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News Watch

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Department of Defense announced the following deaths of Marines who were in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Cpl. Rogelio A. Nirez, 21, of Pasadena, Calif., died Sept. 17, 2006 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

John C. Tanner, of Columbus, Ga., died Aug. 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Bn., 1st Marine Division, I MEF.

Christopher L. Cole Jr., 22, of Mount Airy, Fla., **Cpl. Bryan J. Lipsick**, 22, of Wayne, Ga., **Staff Sgt. John Stock**, 26, of Irving, Texas, and **Michael J. Crough**, 24, of Ivern, Ark., all died Sept. 6 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq.

They were all assigned to Assault Amphibian Bn., 1st Marine Division, I MEF.

Cpl. Lance M. Ark, 21, of Cookeville, Tenn., died Sept. 7 from a hostile incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I MEF. The incident is under investigation.

Carlos E. Orozco, 23, of San Diego, Calif. and **Lance T. Hicks Jr.**, of Atco, N.J. died Sept. 10 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq.

They were both assigned to 2nd Bn., 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Terrence P. Allen, of Pennsauken, N.J., died Sept. 15 from a non-lethal incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, II MEF. The incident is under investigation.

General Officer Announcement

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced the President has nominated U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis for appointment to the rank of general with assignment as commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va. NATO has agreed to appoint Mattis as Supreme Allied Commander.

Transformation. Mattis is currently serving as commander, I Marine Expeditionary Force and commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command.

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Camp Buehring: A pair of CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced) taxi past Army OH-58 Kiowa helicopters, while carrying Marines and sailors from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) at Udairi Army Airfield aboard Camp Buehring.

22nd MEU comes ashore in Kuwait

Sgt. Matt Epright
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Elements of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) came ashore in Kuwait this week after more than a month aboard the ships of the Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group.

From ship to shore

"It's a good breather," said Cpl. Hannah Lisowsky, an administrative clerk with the Command Element. "It's nice to be able to walk around on solid ground."

The Marines and sailors are here to conduct sustainment training, including live fire and maneuver ranges, vehicle convoy training, combined arms training and advanced medical training.

"Most of our weapons training on ship is stationary and at very short distances," said Sgt. Maj. Thomas Hall, the 22nd MEU (SOC) sergeant major. "We're unable to do the fire and maneuver portions, and we're limited to personal weapons on the ship."

Hall adds the best part of Camp Buehring and the Udairi Range Complex is the ability to conduct live-fire and large-scale combined arms training, which combine air and ground assets moving



Debark: Marines and sailors 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) debark from a Landing Craft Utility vessel recently. The Marines and sailors of the 22nd MEU(SOC) are conducting sustainment training at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

together in support of each other.

"By coming ashore, we get to hone our conventional military skills, which we have not even been able to do since June," said Hall.

He added that those traditional combat skills are "very perishable" and should be practiced as often as possible.

Travel arrangements

While some personnel coming ashore flew in helicopters of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced) to the desert outpost, most of the Marines and sailors had a

long, hot day of travel over sea and land.

The trip from the Kearsarge started with a 5 a.m. wake-up call in the berthing areas, signaling the troops to grab their weapons, gather their gear and move it two levels down to the ship's sweltering well deck.

When the Landing Craft Utility docked at the back end of the ship, the Marines and sailors formed a "daisy-chain" to get the heavier bags stacked in the back of the LCU. This made it easier for several hundred service members to board the craft.

With the late-morning sun

already blazing overhead, the LCU pulled free of the Kearsarge and started the hour-long trip to shore. Some troops took the opportunity to grab a quick nap, while others enjoyed the last view of the floating home they would have for a while.

Once the LCU landed, the Marines and sailors reversed the gear loading process and staged their bags and weapons on the docks to wait for the transport trucks and buses that would haul them to the inner desert of Kuwait.

After a long ride aboard mercifully air-conditioned buses, the troops had the first

chance to look around their new temporary home.

New home away from home

Other than the hot, dry breeze that feels like a blow dryer to the face, Camp Buehring provides a good deal of comfort as far as bases in the middle of the desert go.

There are three different-sized Post Exchanges to provide troops with everything from tactical field gear, to not-so-tactical compact discs and video games. And each of the PXs hosts a burgeoning

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ISF takes root in isolated Al Anbar village

Pfc. Brian Jones
Regimental Combat Team 6

KARMAH, Iraq — Iraqis living in villages north of Karmah have begun their first group of local security forces with the aid of Marines from Company K, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6.

The Iraqi Community Watch is a portion of the recent push of Coalition Forces into the area. The predecessors of "America's Battalion" had focused their efforts elsewhere in the Karmah area, making these villages one of the last holdouts of insurgent activity in the region.

"With them just being established out there, it means we're going to have to conduct regular mounted patrols out there, check on them, make sure they're all right and show a presence so that the insurgents know we're backing [the ICW]," said Cpl. Matthew L. Hathaway, a squad leader with third platoon.

Entry and vehicle control points were placed on the roads leading in



Community Watch: Marines with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, stationed at Camp Fallujah, patrol through a small village north of Karmah, Iraq.

and out of the village where the ICW will keep a close eye on the people traveling through the area and the contents of what they are carrying along with them.

"Right now, the main responsibility we're putting on them is to monitor the traffic in and out of the areas," said Hathaway, a 21-year-old Lancaster Co., Va., native. "They monitor what is coming in through vehicles and try to cut down on any bomb making materials that come through those checkpoints."

Hathaway went on to explain that

due to the lack of local Iraqi security forces in the area, insurgents, black marketeers and other criminals could come and go as they pleased. The ICW checkpoints changed all that, he said.

Now that the initial group of men that makes up the ICW is established, the Marines are faced with the job of filtering through them to determine which of them are trustworthy enough to continue on with the responsibilities of protecting the area.

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Virtual training environment develops real-world Marines

Cpl. Peter R. Miller
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD USS GUNSTON-HALL — For a moment, Cpl. Christopher J. Harrell was stunned when he finally opened his eyes. The familiar stench of sulfur and burned magnesium overwhelmed his senses.

It was March, 2006. Harrell, a military policeman, was escorting a logistics convoy from Al Taqaadam to Al Asad, Iraq, over a route notorious for insurgents and Improvised Explosive Device attacks. His up-armored humvee was the lead scout vehicle.

Feeling a kick to his shoulder, Harrell looked up to his gunner's turret. "There's somebody out in the desert!" Yelled the dusty Marine above the

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MAN on the street

What are your plans for your first week back from Iraq?



"I'm going to spend time with my family."

Seaman Michael Cary
2nd Marine Division
Corpsman
Baxley, Ga.

"I'm going to see a lot of my family and friends."



Cpl. Brandon Greene
2nd Marine Division
Intelligence Analyst
Spartanburg, S.C.

"I'm going to hang out with my girlfriend and make up for the time I've missed."



Lance Cpl. Brian Lewis
2nd Marine Division
Combat Correspondent
Southaven, Miss.

"Hang out with my family and spend as much as possible with them before they go back home."



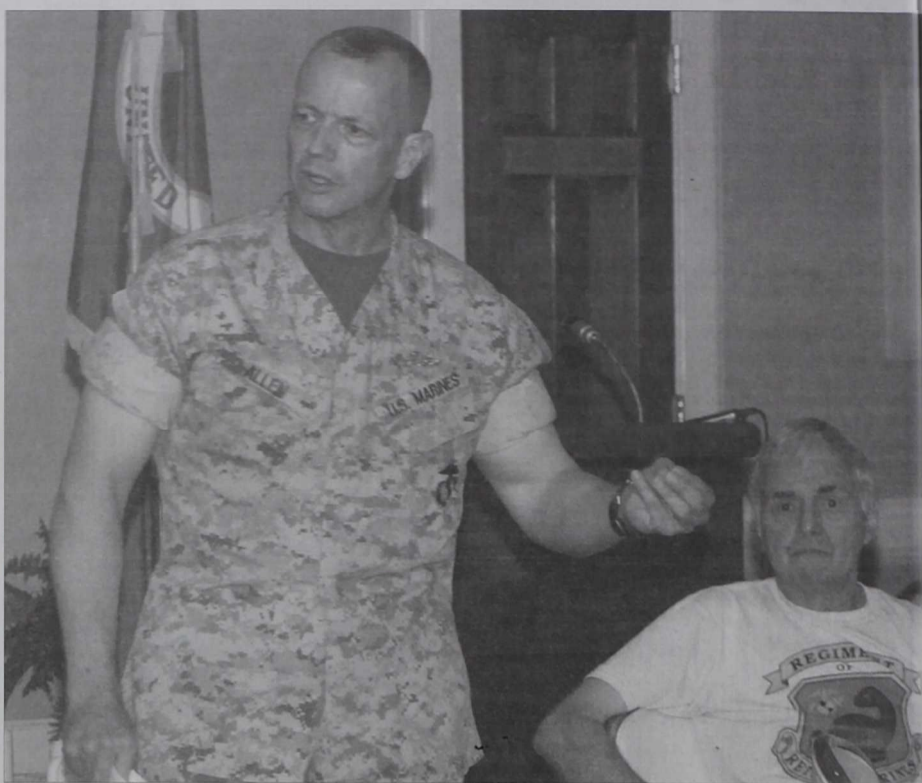
Cpl. Daniel Lush
2nd Marine Division
Training Non-Commissioned Officer
Mansfield, Ohio

"I'm checking out of the battalion and getting ready to move to the Pentagon."



Capt. Sid Velandy
2nd Marine Division
Battalion Executive Officer
Haddam, Ct.

Allen visits service members during a retiree breakfast



Guest: Brig. Gen. John R. Allen, the deputy commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force, speaks to retired active duty Marines during a retiree breakfast here Sept. 15. Allen was home on his two weeks rest and relaxation period from Iraq and took time to speak with Marine veterans about current situations in Iraq, success in the Al Anbar Province and future goals for the Iraqi Army, police and government.

Sempertoons

by Gunny Sgt. Charles Wolf



Semper Safe

Danger: Confined space enter by permit only

Do these words look familiar? There are signs posted all over the base with this exact warning. These signs identify confined spaces that contain a hazard that if the space is not properly tested prior to entry or that certain safety procedures are met, will be harmful to your health and may even be deadly.

It is important for you to know that if you do see these signs in your area, that under no circumstance are you to enter these spaces. Only authorized personnel who have received special training and have been certified by their supervisor are allowed to enter these spaces.

Now that I have your attention, just what is a confined space? A confined space is space

that must meet all three of the following requirements.

1. It must be large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily enter the space and perform assigned work.

2. The space must have a limited or restricted means for entry or exit.

3. It is not designed for continuous human occupancy.

This type of confined space presents minimal hazards such as slip trips and falls but under normal conditions would not present a life threatening hazard. These spaces are not posted with the danger sign. Personnel do need to be conscious of the limitations in these spaces. However, the type of confined space that does present life

threatening hazards is known as a "Permit Required Confined Space." A PRCS is a space that first meets the requirements of a confined space, but also contains hazards; contains or has the potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere; contains a material that has the potential to engulf an entrant; has walls that converge inward or floors that slope downward and taper into a small area which could trap or asphyxiate an entrant; or contains any other recognized safety or health hazard, such as unguarded machinery or exposed live wires.

To enter a PRCS space you must have successfully completed training, certified by your supervisor, aware of the actual hazards

in the space and issued a permit to enter the space. Specific procedures are provided in BO 5100.1A and in your organizations local procedures.

Commanders, leaders and supervisors: You are responsible for the safety of your personnel. Ensure that they are properly trained to perform work in a PRCS, prior to allowing them to enter the space. For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer, Base Safety Representative or visit our website for more safety material and information; <https://intranet.mciea.st.usmc.mil/C12/Workplace%20Safety%20Information%20S/default.aspx>

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Supply Marines serve Al Anbar with pride

Cpl. Thomas J. Griffith

2nd Marine Logistics Group

AL TAQADDUM, Iraq — A small, inconspicuous cardboard box sits undisturbed on the asphalt pavement near the supply lot. On its side is a slip of paper that reads "Ar Ramadi." Before being, it is uprooted from its place and shuffled to numerous locations. It is canned, inventoried and canned again for assurance. The box is palletized, lifted and placed in the back of a truck. A fact well known by the Marines of Supply Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), is that the box, despite its size, contains crucial gear and supplies to be taken to Marines in need throughout Al Anbar province.

Within the box could be Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle parts, camouflage utility uniforms, office supplies or a range of different equipment. Something that goes into every box shipped from the lot here, other than an inventory sheet, is the sweat from hard work and dedication put into the process of shipping gear by the company's Marines.

Supply Company has four detachments: supply, distribution, medical logistics and ammunition, which are responsible for distributing, receiving and maintaining more than \$1 million worth of equipment.

The company is in charge of providing individual equipment, petroleum, oil and lubricants, construction materials,

ammunition, some personal demand items, vehicles, medical equipment and repair parts to units falling under the Multi National Force-West command.

"If there is any material that needs to be requisitioned, we acquire it and shoot it out to all the units whether it be by air or land," said Maj. Bruce Morales, the company commanding officer.

This is Morales' second tour in Iraq. During a previous deployment, the Guayama, Puerto Rico, native was the supply officer for II Marine Expeditionary Force. The biggest differences Morales said he has seen are the changes in technology and the increased operational tempo.

"Supply lines and distribution have been much more responsive. Technology has grown to the point we can track equipment from the [continental United States] to here in theater and all the way down to the customer," he said. "There's been great progress since a year ago."

Marines with the company do everything from ordering the equipment, tracking it, arranging for transportation and ensuring its arrival to the Marines in need. They even have a customer service section that serves as the link between the supply lines and the units.

Supply Company is also the only unit that receives and distributes MRAPs and their parts for units with MNF-W. Morales said on average, the company receives 20 to 30 pallets of parts weekly as well as MRAP vehicles daily.

"We're the lifeline to Marines out there doing the actual fighting," said Gunnery Sgt. John R. Nichols, the company gunnery sergeant. "All the gear we have could be a critical item and save someone's life. That makes the Marines take pride in what they do."

Nichols said the Marines have so much pride in their job and mission accomplishment they sometimes work 16 hour days.

"At night, there's a night crew, but sometimes when I walk around the day crew will still be there too," said the Brazil, Ind., native. "Sometimes it gets to the point that you need to tell the Marines to take it easy and take a break."

Lance Cpl. Johnathan J. Winters, the storage operations noncommissioned officer in charge, said he and the other Marines look forward to many things on the deployment and are glad to be here.

"I look forward to seeing the Marines who put in hard work get rewarded," said the Houston native. Winters, who is also on his second deployment, said he already got his wish. He wanted to be deployed again.

"The best thing about being with Supply Company is the friendship. All these people will make this deployment an enjoyable one," he said. "You may bicker or argue with them, but you've trained with them back at Camp Lejeune and now those relationships you've built with them back home is one of



Cpl. Thomas J. Griffith

Gear: Lance Cpl. Roderick T. Mitchell inventories gear at the supply lot Sept. 11. Marines with Supply Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) provide mission-critical equipment for units throughout Al Anbar province.

the best things about being out here. At the end of the day you still have love for them."

Morales said he expects a lot from his Marines on the deployment. He said he expects

them to be effective, professional and safe all while accomplishing the mission.

"The quality of the Marine dictates what they do and how they do it," he explained. "We

would not be able to accomplish our mission without the quality and professional conduct of our Marines. To me, that is the key to succeeding in this demanding environment." ■

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Flying Tigers hand reins to Task Force Dragon

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

AL ASAD — The task of transporting service members and cargo around part of Iraq's Al Anbar province recently transferred from the hands of a Marine squadron to an Army task force.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 handed the reins to the Army's Task Force Dragon in a transfer of authority ceremony recently.

The soldiers of Task Force Dragon, stationed at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, are ready to step into the shoes left by the Marines, according to Army Maj. James Dimon, the commanding officer of the task force.

"We're happy to be out of training in Kuwait and up here doing our mission," said Dimon, an Axtell, Neb., native. "The soldiers are eager to be doing their mission."

The squadron's mission, and now the task force's mission, in Iraq is to provide general support; transporting personnel, cargo and supplies around the Al Anbar province.

"Our mission here in Iraq was general support," said Sgt. Maj. Leon Thornton, the HMM-262 sergeant major. "We did a little bit of everything. We flew a couple of [casualty evacuation] missions, and we did it well. We didn't miss a beat, and we never dropped a mission no matter what it was. We answered the call on every mission that came down."

The "Flying Tigers" of HMM-262 fly CH-46 "Sea Knights" while the soldiers of Task Force Dragon fly CH-47D "Chinooks." The different aircraft allows Task Force Dragon to not only accomplish the general support mission, but to take on missions that a CH-46 would not, according to Dimon.

"We're a bigger aircraft," explained Dimon. "In the Army we're a heavy lift aircraft, and we carry about two to three times what a '46 can. We can carry more than they can, so we'll have a slightly different mission, but for the most part we're going to be doing general support."

The seven-month deployment that HMM-262 is preparing to return from was the first time the squadron deployed to Iraq. It was also their first com-

bat deployment since Vietnam.

Until they deployed to Iraq in late January, the squadron regularly deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit for a few months at a time. This deployment came with an operational tempo the Flying Tigers have not seen in operations with the MEU or at home, according to Lt. Col. Michael Farrell, the HMM-262 commanding officer.

"For at least five months out of this deployment the operational tempo, flight hour-wise and sortie-wise, we were flying about four times what we normally fly," explained Farrell, a Longmeadow, Mass., native. "In a good month back home we usually fly 350 hours, and that's a good solid month for us. Out here we were running, for a couple of months, more than 1,100 flight hours and 1,000 sorties. When we got out here the deployment operational tempo was something we had never seen before."

Despite being their first combat deployment and working at a tempo they have never seen before, the Marines of HMM-262 rose to the occasion and performed admirably, according to Thornton.

"I think the Marines themselves handled the deployment excellently," said Thornton, a Warrenton, N.C., native. "Everybody came here charged up and ready to perform, and they did just that. There was no test they did not meet. When the days got long and the stress levels went up, the Marines did as Marines do — they tighten their boot blouses and continue to press forward."

The soldiers of Task Force Dragon are slated to be at Al Taqaddum for 15 months. Their time in Iraq will provide a welcome break in the deployment cycle for the Marine squadrons that would normally take their place, according to Dimon.

The Flying Tigers welcomed their replacements with open arms. Both Farrell and Dimon say the transition from squadron to task force has been smooth.

"It's going very well," said Dimon. "The squadron chain of command and their Marines have been very helpful in making sure we get everything we need. It's been pretty smooth." ■



Cpl. Zachary Dyer

Flying Tigers: Army Maj. James Dimon, the commanding officer of Task Force Dragon, uncases the task force colors during the transfer of authority ceremony with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262.

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racket of wind, transmission and motor noises.

Harrell saw him, but the man quickly disappeared into the landscape.

Then, the front wheels, axle, and hood of his vehicle leapt skyward in a magnificent flash as an IED fashioned from five artillery shells and two gallons of diesel fuel hit its mark.

How close did these Marines come to death that afternoon? In one word, very. Radiator fragments lacerated the gunner's face, and the blast left Harrell bleeding from the ears with a stage II concussion.

This was one of four close encounters Harrell had with IEDs last year, one he escaped relatively unscathed, and one he thinks of often when training his fellow Combat Logistics Battalion 22 Leathernecks.

The CLB-22 MPs have been teaching their fellow Marines the fundamentals of convoy operations with the help of a new computer system lately, using a program that allows them to train virtually anywhere.

The Deployable Virtual Training Environment is a computer-enhanced train-

ing environment, kind of like virtual reality, said the CLB-22 Operations Officer, Maj. Ginger Beals. Within the simulator, the scenario master will hit the convoy with IEDs, small arms fire, or both to test the individual's Immediate Actions (IAs), or routine responses to a given incident.

Marines sat at the eight-computer network and acted out the different roles from driver and gunner to convoy commander and higher headquarters. They prepared their vehicles by loading weapons and fuel, sat through a convoy brief, and conducted a weapons test fire before leaving the simulated compound. The players practiced each detail of a real convoy no matter how small.

The room erupted into chaos when the convoy hit an IED.

"Are we lost or what? I can't see what's going on, talk to me," asked the convoy commander after the attack.

"Our gunner's dead, we're pushing through. I repeat, vehicle one's gunner is dead."

Cpl. Jesse R. Hemphill shared experiences similar to Harrell's in locales like Ramadi, Fallujah, Baghdad, and the web of roads that connect them. This MP also teaches the lessons he has learned in combat to help prepare the next generation of Marines.

"Basically, everything we went through in Iraq, we try to put in the program," said

Hemphill, a Houston native. "You can create any scenario that you can possibly think of."

But, to someone who has been there, the DVTE has one major shortcoming.

"The only real difference is that you can't add a real sense of danger," said Hemphill. "There will always be that real-life distinction of knowing it's a video game and you're not really getting shot at."

To help overcome this obvious limitation, two staff sergeants filled the role of full-time "stress inducers." The MP detachment commander, Staff Sgt. Wilfredo Declet, kept the players focused by ensuring they acted in accordance with set policy, and Staff Sgt. James Haynes, the motor transport detachment chief, was quick to halt the action when he saw a deficiency he needed to correct, or to make an important point.

"The stressful environment helps them think on their toes," said Haynes, "it definitely helps their reaction times. We keep giving them obstacles like camels, civilians, terrorists and IED's, and then we drive home IA drills, (Techniques, Tactics, and Procedures) and communication to get everybody on the same page."

With their help, the program forces the vehicle commanders to communicate what they see through their computer screens back to the convoy commander, and conduct the appropriate IA drills in any given situa-

tion, explained Beals, an Illinois, native.


"If it's used the right way, it's more than just a game, it's a great training tool," he said emphatically.

The most important skill to be learned from the training is communication, said Beals, and this is doubly important when it comes to cultivating a convoy commander. The DVTE helps develop convoy commanders by giving them the opportunity to control a convoy and communicate solely via radio.

"Since they can't see everything that's happening with all four trucks in the convoy communicating over radio transmission, it really allows our convoy commanders to build their [situational awareness], explained Beals. "It's brought them together and instills more confidence in the convoy commanders and the Marines in their convoy commanders."

Hemphill has seen the groups of Marines who have traveled through the training progress greatly and has enjoyed teaching them the new skills that may someday save their lives, he said.

"They just didn't have the knowledge of the training until now," said Hemphill. "Watching people on the DVTE gives a scope on what people don't know, and the last thing you want to learn [on the job] is something that can get you killed." ■



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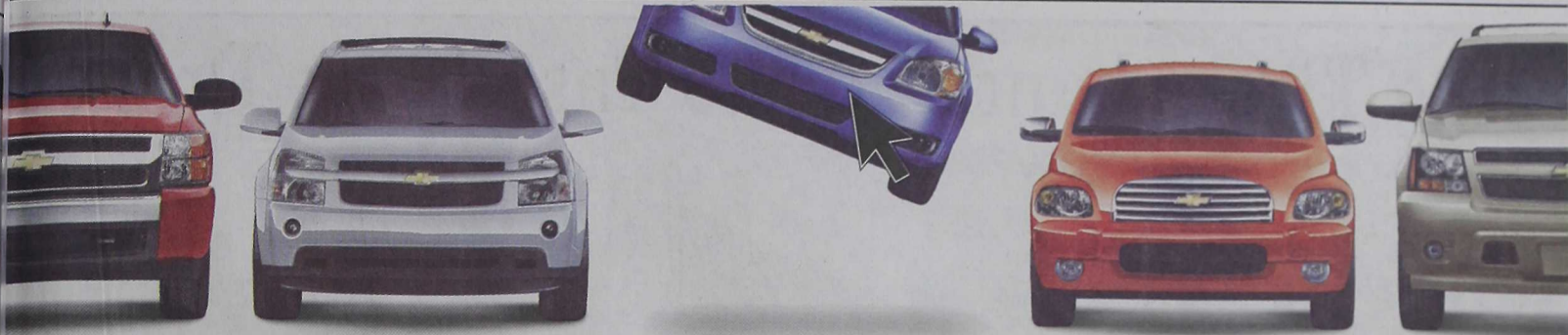
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Insurgent search: Marines with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines Regiment with Regimental Combat Team 6, stationed at Camp Fallujah, patrol through a small village north of Karmah, Iraq. Co. K started operations in the previously untouched territories that are known for insurgent activities and hope to push the insurgents out of the area or trap them in to be captured.

Marines move in on insurgent territory

Story and photos
Pfc. Brian Jones
Regimental Combat Team 6

KARMAH, Iraq — Marines with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, started operations in a cluster of villages north of Karmah, Iraq, in one of the last insurgent staging grounds in Anbar province, Sept. 7. "[This area has] been a place we thought as definitely having the most enemy, and from some of the information we've gathered through locals, [insurgents] establish patrol bases here just like we do. So, I guess it's just being here at the right time and hopefully sneaking up on them," said 1st Lt. Nick C. Smith, a platoon commander.

The Marines of Co. K moved into one of the villages where a local sheik

invited them to establish an outpost for their operation in his own home. From there, the Marines ran security patrols, conducted atmospherics, built rapport with the people of the village and established a local Iraqi community watch security force for the area.

"Most of it was just ... talking to people, gathering intelligence on the local area, the local leadership, what the insurgents tend to do, their habits and how they react to when we come out," said Cpl. Matthew L. Hathaway, 21-year-old, Lancaster Co., Va., native, and squad leader for third platoon.

A majority of the houses in the village were found recently abandoned prior to the Marines arrival, a strong indicator of insurgent activity.

"We came out here hop-

ing to get a piece of the bad guys, but they all fled," Smith said. "At first, we were concerned we were going to be in a gun fight, then we get here and nobody is here. There was some concern. It makes you worry about booby traps and things of that nature."

As the Marines patrolled, they spoke with locals about their concerns to gather information on enemy activity and gauge the attitude among the locals toward the terrorists.

"We found some people were pretty apt to give us information and that's hard to find out here," said Hathaway, a 2004 graduate of Lancaster High School. "We found out some names of some local people who were working with the insurgents. That's going to help us develop some target

packages so that we can get them out of the area and dealt with through the justice system."

Hathaway explained that the most important weapon in a counterinsurgency fight like this is having the people on your side.

"I feel like it went real well," Hathaway said. "We didn't have a whole lot of intelligence on the area before we started so every little bit counts. We got a good amount of intelligence from the operation. Contact with the people went outstanding. They really accepted us well. They told us they like the way we treated them and they were real respectful toward us and we were respectful toward them. They were pretty open about giving us information and letting us know how the area was doing." ■



Patrol: Marines with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, stationed at Camp Fallujah, patrol through a small village north of Karmah, Iraq, Sept. 7.

Supply Company distributes needed MRAPs, parts



Cpl. Wayne Edmiston

Vehicles: A group of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles sit in a lot ready to be prepped for future delivery.

Cpl. Wayne Edmiston
2nd Marine Logistics Group

AL TAQADDUM, Iraq — The Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle has proven its worth on the battlefield by saving lives of service members.

Now, as more vehicles are received daily, Al Taqaddum has become the hub for vehicles received and serves as the transfer point to many of the operating bases in Al Anbar province.

Supply Company, 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), is responsible for receiving and prepping the vehicles before they're passed on to operating units in the area of operations.

Almost as important as the vehicles themselves are the vehicle parts that come in daily to be distributed for rou-

ting and emergency repair of the MRAPs.

The Marines receive a handful of vehicles every day, but the amount of vehicles received is expected to double in the following weeks, said Maj. Bruce L. Morales, the company's commanding officer.

The amount of vehicles coming in does not change the resolve the Marines have to push them out to the units as fast as possible.

"We look at every way to get them out there," Morales, a Guayama, Puerto Rico, native said.

The biggest logistical challenge is actually getting the vehicles out to the individual units.

The vehicles must be prepared for use and tagged for tracking purposes before they can be sent out.

This is done by loading them on a

larger truck and hauling them, or the actual vehicle itself onsite, on them on a large aircraft; a joint effort that requires the expertise of not the Marines but the Air Force, and Navy as well.

The process can take anywhere between 24 and 48 hours, an amount the Marines in the company pride in.

"This is one of our highest priorities right now," said Master Sgt. Eric Coleman, a native of Belize. "The number one focus is to get it out there. The Marines need it out there."

As the MRAPs experience wear and tear that comes with the rain, repairs are required to keep always running; that is where come in.

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President addresses basic school officers about Iraq issues, 'return on success'

Sgt. Danielle M. Bacon
Marine Corps Base Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — The day after he addressed the nation about the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, President George W. Bush ate with and talked to Marines at The Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, to explain their role in bringing troops home and his acceptance of the Petraeus Plan.

The commander in chief also expressed his appreciation to the officers for volunteering their service in a time of war, and asked them to encourage and inspire their Marines to see the War on Terrorism to the end.

"It's my honor to come to Quantico to speak to our general officers and our officers and sergeants who train young lieutenants. I had the chance to speak to some of the lieutenants. First of all, my first impression is, it's an amazing country where people volunteer in the face of danger," Bush said. "These lieutenants — Marine lieutenants fully understand the nature of the world in which we live, and they're will-

ing to serve; willing to serve to protect and defend this country, and they're willing to serve to help shape the conditions so that the world is more peaceful."

As the President ate lunch with the Marines at O'Bannon Hall, he was able to explain his desires for the future leaders of the Corps.

"He expressed his wish for us to continue to see there is a purpose behind the mission. It definitely allowed the Marines to understand as long as we are in the fight and there is a reason why we need to continue to fight, then we need to continue to motivate them to continue on," said 2nd Lt. Steven Richardson, Company C, The Basic School. "He mentioned briefly about an e-mail he had received from a family who had lost a son in Iraq. He talked about that and how he had brought that up last night by actually calling the family and letting them know he understands their loss and that the loss of a son is not something to over look. There still is a purpose to why we are still in Iraq."

During the President's address to the nation, he outlined a troop reduction of 5,700 by late

December, as well as reducing troop levels from 20 to 15 combat brigades by July of 2008.

"In Iraq, an Ally of the United States is fighting for its survival. Terrorists and extremists who are at war with us around the world are seeking to topple Iraq's government, dominate the region and attack us here at home," Bush said.

If Iraq's young democracy can turn back these enemies, it will mean a more hopeful Middle East and a more secure America, and this Ally has placed its trust in the U.S., he added. Bush said our moral and strategic imperatives are one: We must help Iraq defeat those who threaten its future and also threaten ours.

"Eight months ago, we adopted a new strategy to meet that objective, to include a surge in U.S. forces that reached full strength in June. This week, Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker testified before Congress about how that strategy is progressing," said the President. "In their testimony, these men made clear that our challenge in Iraq is formidable. Yet,



Weike Zhao

Visit: Commander in chief, President George W. Bush, returns the guards' salute as he prepares to board Marine One for his return flight to the White House following lunch with new Marine officers at MCB Quantico Sept. 14. Marine One is part of the HMX-1 squadron based aboard MCB Quantico.

they concluded conditions in Iraq are improving, we are seizing the initiative from the enemy, and the troop surge is working."

The President told the Marines

that it was important he would listen to the recommendations of the military, in particular

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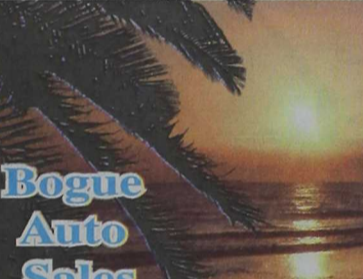


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L/1's Operation Texas bad news for insurgents

Cpl. Bryce Muhlenberg
Regimental Combat Team 6



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Operation Texas: Lance Cpl. Jonathan S. Baker, a SAW gunner with Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, keeps on the lookout as he mans his turret mounted machine gun during Operation Texas here, Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.

SAQLAWIYAH, Iraq — The area of northern Saqlawiyah, Iraq, was cordoned with Coalition forces the day the Marines of Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, blockaded a portion of a local river during an operation that led to the capture of more than 20,000 pounds of homemade explosives. The "First of the First" Battalion, along with other coalition units and Iraqi policemen, conducted Operation Texas, Aug. 31 through Sept. 2. The combined operation, involving the Army's 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, the Marines' 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment and the "First of the First," concentrated on northern Saqlawiyah, an area which had not seen significant coalition presence in months. The operation was aimed at forcing insurgents and their murder and intimidation campaign out of the quiet agricultural community, where they hide, and into the hands of coalition forces. The region concealed the staging of insurgent operations and was used for weapons and equipment storage, as well as organizing attacks against the coalition and Iraqi forces in the local area. 1st Lt. Distair E. Howard, first

platoon's commander, described the attack as a classic hammer-and-anvil tactic that gave the insurgents no way out. "We are pinching and constricting," said Howard. "5/7 is coming from the north, pushing through our AO toward the blocking positions, while 3/1 pushes from the northeast toward us also. Company B is rein-

forcing the blocking positions and pushing. We also have EOD and air support working with us." The Iraqi police assisted throughout, working their way door to door, greeting and questioning the local populace. While patrolling through the lush landscape near the river, Marines and IPs discovered weapons cache con-

taining everything from automatic weapons to high explosives. Material used for making IEDs was also found. With the help of EOD and the swarm of Marines who saturated the area, they were able to defuse a number of existing IEDs before they detonated, preventing many injuries to coalition forces and civilian personnel.

The sound of IEDs being detonated by EOD interrupted Cpl. Keith V. Pulley, a squad leader with Company C, as he explained how he felt the operation was going. "This operation is turning out to be successful," said the 21-year-old, Oroville, Calif., native. "It makes me feel good that we are getting this off the

streets, especially when I hear the controlled detonations. It's like, 'That's one IED that isn't going to hit a vehicle.'" Pulley, a 2004 Oroville High School graduate, and his Marines, were manning the blocking positions on the road running along the Karma River here. All paths that units made led toward Pulley's blocking position. Lance Cpl. Jonathan S. Baker, a squad automatic weapons gunner with Company C, sat in over-watch, keeping an eye out over the road, the Karma River and the fields of the area, as he manned his turret-mounted machinegun. The 19-year-old Bastrop, Texas, native watched for fires, smoke or signals from other units, but most of all he watched for insurgents. "I'm really glad everything went so well and we found so many IEDs," said Baker. "That's one less they can hit us with. I enjoy being out here during this operation, because this is what I joined the Marine Corps to do, to be on the ground on the front lines of the fight." The Marines of 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regiment, were indeed on the front lines. The area was one of the few remaining insurgent pockets left around Habbaniyah. The "First of the First" battalion and Operation Texas just made life for insurgents working in the Anbar province even tougher. ■

'Wolfpack' withstands test of time, racks up 65,000 mishap-free hours

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

AL ASAD — Marines pride themselves on doing their job as safely as possible. The Corps has instituted concepts like operational risk management to help Marines maintain safety. One squadron has proven they can withstand the test of time and have done their job safely since the birth of their unit. The Marines of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466 recently passed the 65,000 Class A mishap-free flight hours benchmark. A Class A mishap is an incident that results in more than \$1 million worth of damage or the loss of life. The streak is one that has gone on since the day HMH-466, the "Wolfpack" was stood up in 1984, according to Lt. Col. Roger McFadden, the HMH-466 commanding officer. "At every 10,000 hours, the squadron is recognized by the Chief of Naval Operations with a 1,000 increment award," explained McFadden, a Cle Elum, Wash., native. "So back in the rear, we basically have six plaques for getting more than 60,000 hours. And there are very few squadrons to have gotten that high. I don't know exactly where we stand, but we are probably in the top five all across the Navy and Marine Corps." The "Wolfpack," who are on their third deployment to Iraq,

have flown approximately 10,000 of their flight hours in a combat zone. By the time they return from their current deployment, that number should be more than 12,000, according to McFadden. McFadden attributes the squadron's success to the professionalism of the Marines on the flightline and in the cockpit of the CH-53E Super Stallions flown by the squadron. "It's more of the mindset of the pilots, the maintainers and the aircrew about how they fly their planes, and how they fix their planes," said McFadden. "As everybody will tell you, they do everything by the book. Numbers show we've always done things by the books. We don't take shortcuts on maintenance because that causes crashed planes." For the Wolfpack, it is not about getting the aircraft fixed rapidly, it is about making sure the job is done right the first time. "It's more of 'Hey we're going to do this thing right. It may take us a little longer, and we may not be the fastest at doing stuff, but we're going to do it safe,'" said McFadden. That attitude translates into a lot of long days and hard work on the part of the maintenance Marines in the squadron. "For our aircraft, it's somewhere in the area of 20 maintenance hours for every flight hour," explained Staff Sgt. Chris Apedaile, the HMH-466 flightline chief. "So we're very busy here. I don't know exact-

ly how many man hours we've worked since we've been here, but I imagine it's around 20,000 or so by now." "We're basically on a 12 on, 12 off type of shift, but realistically most guys work around 14 hours a day in pursuit of the monster flight goals that we have here," added Apedaile, a Eustis, Fla., native. The maintainers know they have a reputation to uphold. Knowing they have a record that few can match or beat makes the Marines on the flightline proud, according to Sgt. Stephen Humphries, an avionics quality assurance technician and aerial observer with the "Wolfpack." "It makes you feel pretty good," said Humphries. "You know all the checks and balances are in place. We know we have one of the best reputations in the '53 community. We know that we're doing everything right, and if something comes up that's wrong, we have the people that are curious enough to find the solution and work at it until they fix it so we can fly the safest aircraft out here." The maintenance Marines of the "Wolfpack" are excited that their work has made it possible for the squadron to operate as safely as it has, but they are looking forward to extending their streak, according to Humphries. "Sixty-five thousand is a pretty good benchmark," said Humphries with a smile. "But we can always turn it up." ■



Cpl. Zachary Dyer

Troubleshooting: Cpl. Molly Lack, an avionics technician with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466, watches as Maj. Thomas Esposito, an HMH-466 pilot, powers up a CH-53E Super Stallion while troubleshooting an engine problem.

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Tecumseh, Okla., native sees Iraqi progress

Gunnery Sgt. Brenda L. Varnadore
II Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD)

HIT, Iraq — Marines with infantry battalions have been rotating in and out of Iraq throughout the last few years, several are on their third or fourth deployment. Rapid deployment cycles cause Marines to overlook significant improvements in Iraq made since their last deployment. For one returning infantryman, the changes are apparent and appreciated.

Sgt. Joshua Treadway, a section leader and platoon sergeant with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 2, serving in Hit, Iraq, said he left a nondeployable billet training officer candidates tactics at Quantico, Va., because he wanted to help his fellow Marines after everything he had heard in the news.

"There is so much negative on TV, there is never anything positive," said the Tecumseh, Okla., native. "Whenever you turn on the TV it is, 'Oh, there were this many deaths or this abuse case.' I want them to see when we are out there playing soccer with the kids or opening up new schools."

Treadway said he wants the American people to know about all the great things he sees, stuff that never gets

printed. He said his unit once gave the town \$100,000 so they could have running water, which he said is the good news story.

Treadway, the oldest of two brothers serving in the Marine Corps as infantrymen, said his first deployment to Iraq during 2004 made him believe what he heard, too. This encouraged him to get back to the infantry and deploy again. There was only one thing he needed to do before that, get his wife Jacki's approval.

"I explained to my wife why I felt bad and needed to come back and she understood," said Treadway. "She didn't want me to come back, but is very supportive and took it with a grain of salt. I am missing the holidays and both of the kids birthdays, but she realizes I am not just touring around the country with a band trying to make it big, I am doing something worthwhile and she knows this."

A veteran of Operation River Sweep, the original entry into Fallujah during April 2004, Treadway was not sure what he was facing upon his second deployment. He also, served in Hit and Baghdadi on his first trip, both once hostile

cities in Al Anbar province. He found himself astonished at the difference.

"Iraq is a hell of a lot better this time, I know that," said the Tecumseh High School graduate. "I would almost feel safe walking down the streets. There really is no threat, well at least a visible threat. I know it is out there, but



Treadway

they are doing really well at disguising it. Actually, down here in Hit, last time I watched the soccer field get hit with enemy rockets while there were kids out there. That was hard for me since my daughter Lily is 5 and my daughter Kaylie is 2 and if I lived here, that could have been them. Now, I see kids out there playing and I don't even think about things like that happening."

But, because of the lack of imminent danger, Treadway said he finds keeping his Marines vigilant a priority. He has only four Marines who have not been deployed to Iraq before. The rest of his Marines were here less than a year ago, so the experience is still fresh for them, he said. Because of this, he finds his biggest challenge is fighting complacency.

"We have been out two weeks nonstop every day and nothing remotely even

threatening has happened," Treadway said. "I know from experience that is when something happens. But, some of these guys they are like ... 'Oh we are not going to get hit.' I have heard two or three of them say that. So, you have got to constantly keep on them about that because the minute they get that attitude, something happens."

His Marines do listen to his advice and appreciate his familiarity with Hit.

"We have been to Iraq before, but not to Hit," said Lance Cpl. Andrew Wilkin, infantryman with Jump Platoon, 1st Bn., 7th Marines. "He knows this city better than any one of us, even if he hasn't been here for a couple of years. He tells us what used to be the bad spots and where the insurgents used to operate. He makes us stay vigilant."

Treadway said the improvements don't just include friendlier people and having less improvised explosive devices, but also the gear available to service members. He said he was blown away by the gear upon returning to the fleet, especially when he was issued an M4, a weapon he didn't even see his last time stationed with the infantry.

"Now we have a plethora of gear, so it took me a while to transition," said Treadway. "I remember doing a convoy from Camp

Udari, Kuwait, to Al Asad with no door whatsoever and the only armor they had on the highbacks was those metal plates that go on the seats that we put on the sides. I see the stuff we are rolling out in now and it is mind blowing. [Air conditioners] in the humvees is not bad considering our 'AC' was having no doors."

The gear has improved and the citizens of Iraq are now interacting more, but Treadway said there is something more important that has changed. The Iraqi army and police have shown tremendous improvement since he left in 2005.

"I was taken aback the other night listening to Congress during Gen. Petraeus' report because it is literally 100 times better this time than it was last time," he said. "For instance, now we go down to the sheik's house and everybody drops their gear. That would not have happened last time. It wouldn't have mattered if you were with the chief of police or the mayor or who you were with, there was a no kidding threat. Now there isn't a threat like that around these people. They have taken back their city."

Now the Iraqi army and the Iraqi police, have stepped up and have taken more control than they did last time and are actually doing their jobs, he said.

During Treadway's trip, his unit built 15 stations along the road between Hit and Al Asad and every single one of them are gone. They are blown up or destroyed. Now, he said he would go near one of the new stations if he was a guy, unless he was looking for a serious fight. Treadway takes being deployed in stride. He said that being in Iraq is better than being in the states wishing you were making a difference.

"I have been saying along to the people back the states who have been here, 'You have seen us build the playgrounds.' They don't that we are actually giving them an opportunity step up; now, whether they do it is on them but we are making effort 110 percent and definitely think we doing a good thing they are receptive to fully believe if we pull you look at the people have died and then country, it would probably go back to the way was. If we are going to something, we need to do it, no matter how it takes. I think that is problem we will have overcome. Being deployed for Marines is a way of if not here, training exercises or somewhere else

SUCCESS

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Gen. Petraeus. He added we're making enough success in Iraq that we can begin bringing some troops home.

"I told the American people last night we've got what's called return on success," Bush said to the media after lunch. "I also told them that our commanders will have the flexibility and the troops needed to achieve the mission, which is an ally in this war on terrorism, and a stable country that can self govern a democracy in the heart of the Middle East."

The President's words of encouragement to the Marines hit home for the commanding officer of TBS as well.

"He stressed this is going to be long term war on terrorism. It is not a short term situation they are involved in as future leaders of Marines and he really tied it together from the big picture down to what there role is and the tactical level for that larger strategic picture," said Col. George Smith Jr. "I just thought it was tremendous they would do that so it was just additional motivation to anything that was existing motivation."

He added that the visit served as additional motivation, because the commander in chief thought it is important enough to come down and talk to them about the strategic picture and how important they are within that and the service they are going to render to the nation.

During the president's address to the media, he emphasized his desire for the nation. He also made it clear that now's the chance for us to come together as a nation; that some of us who believe security was paramount were on opposite sides of the debate, where people said we just simply need to bring our troops home.

"Well, now we've got security in the right direction, and we are bringing our troops home. I call upon the U.S. Congress to listen very carefully to what Gen. Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker reported, and support the troop levels that these two men think are necessary to achieve our objective," Bush said. "I also expect Congress to support our men and women in uniform and their families, and those who have worn the uniform."

At the lunch table, family was one concern for the commander-in-chief as well as the Marines. One Marine brought a concern to the President's attention.

"He took out a piece of paper and pen and wrote it down. It was like, man, he is really going to go back and look at this and see what he can do. That was really important," said 2nd Lt. Kerrissa Torres, M Company, The Basic School. "He said he doesn't really worry about us as Marines; he worries about our families and whether our families are taken care of while we're gone. I thought that was really important. I mean, we volunteered and know what we are getting ourselves into, but he wants to ensure our families are taken care of and they understand, have the knowledge, and support not only him, but us in the military." ■

MRAPS

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Staff Sgt. Tamecka Miguel, the MRAP parts staff noncommissioned officer in charge, leads the section responsible for receiving, storing and distributing the parts for the MRAP.

"They will come in crates, straight off trucks, ships and planes," the Miami native explained. "We bring them in and

break them down, crate by crate."

Her Marines then organize the parts by type and input them into a computer system that serves as a database for the parts. Then, the Marines and civilian counterparts will see if the part is needed and if so, it is packed and sent out.

Otherwise, the parts are packed and stored until needed. The process may not sound exciting, but it is pivotal to keeping Marines safe on the battlefield.

"We are playing a vital role," Miguel explained. "If we slip on

receiving this gear as fast as possible. Someone out in forward may be paying with their lives."

The faster they get what they need the faster they can get up and running."

The Marines performing the job know its importance and the futility of performing their job correctly.

"I am very fortunate to have some outstanding Marines," Coleman said. "I can guarantee you that as fast as they come in, our Marines will get them out in 24 hours." ■

ASHORE

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souvenir kiosk market outside its doors where service members can get all kinds of baubles to send home to their loved ones.

There are also three different dining facilities (D-FACs) that not only provide the standard military staples like roast beef and spaghetti, but also offer fast-food style selections such as chicken strips and cheese burgers, all served up by smiling third-country nationals.

For those who are able to work their way through the mounds of available main courses, salads, sandwiches and the taco bar, the promise of fresh-scooped Baskin-Robbins ice cream awaits at the far end of the dining facility.

"I'm liking the chow," said Lisowsky, a native of San Diego. She quipped that maintaining a good diet would require an extra helping of discipline with the current lineup of meals.

While the PXs and the D-FACs are nothing new, even a forward-deployed Army base, there are things here that do a little more to bring the comforts of home to Kuwait.

Burger King, Subway and Kentucky Fried Chicken call to troops who may tire of the D-FAC fare with aromas of deep fried chicken and flame broiled burgers. But for some, the truly surprising addition is local Starbucks.

"It was surreal. Because you walk in there with your cammies and your rifle on your back thinking you shouldn't be in a Starbucks," said Lisowsky. "You have to close your eyes and not look outside and pretend your back in the rear for a second."

Where to go from here

Upon completion of training, the Marines sailors of the MEU are scheduled to rejoin Kearsarge Strike Group and continue Maritime Security Operations.

"As the CENTCOM reserve, we have to be ready to respond to any emergency," said Hall. ■

VILLAGE

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"We got to start weeding through them finding out who we want to be ICW and who we don't want to be the ICW, but you can't really do that right off the bat because you've got to get the numbers first. Then you can start picking and choosing who you want in it," Hathaway explained.

With checkpoints in place, the Marines hope to move through the area more quickly without the threat of improvised explosive devices and ambushes.

"We'll remain active in the area until it is totally secure," Smith reassured. "This is a big step. Getting the ICW checkpoints is a very big step and hopefully we can move out here with much more ease than we have had in the past." ■

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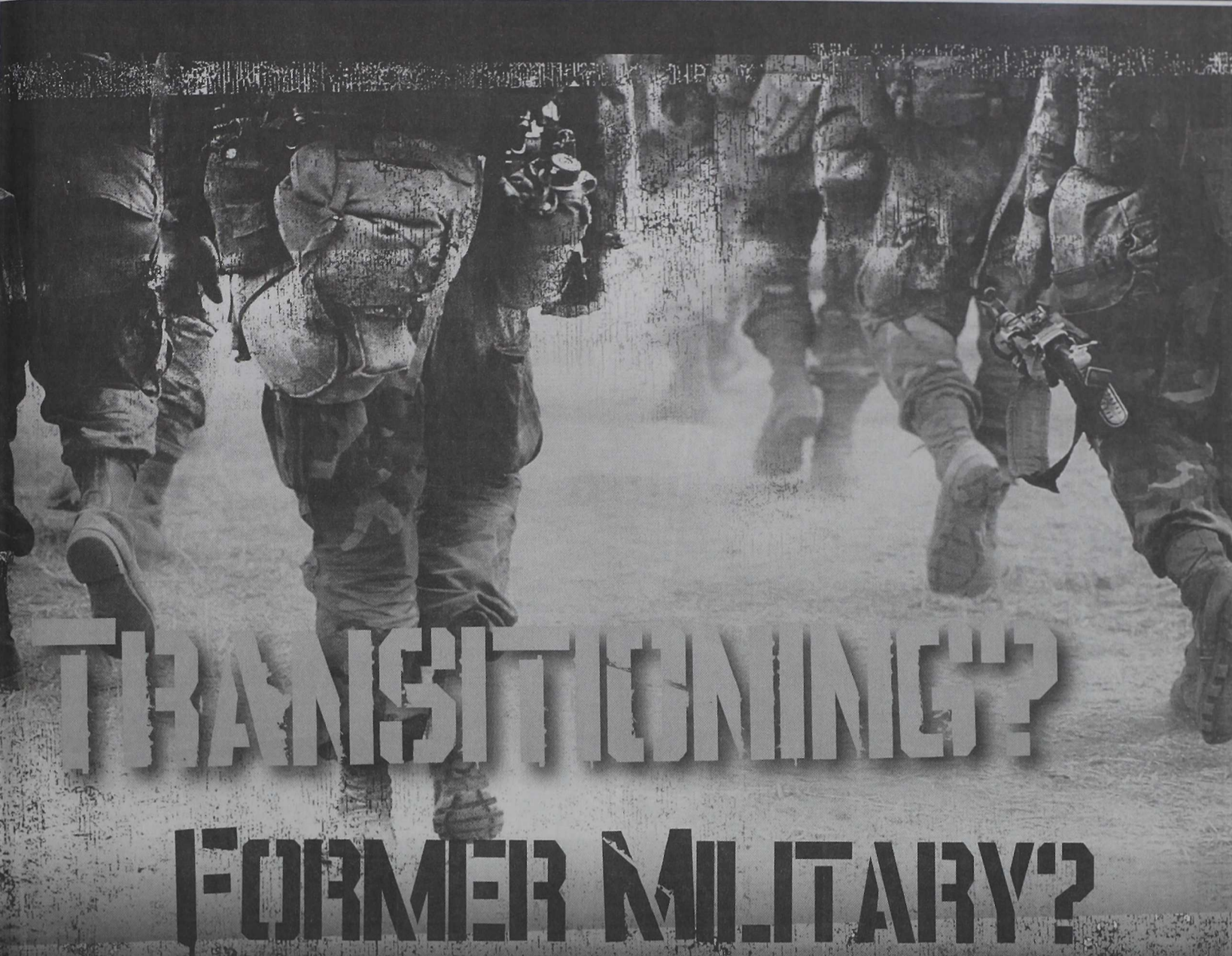
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Rugby players sought

The United States Marine Corps is seeking applications for the All-Marine Rugby Team Trial Camp that is scheduled for Oct. 1-21 aboard Camp Lejeune. The deadline has been extended due to the low number of applications received. Players interested in trying out should call Dennis Rautmann at 51-2710. Interested parties may also e-mail: autmannnd@usmc-nccs.org or MeYerson@usmc-nccs.org.

French Creek fitness center

The French Creek fitness center is scheduled to be closed from Sept. 18 through Oct. 21 to install new flooring. The expected reopening is Oct. 22. During the interim, please visit the Area 2 or Courthouse Day fitness centers for your workout needs. For more information, call 451-0092 or 451-430.

Grand Prix races

The 2007 Marine Corps Grand Prix Series offers a variety of events and a unique opportunity for individuals of all backgrounds and abilities to test their physical fitness, mental preparedness, and athletic skills. Points earned at those races will count toward total Grand Prix points. Events are open to male and female participants of all ages, including military personnel from all services, civilian employees, retirees, and military family members. The upcoming events include: the Marine Corps Half Marathon, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Sept. 29; and the Beirut Memorial 10-kilometer, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Oct. 13. For additional information, contact race director Mike Marion at 451-0092.

Dietitian on deck

The dietitian is scheduled to be on deck at the Area 2 Fitness Center Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. Participants in a question and answer session with Chris Halagarda, a certified sports dietitian and strength coach. For more information, call 451-0824.

Military Appreciation Day

East Carolina University is scheduled to host a Military Appreciation Day Ceremony during a home football game against the University of Central Florida Oct. 6. All active-duty military, retirees and their families will receive \$15 discount off their ticket. For more information contact the ECU ticket office at 800-DIAL-ECU.

Lifeguard classes

The Area 2 pool is planning lifeguarding classes for Oct. 6-28. Interested parties may register at the Area 2 pool from Oct. 1-5. For more information, call 51-2024.

New River defeats 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4-1



Lance Cpl. Thomas Hermesman Defeated: 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion's Elliot Ross steps off the field after a long game.

Pfc. Ryan E. Turnage
Marine Corps Base

Intramural soccer is still going strong with games four days a week. New River played the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion Sept. 13 at W.P.T. Hill Field.

New River was the favored team of the two, coming off of a tough loss against 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment the week before.

The New River side could smell victory as soon as they stepped onto the field and scored two early goals. They dominated the first half until 2nd AA Bn. scored a goal to cut the lead in half, 2-1.

2nd AA Bn.'s head coach, Christian J. Suarez, said the intramural soccer league is a way to play

the sport they love and have some fun.

"It's fun to come out here and play all the talented Marines and just get your mind off the everyday job schedule," he said.

Each team plays for different reasons, whether it is for fun, the love of the game or to be the best at what they do.

New River's head coach Fidel Torres said they had been practicing hard to play 1/9 and felt very confident they would come out on top this time.

"Practice is important and last time we were not prepared against 1/9," said MeHoff.

In the end, 2nd AA Bn. played a good game, but was unable to match the well-prepared New River team. The final score was 4-1, giving New River the momentum as they prepare to face rival 1/9 again Oct. 3 at W.P.T. Hill Field. ■



Lance Cpl. Thomas Hermesman Perfect pass: New River's Charles Laselle waits for the perfect moment to pass the ball to an awaiting teammate downfield.

Racing team 'adopts' 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines

Pfc. Casey Jones
2nd Marine Division

More than 350 Marines and their families attended a family day sponsored by the Joe Gibbs Racing Team at Onslow Beach Sept. 8.

The Joe Gibbs Racing Team "adopted" 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, to help support the Marines and their families. The racing team plans to have an ongoing relationship with the battalion and intends to sponsor future events.

"The idea was to show our appreciation to the troops and to their families," said Sandy Norrid, a volunteer with the racing team.

The family day was the first official battalion event sponsored by the racing team.

"This is the first thing we've done, but we're looking for other opportunities to do things," Norrid said. "We would like to send some things

to the troops, and we're asking for [Marines'] input in that. We need to know what exactly to send — such as movies, videos, calling cards, sunglasses."

The family day allowed the Marines to spend time with each other in a social environment outside of work and in civilian attire.

"This is where you really like to see Marines," said Lt. Col. Thad R. Trapp, the battalion commanding officer. "It's good to see them out here without their uniform, 'letting their hair down' and enjoying themselves with their families."

The event also allowed the families to meet each other and the unit leaders, said Sgt. Maj. Jose L. Santiago, the battalion sergeant major.

The battalion is scheduled to deploy next summer and plans to hold social events often to help build bonds among the families and leadership.

"It really does emphasize the fact that not only are we a family as a unit, but events like this are necessary to care for the families and build those relationships," Trapp said.

The battalion was deactivated in 1991 and reactivated July 13 due to an increase in size of the Marine Corps.

"To be able to stand this battalion back

up as the newest battalion in the Marine Corps and grow it basically from scratch to deploying sometime next year definitely makes 2/9 unique, and I'm excited," Trapp said.

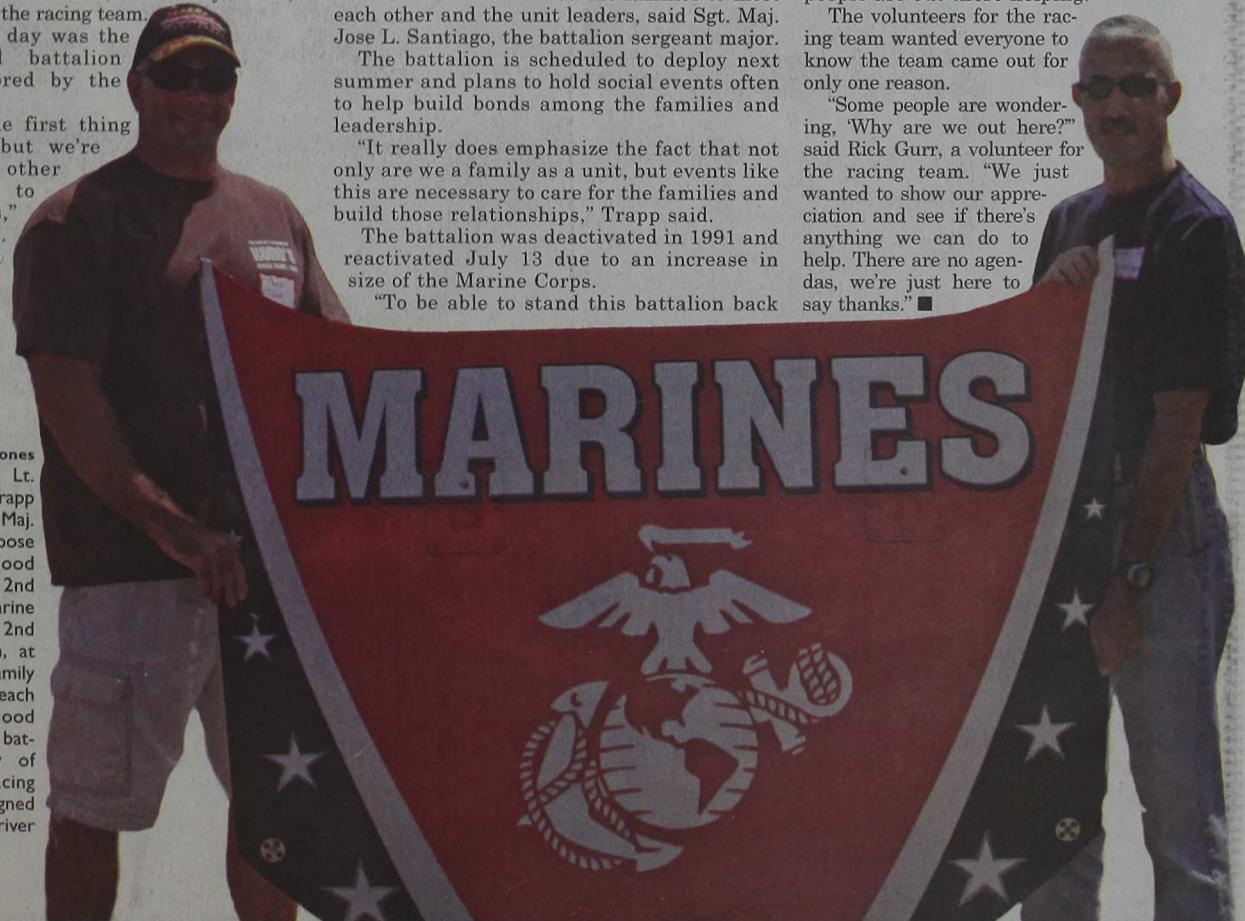
The racing team, composed mostly of volunteers, was recognized for its hard work and support for the troops.

"It is especially nice to see the civilians from Joe Gibbs Racing come out here and support us," said Maria Runyon, the wife of Maj. James B. Runyon. "It's always nice to hear a 'Thank you' and to know that other people are out there helping."

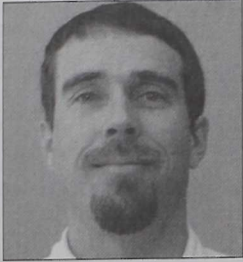
The volunteers for the racing team wanted everyone to know the team came out for only one reason.

"Some people are wondering, 'Why are we out here?'" said Rick Gurr, a volunteer for the racing team. "We just wanted to show our appreciation and see if there's anything we can do to help. There are no agendas, we're just here to say thanks." ■

Pfc. Casey Jones
Racing hood: Lt. Col. Thad R. Trapp (left) and Sgt. Maj. Jose L. Santiago pose with a car hood given to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, at the battalion's family day at Onslow Beach Sept. 8. The hood was given to the battalion courtesy of Joe Gibbs Racing Team and was signed by NASCAR driver Denny Hamlin.



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Jamie Cameron

Cool temps equal hot bites

Through the miracle of modern technology, you were reading my report on the pros and cons of natural and artificial baits last week while I was fly-casting to rainbow and brown trout in the mountain streams of western North Carolina.

Most people (myself included) don't think of the Tarheel State as a trout Mecca, but the clear, cold water of the Blue Ridge Mountain rivers and streams is home to native brook trout as well as plenty of stocked fish.

The recent extreme drought across most of the state has brought water levels in the mountains to dramatic lows and the fish are currently very skittish.

I managed to wrestle out a 9-inch brown trout from a slow-moving pool in the Mills River, but that was about it. I saw plenty of fish, but almost all of them were rapidly swimming upstream to escape my clumsy approach. That, not to mention my exceptionally poor skills with a fly rod (I spent way more time re-tying flies and tippets to replace the ones I had lost in the trees than I did fishing) made my day on the water a frustrating experience. I shouldn't complain though, the scenery and weather were just about perfect.

Enough about trout. You want to know the latest report from the surf

and beyond. Since I've been away, we'll have to rely on Richard Ehrenkauffer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus (as we so often do) for our weekly update.

The recent cold fronts have pushed a lot of bait from the sounds into the surf zone. The ensuing feeding frenzy has included lots of bluefish, from snapper blues weighing 1-3 pounds to the big "Hatteras" blues that run from 8-15 pounds. Red drum are also in the mix, with plenty of fish measuring over the 27-inch slot limit. Dr. Bogus spends most of his time surf fishing along the Emerald Isle beachfront and wrote in he has been discouraged at how many people out there are disregarding the size and creel limits on red drum. The state allows each angler to keep one red drum that measures between 18 and 27 inches per day. All other drum are to be released unharmed. This population of fish has been through some tough times, with low numbers through much of the 1990s. Only recently have we started to see the benefits of the strict conservation measures the Department of Marine Fisheries enacted to save the red drum. Please adhere to the rules so everyone may continue to enjoy catching these great gamefish.

There is a fairly strong flounder bite going on in the Intracoastal Waterway and inlets. The

fish have been averaging between 1-3 pounds — that's a nice eating-sized flounder.

In the Not Fish But Related To Fish department, the shrimp season is looking very promising. Dr. Bogus' sources are reporting shrimp from every creek and cranny in the White Oak and New rivers. Live shrimp are usually caught with a cast-net and make excellent baits for speckled trout and puppy drum, but they also make a great meal for humans too. Why spend money at the fish market when you can throw your own shrimp up on the barbie?

Just offshore, the Spanish mackerel have moved away from the beaches to the nearshore rocks and artificial reefs. There are king mackerel and bluefish among them so be prepared for a fight. Surprisingly, bottom fishermen in these areas have been having some success with legal-sized groupers. Normally, these highly-prized fish are not quite so shallow, but the guys are catching them within three miles of the beach.

Stay tuned for more. The fishing is going to keep getting better as the season progresses.

Cameron is assistant managing editor at THE GLOBE. He is also a very bad fly-fisherman, though he feels he must surely be better than Brad Pitt, who used a stunt double for the fishing scenes in "A River Runs Through It."

Alabama back in AP top 25

Ralph D. Russo
AP sports writer

NEW YORK — Nick Saban needed three games to get Alabama back in the Top 25.

The Crimson Tide jumped into *The Associated Press* poll Sunday at No. 16, its first time in the rankings since the final poll of the 2005 season.

Saban, lured from the Miami Dolphins with a \$4 million per year contract, earned his first important win with the Tide on Saturday night. With a late rally, Alabama beat the Razorbacks 41-38.

At the top of the poll, No. 1 Southern California recouped some of the first-place votes it lost to No. 2 LSU in the previous two weeks.

USC received 46 first-place votes, up six from last

week, and 1,605 points after a 49-31 victory at Nebraska that was not as close as the final score.

The Tigers continued impress with a 44-0 victory over Middle Tennessee. LSU received 19 first-place votes and 1,577 points in the late Top 25.

Florida slipped past Oklahoma into the third spot behind USC and LSU, but the Gators and Sooner are just three points apart.

Florida is coming off a 52-20 victory over Tennessee. Oklahoma has outscored opponents by 158 points during a 3-0 start.

No. 5 West Virginia slipped a spot, California rose two places to No. 6 and Texas dropped a place to No. 7. No. 8 Ohio State moved two spots and Wisconsin at Penn State rounded out the first 10.

Tide tables for New River Inlet

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High tide	6:45 a.m.	7:12 p.m.
Low tide	12:43 a.m.	12:56 p.m.
Wednesday		
High tide	7:33 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Low tide	1:24 a.m.	1:48 p.m.

Navy women's lacrosse announces fall schedule

Press release
Navysports.com

In preparation of its first season competing in the Patriot League, head coach Cindy Timchal and the Navy women's lacrosse team has announced its 2007 fall schedule. The Mids will play a total of six games, plus a tournament at George Mason to cap off the fall portion of the schedule. The Mids opened Sept. 8 at Rutgers with a pair of strong performances against both Rutgers and Lehigh.

"We played very well. It was an encouraging sign to see where we stood and what we need to work on. All in all, it was good for us to get up there against compete against two strong teams," said Navy head coach

Cindy Timchal. "Some of our freshmen, including Meg Decker, Katrina Nietsch and Caitlin Hill, made a huge impact for us. It was good to see everyone on the same page, and it was a great opportunity to play those teams this past weekend."

Navy will open the home portion of its fall schedule on Sept. 28 with a match-up against Germany's Hamburg Warriors, the two-time German National Champions. The game will be played on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy, beginning at 4:30 pm. The Mids will also play a select team from Japan on Oct. 5, at 3:45 pm.

Following the contests against international competition, Navy will battle American and Mount St.

Mary's on Oct. 6, in Annapolis, beginning at noon. Navy will close out its fall portion at the George Mason Tournament on Oct. 9, in Fairfax, Va. Last year's George Mason Tournament featured 16 teams comprised in brackets of four teams. The teams are slated to tentatively play at least four games during the day.

"It's a little bit different approach to the fall season, in that it is important for us to be competitive," said Timchal. "It does matter how we do, because we need to figure out where we stand entering our first season in Division I. We are playing some very solid teams that handled us pretty good last year, and it will be interesting to see how far we have come and how far we need to go."

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Emerald Isle's 50th birthday beach volleyball tournament Saturday

Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation is scheduled to have the last tournament in their 4 vs. 4 beach volleyball series Sept. 22. The tournament is to be held at the Western Ocean Regional Access on Islander Drive in Emerald Isle from 9 a.m. until the last game is over. This is an "open gender" series and players must be at least 16 years of age. The registration fee is \$55 per team. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Registration forms may be downloaded from the Emerald Isle Web site at www.emeraldisle-nc.org/eiprd/Summer4v4Volleyball.htm. The top two teams will win a cash prize and an Emerald Isle 50th

birthday commemorative award plaque. Teams must bring their own ball and will act as officials when not playing. For more information and payment details, contact Dena Julius at 252-354-6350 or djulius@emerald-isle-nc.org.

Fall skateboarding competition Saturday

The Jacksonville Recreation and Parks and Good Sessions is scheduled to host a fall skateboarding competition. The competition is to be held at the Jacksonville Commons Skate Park Sept. 22. Registration is scheduled to take place from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. The competition is to begin at 10 a.m. All ages are welcome to participate and show off their talent. Live bands will be performing. Prizes will be presented to the first, second and third place winners of each category, which include beginner, intermediate, advanced, best trick and sponsored. Helmets, elbow pads and knee pads will be required to participate. For more information call Marybeth LeMaire at 938-5303 or Billy (Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at 353-7070 or visit the City of Jacksonville Web site at www.ci.jacksonville.nc.us.

French Creek Fitness Center closure Sept. 28 - Oct. 21

The French Creek Fitness Center is scheduled to close Sept. 28 due to improvements being made to the facility. The facility is expected to reopen Oct. 22. Patrons are invited to use the Area II Gym (open daily) and the Courthouse Bay Fitness Center (open daily). For more information or questions call the French Creek Fitness Center management and staff at 451-1801 or 451-5430.

Marine Corps half marathon Sept. 29

The Marine Corps half marathon begins and ends at Russell Marine and Family Services Center. The run takes place on a certified, flat, fast, asphalt surface with a minimum of turns, which is conducive to establishing numerous record-setting performances within the one event. Any runner wishing to run for record at these distances must contact the race director for further instructions. Aid stations will be located every two miles with water and Gatorade. Awards will be presented to the top three male and female overall and overall masters finishers, and to the top three male and female finishers in the following age categories: 12 and under, 13-16, 17-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70 and over. Top overall finishers are not eligible for age group awards. This race is open to everyone.

The entry fee is \$25 if received by noon, Sept. 24. Late registration fee will be \$30 for all entries received after noon Sept. 24 and on race day, Sept. 29 at the race site from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The registration fee is non-refundable. For convenience, credit card registration is available online at www.active.com. For more race information, call 451-0092.

Infant of Prague 5K, 1-Mile Fun Run Oct. 12

Runners can register for the 3rd Annual Infant of Prague School 5 kilometer and 1-mile Fun Run by going online at www.active.com. Entry forms can also be picked up at IOP school from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. All entry forms must be returned no later than Oct. 12. Entry fees include refreshments and T-shirts for all participants and awards for top finishers.

Rugby players sought Oct. 11-12

The United States Marine Corps is seeking applications for the All-Marine Rugby Team Trial Camp is scheduled to be held Oct. 11-21 at Camp Lejeune. The deadline has been extended due to the low number of applications received. The Armed Forces Rugby Championships will be held Oct. 22-27, also at Camp Lejeune. Players interested in trying out should call Sid Meyerson at 451-0377 or Dennis Rautmann at 451-2710. E-mail: rautmann@usmc-mccs.org or meyerson@usmc-mccs.org.

Supply Battalion races past opposition

Story and photos
Jamie Cameron
 Assistant managing editor

Speed kills; that is especially true in football and Supply Battalion's ability to fly to the ball on both offense and defense certainly killed Fire Emergency Services Division's team in intramural flag football action Tuesday night.

The Supply Bn. side raced for seven touchdowns in their 47-8 rout over FESD at Cross Field aboard Camp Lejeune.

The entire affair could have been called the Aswad Prim/Ladell Rider Show. Prim, Supply's mobile quarterback and Rider, who made big plays as a wide receiver and defensive back, led the onslaught that started early in the first half.

On their first possession of the game, Supply Bn. marched downfield with a spectacular aerial attack that culminated with a touchdown pass to Craig Comstock, who also caught the one-point conversion toss from Prim. Prim later hooked up with Rider for the first time on a long bomb downfield. The conversion was squashed by FESD to keep the score 13-0 going into the half.

The dam holding back Supply Bn.'s offense broke at the start of the second half, with Prim scrambling around behind the line of scrimmage long enough for the cornerbacks to lose contact with their marks. He connected with Rider all alone in the end zone for their second hook-up of the game.

During this time, the FESD offense found itself foundering against the speed on Supply Bn.'s defensive unit. Daniel Arias and Antoine Stewart spend the night in the FESD backfield harraying starting quarterback Darius Harpe and a slew of successors.

The FESD offensive unit finally broke through with their first series in the second half when Peter Dyba broke free after a short completion and skated into the end zone untouched. The two-point conversion was good, but that was all the offense FESD would generate in the game.

Supply Bn. struck back on its next possession with a 60-yard pass play to break the game open. Prim and Rider connected again on the next drive to make the margin 35-8.

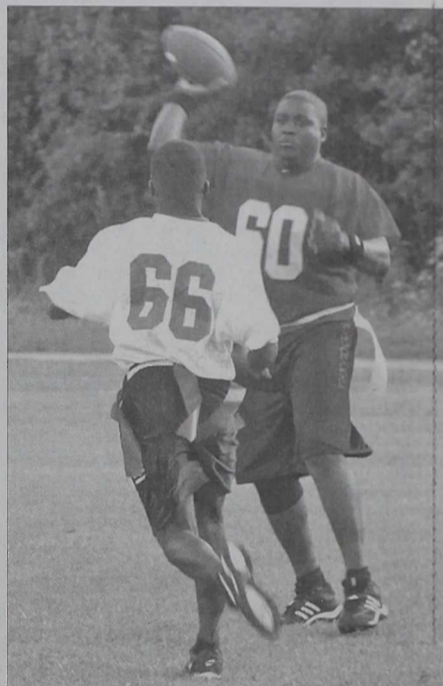
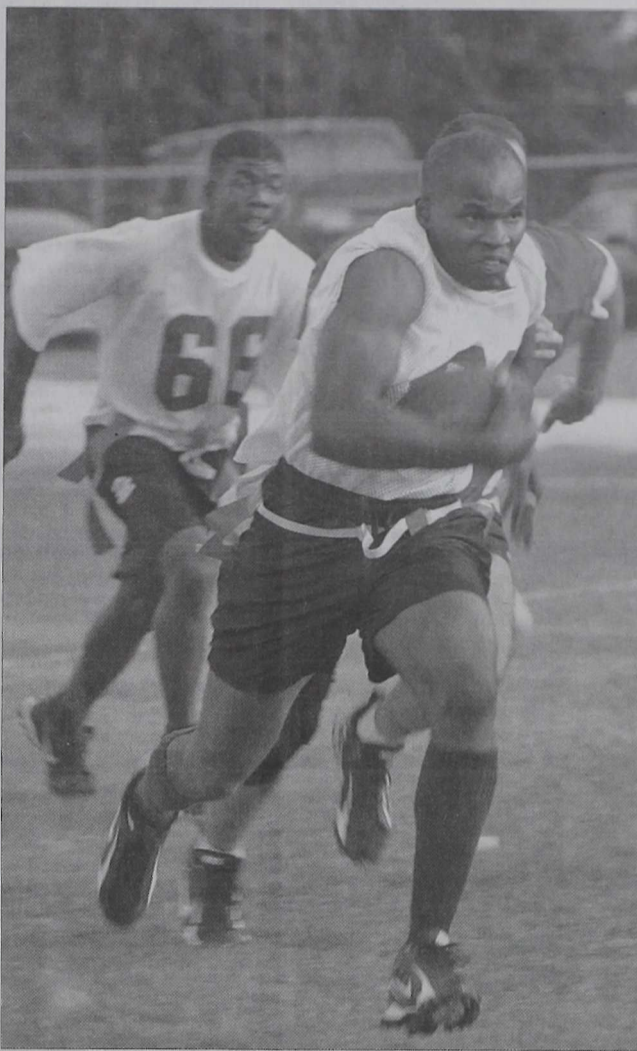
FESD threatened to score a second time late in the half, marching down the field with short but effective passes until they were knocking on the doorstep in the red zone. Unfortunately for them, Prim also plays defense for Supply Bn. and the hardnosed quarterback with a rocket arm picked off a potential scoring pass with just two minutes left to play.

Last year's defending intramural champs weren't done yet, scoring twice more during the two-minute drill.

Derrick Sanders, Supply Bn.'s player/coach summed up his squad's performance. "They played pretty well tonight," he said. "Our offense is starting to gel. We have some receivers who are playing for the first time for us, but I expect them to get better over the next couple of games.

"We definitely try to put pressure on the quarterback all game long and I think our defense did that tonight with three interceptions."

Sanders was pleased with the result against FESD, but warned of the talented teams in the league that stand in the way of a back-to-back title for Supply Bn. "We've got some good teams out there and we need to get better," he said. ■



Flag football: In the photo above, Supply Battalion quarterback, Aswad Prim, tucks the ball and is off to the races during Tuesday's game against Fire Emergency Services Division. Above right, the Supply Bn. offense huddles up for its next play. At right, FESD quarterback Darius Harpe is under pressure from Supply Bn.'s Antoine Stewart. Harpe threw for a touchdown in the game against the defending intramural flag football champions.

For more pictures of this event, log on to www.camplejeuneglobe.com

2007 Intramural Soccer League Blue Pool

Results as of Sept. 8

Place	Team	Games	Wins	Ties	Loss
1	Naval Hospital	4	4	0	0
2	2nd Tanks Battalion	2	2	0	0
3	Camp Geiger	4	2	0	2
4	Combat Logistics Regiment 2	1	2	0	1
5	II Marine Expedition	3	1	1	2
6	Brig Company	5	1	1	4
7	Group Consolidated Administrative Center	3	0	0	3

2007 Intramural Flag Football Standings

Results as of Sept. 17

Place	Team	Games	Wins	Ties	Loss
1	8th Command Battalion	2	2	0	0
2	2/9 Marines	2	1	0	1
3	Fire Emergency Services Division	3	2	0	1
4	Headquarters Combat Logistics Regiment 27	2	0	0	2
5	SMTC	2	0	0	2
6	Supply Bn.	3	2	0	1

2007 Intramural Soccer League Gold Pool

Results as of Sept. 11

Place	Team	Games	Wins	Ties	Loss
1	1/9 Marines	5	3	1	1
2	Arsenal	4	3	0	1
3	Camp Johnson	5	3	0	2
4	New River	4	2	1	1
5	2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion	4	1	2	1
6	2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion	4	0	2	2
7	Combat Logistics Battalion 24	3	0	0	3

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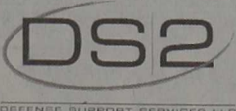
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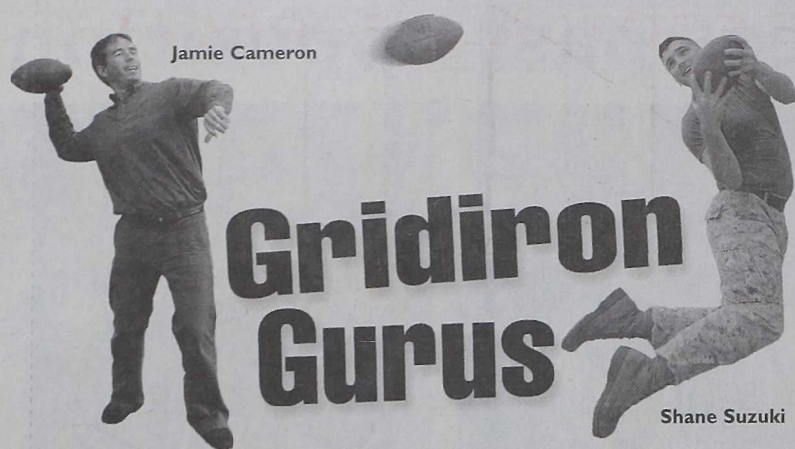
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Gridiron Gurus

Jamie's picks:

Despite some shaky reasoning and inexplicable assessments, I, the Gridiron Guru of choice, went a perfect 3-0 ... again. Two weeks into the season and I'm batting a thousand. Can you think of any reason not to go with me in Week 3?

At the risk of sounding like a wicked hommah, is their anyone else out there in the NFL who'd like to suggest the New England Patriots aren't nearly as good as the last five years would suggest without the sideline shenanigans we've heard about ad nauseum? Anybody? How about you guys up in Buffalo ... (crickets chirping)?

Aside from the Pats offense looking invincible and the defense about to get much better in Week 4, what have we got? The Detroit Lions are 2-0. The New Orleans Saints are 0-2. Can Brett Favre hold the Packers together

for one more run? I don't think so.

Chicken Run

Detroit (2-0) at Philadelphia (0-2). I know, I know ... seems like everyone is getting onto the Lions' bandwagon these days. I'm not picking them to beat the Eagles because they're all that good - I'm picking them because the Eagles are just that bad. It would appear we can now say with a great degree of confidence that the window has been closed on any hopes for a championship in Philly for the foreseeable future. That said, I think I could probably throw touchdowns to the guys Jon Kitna has to catch the ball. Pick Detroit.

The Milagro Beanfield War

Cleveland (1-1) at Oakland (0-2). Man ... did y'all see the highlights from the 96-point extravaganza between the Browns and the Bengals last week? And the

Browns won! This is one of those situations when there really isn't any explanation for what happened, it just does sometimes. In spite of their improbable victory, I think Cleveland is further away from being a good team than Oakland. The quarterback situation for both teams is atrocious, but at least the Raiders seem to have a defense that will keep them close. Pick Oakland.

Any Given Sunday

Indianapolis (2-0) at Houston (2-0). It must be my early success that has me even considering the upset here. Look, here's what we've got: a defending Super Bowl champion team with flaws and an upstart perennial bottom-dweller coming into the game brimming with confidence. The Colts are still a top three team in this league, but they are going to be beaten at least four times in the regular season. The Texans are feeling their oats; they're fun to watch, but they're not going to be one of those teams to bring down the champs. No matter, I'll still be rooting for Richlands' own Mario Williams to have four sacks against Peyton Manning. Pick Indianapolis.

Zook's picks:

I have no idea what happened. I went from 3-0 to 1-2 ... which only means that I am due for a big comeback week. This was one of the strangest weeks I can remember, with the Cincinnati/Cleveland game totaling 96 points, the Patriots getting punished for cheating, the Colts struggling against the Titans and the Eagles unable to score a touchdown despite being able to run almost at will against the Redskins defense. However, these are the breaks of the game.

With my bad week behind me, I am plus

\$60 for the season and 4-2 overall.

Number One Fantasy Football Special: Kung Pow! The \$10 pick.

San Francisco (2-0) at Pittsburgh (2-0) — With so many teams still undefeated, it's natural that some of the unbeaten are going to fall, and fall hard this week. The 49ers are not very good ... their quarterback is below average, they have no receivers and their coaching situation has been inconsistent in the last four years. Not a recipe for success. Pittsburgh has a new coach, but the veteran leadership has been in place since the Super Bowl win in 2005. Ben Roethlisberg is back from his motorcycle accident and the Pittsburgh defense is stellar as usual. Pittsburgh is not only better, but they're home. Steelers win.

Super Deluxe \$20 pick.

Arizona (1-1) at Baltimore (1-1) — So the Cardinals beat my Seahawks last week. Leave me alone. Baltimore at home though is a different story. Arizona is a finesse team, that relies on quick passes and cut-back running. Baltimore is a smash-mouth team that will pound the desert redbirds into submission. No matter who plays QB for Baltimore, either Kyle Boller or Steve McNair, the Ravens will win.

New York Giants (0-2) at Washington (0) — This is what happens when a coach loses the confidence of his team. The Giants look lousy and are playing horrible. Meanwhile, the Redskins are coming off a huge win over division-rival Philadelphia and look like a team on the rise. Quarterback Jason Campbell has to lead to make the short accurate throws, but seems to be a young Brett Favre with the ability to improvise and create offense. With the Hogs, Redskins win going away.

Chuck Norris, Marine Corps generals visit lucky leathernecks in Kuwait

Sgt. Matt Epright

22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — In a rare triple-header, Honorary Marine Chuck Norris, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert Magnus and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration Lt. Gen. James F. Amos visited Marines and sailors of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) here for a quick visit and an evening meal.

The trio of dignitaries and their attendant entourages flew into nearby Udairi Army Air Field on a pair of UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and were met by the 22nd MEU(SOC) commanding officer, Col. Doug Stilwell.

"We very much appreciate military and civilian leaders of this stature taking the time to visit and show our Marines and sailors they care about what we are doing," said Stilwell.

After a short bus ride to one of the dining facilities at Camp Buehring and a brief stop outside to sign autographs and pose for pictures with the troops, Norris, Magnus and Amos went into a special dining room to enjoy a meal with a select group of Marines.

Before getting in the buffet line, each of them took the time to circle the room and talk to the Marines. Magnus' message was simple and to the point.

"He shook everybody's hand and said 'Hey, thank you for being a United States Marine.' I thought that was pretty cool," said Cpl. Hollis Versyp, an administrative clerk with the MEU's Command Element.

Versyp was glad to have the chance to see each of the visitors.

"I've been a fan of Chuck Norris for a long time," said the Abilene, Texas, native.

Versyp said he grew up watching Chuck Norris movies with his father and getting to meet Norris brought back those happy memories.

"It reminds me of [my father] and reminds me of home," he said.

After the meal, Norris, Magnus and Amos took turns talking to the Marines.

Versyp said that Magnus talked about his experiences during the Vietnam War era, reflecting that the troops didn't get the kind of public support they get today.

Norris, who said he lost a brother in the Vietnam War, agrees that there is a big difference in how service members are treated today.

He added that ensuring troops get strong public support is one of his primary reasons for visiting troops near the front lines.

"I just want the troops to know they're not forgotten," said Norris. "I would just like to get the opportunity to meet as many of the troops here as I can, to let them know that."

While the dignitaries and Marines were finishing their meal and taking photos, in the rest of the dining facility, word had leaked out; "Chuck Norris is here."

Nearly every Marine, sailor, and soldier in the dining facility was lined up against the walls, waiting and



Dinner: Honorary Marine Chuck Norris sets the record straight about some myths that have been circulating about the martial arts legend (no, he doesn't have another fist behind his beard) during a dinner at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, for a select group of Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

hoping for the chance to meet the martial arts legend. "Chuck is the man," said Cpl. Kyle Mullinax, an operations clerk with the MEU's Command Element, who was the first person in line. "If he has something to autograph, I'm going to take that. If not, I'm going to have him sign a dollar, because that's all I've got."

A short time later, Norris came out of the back dining room and was greeted by a resounding cheer. He went down the line shaking hands, posing for photos and handing out autographed pictures.

"The military is what helped me grow up," said Norris. "The military has been close to my heart for years."

After Norris, Magnus and Amos finished talking to Marines and posing for photos they boarded the bus and headed back to the airfield to continue with their visits with deployed troops.

The 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) consists of its Ground Combat Element, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment; Aviation Combat Element, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced); Logistics Combat Element, Combat Logistics Battalion 22; and its Command Element. Led by Col. Doug Stilwell, the 22nd MEU(SOC) is in Kuwait conducting sustainment training as part of a scheduled deployment. ■



Greeting: Col. Doug Stilwell, commanding officer of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), talks to Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert Magnus outside of a dining facility aboard Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Magnus came to have dinner with a select group of Marines from the MEU. The 22nd MEU(SOC) is in Kuwait conducting sustainment training as part of a scheduled deployment.

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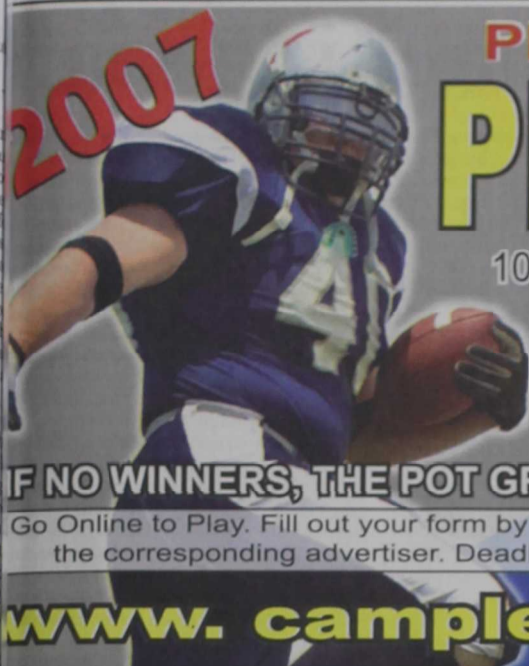
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Campbell added to Navy coaching staff

Press release
Navysports.com

The Navy men's track and field coaching staff has announced the hiring of Chris Campbell as assistant coach to work with the throwers, pole vaulters and combined event athletes.

"It is a pleasure to have Chris back as a coach with our track and field staff," stated Navy head coach Stephen Cooksey. "He is extremely knowledgeable, energetic and has several years of experience in the coaching field at several universities. He will be a tremendous asset to our program."

"After a decade of honing my recruiting and coaching skills, I am excited about the opportunity to return to Navy and consider it an honor to work alongside my own college mentors," said Campbell. "At this prestigious institution, our mission is clear, the facilities are first-class and the midshipmen are motivated. I look forward to developing the boys into high-caliber athletes and instilling the character qualities expected of future naval officers and gentlemen."

A 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Campbell was a four-year letterwinner on the Midshipmen track and field team. A javelin thrower and former school record holder, he was elected team captain his senior year. Upon graduation, Campbell was assigned to the San Diego-based naval warship, USS Copeland, which completed Cooperation Afloat

Readiness and Training operations during Desert Storm and counter-narcotic operations off the coast of Central America in 1993. Campbell completed his military obligation as Operations Officer at Naval Station Annapolis and achieved the rank of lieutenant before he resigned from the Navy in 1995. While completing his military obligation, Campbell served as a volunteer coach at Navy and completed a master of science in education at the Johns Hopkins University.

Campbell's second stop in coaching was at Ball State University, where he served as field events coach for the Cardinals track and field program from 1996 to 1999. During his tenure at Ball State, Campbell directed student-athletes to qualifying marks for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships in the hammer and high jump, four school records, and a Mid-American Conference championship in the hammer throw. The 1998 Ball State women's squad won both the Indoor and Outdoor MAC team championships.

Following his three-year stint at Ball State, Campbell spent six seasons at Fresno State, including the last two as associate head coach. As a member of the Bulldogs' coaching staff, he mentored All-Americans in the decathlon, javelin and shot put. The Fresno State women's team won the 2005 California-Nevada Coaches Association Team Championship, while the men's team won the same title in 2000. The women's



Campbell

squad also captured the Western Athletic Conference title in 2002, its first conference cham-

ampionship in 10 years. Campbell served as the recruiting coordinator at Fresno State, inking several top 25 national athletes, including the top-ranked high school javelin thrower in the country in 2003. In addition to his coaching and recruiting duties, Campbell served as Vice President of the California-Nevada Coaches Association and as Men's and Women's Development Chairperson for the Central Valley Chapter of USA Track and Field. He completed a master of arts in Kinesiology at Fresno State in 2003.

For the past two years, Campbell served as assis-

tant coach for the combined men's and women's track and field program at Michigan State University. Working primarily with the throwers and multi-event athletes, Campbell tutored nine Spartan athletes to 16 scoring positions at the Big Ten Championships, four NCAA regional qualifying marks, a pair of NCAA provisional marks in the women's pentathlon and heptathlon, and four school records. In addition to his coaching duties, Campbell served as assistant meet director for the 2006 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships and

directed the 30-team Spartan Invitational Track and Field Meet the past two years.

During his coaching career, Campbell coached a total of 11 NCAA All-American seven junior national Americans, 27 National and championship qualifiers, conference champions, four Olympic Trials participants. Campbell has completed USA Track & Field Coaching Education Schools through Level 3 and has been a National Strength and Conditioning Association certified strength and conditioning specialist since 1996.

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Preventing overuse injuries

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Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

"When Marines push themselves to the extreme too often, overuse injuries begin to affect performance," explained Ramirez.

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. — Gallons of sweat pour from Marines each day as they take the physical training fields and gyms. Whether they run laps around the track or stack hundreds of pounds on the bench press, each workout contributes to keeping a Marine's body in peak physical condition.

As a result of this constant physical activity, Marines leave themselves open to sustaining overuse and overload injuries.

Although progressive overload is a preferred method in developing a well-designed workout program, according to the American College of Sports Medicine, pushing your body too hard, too fast will result in an overload injury. "I often see Marines who are lifting too much for their own good," said Eric Ramirez, a fitness coordinator at the Semper Fit Center aboard MCAS Miramar. "The Marine will come and work out with the largest Marine in their shop, try to keep up, and end up lifting more than they can handle."

The end result is a Marine not being able to use their arms for anything the next day, added Ramirez.

The cause of an overuse injury can be a significant increase in the frequency, intensity or duration of an exercise, not just from massive amounts of activity at once.

The Marine Corps Community Services employees at the fitness facilities here survey their work environments, assisting patrons in their techniques and offering advice on ways to prevent both overload and overuse injuries. Doing so ensures the majority of the workout is doing more to help, rather than hurt.

"The effects of an inappropriate workout may not be seen at first glance," said Amy Beall, personal trainer at the Semper Fit Center. "However, it is common to sometimes feel the effects later on in life when the damage is irreversible."

An overload or overuse injury can occur at any major joint, bone or muscle in the body.

"Taking the time to seek education before beginning a new workout program can help prevent suffering an injury," said Julie Carlson, a health promotion educator with Semper Fit. "I find it very important for those working out to know their limits before proceeding to a new workout."

According to the ACSM, underlying conditions such as running on too hard a surface, worn-out shoes or wearing the wrong type of shoe can be a major contributor to suffering an overuse injury.

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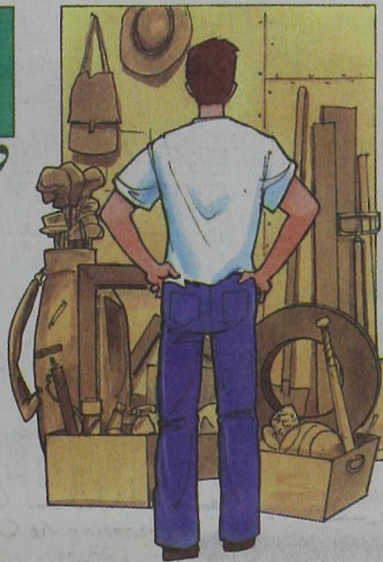
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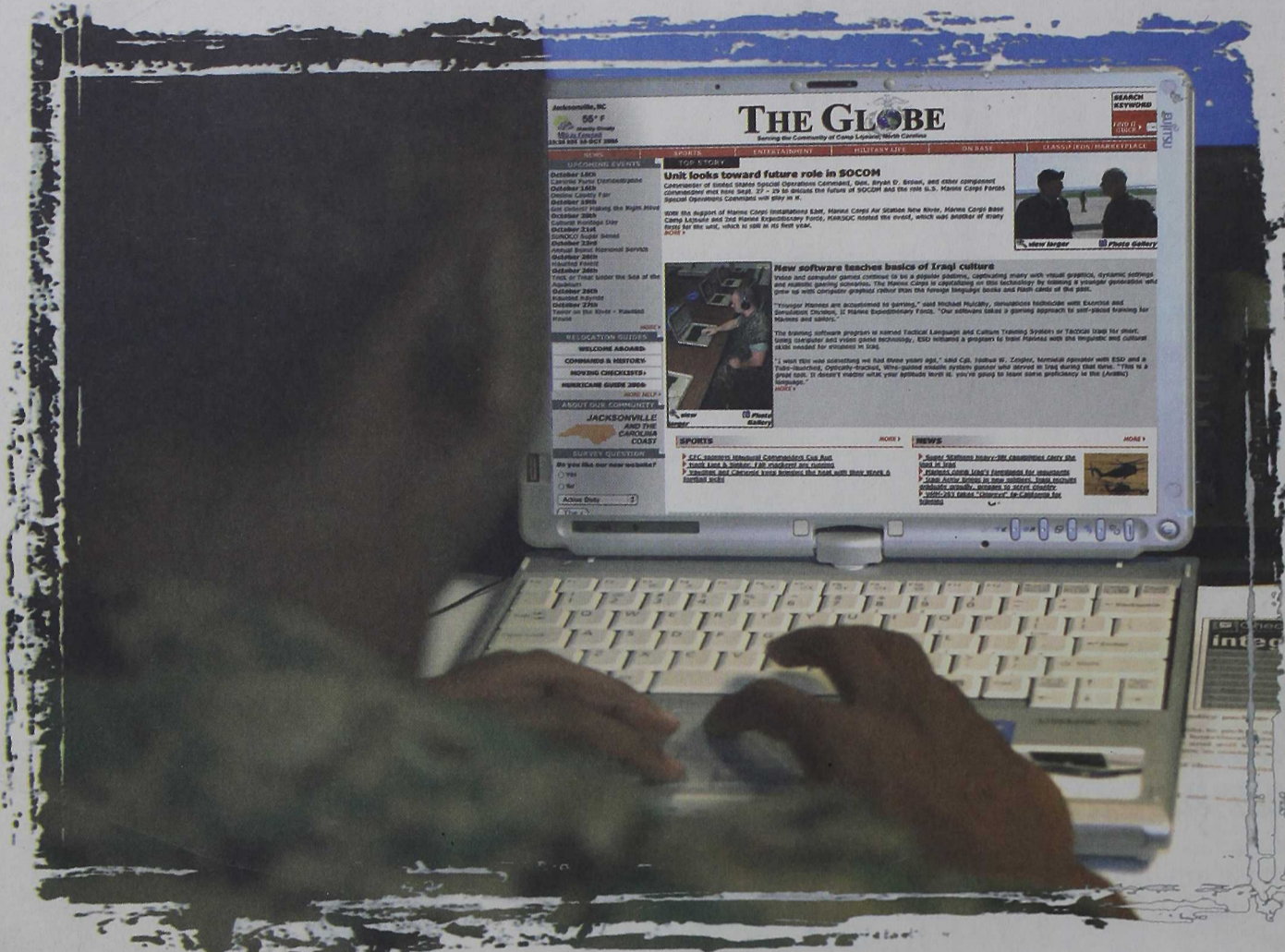
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Al Asad StrongMan Competition tests strength, endurance

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

AL ASAD, Iraq — Whether it's running, biking and swimming miles to test endurance, or demonstrating raw power by bench pressing 325 pounds 15 times, service members pride themselves on their physical fitness. Service members were presented with a different way to test their mettle and compete in the first-ever Al Asad StrongMan Competition, recently.

"I watched [the World's Strongest Man] on TV and just loved it," said Kyle Harmon, a Morale Welfare and Recreation technician at the Al Asad. "I see all these people who work here and thought it would be a good idea."

The MWR staff wanted to provide the service members and civilians a chance to test their strength and endurance outside the normal routine.

A lot of the competitions are leg and core strength," explained Harmon. "I'm trying to show people they don't just go to the gym to have a good workout. They got a good workout just flipping these tires."

To make the competition fair, competitors were split into different weight classes from 175 and under, 200 and under, 225 and under, 226 and over and women's class.

The biggest difference is in the actual competition it's open category, but we didn't do that here," said Harmon. "So we split it up. We were just shooting a hip and if it came out good we'd try to do it again."

The hardest part was trying to get the event materials for the event, but with some modifications, the MWR staff was able to pull it together.

It went by [Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office] and saw the tires and said I could have them," explained Harmon. "The welders helped put together the poles for the Farmer's Walk. I bought a mold for the Atlas tires online, but it was too much to get them all so we changed that."

In the World's Strongest Man competition, competitors and spectators are used to seeing events like the Fingalgers or the Car Dead Lift and though the events in the Al Asad competition were different, they are not too far off.

The first event was a modified Atlas where competitors walked back and forth along a line to get the tire distance.

The competitors then tested their will in the Humvee Pull, where they tried to pull the fastest time. Following was the Farmer's Walk, where competitors carried loads in each hand from one point to another in the fastest time possible.

Testing their core strength was the Tire Flip, where competitors flipped a tire from a 7-ton truck from one point to another in the quickest time possible.

The competitors displayed their determination and grip in the Hercules Hold, where they held two ATVs on ramps for as long as they could. The final event was the Tire Pull.

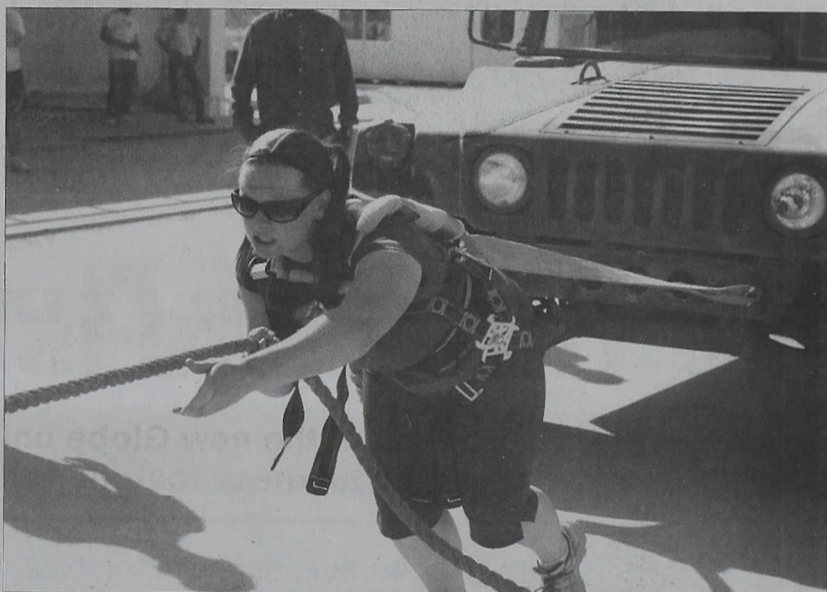
At the end of the day the competitors were proud of their efforts, but only one could be named strongest man in



Hercules: Sgt. Lester Peterson with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Task Force Military Police, reaches deep down inside for everything he has to hold two ATVs during the Hercules Hold event of the Al Asad Strongman Competition.



Tire flipping: Lance Cpl. John Walsh of 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion tries to get the fastest time during the Tire Flip event. Competitors were split up into various weight classes and competed in events like the Atlas Stone carry and Farmer's Walk.



Humvee pull: Even women received the chance to show their strength as Celsea Marin with Combat Logistics Battalion 2, gritted her way through the Humvee Pull event.

their weight class; 175 and under: Staff Sgt. Kevin Graving, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Task Force Military Police; 200 and under: Cpl. Christopher Watson, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352; 225 and under: Cpl. John Woolard, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121. 226 and

over: Tom Martini, Kellogg, Brown and Root; Women: GS-12 Celsea Marin, Combat Logistics Battalion 2.

"This was outstanding," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Graving, 1/12 TFMP. "The equipment they used was really good and they put a lot of time into it. I just feel fortunate to be able to come out and

compete."

The first-ever StrongMan Competition was a success and there are plans for another in the future.

"It went really, really well," said Harmon. "We are trying to make things from scratch and next time we can improve on it. ■"

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Combined Federal Campaign extended
CFC has been extended until Nov. 16. Last turn-in will now be on Nov. 29.

13th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day
The 13th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for Friday 9 a.m. at the Stone Bay Pavilion. A free lunch and information and a chance to receive identification cards will be available for participants. For more information call 451-3121, ext. 205.

Graduation dates
Senior Commissioned Officers Academy course graduation is scheduled to take place aboard the Marine Corps Base New River. The graduation dates are: Corporals' Course, Friday, 10 a.m.; Sergeants' Course, Saturday, 10 a.m.; Career Course, Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Basic Course, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 451-682.

Overway closure
The 10th Marine Regiment is scheduled to conduct a live artillery shoot on the New River. Due to training, the Navy Crew will be in the River alerting boats to the dangers and directing them not to travel south of Hospital Road or North of the Stone Bay Ferry Bridge from 11 a.m. to noon, Friday.

Job Fair
Opportunity awaits at Camp Lejeune Job Fair scheduled to be held at the Stone Bay Memorial House here Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots of resumes and resumes for success.

Information and a list of businesses that are attending, call 451-212, ext 213 or visit <http://mcc-camp.com/jobfair-shop.html#jobfair>. Job Fair is open to active duty, retirees, families, DoD employees, and Coastal Community College students.

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MSOAG instructors train to train

Lance Cpl. Joseph R. Stahlman
MARSOC Public Affairs

Even experts need practice, so Marine Special Operations Advisor Group's Standards and Training section instructors conducted combat marksmanship training here, Sept. 3-7.

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command relies on instructors with MSOAG's S&T section to mold its six-month training pipeline to best prepare Marines and sailors to conduct special operations missions.

According to Sgt. Brandon J. Billiot, the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of counter-terrorist skills for S&T, the goal of the combat marksmanship exercise was to hone the instructors' skills and make them more well-rounded instructors.

"We have 11 instructors out here with various skill sets. Even though we are instructors we still need to perfect our skills,"

explained Billiot, who has instructed pipeline students for more than a year. "During this training we fire M4 Carbines and M9 Beretta Service Pistols."

The M4 Carbine is a gas-operated, air-cooled, magazine-fed selective fire weapon with a four-position telescoping stock.

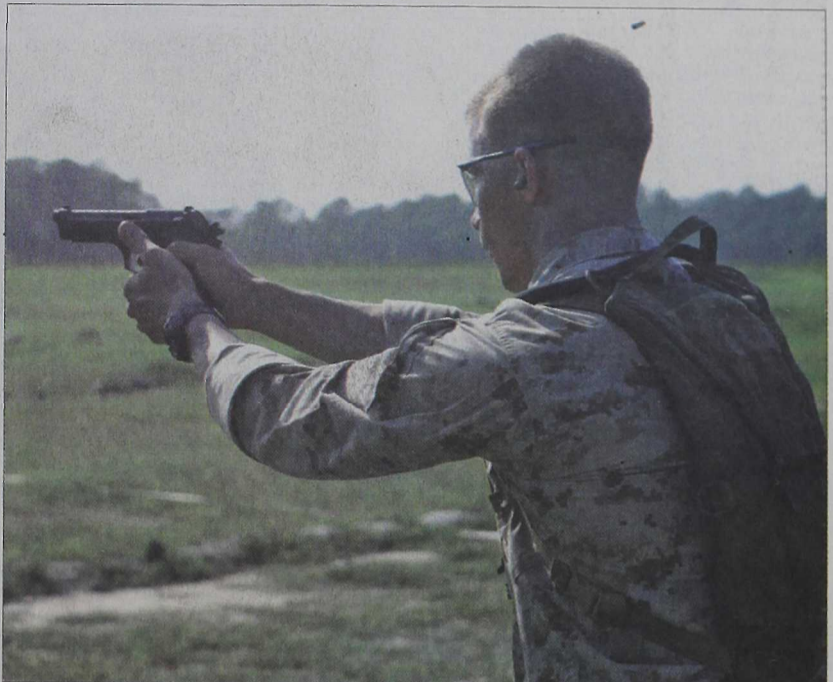
The M9 Beretta Service Pistol is a locked breech, semi-automatic, single-action/double-action recoil-operated pistol with a 15-round staggered magazine that is effective up to 50 meters.

Both weapons are often used in close-quarters battle and practice with them strengthens the instructors' urban combat skills.

"The more you shoot with a weapon, the better you get with it," explained Billiot, a native of Homer, La.

Throughout the exercise, the instructors fired on targets as small as three-inches from up to 50 feet away. They fired

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Aiming: An instructor takes aim with his M9 Beretta Service Pistol to fire at multiple targets during a timed shoot. Marine Special Operations Advisor Group Standards and Training instructors conducted combat marksmanship training Sept. 3-7. The goal of the exercise was to hone their skills and make them more well-rounded instructors of MSOAG's six-month student pipeline.

Cooking with Officers' Wives' Club

Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Marine Corps Base

Knock, knock, knock, knocking at Freedom's Door. No, not a Bob Dylan song, but a cookbook developed by the Officers' Wives' Club, benefit their Charitable Distribution Fund.

Camp Lejeune Officers' Wives' Club is a non-profit organization made up of spouses of officers aboard Camp Lejeune. Through various fund-raising activities, the organization makes numerous philanthropic donations to the Camp Lejeune community and Jacksonville area.

Each cookbook contains a total of 420 pages of recipes from the wives themselves.

A page inside the book explains the creation and story behind the book.

"It really was an idea that came about over a cup of coffee," said Terry Haskell, a member of the OWC and participant in the creation of the cookbook.

Haskell said the OWC wanted to do their part while their husbands are deployed and produce something that would help charity. The cookbook let the OWC get a little more personal with what they were producing.



Officers' Wives' Club: Chairwomen of the At Freedom's Door cookbook, (left to right) Diana Ottoignan, Michelle Lusk, Roxy Destanfrey, Lisa Holden and Terry Haskell stand with the door that inspired the cover of the book. The cookbook is being sold by the Camp Lejeune Officers' Wives' Club by charitable distribution.

At Freedom's Door features photography by Pat Anderson, a Marine spouse of 25 years. Each photo covers a separate section of the book. The photos were taken at dif-

ferent locations all around the base, most of them depicting the book's namesake door.

One of the featured recipes

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Marines get close quarters training

Pfc. Stephen C. Benson
MARSOC Public Affairs

The shooting house door rigged with explosives blows off its hinges and a group of 14 Marines stacked behind a blast blanket storm through the smoke and debris, weapons at the ready, senses heightened.

A seemingly chaotic situation for most is business as usual for operators from 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command.

Last week, 2nd MSOB Marines conducted close-quarters battle training as part of a five week Direct Action course provided by Marine Special Operations School at Stone Bay to prepare for special operations missions which require high levels of focus and precision.

"These guys are accountable for every round they shoot" said Staff Sgt. Jason Johnson, lead instructor for Tactics at MSOS. "It's not just 'spray and pray' like some people mistakenly think."

The five-week direct action course, now in its final week, includes classroom and field training with role-players to hone the Marines' skills.

Twelve instructors lead 48 students through multiple tactics packages. Last week's training included live-fire, Close Quarters Battle Tactics on known distance ranges and in the shoothouse.

Each team cleared rooms with instructors

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Incentives for lateral moves high

Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman
Marine Corps Base

Reenlistment bonuses are at an all time high and more options than ever are open to Marines choosing to reenlist.

One of the most popular and often lucrative options for reenlisting Marines is a lateral movement into a new Military Occupational Specialty.

Movement into critical-needs MOSs are now easier because the demand these MOSs is higher than ever, making them easier to obtain, said Gunnery Sgt. Clinton A. Parks, career planner for Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Although movements are dependent upon the Marine's MOS and his or her scores on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, lateral movements are being made all the time.

When a Marine decides to make a lateral move, his career planner will look at his line scores, said Parks. Line

scores derive from different educational subjects in the ASVAB. For mechanical jobs the mechanical maintenance score is looked into while moves into communications specialties are based on the electronics score. Each MOS has specific requirements unique to that job.

"If a Marine wishes to reenlist as a 'first term' a lateral move is an option if they wish to stay in the Marine Corps," said Parks.

The final two factors that go into whether or not a lateral movement package will be accepted or not, are if the necessary security clearance can be obtained, and if the MOS is in critical need of Marines, said Parks.

If a Marine is currently in a critical-needs MOS, the probability of him successfully transferring to non-critical needs MOS is very low, he said.

Another advantage to moving into a critical-need MOS is the opportunity to take advantage of the Marine Corps' record reenlistment

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Reenlistment: Cpl. Amber L. Blanchard, seen with 1st Lt. Timothy Patrick holding her reenlistment warrant. Blanchard reenlisted into a critical-needs MOS and received a bonus as an incentive for reenlistment.

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on hand to tell them where they went wrong, what they did right, and how to improve.

"They have to be able to distinguish between hostile and non-hostile people the moment they enter the room," explained Johnson. "They're looking at a person's hands to see if they have weapons and noticing all these things immediately."

Another CQB tactics instructor said the time-sensitive tactics involved with this package prepare the Marines to deal with hostage situations. The exercise also helps prepare them physically and mentally for a variety of Foreign Internal Defense missions.

MARSOC has two special operations battalions, one here and one located in Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Each battalion includes several companies that deploy all over the world on missions with far-reaching implications. Raids and room-clearings

demand precision: One stray bullet on a tactical mission could cost lives and have consequences on a strategic level.

The MSOC's training continues this week with Military Operations on Urban Terrain.

The Direct Action course ends Friday but is only one part of a five month training pipeline. MSOB Marines complete to prepare for Special Operations missions. The pipeline involves many intense courses including the Special Reconnaissance Course, the Marine Advanced Sniper Course, a Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure Course and an Explosive Breaching Course.

Two to three Marine Special Operations Companies will complete this training each year as MARSOC continues to grow to full operational capability.

Active duty Marines and sailors interested in joining MARSOC can contact the Marine Special Operations School at 450-2720/2721 (DSN 750-2720/2721) or visit us online at www.marsoe.usmc.mil/recruiting. ■



Pfc. Stephen C. Benson

Moving through: Marines from 2d Marine Special Operations Battalion move through an exploded doorway as smoke clears and tactics instructors from Marine Special Operations School look on. The Marines conducted close quarters battle training as part of a five week direct action course to prepare Marine Special Operations Companies for worldwide deployment.

INSTRUCTORS
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day and night throughout the five-day exercise.

The Marines practiced shooting around cover - and sometimes through it - to hit their targets. They also conducted speed drills to hit multiple targets in a limited time.

These heightened skills will be used to teach pipeline students different techniques for close-quarters battle.

The S&T instructors recently finished teaching a 12-day light-infantry tactics training package and used a break before the next pipeline course to sharpen their own skills.

"Because we are so busy training the pipeline

students, this break gives us a little time to train ourselves," explained Billiot. "MSOAG instructors need to be top-notch to train Marines and Sailors who will be training foreign nations we deployed."

With this training and other training like it, instructors of MSOAG S&T section will have more knowledge and better prepared to teach the Marines and Sailors of MSOAG to succeed when deployed for special operations missions.

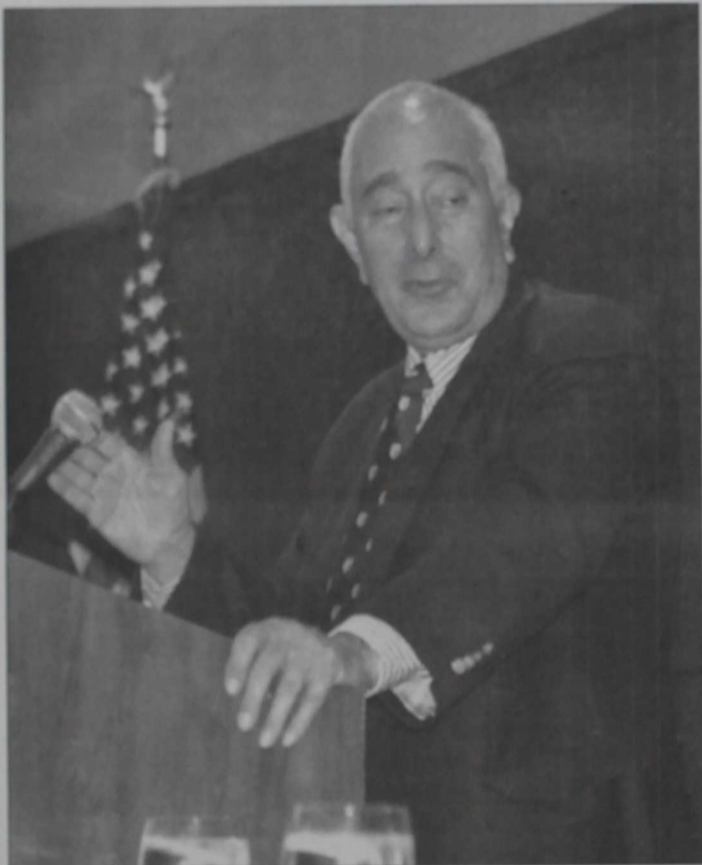
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in the book was added by Linda Holden, the recipe is for Rich Pumpkin Pie:

- 3 eggs
 - 1c. evaporated milk
 - 1c. sugar
 - 1c. pumpkin
 - 1/8 tsp. salt
 - 1 stick butter melted
 - 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
 - 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
 - 1/2 tsp. allspice
 - 1/2 pt. heavy cream
 - 1/2 c. English walnuts
- Cream eggs, milk and sugar. Add remaining ingredients, and mix in well. Pour into an unbaked 8 inch pie shell and bake at 400 degrees for 40 minutes or until a silver knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool. Have edge of crust crimped high, as this is a very generous filling. Whip cream and spread over the cooled pie. Shave English walnuts over this top. This is a delicious pie. It does not have too much pumpkin, more like a spicy custard pie. You can also serve the whipped cream on the side; doesn't have to be spread on the pie.*
- To find out more information or order a A Freedoms Door cookbook call 451-2658. ■

Stein addresses Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association



Staff Sgt. Angela Mink

Featured speaker: Ben Stein addresses a full house during the Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association Conference in Los Angeles, Sept. 14.

"The Armed Services are the life blood of the United States," said Stein to the crowd made up of correspondents from World War II to present day. "The U.S. could survive without Hollywood; it could survive without Wall Street, but we couldn't survive longer than a week without the armed forces - especially the Marine Corps."

The luncheon was the culmination of the week-long conference which ran concurrently with the Marine Corps Public Affairs Conference.

Stein's words were a huge hit with the Marines. There were more than a few tear-filled eyes when he said at the conclusion of the speech, "We have so much beauty in the U.S., but we would not have any of it if it weren't for the people lying beneath the headstones at Arlington National Cemetery."

LAT MOVES
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bonuses. Following the commandant's decision to increase the force to more than 200,000 Marines, bonuses have reached an all-time high - especially for those willing to move into fields such as counter intelligence and explosive ordnance disposal, said Parks.

"If a Marine doesn't like his job but enjoys being a Marine, by all means make a lateral movement and move in," said Parks "Making a lateral movement just for money is not a good idea though, because you don't want to spend your next enlistment miserable."

Normally two year's time in service is required before a MOS before a lateral movement is allowed, but exceptions can be made in a case by case basis, explained Parks.

For more information on reenlistment options contact your units' career planner. ■

Courts Martial

Pfc. Reed E. Liles, a member of 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of one count of unauthorized absence, one count of use of marijuana, one count of distribution of marijuana and one count of introduction of marijuana. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of 12 months, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$850 pay per month for 10 months and a bad conduct discharge.

Sgt. Kenneth R. Dryzga, a member of 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of two counts of wrongful distribution of Xanax, schedule III substance, one count of possession of Xanax with intent to distribute, and two counts of possession of steroids. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of 15 months, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad conduct discharge.

Pfc. Mario J. White, United States Marine Corps, a student of the Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Training Command, was convicted of one count of wrongful distribution of marijuana. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of 60 days, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$800 pay per month for two months and a bad conduct discharge.

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Bridging the gap: War fighters express needs at conference

Cpl. Lucian Friel
2nd Marine Division

Today's war fighter is a high-tech individual. He has the ability and the means to accomplish his mission faster than ever before. But technology is not perfect. There are still things that need to be even more successful at his tasks.

To bring the science and technology community together with Marines and sailors to discuss these needs on the battlefield, the II Marine Expeditionary Force Science and Technology Office held a conference at Marston Pavilion Sept. 10-11.

The conference had three main purposes; to provide war fighters a platform to discuss their lessons learned and limitations caused by gaps in capability; to provide science and technology organizations a platform to articulate their successes and advantages in capabilities for war fighters; and to allow both the war fighters and science and technology community to build a network with each other to help the Marines do their job more safely and more efficiently.

"The primary capability gaps of war fighters are the inability for the science and technology community to understand war fighter requirements," explained Lt. Col. Dave Bacon, the liaison for the office of Naval Research and II MEF. "So the reason behind the conference is to give the Marines a direct line back from Iraq an oppor-

tunity to explain their lessons learned, their requirements and to articulate problems caused by capability gaps."

This conference was the first of its kind for II MEF. The two-day event included discussion panels covering a wide range of topics such as improvised explosive devices trends and detection capabilities, force protection (body and vehicle armor), language translation, communications, training and transition teams' gaps challenges and lessons learned.

Marines and leaders from Marine Special Operations Command, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and II MEF were on hand to give government and civilian scientists an idea of what it's currently like on the battlefield in the Global War on Terrorism, particularly in Iraq.

Lt. Col. Dave Barnes, who served as the officer in charge of the Transition Team Cell, II MEF Headquarters Group, II MEF, and deployed to the Al Anbar Province of Iraq from March to December 2005, was one of the key speakers during the conference.

"I think it's a good venue for Marines and trigger pullers to meet with the science and technology community and address their technological needs that are out there that haven't made it to their awareness," Barnes explained. "For us, it's kind of a



Cpl. Lucian Friel

Speaking: Lt. Col. Dave Barnes, the officer in charge of the Transition Team Cell, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II MEF, speaks to Marines, soldiers, sailors and civilian and government scientists about missions, roles and capability needs of transition teams in Iraq during the II MEF Science and Technology conference at Marston Pavilion Sept. 10.

unique opportunity to tell the story of transition teams and to get our message out there."

According to Bacon, these conferences will be a year-

event and are an important part of accomplishing the war fighter's mission.

As technology advances for today's Marine or sailor sup-

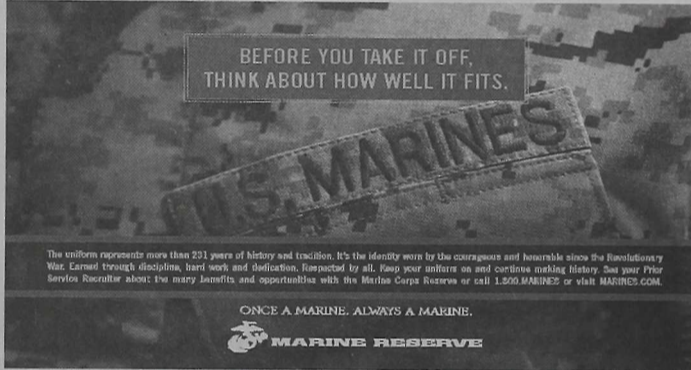
porting the Global War on Terrorism, these conferences will take an important role in bridging the gap between scientist and warrior. ■

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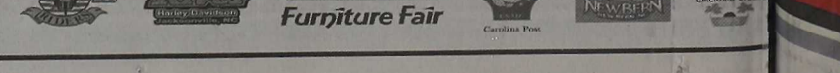
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'04 DODGE DAKOTA SLT CREW CAB, WHITE, #68028A.....	\$14,970	\$2,000	\$12,970
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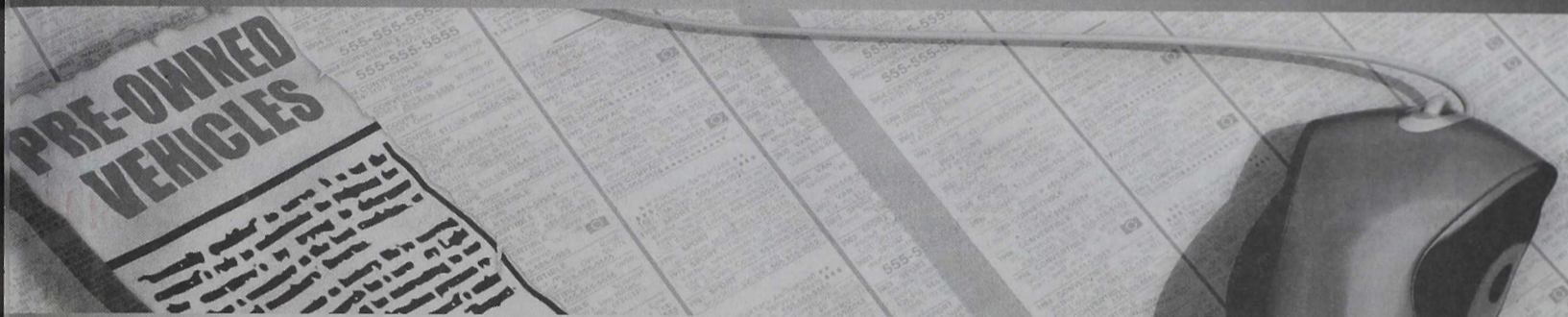
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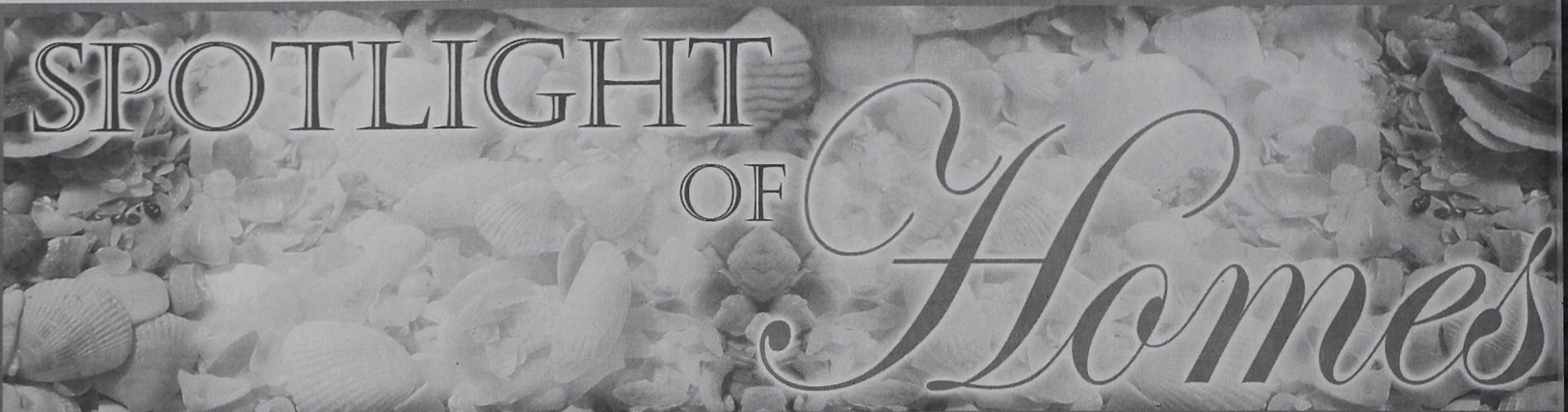
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Camp Lejeune Independent Schools announce the winners of the recent school board elections. They are Jeffrey Davis, Susan Fuquea, Julie Herbert and Tamiko McCants. Many thanks to all who ran. For more information, call 451-2641, ext. 7.

Jewish high holidays

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is scheduled to celebrate Jewish high holidays at the Jewish Chapel in Bldg. 67 on the following dates and times:
Tomorrow, 7 p.m., Kol Nidre; Saturday, 10 p.m., and Yom Kippur; Sunday, 7 p.m., (using Service Center). For more information, call 451-1010.

Yard sale

The Swansboro Family Pose Center is planning a yard sale for Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held beside the Moose Center at 161 Norris Rd. in Swansboro. For more information, contact Donna Bailey at 40-4352.

Vaccine Rodeo

CLDS has teamed up with Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune to offer "Vaccine Rodeo" Monday and Tuesday from 4-7:30 p.m. at the Immunization Clinic. CLDS students will receive any needed vaccine. Please bring identification cards and shot records. For more information, contact Dr. Vickie Weaver at 451-7594.

Women's health symposium

Imper Fit is planning a women's health symposium for Sept. 27 at Bldg. 302 on Holcomb Rd. Topics include mental health, stress, heart disease and nutrition. For more information regarding fees, visit the Marine Corps Community Services Web site at camplejeune.com/healthover.html#women. For more information, call 451-2865.

Driver improvement

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

Young Marines

Swansboro Young Marines are scheduled to have a Boot Camp at 5 at the Family Pose Center at 161 Norris Rd. in Swansboro. This is an organization for youth ages 8-18 years old. For more information contact Sherri Mey at 545-8779.

Planting effort preserves beach



Pfc. Ryan E. Turnage

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

A few good Marines and sailors were sowing their wild oats...sea oats, that is. Approximately 40 volunteers, both military and civilian, came together on a training area at Onslow beach Friday to plant sea oats, a native, warm season grass, in an effort to protect the beach from erosion by keeping the sand dunes intact.

The effort was spearheaded by the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune Environmental Conservation Branch. The Environmental Conservation Branch also handles the base hunting and fishing program, wildlife and fish-pond management, other soil conservation programs and nuisance wildlife issues, among other programs, aboard base.

"It is a way to trap the blowing sand and allow nature to rebuild the dunes," said Martin Korenek, wildlife biologist with the Land and Wildlife Resources Section, in explaining the importance of sea oats in beach preservation. "It's pretty simple. Put some-

thing there to stop the wind. The sand falls down. The process repeats itself."

For the past several years the Environmental Conservation Branch has been planting the grass twice a year; once early in the season and once late in the season, Korenek explained.

The early summer planting "gets a bunch of grass in early and, if we don't have any hurricanes, it gives the chance for it to grow," said Korenek.

If there is bad weather during the summer, the second planting is a another chance to get some grass in the sand.

The volunteers gathered early Friday morning to receive their instructions. Some were set to work "boring" holes in the sand with a metal bar with water running through it. Following behind them, other volunteers placed small scoops of fertilizer in the holes. Next came the planters who placed a plant in each hole. Then the holes were filled in.

"It usually takes a few moments for all of the volunteers to find their niche, but once we get moving everyone picks it up

really fast," said Korenek.

The sea oats used in the planting are nursery-grown plants and are a species native to the area. The seeds for the plants are gathered from beaches in North Carolina.

Cpl. Joan Skipper, a supply administrator from Headquarters Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, put the plants inside the bore holes. She said she enjoyed volunteering.

"It's fun. You get to be out in the sun enjoying the nice day. You get to meet new people and get to see new things. I've never done this before. This is the first time," she said.

Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer 2nd Class Miram Maides, a Navy corpsman from the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Orthopedic Clinic, agreed that volunteering was fun. "I've always been into the environment, so this is fun to me," she said.

Staff Sgt. Terrance Jackson, of the Resource Conservation Division, acts as a military liaison among the military units regarding environmental issues. His understanding of coastal

ecology comes from personal experience. "My family is from Gulfport, Miss., which Hurricane Katrina destroyed. So I know the importance of having dunes on the beach," he said.

As the volunteers and staff were out on the beach planting sea oats, Marines were training nearby on AAVs. Korenek, a former Marine who used AAVs during his time in service, commented on the importance of the conservation efforts on training.

"Without the barrier island here, these guys wouldn't have a training beach here necessarily," he said. "The beach is important for training, but it's important for the wildlife habitat as well."

Korenek was pleased with the efforts the staff and volunteers made in the planting.

"I guess the real message is education. [This grass planting] allows these guys to learn a little about barrier island ecology while allowing them to do something for the base while working outside for a day," said Korenek.

Editor's Note: For more photographs from this story, see The Globe Web site at www.camplejeuneglobe.com.



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Pfc. Ryan E. Turnage

Operational beach: Pictured above, Marines were training on the beach with AAVs while the volunteers and staff were planting sea oats Friday. At right, Martin Korenek, wildlife biologist with the Land and Wildlife Resources Section of the Environmental Conservation Branch, takes a look at sea grass that was previously planted on the beach. Korenek, a former Marine who used AAVs during his time in service, commented on the importance of the conservation efforts on training. "Without the barrier island here, these guys wouldn't have a training beach here necessarily," he said. "The beach is important for training but it's important for the wildlife habitat as well."

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'War:' High adrenaline ganster thriller



From the front row with

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Now playing at the Midway Park Theater

"WAR" (R)

"War" is an action gangster thriller about an FBI agent who seeks vengeance on a mysterious assassin known as "Rogue" who murdered his partner.

Jet Li ("Unleashed," "Hero," "Kiss of the Dragon") stars as Rogue, the infamous assassin. He is a killer with a hidden agenda and no loyalties; a ruthless assassin who materializes at will, wreaks havoc in a few seconds and then disappears again like a ghost.

Jason Statham ("Crank," "Transporter 2," "Cellular") stars as Jack Crawford, an FBI agent whose partner was brutally murdered by the elusive killer, the Rogue.

Now Crawford is bent on revenge and determined to hunt down the infamous assassin and personally avenge his partner's death.

But Rogue proves untraceable until three years later when he resurfaces to ignite a bloody turf war between Chinese mob leader Chang, played by John Lone ("Rush Hour 2") and Japanese Yakuza boss Shiro, played by Ryo Ishibashi ("The Grudge 2").

Eager to capture Rogue once and for all and catch the killer who set off the crime war between the rival Asian mobs, Crawford leads his team of crime specialists headlong into the conflict.

But Crawford's thirst for revenge jeopardizes his professional judgment. As the violence escalates, he finally comes face-to-face with his enemy to discover that nothing about Rogue or his plan is quite what it seems.

Costarring are Devon Aoki ("Sin City," "2 Fast 2 Furious") as Kira; Luis Guzman ("Fast Food Nation") as Benny; and Nicholas Elia ("White Noise") as Daniel Crawford.

Director Philip G. Atwell, making his directing debut, gathered two great action heroes in this Hong Kong style crime drama.

"War" is a high adrenaline

action film that examines vengeance as the ultimate weapon.

Now playing at the Jacksonville Theater

"THE BRAVE ONE" (R)

"The Brave One" is a gritty crime thriller about a woman who goes on a violent spree.

Jodie Foster ("Inside Man," "Panic Room," "The Accused," "Silence of the Lambs," "Taxi Driver") stars as Erica Bain, a Manhattan public radio personality with a husky voice who hosts the talk show "Street Walk." She freely roams New York City interviewing whoever she can find. Her life seems very good.

At night she goes home to the love of her life, her doctor fiancée David Kirmani, played by Naveen Andrews (TV's "Lost," "The English Patient") and her adorable dog.

Erica's life takes an unexpected turn when a horrific violent attack takes it all away. Erica and David are the victims of a brutal mugging in New York's Central Park that leaves David dead and Erica close to death.

As Erica struggles to recover her health and the overwhelming fear that haunts her every day, she sets out on a violent path of retribution.

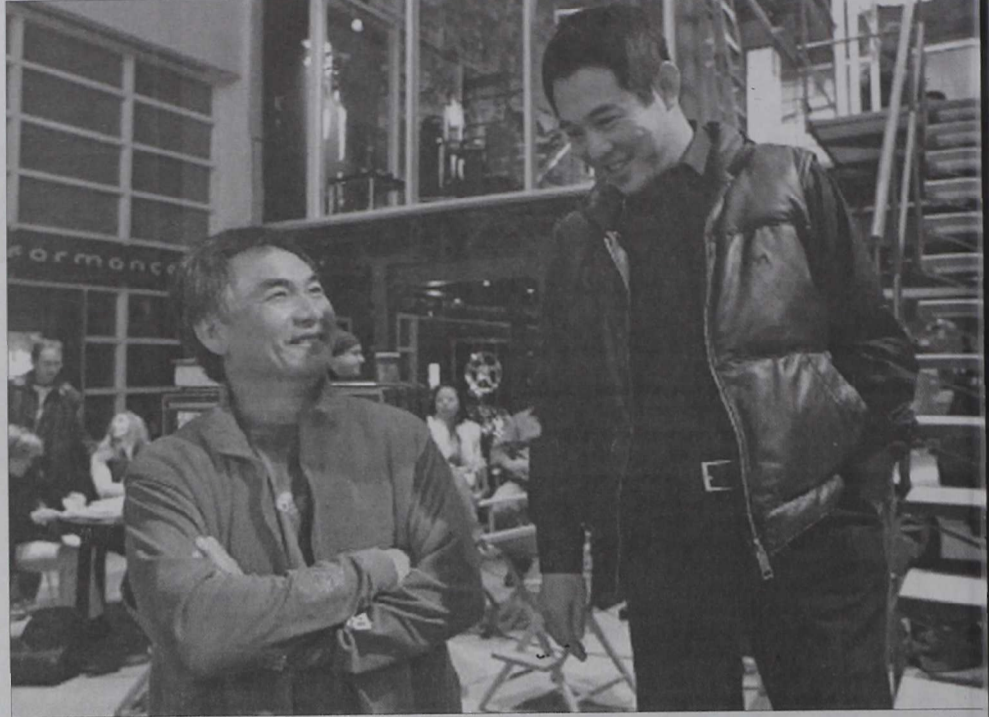
As the survivor of this vicious, random attack, Erica refuses to lay down and die and she turns vigilante. What started out as self-defense, ends with her becoming judge, jury and executioner.

Terrence Howard ("Crash," "Hustle & Flow," "Idlewild") costars as Sean Mercer, the sympathetic and sensitive investigating New York Police Department detective who is determined to track down the vigilante killer. As he pieces together the clues, the evidence begins to point, not to a guy with a gun, but a woman with a grudge.

With Mercer closing in and her own conscience trying her, Erica must decide whether her quest for some form of justice is truly the right path, or if she has become the very thing she is hunting.

Also appearing is Mary Steenburgen ("I am Sam") as Carol, Erica's boss; and Nicky Katt ("Grindhouse") as Detective Vitale, Mercer's partner.

Director Neil Jordan ("The Crying Game," "The Miracle," "Interview with a Vampire," "The End of the Affair") also contributed to the film's screenplay. This psychological and mythical fable is accompanied



'War:' This film is an action thriller about an FBI agent who seeks vengeance on a mysterious assassin known as "Rogue," played by Jet Li, who murdered his partner.

by a most beautiful musical score written by Dario Marianelli.

Female vigilantes are still very rare in today's movies and the talented Foster gives a chilling performance as the urban vigilante. She is fierce and skillful in all of the physical sequences as well as in the quieter scenes and makes this film worth seeing.

"The Brave One" is a very dark and sophisticated, but contemporary story turned into a tense and electrifying action film.

THE NANNY DIARIES (PG-13)

"The Nanny Diaries" is a comedy about life at the top, as seen from the bottom. The story is based on the 2002 bestselling novel by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus.

Scarlett Johansson ("The Black Dahlia," "Match Point," "The Island") stars as the main character, Annie Braddock, a 21-year-old college student who gets a job caring for the spoiled child of well-to-do New Yorkers.

Annie comes from a working class neighborhood in New Jersey and is struggling to understand her place in the world.

Trying to cover the cost of her education, she accepts the position as a nanny for a wealthy family.

Paul Giamatti ("Sideways") and Laura Linney ("Breach")



'The Brave One:' Jodie Foster and Terrence Howard star in this crime thriller.

star as the snobbish Manhattan couple, Mr. and Mrs. X, who seem more interested in pursuing money and prestige than caring for their 4-year-old son, Grayer, played by Nicholas Reese Art ("Syrina"), starved for attention.

Annie quickly learns that life is not very rosy on the other side of the tax bracket, as she must cater to every whim of the family.

Life gets even more complicated when she falls for a gorgeous Harvard and Park Avenue hunk, played by Chris Evans ("Fantastic Four").

Now Annie has to juggle her work, her studies and a new romance.

She is also forced to explore her identity as never before.

Costarring are Don Murphy ("World Trade Center" as Annie's mother, Judy; a singer Alicia Keys ("Smokin' Aces") as Annie's best friend Lynette.

The movie was directed by the husband and wife team Robert Pulcini and She Springer Berman ("American Splendor").

The film adaptation however is not very faithful with keeping with the original story book and therefore loses the satirical edge. The filmmakers also wasted an excellent cast in the process.

"The Nanny Diaries" is a tle light and dull fare that is not very substantial or compelling. Ms. Huneycutt is the Public Affairs Assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office. ■

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"War," R, 9:15 p.m.

SATURDAY
"Underdog," PG, 3:30 p.m.;
"The Invasion," PG-13, 6:30 p.m.;
"War," R, 9:15 p.m.

SUNDAY
"Daddy Day Camp," PG, 3:30 p.m.;
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Sit back and relax with a large helping of 'Chicken Soup for the Soul'

Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

As they say, sometimes the toughest job in the Corps is being a Marine wife. Though there are certainly the warm days in the sun, the patriotic parades and the long-anticipated home comings, there are also days when the absences seem too hard to bear, the upcoming relocation looms or the "to-do" list seems too long.

No matter where you are in this cycle of life, there is a book that will encourage you on your journey.

Think of it as a little "Ooh-rah" for the military wife's soul.

The "Chicken Soup for the Soul" franchise of books has delved into the lives of military wives in its 2005 book "Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul," and it is definitely worth the read.

The book is made up of a pleasing mix of modern (Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom), Vietnam and World War II-era stories and represents each of the military services. Surprisingly, though the decades and colors of the uniforms are different, many of the themes touched upon in the book are universal.

One beautiful remembrance, "Honorable Gift," weaves a cross-cultural tale about love, loss and redemption. In it, a Navy wife living abroad learns about the military connection of her Japanese housekeeper. It speaks to the universality of the military experience.

In another story, a young wife shares the wonderful idea of keeping a journal during deployments. Both she and her husband wrote their daily thoughts, feelings and experiences down in a book

during their time apart. When they came back together, they had the opportunity to read about the other's challenges and growth over the past year.

Other stories tell of prayers answered, and random phone calls or letters from a spouse in a war zone that set the mind at ease.

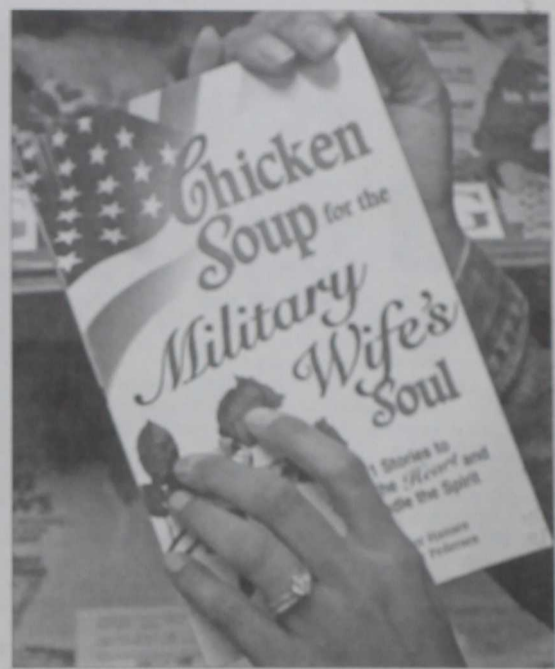
"Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul" includes such topics as patriotism, military separations, raising children in the military, holidays — military style, relocations, world travel, the joys and struggles of military families and, of course, some stories about duty, honor and country. There is even a story that took place aboard Camp Lejeune.

As a fair warning, though, there is a chapter in the book about a topic no military wife really ever wants to think about: a possible knock at the door during wartime. Yet

these stories are handled with dignity and tenderness. Those who choose to read this section will be blessed by the resolve and love of those left behind.

Though this book certainly deals with tough topics, it is still uplifting as per the formula that all "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books follow. From the first entry to the last, it keeps the reader's attention. Perhaps it will rekindle the spark of patriotism and hope for any military wife who is going through a rough patch and fortify the souls of those who continue to serve the nation as a dedicated military spouse.

Editor's note: A free copy of "Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul" will be given to the first wife of an active-duty service member to e-mail Heather Owens at heather.owens@militarynews.com. Please include the name, rank and unit of the service member.



Good read: "Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul" is an inspirational read. *Cpl. Ray Lewis*

Moving tips: What's your third place?



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Jacey Eckhart

kids in school and signing up to get air conditioning to feel very lonely. I'm still getting calls from my girlfriends back home. I am falling into bed at night with my fingertips stinging from the packing tape.

Then my husband goes to sea. The kids go to school. A silence settles. I may be working every day. I may have made a big effort to meet the neighbors or volunteer at church, but I suddenly realize I don't have a friend yet. I don't have a group. I know those things will come in time, but they are not available on that silent day.

This is the period in which my "third place" really does me a lot of good. Because just showing up at my third place gives me a pleasant jolt of recognition. It is a place where someone on earth knows my face and my name. It isn't a substitute for friendship, but it makes me feel a whole lot better.

If you are looking for a third place after your next move, here are some tips on finding the right place for you:

Explore the possibilities

Your third place needs to be close enough to home that you aren't driving half an hour to get there. Places that are walking distance like neighborhood playgrounds and businesses are ideal. Otherwise, draw a circle on a map of everything within a 10-minute drive of your house. Make a point of going into all the possible places until you find a location or two with a welcoming atmosphere. **Go three times a week**

Once you pick a third place, you need to go there frequently — three times a week at least. Otherwise you are just a patron, not a regular.

Identify kid-friendly spots

If your children are preschoolers or younger, you need a third place more than anyone. That place should welcome children. When my kids were younger, McDonald's Playplace was our third place. One particular location seemed to be the hangout for all the rough boys in

the entire city. My 4-year old fit right in with the group. We moms gave each other a lot of support just by showing up.

Look to your school

Many military spouses with school-age kids use the school and/or the school parking lot as their third place. When you drop off your kids keep an eye out for other parents you see picking up at the same place at the same time. Show up a little early so you have a minute or two to talk to the other people. Research shows that most adults make friends with the people they see every day.

Greet employees

If you go to a coffee shop or library or restaurant and see the same member of the staff three times, ask for their name. They'll get to know you faster if you know them. The feeling of having a third place goes both ways across the counter.

Recognize other members of the place

My sister says that she never had too much trouble making friends at a new school because she was a smoker. The act of smoking made her part of a group back then. It's the same thing that happens in a third place — without the threat of cancer. Just by showing up you are part of a nodding group of people. At my Starbucks I'm part of the group that knows: Ismael the poet; Luzone, the lacrosse store owner; Robert with the new baby; Jacey with the red computer. We aren't exactly friends but we make our third place a pretty good place to be.

A military spouse of 20 years, Jacey Eckhart is a nationally syndicated columnist with CinCHouse.com and the host of "The Jacey Eckhart Show for Military Families" (www.cinchouse.com/jacey).

What's your third place?

At a training class the other day a young spouse asked me what I look for first when we move. Housing? School systems? Commuting distance?

I hesitated before telling her, but decided to go for the truth. "I look for the Starbucks," I told her. "The last time we moved, I picked the house that was within walking distance of a Starbucks."

She looked a little appalled. I could see her eyes trailing up my arms looking at the track marks from mainlining all that espresso. But I'm not an addict. I don't even care that much about the coffee. When I was moving, I knew from experience that Starbucks would offer something I really need as a frequently moving military spouse: a third place.

Howard Schultz, founder and CEO of Starbucks, brought home the third place concept from a business trip to Italy. He noticed how Italians used their 200,000 coffee shops as a third place — a place that was not home and was not work. It was a third place for camaraderie and connection. It was a place to meet friends, to read, to write, to live. It was a place Americans needed every bit as much as Italians did. It is a place we military folks need most of all.

Whether you drink coffee or not everyone needs a third place (not necessarily a Starbucks) in which to see and be seen. This is especially necessary following a move. Right after we PCS, I'm too busy unpacking and getting the

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Are you overwhelmed by the amount of e-mail in your inbox? Do you have difficulty keeping up? Do e-mails get lost in your inbox? I will share some secrets with you that will help you take control of your inbox and manage all of the tasks initiated from an e-mail.

First and foremost, you need to change your mindset about the purpose of your inbox. An inbox is a location for storing incoming mail and should not be a 'forever home' for your incoming mail. It is an intermediate step in an effective e-mail management system. The integral piece that is often missing is inbox processing. This process consists of all of the possible outcomes or decisions that can be made on incoming mail. The decisions

are the same ones I referred to in my last column regarding paper: do it now, do it later, delegate, toss it, file it.

One method for not letting your e-mail inbox rule you is to limit the number of times you check e-mail throughout the day. Multi-tasking is all the rage — the more we can do at once the better, right? Wrong! If you are doing too many things at once it is difficult to be fully present and focused on any one task. Have you heard the saying "Jack of all trades, master of none?" Checking e-mail at scheduled times throughout the day will make you more productive. Turn off that e-mail notification — how distracting!

Schedule uninterrupted time for processing every day. If you have set times dedicated to processing your inbox, you will feel more confident in not dealing with each one as they come in. This will help you to be more productive. Checking e-mail constantly can be a very difficult habit to break. Once you have done this several times, you will see the value in getting it done everyday.

Use your filters. Many e-mail programs have rules or filters you can apply to move messages to a des-

ignated folder automatically. I would recommend setting up rules for dealing with Ezines, newsletters and other subscription or reading material. This way, you know just where to go when you have time to dedicate to reading them.

Improve your communication. Try to focus on better utilizing your subject line to briefly describe your e-mail. Keep your messages concise. Consider using some of the following abbreviations between people you routinely communicate with, such as:

- NRN: No Reply Needed
- RYN: Reply with 'Yes' or 'No'
- AYQ: Answering Your question
- 1QM: One Question Message
- MQM: Multiple Question Message
- FYA: For your Archive
- FYI: For your information (NRN)

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The Military Wife

We sit all alone, day after day, trying to find words, and the right things to say.

Another deployment, another six months. Why can't he stay home? Stay home, just this once?

We try to be strong, we try to stay cheerful, we hide our true feelings, and go to bed, tearful.

We show the kids pictures, read his e-mails everyday, "When is daddy coming home, mom?" and to that ...what do we say?

We miss him when he's gone, we support him all we can, we worry when he's away, off in some foreign land.

We know why he does what he does, and we hope that our children will see, that the life we enjoy, is because daddy's gone, cause the freedom we have, isn't free.

We're the proudest of women, and we live a rough life, but you'll find no one prouder, than a military wife.

by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Maria P. Pettus
2nd Marine Logistics Group

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Get tagged at Raleigh Patriot Ride

Press release
Support Our Troops

There will be a "Patriot Ride" for motorcycles in Raleigh, N.C., Sept. 28. Riders can register at Ray Price Harley-Davidson starting at 11 a.m. The police-escorted ride departs for the North Carolina National Guard Armory at 1 p.m. for a tour of the Morrisville site, and returns at 3:30 p.m.

The ride will stop at the North Carolina Army National Guard Aviation Flight Facility and Armory, located in Morrisville, N.C. It is home to the 1st Battalion, 130th Aviation Regiment, North Carolina Army National Guard.

There will be snacks and drinks provided, riders can tour the local facilities and an AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter and UH-60 Blackhawk Utility Helicopter will be on display with pilots explaining the capabilities of each.

Photo opportunities are authorized with the aircraft.

Registration is \$20 per bike, plus \$10 for an additional rider. A ride T-Shirt and food and refreshments at the North Carolina National Guard Armory are included.

Support Our Troops has arranged for every bike entering the ride to receive 50 percent off the \$30 application price for the new Department of Motor Vehicles-issued Support Our Troops license. The plate is for cars, trucks and vans.

"We want is to get this great new plate on the road as soon as possible.

This should help do the trick. The Patriot Ride benefits Support Our Troops and what more patriotic thing to do than use those proceeds to get this license plate on the road. This offer is valid for the first 300 bikes signing up, so be there early," said Martin Boire of Support Our Troops.

The Support Our Troops license plate has been approved by the North Carolina Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

Before the DMV will manufacture the plates and place them in tag offices statewide for general sales, the organization which sponsored the plate must assemble an initial group of plate 300 applications using the form provided by the state. Once those 300 are turned in the DMV will make the plate available in the normal manner to everyone statewide.

Pamella Parker, a director with North Carolina Support Our Troops said, "Look, it's simple. They've gone half way around the world to Afghanistan, South Korea, Iraq and elsewhere for us. Let's make a short special trip to the local tag office for them."

The Support Our Troops plate does two things: It shows support for deployed neighbors, and it raises patriotic private money to assist the families of North Carolina troops with education, car repairs, medical and home expenses, family emergencies and immediate finances — needs that dad or mom could meet if they were home.

To learn more go to www.SupportOurTroops.org and click on "Patriot Ride." ■

Museum hosts shell show

Press release
Cape Fear Museum

The state's annual gathering of shell collectors, exhibitors and enthusiasts returns to Cape Fear Museum of History and Science Friday through Saturday.

The 2007 North Carolina Shell Show, sponsored by the North Carolina Shell Club, will feature hundreds of seashells — remnants of bivalves and gastropods alike — collected far and wide by club members and other exhibitors. About 40 participants will install museum-quality displays and compete for ribbons, trophies and bragging rights.

"The show can get pretty competitive," shell show chair Ann Buddenhagen said. "But the purpose of the show goes beyond simply competition. Our duty is to educate the public, especially the young."

The general public is encouraged to attend the exhibition and learn about various aspects of shells and shelling. Shell club members will be on hand throughout the weekend to answer questions. There will also be dealers selling shells and shell-related items.

The shell show will feature scientific and arts-and-crafts exhibits in more than

20 categories, from North Carolina collections and single shells, to molluskan natural history and shell photography.

There will be rare shells, beautiful shells, large shells, tiny shells, freshwater shells, shell anomalies and fossils in several Museum galleries, Buddenhagen said.

Exhibitors will begin setting up this morning. Judging will take place Friday morning, after which the public will be allowed to view the exhibits. The show is scheduled to run through Sunday at 5 p.m.

The 2007 North Carolina Shell Show is free with Museum admission. For more information, call 798-4350.

Editor's Note: The Cape Fear Museum of History and Science is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and to 5 p.m. Sunday; seven days a week. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$5 for students with valid identification and senior citizens; \$5 special military rate with valid military ID; \$3 for children 3-17 and free for children under 3. Museum members are always free. New Hanover County residents' free day is the first Sunday of each month. The Museum is located at 814 Market Street in historic downtown Wilmington, N.C. ■

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Aquarium celebrates 'Take a Child Outside Week'

Press release
The North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher has scheduled a variety of outdoor programs for adults and children in observance of "Take a Child Outside Week," from day through Sunday. Our activities for the week are specifically designed to connect children to the outside world," said Dr. Susan Sloan, the aquarium's education curator. The aquarium is offering dozens of partner organizations, such as the North Carolina Department of Natural Sciences, to provide outdoor experiences throughout the week, Sloan said. "Take a Child Outside Week" is a national program designed to break down obstacles that prevent children from discovering the natural world. The goal, Sloan said, is to give parents and children opportunities to help children develop a greater understand-

ing and enthusiasm for the natural world they live in. Recent books and articles have referred to "nature-deficit disorder," a catch-all term characterizing problems children experience when they spend too much time indoors — symptoms may include obesity, inability to focus on schoolwork, and a lack of connection to the outdoors. Some studies have shown that time spent learning outside can improve children's self-esteem, personal responsibility, community involvement, overall academic performance and personal health. "We're offering outdoor activities all this week as a logical antidote to nature deficit disorder," Sloan said. The Aquarium at Fort Fisher is located just south of Kure Beach, near the mouth of the Cape Fear River, on U.S. 421. The site is less than a mile from the Fort Fisher ferry terminal. General information is avail-

able at 910-458-8257 or at www.ncaquariums.com. For more information about Take a Child Outside Week, visit www.takeachildoutside.org. North Carolina's three public aquariums are located at Fort Fisher, at Pine Knoll Shores and on Roanoke Island. The Division of Aquariums is administered by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The aquariums work together to inspire appreciation and conservation of North Carolina's aquatic environments. The N.C. Aquariums are accredited members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. AZA and its more than 200 members are working together to build North America's largest wildlife conservation movement, by engaging and inspiring 143 million visitors and their communities to care about and take action to help protect wildlife. ■



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Block party celebrates back-to-school time

Story and photos by
Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Some children look forward to going back to school while others are a little more reluctant.

Hundreds of children had a reason to celebrate this new beginning through the Back-to-School Block Party which took place at the Marine Corps Exchange parking lot Saturday.

Despite intermittent morning rain showers, families turned out in droves to attend the event sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services and the Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association.

As in past years, the book bag giveaway was a highlight of the festivities. Children of enlisted service members in the grade E-6 and below, lined up to receive a free school bag.

"We give these children their book bags, and they get to go to school and no one will ever know if there might be a financial strain in the family at the time," said Angela Rodriguez, executive director of the local ASYMCA.

In addition to the book bags, school supplies and journals were distributed to the children. Office Depot from Wilmington, N.C., donated a portion of the school supplies. Health Net Federal Services donated both funds and the journals to the cause.

"The journal is a tool for the children when one of their parents or grandparents is deployed. We give this to them to document their lives while their loved one is away. It is something to enhance the quality of their lives," said Robert Bythewood, director of field opera-

tions for Health Net Federal Services.

The book bag and school supply give-away was only a portion of the draw at the block party. The event had an over-all carnival quality to it.

Kim Oliver, MCCS marketing division director, explained the staff at Terawa Terrace Community Center organized the block party.

Disc Jockey Finesse rocked the block with favorite dance tunes that had both children and parents grooving to the beat. Games and activities were set up around the parking lot and in the grass for children and their parents to enjoy. Additionally, a number of community and other organizations set up booths to both entertain and educate the crowd.

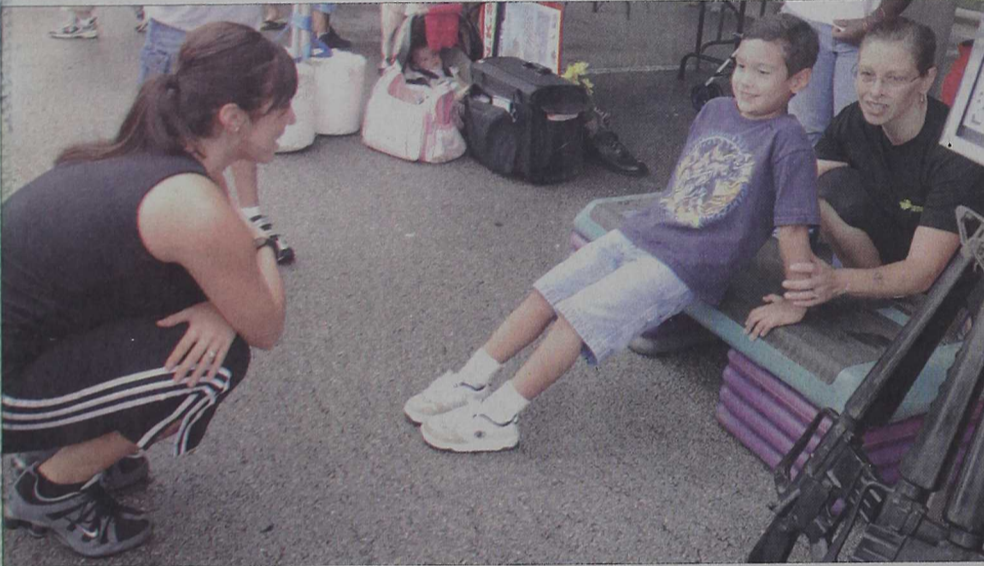
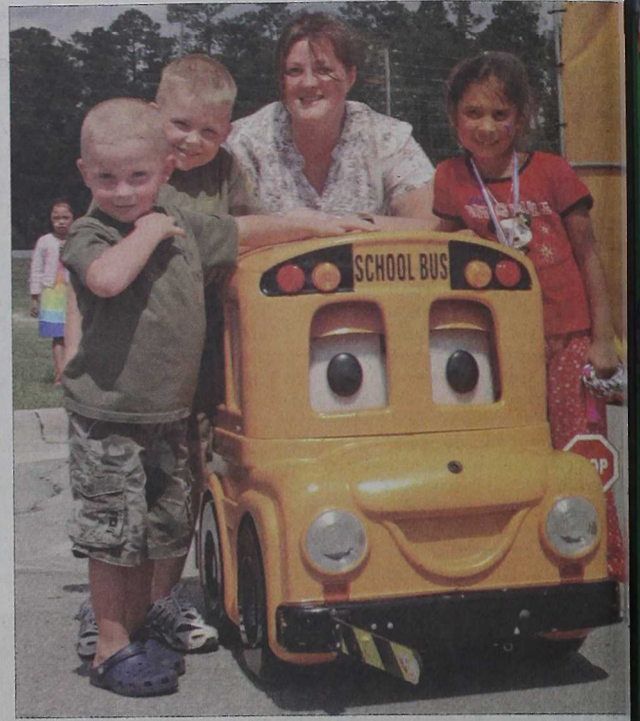
Various entertainment stations were set up around the parking lot that included a radio-controlled car racing track, a bingo tent and craft and coloring tables. MCCS employees also were on hand to provide face painting to the youngsters.

The Pet Diary from Jacksonville was also on hand to provide complimentary ice cream sandwiches to the attendees.

"The event included a lot of services that people may not stumble on themselves. The hidden benefit is that we gave lots of information about the community to the parents," said Oliver.

Rodriguez said that the ASYMCA has many more upcoming events for the children. They include a pancake breakfast, a fall festival and a ceramics craft opportunity.

Editor's note: To learn more about upcoming ASYMCA events, visit the organization's Web site at www.lejeuneasymca.org or call 451-9569. ■



Family fun: At Will May, 4; Jack Marilyn Sing; Sabrina Sing, 6, with Susannah Sa the talking sa school bus. At far Christian Rios, 5, his muscles at Semper Fit booth v instructors To Kirkpatrick (front) Denise Martin (b lend encouragement left, Kevin Aviles makes at craft at Scrap Exchange bo The Scrap Excha from Durham, N.C. nonprofit crea reuse center. For pictures from event, visit The Web site at www.lejeuneglobe.com.

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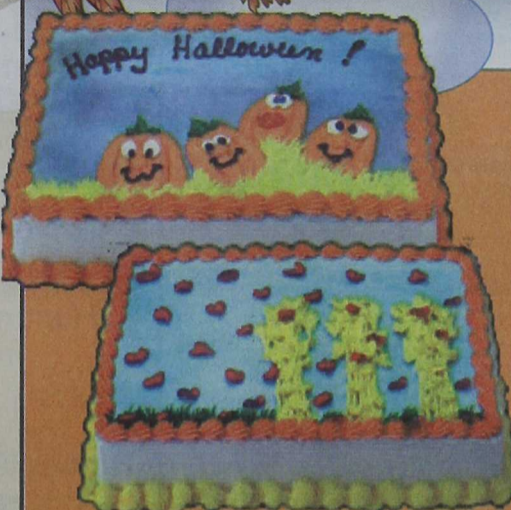
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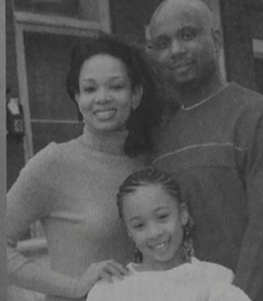
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Oct. 5-6, 12-13, 8 p.m.
Oct. 14, 3 p.m.

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Tribute show of memories
Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

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Children's mask and puppet making workshop
Oct. 13, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Children ages 7-12 are invited to participate in a mask and puppet making workshop with Steve Myott scheduled for Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will learn about different types of masks and puppets. Each student will create a mask and/or puppet during the workshop. An original performance will be developed and presented involving the masks and the puppets made by the workshop participants. Parents and friends are invited to attend the short performance piece at 3 p.m. The workshop will take place at Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Community Center, 7500 Emerald Drive. The fee is \$25 per participant and a bag lunch is required. To register, contact

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Armed Services Appreciation Day
Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Children's theatre workshop
Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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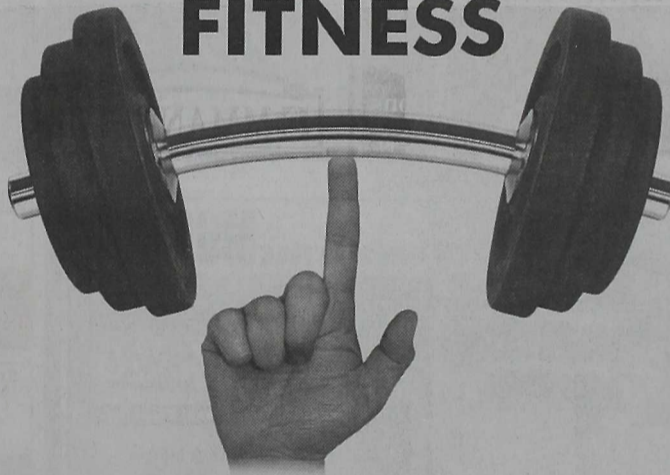
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