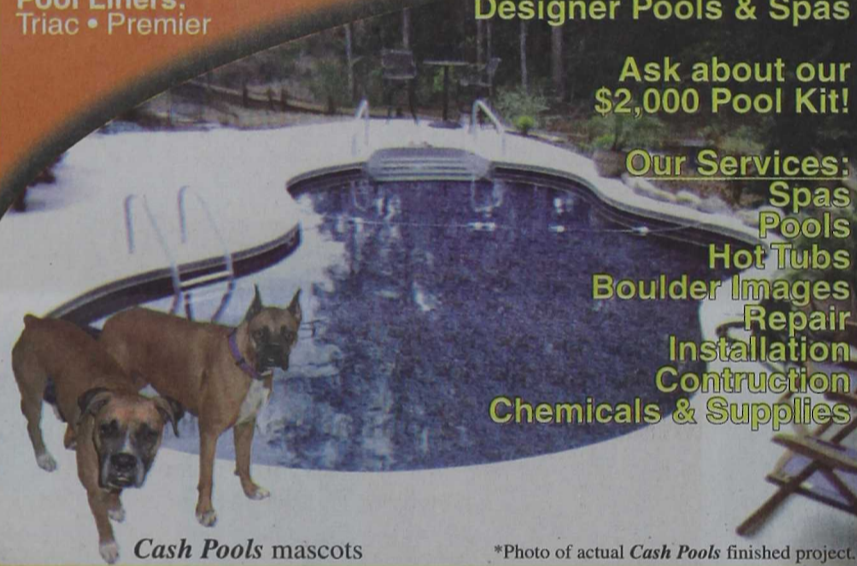
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Aquarium's 2007 photo contest welcomes amateurs

Press release
North Carolina Aquariums

that capture the beauty and diversity of North Carolina's aquatic life as displayed in exhibits at any of the three North Carolina aquariums.

Digital photos must be submitted on CD-ROM. Digital entries must be high resolution jpgs or .tifs, at least 5 by 7 inches at 300 dots per inch. Higher resolutions and/or larger sizes are strongly encouraged. E-mailed entries cannot be accepted.

Print photos must be 5 by 7 inches, or 8 by 10 inches. Prints should be on photo-quality paper. Framed photos cannot be accepted.

Each print or digital entry must be accompanied by an entry application that includes the photographer's name, address and phone number, plus details about the photograph — identification of species shown (if known), name of the aquarium exhibit or underwater dive site or wreck, and the depth at which the underwater photo was taken.

Photographers are responsible for obtaining written permission for use from any person who appears in a photographic entry. Photographers must obtain written permission from a parent or guardian for minors under age 18 shown in an entered photo.

A panel of professional photographers and marine scientists will judge the photos for creativity, proficiency in photography skills and representation of North Carolina's aquatic organisms and habitats.

All entered photographs may be used by the North Carolina Aquariums without further compensation for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to: exhibit graphics, brochures, calendars, publications and Web site graphics. Photographers will be credited in such uses when possible, and will otherwise retain the rights to their work.



Happy 'gator: Barbara Buchanan, of Wilmington, won first-place in last year's "Life in the North Carolina Aquariums" category, with this shot of an American alligator. She took the picture during a visit to the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

Employees of the North Carolina aquariums and their immediate families are not eligible. Photos taken by aquarium volunteers while on duty are not eligible. Photos will not be returned.

For complete contest rules and an entry application, or to view last year's winning entries, visit www.ncaquariums.com. Mail entries to Photo Contest, North Carolina Aquariums, 417 North Blount Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601. All mailed entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, to be eligible. ■

WILMINGTON, N.C. — The North Carolina Aquariums are seeking excellent photos from amateur photographers. Each year, the state's three public aquariums conduct an amateur photography competition. The contest is designed for amateur and non-professional photographers. A fee is required. Deadline for entries is Dec. 31. Winners will be announced on or before March 31, 2008. The aquariums stage the underwater photo contest to showcase the state's rich aquatic resources and to recognize excellence in amateur photography. The contest, now in its 9th year, is sponsored by East Carolina Bank. Prizes are awarded in each of three categories: first place \$200; second place \$100; honorable mention \$50. Winners at all levels receive certificates. Winning photos will be published in the Summer 2008 edition of *Aquatic Life*, the magazine of the North Carolina Aquarium Society. Photographers may submit up to three 35mm slides, prints or digital images in each of three categories: Underwater Open, which may include wide-angle shots of reefs or other North Carolina underwater scenes; Underwater Animal Close-ups (macro); and Aquatic Life in the North Carolina Aquariums, which may feature any animal or group of animals displayed at any of the three North Carolina Aquariums. Photos for the first two categories must be taken by divers off North Carolina or within the state's freshwaters. The third category, "Aquatic Life in the North Carolina Aquariums," allows non-divers to submit photos

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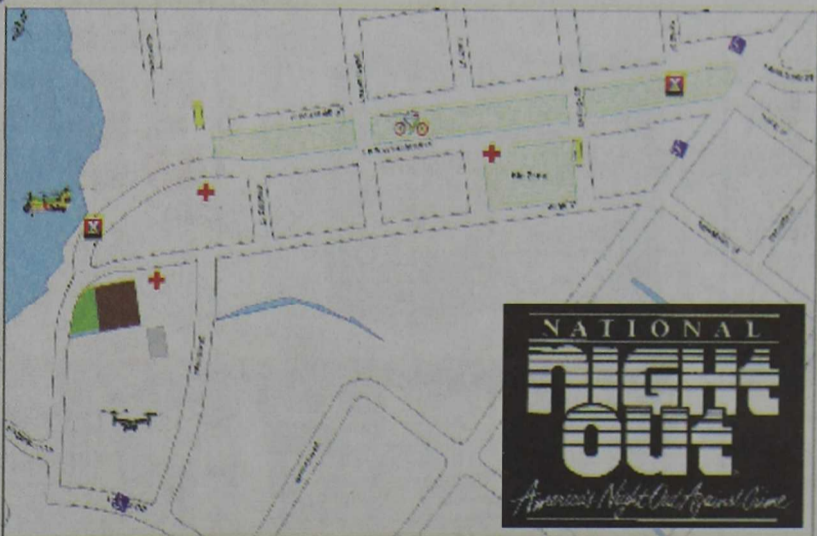
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Biggest job fair in Coastal Carolina is just around the corner

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Quick! Break out the most professional attire you own and get your resume' ready. Hurry up and do it fast because the biggest job fair in Coastal Carolina is just around the corner. The 9th Annual Onslow County Job Fair is scheduled to kick off Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center.

If you're looking for a new job, then your search is over. The Onslow County Job Fair will allow you to meet with more than a hundred employers at one convenient location. This will allow you to save valuable time and money.

"If anyone is searching for a new career, it would be wise to

include the Onslow County Job Fair in their search plans. Attending this job fair will be the most effective use of time on the part of the job seeker," said Dana Cozzens, Transitional Assistant Program assistant.

Here are a few job fair tips, courtesy of Marine Corps Community Service's Family Member Employment Assistance Program:

Relax: There will be many applicants approaching employers at the same time you are, but don't be overwhelmed by the experience. Keep a positive attitude and concentrate on the benefits of the experience.

Dress professionally: Make sure your attire is professional. If you show up with jeans and a T-shirt you might as well put a sign on your head that says,

"Don't hire me."

Be enthusiastic: Employer surveys identify one of the most important personal attributes candidates can bring to a new position is enthusiasm. Be excited. If you show up acting like "Droopy the Dog" you're going to put employers to sleep. On the flip side, you don't have to bounce off the walls either; just be moderately enthusiastic.

Be assertive: Firmly shake hands and introduce yourself to recruiters when you get to the table. Act like you're interested in the company and their job opportunities. Don't forget to look the employer in the eye.

Wear comfortable shoes: Especially ladies. You can probably bet that you're not the only person in Onslow County looking for a new job, so you can expect long

lines and a lot of waiting. This is not the time to test out those brand new shoes that haven't been broken in yet. Don't wear uncomfortable high heels either. Consider a pair of conservative, interview-appropriate shoes that you know are comfortable.

Prepare a "one minute merceria." Think about your strong points, your goals, the company and where you want to go within the company. Be prepared to talk about these aspects with a potential employer.

Bring resumés. Showing up to a job fair without a resume is like showing up to take someone on a date but not bringing any money ... you're unprepared and probably not going to get far. Bring tons of resumés to hand out to the companies. Take a portfolio or a briefcase to hold resumés and

corporate literature.

Be prepared to your career goals: Be ready to talk about where you work, what you would and your relevant skills.

Network: While waiting in line, talk to other attendees. You may hear about opportunities of which you were not aware.

For more information about the job fair, call 937-451-3366. For a complete list of employers that will be at the fair, visit the website at www.coastal.cc.nc.us/enter/job_fair_home.htm. Note that the list will be updated daily so check frequently. Military and military members that need a resume can call 451-3212, 450-1676 or 3366. ■

Free preschool program and free screening

Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools' has a preschool program for children who will be 4 years old by Oct. 16 and who live in base housing or whose sponsor holds a 90 day housing letter. The preschool program is located at Johnson Primary School, Tarawa Terrace I Primary and Delalio Elementary. The only exceptions to the age requirement are for children 3 or 4 years old who have developmental delays and have an Individualized Education Program by the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools specifying preschool education as a service.

Preschool is a half-day program with morning and afternoon sessions Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays are set aside for parent workshops, home visits, parent-teacher conferences, team planning and for staff development activities. There is no fee for attending this program. Transportation is provided for children who live 1 1/2 or more miles from the school, who attend a Base Child Development Center or have transportation listed as a needed service on an Individual Education Plan.



If you would like to enroll your child for the preschool program, registration is now taking place at all of the elementary schools. If your child is 3 or 4 years old and you have concerns about any area of his/her development and would like a free screening, you may contact Student Services at the Superintendent's office at 451-2461, ext. 220 or 241 to schedule an appointment.

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In Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department for an exciting, fun-filled evening of bingo Monday, from 6 to 8 p.m. Kids 5 to 12 are invited to test their game skills at Blue Creek Elementary School cafeteria. Play bingo and win back-to-school supplies. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Limited to the first 100; you may pre-register by calling 347-5332 by Aug. 3. The program is free. For more information, visit the Website at www.co.onslow.nc.us/parks

Elvis tribute Aug. 17

Come see the greatest Elvis tribute in the country. Mark Reno will appear live in concert in Viva Las Vegas. Comedian Larry "D'Lo" Hutchins will also appear. The event is scheduled to take place at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by the New Bern Civitan Club, and all proceeds will benefit local charities. For more information, call 252-36-0845 or 252-638-2224.

School fundraising drive Aug. 18

Riders for Christ and Calvary Riders Motorcycle Ministries are planning a fundraising motorcycle ride for Aug. 18 to benefit the students and classrooms at Dixon Elementary School. They are asking for a donation of one new backpack as an entrance fee for the ride or a donation of \$20. In addition, anyone who desires to donate a backpack or school supplies is encouraged to do so. There are several

locations within Sneads Ferry where items may be dropped off. They include: Yopp Brothers at 883 Highway 210; Beauty at the Beach on Highway 210; Dollar General at 2027 Highway 172; Noah's Ark Christian Preschool and Daycare at 117 Wheeler Creek Road; Day 7 Salon and Spa at 1096 North Carolina Highway 210; and Salem Baptist Church on 198 Sneads Ferry Road. 100 percent of all proceeds raised go directly to Dixon Elementary School. Registration for the ride begins at 10:30 a.m. at New River Community Church in Sneads Ferry. The motorcycle ride begins at noon at New River Community Church in Sneads Ferry and will end at Salem Baptist Church in Sneads Ferry. There will be hotdogs, chips and drinks after the ride for all riders. For more information, call 382-6332.

Weekend of healing Sept. 7-9

To better meet the needs of couples struggling with pornography, emotional/physical infidelity and other forms of compulsive sexual behavior, a special retreat has been planned for Sept. 7-9. Navy Lt. Mike Howard is teaming with CREDO to lead this very specific retreat. Chaplain Howard is uniquely qualified to lead this retreat as a licensed Marriage and Family therapist, mental health counselor, clinical addictions specialist and a Certified Sex Addictions therapist. The retreat will be held at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., and is fully funded (meals and lodging). Space is limited so it is recommended to sign up early. For

more information or to register, please call 450-1668/1673.

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 Through Sept. 30

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